



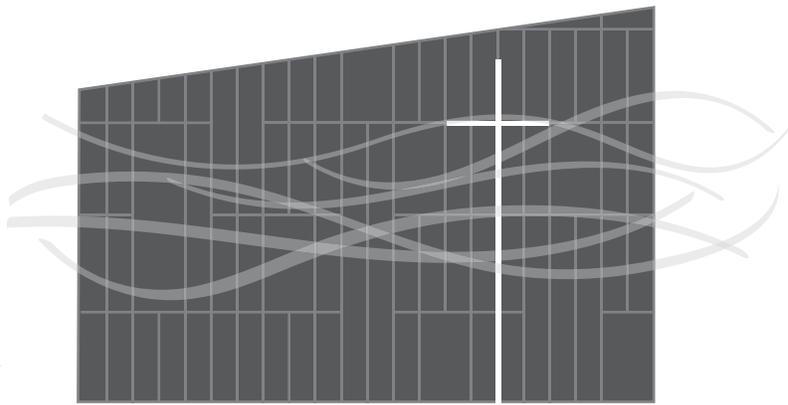
Welcome to the Light

Life and Breath – Hallelujah!

The very last verse in the Book of Psalms calls for universal praise: “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!” That’s a great message for us this month. That’s so first and foremost because with the first day of this month, we have entered Eastertide—the “week of weeks” when we celebrate Christ’s resurrection. On the first Sunday of Easter (what we usually think of as Easter), we do that with a grand celebration. But Easter lasts through seven weeks, and culminates in the Day of Pentecost. And through all of those weeks we will be using our breath to sing and say Hallelujah! Be sure to come and lend your voice to the song.

As they say on television infomercials, though, “But wait! There’s more!” Notice that the psalm verse says, “Let *everything* that has breath praise the LORD.” And during Eastertide this year we will be welcoming a very special new “thing” that has breath—our new Christ Church organ, now being finished up by Dobson Organ Builders (their Opus

95). Our tagline for the new organ’s introduction into our ministry reflects Psalm 150:6—“Breathing new life into the song of Christ.” Below, you’ll find details on events you won’t want to miss as we welcome this new voice into our midst.



**BREATHING NEW LIFE
INTO THE SONG OF CHRIST**

April 22, 2018

9:30 a.m. Blessing of the new Christ Church organ

This will be the first thing in our worship, so be there on time! After the blessing, it will be played for the first time in worship.

10:45 a.m. Fellowship with bubbles to drink and bubbles to play with!

11:15 a.m. Open House in the balcony at the organ

May 20, 2018

(Day of Pentecost)

9:30 a.m. Pentecost Worship

10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:15 a.m. Forum by Gregory Peterson, Christ Church organ consultant and Professor of Music & College Organist at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

12:15 p.m. Salad luncheon

2:00 p.m. Inaugural Organ Recital by Gregory Peterson
Reception following

And mark your calendar for another very special event in the fall. On Sunday, September 30, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., we will hear a dedicatory recital by world-renowned organist Martin Jean, director of Yale University’s Institute of Sacred Music.

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A National Historic Landmark



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Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Eucharist 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship

October through May

Godly Play for children ages 3–6, 11:05am–12:00

Spark! for children ages 7 & up, 11:05–12:00

Educational forum, 11:15–12:15pm

Staff

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President	Matthew Courtney
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Treasurer	Melody Pauling
Council Members	Hilary Gebauer Max Herzberg DeAne Lagerquist Marcus Nooney Rachel Slater

April Birthdays

- 4/1 Dick Bruesehoff
Nancy Hokkanen
- 4/2 Hans Adams
- 4/8 Morrie Wee
- 4/10 Simo Sarkanen
- 4/18 Luther Johnson
- 4/19 Liz Gomoll
Max Wiperman
- 4/20 Pastor Kristine Carlson
David Seltz
- 4/22 Lynn Larson
- 4/23 Donna Peterson
- 4/26 Jeanne Anderson
Rebecca Dodd
Anna Mason
Dan Mueller
- 4/27 Dawn Dankers
Kylie Larson
- 4/29 Phyllis Dunstone
Gerry Tyrrell

Helping Hands for April

- Birgitte & John Christianson
- Daniel Holmgren
- Brad Hubert & Martin Thompson
- Mark Jensen
- DeAne Lagerquist
- Melody Pauling
- Howard Polsfuss
- Joanne Seltz
- Cliff Siewert
- Luann & Gary Skrivseth
- Elayne & Dick Strom
- Robert Swanson
- Janice & Gary Wahlstrom
- Hilary & Colin Watkins
- Ina Ziegler

All church members are part of Helping Hands. You may be asked to help with Sunday Coffee and hospitality related events as needs arise. Mary Bode and Joanne Seltz, coordinators.

