



Crosswinds

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“Duty & Delight” Movie Gets Rave Reviews

It is our
**Duty &
Delight**

The nine showings of the “Duty & Delight” stewardship movie were very well attended, with almost two-thirds of St. Barnabas households able to make one of the showings. That’s a great turnout!

The “bloopers reel” (to which Pastor Wayne and Pastor Chris had many contributions) was especially enjoyable, but many positive comments were also received about the message of the film and the way it was presented.

A special word of thanks goes to **Darin Troftgruben**. Darin did all the filming and editing and turned out a very high quality product.

Those who were able to attend one of the showings now have their 2009 pledge cards. These can be brought to worship and placed in the offering this weekend or returned by mail.

For those who were not able to attend a showing, copies of the DVD are being made and will be mailed out this coming week. Folks are asked to watch the

movie (35 minutes), read the accompanying material, and return their pledge card at worship or by mail within a week’s time.

The goal is to receive all the pledge cards by the end of November.



Come, You Thankful People, Come
Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26
7:00 p.m.

Pie & Coffee following

If you would be willing to provide a pie, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Thanks!

News from Our Partner Congregations

Dybvigs Return from Nigeria

Ann & Andy Dybvig are scheduled to return from Nigeria on Friday, Nov. 14 where they have spent two weeks with a group of 18 from the Minneapolis Area Synod visiting the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria.

In the middle of the trip, Ann & Andy were able to spend three days in the city of Hong visiting St. Barnabas’ partner congregation, **Church of the Messiah**. After they have recovered from jet lag, we look forward to hearing a report of their visit and the greetings they will bring from our brothers and sisters in Christ at Church of the Messiah.

St. Paul Hosts Partner Sunday, Nov. 23

St. Barnabas is one of four companion congregations to **St. Paul Lutheran Church** on 15th Av. & 28th St. in south Minneapolis, the others being Diamond Lake (Minneapolis), Advent (Anoka), and Gethsemane (Hopkins).

St. Paul is hosting a “Partner Sunday” on Nov. 23 and invites members of its companion congregations to join them for worship at 10:00 (English) or 12:00 (Spanish). Bishop Craig Johnson will be preaching. If you are interested in being part of a group of St. Barnabas folks who attend the service, sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Pastor Chris (763-553-1239).

November Discovery & Growth Series on New Testament Figures

D&G

Discovery & Growth is an adult education opportunity that meets most Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30 in the Gardenview Room.

People are encouraged to worship at 9:00, enjoy fellowship with others in the Ministry Center from 10-10:30, and then get in the habit of making D&G part of their Sunday morning routine.

During November the D&G classes will focus on five figures of the New Testament. The sessions will begin with a 30-minute video presentation taught by Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. There will then be discussion moderated by Paul Nicholson.

The dates and topics are as follows:

- Nov 16 **John the Baptist.** Professor Levine discusses the program of John as compared to the message of Jesus. Was there some competition between the followers of Jesus and John? Where does Elijah fit in? Did John play the role of Elijah or not?
- Nov 23 **Virgin Mary.** We will study all the New Testament texts that mention Mary as well as non-canonical references, looking at some of the legends that have grown up around her.
- Nov 30 **Joseph, Magi, and Shepherds.** Leading into the month of December we will study figures of the Christmas stories. How do they all fit into the birth of the Savior? Does the Bible say the Magi were kings?

Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting - Nov. 23

Eric Gustavson, a new member of St. Barnabas and retired pastor, is leading a trip to the Holy Land and Egypt in October, 2009. He will hold an interest meeting in the Fireside Room on Sunday, November 23, at 10:15 a.m. If you have any interest in a trip to Israel and Egypt, grab your coffee and treat and take them to the Fireside Room and learn what would be involved.

If you are interested but can't make it to the meeting, call Eric at 763-473-2991, or email him at ericjgustavson@hotmail.com. There are brochures on the Welcome Center.



