



Welcome to the Light

Christ Church Lutheran in Mission

From its beginning over a hundred years ago, the mission of telling and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ has been central to the life of Christ Church Lutheran. Some of the means and methods have changed over the years, while others have remained pretty constant. But as stories on this page (and throughout the Courier) make clear, *mission* is still a primary focus for our congregation.

Your Second Century Contributions at Work

When our fund-raising effort called the Second Century Campaign was begun a few years ago, the congregation decided it didn't want to just raise money for ourselves; we wanted to tithe ten percent of the money raised for mission causes. One of the projects selected was an interfaith housing collaborative called Beacon: over 80 congregations in the Twin Cities joining together to build housing for those in need. Recently, Pastor Carlson and Mary Bode attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Beacon's eighteenth property, one supported by \$10,000 from our Second Century Campaign. To the right is a photo of the civic and faith leaders (including Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey) taking part in the ceremony.



Great River Landing, located in the bustling North Loop neighborhood of

Welcoming a New Refugee Family

Christ Church Lutheran is excited to be helping another family of refugees from violence find a safe and hope-filled life in Minnesota. Our last family, Paul, Ariat, and their children from Kenya, are now settled among relatives in the St. Cloud area.

Now, in cooperation with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, we will be meeting and working with the family of Hart Lwel (father), Moo Say (mother), and their four children (ages 4–11). The family comes from the Karen ethnic group; Hart Lwel and Moo Say are originally from Burma (Myanmar) but have been living in a refugee camp in Thailand since 2000.

See inside, on page 3, to learn how on **this Sunday, June 3**, you can eat great food, have lots of fun, and help raise money to support this family new to our state!

Minneapolis, will provide 72 apartments. It will be an innovative, supportive employment and housing community, transforming the lives of those impacted by homelessness, unemployment, and incarceration. What a great mission to be part of!



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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

Staff

Pastors	Pastor Kristine Carlson Pastor Erik Haaland
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New Courier Team (as of June 1)	Hilary Gebauer Marc Katz Pastor Kristine Carlson

Congregation Council

President	Matthew Courtney
Vice President	Dan Mueller
Secretary	Kate Haugen
Treasurer	Melody Pauling
Council Members	Hilary Gebauer Max Herzberg DeAne Lagerquist Marcus Nooney Rachel Slater

June Birthdays

- 6/3 Clyde Hanson
- 6/5 John Buegel
Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
- 6/8 Harvey Leuning
- 6/10 Melody Pauling
- 6/12 David Polsfuss
- 6/14 Julie Brandon
- 6/15 June Johnson
- 6/19 Pr. Erik Haaland
- 6/20 Roger Gomoll
- 6/24 Marge Meffert
- 6/25 Sarah Brunsvold
Tressa Swan Niermann
Ken Schoenike
- 6/26 Tatum Nooney
Jim Strom
- 6/27 Samantha Hoss
Edward Lief
- 6/29 Stamatis Zeris
- 6/30 Brad Hubert

Helping Hands for June

- Chad & Marlyse Blihovde
- Jan & Gene Bruss
- Phyllis Dunstone
- Kate Haugen & Carlton Hunke
- Michael Jefferis
- Dave Kutzbach
- Lynn & Kevin Larson
- Kevin Reuther & Gerry Tyrrell
- Samantha Rice
- Ute & Bob Swenson
- Dick Thompson
- Evelyn Wermager

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.



Book Discussion – Sponsored by the Racial Justice Task Force

Saturday, June 16 – 1:30 p.m. in the Luther Lounge

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption is a memoir by Bryan Stevenson, a lawyer who has spent his life defending the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in our criminal justice system. Nicholas Kristof of the New York Times has written that *Just Mercy* is “Searing, moving . . . Bryan Stevenson may, indeed, be America’s Mandela.”



If you have trouble getting a copy of *Just Mercy* or simply don’t have time to read a whole book, feel free to read an interview with Bryan Stevenson. You can find it here: <https://psmag.com/magazine/bryan-stevenson-ps-interview>

All are welcome to join the conversation!

New team to edit and publish the Courier

As noted in the box above, with the completion of this issue the team of Mary Bode (article “wrangler”) and Cantor Robert Farlee (layout) are gladly turning over their responsibilities to new volunteers, Hilary Gebauer and Marc Katz (presumably Nora will provide assistance). Pastor Kristine Carlson will remain on the editorial team. The photo to the right shows the aged giving way to the young. There’s also a new email address! To submit articles, send them by the 15th to christchurchlutherancourier@gmail.com.



