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REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

The New Testament letter to the Ephesians is like a catechism for the church. Chapter 4 addresses the gifts that God gives to the church. The Apostle Paul wrote,

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

In our congregation, we have been given many gifts and a great variety of gifts. As we grow to more than 100 people in worship on a Sunday, it is important that we use our gifts in an orderly manner as coordinated by our church council and carried out by our ministry teams.

Our congregational constitution and by-laws provide us the structure of council and ministry teams to lead us in the work of ministry as we grow in numbers.

God continues to bless us abundantly. Thanks be to God.

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.

October 5, 21st Sunday after Pentecost "CARE OF CREATION"

According to both creation stories in Genesis 1 and 2, God the Creator has given human beings the responsibility to care for this creation. Read Matthew 21:33-46.

October 12, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost "CELEBRATE!"

According to the parable of Jesus in Matthew 22:1-14, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who throws an extravagant party. We are invited and receive a foretaste of the feast to come.

October 19, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost "OUR STEWARDSHIP"

In Matthew 22:15-22, we read Jesus' profound statement on our allegiance to God and country. This Sunday, we focus on our allegiance to God.

October 26, Reformation Sunday "UNTIL WE GET IT RIGHT"

Reformation of the church is not a one time thing. Because we members of the church are sinners, we must continue to reform the church; that is, ourselves, until the Son sets us free. Read John 8:31-36.

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to everyone at Christ Lutheran Church who donated to the American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" on my behalf. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, I raised \$5,300.00 for the ACS, far exceeding my \$3000.00 goal! Thank you very much and God Bless you all!

Joyce Alford

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy on the death of our father and father-in-law, John Clark. We appreciated all so much. Thank you for sharing God's love and peace with us.

Sue and Wayne McLennan



Council Highlights – September 11, 2007

Council Members present: Bruce Holderbaum, Darrell Kruse, Stuart Peters, Trish Santos, Pam Schuering, Bonnie Scranton, Pastor Schwartzkopf, David Tooke, Kathy Wolters. **Absent:** Stu Bell, Bonnie Conover, Joan Kammerlohr, Barb Wilkinson .

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

Announcements: none

Minutes: Minutes of the July 8, 2008, minutes were approved as printed in the Seed.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer: Reports for July and August were approved subject to audit. Changes in formatting on page two of the balance sheet were reviewed. It was recommended that we delineate fund raising receipts in order to track by event from year to year. It was noted that the July approved transfer of \$5,000 from checking to savings was not done due to stock market fluctuations and resulting interest rates. Rate of return is better in checking account for the short term.

President's Report: President Wolters thanked Bruce Holderbaum for his constant care and attention to our church property; Chris Schuering for contributing his legal services as a benefit to members of the congregation and a fund raiser for the church; and to Trish Santos for taking care of the caramel apple stand.

Pastor's Report: Written reports for July and August were filed.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Bonnie Scranton shared ideas for this fall's stewardship campaign. Sunday, October 19, will be "Commitment Sunday". Fellowship will assist by providing cake and punch.

Service: Angel Tree materials have arrived.

Property: Kathy Wolters requested suggestions for a work day. It was agreed that we would provide two opportunities for the entire congregation to help beautify the church – inside and out. They are Thursday evening, October 9, from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday morning, October 11, from 8 a.m.- noon. There is a lot of work to be done.

Worship: They have selected hymns thru October 26. Next meeting is October 1 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: No report.

Learning/Youth: Clean up day this Saturday. Dave Ramsey program for youth went well; 8 participants. We need help with the nursery. New guidelines have been developed. Evening Akaloo will start Sunday, October 5. Non-member youth are welcome. A banner will be purchased to use in promoting this learning opportunity.

Fellowship: No report

Old Business

Property clean-up: See property committee report above.

Proposed by-law change: Liaisons were reminded to have their ministry teams review the proposed changes and bring back any changes to the October meeting.

New member orientation: The sub-committee of Schuering, Holderbaum & Scranton presented their proposal. The format and curriculum was approved by council. The first new member orientation will be held in November.

Investment Policy report: Stuart Peters shared a sample policy. He will convene the task force (Peters, Wilkinson, Tabb, Dillman, Conover) to work on a final draft and report back to the council at our October meeting.

Fund raising reports: Powers-of-attorney raised \$1,400; caramel apple stand raised \$91.00. It was council's recommendation that we not do the caramel apple stand as a fund raiser again next year.

New Business

Budget preparation required of Ad-Hoc Task Forces and Committees: It was agreed that every project needs to have a detailed budget approved by council in advance. This includes regular activities/events such as Ploughman's lunch, the rummage sale, and Bible school or special events such as fund-raising activities.

Thanksgiving eve service: Pastor Paul and Pastor Carlson from Melrose Chapel United Methodist Church have been discussing ways to celebrate the Eucharist Agreement between the ELCA and the UMC. It was suggested by Worship Ministry Team that a shared Thanksgiving Eve service be explored. Council agreed with that recommendation.

