

# THE SEED



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write on the Tuesday after the Resurrection of Our Lord, I'm still basking in the after glow of a great Easter celebration. In spite of the cold weather and extremely early date for Easter, our attendance at worship on both Palm Sunday and Easter were the largest in more than 15 years. I rejoice that we are one of less than 30% of ELCA congregations that has grown in average Sunday attendance since 2000. In 1998-1999, we averaged 60 in worship a Sunday. Since November 2007, we've been averaging over 100 per Sunday.

Our congregational mission statement is "Christ Cares—Share the Faith". Sunday worship participation is one indication that the caring and the sharing are happening here. There are still more people who need the caring and the sharing that Christ is providing through us.

Our Learning/Youth Ministry Team is planning several exciting events for Junior High and Senior High youth. Please see the Youth Ministry Team article elsewhere in this edition of the Seed. Our youth and their parents worked hard and the rest of us ate well at the Easter breakfast to raise \$400.00 for youth activities.

On April 13, I will be attending a conference on "Orality and Literacy" at Rice University. The conference has 12 scholars from the three monotheistic religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—who will present and discuss various aspects of the relationship between the oral traditions and the written, holy scriptures in all three religions. I've already received abstracts of the presentations, and I see that the conference will stretch my mind.

On Sunday, April 13, the guest preacher will be a well done video about National Geographic photographer, Dewitt Jones, and his daily work. The video [For the Love of It](#) is valuable for all Christians to understand their daily work.

Today, I'm especially thankful that the Easter season is seven weeks long. I'll need seven weeks to continue to savor the sweetness of the first Sunday of Easter.

**Christ is risen!**  
**He is risen, indeed!**  
**Alleluia!**

Yours in Christ,

Pastor 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.

April 6, 3rd Sunday of Easter "HERE HE IS!"

"Where can we recognize the risen Jesus?" was an important question in the early Christian Church. The road to Enmaus story in Luke 24:13-35 gives us three places to recognize him.

April 13, 4th Sunday of Easter "FOR THE LOVE OF IT"

Acts 2:42-47 and 1 Peter 2:19-25 give glimpses of the lives of Christians in the early church. The video sermon is a beautiful and motivating presentation about a contemporary Christian's calling from God to work in the world.

April 20, 5th Sunday of Easter "WHERE ARE WE GOING?"

Our destination, or ultimate goal, in life is an important question for each of us to ask. In John 14:1-14, Jesus promises to be our 'on-star' guide—through all the starts and stops, twists and turns, ups and downs in life—to our ultimate goal.

April 27, 6th Sunday of Easter "THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH"

Prior to the Ascension of Jesus, he promised his followers the Holy Spirit who would be with us forever. His promise in John 14:15-21 is confirmed in our lives.

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## **CENTRAL / SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Our congregation is entitled to two lay delegates to the Synod Assembly which meets in Springfield May 29– 31, Thursday afternoon through Saturday noon. If you are interested in being a delegate, talk to Pastor Paul to President Kathy Wolters, 223-1563, before the April 8 church Council meeting.

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## **LUTHER COLLEGE COLLEGIATE CHORALE**

The Luther College Collegiate Chorale will present a concert of sacred and secular works by Handel, Cacini, Hassler, Christiansen, Joyce and *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure. The chorale is conducted by Timothy Peter. The concert will be on Thursday, April 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 1101 Blondeau in Keokuk, Iowa. Free-will offering; for concert information, call (319) 524-3475.



## Council Highlights – March 11, 2008

Present at the March 11 meeting of the Council were: Bruce Holderbaum, Joan Kammerlohr, Darrell Kruse, Stuart Peters, Trish Santos, Pam Schuering, Pastor Schwartzkopf, Bonnie Scranton, David Tooke, Barbara Wilkinson, and Kathy Wolters. Excused: Bonnie Conover

President Kathy Wolters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Opening devotion was given by Pastor Schwartzkopf. Kathy Wolters will have the opening devotions for April.

Minutes of the February 12, 2008, stood approved as written.

**Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer** The reports were discussed. Bonnie Scranton moved to accept the reports, seconded by Pastor Schwartzkopf.

**President's Report:** Bruce Holderbaum was thanked for printing the Church Directories and the Council Handbook. Dick Tabb, Bill Wolters, and Jim Bailey completed the audit. Robin Lentz is to be thanked for all her hard work. Central/Southern Illinois Synod newsletter was passed around to read.

**Pastor's Report:** Printed report on file.

### **MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Stewardship:** No report.

**Service:** No report.

**Property:** Stu Bell reported a water leak. A plumber was called and problem resolved. Spring work day will be May 17 and will be discussed at April meeting.

