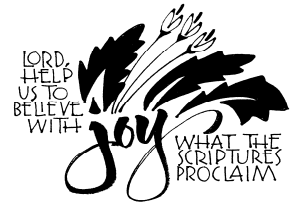


# THE SEED



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

In my up-date, last month, about my cancer treatment, I wrote that I was awaiting the result of another PSA test. The test showed another increase, so I began, on June 8, daily radiation treatments at the Blessing Cancer Center in Quincy. I'll have approximately 35 treatments, Monday through Friday for seven weeks. As I write today (June 24) I've had 12 treatments. So far, I've experienced no negative side effects.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your support and your prayers. Please keep praying that this radiation treatment will eliminate the cancer.

Last Sunday was the 39th anniversary of my ordination, and as I look forward to retirement in August, I am aware of three things:

1. It is time for me to retire from parish ministry. I cannot put this awareness into words, but it is something that I know inside me.
2. Christ Lutheran Church will do well after I retire. The congregation has very good lay leadership and a very high percentage of members participating in various aspects of the congregation's ministry. The positive dynamic that exists in the congregation will continue to expand the congregation's ministry in the future. As I look back on my ten years of ministry as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, I am graciously amazed at the nearly miraculous ways that God has worked among us in order to bring us to this point; therefore, I am convinced that God will continue to guide and to lead this congregation in the future. God didn't do all those great things during the past ten years for nothing. Actually God has been working in this congregation for nearly 50 years. In the fall of 1960, the founding members requested a charter as a Lutheran congregation. In the spring of 1961, the Lutheran Church in America officially chartered Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. There is a 50th anniversary coming soon. You won't want to miss it!
3. Finally, I am aware that God is calling me to something new. I'm not sure what it is, but I've already had three different thoughts about what it might be. My plan is to take the first six months of retirement as a sabbatical during which Ann and I will do a lot of traveling and visiting our relatives. I expect that during those six months, the direction for my future non-parish ministry will become clear to me.

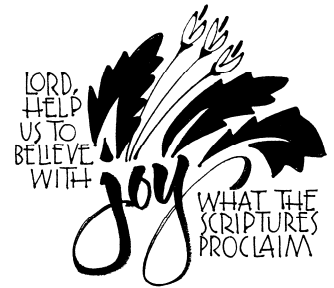
In the meantime, we continue to celebrate God's grace among us. Isn't God great!

*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 5, 5th Sunday after Pentecost **“LIMITS TO GOD’S POWER”**

All three scripture readings identify circumstances when God’s power was limited. Read Ezekiel 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 and Mark 6:1-13.

July 12, 6th Sunday after Pentecost **“PRAISE GOD’S GLORY”**

Ephesians 1:3-14 is an early creed that proclaims what God has done, and it is written in three parts: to the Father, the Beloved (Son) and the Holy Spirit. The popular novel The Shack has an imaginative description of the Trinity’s relationship and work.

July 19, 7th Sunday after Pentecost **“CITIZENS WITH SAINTS”**

Ephesians 2:11-22 describes us as having been aliens and strangers who have become citizens with the saints and members of the community of God. The suffering and death of Christ has made us legal residents and citizens of God’s kingdom.

July 26, 8th Sunday after Pentecost **“BREAD AND PEACE”**

In John 6:1-21, Jesus counters human hunger and fear with his gracious gifts of peace and bread.



## AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE for January through June 21

25 Weeks 2009	102
25 Weeks 2008	103

### RELAY FOR LIFE

Our Christ Lutheran Church team that participated in the 2009 Relay for Life fund-raiser and support event for cancer survivors and cancer research raised \$7,700.00 for cancer research. Thanks to all who donated. Our 4 person team was Pastor Paul, Pat Bell, Sue McLennan, and Joyce Alford, our team leader. Joyce herself raised \$6,700.00 for the cause. She also was this year’s honorary chair person of the event.

Congratulations and thanks to Joyce.



