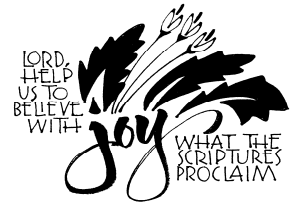


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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

Summertime, and the pace of living changes for most of us.

This summer we give thanks to God for all the volunteers and all of the workers whose job directed them to work for relief from flooding. We pray also for all those suffering because of the floods, that their lives may be restored.

Summertime is a good time to pray. There are three prayers in Evangelical Lutheran Worship that are appropriate for this time of year.

For Independence Day, this prayer for a national holiday:

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all our people the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

For the season of Pentecost and the growing season, this prayer for stewardship of creation:

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and the seas, and may prosper all who labor therein; that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

For all travelers, this prayer that is so old it has a Latin name, Itinerarium:

*O God,
Our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus.
Protect and guide us now as we (or substitute the names of travelers) set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

May you experience a blessed summer and as the Apostle Paul wrote, “keep on praying”.

Yours In Christ,

Paul K. Schwartzkopf

Come Get the Message

from Pastor Schwartzkopf



Enhance your worship by reading the theme for the day and the Biblical word on which it is based. Then come to worship around the Word of God.

July 6, 8th Sunday after Pentecost **"THE MYSTERY OF LIFE"**

Both Romans 7:15-25a and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 identify our common, human difficulty to understand all, or even parts, of life. Both scripture readings also hold up the great value of Jesus for us as we deal with this difficulty.

July 13, 9th Sunday after Pentecost **"RICH HEARTS"**

In the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:1-9 and its explanation in verses 18-23, Jesus tells about the quality of human hearts in his metaphor about the tilth of the land on which seed is sown.

July 20, 10th Sunday after Pentecost **"TRUSTING GOD'S PROMISE AMONG THE WEEDS"**

In Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43, we have another agricultural parable and its explanation. This parable of weeds among the wheat is so true to our experiences in this life, that we can hear Jesus' promise blowing in the wind over the wheat fields.

July 27, 11th Sunday after Pentecost **"GREAT SURPRISES"**

In today's gospel—Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52—we hear five mini-parables and one simile about the kingdom of heaven. All of the metaphors have elements of surprise.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

(Topics for discussion on Sunday Mornings, 9:25—10:15 a.m.)

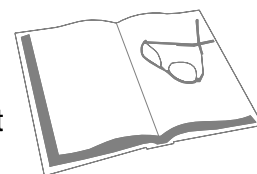
{ June 29 "Door Openers—Emerging Churches" pages 12-18
July 6 in the June 2008 issue of The Lutheran

{ July 13 "Holiday in Hellmouth" pages 116-122
July 20 in the June 9 and June 16 issue of The New Yorker

{ July 27 Open to suggestions of articles in The Lutheran
(or any other magazine).

BOOKS 'N BREW

We are taking a break for the summer, but will take this time to sort through our books for the September 27— Book Sale. Please bring any books you want to donate and place in the back hallway. Questions? Call Pat Bell, 593-7309.





Council Highlights – June 10, 2008

Present at the June 10 meeting of the Council were: Stu Bell, Bonnie Conover, Bruce Holderbaum, Joan Kammerlohr, Darrell Kruse, Stuart Peters, Trish Santos, Pam Schuering, Pastor Schwartzkopf, Bonnie Scranton, Barbara Wilkinson, and Kathy Wolters. Excused: David Tooke

President Kathy Wolters called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Opening devotion was given by Bruce Holderbaum. Bonnie Conover will have the opening devotions for July.

Announcements: Stuart Peters asked help in advertising the Dave Ramsey program. Pamphlets were distributed for posting.

Minutes of the May 14, 2008, meeting stood approved as written.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer The reports were discussed. The Bennett memorial is being considered to benefit the music program. Bruce Holderbaum moved to accept the reports, seconded by Barbara Wilkinson.

