

The Courier



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UPCOMING Events

*Pastor Jen's going-away
gathering,*
Sunday, June 28

*Child Ministry Team
meeting,*
Sunday, July 5, noon

Grief Support groups,
every Saturday in July
at SH, 9:30 am

FCC Board Meeting,
Tuesday, July 21, 7 pm

Be a part of Disciple presence at Pride



The Twin Cities Pride Festival is this weekend (June 27 & 28), and we need your help! Once again, there will be a joint Disciples of Christ booth with members from First, Spirit of Joy, and FCC St. Paul, and we are going to be in the parade. We've really streamlined the materials, so it will be very simple, plus we are going to have bubbles and wristbands to hand out. There are two ways you can help:

- 1) We need people to staff the booth in 2-hour shifts Saturday and Sunday. The booth is located at the south end of the park. [Sign up for booth shifts](#) on this link.
- 2) We need people to join us in the parade to hand out info cards, bubbles and wristbands. The bus will be part of the contingent, so you can ride the bus the whole way, or you walk some and ride some, or walk the entire route. There will be water on the bus for the parade marchers. Please talk to Pastor Dan if you are interested.

This is a great opportunity for us to demonstrate that All Means ALL and that all are welcome at the table!

Two chances to serve at Mission at Our Doorstep

Mission at our Doorstep 2015 will be in two parts this summer – based on feedback from the congregation in a survey the Mission & Outreach committee took this spring. There will be two days of activities, all in the evening, in July, and four days of both daytime and evening projects in August.



Here is the tentative schedule for July:

July 7 or 9: We will put together backpacks for YouthLink. We will offer hospitality to the neighborhood through the lemonade/dog treat stand. We will pickup trash around the SpringHouse neighborhood.

July 8: We will put together 40 health kits for Church World Service. We will make 200 sandwiches for The Sandwich Man (Allen Law) to distribute to the homeless community and decorate Meals on Wheels bags for Community Emergency Service.

Sign up sheets are in the North Sanctuary for these projects – and also for contributing materials and/or cash to purchase materials for the kits and sandwiches.

The August activities will be from **August 19 through August 22** and will include daytime off-site projects as well as day and evening activities at SpringHouse. Watch for more information in the Courier, in church emails, and in Sunday services.



In Our Prayers

Prayers of Joy

*For Pastor Jen Nagel's years as pastor of Salem English Lutheran and her leadership in making SpringHouse a reality
For all children, teachers and helpers engaged in Vacation Bible School*

Prayers of Sympathy

*For Brooke Apple whose uncle passed away
For Lu Griffin and Brenda Neudeck who lost family friends*

Prayers for Health

*Don Cain
Max Hurlocker
Skip Wolverton
Irene Hackett
Val Dunham's brother*

Prayers for Concern

For all our homebound members including Elaine Glore and Elaine Moe

Prayers for Community

For the Charleston, SC community who grieve the loss of friends and family



A message from PASTOR LAURIE



A full heart this week, much to say

There is so much to share this week and at the same time I am at a loss for words. First I will share. I have finished the first three-week intensive classes for my Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Preaching at Luther Theological Seminary. Over the next eight months I will complete the work required for this summer: two sermons, two reflection papers, an exegetical paper, five meetings with a Preaching Response Group, a Literature Review paper and a fifteen page Integrative paper. Your prayers and support have meant the world to me and I thank you.

This Sunday will be Pastor Jen's last Sunday at Salem Lutheran. Jen, along with Don Portwood, were the driving forces behind SpringHouse Ministry Center. They graciously welcomed First Christian into the creation of this incredible ministry that we now share. While it is sad to see Jen go we offer our thanksgiving for the congregation that she will serve, for her ministry at Salem and at the new congregation and anticipate with thanksgiving the Pastor who will be called to Salem and be a part of SpringHouse. If you are able please be at church this Sunday as we say "God Speed" to Jen.

This Sunday is also PRIDE Sunday. Pastor Dan has worked very hard on organizing our church, Sprit of Joy and First St. Paul to staff a booth and be a part of the parade of Sunday. A group of people from all three churches gathered at SpringHouse on Wednesday evening to put together materials to be handed out during this weekend's events. This is a great opportunity for us to share our story and the who we are as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with all who will attend PRIDE .

Now for the loss of words. My dear friend and former Associate Regional Minister for the Upper Midwest Region, Rev. Dani Loving Cartwright, has articulated my thoughts so here are her words:

Today, I find myself out of words. I want to write words that motivate people to make difficult and life-changing decisions in how they live. I want to inspire someone to think twice before they tell the joke that is demeaning to a neighbor. I want to encourage those who have been enculturated to dehumanize a group of human beings to get a grip on why and how they participate in the dehumanizing. And then....I realize the only person I can change is me. A South Carolina senator wrote yesterday that he is working on legislation, " because my friend Clementa and his 8 parishioners died." He ended his comment with, "I should be ashamed. I have known this was wrong for a long time and did nothing."

