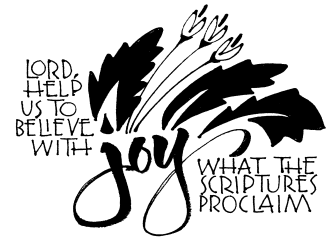


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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Here's another update on my health. I've had 31 radiation treatments with 5 or 6 to do. The primary side effect has set in. The medical people call it fatigue. My experience is that I'm tired all the time. I have to tell myself to slow down. But I'm making it through, and my energy level will return several weeks after the end of the treatments. Thanks again and again for all your prayers and support as I go through this. I am truly blessed to be pastor of a congregation that does its mission statement, "Christ Cares—Share the Faith".

My retirement is approaching the end of August. I have one Sunday and one week of vacation which I will take beginning August 24, so Sunday, August 23, will be my last Sunday as pastor. I will be available for an emergency during that last week of August.

Beginning September 1, the Interim Pastor will serve the congregation. The period of time that the Interim Pastor will serve is important for the congregation to make the adjustment to a new, called pastor and to go through the process of calling a new pastor. The call process will begin in September. Bishop Freiheit anticipates that a new called pastor will be here in less than a year.

In order for the congregation to make a healthy adjustment to the new pastor, it is important that I do no weddings, funerals, baptisms, first communions, pastoral care, hospital visits. The operative phrase for me is "just say no".

If you love the Interim Pastor as you have loved me, and if you love the new, called pastor as you have loved me, you'll continue to grow in God's grace and continue to expand the Christian ministry of the congregation.

I thank you for letting me come into your lives and for your strong support of my pastoral leadership during these past 10 years. I look forward to coming back for the 50th Anniversary of the congregation to see all that you will have accomplished.

*Yours In Christ,*

*Paul K. Schwartzkopf*

# Come Get the Message

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.



August 2, 9th Sunday after Pentecost **"LITURGY IS A WORK OF GOD"**

In John 6:24-35, a crowd asked Jesus what they should do as works of God. Jesus replied that believing in him is the work of God. We do this work in the liturgy of our worship. Today's sermon will be a narrative about the regular parts of the liturgy—why we do what we do in worship.

August 9, 10th Sunday after Pentecost **"LIVE AS CHRIST'S BODY"**

In Ephesians 4:25-5:2, the Apostle urged the church in Ephesus to live as Christ himself lived. Nourished by Christ's body in the bread of communion, we can be his loving body in this world.

August 16, 11th Sunday after Pentecost **"EAT THIS BREAD"**

The words of Jesus in John 6:51-58 could not have made sense until after he instituted his supper, was crucified and risen from the dead. We understand his words in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

August 23, 12th Sunday after Pentecost **"KEEP THE FAITH"**

Joshua 24:1-18 and John 6:56-69 relate renewed commitments by God's people to be faithful. Ephesians 6:10-20 lists God's spiritual weapons that defend our faith.

August 30, 13th Sunday after Pentecost **"CHRIST CARES"**

Today will be a lay led service with special emphasis on Christian education, an old-fashioned rally day. In Mark 7:1-23, Jesus contrasts the importance of following God rather than human tradition. In Deuteronomy 4:1-9, Moses urged the same faithfulness on the ancient Hebrew people. We, too, can continue to live God's word that Christ cares.

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*AVERAGE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
for January through July 19*

29 Weeks 2009	100
29 Weeks 2008	102

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## LWR

It's LWR time again. We will once again be collecting blankets and bar soap to send to LWR this fall. Kindly bring these items to church during the next few weeks and put them in the places provided. Can we beat our records of last year? We collected 21 blankets and 100 pounds of soap. We will also be doing the school kits, health kits and sewing kits. If you have any questions please contact Bonnie Conover. Thanks for your generosity.

## **THANK YOU**

Dear Friends,

There's a light at the end of the tunnel! My ordeal that started in March is almost over. By God's Grace and your much appreciated prayers, I am cancer free and do not need radiation.