You are invited for Learning and Lunch

The next B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) gathering will be on Wednesday, April 25th, at 11:00 am in the Kretzmann Room. Siri Calvedt will share her work with Voices of Hope. This is a choir program for women incarcerated at the Minnesota Correctional Facility–Shakopee and was founded in October 2016 by Amanda Weber, DMA candidate in choral conducting at the University of Minnesota. Voices of Hope is in its third year. Siri got involved last summer as a member of Summer Jam and continues her involvement by offering small group voice classes and assisting with choir rehearsals. The women describe the choir as both “the best therapy” and “a mental vacation from prison.” Following the presentation, lunch prepared by Marilu Peters will be served in the Concordia Room. A donation for lunch is appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Procession with palms on Passion Sunday, March 25.

Pastoral Acts:

Pastor Carlson presided at the funeral of Mary Lou Doll, March 10 here at Christ Church.

Lectionary Readings for April

April 1

Resurrection of Our Lord— Easter Day

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

April 8

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 133

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19-31

April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalms 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Contributions Welcome

If you are interested in supporting the recitals to launch the new Christ Church Organ, contributions would be gratefully received. Two internationally respected recitalists are coming to showcase our new organ in 2018, and other events are being planned for 2019. Your check can be written to Christ Church with *Music Series* on the memo line and placed in the church office or the offering plate.

From the Church Council

Update for April

Council held its annual spring retreat on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. We were blessed to be led by congregation members Noah Niermann and Gerry Tyrrell. We shared stories of our personal faith experiences and our individual calls to serve in leadership at Christ Church. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about one another as we begin the new Council term. All our thanks to Noah and Gerry for facilitating the retreat so well!

DeAne opened the March meeting with a devotion that reflected upon the seasonal transitions from winter to spring and from Lent to Easter. Amidst the challenges and tragedies in the world around us, she observed that we may wonder what difference our small deeds may make. She read from Luke 12 and a poem by Mary Oliver entitled "Praying."

Max and Kate presented a recommendation to modify our liaison structure to enhance the ways Council interacts with various committees and groups throughout the congregation. These are also opportunities for these groups to communicate their needs and priorities to Council. Officers focus primarily upon administrative committees while at-large members will liaise with areas of interest. Rachel and Max will share Community and Relationship groups; Hilary will work with Communications; Marcus will continue with Children's Ministry; DeAne will continue with Outward-looking Engagement and Service. The Council encourages members of committees and other interest groups to coordinate with their committee chairs or leaders to engage Council liaisons.

We received multiple updates on ongoing task forces and planning work, including the Staffing and Children's Ministry Task Forces, as well as the organ. Council is excited for the new organ to be ready for worship at the end of April. We received regular reports and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Treasurer's Report

Our finances are moving along fairly well, but we are lagging behind what we had budgeted for Member Giving by about \$5,000 so far this year. After adjusting for early giving and transfers pending, we have a small overall deficit of just over \$1,228. Not a problem at this point!

Christ Church Lutheran Finances

(As of February 28, 2018)	ACTUAL	BUDGET (2 mos.)	DIFFERENCE
<i>Member Giving/Envelopes</i>	66,378.12	71,400.00	-5,021.88
<i>Other Income</i>	\$17,507.49	\$16,516.33	\$991.16
<i>Total Income</i>	83,885.61	87,916.33	-4,030.72
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$66,047.26	\$66,683.02	\$635.76
<i>Adj:EarlyGiving,TrnsfrsPend</i>	(\$19,066.67)		
<i>Total Surplus (or Deficit)</i>	(\$1,228.32)	\$21,233.31	

New Members

A New Member Welcome is planned for Sunday, April 29.

The New Member Welcome starts with a Saturday coffee with Pastor Carlson on April 28, 10 am to noon in the Luther Lounge in the education building. It will provide information and answers to questions about the Christ Church congregation and mission. A warm welcome in the 9:30 a.m. worship service on April 29 follows the next day. If you are interested in joining the membership of Christ Church Lutheran, please talk to Pastor Carlson.

