



Crosswinds



*** May 3 Is a BUSY Sunday! *** Mary Newton 10th Anniversary Recital

Mary Newton is in the midst of her tenth year serving as St. Barnabas' organist, so she has decided to celebrate this milestone by giving the congregation a gift — a recital of great music. The recital will take place on Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m.

Mary has commissioned a new composition for this recital from Dr. Aaron David Miller, organist at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. Dr. Miller's composition is entitled "Fantasy on *Praise to the Lord*."

Mary will also perform works by J.S. Bach, Marcel Dupré, and American composers Dan Locklair and Paul Manz.

Mary grew up in Fergus Falls and attended Augsburg College for two years before transferring to Gustavus Adolphus College, from which she graduated in 1996. She received a Master of Church Music from Concordia University, River Forest, IL in 1998.

Mary is currently in the graduate program at the University of Minnesota working towards a Doctorate in Musical Arts. Just this past month she passed her written and oral exams and is now "ABD" — all but the dissertation.

The recital is free and open to the public — a great opportunity to invite some friends to show them what a wonderful talent St. Barnabas has in Mary Newton.

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Bread for the World Offering of Letters

The St. Barnabas community is encouraged to help create long-term solutions to the global hunger crisis by participating in the 2009 Bread for the World (BFW) Offering of Letters on Sunday, May 3. A BFW table will be set up in the Ministry Center with information, paper, and envelopes to make it easy to write a short letter to one's senator or congressman before or after worship.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. BFW works in a nonpartisan way. The 2009 Offering of Letters focuses on reworking foreign aid to make it more effective in reducing world hunger and poverty.

Aid from the United States has already helped low-income nations reduce hunger and poverty, but our nation's programs are seriously outdated

and need to be better coordinated to be more effective.

The current system of providing foreign aid lacks accountability to the U.S. taxpayers and to the people it serves. The 1961 legislation that governs U.S. foreign assistance has 33 different goals, 75 priority areas and 247 directives that sometimes conflict with each other. Some recipient countries must submit 2,400 progress reports annually.

BFW believes that poverty-focused development must be elevated to a national priority along with defense and diplomacy in our foreign policy. This will ensure more economic opportunities for low-income countries and help poor people lift themselves out of hunger and poverty, making for a more stable, peace-filled world.

D&G Are Portions of American Christianity Becoming Christless ?

Michael Horton's new book, *Christless Christianity*, identifies what he sees to be a big problem within the American religious setting, namely, the creeping fog of countless sermons in churches across the country that focus on moralistic concerns and personal transformation rather than the theology of the cross.

Horton's analysis of the contemporary church points believers back to the power of a gospel that should never be assumed.

David Lindblom leads a 3-session discussion of Horton's *Christless Christianity* at the D&G forum May 3, 10, & 17. The first chapter of the book can be accessed for free at www.christlesschristianity.org. David will have a few copies of the book available for purchase, though it is not necessary to read the book to participate in the class.

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



Ongoing groups:

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 studies. Two options are offered and both are currently studying the Augsburg Confession:

- Thursday Mornings, 9:30-11 a.m.
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Ross Patton** (612-418-1243) or **Brenda Percy** (763-550-1759). Free brochures and books that can be purchased are available in the Fireside Room.

"Barney's Boys" - NEW TIME

Men's study and fellowship group meets every other Thursday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. at Panera, Hwy 55 & County Road 24. Next meeting is May 14. The group has just started studying the book of James. For more information contact **Jeff Carter**, 763-577-1507, or slrams@comcast.net.

Knitters & Crocheters

The groups meets the 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20. Work on your own project. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact **Mary Pestel** 763-559-9138.

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, May 15, at noon.

Quilters

On summer break until September. First Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. All skill levels are welcome. **Audrey Johnson** 763-559-4459.

High School Seniors Recognized on May 3

St. Barnabas will recognize its 21 high school seniors and offer prayers of blessing as they move through this significant transition point in their lives at the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 3.

