



the Spirit

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life together

What's in a Name?

Where did we get the names for our new spaces?

Some names evolved functionally: The great room follows a familiar label of the central room of open floor plan homes, in this our parish

house. We had to have a fireside room in a nod to our past and heritage. Beyond that there is the welcome desk, the tiled concourses (familiar "public space" language for the wide south entrance and main traffic ways) the south lawn (or backyard?), the north foyer, the patio... to add to the sanctuary, narthex, sacristy, bell tower and north plaza.

But for other rooms we've selected key events from the life of Jesus as the guide for naming our new spaces. We used the festivals of Jesus from the church year calendar as our guide (in church year order):

The **Nativity** room (baby Jesus, God's Word in our midst) houses the nursery, Bible studies, and meetings;

The **Epiphany** room (where God is revealed) for Bible study and meetings (We'll hope for many epiphanies);

The **Trinity** room is inspired by the Baptism of Our Lord. (Baptism room seemed confusing);

The **Bethesda** room - This site of Jesus' healing ministry suggested the name for the Augsburg Central Health Commons/formation room;

The **Transfiguration** room for the free store and formation (think Jesus' garments at Transfiguration);

The **Holy Cross** room (think Good Friday, but would be an odd name for a room) for a prayer corner and Bible study;

The **Resurrection** room in the office wing is for meetings, counseling and life passages planning (discussions in hope of resurrection).

Since all the rooms are multi-purpose these creative room names allow the flexibility of use that was designed into the plan. To some degree we'll hope to have art in the rooms that reflects their name.

The service areas: loading dock, pantry, kitchen, staff offices, utility, storage, consultation, service hall, elevator lobby, great room stairs, welcome desk stairs, back porch, upper and lower restrooms, family restrooms, parent room, etc. are clear by their function or location. We anticipate a facelift for the lower narthex once we're settled into the new space. Those rooms will likely receive new flexible identities in the process as well...maybe the gospel writers... Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Pastor C

100th Anniversary Year Highlights

Here are the upcoming key dates of celebrating our 100th Anniversary for you to note:

November 2018

17/18: Stewardship Weekend

January 2019

12/13/14: Guest Preacher: Rev. Kristine Stedje and potluck on Sunday

February 2019

10: Annual Meeting
17: Historical Hymn Sing

March 2019

3: Family Fun Event - 2DefyGravity

Abundant Generosity – Making our Faith Promises

Last weekend we offered our faith promises, our financial intentions, as an act of worship. If you were not able to be here, you can make your faith promise this weekend by simply placing it in the offering plate along with your weekly offering. We make our faith promises as an act of faith because of God's love for us. The Ushers will have extra intention packets if you forgot to bring yours. Thank you for your abundant generosity!

Sunday Morning Adult Forum Resumes December 2

The Sunday morning adult forum will officially start up again on December 2. We begin the conversation on faith stories. The deacon and pastors will begin this year's emphasis, then will be joined by members of the congregation who will share their faith stories. Within each faith story God is at work, and the connections in your life will unfold. Plan to join in each of these adult forums. The forums begin at 9:30 a.m. in the lower narthex.

Please note: there is no adult forum this weekend, November 25.

worship and formation

Guide to Prayer

Listening for God

The Bible speaks of the kingdom of God. This final weekend in the church year is called "Christ the King." They are images from a time gone by, especially for those of us who live in a democracy. Some scholars offer an interesting image in contrast to kingdom and king: the dream of God and Jesus as God's dream or dreamer. It opens a different question for prayer as we listen for the voice of God. Rather than asking what is the kingdom of God, what if we ask what is the dream of God? What does God's dreamer, Jesus, invite us to dream about? This weekend in the gospel reading Jesus is asked if he is a king, once again he changes the conversation and invites us to listen to his voice. "Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37)

Listening to your life

Pause for a moment each day, light a candle to welcome God's presence. Take time to listen for God's word of unconditional love for you. Each day prayerfully ponder the question: what is God's dream for the world and for my life? How do you hear the voice of God inviting you to dream and join in God's dream for the world? How do your dreams connect to the truth of God's love in Jesus Christ? Offer all of this to God in daily prayer.

Central Choir to Offer Vivaldi's "Magnificat"

On Sunday, December 16 (the third Sunday of Advent) the Central Choir, along with soloists Froya Olson, Robin Helgen and Brianna Eklund, will be presenting Antonio Vivaldi's setting of the Magnificat as part of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Members of the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra will provide instrumental accompaniment. Vivaldi's setting of Mary's song from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke is a choral gem. Originally composed between 1713 and 1717, Vivaldi later created a second version by modifying some of the parts. The modified version (from 1739) includes virtuosic soprano and alto solos that were written specifically for some of his more brilliant students at the Ospedale della Pietà in Venice. Come, mark this Advent season in a special way.

Holy Communion Class

Saturday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: we have rescheduled this class for December 15.

Please join Pastor C and Pastor Stephanie for a morning of bread baking and instruction around the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If you, your children or someone you know is interested or curious about what Holy Communion means for us, please plan to spend a few hours with us. For the parents of our Sunday School children, this is a Milestone class for our students who have or have not received their First Communion. We look forward to spending time with you and talking about this remarkable meal. If you have questions, please email Pastor Stephanie at sfriesen@centralmpls.org. You can sign up at the welcome desk.

Advent Prayer Station

For your Advent reflection, stop at the sanctuary prayer space in the northwest corner. Take time for prayer and reflection on the "Advent Perspectives" crèche cards by choosing a companion for your journey.

Advent Devotionals

Advent Devotionals are available for your daily prayer during the season of Advent. The devotionals will be handed out by members of the Prayer Ministry Team this weekend.