Self Defense Class in December

St. Barnabas member **Dean Lillie** has been an instructor in the martial arts for many years. On Thursday evenings, Dec. 4 & 11, from 6:30-8:00, Dean will offer an introductory class in self defense. Women, men, teens, and children are welcome. Participants should wear loose clothing that enables them to move easily. There is no charge. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Ongoing groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Ross Patton** (763-544-3617) or **Brenda Pearcy** (763-550-1759).

"Barney's Boys"

Men's study and fellowship group meets every other Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m. at Panera, Hwy 55 & County Road 24. Next meeting is Nov. 22. They are currently discussing the book, *Wild at Heart* by John Eldridge. For more information contact **Bob Murphey** at 763-475-2397 or bjmurphey@comcast.net.

Pastor's Class

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. New participants are welcome at any time. The group is currently studying the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

JustWomen

Pastor Chris leads these Bible studies Two options are offered:

- Thursday Mornings, 9:30-11 a.m. *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian.*
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. *Life in the Promised Land*

Divine Drama

Adult study of the sacraments, creed, and ethics. Led by David Lindblom. Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00.

Knitters & Crocheters

The groups generally meets the 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. but because this falls at Thanksgiving and Christmas, there will be only one meeting for November and December on Wednesday, December 3. Work on your own project. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact **Mary Pestel** 763-559-9138. Next meeting is Nov. 26.

Quilters

First Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting December 5. All skill levels are welcome. **Audrey Johnson** 763-559-4459.

Soup N'Bread

Soup N' Bread is a monthly lunch gathering of those "55 & better" on the 3rd Friday of the month. The next gathering will be Friday, November 21, at noon.

November “Gift of Love” for IOCP Housing Assistance

Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP) launches its 13th annual Sleep Out Campaign on November 15 to raise awareness of the need and funds for affordable housing in the communities it serves. Given the financial crisis and rising rate of foreclosures in the suburbs, families IOCP serves are facing housing challenges unlike ever before.

“To fully meet the basic housing needs of the people we serve, we need to raise \$2 million,” said LaDonna Hoy, IOCP executive director. “Our real goal is to be able to respond to the requests of more than 900 families in the coming year.” The campaign runs from November 15 to December 23.

Our goal for the “Gift of Love” each month is for every household to give something, whether it is 50¢, \$5, or \$50. Thanks for your gifts.

Prayers for The Sleep Out

St. Barnabas is joining with other community congregations in undergirding the **The Sleep Out** in daily prayer. St. Barnabas is responsible for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 & 22, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Private space will be provided in the church counseling office, along with readings and prayer suggestions? Sign up for a one-hour time slot at the Welcome Center or by calling Pastor Chris at 763-553-1239.

5th Annual *Just*Gifts Market Dec. 6 & 7

*Just*Gifts invites you to its fifth year of simple gift-giving that is both meaningful and significantly helpful. Once again, shoppers will have many affordable gifts from around the world to choose from, both fair trade handcraft items and “*just*” or charitable gifts.

This year’s market will be held at St. Barnabas Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rather than giving lots of “things”, give lots of meaning by purchasing a charitable gift in someone’s honor. If it is for a teacher, give a scholarship for students in Tanzania. If it’s for the handy-man, give building supplies for the hospital in Demsa, Nigeria. From mosquito nets to meals for an AIDS orphan, St. Paul Lutheran in Minneapolis to a high school library in Slovakia, you’re likely to find something for everyone on your list.

Community Conversations on Affordable Housing

In the past year, there have been 218 foreclosures in the Interfaith Outreach service area (primarily the Wayzata school district), including 155 in Plymouth and 18 in Wayzata. The western suburbs will need more than 1,800 affordable housing units in the next 12 years, but currently none are under construction. Join LaDonna Hoy, IOCP executive director, at IOCP for a conversation on the growing housing concerns in our community, and how we can inform and engage others. Your input is critical! Call Jill Kohler (952-404-9388) to reserve a place on one of the following dates. Lunch/refreshments will be provided.

- Thursday, Nov. 20, noon–1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 2, 5–6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 10, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 15, noon–1 p.m.