*Ann Arntson
Kasey Bacso
Andy Berg
Max Burkett
Kenneth Collins
Ashleigh Harless
Ryan Harris
Scott Hawkins
Julie Houghland
Ben Ilse
Emily Lindberg*

*Colin Mackin
David Nafstad
Emely Orke
Shelby Rasmussen
Geoff Reed
Tom Rohrer
Karl Sommerfeld
Craig Tangren
Alison Umland
Kendall Valentine*

Following worship, the seniors and their families will be treated to a picnic lunch.

We are in the process of gathering information about our seniors' plans for next fall and will share that information in the June *Crosswinds*.

Baptism Class - May 6

A class for parents desiring to have their son or daughter baptized will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. If sponsors live in the area, they are encouraged to attend. Families are welcome to come to the community meal at 5:30. For more information, contact Pastor Chris.

Synod Older Adult Conference - May 7

A Gift of Years Conference, sponsored by the Minneapolis Area Synod Lutheran Older Adult Ministries (LOAM) Committee, will take place at Westwood Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 7 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Westwood is located in St. Louis Park, three blocks east of Hwy. 169 on Cedar Lake Road.

The intent of these conferences is to excite and encourage older adults of the synod to be involved in the ministry and life of our congregations. The theme of this year's event is "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and it focuses upon intergenerational mentoring in our communities.

Dr. Roland Martinson, dean of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, will offer the keynote on the theme. Roland is well-known throughout the ELCA for his expertise in the areas of youth and family as well as being an inspirational speaker.

The Synod Senior Band, a 75 member concert band made up of senior citizens from the area, will be performing.

The cost is \$20 per participant. This includes a morning continental breakfast, box lunch, and all the conference costs. To register call Kristin Raymakers at the synod office at 612-230-3308 or online at www.mpls-synod.org.

New Member Class

St. Barnabas will next receive new members on May 17. In preparation for this, a 3-session *Starting* class for new members is being offered on Sunday mornings. The second and third sessions are May 3 & 10. If you missed the first one, you are still welcome to join us for the next two. The class meets in the Fireside Room at 9:00 (during the first worship service.) For more information, contact Pastor Chris.



- ◆ STARTING
- ◆ ASPIRING
- ◆ I'VE BEEN BLESSED
- ◆ LEADING THRU SERVICE

St. Barnabas Hosts Luther Park Dinner

Luther Park has established **The Point and Cross Club** as an opportunity for people to assure the ministry of Luther Park will have sufficient financial resources to flourish in service. You are cordially invited to be part of this vibrant group of concerned people by providing annual gift support to the ministry. It is easy to join. Your gift of \$100 or more enrolls you for the calendar year.

Luther Park says thank you to Point and Cross members by returning to them a number of benefits:

- a beautiful personalized plaque;
- a special newsletter, *Reflections*, which informs them of camp news and plans;
- inclusion in the honor roll listing of members;
- a festive get-together of members each year

If you are interested in becoming a Point & Cross Club member and attend the free dinner on **May 3 at 5:00**, please contact Rose Umland or Pastor Wayne.

Cooks Night Out - May 30 Nigeria Presentation

Ann & Andy Dybvig are giving an encore performance of their presentation about their visit last November to Nigeria and St. Barnabas' companion congregation, Church of the Messiah.

Saturday, May 30, will be a St. Barnabas "Cooks Night Out", giving the cooks at home a night off by sharing a meal at St. Barnabas.

The meal will start at 6:00, right after the 5:00 worship service. Ann & Andy's presentation will begin around 6:30.

There are two sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center — one to make your reservation for the dinner and one to indicate your willingness to help prepare and serve the meal.

*In Memorium***James S. Cook**
1929-2009

The St. Barnabas community gathered to grieve the death of Jim Cook, our friend and brother in Christ, on Friday, May 1.

Jim's kitchen ministry touched the hearts (and stomachs!) of so many people over the past 18 years. While he will be missed greatly, the legacy of his ministry of hospitality has been engrained forever in the life of St. Barnabas.

We extend our sympathy and the hope of the resurrection to Connie, Valerie & Nicole, Stacy & Jaxson, and the rest of the family.

A congregational dinner celebrating Jim's life (and featuring lots of cream and butter, of course) will be held in the near future.