President's Report: Special thank yous were given to everyone who helped with the Super Duper Sale. We made a nice profit and the fellowship was meaningful and fun. Quanada was pleased with the donated items. An annual sale will be held.

Pastor's Report: Printed report on file. A sympathy card will be sent to Robin Lentz on the death of her father-in-law. There will be a GenX pool party and picnic on July 26 held at the Bigley home. Dan Wilson will be with us the three Sundays while Pastor is on vacation.

MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: No report.

Service: No report.

Property: Discussed changing light bulbs.

Worship: A committee meeting will be held June 11.

Witness: No report.

Learning/Youth: Trish Santos reported on activities at Church Camp. The students worked with mentally and physically challenged adults. It was a very rewarding experience for all involved. Trish has prepared a Generation Change flyer to be distributed.

Fellowship: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Clean-up day – We discussed projects to be completed. The next outside clean-up day will be in October. Indoor projects will be completed before that time. Bonnie Conover and a team will reorganize and clean the kitchen. Stu Bell and helpers will wash the windows. The Property committee will discuss the trash situation.
- Pastor Schwartzkopf presented a draft of By-Laws to the Council. Each team will review and make recommendations to be discussed at the September Council meeting.
- New-member orientation meeting was discussed. Bonnie Scranton volunteered to take the lead on this project with help from Pam Schuering, Bonnie Conover, and Bruce Holderbaum. Recent members will be recruited for input.
- Bonnie Conover will head up the project of a bowl for change to be given for World Hunger. A bowl will be placed in front and people can donate their change.
- Summer Tea was discussed. Linda Dillman is taking the lead for the June 28 tea. It will probably be held closer to Mother's Day next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Eric Conover will meet with the Council from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. on June 29 with a presentation about an Investment Policy Statement. A smaller task force will work on the plan and report back to the full council.
- The July Council meeting will be held at the home of Kathy Wolters with a carry-in. Spouses will be invited and the meeting will be held after dinner.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary 3



*AVERAGE SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
for January through June 22*

26 Weeks 2008	103
24 Weeks 2007	97

Thank You!

- To Everyone at Christ Lutheran,
Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity through the water drive. We were able to cover all of Colene's expenses for her 6 week stay in Minnesota. I know the Porter family greatly appreciates it!.

Karn Haubrich

- Thank you all for your many cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recent illness. They helped to brighten my days and take my mind off the severe pain I encountered from time to time. Special thanks to Pastor for his trips to the ER, Blessing, and Barnes Hospital. I am pleased to report that there is no more pain and I am feeling better daily. God bless all of you for your kindness and concern.

Joan Larner

- I'm not sure how to begin to say thank you to all of you. Please know you made a very difficult situation more bearable and I genuinely want to thank you. I have always talked of a church family, but now I truly know first-hand what it means to have a "church family". Every time I wondered what to do or where to turn there was one of you offering words of support and care for us. I don't know how I could have made it through this without you. All of your generosity is overwhelming. So whether you brought food, stopped by to visit Dick in the hospital, said a prayer for us, brought me something to read, helped mow my lawn, helped with the luncheon after the funeral or offered a kind word.....I appreciated everything you did. May God bless each of you!

Crystal Bernett

GENERATION CHANGE

Generation Change is the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace program designed for teenagers. One of the things they'll learn before they get hit by the credit card solicitors is to tear up and throw away those "free" credit cards that they'll receive in the mail. Generation Change is really free.

Generation Change will be presented FOR TEENS on 4 Sundays July 13, 20, and 27 and August 3.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAYS
JULY 13, 20, 27 AND AUGUST 3
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Make-up Sessions will be Available

Come Join Us For

Dave Ramsey's Generation Change

This program is designed to teach teens about money, how to save it, spend it, and not be broke all the time!!!

It's Fun—not that boring classroom stuff &

It's FREE!!! EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Call Trish 653-3545 for Questions

NAME _____ PHONE _____

AGE _____ T-SHIRT SIZE _____

HELP WANTED!