## Council Highlights – June 9, 2009

Present at the June 9 meeting of the Council were: Jack Bousner, Bonnie Conover, Bruce Holderbaum, Joan Kammerlohr, Darrell Kruse, Stuart Peters, Sue Reeder, Pastor Schwartzkopf, Reth Stollberg, David Tooke, and Barbara Wilkinson Excused: Trish Santos and Pam Schuering

President Stuart Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Opening devotions were provided by Bonnie Conover. Trish Santos will provide devotions for the August meeting.

Announcements: Stuart Peters asked the Executive Committee to stay briefly after the meeting.

Minutes of the May 12, 2009, meeting were approved as written. Also approved were the minutes of the meeting with Bishop Freheit.

**Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer:** The reports were discussed. Motion was passed to approve the reports with clarification of some non-budget receipts. Bonnie Conover will look into this matter.

**President's Report:** Stuart Peters reported that the new, much faster computer has been installed. Barb Wilkinson offered the church some Norton 360 anti-virus material.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Paul gave an update on his health. Three new members joined the church already and seven more will join on June 14. An additional eight people may be joining later. Pastor will participate at the Lord's Barn this Saturday during an open house of the Log cabins on Quinsippi Island. He reported that the new member orientation was very successful. Many thanks to Barb Wilkinson and Dick Tabb for their hard work. Thanks also to Ann Schwartzkopf for the great Power-Point presentation. New member handbooks were handed out to the new members. The nursery attendants from Vo-Tech did not work out. We will use our own members for the summer. Pastor will try to get the Vo-Tech students working in the fall. Recovery Resources finished using our kitchen and dining facilities today and the church received \$1,575.00 for the use of our space.

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

**Stewardship:** No report. The committee was thanked again for the New Member Orientation meeting.

**Service:** None

**Property:** Darrell Kruse reported that the cross out front was completed with special thanks to Reth Stollberg and helpers. The Property men are working with a man who will prepare the Fellowship hall floor before the new wax is put down.

**Worship:** Bruce Holderbaum reported that hymns have been set up through July. There will be a special Vacation Bible School order of service plus communion on June 28. A narrative communion service "Liturgy is a work of God" will be presented on August 2.

**Witness:** Reth Stollberg reported that Linda Dillman and Bonnie Conover will chair a Spaghetti dinner on July 15 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The soap drive will last all summer.

**Learning/youth:** Joan Kammerlohr reported that Vacation Bible School times have been switched to 10 a.m. to Noon. The next meeting will be July 8 at 5:30 p.m.

**Fellowship:** David Tooke reported that they will try to get some of our new members to join that committee.

### **Old Business:**

- We went out back to look at the shed. Motion was passed to move the shed closer to the church building subject to ordinance. Jack Bousner has offered to help with the move.
- We discussed the translation of the Lord's Prayer. We discussed the old way, the new way, or both said at the same time. Pastor will put an article in the Seed. A motion was passed that the congregation would decide which translation of the prayer we will use.

### **New Business:**

- We discussed Internet Streaming of Worship which allows people to log on to our web site to see the service. It would be good for shut-ins, vacationing parishioners, and possibly for people looking for a new church. Stuart Peters reported that it would probably cost less than \$100 to set this up. Motion was passed to pursue this on a trial basis. Stuart Peters will see if our new computer can handle the setup.

Motion was passed to skip the July meeting. The next meeting will be August 11, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 6:30 PM**

Thank You!

- To Amy Stollberg  
Thank you for taking care of the altar flowers this summer.

Bonnie Scranton

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# DISCOVERY CANYON

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

The Augsburg-Fortress publication Discovery Canyon was the curriculum used in our VBS, June 22-26. As an explorer might discover the wonders of a canyon, so we explored the wonders of God's word. Through the first three days, we had 40 different children and 4 adults participate in VBS. The daily themes were Rejoice, Pray, Ask, Tell, and Seek. Thanks to our VBS director Misty Coyle and all the VBS staff and participants for a great, hot week.

- I have to say, with all the wonderful comments, VBS was a great success this year! This is all in thanks to so many people.