**Worship:** Bruce Holderbaum needs to reschedule the team meeting.

**Witness:** No report.

**Learning/Youth:** Trish Santos and Pam Schuering discussed the meeting of Sunday School teachers. The following dates were disclosed:

- Game Night – April 25 – 5:30 p.m.
- Easter Party – March 22 – 10:00 a.m. (help needed)
- Vacation Bible School – June 25 – 27 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Akaloo on Wednesday – April 2 through May 21, 6:00 p.m.

**Fellowship:** Expressed need for more members for this committee. This committee will help decorate for Easter brunch. It was suggested to serve curly cheese fries or walking tacos as a fundraiser at the Exchange Club Barbecue contest.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Tuesday, April 22, has been set for the Council Retreat meeting from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Motion made by Stuart Peters to define clear rolls and responsibilities of the ministry teams and staff at the retreat. It was seconded by Bruce Holderbaum and the motion passed.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed. We will discuss this more at the April meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Learning Ministry Team proposed activities for Jr. and Sr. High students to become more involved in church. The Council supports the proposal brought to them. The proposal has been filed.
- Bishop Freiheit will preach for services on March 30. He will meet informally with the congregation at the two coffee hours. The Council will meet with him from 9:20 – 10:15 a.m. Pastor Schwartzkopf will inform him of the format.
- Recovery Resources will be having meetings at the church on Mondays from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. They will be asked for a donation to defray costs.
- The Dogwood Block Party will be held on May 2, 2008. The Rhinbergers will provide the meat. Fellowship and Witness teams will help plan this event. We may have a 50/50 raffle as a fundraiser. We will ask the congregation for a volunteer willing to spearhead the float for the Dogwood Parade.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 6:30 PM**

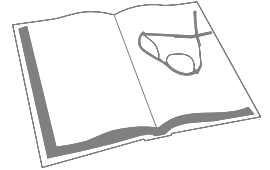


*AVERAGE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
FOR JANUARY through MARCH 23*

12 Weeks 2008	110
10 Weeks 2007	98

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***BOOKS 'N BREW***



Join us April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Hy-Vee. We'll be discussing "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Moitenson.

Also please be setting aside any books you'd like to donate for our Fall Book Sale.

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**DOGWOOD FESTIVAL BLOCK PARTY**

Plan ahead for our 3rd Annual Dogwood Festival Block Party which will be held at the church on Friday, May 2. Invited are members of the congregation, our families and friends, and our neighbors around 333 South 36th Street

**DOGWOOD FESTIVAL PARADE** - Saturday, May 4

WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE CHARGE OF PREPARING A FLOAT AND ORGANIZING PEOPLE FOR THE PARADE. The deadline for registration to have a float in the parade is April 18. If you would like to take charge of the float, talk to Pastor Paul or any member of our church Council.

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**THANK YOU**

Thank You for all the food for Easter baskets. Big thank you to Conny Bakker and Bruce Holderbaum for delivering all the baskets.

The Service Ministry Team

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**BISHOP FREIHEIT**

Our guest preacher on Sunday, March 30, will be our own Bishop, the right Rev. Warren D. Freiheit. Come and meet our Bishop who has a genuine pastoral heart.

## YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

### Six Flags Trip

Jr. High and Sr. High Youth are going to six flags on Saturday, May 3, (this is a date change). Everyone is welcome to join us! Jr./Sr. High Youth can get two tickets for only \$15.00 and everyone else who would like to get tickets at the group rate, of \$23.00 please call Trish Santos, 653-3545.

### CALLING ALL GAME PLAYERS

Friday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m.—Come join the youth for pizza and games. We'll have Pizza and lots of fun. Bring your favorite game or join someone else for their favorite game. Some of our teens can play an amazing game of chess!!!

### VBS

Mark your calendars and invite your friends for **Inspiration Island — The Greatest Treasure is God's Love**. June 25, 26, and 27 from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. If you would like to decorate, or have any ideas, please let Trish know!

### Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Mission Trip

This year the Youth will be attending "Camp Cilca" in Springfield, June 8 through 12. The teens will be matched up with a mentally challenged child for the week, to experience camp together. We still need one more adult chaperone. If this sounds like something that you would enjoy, please talk to Trish or Pastor.

### Summer Camp at Camp Cilca

We would like to encourage our youth to attend Summer Camp together at Camp Cilca, to do this we have started a scholarship fund to help. Please talk to Trish or Pastor if your child is interested in this opportunity.

Dates are:	Finishing 1st through 4th Grade	June 4—6
	Finishing 5th through 7th Grade	June 22—27
	Finishing 7th through 9th Grade	June 29—July 4

### Dave Ramsey for Teens

Stuart Peters and Trish Santos are working on a financial class for teens using the Dave Ramsey material along with some fun financial games. This will run on Sunday evenings beginning July 13 for 4 weeks. We will also offer a couple make up sessions if your child misses a week. All teenagers, and their friends are welcome to come and there is no charge for the class. We will have sign up forms at the church, please sign up early so we can order the appropriate T-shirt sizes.

