

THE SEED



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,



In these times of economic crisis, investments in the church's mission look very good. The ELCA Mission Investment Fund is paying over 4% on a variety of certificates of deposit.

For example, in October I invested in an MIF CD for 18 months at 4.22%. MIF uses the invested fund to make building loans to ELCA congregations, colleges, and seminaries. Check it out at 1-877-886-3522 or mif@elca.org. In addition to receiving a good return on your investment, you can help the church grow.

I learned from the 8th graders in confirmation class that there are fools who are predicting the end of the world in 2012. Since the scriptures for All Saints and the end of the church year (November 2, 9, 16, 23) all have some things to say about the end of this world and the ends of our lives, I will preach on various aspects of the end times all four Sundays.

Then on Thanksgiving Eve—that's the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day—we'll celebrate Thanksgiving in a worship service together with Melrose Chapel United Methodist Church. The service will be at Christ Lutheran and begin at 7:00 p.m. The service will serve two purposes: 1) To celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving in a worship service of prayers, songs, scripture readings, praise and thanksgiving to God who has blessed us abundantly in this land. 2) To celebrate the fellowship agreement between the ELCA and the United Methodist Church.

The ELCA and UMC have conducted dialogs for more than a decade. The dialog groups have recommended fellowship between the two denominations. At the last ELCA Churchwide Assembly two years ago, the recommendation for an interim fellowship was passed. At the 2008 UMC national assembly, the interim fellowship agreement was adopted as no longer interim but as an ongoing full fellowship agreement. At the next ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August 2009, the ELCA will vote (and most likely adopt) on full fellowship with the UMC.

Last year area pastors from both ELCA and UMC conferences met together here at Christ Lutheran for worship together and dialog on our mutual faith in Christ. Pastor Wally Carlson and I led that worship service for the clergy, and we're looking forward to leading this Thanksgiving Eve worship service for all of us.

This service will be the first of an annual "home and home" series. In 2009, we'll celebrate Thanksgiving together at Melrose Chapel.

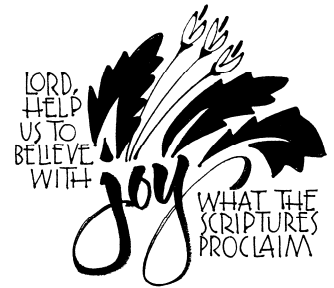
On the last Sunday of November, we'll celebrate the first Sunday of the new church year. The first Sunday in Advent will be November 30. Following the 10:30 worship service, we'll have a carry in potluck to nourish us for the hanging of the greens, our annual decorating of the church for Advent and Christmas.

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 round the Word of God.

November 2, All Saints Sunday **"THE BEGINNING TIME"**

From time to time, people get all worked up about "the end time", the end of the world. End time anxiety is unnecessary for Christians who believe that the end of this world is, for us, the beginning of God's eternal time. Read Revelation 7:9-17, First John 3:1-3 and Matthew 5:1-12.

November 9, 26th Sunday after Pentecost **"ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER"**

The point of all the Biblical words about the end time is summarized in First Thessalonians 4:18, "encourage one another". Read First Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 25:1-13.

November 16, 27th Sunday after Pentecost **"IN THE MEANTIME"**

According to Matthew 25:14-30, while we wait for the return of the Lord Jesus, we have ministry to do.

November 23, Christ the King **"COME, YOU BLESSED"**

The eternal invitation of Jesus to those who know and do God's will is, "Come you who are blessed". Read Matthew 25:31-46.

November 30, First Sunday in Advent **"COME, LORD JESUS"**

Martin Luther said, "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." The fig tree in Mark 13:24-37 proclaims Jesus' promise of new life.



AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE for January through October 19

42 Weeks 2008 101

41 Weeks 2007 96

COMING UP **REVERSE OFFERING**

We'll do our traditional "Reverse Offering" on November 2, 9, and 16, in which worshipers take something out of a collection basket. Then, by November 23, you bring back the food item printed on the slip of paper that you have taken out of the basket. The food items are put together and delivered before Thanksgiving to needy families in Quincy, families whom our Service Ministry Team identifies through the Quincy School District.

AKALOO AFTERNOONS

On the first Sunday of the month from 4 to 5 p.m., we'll gather for Christian nurture of our children with the Akaloo Sunday School materials.