St. Barnabas Gets Involved with Habitat for Humanity Project in Ramsey

On Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21, St. Barnabas will take a turn with other community groups building a Habitat for Humanity home in Ramsey. 15-18 volunteers (both skilled and unskilled) are needed each of the two days, plus there is a need for people to prepare and serve lunch. There are many ways one can help...and they're not all swinging hammers.

Find out more about this opportunity by stopping by the display in the narthex, or by contacting St. Barnabas members Adam Wolkenhauer (awolkenhauer@kpmg.com, 952-486-3263) or Andie Christopherson (andie.christopherson@gmail.com, 952-934-2885)



May "Gift of Love" is for Habitat for Humanity

To further support this project, the "Gift of Love" for the month of May is designated for Habitat for Humanity.

The monthly St. Barnabas "Gift of Love" supports important ministries not included in our regular budget. Your gift might be the change in your pocket or \$5 or \$50. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Thanks for your gifts!



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

42 people are taking part in the Book of Faith small group studies!

Tuesday evening, 7-8 p.m.,
Leader: David Helgen

Wednesday morning, 7-8 a.m.
At Lund's. Leader: Pastor Chris

Wednesday morning, 10-11 a.m.
Leader: Paul Nicholson

Wednesday evening, 6-7 p.m.
Leader: Jim Parks

Saturday morning, 9-10 a.m.
Leader: Pastor Wayne

Yard Work Can Be Fun...

...especially when it's not at your own house. *We have the equipment - if you have the time...*

Each week throughout the growing season, St. Barnabas is looking for two people per week who enjoy the outdoors and would like to volunteer 4 hours to mow, trim and pickup around the property. We also need people with skills to provide routine maintenance on our equipment.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or give Barry a call at 763-553-1239 (church) or 612-590-8645 (cell).



Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion group gets together on the third Thursday evening of each month of the school year and once during the summer to discuss a novel. 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.



May 21

So Brave, Young and Handsome: A Novel
by Leif Enger
Host: Beth Grosen 612-599-4922

Summer Book

Sarah: A Novel (Canaan Trilogy)
By Marek Halter
Date to be determined, host needed



News & Notes

- Congratulations to **Mary Beth & Jeff Running** on the birth of a son, **Nolan Daniel**, on April 5.
- **Aaron Demro**, in his second year at West Point, recently competed in the Boston Marathon, finishing in the excellent time of 2:34:29. **Sarah Kate Pierro**, a high school classmate now at University of Massachusetts-Amherst, happened to be among the spectators, saw Aaron, and helped cheer him on to the finish.
- A neighbor's dog recently mistook **Ken Root's** hand for a steak and put a pretty nasty bite on it. After a trip to the emergency room, Ken has it stitched and bandaged up.
- We're celebrating with **Stephanie Teig** and **Brad Nylin** whose house finally sold after being on the market for 19 months!
- **Terrie Silbaugh, Jill Snyder, and Pastor Wayne** represented St. Barnabas at the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations annual meeting on April 25.
- The Minneapolis Area Synod will hold its annual assembly at Augsburg College May 29-30. Voting members attending from St. Barnabas will be **Carolyn Mueller, Ted & Mary Pestel, Pastor Chris, and Pastor Wayne**.
- St. Barnabas provides space for community groups to meet on a regular basis. Most weeks average 3-6 groups: scouts, homeowner associations, etc. St. Barnabas recently hosted three rather unique groups: the **Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony** on April 19, the **ELCA Parish Nurse Association** on April 20, and about **200 9th graders from Wayzata High School** for their annual Respect Retreat on April 23.



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Choir Notes

Jeff Whitmill



The Senior Choir will enjoy a change of pace from our heavy Lenten fare over the next month. At the 9:00 service on Sunday, May 3, we'll present Douglas Wagner's beautiful arrangement of *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*. The many excellent settings of Psalm 23 always make the Fourth Sunday of Easter one of our favorites, and this version is no exception. From hushed and quiet to dramatic and powerful, it's a remarkable take on a familiar melody and Isaac Watts' paraphrase of the psalm.


In the 10:30 service on Mother's Day, May 10, we'll sing a beautiful classic work - Felix Mendelssohn's *See What Love*, a slow, stately chorus from the *St. Paul* oratorio. Its elegant counterpoint and flowing lines make it a treat for the ear. The text is from 1 John, from which our Second Readings are taken during the season of Easter.