Courier Closeup – Katie Swanson, Noah Niermann, and Tressa Swan Niermann

This month *Closeup* features Noah, Katie, and Tressa, who have been members of Christ Church Lutheran for seven years.

When did you start attending Christ Church Lutheran and what brought you here?

We have Pastor Haaland and Daniel Holmgren to thank for telling us about Christ Church; we began attending in 2011. We left in 2013 so Katie could attend medical school in Iowa. We were happy to return in the spring of 2017.

Do you live in the neighborhood?

Sadly, no. We love Longfellow but we bought a house in Robbinsdale when we came back to the Cities. It turns out we like living in Robbinsdale, too!

What about our church keeps you coming back?

We keep coming back for the people, the sermons, the worship, the architecture, the beer club, the parties, the sharing of the peace, the coffee in the atrium that trails off well into the education hour, the education hour, the music, the space each week to speak and sing and listen and remember who we are.

Do you have any stories to tell about your time here or about events or activities you have been involved in?

We were married at Christ Church on June 29, 2013, and we fondly remember climbing on the roof to drape lights across the courtyard, laying sod where the grass refused to grow, checking the dryness of the recently flooded basement, and asking the neighbors for permission to close the street. It was a great party! Our gospel text was the Wedding at Cana, and true to the story we ran out of beer before the night was over. With no one around to transform water, Zipp's Liquors was the next best option.

Many friends from church celebrated with us and helped us plan the day!

How does Christ Church help you live and share your faith?

Each Sunday we leave Christ Church feeling rested and grounded. We value the community's openness and genuine embrace of the messier parts of life. The community here renews us and gives us energy to jump into the messiness.

What do you do when you're not in church?

Katie is a first year resident in Family Medicine with North Memorial and the University of Minnesota. Noah is a stay-at-home dad. Tressa is working on getting taller and smarter and more independent. She's currently perfecting the "p" sound in the word "nope." We also like to share good food with friends, nap, read, climb at the new bouldering gym in the North Loop, garden, and learn new skills and hobbies.

What can you tell us about yourself that we may not have known?

Noah taught English for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kazakhstan, which means he speaks Russian. (*Shh . . .*)

Katie worked at a Lutheran summer camp in Montana for several summers, taking kids kayaking, hiking and climbing. Also, after a five-year relationship, Katie has yet to beat Noah at Scrabble. Tips are welcome.

"Closeup" is a Courier feature to help us get better acquainted with our fellow Christ Church Lutheran members. If you would like to share your story in "Closeup," call Donna Lindberg at 651.552.8499.



Christ Church in Mission: Advocacy Opportunity – Affordable Housing

A number of local advocacy organizations (including Lutheran Advocacy—Minnesota) are encouraging support of \$140 million in bonds for affordable housing.

The following is from the Homes for All Coalition:

“Where we live impacts every aspect of our lives: the groceries we buy, where our kids go to school, and what jobs we can access. That’s why bonds for housing aren’t just an investment in homes, but an investment in jobs, education, economic development and the entire community.

“Right now, more than 580,000 Minnesota households pay more than they can afford for housing, forcing families to forgo necessities like gas to get to work and medicine to maintain their health. That number has increased nearly 60% since 2000.

“\$140 million in bonding would develop or preserve housing for 4,650 households across Minnesota. It would also support 2,000 Minnesota jobs working directly on housing projects and for suppliers.”

As you feel called to do so, contact your state legislators to encourage support of \$140 million in bonds for homes. Come to a forum on April 15 to learn more! ~ Your Mission Committee



Lutheran Advocacy – Minnesota

God's Love in Jesus Christ moves us to advocate for policies that promote justice and care for all of God's Creation.

April Forum Schedule

Except as noted, forums begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Kretzmann Room on the lower level of the education building. Listen for the bell to ring as a reminder the forum is beginning.

April 1 (Easter Sunday)

No forum this morning.