Council Highlights – October 14, 2008

Present at the October 14 meeting of the Council were: Stu Bell, Bonnie Conover, Bruce Holderbaum, Darrell Kruse, Stuart Peters, Trish Santos, Pam Schuering, Bonnie Scranton, Pastor Schwartzkopf, Barb Wilkinson, Kathy Wolters. Absent: Joan Kammerlohr, David Tooke.

President Kathy Wolters called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Trish Santos provided the opening devotions. Joan Kammerlohr will provide devotions for the November Meeting.

Announcements: none

Minutes: Minutes of the September 9, 2008 minutes were approved as printed in the Seed.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer: Reports for September were approved subject to audit. There was some discussion regarding shortfalls in the building fund contributions needed for the mortgage payment. We need to identify ways to make this a higher priority.

President's Report: President Wolters expressed her thanks to the Books 'n Brew crew for the successful Book Sale and to the members of the congregation who helped spruce up inside and outside on the two October workdays.

Pastor's Report: Written reports for July and August were filed. Pastor confirmed that we would have a joint Thanksgiving Eve service with Melrose Chapel. It will be at Christ Lutheran and will be followed by fellowship time. Pastor and Amy Stollberg have selected the music and script for our Christmas program. The performance will be Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m., to be followed by a soup supper. Ann Schwartzkopf has offered to coordinate the Hy-Vee discount card program for our congregation, if she could be relieved of some of her Learning Ministry Team responsibilities. A motion was approved to participate in the program, with 50% of the proceeds from the sale of the cards going to the Building Fund and 50% going to the Operating Fund. Luke Wilson, a student at Quincy University, has been hired as a tenor for the choir.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Presentations are finished for the fall Stewardship Campaign. Sunday, October 19, will be "Commitment Sunday". Fellowship will assist by providing cake and punch.

Service: Angel Tree materials have arrived. Barb Wilkinson will contact Wendy Mass to get this important project prepared for the holiday season.

Property: Stu Bell expressed his thanks to all who helped on the Thursday and Saturday work days, October 9 and 11. Quite a bit was accomplished. There will be a once a month Wednesday work day where volunteers will come together to work on whatever tasks are necessary to properly maintain our church building and grounds. Stu is looking for anyone who would like to prepare a garden plan for the church sign on 36th street. Anyone interested should contact him directly. Council approved the purchase of a storage shed to be located near the back door of the original church building. It will be placed on the asphalt for the winter and relocated next spring. The additional storage is necessary in order to reduce fire hazards due to storage of items in the furnace room and to eliminate the catch-all mess in the back room. Snow and ice removal equipment and supplies will also be stored in this shed.

Worship: Worship has selected hymns through November 23. Next meeting is November 5 at 5:30 p.m. Council approved Amy Stollberg's request that we rent a tenor for the choir. She will look for a local college student.

Witness: Darrell thanked Bonnie Conover and Linda Dillman for leading preparations for the Ploughman's Lunch, to be held November 12. The recipient agency this year is Big Brothers Big Sisters. Bonnie Conover expressed her thanks to the congregation for the contribution of 95 school kits, 100 pounds of soap, and 21 blankets to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief.

Learning/Youth: Misty Hoff is taking over responsibility for Akaloo. It will continue to be from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on first Sunday of the month but Council has requested that it not include a meal.

Fellowship: Hanging of the greens will be Sunday, November 30, after late service. A potluck will be included. There was discussion of perhaps serving a light supper such as pizza after the Christmas program.

Old Business:

- A. **Property clean-up:** See property committee report above.
- B. **Proposed by-law change:** Liaisons were reminded to have their ministry teams review the proposed changes and bring back any changes to the November meeting. Responsibility for messages on the 36th street sign was assigned to the Witness Ministry Team.
- C. **Habitat for Humanity:** The Coatsburg Habitat house is behind schedule. Once the lot is prepared it will take all hands on board to have the home ready on time. We will provide one Saturday meal for volunteers.
- D. **Investment Policy report:** No update
- E. **Church 50th Anniversary:** It was clarified that, although the *request* for a charter was signed in the fall of 1960, the actual charter was not granted until spring 1961. Therefore the 50th Anniversary will be celebrated in 2011. Planning will begin Spring 2009.