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers and guide our footsteps to new realities and new actions.

Much love and peace, Pastor Laurie

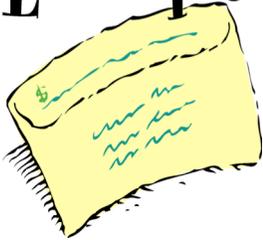
Pastors to attend General Assembly July 18-22

Pastor Laurie Feille, Pastor Dan Adolphson and Rev. Bryan Feille will represent First Christian in Columbus, Ohio, at this year's General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ. Pastor Laurie will work in the Rippling Hope booth (FCC's Detroit Mission team works through with Rippling Hope), and Pastor Dan's main role this year will be in the GLAD Alliance booth, helping manage GLAD events at General Assembly, and interfacing with other social justice organizations within the DOC during assembly.

Offering Envelopes:

More important that you think!

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The offering envelope you use to hold a check or cash for the offering plate is more important than you think. It's so important in the process of collecting and recording offerings that tellers have to make an envelope if you didn't use one!

The teller's job works best when you write your name on an envelope and clearly mark both the amount and the purpose of the offering you are making. Tellers always make sure that the offering matches

the information on the envelope. If a person puts a check in the offering plate without an envelope, a teller has to make an envelope with the donor's name, the amount, and sometimes an educated guess about the intention of the offering.

The checks and cash go to the bank, and the envelopes go to Barb Rusinak, our church's Financial Secretary, who records the offerings electronically. This electronic record is what is used to generate the statements of giving that you receive quarterly. Be sure to check these statements carefully, and let Barb or the church office know if money you have donated has been incorrectly allocated.

The tellers thank you in advance for your new commitment to always using and carefully marking offering envelopes!

Last chance to get some extra folding chairs

The SpringHouse Buildings & Grounds committee has decided to sell the building's extra metal unpadding folding chairs, many of which came from our old FCC building. The chairs have not been used and are taking up valuable space. They are yours for a donation (or just the taking away) through this weekend. After that, the chairs will be sold to the public.

FCC Board Notes

Fifteen people attended the May 19 meeting of FCC's General Board. Highlights from the meeting include the following:

- FCC will present a gift to Pastor Jen Nagel on her last Sunday, June 28. Salem will get an interim from the Synod for about 6 months as the church searches; the Salem congregation will have a vote and choice on who is the new pastor.
- Pastor Dan Adolphson launched the new website and is looking for feedback on any features, links or content that need adjusting.
- According to the Treasurer's Report, income from pledges in April was \$15,863.40. Total actual pledged income to date is \$58,008, compared to total anticipated pledges to date of \$65,333. We also had income from interest and the reserve fund.
- Trustee Skip Wolverton gave an update on the amount in the various trustee funds. Anyone interested in those figures can contact Skip for details.

July 2015 First Christian Church				Sunday Morning Schedule 9:00 Spiritual Formation Classes 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship Time in Gathering Space			
			1 10:30 Staff Meeting	2 9 am Ecumenical women's ministry 7 pm Pastor Dan's PRC	3	4 Happy Fourth of July!!! 9:30 Grief Support	
5 North Sanctuary 12:00 Child Ministry Team Mtg.	6	7 TBD Mission at our Doorstep	8 2 pm Mission & Outreach Team 6 pm – Light Supper 6:30 pm Mission at Our Doorstep	9 9 am Ecumenical women's ministry 7 pm Pastor Laurie PRC TBD Mission at Our Doorstep	10	11 9 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 Grief Support	
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	The	Woodlands	Christian Church	Youth Mission	Trip		
12 North Sanctuary 12:00 SpringHouse Green Team Mtg.	13	14 7 pm SHMC Finance	15 10:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 Finance Committee	16 9 am Ecumenical women's ministry	17 SHMC Camping Weekend	18 9 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 Grief Support General Assembly Begins	
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19 North Sanctuary Noon SHMC Activistas 5 pm Elders at Hillestead's SHMC Camping	20 6:45 SpringHouse Building Committee Mtg.	21 7 pm FCC Board Meeting	22 2:30 Groveland Food Shelf Board Meeting in Lydia	23 9 am Ecumenical women's ministry	24 40/50 Somethings at the Saints Game	25 9 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 Grief Support	
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26 North Sanctuary	27	28 Destination: Paraguay Group Leaves	29	30	31		
Hillside	Christian	Church	Youth	Mission	Trip		