Lifeline: Council approved Lifeline's request to use our facilities in December. The exact date is yet to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Scranton on behalf of Joan Kammerlohr

LEARNING MINISTRY TEAM

We are looking for some people to help teach Sunday School. We take turns and sign up for what works best for us.

We are looking for a Youth Leader for our Jr./Sr. High young people. If you would like to do this, please call Patty Kruse (223-4339) or Trish Santos (653-3545). It is so important to keep our young people interested in church and living their life in a Christian way.

Our nursery is in need of some new toys. We would appreciate new or used toys that are in good condition.



Voices Unite!

On Sunday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m. the characters of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas will reunite for the Sesquicentennial of the 6th Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

A Community Choir is being formed to sing two songs prior to the 90-minute Reunion Tour 2008 presentation.

This is an invitation to join our voices in song.

Choir Coordinator: Koretta Sykes, Worship Leader, Cathedral of Worship

Music: Two "Urban Contemporary Gospel" songs

Musicians: Min. Martin Wilkes, keyboard; Tyler Levi, drums

Practices: Friday, October 3rd, 7-8:30 p.m.
Friday, October 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
Quincy Senior Center

Performance: Sunday, October 12, 1:10-1:25
Washington Park Bandstand Area

To Participate: Call or email Koretta Sykes
koretta.sykes@hotmail.com
617-6964
Advance RSVP is appreciated for planning, but feel free to simply come to the first practice on October 3. All voices welcome.

BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Dates and Times

Thursday, October 9	4—7 p.m.
Saturday, October 11	8 a.m.—Noon

You may come at other times, but check to be sure no scheduled activities are happening when you want to come and work.

Activities

- Wash windows inside and out
- Replace cracked glass in 3 windows
- Caulk on roof
- Remove stumps from shrubs
- Pull or spray weeds
- Remove overgrown viburnum and pampas grass
- Remove dead pine tree
- Cut suckers on trees
- Haul vegetation to re-cycling center (pick-up or trailer needed)
- Till shrub and flower beds
- Mulch shrub and flower beds
- Plant bulbs/flowers around new sign
- Repair 3 emergency lights

Congratulations to all of you completed Powers of Attorney for healthcare and property, and a great big "thank you" to Chris for making the project possible.

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August 29, 2008

**Pastor Paul Schwartzkopf
Christ Lutheran Church**

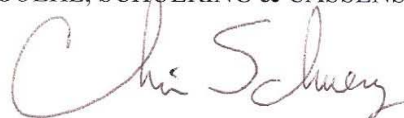
Re: Powers of Attorney for Health Care and Property

Dear Pastor Paul:

I have completed the POA project, and enclose herewith the checks from the second session. The total collected during the second session (August 26, 2008) was \$750.00. The total collected during the first session (August 10, 2008) was \$650.00, for a total of **\$1,400.00**. In addition to the funds donated to the Church, the members that participated saved \$2,800.00. Accordingly, the total value of the project was \$4,200.00. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to undertake this project.

Very truly yours,

GOEHL, SCHUERING & CASSENS



BY: Christopher D. Schuering

It's All About Commitment

"...arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised." 2 Corinthians 9:5

As members in the body of Christ, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources as a faithful response to God and as a statement of support for God's work.

While you won't hear Pastor Paul preach every Sunday about stewardship or tithing or filling the offering plate, it doesn't mean it's not important. ***And we know that you know that.*** Instead, we choose as a church to focus on renewing our commitment to the Lord and this church once a year. And it is that time once again!

This year we are going to do things just bit differently, however. You will still receive in the mail a letter with a Pledge Card and a Time & Talent sheet. In fact, you should receive those the week of October 6. And it is our hope that every member of Christ Lutheran Church will prayerfully consider what he or she can give in time, talent & treasures and note those accordingly on the forms.

But this is where the change comes in. Instead of mailing them back, or dropping them off at the office, we're asking you to bring them with you to church on October 19. In fact, we are designating October 19 as "Commitment Sunday".

We are asking that you make every effort to be in church on the 19th and that you bring your Pledge Cards and Time & Talent sheets with you to worship. There will be a basket near the altar for each of us to place our commitments in *as we leave the service after the sending hymn.*

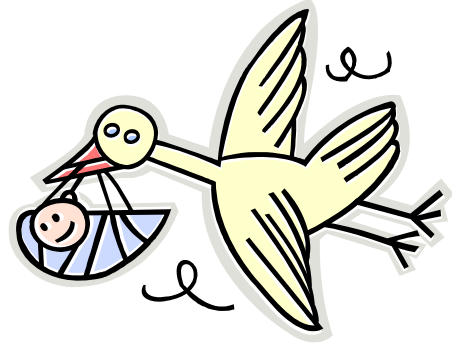
We'll then follow up with cake and punch after both services to celebrate our commitment through giving and the great work those gifts allow us to do as a church on behalf of Jesus Christ our Lord.