Lutefisk Dinner Set for Dec. 13

Chef Jim Cook and crew will serve a Lutefisk Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. In addition to the traditional lutefisk, there will be meatballs, savory wild salmon, and all the traditional fixings on the menu. The cost is \$16 for adults, \$8 for children under 12.

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to come. Jim will be needing lots of help to prepare, serve and clean up. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center. (The benefit for helping is that you get to eat for free!)

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion group gets together on the third Thursday evening of each month of the school year. New participants (both women and men) are always welcome. One can come on a regular basis or just for a single time. Just contact the host for the evening to let them know you are coming.

November 20

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
Host: Kim Moen 763-550-9537

December 18

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
Host needed. (A new style of book called a graphic novel. Carol Allen has a supply of these and will make them available)

Music Notes

Jeff Whitmill



The Armenian-American composer Alan Hovhaness was at a reception at Texas Tech when a student began to complain at great length and volume about a certain political radio station. The student asked Hovhaness what he thought about it. "Just don't pay attention to it. Pay attention to your own work and develop that."

Good advice for us all, methinks.

Hovhaness wrote 67 symphonies, one of which had 24 movements. We will not be presenting that work in church; you can breathe easy now. But we will be presenting his setting of *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* at the early service on Nov. 16. It's a new tune for Isaac Watts' timeless paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5.

On Nov. 23 both services will hear Psalm 100 ("Make a joyful noise to the LORD"), set for chorus, brass septet and three percussionists. I wrote this after listening to Leonard Bernstein's marvelous setting of the psalm in *The Chichester Psalms*. Bernstein's composition is a marvelous piece, but we lack the time, resources and space to do it. I figured to do something more workable with what we had.

I thought at first to set the piece in Hebrew (as did Bernstein) - but after 3 hours of trying to figure out what the vowels were and where they went, I decided to just go with English. Besides, my last Psalm setting (96) had so many musical lines going on at once that it might as well have been in Hebrew, for all you could tell. Think of this as a kinder, gentler psalm.

Center for the Arts

Jeff Whitmill



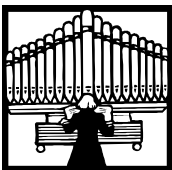
Two items at the SBCA vie for your attention in the coming weeks.

The first you may well have already discovered — the fabulous works of Plymouth artist **Laurette Oolman** adorning our Gardenview Gallery walls: oils, acrylics and mixed-media works in abstract and impressionistic styles, bursting out of the walls in a cascade of colors. And you won't need your reading glasses to see them, either. They're some of the largest works we've yet displayed.

Our second attraction comes Saturday evening, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. Jazz@StBarney's presents the **CC Septet**. A couple of saxes, a trumpet, trombone, piano, bass and drums will light up our Ministry Center. Local jazz critic Andrea Canter, writing on the *Jazz Police* website said of an upcoming performance by the group (referencing the band's first CD): "If the band has half the energy and inventive interplay on the live stage as they demonstrate on this recording, the Dakota may need extra fire protection." Come watch the sparks fly.

CC Septet includes **Ralph Brindle** on trombone. Ralph has played here often for church services. He's married to St. Barnabas member (and recently elected Edina city councilwoman) **Mary Brindle**.

Upcoming SBCA Concerts



Jazz@StBarney's Saturday, Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m. CC Septet

A couple of saxes, a trumpet, trombone and rhythm section - superior performers all - get together to bring on one of the most energetic, tightly-harmonized programs you'll hear all year. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Free popcorn, coffee and lemonade will be provided; soft drinks will be available for 50 cents.

Lunchtime Organ Recital Series December 11, 12:30 p.m. Joe Henry, Delano, MN

The St. Barnabas Center for the Arts Organ Recital Series offers lunch time concerts on the second Thursday of each month, from 12:30-1:00. A simple lunch is served prior to each recital from 11:30-12:15. Please RSVP for the lunch, 763-553-1239.

Christmas Giving Opportunities

St. Barnabas households will have several options for sharing Christmas with folks who are experiencing tough economic times. More information on all options will be in the next *Crosswinds*, but this early notice is given so that people can start thinking about which program would give them delight to participate in.