New Business:

- A. **Ad for Convention and Visitors Bureau Visitors Guide:** Funds were authorized for the continuation of our ad in the next guide.
- B. **Souper Bowl of Caring:** Council agreed to have Christ Lutheran participate in this combined food pantry campaign on Super Bowl Sunday. Participating pantries include Quanaada, Catholic Charities, and Two Rivers.
- C. **Other:** Where provided, e-mail addresses will be added to the next directory. Council was reminded of our commitment to participate in the holiday church ads in the Herald Whig. Barb Holderbaum will be asked to follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Bonnie Scranton on behalf of Joan Kammerlohr

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

November 12, 2008

We will donate proceeds to **Big Brother/Big Sister** this year. We are asking for volunteers to help that day as well as volunteers to donate pies for serving with the lunch. There are sign up sheets for all of this.

The Ploughman's Lunch consists of a soup (chicken noodle, vegetable, or Chili), bread, cheese, pie, and drink. Tickets are \$6.00 and carry outs are available. Proceeds from the event will be donated to **Big Brother/Big Sister**. The public is invited to attend.

Tickets are available at church to sell before the event. See Linda Dillman or Bonnie Conover for tickets. Let's make this a great event for **Big Brother/Big Sister**.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Three local food pantries—Quanada, Two Rivers and Catholic Charities are working together this year to gather food on Super Bowl Sunday with a program titled Souper Bowl of Caring. WGEM and Quincy Mall are already planning to participate, and our church council has also decided that we'll participate. Watch for future information on how we'll participate.

For now take this Souper Bowl of Caring Hunger Quiz.

HUNGER QUIZ

1. How many people in the United States live in households considered to be food insecure? A) 7 million B) 16 million C) 24 million D) 35 million
2. What percentage of US cities is not able to provide an adequate quantity of food to those in need? A) 16% B) 29% C) 45% D) 59%
3. True or False? The United States has the highest wage inequality of any other industrialized nation?
4. How much money did it cost to purchase a 30-second commercial during the 2007 Super Bowl? A) 1.5 million B) 2.2 million C) 2.6 million D) 3 million

*Answers can be found on page 7

Quincy Area Children's Chorus

The Quincy Area Children's Chorus (QACC) will rehearse here:

Saturday, November 8	11 A.M.—Noon
Sunday, November 16	3—4 P.M.
Sunday, November 23	3—4 P.M.
Saturday, November 29	11 A.M.—Noon

Trusting God's grace in Christ Jesus to take care of me (us), I (we) plan to give the following to support the mission of Christ:

Operating Budget
\$ _____ each week in 2009
or
\$ _____ each month in 2009
or
\$ _____ total contribution in 2009

Building Fund (Mortgage)
\$ _____ each month in 2009
or
\$ _____ total contribution in 2009
This plan can be revised as necessary. Keep this portion for your records.

As a member of the body of Christ, and to share the faith that Christ cares, I (we) plan to give the following to support the mission of Christ;

Operating Budget
\$ _____ each week in 2009
or
\$ _____ each month in 2009
or
\$ _____ total contribution in 2009

Building Fund (Mortgage)
\$ _____ each month in 2009
or
\$ _____ total contribution in 2009

These forms are very important for our budget planning for 2009, to estimate how much ministry we can do.

Return this portion of the card

CHRIST CARES



Name(s) _____
Address _____
Phone _____

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Dear members, if you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your Pledges and Time & Talent sheets for next year, the church council asks that you please do so as soon as possible. We'll need to begin preparing the 2009 Budget soon and your commitments guide us in completing that task. We're confident that you will give as God guides you and appreciate your support as we strive to fulfill our congregational mission – "Christ Cares, Share the Faith". And please don't forget the Building Fund! Those dollars are needed for us to meet our monthly mortgage payment of \$2,700.

Thank you!

Bonnie Scranton
Church Council Stewardship Liaison

PLEDGE FORM

On the left side of this page is a Pledge Form on which you can indicate the amount of money that you intend to contribute to the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church in 2009. Please fill out a form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office, so that our church council can use the total amount pledged to prepare the budget for 2009.

TIME AND TALENT Sheet

Please fill out a Time and Talent Sheet to inform our council and ministry teams about the areas of ministry that you'd like to do next year. Put your Time and Talent Sheet in the offering plat or return it to the church office.