See you in church on October 19, **Commitment Sunday!**

Bonnie Scranton
Church Council
Stewardship Ministry Team Liaison

Birth Announcements

Emory Caroline Alford was born on September 2, 2008, to Anne and Scott Alford. Phil and Bonnie Conover will gladly tell you about their new granddaughter.



Kooper McCabe was born to Jessica and Kurt McCabe. At age 2 weeks Kooper served as ring bearer for his Aunt Kayla's wedding. (Kooper had some help from his father.) Grandmother, Crystal Bennett, probably has some pictures to show.



Blessing of Animals

On Sunday, October 5, beginning about 9:30 a.m., we'll have our 2nd Annual Blessing of Animals. Please bring your pets. On the west side of the building, we will do a brief service for blessing of animals.

BERGNER'S COMMUNITY DAY

Sale on November 15

You can buy a coupon booklet for \$5.00. The booklet includes a coupon worth \$10.00 and 8 coupons worth 20% off purchases that you make at Bergner's on November 15. All of the \$5.00 that you pay for the coupon booklet stays right here for one of our special projects. See Mary Shank to buy a coupon booklet.

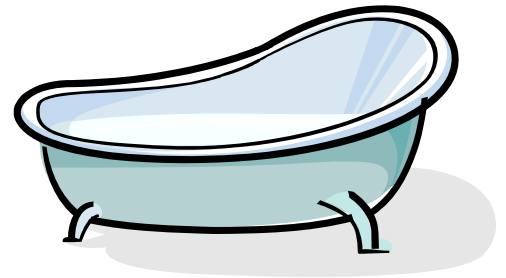
AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE for January through September 21

38 Weeks 2008	100
37 Weeks 2007	96



It's time to start thinking—**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**
PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

1. A tub has been placed in the narthex for new bars of soap. Our goal this year is 125 pounds of soap. Last year a church in Peoria collected 232 pounds of soap for LWR.



2. A jar has been placed in the narthex as well for donations to buy supplies for school kits, health kits, and sewing kits. Check (made out to Christ Lutheran Church or cash will help buy supplies for these kits. Last year we did school kits, sewing kits, and health kits. We would like to increase all the kits.



3. Any size blanket will be accepted (or quilt) but twin and full size are best. Our goal this year is 30 quilts and/or blankets.
4. They are NOT ACCEPTING used clothing this year. Some countries feel it disrupts local economics and threaten local textile and clothing manufacturing jobs. Other countries are charging increasingly high customs duty and taxes, making shipping costs prohibitively expensive. They have found that purchasing clothing locally is a better approach.
5. Thank you so much for your continued support of this worthy cause.

AKALOO EVENINGS

Our popular Akaloo Christian Education program, which we use on Sunday mornings for Sunday School, will be expanded this year on the 1st Sunday evening of each month, beginning October 5. Akaloo Evenings will meet from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. On October 5, we'll have a picnic to kick-off the program. Put the 1st Sunday of each month on your calendar now.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sue Reeder Sue McLennan	Bonnie Scranton Jerry Shank	Pat Bell Barb Wilkinson	Joan Lerner Sue McLennan
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters Wendy Maas	Virgene Gilkerson Mary Shank	Bonnie Scranton Scott Coyle	Jerry Shackelford Butch Kuras
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jeff Van Camp Natalie Meadows	Sue Tabb Ashley Stollberg	Stu Bell Stuart Peters	Ron Lerner Kim Glasgow
NURSERY	Ashley Van Camp	Emily Stollberg	Ashley Van Camp	Kara Wolf
ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	Reed Haubrich	Kara Wolf	Ian Jones	Dylan Probert
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson Randy & Ruth Osterbur	Jerry & Marilyn Shackelford Norma Tofall	Bonnie Scranton Jim & Peggy Bailey	Stu & Pat Bell Bruce Holderbaum
DEACON 10:30AM	Wayne McLennan	Jim Bailey	Reth Stollberg	Missy Kuras
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Ann Schwartzkopf Bruce Holderbaum	Bill Wolters Olin Shuler	Bonnie Scranton Stuart Peters
COFFEE HOUR	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7

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 October 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.

October	2 Mitch Krenz Andrew Maas Kayla McCabe 4 Jill Mathes 6 Mary Hesse 7 Stu Bell Anna Schuering 11 Larry Scott 14 Kara Durcan	16 Pat Glore Jeff Mathes 17 Don Burner Brett Wolters 18 Sara Brinkman 21 Cheryl Brinkman 23 Lauren Conover 26 Beverly Ward 27 Stephanie Bolte 28 James Leenerts
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If you have a wedding anniversary in October and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

October	10 Azad and Rita Tayyab 13 Jeff and Amy Stollberg Bob and Kathy Bolte	19 James and Megan Leenerts 21 David and Rose Probert
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