### Teachers:

Linda Dillman

Kathy Wolters

Kim Glasgow

Joan Kammerlohr

Pam Schuering

Pastor Paul

Ann Schwartzkopf

Patty Kruse

Rose Probert

Summer Santos

I also want to extend a HUGE thanks to the Property Team. They solved my waterfall problem and built a beautiful bridge. Thank you to the congregation for all the decorations and donations. The love and support with prayer and action has been wonderful! Thank you again!

Serving In Christ's name,

Misty Coyle

## **Super Duper Sale Report June 14, 2009**

The Super Duper Sale reminds me of the story of how Jesus fed the crowd with a few fish and several loaves. When we started the day we thought we'd be lucky to have made a profit of \$500. Were we surprised when the total money that day reached \$980? The Lord provided everything we needed through your generous gifts of time, talents, and gifts.

We would like to thank the Wednesday men's work group for setting up the room, Bonnie Conover and Wendy Maas for their leadership, Judy Kauffman and Marcia Fantz for their coordination of the bake sale, and to Jeff and Amy Stollberg for their help with clean up. Thank you to all of you for your individual help each day and to those who contributed their treasures for making the Second Super Duper Sale a success. We have asked Thrivent for a match to help support our building and maintenance projects and we should have a final report in next month's seed.

Thank You,  
Kathy Wolters

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### **LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES**

We have a few more copies of the new Lutheran Study Bibles available for purchase.  
Hardcover \$24.50      Paperback \$18.75

See Ann Schwartzkopf on Sunday morning or Robin in the office during the week.

We also have one paperback edition that has been donated by a member and is available for free. See Pastor Paul for this free Lutheran Study Bible.

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### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Linda Dillman and Bonnie Conover are cooking up a spaghetti dinner to raise money for kitchen doors and supplies. Plan to eat out—at church—between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15. Bring the whole family. Invite friends and neighbors. Free will donations will be accepted to purchase kitchen doors and supplies.

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### **NEW SHRUBERY**

Thanks to Darrell Kruse and Mark Lammers at HyVee on Broadway, we'll receive some new shrubs for the front (west side) of our church building. We'll need lots of help to pull out the old overgrown shrubs and plant the new. Please check Sunday announcements for work time or phone the church office (224-1624) and leave a message of times you can work.

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sue Reeder Joan Larner	Ann Schwartzkopf Crystal Bernett	Bonnie Scranton Sue McLennan	Joan Larner Barb Wilkinson
<b>USHER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson Wendy Maas	Bill Wolters Cheryl Brinkman	Jerry Shackelford Wayne McLennan	Bonnie Scranton Butch Kuras
<b>READER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dick Tabb Judy Kauffman	Virgene Gilkerson Bill Shuler	Sue Tabb Nona Miller	Ron Larner Bruce Holderbaum
<b>ACOLYTE</b> 10:30 AM	Nick Kruse	Alec Rettenmeier	Katie Bigley	Savanah Santos
<b>GREETERS</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dick & Sue Tabb Jim & Peggy Bailey	Phil & Bonnie Conover Wayne & Sue McLennan	Jerry & Marilyn Shackelford Stuart & Kris Peters	Joanne Brubaker Dave & Wendy Maas
<b>DEACON</b> 10:30AM	Ron Larner	Reth Stollberg	Jim Bailey	Missy Kuras
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ann Schwartzkopf Olin Shuler	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Bill Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Bonnie Scranton Olin Shuler
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	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.

July	1 Joan Larner	15 Kara Wolf
	Julie Spurgeon	Dick Tabb
	4 Karrie Scott	16 Miles Leenerts
	9 Misty Coyle	18 Vinson Sill
	Roene Bartle	22 Ruth Osterbur
	10 Clayton Kimber	24 Olin Shuler
	Bruce Holderbaum	25 Jessica Probert
	11 Barb Holderbaum	26 Reed Haubrich
	13 Danielle Scott	29 Barbara Wilkinson



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

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