Are you willing to help set the Lord's Table? We need some worshippers from the 10:30 service to lend a hand with this important part of each Sunday's worship. It can be done in three easy steps and training is available!

- Set up communion on Saturday
- Refresh before late service
- Clean up after late service



If you can help one out of every eight weekends it would be great. Please contact Bruce Holderbaum (224-6743) or Bonnie Scranton (223-2062) to volunteer. And thank you in advance for serving Christ and your fellow worshippers in this way!

SUPER DUPER SALE REPORT

Thank you to everyone who contributed their support in time, talents, and items to the Super Duper Sale. We raised \$1,358.00 the day of the sale and have requested a matching grant from Thrivent of \$900 for a total of \$2,258. Congratulations! One of you said, "I met members of our church family I never would have known because we worked together at the sale. I enjoyed getting better acquainted with them and found the fellowship meaningful and fun". Good Christian fellowship abounded every day as we prepared for our event.

A special thank you to the Super Duper Sale Committee and Council members: Barb and Bruce Holderbaum, Joan Kammerlohr, Barbara Wilkinson, Bonnie Scranton, Wendy Maas, Dawn Van Camp, Bonnie Conover, Mary Shank and Pastor. We want to thank all who helped bake goodies, write press releases, did set-up, priced donated items, cleaned up, and counted money.

Thank You,

Kathy Wolters



Gen X and Gen Y

and all other young adult
generations

Next Event: Saturday, July 26

Pool Party and Bar-b-que Picnic

At Brent and Marci Bigley's
3730 St. Anthony's Road

Bring the kids.

Start swimming at 2:00 p.m.

Start eating at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share.

Come and get to know other young adults.

Invite your friends



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Barb Wilkinson	Ann Schwartzkopf Sue McLennan	Sue Reeder Jerry Shank	Joan Larner Barb Wilkinson
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jerry Shackelford Mary Shank	Jeff Van Camp Scott Coyle	Dick Tabb Nona Miller	Ron Larner Joe Brinkman
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron Larner Sue McLennan	Virgene Gilkerson Samantha Stollberg	Ann Schwartzkopf Natalie Meadows	Jeff Van Camp Ashley Stollberg
NURSERY	Sunshine Santos	Ashley Stollberg	Ashley Van Camp	Elisabeth Jones
ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	Summer Santos	Reed Haubrich	Kara Wolf	Ian Jones
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson Wayne & Sue McLennan	Bonnie Scranton Bruce Holderbaum	Joanne Brubaker Norma Tofall	Jerry & Marilyn Shackelford Butch & Missy Kuras
DEACON 10:30AM	Jerry Shank	Jim Bailey	Barb Rhinberger	Cheryl Brinkman
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters Stuart Peters	Kathy Wolters Olin Shuler	Bruce Holderbaum Bruce Holderbaum	Ann Schwartzkopf Olin Shuler
COFFEE HOUR	Group 7	Group 8	Group 1	Group 2

If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and call the office as soon as possible with any changes. Many Thanks!



If you have a birthday in July and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.

<p>July</p> <p>1 Joan Larner</p> <p>4 Karrie Scott</p> <p>9 Misty Hoff Roene Bartle</p> <p>10 Clayton Kimber Bruce Holderbaum</p> <p>11 Barb Holderbaum</p> <p>13 Danielle Scott</p>	<p>15 Kara Wolf Dick Tabb</p> <p>16 Miles Leenerts</p> <p>18 Vinson Sill</p> <p>22 Ruth Osterbur</p> <p>24 Olin Shuler</p> <p>25 Jessica Probert</p> <p>26 Reed Haubrich</p> <p>29 Barbara Wilkinson</p>
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If you have a wedding anniversary in July and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

<p>July</p> <p>2 Randy and Ruth Osterbur</p> <p>7 Bob and Barb Rhinberger</p> <p>14 Floyd and Joyce Leenerts Michael and Susan Wahlmann</p> <p>28 Mike and Jessica Stapleton</p>
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