So thanks to everyone for your prayers, encouragement, hugs, cards, gifts of friendship and love. Thanks to Pastor Paul and Ann for their support, especially to Pastor for his coming to Barnes for both operations to send me to the operating room with special prayers. Bob also appreciated his company while waiting for the operations to be over. So to all of you, I say **THANK YOU!** because we at Christ Lutheran are a caring family.

Barb Rhinberger

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### **Thrivent Financial for Lutheran Six Flag Tickets**

The St. Louis Heartland Region invites Thrivent benefit members and their immediate families to enjoy Six Flags for only \$6.00. Ticket forms are available in the church office and at the Quincy Area Thrivent office, 3837 East Lake Centre, Quincy. Call Shane 223-5143 or Jan 223-2570 for more information.

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### **DONATE YARD TOOLS**

The Wednesday morning group is in need of some yard tools, rakes and shovels. If anyone has any extra tools or if you are cleaning out your garage and would like to donate them to the church it would be appreciated.

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### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Spaghetti Dinner in July was a great success especially for a first time event. The food and fellowship were both superb, and \$702.75 was contributed to the kitchen fund.

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## **JOIN THE QUINCY SYMPHONY CHORUS!** Dr. Phyllis Robertson, Conductor

Call the Symphony Office at 217-222-2856 to schedule a short audition. Visit [www.qsoa.org](http://www.qsoa.org) for more information on the chorus and the season.

## **NEW SHRUBBERY**

Thanks to the large turn out of people who removed the old, overgrown shrubs on the west side of the church building, planted the new shrubs, and are watering them everyday, the west side is much more attractive than it was. Thanks also to Darrell Kruse and Mark Lammers of HyVee on Broadway for making the shrubs and flowers available and to Gary Clark, HyVee's master gardener for the design.

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## **BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH DAY**

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Starting at 8:00 a.m.

Come to work outside or inside, to do heavy or light work—we have both that need to be done. The list of activities will be posted Sunday, August 16, so you can dress appropriately and bring the necessary tools.

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## **TRANSLATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER**

At the June Council meeting, there was a discussion about the translation of the Lord's prayer that we use in worship. The Council decided to take a straw poll of the congregation, similar to the way we took straw polls about decisions regarding our building and remodeling project.

On the first two Sundays in August, an easel will be placed in the narthex. There will be 3 choices:

### **NEW**

### **OLD**

### **BOTH**

We have been using the new translation for more than 10 years. There are some congregations in which both translations are said simultaneously and it works. The new translation is a little shorter so the people speaking the new pause at a few times to let the people speaking the old catch up.

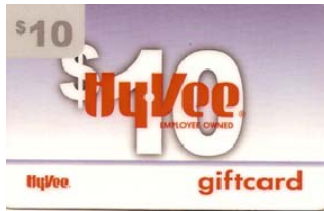
The Council will consider the straw poll at the August meeting.

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## **Your Help Is Needed**

Barb Rhinberger has something special planned for Pastor and Ann and needs your help. She is looking for some pictures, some notes of good luck, or just some favorite memories that you have of the last ten wonderful years we have shared with Pastor and Ann. These can be in the form of a card or letter to them. I will put a box in Fellowship Hall to start gathering these. She would like them no later than August 10. Thanks for all your help!

Trish Santos



## HyVee Donates to Christ Lutheran

**Thank you** to all for purchasing HyVee gift cards. HyVee donates 5% to Christ Lutheran Church. If you purchase a \$100.00 gift card to use for things that you would buy anyway, HyVee donates \$5.00 to our congregation.



The cards will continue to be available every Sunday after each service. Look for the HyVee gift card sign.



Continue to use the cards for groceries, gas, garbage stickers, photos, prescriptions. The cards are available in denominations of \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. They are easier to use than a credit card.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Our congregation is growing and we are thrilled. In the last few weeks we were blessed with the joining of several new members. We have gathered some information on most of them. The ones that do not appear below will be interviewed at a later time.

- A big welcome to Jessica McCabe.

