

Spirit Weekly

February 8, 2009

CENTRAL CALENDAR

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 (Youth Room & OFFSITE)
- 12:15 p.m. Central Friends Meeting (Room 122)
- 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 9

- 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)
- 6:00 p.m. Shalom Circle (Room 123)
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Ministry Team (Youth Room)
- 6:30 p.m. CLCW Investment Club (Rooms 222 & 226)

Tuesday, February 10

- 10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (Room 123)
- 7:00 p.m. MSO Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 11

- 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle (Fireside)
- 11:00 a.m. OWLS depart for
"Unnecessary Farce" (South Commons)
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 p.m. Central Choristers Rehearsal (Room 128)
- 6:30 p.m. Mannerchor Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Central Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 12

- 10:30 a.m. MMEA Choral Events Begin (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet (Community Room)
- 6:15 p.m. Nominating Committee (Fireside)
- 7:00 p.m. Ivory Coast Bible Study (Elbow Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Central Pacific AA (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, February 13

- 8:00 a.m. MMEA Choral Events Begin (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Luther College Lunch Connection (Community Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Downtown Bible Study (Fireside)

Saturday, February 14

- Amnicon Winter Spirit Retreat*
- 12:30 p.m. Whitacre Project Planning Luncheon (Fireside)

Sunday, February 15

- Amnicon Winter Spirit Retreat*
- 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. Global Mission Forum (Community Room)
- 9:45 a.m. Lifelong Learning Forum (Room 123)
- 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)
- 12:30 p.m. Peace with Justice Forum (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. Salt of the Earth Storytellers (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

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.

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. today in Room 128.



Hear Bethel Bible Series trainer Pastor Lin Qui share *New Song in an Old Land –Christianity in Modern China* today during a Global Mission Forum at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Room. 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 hear Semantics King, Jr. and a staff member of the Minnesota Council of Churches—Refugee Services speak on the topic.

At the **INFO DESK**

Shrove Tuesday at Central...with a Touch of Mardi Gras returns on **February 24, 2009, from 5:30-8:00 pm.** This congregational event features traditional southern gumbo and pancakes, the Stompin' Dixie Dixieland Band and fun! A punch reception in South Commons kicks off the event, followed by a jazzy processional to Fellowship Hall for food, fun and music. The evening concludes with a shriving ritual which will move us from our celebration into the silence of Ash Wednesday. Be the first to purchase your tickets today in the South Commons: \$7/ adult or \$5/ child, with a family cap of \$25. Don't miss this festive evening before the Lenten fast begins! Festive and fun attire is encouraged!

Stop in South Commons today and donate to the Sunday School children's annual **Hygiene Kit** project. Kits will be assembled for the Augsburg Nursing Center. You may contribute hygiene items or money. Contribute today through March 1. Stop at the Info Desk to learn more!

Next Sunday

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.

Join Dr. Patrick Keifert from Luther Seminary Sunday February, 15 at 9:45 a.m. as he shares ***We are here now: How the Church will thrive in the 21st Century.*** Keifert suggests the need of every congregation to attend to the changing community and the changing world around us, and imagine a future that may not look quite like the present. He is Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary, and President and Director of Research of Church Innovations Institute, a church-related non-profit organization that seeks to innovate churches' capacities to thrive in the 21st century.

Hear visiting Luther Seminary professor Dr. Nalini Arles present ***Truth and Reconciliation Processes in Their Varied Expression in the World*** at 9:45 a.m. February 15. Dr. Arles is Professor of Pastoral Counseling at the United Theological College (UTC) in Bangalore, India. The UTC is the premier school of Christian Theology in India. While at Luther Seminary, he will teach, conduct research and speak in congregations. Dr. Arles earned a M.Th. degree from the University of Aberdeen and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Notices & Upcoming Events

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry Team** has shawls ready to give away. Wearing a shawl woven with prayers by the knitter can comfort an ill or bereaved person or encourage someone in crisis. If you know of someone who would benefit from this sign of Christian caring, please notify one of our visitation pastors or call the Church Office. More knitters are also needed to continue this ministry. If you are available to help, call Bobbie Spradley (651-687-9145) for more information.

Central is concert a site of the **Minnesota Educator's Association's (MMEA)** annual Mid-winter Clinic. The 3-day event attracts more than 6,000 people. Hosts are needed February 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and February 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call Karen Knox at the Church Office or email kknnox@centralmpls.org.

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.

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.

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

Monday, February 9 - Psalm 102:12-28;
2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37; Acts 14:1-7

Tuesday, February 10 - Psalm 102:12-28;
2 Kings 8:1-6; Acts 15:36-41

Wednesday, February 11 - Psalm 102:12-28;
Job 6:1-13, Mark 3:7-12

Thursday, February 12 - Psalm 30
Leviticus 13:1-17; Hebrews 12:7-13

Friday, February 13 - Psalm 30,
Leviticus 14:1-20; Acts 19:11-20

Saturday, February 14 - Psalm 30;
Leviticus 14:21-32; Matthew 26:6-13

Sunday, February 15 - 2 Kings 5:1-14;
Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27;
Luke 6:17-26

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 14 hear David Englestad share *Grief and Self-Awareness*. 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

Community Ministries is seeking a few dedicated people to help prepare the **Monday Community Meal** from 7:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. If you have interest in this service opportunity please contact Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer at (612) 767-9214.

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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