

Spirit Weekly

February 1, 2009

CENTRAL CALENDAR

Sunday, February 1

- 7:30 a.m. Upper Room Open (Room 206)
- 7:50 a.m. Central Choristers Rehearsal (Room 128)
- 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. Global Mission & Lifelong Learning Forum (Community Room)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Coffee Ministry (Fireside)
- 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**
- 11:15 a.m. Ivory Coast Worship Service (Community Room)
- 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, February 2 - Building Closes at 6:00 p.m.

- 9:30 a.m. Clothes Closet Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Clothes Closet (Community Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Clothes Closet Meal (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 3

- 10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (Room 123)
- 12:00 p.m. Fiscal & Property Committee (Fireside)
- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. MSO Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 4

- 1:00 p.m. OWLS Planning Team (Fireside)
- 4:30 p.m. CLCW Board Meeting (Room 123)
- 5:30 p.m. C3 Ministry Team (Elbow Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Support Group: Dealing with Mental Illness (Fireside)

Thursday, February 5

- 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, February 6

- 9:30 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilting Group (Room 123)
- 12:00 p.m. Downtown Bible Study (Fireside)

Saturday, February 7

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:30 a.m. Agora Discipleship Academy (Community Room)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting (Room 222)
- 9:30 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilt Group (Room 123)
- 10:00 a.m. PREPARE Gathering (Fireside)

Sunday, February 8

- 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. New Member Session (Room 123)
- 9:45 a.m. Refugee Sunday Forum (Fireside)
- 9:45 a.m. Global Mission Forum (Community Room)
- 9:45 a.m. Lifelong Learning Forum (Room 128)
- 9:45 a.m. Gardening Corps Memorial Tree Meeting (Room 217)
- 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Reader Rehearsal (Bride's Room)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**
- 11:15 a.m. Ivory Coast Worship Service (Community Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Youth lunch/sledding (Offsite)
- 12:15 p.m. Central Friends Meeting (Room 122)
- 6:00pm 8 – 80 AA (Community Room)
- 7:00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)**
followed by fellowship in South Commons

To make additions or corrections to this calendar, contact Erica Doss at 612-767-9213, or email edoss@centralmpls.org

Central - in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ



Today

The Upper Room (Room 206) is open at 7:30 a.m. each Sunday morning for anyone seeking a quiet place for meditation. The Upper Room is sponsored by the Prayer, Spirituality and Meditation Ministry Team.

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

Join Vivian Jenkins Nelsen as she shares information about Central's new congregational partner, **Jordan New Life Community Church**, today at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Room. Hear how Central contributes to Jordan New Life and its One-Stop Family Support Center, which helps low-income people, new immigrants and disabled families. This event is co-sponsored by the Lifelong Learning and Global Mission Ministry Teams.

The Downtown Minneapolis Church Choir Festival

Sunday,
February 22, 2009
3:00 p.m.

Details on the back page!

During the **South Commons and restrooms remodel**, please find alternative restrooms by following the signs posted.

Today, Central junior and senior high youth will participate in a **Souper Bowl of Caring**. This project is designed to transform Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Following this morning's services, Central youth will collect donations to be distributed to Central's Clothes Closet. All monies will be used to purchase items like towels, sheets, blankets and underwear. Look for our youth who will be holding soup pots after worship to collect your donations. (Checks may be made payable to Central Lutheran). Remember even a dollar will make a difference for our Clothes Closet community members!

At the **INFO DESK**

Fair-Trade coffee, tea, chocolate and other items are available for purchase today in South Commons between both morning services.

Today is the final day to sign up for the **Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors'** (OWLS) trip to the Old Log Theater on Wednesday, February 11. *Unnecessary Farce* is a comic romp about a sting operation gone haywire. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. with the performance at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. The motorcoach leaves Central at 11:00 a.m. Reservations can be made in South Commons.



Next Sunday

In addition to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, dozens of other gospels were written about Jesus in ancient times, but they are not included in our Bibles. Why? What do they say? Who decided what is to go into the Bible? Have those questions answered and more with Dr. Arland J. Hultgren and Asher O. and Carrie Nasby, Professors of New Testament at Luther Seminary, in a **Lifelong Learning Forum** at 9:45 a.m. February 8.

Hear Bethel Bible Series trainer Pastor Lin Qui share *New Song in an Old Land - Christianity in Modern China* February 8 at 9:45 a.m. After a long struggle as a die-hard atheist, Pastor Qui became a Christian in Honolulu, Hawaii. In 1994, he went to Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia to start his theological training. He earned a Master of Divinity degree. In 1998, he was called by the ELCA to St. Paul, Minnesota to be a pastoral mission developer to organize a Chinese mission there. Pastor Qui has been involved in Mainland Chinese ministries for 15 years in North America. He is chair of the North American Mainland Chinese Mission.