Time and Talent

Christ Lutheran Church

We offer our lives for the work of our Lord
Through our congregation, we offer the following time and talent.

Last Name: _____ Phone: _____

I offer to help do the ministry of Christ in the following ways:

Put first name or initial on your choices.

Fellowship Ministry Team

- Ministry Team Member
- Wednesday soup suppers in Lent
- Provide food/serve after funerals
- Women of the ELCA
- Sunday morning fellowship (coffee hour)
- Other fellowship gatherings
- Lutheran Men
- Dogwood Block Party

Stewardship Ministry Team

- Ministry Team Member
- Fall stewardship campaign
- Coordinate volunteers
- Time and Talent sheets
- Count Offering
- Assist New Member Orientation

Learning Ministry Team

- Ministry Team Member
- Teach or help in Sunday School
- Wednesday Akaloo
- Adult Forum Sundays 9:15
- Bible Study for adults
- Vacation Bible School
- Jr. or Sr. High School Youth Ministry
- Special Activities for kids

Property Ministry Team

- Ministry Team Member
- Outside work days
- Inside work days
- December decorate for Christmas
- Do repairs as needed

Service Ministry Team

- Ministry Team Member
- Angel Tree (Christmas gifts for children of prisoners)
- Thanksgiving/Christmas/Easter Food Baskets-reverse offering
- Prayer Warrior
- Blood Pressure screening

Witness Ministry Team

- Ministry Team Member
- Identify and welcome visitors to worship
- Deliver gift to visitors
- Books 'n Brew book discussion
- LWR Collection
- Web page
- Dogwood Festival Float
- November Ploughman's Lunch

Worship Ministry Team

- Ministry Team Member
- Usher
- Acolyte
- Reader
- Assisting Minister
- Deacon (Communion Assistant)
- Altar Guild
- Prepare Communion
- Choir / soloist
- Instrumental Music
- Greeter
- Flowers
- Sound / video technician
- Readers theatre
- Seasonal decorating

OTHER MINISTRY ACTIVITIES I WOULD LIKE TO DO:

ANSWERS TO THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HUNGER QUIZ

1. D—35 million
Data Source: *The Food Research and Action Center: Household Food Security in the United States 2005*
The number of people in the United States that live in food insecure households would fill over 500 NFL stadiums.
 2. C—45%
Data Source: *The United States Conference of Mayors: 2006 Hunger and Homelessness Survey*
Despite the fact that we live in one of the wealthiest nations in the world, many of our cities are not able to help their citizens meet their basic needs. This is where the local food banks and ministries have to step in. Your donations will be sent directly to the local charity chosen by your youth to help people in need.
 3. True
Data Source: *Bread.org*
People can work full-time at minimum wage and still not make enough money to maintain a basic standard of living—buying food, paying their rent and medical bills, buying clothes for their children and affording car so they can travel back and forth to work.
 4. C—2.6 million
Data Source: *CNN Money.com*
This is a day when millions of dollars are spent to enjoy the Super Bowl experience. It is also a day that we can choose to turn our thoughts and dollars towards those without a bowl of soup to eat.
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Books 'n Brew

Our Semi-Annual Book Sale was a huge success. People were walking out with bags and boxes of books. Bruce Holderbaum's book marks were also very popular and free to our customers. We did something new this year at Wendy Maas' suggestion—alphabetized the books by author. Many people commented about how nice that was.

We made over \$600 and are looking into starting a fund to be used by students from our church attending a Lutheran College or seminary. It would be used to buy a semester's books.

Leftover books were boxed up—some will be saved for the next sale; children's books were donated to Madonna House; books to be recycled were picked up by the Monroe City Shelter Care which employs the handicapped.

We want to thank everyone who helped with the sale—especially those who donated books—couldn't have done it without you! Our next meeting will be January 22, 2009, at 6 p.m. at Panera. We'll discuss books we've been reading and pick selections for future meetings. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Pat Bell

CHOIR

Special thanks to Luke Weaver and Jessica Rains, both Quincy University students, who have joined our Choir.

Special thanks to Misty Hoff for preparing the children to sing "This Little Light of Mine" with the adult choir on October 26 in the 10:30 service. And thanks to all the children who sang.

Thanks also to Jessica Rains and Erika Stollberg for singing the children's part in the 8:00 a.m. service.