Jessica is Kurt McCabe's wife. She was born and raised in Quincy and works at a Law firm in town. Jessica has been coming to Christ Lutheran for the past two years, Kurt was baptized at Christ Lutheran. They had a beautiful baby boy 10 months ago named Kooper. They plan to get involved in most family oriented functions. We welcome you, Jessica.

- Another warm welcome to Marcia Fantz.

Marcia was born in Quincy, lived in Payson for 40 years and has moved back to Quincy in the last 12 years. She was married for 47 years. Her husband passed away in 2006. She has adopted children, a boy and a girl. She retired from the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation. She visited various church services in the area along with her friend, Judy Kauffman, and was impressed at the friendly welcoming atmosphere she found at Christ Lutheran. She may want to participate in the various ministries Christ Lutheran has to offer but she would like to wait a little while before doing so. We welcome you, Marcia.

- We also welcome Judy Kauffman to our Church family.

Judy was also born and raised in Quincy. She is widowed and has two daughters and one stepdaughter. Her oldest daughter Dawn works at the Veterans home and has one son. Her second daughter Amy lives in Marceline and has one son, and her stepdaughter has two children. Judy worked as a nurse at St. Mary's and Blessing and later at a doctor's office. She also came to Christ Lutheran and found a warm and friendly atmosphere. We are happy to have you. Judy has already begun to volunteer her time and talents to our congregation.

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Barb Wilkinson	Ann Schwartzkopf Crystal Bernett	Joan Larner Sue McLennan	Sue Reeder Sue Reeder	Bonnie Scranton Bonnie Scranton
<b>USHER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dick Tabb Mary Shank	Joan Larner Joe Brinkman	Ron Larner Jim Bailey	Virgene Gilkerson Ashley Stollberg	Bill Wolters David Maas
<b>READER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson Stuart Peters	Kathy Wolters Kim Glasgow	Jerry Shackelford Summer Santos	Marilyn Shackelford Richard Klusmeyer	Phil Conover Duane McCulloch
<b>NURSERY</b>	Kara Wolf	Ann Marie Dalton	Kara Wolf	Kara Wolf	Kara Wolf
<b>ACOLYTE</b> 10:30 AM	Erika Stollberg	Kara Wolf	Reed Haubrich	Ian Jones	Dylan Probert
<b>GREETERS</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Phil & Bonnie Conover Nelson & Bernice Colgrove	Virgene Gilkerson Judy Kauffman	Dick & Sue Tabb Randy & Ruth Osterbur	Bonnie Scranton Jerry & Mary Shank	Bill & Kathy Wolters Norma Tofall
<b>DEACON</b> 10:30AM	Misty Coyle	Cheryl Brinkman	Wayne McLennan	Crystal Bernett	No Communion
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bruce Holderbaum Olin Shuler	Bill Wolters Ann Schwartzkopf	Ann Schwartzopf Bruce Holderbaum	Bonnie Scranton Bonnie Scranton	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Group 3	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 August 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.

August 1 Nathan Eddy 2 Michelle Scott Joy Wahlmann Ott Dianne Sill 4 Bonnie Clark Lou Krenz 5 Joe Leenerts 8 Mary Shank	9 Nona Miller 10 Ryan Ward Reth Stollberg 12 Nancy Wahlmann 13 Chrissi Simpson 16 Jim Bailey 17 George Bueltmann Lynn Willer	19 Brennan McEwen 22 Bill Allen 24 Katelyn Kimber Samantha Stollberg 28 Samantha Santos 30 Charlotte Tooke 31 Emily Stollberg Susan Wahlmann
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If you have a wedding anniversary in August and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

August 3 Tony and Amanda Bolte 5 Joe and Hila Leenerts 13 Reth and Jennifer Stollberg Bill and Becky Allen 17 Ron and Joan Larner 19 Steve and Stacy White	20 David and Wendy Maas 21 Pastor Paul and Ann Schwartzkopf Keith and Kim Glasgow 24 Bruce and Barb Holderbaum 27 Larry and Michelle Scott 29 Leroy and Lynn Willer 30 Phil and Bonnie Conover
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