Lectionary Readings for June

June 3

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
 Psalm 81:1-10
 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
 Mark 2:23—3:6

June 10

Genesis 3:8-15
 Psalm 130
 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

June 17

Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
 Mark 4:26-34

June 24

Job 38:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

B.A.S.I.C. – Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The next B.A.S.I.C. meeting will be Wednesday, June 27th, 11:00 a.m., in the Concordia Room. Lunch will be potluck; please bring a dish to share. Check the Sunday bulletins for further information. All are welcome! Invite a friend.

From the Church Council

Update for June

Kate Haugen opened our May meeting by reading from Anne Lamott’s *Stitches*, a book that reflects upon the search for meaning in our difficult day-to-day experiences. Lamott proposes that our relationships, with one another and with God, provide opportunities to approach meaning. What might appear as separate ups and downs might be the stitches that bind us together. Kate closed with a prayer of thanks for God’s love.

Our meeting had few items of business. As we have for the past two years, Council voted to post “Blessed Ramadan” signs in the front lawns to wish our Muslim neighbors well during their holy season.

Matthew Courtney, president, provided an update on some of capital restoration projects. Although we celebrated the courtyard last fall with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, there were some final finishes, including installing firmer hand rails. We can now say that the courtyard project has been completed. Council expressed deep gratitude for the leadership of Bob Davis to see this work through. Next, we look forward to the sanctuary roof repairs over the summer. More information will be shared when it becomes available.

We received regular reports and ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Treasurer’s Report

Happy news! Member giving in April bounced back, putting us almost \$4,000 ahead of our budget! Some members are giving quarterly, so we might see a pattern of slipping behind for two months and then catching up in the third month. If that’s the case, we’re in good shape. More good news—the adjusted bottom line of income minus expenses is almost \$10,000 to the good at the end of April. That will vary from month to month depending on when expenses come in and other factors, but it is certainly good for now. Thank you for your support of our congregation and our mission!

Christ Church Lutheran Finances

(As of April 30, 2018)	ACTUAL	BUDGET (4 mos.)	DIFFERENCE
<i>Member Giving/Envelopes</i>	121,315.47	117,320.00	3,995.47
<i>Other Income</i>	\$32,139.92	33,032.67	(892.75)
<i>Total Income</i>	153,455.39	150,352.67	3,102.72
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$134,802.73	\$133,365.95	1,436.78
<i>Adj:pre-giving & transfers</i>	(8,653.34)		
<i>Total Surplus (or Deficit)</i>	\$9,999.32		

Refugee Resettlement Lunch and Fundraiser

Sunday, June 3, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

As noted on the front page of this *Courier*, Christ Church Lutheran is sponsoring another refugee family through Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota! We are very excited about this endeavor, and our refugee committee is very excited to meet and work with the family of Hart Lwel (father), Moo Say (mother), and their four children (ages 4–11).

The Church Council has already committed funds to sponsor this family, but we need to raise the remaining sponsorship costs (\$3,500 – \$4,500) through the generosity of individual contributions. Come to the gym after worship this Sunday, June 3, for a picnic lunch, a brief presentation, a silent auction, and the opportunity to give generously to this important work. During dessert, we’ll also offer thanks and say farewell to Maria Markman, our beloved children’s ministry staff person.

Even if you are unable to come on Sunday, June 3, please know that your gifts to this good cause will be very much appreciated. Checks made out to Christ Church Lutheran (“Refugee Resettlement” in the memo line) can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or sent to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

Courier Closeup – Cathy Sieving

This month, *Closeup* features Cathy Sieving, who has been a member of Christ Church Lutheran for 33 years.

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

I came from Chicago in 1979 for a physical therapy program and I stopped attending church. In time, my Chicago aunt encouraged me to visit Pastor Norm Kretzmann's church. (He was a brother of her pastor.) Pastor Kretzmann had retired, so I met Pastor Neibacher, the pastor then. I was drawn in by his sermons, the music and good liturgy, and architecture. Most special were the genuine, warm greetings I remember from Stephanie Gustafson and Irene Kutzbach. I became a member on June 2, 1985, and still have that bulletin!

Do you live in the neighborhood?

I live in West St. Paul where I worked for 32 years in physical therapy. I bought my house in 1996, and had a house blessing party. Pastor Farlee officiated at the blessing.

What about our church keeps you coming back?

The community of friends at Christ Church has become a sort of family. We grow together and support one another. Having no immediate family since I was 21, that means a lot.