Did you know that Minnesota has resettled approximately 80,000 refugees since 1979? In 2007 Minnesota welcomed 3,198 refugees. There are more than 14 million refugees in the world today. February 8 will be **Refugee Sunday at Central**. It will be a chance to reflect on God's call to welcome the strangers in our midst, a chance to learn more about refugees and refugee issues, and an opportunity to give to the Refugee Emergency Fund through the Minnesota Council of Churches. Between services in the Fireside Lounge Central will host a refugee speaker and a staff member of the Minnesota Council of Churches.

The **New Member/Discipleship Ministry Team** invites anyone interested in joining Central or learning more about the church to attend a one-day new member session February 8. Come to worship at 8:30 a.m. and attend the session from 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Notices & Upcoming Events

Join Central's **Quilters for Lutheran World Relief** February 6 and 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please bring your own lunch.

The **Nominating Committee** is seeking names of members who might be qualified and willing to fill one of the following positions: Church Council President, Secretary and Member-at-Large. Members are also needed to serve on the Audit Committee, as voting members to the Synod Assembly and Nominating Committee. Suggestions may be submitted on forms available at the Church Office.

Hear Jack Munday present *Same-Gender Couples at Church - Any Widening of the Welcome Mat?* in a Twin Cities Peace with Justice Forum at 12:30 on February 15 in Fellowship Hall. Munday is the author of the book *Hate is Sin: Putting Faces on the Debate over Human Sexuality*. The book paints portraits of faith of gay and lesbian persons and presents both sides of the argument. Munday will focus primarily about the climate for same gender couples in congregations of the ELCA. He received a Master of Theology Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1988 and currently works as a patent attorney. Lunch is available for \$7.00. Parking is free.

Job Opportunity! Central is hiring a new full-time Communications Manager. For more information check out the link on www.centralmpls.org or contact the Church Office.

Red Rehwaldt will speak about issues with **Minnesota Public Education** at the monthly Men's Fellowship breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, February 7 in Fellowship Hall. Red was superintendent in Mankato and Rosemount-Apple Valley-Egan schools. He also spent time at Albert Lea and Roseville Schools as principal. Hear Rehwaldt and join in the fellowship!

The **Women's Health Heart Retreat** sponsored by the Health Ministry Team and CLCW has been postponed. Please watch upcoming Central publications for more details.

Calling all youth! Make plans now to attend the **Winter Spirit Retreat** at Camp Amnicon. The fun begins Saturday, February 14 through February 16 (Presidents' Day). Please contact Amanda Highben for a brochure and more information.

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, February 1 - Deuteronomy 18:15-20;
Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13;
Mark 1:21-28

Monday, February 2 - Psalm 35:1-10;
Numbers 22:1-21; Acts 21:17-26

Tuesday, February 3 - Psalm 35:1-10;
Numbers 22:22-28; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Wednesday, February 4 - Psalm 35:1-10;
Jeremiah 29:1-14; Mark 5:1-20

Thursday, February 5 - Psalm 147:1-11, 20c;
Proverbs 12:10-21; Galatians 5:2-15

Friday, February 6 - Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Proverbs 12:10-21; Galatians 5:2-15

Saturday, February 7 - Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Isaiah 46:1-13; Matthew 12:9-14

Sunday, February 8 - Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13];
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23;
Mark 1:29-39

NEW ART

Stop in Fellowship Hall to view selected works from the City Light Foundation based in Harare, Zimbabwe. The organization focuses on education, development and talent nurturing of widows and children and survivors of the AIDS epidemic so they may build a better future.

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, February 7 hear Susan Obremski share *Dreams and the Process of Grieving*. 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 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Joan VanWirt at (612) 333-3273.

Discipleship Opportunities

The Clothes Closet would love to have donations of **hats and gloves for children and adults**. Any donations are welcome!



Music News

More than 400 voices from seven downtown Minneapolis churches will join voices at Central to present *Everlasting Light*, Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m. This year, the massed ensemble will present John Rutter's "Hymn to the Creator of Light," the *Dona nobis pacem* from Bach's Mass in B Minor, Gerald Near's "Lumen de lumine" commissioned for the 2003 festival and this year's commission "The Light of the Lord" by San Francisco-based composer David Conte. Individual choirs will present works by Eric Whitacre, Gustav Holst, Morten Lauridsen, Tobin Stokes, Ned Rorem, Mark Sedio and a spiritual arranged by Moses Hogan. Music for handbells and brass will also be part of the event and a reception will follow. Participating congregations include the Basilica of St. Mary, St. Olaf Catholic Church, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist, Central Lutheran Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Plymouth Congregational Church and St. Mark's Cathedral. For more information or to be part of the hospitality team for this event, contact the Church Office at (612) 870-4416.

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