Talk to Mary Shank (228-7903) to purchase a coupon booklet.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008

STARTS AT 6 AM

Furniture Galleries open at 9 am; Carson's Gateway (IL) is closed. Event not at our New Jersey locations.

COUPON BOOKLET

Community Day has raised over \$53 million for nonprofit organizations!

BON•TON ❁ Bergner's ❁ Boston Store ❁ Carson Pirie Scott
❁ Elder-Beerman ❁ Herberger's ❁ Youngkers

HY-VEE GIFT CARDS



You may now purchase Hy-Vee gift cards at church. HyVee donates 5% to Christ Lutheran Church. Our church council has decided to divide the contributions from HyVee equally between our general fund and our building fund. The cards are available in \$100, \$50, or \$25 amounts. If you want to be sure the amounts you want are available, you may preorder by signing on a dated sheet or emailing Ann Schwartzkopf: schwa@adams.net. These cards can make shopping easier for you, and they can make great gifts. Use the cards for groceries, gas, dry cleaning, photos, garbage stickers, or anything except stamps or lottery tickets.

If your grocery bill is below the amount of the gift card, your receipt will inform you how much is left. You use the card on subsequent visits until the value of the card is used up.

**HyVee donates 5% of the value of the card to
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Make checks out to **Christ Lutheran Church.**

Any questions? See Ann Schwartzkopf.

Big E ROUND UP

Ethan Weiman Cancer Benefit



SILENT & LIVE
AUCTIONS

4-wheeler
Raffle!

FOOD

MUSIC 

KIDS
ACTIVITIES

- Silent Auction Items will be available for bid until 3:00 pm
- Live Auction will begin at 3:00 pm
- Raffle Winner will be selected at 4:00 pm
(Winner does not have to be present to win)

Ethan is the son of
Dave & Alicia Weiman of Ursa

Grandparents:
Dick & Jerri Klusmeyer
Gary & Teresa Weiman

The Ambiance

5225 Kochs Lane

Quincy, IL 

Sunday, November 16th

11:30 am - 4:00 pm

For more information visit www.bigeroundup.org or contact Cindy Wellman @ 217-430-6722

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

	November 2	November 9	November 15	November 23	November 30
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sue Reeder Jerry Shank	Bonnie Scranton Barb Wilkinson	Ann Schwartzkopf Sue McLennan	Joan Lerner Crystal Bernett	Pat Bell Jerry Shank
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters Nona Miller	Stu Bell Jim Bailey	Joan Lerner Bruce Holderbaum	Ron Lerner David Maas	Jeff Van Camp Joe Brinkman
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Samantha Stollberg	Pat Bell Sue McLennan	Dick Tabb Peggy Bailey	Virgene Gilkerson Barb Wilkinson	Marilyn Shackelford Bill Shuler
NURSERY	Ashley Van Camp	Emily Stollberg	Ashley Van Camp	Kara Wolf	Summer Santos
ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	Emily Stollberg	Tyler Turnbaugh	Katie Bigley	Savannah Santos	Nick Kruse
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dick & Sue Tabb Butch & Missy Kuras	Joanne Brubaker Wayne & Sue McLennan	Mel & Linda Dillman Evie Jorgenson	Phil & Bonnie Conover Nona Miller & Anita Wall	Virgene Gilkerson Dave & Charlotte Tooke
DEACON 10:30AM	Pat Bell	Misty Hoff	Wayne McLennan	Barb Rhinberger	Cheryl Brinkman
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ann Schwartzkopf Bruce Holderbaum	Bill Wolters Olin Shuler	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Bonnie Scranton Bruce Holderbaum	Ann Schwartzkopf Olin Shuler
COFFEE HOUR	Group 8	Group 1		Group 2	Group 3

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 November and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you

November	3 Brett Ufkes	18 Nick Kruse
	5 Kathy Wolters	21 Mark Wolters
	6 Bill Shuler	23 Kurtis McCabe
	Kolby Glasgow	25 Norma Tofall
	13 Kara Mikkelson	



If you have a wedding anniversary in November and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

November	4 Scott and Anne Alford	24 Jerry and Marilyn Shackelford
	5 Eric and Michelle Conover	25 Tony and Karn Haubrich
	12 Jim and Peggy Bailey	29 Buford and Beverly Ward