At the early service on May 17 we'll offer Alfred Fredak's majestic setting of *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*, a powerful version of the Welsh tune *Bryn Calfaria*. It features a dazzling bit of organ work.

On Memorial Day weekend, May 24, we'll sing a wonderful setting of the spiritual *Lord, I Know I Been Changed* at the second service. Larry Shackley's arrangement should prove as much fun for the congregation as the choir.

On Pentecost, May 31, we'll offer up C. Alexander Peloquin's energetic *Psalm for Pentecost*, with a driving piano part. We'll sing it at both services.

The choir will end its season with several anthems at both services on Sunday, June 7 - more on that later.




May SBCA Events

Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Thursday, May 14, 12:30 p.m.

Artist: Allan Mahnke, Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Center

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.



Jazz@StBarney's

Saturday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.

Stan Bann Big Band

Big, lush, exciting and innovative - perennial favorites at O'Gara's and St. Barney's and a perfect button to an exciting season of jazz.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Free popcorn, coffee and lemonade will be provided; soft drinks will be available for 50 cents.



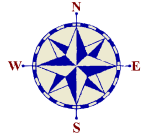
Youth & Family Ministry News

Dennis Manson



Navigators

The last Navigators is May 13 from 6:00-7:15 pm. We will be having a Pizza Party along with 8th grade awards—that is, if everyone passes the Movin' on Quiz.



8th Graders Choose Mentors

Our 8th graders are in the process of selecting mentors for the summer and fall where they will have the opportunity to have meaningful conversations centered around faith, worship and life in the church. Both Pastor Chris and Dennis will be contacting members whom the students have selected as someone they respect and would like as their mentor. Their first Mentor Meeting is May 20.

Dudes Night Out & Paintball

Calling all testosterone-filled students! Friday, May 29 through Saturday morning, middle school and high school boys are challenged to video game tournaments, all-building games, and some sleep! Pick up a registration form for times and cost.

To top off a great weekend, we'll go on our annual Paintball trip to Special Forces on Saturday, May 30. Cost for Paintball is \$55 for full rental - \$45 bring you own equipment.

Mission Trip Training

The next Community Training meeting is May 31 @ 6:30 p.m. (food included). Ffinal balance is due on May 31!

Mission Trip Car Wash - May 31

Students will be out in the parking lot on Sunday, May 31 ready and willing to wash your car, van, SUV, or even your boat. FREE WILL DONATION!

Aluminum Can Recycling

The Mission Trip participants are collecting Aluminum Cans on the 1st weekend of the month (May 2/3 and June 6/7). Place bags of cans in trailer located at the west end of the parking lot..

Good Shepherd School Breakfast

Good Shepherd School kids (age 3-Grade 2) and their families will celebrate the end of the year with a breakfast on Saturday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m. This is also for the kids who come on Sundays.

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Register for VBS & Day Camp

Adults and older youth who enjoy working with kids are encouraged to come and help!

Let Rose know if you are interested, we need you!

- **Vacation Bible School** for kids age 3—entering 1st grade, July 13-16, 9-11:30 a.m.
- **Luther Park Day Camp @ St. Barnabas**, for kids entering grades 2-6, July 13-16, 9:00-3:00.

Registration forms for VBS and Day Camp are available at the Welcome Center.

