

# Spirit Weekly

January 4, 2008

## CENTRAL CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 4

- 7:30 a.m. Upper Room Open (Room 206)  
**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**  
9:45 a.m. Educational Event for Children & Youth (Room 222)  
9:45 a.m. Lifelong Learning Forum (Room 123)  
9:45 a.m. Global Mission Forum (Community Room)  
9:45 a.m. Baptism Preparation Gathering (Fireside)  
9:45 a.m. Holden Village Info Session (Elbow Room)  
9:45 a.m. Planning Meeting (Room 217)  
9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)  
**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**  
11:00 a.m. Ivory Coast Worship Service (Community Room)  
12:15 p.m. Gulf Coast Mission Trip Info Session (Fireside)  
6:00 p.m. 8 – 80 AA (Community Room)  
**7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer**  
**with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**  
*followed by fellowship in South Commons*

### Monday, January 5

*No Events Scheduled - Building Closes at 6:00 p.m.*

### Tuesday, January 6

- 10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (Room 123)  
1:00 p.m. Grace Circle (Room 123)  
5:30 p.m. Camp Amnicon Board Meeting (Room 123)  
6:15 p.m. New Member Ministry Team (Fireside Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. MSO Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, January 7

- 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee (Fireside)  
12:00 p.m. OWLS Event: Church Bsmt Ladies 2 (OFFSITE)  
4:30 p.m. CLCW Board Meeting (Room 123)  
5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee (Elbow Room)  
5:45 p.m. Central Children's Choir Rehearsal (Room 128)  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 p.m. Support Group: Family Mental Illness (Fireside)  
7:15 p.m. Central Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, January 8

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet (Community Room)  
7:00 p.m. Ivory Coast Bible Study (Elbow Room)  
7:30 p.m. Central Pacific AA (Fellowship Hall)

### Friday, January 9

- 11:30 a.m. Luther College Lunch Connection (Fellowship Hall)  
12:00 p.m. Downtown Bible Study (Fireside)

### Saturday, January 10

- 8:30 a.m. Agora Discipleship Academy (Community Room)  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting (Room 222)  
9:30 a.m. Ministry Team Leaders Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, January 11

- 7:30 a.m. Upper Room Open (Room 206)  
**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**  
9:30 a.m. Augsburg Nursing Center (Nursing Center)  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes (begin in Room 222)  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (Lower Narthex)  
9:45 a.m. Senior High Youth Group (Youth Room)  
9:45 a.m. Lifelong Learning/C3 Teams Forum (Room 123)  
9:45 a.m. Global Mission Forum (Community Room)  
9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)  
**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**  
11:00 a.m. Ivory Coast Worship Service (Community Room)  
12:15 p.m. Amnicon Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
12:15 p.m. Central Friends Meeting (Room 123)  
6:00 p.m. 8 – 80 AA (Community Room)  
**7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer**  
**with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**  
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*To make additions or corrections to this calendar, contact Erica Doss at 612-767-9213, or email [edoss@centralmpls.org](mailto:edoss@centralmpls.org)*

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## Today

The Upper Room (Room 206) is open at 7:30 a.m. each Sunday morning for anyone seeking a quiet place for meditation.

Join us in Fellowship Hall this morning for **coffee and fellowship** at 9:45 a.m.

Hear *Room at the Inn: Stories of Hope through Lutheran World Relief* today during a Global Mission Forum. Lutheran World Relief representative Alex Treitler will share the stories at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Room. Lutheran World Relief is the global relief and development arm of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

## RENOVATION HAS BEGUN

*The coat closet is unavailable today due to renovations in the South Commons reception area.*

*Feel free to use the portable coat racks in South Commons or take your coat with you.*

*Work will begin on the South Commons bathrooms tomorrow and signs will be posted indicating the location of alternative bathrooms.*

Hear Mary Jean Babcock, FaithWays program, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) talk about **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)** today at 9:45 a.m. during a **Health Ministry Forum**. Babcock provides training for youth and adults, clergy, staff and volunteers on Mental Health issues. She is also director of Kid-Shop, a program designed to help children in families with mental illness.

## Health & Wellness

**Augsburg Nursing Center** is open from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. today. Stop by for a blood pressure screening or to ask general health questions.

**Downtown Coalition for Grief Support** meets at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Ave. On Saturday, January 10 hear Mary Christopherson present *New Year, New You*. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m., the speaker begins at 10:00 a.m. and a group discussion follows from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Joan VanWirt at (612) 333-3273.

## At the **INFO DESK**

Are you interested in going to **Holden Village** August 26 to September 4, 2009? Stop today in South Commons for a brochure and for more information or see Audrey Grote. A meeting will also be held today at 9:45 a.m. in the Elbo Room for all those interested.

All 40 reservations for *Church Basement Ladies 2: A Second Helping* with Central's Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) have been filled. If you would like to be on the waiting list, sign up in South Commons today. Tickets are \$19. Please eat lunch before the play.



## **Next Sunday**

Next Sunday join staff, board members and volunteers from **Camp Amnicon** as they host coffee hour at 9:45 a.m. And then stop by the annual meeting in Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m. to hear what has happened during the past year and have your voice heard regarding the future of the camp.