## **Statement of Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson on the Death of Chaldean Catholic Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho**

March 19, 2008

In the midst of this Holy Week, we pray for religious tolerance and mutual respect of other faith traditions throughout the world, and especially, we lift up the plight of all people who are persecuted for their faith. We remember particularly the Chaldean community during these days of loss, suffering, and mourning. The kidnapping and death of Chaldean Catholic Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho is a tragic act of violence. We extend our condolences to members of the Chaldean Catholic Church and unite with people of faith from every tradition who condemn not only this kidnapping and death, but all acts of terror and extremism.

Archbishop Rahho had recently shared with a Vatican news agency: "Everyone is suffering from this war irrespective of religious affiliation, but in Mosul Christians face starker choices." During this sacred week we remember our Lord's plea, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Resting in God's promised mercy, we lift up our prayers for peace and hope. For all who experience suffering, persecution, and death we pray, "Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy."

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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### **THANK YOU**

A sincere "Thank You" to you and your congregation for your recent generous hospitality in agreeing to provide space on Mondays, 5-7 p.m., for our VIS counseling group. As shared, the group is experiencing what is expected to be a short-term growth spurt exceeding our available group room space here at our Family Resource Center outpatient building at 428 S. 36th Street. Once that growth reduces back to lower levels we will plan to return to our own facility.

The warm and positive way in which you have welcomed our staff counselor, Robin Christal, and the group members says much about your church's true concern for the whole of the Quincy community. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and those participating clients I wish to express our grateful appreciation.

From Ron Howell, Executive Director  
Great River Recovery Resources

# **BENEFIT GARAGE SALE** **for Steve Cress**

**Saturday, April 19, 2008**

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Body Mind Spirit (Parking Lot)  
1704 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street – Quincy**

**All proceeds will help with expenses  
while Steve is off work.**

*On Friday, March 14, 2008, Steve was diagnosed with a serious health condition. All of his treatments are being performed in St. Louis. Our hope is to raise money to help Steve and Sherry with their monthly living expenses as well as travel expenses while they are going through this trying time.*

**Any donated items will be greatly appreciated.**

**We will be glad to pick up your items.**

**Please have your donations ready by**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, would like to help or want to arrange pick up, please call Tammy at 217-257-5603.**

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## **AKALOO WEDNESDAY**

Akaloo on Wednesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m., has returned for April and May. There is just not enough time to do all the good learning activities on Sunday mornings. Kids who attend Sunday School—and kids who don't—bug your parents to bring you to Akaloo Wednesdays. You'll learn to follow Jesus—a good way to go.

## SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pat Bell Jerry Shank	Joan Larner Barb Wilkinson	Ann Schwartzkopf Sue McLennan	Sue Reeder Sue Reeder
<b>USHER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dick Tabb Joe Brinkman	Bill Wolters Mary Shank	Jeff Van Camp Jim Bailey	Stu Bell Butch Kuras
<b>READER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sue Tabb Nona Miller	Ron Larner Bill Shuler	Virgene Gilkerson Samantha Stollberg	Pat Bell Bruce Holderbaum
<b>NURSERY</b>	Ashley Stollberg	Ashley Van Camp	Emily Stollberg	Elisabeth Jones
<b>ACOLYTE</b> 10:30 AM	Summer Santos	Reed Haubrich	Kara Wolf	Ian Jones
<b>GREETERS</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joanne Brubaker Jim & Peggy Bailey	Dick & Sue Tabb Butch & Missy Kuras	Bill & Kathy Wolters Evie Jorgenson	Mel & Linda Dillman Nona Miller & Anita Wall
<b>DEACON</b> 10:30AM	Cheryl Brinkman	Jerry Shank	Wayne McLennan	Missy Kuras
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Bruce Holderbaum	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Bill Wolters Olin Shuler	Ann Schwartzkopf Bruce Holderbaum
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6

*If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and inform the church office. Many Thanks!*



If you have a birthday in April 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.

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| <p>April 4 Jordan Mathes<br/>6 Bonnie Conover<br/>12 Wendy Maas<br/>15 Matt Bolte<br/>17 Savana Santos<br/>Jennifer Wingerter<br/>18 Ann Schwartzkopf</p> | <p>19 Kim Glasgow<br/>Evie Jorgenson<br/>21 Kara Osterbur<br/>23 Katie Bigley<br/>27 Laura Mikkelson<br/>28 James Mathes<br/>30 Aden Stapleton<br/>Audra Stapleton</p> |
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If you have a wedding anniversary in April and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

- April 6 Dennis and Jill Mathes  
11 Nelson and Bernice Colgrove  
Olin and Norma Shuler  
14 Stu and Pat Bell  
21 Dick and Sue Tabb