May Baptismal Anniversaries

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 David Kelzer | 15 Rose Umland |
| Nancy Lykkehoy | Myron Werley |
| Jennifer Pellegrino | 16 Louise Kramer |
| 2 Lorel Anderson | Donald St. John |
| David Robarge | 18 Thomas Jacobson |
| 4 Michael Umland | Julie Snell |
| 5 Oskar Hembre | Jeff Whitmill |
| Conditt | 19 Donald Johnson |
| 7 Jay Koepsell | Barbara Wade |
| 8 Joseph Bernau | 20 Jean Humphries |
| Annette Lund | Margaret Olson |
| Patricia Phillips | 21 Taylor Porter |
| 9 Kassandra Mossefin | Walter Smith |
| 10 Cyerra Donaldson | Adam Snyder |
| Kirsten Hoyme | 22 Michael Fritz |
| Inge Milliken | Pia Leiseth |
| Brenda Pearcy | 23 Scott Weaver |
| 12 Sally Lundeen-Hoff | 25 Tracy Swwed |
| Collin Sohn | 26 Maxwell Nermyr |
| 13 Thomas Houghland | David Reynolds |
| 14 Cameron Carlson | Wade illiams |
| Juliet Carlson | 27 Connie Cook |
| Alissa Hoyme | Andrew Pole |
| Emily Ilse | Lisa Pole |
| Kaitlyn Peterson | Joseph Seel |
| Brady Tjaden | 28 Bill Paustis |
| 15 Kaitlyn Eilderts | Joel Scalzo |
| Ian Novak | Laura Silbaugh |
| Kenneth Root | |

May Birthdays

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Becca Dryer | Lisa Pole | 23 Emily Martinez |
| Inge Milliken | Arnold Thron | Alex Milliken |
| Amy Titus | 14 Tom Braun | 24 Taylor Porter |
| Laura Walsh | Beth Grosen | 25 Annelise Johnson |
| 2 Joyce Arndt | Jaxson Lyerly | Rhiannon Reed |
| Phillip Demro | Kelly Rogers | Michael Scalzo |
| Austin Smythe | 15 Jay Johnson | Emily Umland |
| 4 Leigh Jacobson | Katherine Oelfke | 26 Lisa Gilyard |
| Sandi Niccum | 16 Nancy Bjornlund | 27 Amy Guttormsson |
| 5 John Wells | Bria Jones | 28 Don Ilse |
| 6 Robert Sanders | 17 James Parks | 29 Isabella Hembre |
| Walter Smith | Clarke Sanders | Conditt |
| 7 Sheldon Anderson | 18 Bob Hackl | Kayla Lowry |
| Wade Lykkehoy | David Lindblom | Deborah Oelke |
| 8 Jeffrey Running | Daniel Niccum | Clayton Smith |
| 9 LaVerne Gund | 19 Carol Dennis | 30 John Demro |
| Nancy Lykkehoy | Joshua Dolby | Cathy Franklin |
| James Reed | Charli Kinard | 31 Lee Olson |
| Samuel Schulz | Barbara Wade | |
| Peggy Weaver | 20 Erick Burkett | |
| 10 Christine Bellefeuille | 21 Samuel Hoffmann | |
| Jessica Drill | Alea Lowry | |
| 12 Bonnie Welshons | Thomas Rohrer | |
| 13 Marett Keyser | 22 Nicole Cook | |
| Jann Patton | Ashley Nelson | |

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ST. BARNABAS IDENTITY STATEMENT

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church is a part of the Body of Christ and a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The source of our life together is the Word and Sacraments, celebrated in our worship.

We name ourselves after St. Barnabas, a New Testament apostle. He was called "Barnabas", meaning "son of encouragement", because he joyfully shared the "good news" of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He faithfully supported the work of the Church with his talents, prayers, and offerings.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sent by Jesus, we set our sails to be filled by God's Spirit, inspiring us to praise, grow and serve.

Barney's Blarney

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, then having the two as close together as possible.

- George Burns

Billy and his grandfather kept the lights off until entered their vacation cabin to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed them in. Noticing them, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

Crosswinds has added an e-newsletter version that is sent out every Thursday.

If you have an e-mail address, we would like to send it to you.

Visitors and friends of the congregation are encouraged to sign up for it in the blue notebook on the round table in the narthex. If you have not yet received the e-newsletter and see in the book that we have your correct address, please send Julie Hoyme an e-mail (jhoyme@stbarnabaslutheran.org) so we can try to figure out what the problem is.

Last Sessions for Education Ministries

St. Barnabas' youth education ministries will have their final sessions of the school year on the following dates:

Lighthouse Confirmation
(grades 3-5)

May 6

Good Shepherd School
(age 3-grade 2)

May 9

Navigator Confirmation
(grades 6-8)

May 13

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning Prayer
7:30 a.m.

Prayer for Healing
Sunday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.