	Elders	Worship Leader	Children's Moment	Diaconate	Bus Drivers
July 5	Karen Kandik Mike Hesano	Garry Hesser	Dan Adolphson	C. Allen N. Curry	Mike Morgan 612.926-9834
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July 19	Mike Hesano Val Dunham	Martha Harris	Deb Murphy	W. Kaaka A. Rennert	Mike Hesano 651-645-6758
July 26	Lu Griffin Barb Creighton	Barb Creighton	Steve Rusinak	R. Rennert M. Rennert	Mike Morgan 612.926-9834

Note: Please call drivers by Saturday for Sunday bus ride

MN Council of Churches sponsors Ramadan events



Our Muslim neighbors are in the midst of observing Ramadan, the month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset; this year it falls between the dates of June 18 - July 17. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam, and is performed to learn compassion, self-restraint, and generosity.

Once again the Minnesota Council of Churches is sponsoring a series of open houses in mosques and Islamic Community Centers to welcome their non-

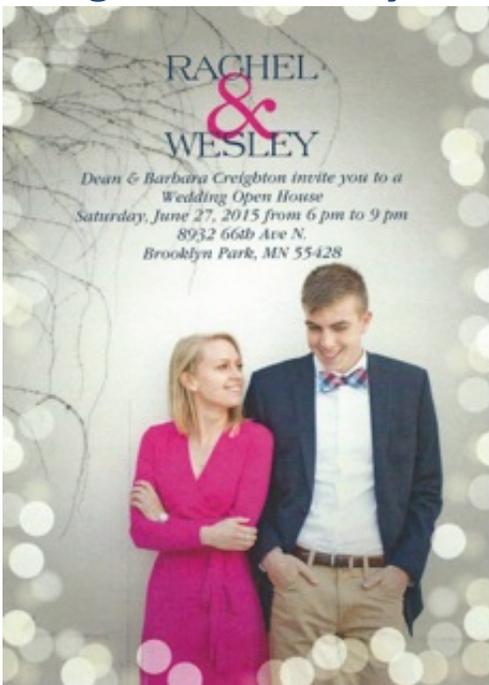
Muslim neighbors for a traditional Ramadan Iftar meal, the meal that breaks the fast.

Known as Taking Heart, this long-running program is organized by the Council and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS); it brings Christians and members of other faith communities together with Muslims for food and conversation. Several members of First Christian have participated in this event, and have found it very rewarding.

You can still register for dinners around the Twin Cities until July 17 at this link:

<http://mnchurches.org/respectfulcommunities/interfaithprogramming/takingheart/registration.html>

Creightons invite you to Open House June 27



Join the Creighton family in celebrating the recent wedding of Wesley Creighton and Rachel Philip Creighton on Saturday evening, June 27, from 6 to 9 pm at the Creighton home.

SH Board Notes

Below are some highlights from SpringHouse board meetings held in April and May. Contact Board Secretary Garry Hesser if you would like full copies of the minutes.

- “Share the Care” is slated for September 12

- Mary Vanderford (Lyndale) is planning and coordinating carpet cleaning schedule

- The board discussed the Greenway Clean-Up tradition and voted to continue with it and contribute \$175 dues

- The SH Board passed a motion to take June, July and December off for 2015, with co-chairs evaluating and planning each meeting’s purpose.

- The Emergency Procedures Guide is in final process, with suggestions still being sought, along with approval by each of the churches.

- A committee will be named to explore the LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) and other legal options, with two members to be named from each congregation:

Pat Dunlop and Skip Wolverton will represent FCC
Antone Melton-Meaux and Paul Wharton will represent Salem

Lyndale will name two representatives

Sundays at First Christian Church

Worship at 10:30

Before Worship:

Spiritual Formation Classes:

9:00 Hearthstone Class,

9:15 Art of the Covenant; Adult Ed Book Study

After Worship

11:45 Fellowship Time

Narrative Lectionary

Readings for

Sunday, June 28

Thanksgiving

Psalm 40: 1-10



Reflections on the Word

Psalm 40:3b He set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

The opening verses of this psalm of thanksgiving catalogue the ways God has helped: (God) heard my cry. . . drew me up from the miry bog. . . set my feet on a rock. . . put a new song in my mouth. In three short verses, the psalmist captures the power of God's transformative love, a love that listens, bears us up through crisis and finally gifts us with new life where none was expected.

Sustaining God, May we express our gratitude for your grace to you and to the world. Amen.

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*A Welcoming Community of Faith in the
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