



The Spirit of Central

News about the mission of Central Lutheran Church
Downtown Minneapolis

*Summer Weekly Update
June 18-19, 2011*

Vacation Bible School is for all ages *Five Tuesday evenings beginning June 28*

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Do you want to go deeper in faith? Parents, are you in need of some spiritual time for yourself? If you are, Vacation Bible School is the place for you and your entire family! Our 2011 VBS is an extension of our year focusing on God's gift of water as we "Splash in God's Word."

Each evening will begin with a family-style dinner, a return of the rockin' VBS band, prayer and Bible Study. Then kids and adults will take time to separate and enjoy education time on their own." Children ages 3 to 5th grade will enjoy group time with their camp counselors reading the Bible, playing Bible games, making art, trying some science experiments and praying. Middle School Youth are invited to a time of Bible Study with Greer. You'll dive into RE:FORM Traditions from Sparkhouse and enjoy a goofy approach to Lutheran traditions. Each student

will receive an Anti-Workbook, watch silly DVD sessions and enjoy fun conversations. Pastor Kristen will lead Adult Bible Study using the "Jonah" Book of Faith curriculum, written by Karl Jacobson. You will also have the opportunity to do Christian Yoga with Lorene Gilliksen. This is a time for you to step away from your busy life and enjoy your own spiritual education.

At the end of the evening we will all come together to a brief time of closing with music and worship. All are welcome to go deeper in faith, explore the Bible and how it easily connects to your everyday life! —*VBS continues July 12, 26, August 9 and 23. One time cost of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Reserve your place by calling or visiting the Church Office!*

For Pentecost, lots of fire!



We celebrated the Festival of Pentecost—the birthday of the church—the day when the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire—with an appropriate amount of our own fire! The service concluded as the Central Choir led the closing procession to the North Plaza carrying "parade sparklers."

Photo by Joe Bjordal

Pledges top \$900,000!

Last week we reported that financial commitments for the current fiscal year were nearing the \$900,000 mark totaling \$876,909! In just a week that total has climbed to \$918,533! We have now surpassed last year's total of just over \$912,000. Of the 328 Central households to record their

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Pledges *[continued from front]*

financial commitments, 123 have increased their pledge over last year by average of more than 15 percent! And 46 households have pledged for the first time and account for \$123,940 of the total!

“This is a remarkable demonstration of generosity and hope,” said Christopher Lyle, Central’s incoming congregation president. “In what are still challenging and uncertain economic times, the people of Central are indeed giving like never before. This response is a clear indication that people are excited about the future of Central and want this congregation to be equipped with the resources we need to continue our long-standing legacy of service to the city and the world and to be ready and able to respond to new opportunities and challenges that God might set before us.”

— events/opportunities —

Summer Worship

Saturday Worship — 5:30 p.m.

SummerFeast

A 45-minute service of Holy Communion featuring Marty Haugen’s “Now the Feast and Celebration” service music setting in an intimate setting below the West Chapel in the Sanctuary.

Sunday Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Traditional service of Holy Communion followed by fellowship and music on the Plaza.

Coffee Hosts Sunday, June 19:
Leon and Deanne Tibben and
JoAn and George Carlson,
who are each celebrating
their 50th wedding anniversary!

The Coming Week

Monday, June 20

Discovery Kidz, 9:00 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, June 21

General Staff Meeting, 10:15 a.m.
VBS Band Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
Community Outreach Team, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

Clothes Closet Opens, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 23

Open AA Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Augsburg Nursing Women’s Group, 10:30 a.m.
Clothes Closet Opens, 1:00 p.m.
Gardening Corps Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, June 26

Please participate in “the business of mission” at the Annual Meeting, which will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. **Annual meeting materials—including nominee information and the proposed budget are available at the Church Office and in South Commons today. The Annual Report—in a new, more effective format—will be distributed at the Annual Meeting next Sunday.**

Ice Cream and Hot Dog Social Sunday, July 3

Following a worship service featuring Dixieland-style music, we’ll gather outdoors for our annual old-fashioned 4th of July Ice Cream and Hot Dog Social. All are welcome at no charge! We’ve invited our neighbors to join us!

OWLS River Cruise and Play Thursday, July 14

Join Central’s Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) for a Paddleford Cruise on the Mississippi River followed by a performance of “The Demon Barber of Fleet Street” aboard the University of Minnesota Showboat. Cost: \$30.00. —*Reservations taken on the Plaza following Sunday worship on June 19 and 26.*

Central Night at the Ballpark Friday, August 26

Join your Central family as the Minnesota Twins take on the Detroit Tigers on Friday, August 26 at 7:10 p.m. Sixty tickets have been reserved and are available for \$26.00. Checks should be sent and made payable to Leon Tibben, 15143 Avocet Street NW, Andover, MN 55304. There will be free bus transportation from Central to Twins Stadium and return. For more information contact Leon at tibbtunes1@comcast.net or 763-413-1150.

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.

If you and your family (assuming there are four of you) brush your teeth twice a day for two minutes but turn off the faucet instead of letting it run, then your household alone would save 21 gallons of water a day, 150 gallons a week, and an incredible 7,700 gallons per year.

Source: *Earth’s Water Crisis* by Rob Bowden