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

My love of music drew me quickly to choir and handbell choir. I took over as coordinator of Meals on Wheels in June 2013 when Howard and Erla Polsfuss retired. Howard assured me that they had dedicated drivers. Being coordinator means attending



monthly South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels board meetings. When the board decided to restructure and modernize, I was asked to help. Now I chair the Operations Council, a board committee. I see this as an opportunity to serve and also personally grow through new challenges.

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

When I stopped attending church, I felt an emptiness. Coming to Christ Church Lutheran changed that. My experiences here have helped my faith grow. I also value the Adult Forums. I've always liked the expression "As we are fed, so we feed others." It has more than one meaning!

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

Being retired (yay!), I keep busy caring for my elderly cockatiel and too many house plants, home remodeling, gardening, attending lectures, and spending time with family and friends. I love camping, hiking, and biking. What I miss most is hiking with my sweet Robin (see

photo).

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

Between age 17 and 21, my mother, brother, then father died. At 22, with a new freedom, I hitchhiked through Germany, Austria, and behind the Iron Curtain to Istanbul, Turkey. Then I drove around the U.S. and Canada visiting family and friends. I had some remarkable adventures!

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

Financial Wellness Q&A&P

Saturday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Join Colin Watkins for a Financial Wellness Q&A&P (Q&A and Pastries!) on Saturday, June 23rd at 10 a.m. in the Luther Lounge. Have you ever wondered: What's the difference between a 401(k) and a Roth IRA? How do I pick investments in my retirement plan? or What's a mutual fund? Colin, a member of Christ Church Lutheran, is a Certified Financial Planner who specializes in retirement planning, investment management and holistic planning. Come ready for coffee, pastries, and engaging conversation about paths to a more secure financial future. Let's learn together!



We had an extra-festive Pentecost! In addition to wonderful worship, it featured the inaugural organ recital by Dr. Gregory Peterson of Luther College. Celebrating afterward are, from left, Pastor Haaland, Pastor Carlson, Dr. Peterson, Lynn Dobson (president of Dobson Organ), Cantor Seltz, Cantor Farlee, and John Panning (vice-president of Dobson Organ).

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—June 2018

Our Time in Pictures

What a wonderful year it has been for children's ministry at Christ Church Lutheran! Together we are growing more and more each day in our lives and in our faith. Thank you to all our children, volunteers, and intercessors—our ministry would not be possible without all of you. It has been a particular blessing for me to learn and grow over the past four years serving at Christ Church. Thank you to all who have come alongside me in my ministry journey as I prepare for a life of ordained ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Christ Church has greatly influenced my education and practical ministry experience, but most importantly my heart. I am filled with such sadness when I think about leaving this community of faith but also because of all of you I am equipped for the next step in God's call for my life. Here are some of my favorite pictures of our time together!

With love,
Maria



Sunday School Programming

Our regular after-worship Sunday School programming will take a break starting in June this year. However, the Quiet Space will still be up and running. We have found the quiet space is such an asset to our families at Christ Church. Throughout the summer, volunteers will not be scheduled to be in the space. Because of this we stress that parents and guardians do attend the Quiet Space with their children. Let us continue to grow in our life of faith together by worshipping together all summer long.

Baptism Birthdays in June

Elliot June 17

Carmina June 18

Joseph June 17

Lennox June 18



June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Meals on Wheels • 4pm Wedding of Dipo Phillips & Alyssa Michaels	2
3 Sunday, June 3 9:30am Eucharist • 11:00am Refugee Resettlement Lunch and Fundraiser, and Thank You and Farewell to Maria Markman						
	4	5 7pm Preservation Property	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday, June 10 8:30am Altar Guild • 9:30am Eucharist • 10:45am Coffee fellowship • 11:00 Tour						
	11	12	13 1pm Staff • 7pm Children's Ministry	14 5:30pm Executive Comm. • 7pm Project Mgmt.	15 Courier deadline	16 10am Book Discussion, <i>Just Mercy</i>
17 Sunday, June 17 9:30am Eucharist • 10:45am Coffee Fellowship						
	18	19 7pm Council	20	21	22	23 9am Financial Wellness Colin Watkins
24 Sunday, June 24 9:30am Eucharist • 10:45am Coffee Fellowship						
	25	26 7pm FCCL Bd.	27 11am B.A.S.I.C. • 1pm Staff	28	29	30 Holden Village group away till Monday, July 9
July 1 Sunday, July 1 9:30am Eucharist • 10:45am Coffee Fellowship						