Shoe Box Christmas

Shoe Box Christmas is a program that St. Barnabas created several years ago. It is coordinated this year by **Kendall Valentine**, one of our high school seniors. St. Barnabas partners with Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP) in Wayzata to provide gifts to children who did not get registered for the IOCP Christmas Party in early December. The program is simple—donors fill a shoe box with items appropriate for a particular age category.

Kendall has set an ambitious goal of 100 boxes this year. For those who would like to participate but don't have the time to go shopping, Kendall is also encouraging cash gifts. The high school youth will take the money and do the shopping for you. You can include your gift in the offering, writing "Shoebbox Gifts" on the envelope.

Adopt-a-Family

Cindy Lindberg of St. Barnabas is actively involved in a group called the **Slavic Family Assistance Association** which helps families get established in this country. Cindy is arranging for St. Barnabas to "adopt" three families for Christmas.

We hope to be able to give each person two gifts; one that they really need and another that would be special to them.

Food Baskets/Gift Cards

St. Barnabas' partner congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis, serves many immigrant families from Mexico and Ecuador living in its neighborhood. Pastors Patrick & Louisa Cabello Hansel are identifying families for whom the gift of food would be a much-appreciated Christmas gift.

Winter Coat Collection, New or Used

St. Barnabas is participating in a ministry to collect new or gently used and clean winter coats for the Plymouth Workhouse. The inmates often end up at the workhouse without a coat, even in the middle of winter. If you have a adult winter coat that you are not using, men's or women's, especially sizes L and XL, you may bring them to church and place them in the box in the narthex. Collection will continue until Thanksgiving.

Children's Books for People Serving People

People Serving People provides emergency housing assistance in downtown Minneapolis (614 S. 3rd St.) They have a need for children's books and picture books. New and gently used books can be brought to St. Barnabas by Dec. 7.

Grief Coalition Holds Memorial Service November 20

The West Suburban Grief Coalition will hold a Memorial Service on Thursday, November 20, at 6 p.m. at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 2060 6th Ave N (Co Rd 6), in Long Lake, 952-473-8577. Trinity is located a couple of miles west of Highway 101 on County Road 6.

The memorial service is open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one, whether the death is recent or in years past. The service is followed by an optional catered dinner — \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Make reservations by Nov. 18 by calling Rita Jubert at 763-478-6875.

Holiday Food Drive

Food shelves try very hard to help people at all times of the year. Holiday time is a time where food costs are high and everyone wants to celebrate, even when times are tight.

There is a table set up in the narthex with a display of food products that would be of great value to IOCP. Stop by the table, see what is needed and take a shopping list to remind you as you are doing your own shopping. The food shelf asks to avoid glass jars as much as possible.



Do a Little Painting the Day after Thanksgiving

If you're not planning to join the hordes of shoppers on the day after Thanksgiving and don't have much to do other than sit in front of the TV, come on over to St. Barnabas from 9-noon and burn off a few calories by doing a little painting. We'll be focusing on the hallways as they have gotten pretty nicked and marked over the past three years. All the supplies will be here, but if you have a roller or a favorite edging brush, bring them along.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or by dropping an email to Barry at bbergh@stbarnabaslutheran.org.

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday Morning Prayer
7:30 a.m.**

**Prayers for Healing
2nd Sundays at 7:00 p.m.**

Barney's Blarney

One morning a mother was called to pick up her son at the school nurse's office. When she walked through the main entrance, she noticed a woman, curlers in her hair, wearing pajamas.

"Why are you dressed like that?" she asked the be-curlered mother.

"I told my son," she explained, "that if he ever did anything to embarrass me, I would embarrass him back. He was caught cutting school. So now I've come to spend the day with him!"

One morning a mother was trying to wake up her son. "Wake up now! It's time to go to school."

"I don't want to go to school," the son replied.

His mother said, "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go to school."

"Okay. One, all the children hate me. Two, all the teachers hate me."

"Not good enough," the mother replied.

"Fine," the son said. "Then you give me two good reasons why I SHOULD go to school."

"One, you're 50 years old. Two, you're the principal of the school."

PRAYER CHAIN

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