April 8 (Second Sunday of Easter)

Views from Kigali's Hills: Reflections on Three Years Teaching in Rwanda

Bethany Schowengerdt

Our presenter writes: "Locating 'Rwanda' often brings to mind the terrible events of the genocide that began 24 year ago almost to the day. But to me, a different, brighter image of this place emerges from this contrast. That's where I was living before starting my PhD in Comparative and International Education last September, which brought me to the University of Minnesota and down the #9 bus route to the warm and welcoming community of Christ Church. I am beginning to reflect on my experiences in Rwanda from 2012 to 2016, witnessing in small ways the transformation of the country. Looking at my photos, telling myself the stories of my neighbors, friends, colleagues, students, and my own privileged life, I have seen in these three years the importance of faith and genuine hope for the future. Truly, nothing is impossible with God, even when our societies have been deeply scarred by inequalities and our calling is out of our comfort zone."

April 15 (Third Sunday of Easter)

Advocacy: Democracy and Christian Vocation

Join the Mission Committee for a forum dedicated to participatory democracy and the invitation to join the democratic process as citizens shaped by our faith, responding to the needs and dreams of our neighbors. Some political theorists view democracy as an arena for the competition of self-interest. People of faith may view it differently: as an occasion to live out our calling to love God and our neighbors by advocating for just and compassionate public policy. Join us as we explore these themes, learning to make a difference by letting our voice be heard.

April 22 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

No forum – This Sunday we enjoy an extended coffee hour to celebrate a baptism and the first sounds of our new organ!

April 29 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

An Invitation to Conversation

Racial Justice Task Force

For the past six months, members of the Racial Justice Task force have been engaged in a conversation about how we might grow in our ability to stand against racism



From the Racial Justice Task Force: An Invitation to Conversation

In October 2016, a neighboring congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran, hosted a conference entitled *Journeying toward Justice: Privilege and Race in our Church*. Christ Church was among many churches in the Minneapolis Area Synod that sent a delegation. We were reminded in that conference that the Minneapolis Area Synod has encouraged congregations to create a racial justice statement, and in August 2017, Council charged that a Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF) be formed to create a process by which such a statement could be formed. Rachel Slater is chair of this group, which also includes Pastor Haaland, Daniel Holmgren, Dan Mueller, Bob Victorin-Vangerud, and Ina Ziegler.

Since October, RJTF has met over half a dozen times and attended a presentation at the University of Minnesota by Bryan Stevenson. Inspired by his speech and work, RJTF considered ways in which Christ Church could engage in individual and collective education and action that resist racism and racial injustice. We presented our ideas to Council in the February 2018 meeting, and were encouraged to invite the congregation into the same rich and difficult conversation in which we have been engaged for the last few months.

RJTF hopes to support the entire congregation to look at our history with truth and courage, and to engage in ongoing conversation to discern and carry out our Christian mission. We will keep you regularly informed of ongoing opportunities for individual and collective self-education, beginning with a forum on April 29. We hope you will join us for this conversation—and for this ongoing journey to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with [our] God” (Micah 6:8).

and racial injustice in our society. (See above.) The Task Force would now like to invite our whole community of faith into that same rich, difficult, and important conversation—beginning with this forum. All are invited. Come and let's learn and grow together.

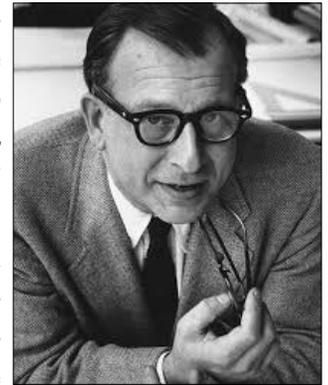
Stationery—Cards and Fund-Raising

Stationery cards created by the Christ Church Stationery Group (see photo below) are for sale every Sunday in the Education Building. Thank you to two daughters of the congregation who currently supply the beautiful tatting for the cards: Pat, who brings her mother Phyllis Dunstone to church on Sunday, and JungAh, who lives in Dassel, MN, the daughter of Marilu Peters. If anyone is interested in learning the art of tatting, talk to Pat on a Sunday morning. You can find her in the Yellow Room sipping coffee. Profits from the sales of the stationery benefit mission efforts and special projects.



Christ Church Movie Theater

Friends of Christ Church Lutheran and DOCOMOMO (DOcumentation and COnservation of buildings, sites and neighborhoods of the MODern MOVement) are hosting a joint event. The 70-minute film “Eero Saarinen: The Architect Who Saw the Future” will be shown Tuesday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Christ Church gymnasium. This 2016 documentary explores the life and work of the Finnish-American architect and furniture designer. Cinematography is by Eric Saarinen, son of Eero Saarinen and grandson of Eliel Saarinen. Watch the Sunday bulletin for an EventBrite page to RSVP, as there is a limit to this free event.