Hear Jennifer Hilde Gerth present *How to Share the Gospels with Atheists* Sunday January 11 at 9:45 a.m. Gerth is Executive Director of the Hospitality Center for the Chinese (HCC). The organization is dedicated to serve Chinese students at the University of Minnesota, which has the largest number of Chinese students of any North American university.

Learn about light pollutions effects on the environment January 11 at 9:45 a.m. in *Let there be Night*, sponsored by Lifelong Learning and the C3 Ministry Teams. Hear Dr. Paul Bogard share reading from his new book, which argues that rampant light pollution is destroying the ancient mystery of night. Bogard has enlisted 29 writers, scientists, poets, and scholars to offer their personal experiences of night, and help us to understand what we miss when dark skies and nocturnal wildness vanish. Paul Bogard is a graduate of Carleton College, the University of New Mexico, and the University of Nevada, Reno. He is the son of Central members John and Judy Bogard.

## **Notices & Upcoming Events**

The next **meeting for leaders of Central** to connect and stay informed will be Saturday, January 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please contact the Church Office to reserve your space at (612) 870-4416 or email Barb at [bbrown@centralmpls.org](mailto:bbrown@centralmpls.org).

The **Clothes Closet** will be closed through January 7. It will be open January 8.

To share a **prayer request**, you may submit a completed pew-card in the offering plate or give to a worship leader. Contact Bette Schuldt at (763) 588-8594 or email Jeni Hill at [jhill@centralmpls.org](mailto:jhill@centralmpls.org).

Listen to Central's **Sunday service on the Internet!** Our radio partner WDGY 740AM broadcasts our morning service over the air and on the web. Just go to [www.wdgyradio.com](http://www.wdgyradio.com) and click on the "Listen Live" link. The service is only available at 11:00 a.m.

## **Discipleship Opportunities**

Needed! Volunteers are still needed to continue with the **demolition of the South Commons** restrooms and reception area. Bring work gloves, hammer and a hat and join Franklin Dietrich on January 5 and 6 anytime between 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have questions or are available, contact Franklin at (612) 822-0039 or call the Church Office.

There are many discipleship opportunities available within **Central's Community Ministries** (outreach) program. Those interested in volunteering for any opportunity, including the *Clothes Closet*, and the *Monday Community Meal*, may contact Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer at (612) 767-9214 or [rlowenberg-deboer@centralmpls.org](mailto:rlowenberg-deboer@centralmpls.org).

## **Get a ride to church on Sunday!**

Those who are disabled, do not drive or are otherwise unable to attend Sunday service can arrange for free taxi cab rides to and from the 11:00 a.m. service. Riders will depart at 12:15 p.m. following the second service. The cab service will be available in the downtown area from Central east to 11th Avenue South to 26th Street, west to Hennepin Avenue and North to 4th Street Southeast. The boundaries take in the same service area as Central's former bus service. Expansion of the boundaries will be considered on a case by case basis. This project is funded by a generous gift through the Central Lutheran Church Foundation by the Ralph and Norma Jacobson estate designated for senior adult ministry. Call Marissa at the Church Office at (612) 870-4416 if you have questions. Participants will need to request gift cards by the 20th of each month.

*All Weekly Spirit announcements are due by 2 p.m. Monday of each week.*

*Please submit announcement requests to Kelly Bartnick at [kbartnick@centralmpls.org](mailto:kbartnick@centralmpls.org) or on forms available at the Church Office.*

## Information Session **GULF COAST MISSION TRIP** Today @ 12:15 p.m. Fireside Lounge

Join former Central Associate Pastor Tim Hepner during the first three weeks in March, 2009, on a mission trip to the gulf coast. The group will continue restoration efforts to homes from the August 2005 hurricanes. The trip is a partnership with Valley of Peace Lutheran Church in Golden Valley in connection with Lutheran Disaster Response. Central is invited to participate!

An information meeting will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in Fireside Lounge for the purpose of describing the Gulf Coast mission trip. If questions, please contact Central member Dick Hilden at (612) 825-1581 or [dhilden@comcast.net](mailto:dhilden@comcast.net).

## **DAILY LECTIONARY**

**Sunday, Jan. 4** - Psalm 110;  
Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17  
**Monday, Jan. 5** - Psalm 110;  
Proverbs 22:1-9; Luke 6:27-31  
**Tuesday, Jan. 6** - Isaiah 60:1-6;  
Plsam 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;  
Matthew 2:1-12  
**Wednesday, Jan. 7** - Psalm 110;  
Exodus 1:22-2:10; Hebrews 11:23-26

**Thursday, Jan. 8** - Psalm 110;  
Exodus 2:11-25; Hebrews 11:27-28  
**Friday, Jan. 9** - Psalm 110;  
Exodus 3:7-15; John 8:39-59  
**Saturday, Jan. 10** - Psalm 29;  
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Luke 5:1-11  
**Sunday, Jan. 11** - Genesis 1:1-5;  
Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43;  
Matthew 3:13-17

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