



The Spirit of Central

News about the mission of Central Lutheran Church
Downtown Minneapolis

Summer Weekly Update
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Heritage Hall debuts next weekend

Homebound members to be special guests at Heritage Weekend



A series of special events and hospitality efforts will mark Heritage Weekend August 13 and 14. The weekend “celebrates our heritage and those who have been a part of our history over the years,” said Pastor Chuck Anderson, who has chaired the planning team. Many of Central’s homebound members will attend worship on Sunday and be special guests at a luncheon following. The luncheon is being hosted by the OWLS—Central’s Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors. The opening of a new historical exhibit—Heritage Hall—will also make its debut next weekend. Located on the second floor of the Parish House, Heritage Hall—a work in progress—includes a series of illustrated historical displays, photographs, documents and artifacts that are part of Central’s rich legacy of witness and service. Heritage Hall is the brainchild of Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, who has been aided in its creation by members of the Heritage Ministry Team.

“Heritage Hall is a place where our docents (tour guides), hospitality staff and volunteers can tell the ‘illustrated story of Central’ to our guests, tour groups and members,” said Pastor C. “It’s our newest building tour stop and many enjoy the fact that the Spark Bible timeline will conclude with the ‘resurrection panel’ which leads right into Heritage Hall—into our own history of living as people of the resurrection.”

—*In the photos:* Copper cladding from the spire—blown off during the 2009 tornado—and a pair of shoes belonging to Aleda Stub, wife of founding pastor J. A. O. Stub, are just two of the artifacts on display in Heritage Hall.

Generosity marks “Loaves and Fishes Weekend”

In preparation for a weekend during which we would hear again the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand—turning seeming scarcity into abundance—members and friends of Central were asked to bring gifts of food or money for Community Emergency Services (CES)—our local food pantry partner. In addition special gifts were sought for the work of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in east Africa, where the worst drought in six decades has put eleven million people in danger of starvation. Generosity was the mark of the weekend!

Over 200 pounds of food was donated for CES, which Central member and executive director Mark Peterson called “terrific.” But “even more terrific” is that the \$624 donated in cash will purchase an additional 7,800 pounds of food for CES from Second Harvest. Special gifts for Lutheran World Relief totaled \$2,540—something Pastor Rick Nelson, speaking from sabbatical, called “awesome.” Pastor Rick also serves as chair of the board of directors of LWR, which has just announced a goal to raise \$2,000,000 for its East Africa Drought Fund by year end. —*Please consider ongoing financial support of LWR’s efforts in east Africa through Central (including online at www.centralmpls.org) or directly to Lutheran World Relief (www.lwr.org).*



Wolfgang Laudert called to first parish

Central member Wolfgang Laudert, a 2011 graduate of Luther Seminary, has accepted a call to serve as pastor of West Union Lutheran Church in Carver, Minnesota, located thirty miles southwest of downtown Minneapolis. Wolfgang will be ordained at Central on Sunday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m. by the Rev. Glenn Nycklemoe, interim bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Please pray for Wolfgang and the people of West Union as they prepare for new ministry together!

—*In the photo:* Wolfgang Laudert receives a Masters hood at the Luther Seminary Commencement on May 29, 2011, held at Central.

— events/opportunities —

Summer Worship

Saturday — 5:30 p.m.
Sunday — 10:00 a.m.

This Weekend

Chair Donations Sought

Improving hospitality in Fellowship Hall

The wind blew, the earth shook and the very gates of heaven opened up! Well, not quite, but something momentous did occur on August 5 as 300 new upholstered chairs were delivered—replacing the ones that have been in use in Fellowship Hall for the past 54 years! Last fall the congregation voted to refinance a loan with the ELCA to pay for necessary capital repairs and to purchase the new chairs, but giving members and friends the opportunity to offset borrowing by donating the cost of one or more chairs. —*Please consider providing for one or more chairs at the cost of \$36.00 each. Check out the new chairs during fellowship times after worship Saturday and Sunday!*

The Coming Week

Monday, August 8

Discovery Kidz, 9:30 a.m.
Community Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Clothes Closet Opens, 11:00 a.m.
Community Meal, 11:30 a.m.
Men's Bible Study, 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, August 9

Library Team, 1:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School, 5:45 p.m.
Heading Home Central Team, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10

Clothes Closet Opens, 10:00 a.m.
Silver Bells Rehearsal, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 11

Fiscal and Property Committee, 7:00 a.m.
Open AA Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Augsburg Nursing Women's Group,
10:30 a.m.
Clothes Closet Opens, 1:00 p.m.
Gardening Team Weeding Evening, 6:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School continues

August 9

Splash in God's Word! All ages welcome! Dinner is served at 5:45 followed by music, games, Bible stories and art. Yoga and Bible study options for adults. It's not too late to join in! This is a family-friendly fun event offered for all to enjoy! —*VBS concludes on Tuesday, August 23 with a "Party in the Park" at Como Park, Saint Paul, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Contact Greer Cherney (gcherney@centralmpls.org) for more information.*

Next Weekend

Heritage Weekend

(full description on front)

All Central seniors are invited to a special luncheon on Sunday, August 14—free of charge—at which the menu will feature meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, lefse and other items. A luncheon program will include the singing of familiar hymns and "Nuggets from our History." —*Luncheon reservations will be taken on the North Plaza following worship on Sunday, August 7. **Homemade strawberry shortcake will be served to all on the North Plaza following worship next Sunday!***

Looking Ahead

Soft Rock in a Cathedral Setting

Sunday, August 21

The final installment of our summer music series, "Bluegrass, Dixieland, Soft Rock and Classic Carillon" will "play out" on Sunday, August 21 as we welcome Beautiful Grey, the band from Spirit Garage, a Christian faith community that meets at the Loring Theater. The congregation was established and is sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis. Beautiful Grey will lead the music during the 10:00 a.m. worship service and perform on the North Plaza during fellowship time. The participation of Beautiful Grey at Central is made possible as part of a grant from the Lily Endowment that is funding, in part, Pastor Rick Nelson's sabbatical.

Sweden's Bachspeglarna in Concert

Thursday, August 25 -7:00 p.m.

Bachspeglarna (the Bach Mirrors) is a group of ten singers from the south of Sweden—an area from which many Swedes immigrated to America. This summer the group is touring "in the footsteps of the emigrants" presenting concerts featuring a mix of styles—from classic to folk music. —*A free, public concert. All are welcome! A wine and cheese reception follows—featuring cheeses and treats from Sweden.*

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 following worship on the North Plaza on Sundays, August 14, 21 and 28. Reservations limited to 42 persons.*

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.

Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full.
You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

Source: Water: Use It Wisely <http://wateruseitwisely.com>.