Endowment for the Future of Christ Church Lutheran

Celebrating our Century Society

The Century Society recognizes individuals who have made estate and other planned gift commitments to the Christ Church Lutheran Endowment Fund.

Fred Bentz

Mary Bode

Evelyn* and Orville* Bruss

Virginia Buegel*

Lucille Buelow

Marie Dammann*

* indicates deceased

Esther Fulton*

Ray Gierke*

Doris* and Dick* Gliem

Stephanie and Gary Gustafson

Duzetta Huttner*

Greg and Kay* Madson

Phyllis Mattill

Esther Milliman*

Cathy Sieving

Will Stark* and Kevin Olsen

Robert Troupe*

Darlene Zirk*

Should your name be on our Century Society roster? We recognize that this list is incomplete and the Endowment Committee would like your help updating it! The Endowment Committee also welcomes you to join the Century Society. Please contact committee chair Clayton Jelinek at 612.323.4128 or jelinek.clayton@gmail.com to share your intentions or discuss your options.

The Little COURIER

*Jesus said, "Let the children come!"
At Christ Church Lutheran, we welcome
children and their families to the font, to
the table, and to worship.*

Children's Ministry at Christ Church Lutheran—April 2018

Christ Church Lutheran's annual

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 8,
immediately after worship

If you have plastic eggs or wrapped candy to donate, please leave it at the church marked "Easter Egg Hunt" by Easter Sunday.

We will also need volunteers the morning of the hunt. Let Mary Brown and Luther Johnson know if you can help: pastormarybrown@gmail.com or call the church office. Thanks!

Baptism Birthdays in April

Nora April 3 Caleb April 19
Calvin April 7 Hans April 21
Alayna April 7

April Volunteer Schedule

Date	Godly Play Lesson	Storyteller	Doorkeeper	Spark! Lesson	Mentor 1	Mentor 2	Quiet Space
4/1	NO PROGRAMMING			NO PROGRAMMING			
4/8	Story of Joseph	Donna	Sarah	Holy Week	Bob V-V.	Denise	Yi-ru
4/15	Story of King David	Carmen	Yi-ru	The Empty Tomb	Maria	Sarah	Jeff
4/22	Story of Daniel	Jonathan	Robyn	Doubting Thomas	Mary	Luther	Kevin
4/29	Creation	Donna	Jeff	The Great Commission	Sarah	Marcus	Carmen

Thinking about being a volunteer?

As our children are growing and their needs are changing, so too are our needs for volunteers. Please seek out in prayer where God may be calling you to serve. If you are interested or if you have questions about serving in children's ministry, talk to Maria Markman on a Sunday morning or email her at mmarkman001@luthersem.edu.

Quiet Space

One of the most important aspects of life together at Christ Church is worship time. We want to help our children and our community to live into this as fully as possible! The Quiet Space in the chapel is for children to be accompanied by their parent or guardian. Find quiet, reflective activities for children to do there. If you are a guardian in the quiet space we ask for your help in welcoming new families to Christ Church and encouraging the children to worship together in this quiet-and-active way! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, contact Maria Markman mmarkman001@luthersem.edu.



Alvin!

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day						
9:30am Eucharist with Holy Baptism, followed by Easter fellowship for all						
	2 Office closed	3 9am Office opens • 7pm Preservation, Property, Racial Justice Task Force	4	5 7pm Choir	6	7
8 Second Sunday of Easter						
9:30am Eucharist • 10:45 Easter Egg Hunt • 11:00am Bldg. Tour • 11:05 Sunday School • 11:15 Forum						
	9	10	11 10am Stationery	12 5:30pm Executive • 7pm Project Mgmt	13	14
15 Third Sunday of Easter						
9:30am Eucharist • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Forum • Courier deadline						
	16	17 7pm Council	18 1pm Staff	19 7pm Choir	20 Sheridan Story	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Easter						
9:30am Eucharist and Holy Baptism with Blessing of new organ, first notes played • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15 Open House in the balcony for the Christ Church organ						
	23	24 6pm FCCL and DOCOMO-MO film	25 11am BASIC	26 7pm Choir	27	28 10am Book Group
29 Fifth Sunday of Easter						
9:30am Eucharist • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Forum • 12:30pm Endowment						
	30					