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group will be volunteering at First Covenant Church at 810 S 7th St., Minneapolis on Thursday, November 29 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. We will be preparing, serving, and cleaning up after dinner. Please join us for our service event. If you have questions please feel free to contact Pastor Stephanie at sfriesen@centralmpls.org.

community

Nominating Committee Invitation

The Nominating Committee is working on the invitations for serving in leadership roles for 2019. Are you feeling the tug to be part of leadership? If you are, please contact Pastor Peter to explore where your gifts can connect to the leadership needs in the life of the congregation. You can reach him via email at pnycleemoe@centralmpls.org or call him at the church office. You can also find him after worship to talk about your interests and questions.

Surviving Spouses Luncheon

Sunday, December 9, 12:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn

The Central Lutheran Foundation is sponsoring a luncheon for those who have lost their spouse in the last few years. To RSVP, please contact Inez Bergquist by November 30 at foundation@centralmpls.org or 651-260-6312.

Drop off Areas for Handicapped and Others

There are two areas designed for dropping off for those with limited mobility and for general drop off. The first is in the front of the new addition on 12th Street at the curbcut. With the new addition it is now the closest drop off with immediate entrance into the great room and the sanctuary. The second is at the loading dock on 4th Avenue. There is sidewalk access, just past the loading doors, that brings you right under the canopy, and to the south doors. Note that the electronic assist door is one of the four doors in the front and not the side door. After dropping off at either location, the driver can use the 4th Avenue entrance.

Both of these drop-off areas are closer to the entrances than the previous building, and in closer proximity to the sanctuary and without stairs or grade changes.

There are also a number of handicap parking stalls in the parking ramp, on the main level and the lower levels by the parking ramp elevator. Access to the building from these spots is close and with the new sanctuary doors installed it will be a short walk to the sanctuary. Or as a wonderful member pointed out, we did not move the sanctuary or the parking lot so the walk from where we park to our pew is the same distance! Please pass the word about these two drop-off locations to your Central friends.

Building Renewal Notes

Remember, occupancy does not mean completion. The work continues on completing items on the "punch list." The work continues on the installation of the fire-rated doors between the sanctuary and the new facility. If all goes well this week we will be using the doors for worship this weekend. The work on other details will continue for at least another month.

PARKING: The cattle/snow gate entrance on 3rd Avenue will be open for worship parking this weekend. The other primary entrances are open: use 12th Street in front of the church to access the new 4th Avenue entrance, or enter through the 15th Street gate. Thanks for your flexibility as this work is completed.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Here are the current things you can sign up for at the welcome desk.



- Holy Communion Class
- OWLS Holiday Luncheon
- Hosts for Advent Vespers
- Pick up 100th Anniversary logo Items purchased online
- Purchase Poinsettias

Augsburg University Advent Vespers

Thursday, November 29 at 8 p.m. (open rehearsal)

Friday, November 30, at 5 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 1, at 2 and 5 p.m.

Advent Vespers celebrates the beginning of the Christmas season with traditional and contemporary hymns, anthems, and carols. The Augsburg University Advent Vespers celebration is one of the largest holiday music events in the Twin Cities with over 10,000 worshipers participating annually. More information at www.augsburg.edu/music/vespers. There will not be a regular 5:00 p.m. Saturday service on December 1.

Safety and Entrances

The building has an intentional design for entrances. The new south entrance is the primary entrance from the parking lot. The other primary entrance is the new north door by the bell tower, and there is a new ramp with an automatic door. The main "cathedral" doors will not be open for entering for worship, but you can still exit out of these doors. Having us all enter either by the new south or north doors provides safety, limited mobility accessibility and supports Dwayne and the security staff in their work to provide a safe and secure place for all.

news and happenings

Hosts Needed for Augsburg University Advent Vespers

Central Lutheran has a great honor of welcoming thousands of visitors to the annual Augsburg Vespers services each year. You are invited to be part of that welcoming tradition by volunteering to be a host at one (or more!) of the services. As you consider volunteering, you can expect to arrive at least one hour prior to the service and stay at least 30 minutes after the concert to help "straighten up." In addition, you'll be able to enjoy a meaningful service at the start of Advent and have fun working with other Central members and Augsburg volunteers. It will be an exciting year as we get to introduce our new building as part of our centenary year. Contact Judith Hedman at hedman.judith@gmail.com or leave your full name and email address with the church office.

The services will be Thursday, November 29 at 8:00 p.m. (open dress rehearsal); Friday, November 30 at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

100th Anniversary Logo Items

For those who ordered 100th Anniversary logo items, you can pick up your purchases at the welcome desk this weekend.

Christmas Poinsettia Sales

This season, to honor or remember loved ones, please contribute to our poinsettia garden! To purchase a poinsettia (cost is \$10 per plant), visit the welcome desk. Poinsettias will be used to decorate our sanctuary and some will be delivered early to our homebound members and Friends of Central beginning the weekend of December 8/9.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Confirmation & High School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Choristers' Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:30 a.m. Free Store Opens
9:30 a.m. Augsburg Central Health Commons
10:30 a.m. Mental Health Open Hours
11:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Community Meal
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
12:00 p.m. StreetSong Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Congregation Council
7:00 p.m. Peace with Justice Team

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Preacher
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Central Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30 a.m. Street Voices of Change
9:30 a.m. Augsburg Central Health Commons
9:30 a.m. Free Store Opens
8:00 p.m. Augsburg Vespers Dress Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:00 p.m. Augsburg Vespers
8:00 p.m. Augsburg Vespers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

2:00 p.m. Augsburg Vespers
5:00 p.m. Augsburg Vespers



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