



The Spirit of Central

News about the mission of Central Lutheran Church
Downtown Minneapolis

Summer Weekly Update
August 20/21, 2011

Sweden's Bachspeglarna in concert

*The Bach Mirrors are touring "In the Footsteps of the Emigrants"
Thursday, August 25 - 7:00 p.m.*



Bachspegelarna ("the Bach Mirrors") started in the spring of 2000 and consists of ten singers—both professional and amateur. Their repertoire is a mix of styles from classical to folk to gospel music. The singers come from an area in the south of Sweden near the crossroad where people from

Småland and Blekinge passed as they headed to the harbor in Karishamn to emigrate to the United States. Many of the singers have relatives who emigrated to America and reside in Minnesota. The ensemble's purpose in planning this concert tour is to "go in the footsteps of the emigrants." —*A free, public concert. A wine and cheese reception—featuring cheeses and other treats from Sweden—follows the concert in South Commons. Please help promote this concert for the city by taking a poster or postcard to give to a friend, or take to work or your favorite coffee shop.*

VBS concludes with a "Party in the Park"

Tuesday, August 23

All families and friends are invited to Como Park, Como Zoo and Como Town Amusement Park for the finale of our 2011 Vacation Bible School! All food and beverages provided. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Visit the Como Zoo. Unlimited ride wristbands are available thanks to a generous donation by Kathryn Holm. The wristbands must be reserved in advance through Greer Cherney at gcherney@centralmpls.org. —*Party runs from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Como Town is open until 7:00 p.m. Deadline to make reservations is Monday, August 22.*

Heritage Weekend was a big success!



Joe Bjordal



Thanks to the work of many—both volunteers and staff—Heritage Weekend was a big success as we celebrated Central's rich legacy and those of our members who have been involved the longest. Many home-bound members, who seldom can come to church were our honored guests. Among them was Alida Thompson who, at age 105, is our "most-senior" member. She is

pictured at left, standing in front of friends and Pastor Chuck Anderson, who led the planning team. Everyone enjoyed homemade strawberry shortcake on the plaza following worship! Thanks to all!

— events/opportunities —

Summer Worship

Saturday — 5:30 p.m.

Sunday — 10:00 a.m.

Monday — 11:00 a.m.

(Sunday worship returns to two services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on September 11.)

This Weekend

Chair Donations Sought

Please consider donating the cost of one or more of the new Fellowship Hall chairs at \$36.00 each. Members of the Fiscal and Property Committee will be on hand following worship this weekend — with sample chairs — to accept donations.

The Coming Week

Central Meetings, Events and Community Service

Monday, August 22

Community Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

Clothes Closet Opens, 11:00 a.m.

Community Meal, 11:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, August 23

General Staff Meeting, 10:15 a.m.

Library Ministry Team, 1:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School "Party in the Park," 4:00 p.m. (Como Park, Saint Paul)

Community Outreach Team, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24

Campus Master Plan Task Force, 7:30 a.m.

Clothes Closet Opens, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 25

Open AA Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Augsburg Nursing Women's Group, 10:30 a.m.

Clothes Closet Opens, 1:00 p.m.

Bachspeglarna Concert, 7:00 p.m.

—followed by wine and cheese reception (see front page)

Friday, August 26

Central Night at the Twins, 7:10 p.m. (sold out)

Next Weekend

Wolfgang Laudert Ordination

Sunday, August 28 - 3:00 p.m.

Central member Wolfgang Laudert will be ordained by Interim Bishop Glenn Nycklemoe

of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Wolfgang has accepted a call to serve as pastor of West Union Lutheran Church in Carver, Minnesota.

—All are welcome! A reception will follow.

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting Sunday, August 28

All incoming and returning Confirmation students and parents are asked to attend to receive information and outline of the program, hear about the fall and more. This is the beginning of your Confirmation commitment. —11:00 a.m. in the Confirmation Room.

Looking Ahead

Farewell Reception and Tribute in Honor of Bishop Craig Johnson Tuesday, August 30

The Council of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America invites all to a reception and tribute for the Rev. Craig E. Johnson, celebrating his ten years as bishop. —Reception - 6:30 p.m.; Tribute - 7:30 p.m. Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 50th Street at Knox Avenue South, Minneapolis.

Welcome back Pastor Rick! Sunday, September 4

Senior Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Rick Nelson, returns from sabbatical and to Central's pulpit on Sunday, September 4. Following worship at 10:00 a.m., members of the Congregation Council will host a reception on the North Plaza to welcome Pastor Rick and Annette back from their three-month sabbatical. —All are welcome!

OWLS to Visit the Arboretum Thursday, September 8

Join Central's Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors for a trip to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, home to world-class gardens and plant collections. The visit will include a one-hour tram ride and a "flower pot" lunch in a private dining room. Cost for all is \$20.00. Motorcoach departs Central at 11:00 a.m. and returns by 3:30 p.m. —Reservations will be taken Sundays, August 21 and 28 following worship on the North Plaza. Reservations limited to 42 persons.

Autumn Fest Sunday, September 11

Central's new program year gets underway with the return to two worship services (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.), a Ministry Opportunity Fair, open houses in ministry areas and more. —Watch for more details!

Water Tip

Each weekend during this "Year of Water," the Central Cares for Creation Team is offering a brief bit of information or tip about water.

At the store, you may pay \$1 for a quart of bottled water. What if the water coming from your faucet cost that much? Flushing the toilet would cost you more than \$7, a typical washing machine cycle would cost \$58, and a dishwasher load about \$19. As for watering the lawn, that could cost you more than \$880 if you used a sprinkler for just one hour! In reality, the average American household spends \$300 a year for water. Source: *Earth's Water Crisis* by Robb Bowden