



The Summer Spirit of Central

News about the mission of Central Lutheran Church — Downtown Minneapolis

September 5, 2010

New opportunities for worship, learning and service abound

Our new program year previews next weekend; help launch a new worship service

Central's 2010-2011 program year, which kicks off next Saturday and Sunday, brings many new opportunities for worship, learning and service here in the heart of the City. There's always a warm welcome at Central, but next weekend we're going to pull out all the stops as we welcome members and friends—old and new alike—to sample the opportunities of the coming year and to launch and celebrate a new Saturday evening worship service. "AutumnFest" will be a great opportunity to discover the spirit of Central!



AutumnFest

September 11-12, 2010

Discover the Spirit of Central!

Come and help launch a new worship service!

Months of study (by the 2009 Worship Task Force) and preparation (by the Worship Life Team) come to fruition next Saturday at 5:30 p.m. as

we launch a new worship service. All are invited and encouraged to come and be part of this historic launch. The service is being described as "45 minutes of inclusive, interactive, accessible and fresh liturgy." The service becomes a new option for Central regulars who cannot worship on a Sunday morning. And, through a series of promotional efforts, an invitation has been issued to both downtown residents and to those headed for an evening of dining or entertainment to "start your Saturday night in downtown Minneapolis with us!"

A unique feature of the Saturday evening service will be "Eucharist in the round," as Holy Communion will be served to participants gathered around the altar. Senior Pastor Rick Nelson will preach at the inaugural service. Organist and award-winning pianist Carolyn Diamond will serve as the principal musician for the new service.

"There will be a variety of sounds, moods and styles at both the organ and piano as we move through the seasons, but the organ will rock on September 11," said Carolyn. "Our mighty Casavant organ can whisper, it can soar; it can sing and it can roar!"

All are also invited to gather for a reception—a launch party—following the service, arranged by Central's Communications and Public Relations Ministry Team. There will be wine, hors d'oeuvres (from the Hilton Garden Inn) and live music on the Plaza—a time to celebrate the work of many who have brought the new service into being and to welcome new friends in "grand Central style."

Sunday offers a sampler of the year to come!

AutumnFest continues on Sunday morning as we return to two worship services (at 8:30 and 11:00) and offer a preview of all aspects of the coming program year. A Ministry Fair, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, will be an opportunity to learn about service, learning and fellowship opportunities offered by Central's more than 50 ministry teams. The preview of the coming year includes a "first look" at new learning opportunities for children, youth and adults alike—all offering new content from the SPARK "rotational" curriculum for children to a curriculum for adult education based on The Book of Faith

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in pictures

Snapshots of Our Life Together in Mission



Joe Bjordal



(Top left)
There was a generous response to “Backpack Sunday” as dozens of backpacks, filled with school supplies, were donated and blessed. The backpacks will be distributed through The Restoration Center.

(Top right)
Volunteer Paul

Troselius is undertaking a mammoth task—refinishing of the two wooden doors on the west side of the sanctuary. The old finish has been stripped; the wood sanded and a new finish will soon be applied. It’s a labor of love—mask required!



Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer

(Middle) Members of the Heading Home Central Ministry Team met at the Hilton Garden Inn

on August 31 to begin developing goals for the coming program year.



Joe Bjordal

(Bottom) A new “season” of quilting for Lutheran World Relief has begun—with the goal of surpassing last year’s

total of 156 quilts!



Evelyn Bill

Died Monday, August 30, age 77

Member of Central since 1968

Funeral — Wednesday, September 8

10:00 a.m. - Visitation; 11:00 a.m. - Service
Luncheon Following

*BLESSED BE THE MEMORY
OF THIS CHILD OF GOD
WHO LIVED AMONG US*

New opportunities for a new year . . . (continued from front page)

Initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a churchwide commitment to “encourage all members of our congregations to dig deeper into our book of faith, the Bible—a grassroots approach embracing a common vision in which all are invited to open scripture and join the conversation.”

Open houses; a coffee tasting and a world premiere

Sunday’s AutumnFest activities also include opportunities to tour The Restoration Center—Central’s center for social justice, service and advocacy, home to the Clothes Closet, and the children’s education area (on the second floor of the Education Building)—including the new Parents’ Lounge.

Members and visitors on September 12 will get to join with Lutherans around the church in sampling four new, fair trade coffee flavors from Lutheran World Relief. Participants in the coffee tasting will vote for their favorite flavor. The votes will not only help determine Central’s official new “house coffee” but will also be entered in a national contest sponsored by Lutheran World Relief—an opportunity to win coffee for individual entrants and for Central.

And, a major new piece of original art will be on exhibit in South Commons: the first of several murals (each 17-feet long) of “The Bible in Pictures,” a timeline of the Bible created by famed children’s book illustrator Peter Grosshauser. The concept and the art were inspired by the SPARK Story Bible, published by Augsburg Fortress. The murals will be a teaching tool in Central’s faith formation programs for children for generations to come.

All in all, AutumnFest promises to be a celebrative, informative and even historic weekend at Central Lutheran Church. Come and discover new opportunities and be on hand to extend Central’s legendary hospitality to many expected first-time visitors next weekend.

A card in the pew racks today can be used as your personal invitation to AutumnFest for family and friends! More are available at the Church Office.



Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project Update

Central Lutheran Church Women extend a sincere “thank you” to all who donated items for the school kits, which will be assembled on October 2 and sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for distribution in developing countries around the globe. If you were not able to contribute items, you may make a monetary donation of any amount to pay for shipment of 150 kits to LWR. (The cost to ship each kit is \$1.40.) Place your donation in a pew rack offering envelope marked for “School Kits” or bring to the Church Office. Or, donate

online at www.centralmpls.org—enter “School Kits” in the gift designation field.

Join in the assembly! Men, women and youth are invited to join the School Kit assembly event on Saturday, October 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Room 123. Sign up at the Church Office or after worship services on upcoming Sundays!

The Clothes Closet is collecting men’s clothing throughout September. There is a significant need for any items of men’s clothing. Always needed: sheets, pots, pans, towels, blankets and dishes.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 6 — Psalm 101; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Timothy 3:14—4:5 **Tuesday, September 7** — Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:9-18; 1 Timothy 4:6-16 **Wednesday, September 8** — Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:107; Luke 18:18-30 **Thursday, September 9** — Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:1-11 **Friday, September 10** — Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-10a **Saturday, September 11** — Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 8:20—9:7; John 10:11-21 **Sunday, September 12** — Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-1

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This Week

Central Meetings, Events and Community Service

CONSULT MONITOR OR OFFICE FOR LOCATIONS

Monday, September 6

Campus Closed—Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 7

General Staff Meeting, 10:15 a.m.
Community Ministry Employment Team,
5:30 p.m.
New Member Ministry Team, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

Heritage Ministry Team, 9:00 a.m.
Clothes Closet Opens, 10:00 a.m.
Grace Circle, 1:00 p.m.
Silver Bells Rehearsal, 1:30 p.m.
C3 Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.
Central Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 9

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.
Shared Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

Congregation Council Retreat, 9:00 a.m.
(at Luther Seminary)
Downtown Coalition for Grief Support,
9:30 a.m.
Autumn Fest — Saturday Evening Worship
Launches, 5:30 p.m. — followed by launch
party on the Plaza (weather permitting)

Downtown Coalition for Grief Support, Saturday, September 11

The Downtown Coalition for Grief Support, founded in 1997 and sponsored by Central Lutheran Church and eight other downtown congregations, is meeting at Central this fall—every Saturday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Lower Narthex. Each week there is a speaker and then small group discussion related to spouse, child, or family/friend loss. On September 11 Marilyn Wallick will share a personal story of spouse loss. All are welcome to join at anytime. For more information please contact Joan VanWirt at 612-333-3273.

Next Sunday

AutumnFest Continues

Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Ministry Fair at 9:30 (in Fellowship Hall)
Fellowship Times: 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 and 12:00
(see front page for more information)

Looking Ahead

Build with Habitat for Humanity, September 13-17

As a lead-up to the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project, October 4 - 8, our good neighbor,

Westminster Presbyterian Church, has invited other downtown congregations to join their work week this year, September 13 - 17. We'll be working on a rehab project in North Minneapolis. Recruiting volunteers has begun! Please contact Karen Knox, kknox@centralmpls.org, (612)767-9211 for more information or if you would like to sign up. As a reminder, in order to help you do not need to be skilled in carpentry nor do you need your own tools. There is plenty of work to do for volunteers with skills of all levels and even for those who think they have no skills! We hope you'll join our team of volunteers.

Lutherans on the Links— Annual Golf Tournament, October 3

This year, Central's annual golf tournament will benefit the Restoration Center. Hosted by Pastor Rick and Annette Nelson, and with special guest Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, Central's Community Ministries Coordinator, participants will tee off scramble format at 3:00 p.m. at Baker National Golf Course. Cost: \$75.00 per person (includes golf, cart, prizes, picnic supper and donation to the Restoration Center.) Or, come for dinner only at the Baker Clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. for only \$25 per person. The fourth annual "Bill Schuelke Spirit of Golf Award" will be presented. Questions? Call Rebecca Sundquist (952-935-5300) or Jim Heintz (763-374-9578). Sign up with Jim or Rebecca on the North Plaza after worship today or leave a check (made payable to Central Lutheran Church) at the Church Office. Or, pay by credit card: log onto www.centralmpls.org; click on "Donate Online Here" and enter "golf tournament" in the gift designation field.

Individual hole sponsorships (two for each of the nine holes) are also being sought for \$100 each and can be given by check or by credit card as described above.

OWLS to hear Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, October 24

Reservations accepted today!

Join Central's OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) on Sunday, October 24 to hear a concert by the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra at Benson Great Hall at Bethel College. Cost: \$17.00, includes concert, lunch and transportation. A small lunch will be served immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service. Motorcoach leaves Central at 1:15 p.m. Concert begins at 2:00. Return to Central by 4:30 p.m. Reserve your place at Fellowship Time following the service today and the next two Sundays.

WomenSpirit presents Linn Maxwell, October 28, St. Olaf Catholic Church

WomenSpirit, an organization of which Central is a member, along with other downtown congregations, the League of Catholic Women and Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality presents "Hildegard of Bingen and the Living Light" — a one-woman show by mezzo soprano Linn Maxwell. Accompanying herself on authentic medieval instruments, Maxwell will perform seven of Hildegard's original songs and read from the mystic's letters and writings. Tickets: \$20-available at www.brownpapertickets.org or at the door. For more information visit www.womenspirit-twincities.com.