

THE SEED



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REV. PAUL BALABAN, INTERIM PASTOR



Next!

We use and experience this word a lot. When we are in line at our favorite fast food venue, we want to hear that word, so we can place our order and be served. When we are trying to get the oil changed in our car, we anticipate the instant that word will be spoken and we can get on with our activities. When a beloved minister leaves a congregation, however, that word often take on a worrisome connotation.

I am next. We've not met (yet). I am your Interim Pastor. I have specific training in this specialized ministry and 30+ years experience as a Lutheran parish pastor. The major focus of my ministry with you will be to assist during this time of transition.

My job has many facets. One is to provide and oversee the pastoral needs of Christ Lutheran. Other facets include the congregational change with Pastor Paul's retirement, the assembling of your congregational profile and the calling of your next pastor. Speaking of which, I am not and will not be your next called pastor.

Let me also tell you that I hope to have fun. Ministry should be fun (and challenging, stressful, emotional, demonstrative, consoling, comforting, legalistic, etc.) and forgiving. I like to assume that we are all trying to do our best so that the love of Christ will be evidenced by our words and actions. Will we always agree? Of course not. I expect that we all will have some heartfelt positions that no amount of reasoning will dissuade. The mere fact that I even ask about some aspect of your mission or ministry is going to cause some to be concerned. I don't know, yet, your procedures. I don't know how or why something was started or was stopped. I will ask because I want to learn and understand. Which in turn will enable you to both examine what you are doing (perhaps why) and eventually be able to communicate that effectively to your next pastor.

I am next. I will be your interim. I prepare for another. Sounds almost Biblical. – TGBG – Pastor Paul (the next)

TGBG = To God Be Glory

*AVERAGE SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
for January through August 16*



33 Weeks 2009	100
33 Weeks 2008	99

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

On Tuesday, August 11, Church Council decided in order to receive a reimbursement check for any purchase made for the church a store receipt of the purchase must be submitted. The decision was made for budgeting, planning, and auditing purposes. If you have any questions or concerns please contact a council member. Thank you.

TAI CHI for BETTER HEALTH

Beginning Thursday, September 17, 6:30—7:30 p.m. Jessica Myers will lead a Tai Chi class at Christ Lutheran Church. The class continues for eight weeks. You may register for the class or inquire about it by contacting Jessica at 222-8965 or taichi@adams.net.

Tai Chi, a gentle exercise recommended by the Arthritis Foundation and the Mayo Clinic, consists of slow, fluid movements that are done in a relaxed fashion. Tai chi can be practiced almost anywhere, requires no special equipment, and is suitable for almost everyone, including those using wheel chairs.

Research supports tai chi as useful in helping to treat stress and depression; balance and coordination; a concentration and memory; circulatory, heart, and lung function; muscle strength and stamina; and flexibility and posture. Because tai chi is a group activity, it also provides a positive social experience for participants.

The tai chi for health programs have been carefully designed by medical and tai chi experts to meet the needs of older, elderly, and disabled individuals; those wanting to begin physical activity after years at a desk job those wanting to minimize the symptoms of early arthritis, diabetes, and other conditions; and children needing help with such things as concentration, depression, and coordination or those simply looking for a fun activity.

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN



The new season for our choir begins with rehearsals on Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For an enjoyable musical experience, it doesn't get much better than singing in the choir under the direction of Amy Stollberg. Come, join our happy throng.



Council Highlights – August 11, 2009

Present at the August 11 meeting of the Council were: Jack Bousner, Bonnie Conover, Bruce Holderbaum, Joan Kammerlohr, Darrell Kruse, Sue Reeder, Trish Santos, Pam Schuering, Pastor Schwartzkopf, Reth Stollberg, David Tooke, and Barbara Wilkinson. Excused: Stuart Peters

Vice-President Sue Reeder called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Trish Santos provided the opening devotions. Jack Bousner will provide the devotions for the September meeting.

Announcements: None

Minutes of the June 9, 2009, meeting were approved as written. There was a question concerning the hiring of nursery helpers. Pastor will contact Cinda Hummel and then pass this onto Joan Kammerlohr.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer: David Tooke questioned the use of the church credit card for HyVee. The council passed a motion that a store receipt must be submitted before being reimbursed by the church. Pam Schuering will write a short note for the Seed explaining this new policy. The Spaghetti Dinner profits will go towards the purchase of a new kitchen door and folding door for the opening. The reports for June and July were discussed and approved as written.

President's Report: None

Pastor's Report: The written report for August 11 was filed. Pastor told us about Rally Sunday on August 30, Misty Coyle will lead the lay service. Bibles will be presented to baptized students in grades 4-9. Letters will be sent to the parents concerning this. Pastor thanked all who helped during his treatments. .

MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: The October-November Stewardship Campaign was discussed. A power-point presentation will highlight the duties of each of the learning teams. After this, the Time and Talent Sheets plus the Financial Pledge Sheet will be mailed to the members. Each team will check with Robin to see possible volunteers.

Service: None

Property: The Property Team has been very busy. The shed was painted, landscaping completed, and the floor waxed. A tree will be taken down in the fall. It was decided to keep the shed in its present place.

Worship: Hymns have been selected through August. Pastor and Bruce Holderbaum will select hymns for the first two weeks of September. An in-service will be given on August 12 on appropriate hymns. The services are being taped. The team will look at having the sermons put on the web site. The board approved the renewal of the web site license.

Witness: The spaghetti supper made \$702.75. Five ladies have been working on school bags for Lutheran World Relief. Members should be encouraged to donate to Lutheran World Relief. The money will be used for school supplies. Members should make a check out to Christ Lutheran and designate it to Lutheran World Relief.

Learning/Youth: The Vacation Bible School report by Misty Coyle was discussed. Some new supplies need to be purchased. The storeroom still needs to be cleaned and then a list of needed supplies written.

Fellowship: Meetings will start again next month. The church dinner is being organized for August 23.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The straw poll showed overwhelming support for the old version of the Lord's Prayer. Both versions will be printed in the bulletin and members can decide which version they want to use that day.
- B. Pastor will pursue the possibility of having a Tai Chi class at church with Jessica Meyers.
- C. We will discuss the possibility of becoming a green congregation at a later meeting. The idea of organizing meals for shut-ins was discussed. The list of signed up volunteers will be found. Trish and Pam will help the Service Team. The Property team will help people who need yard and home jobs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Pastor told us about the interim Pastor, Paul Balaban. The board approved the Bishop's recommendation of Pastor Balaban.
- B. Another church has given ten Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University kits to Stuart. The kits will cost \$95.00 instead of the usual \$115.00. If a class can start in October, we will purchase the kits. If we don't have a class until January, the kits will not be purchased.
- C. Bruce shared a checklist of procedures for opening and closing the building. The property team will help with this. Bruce presented Pastor with a special engraved cross as a gift.

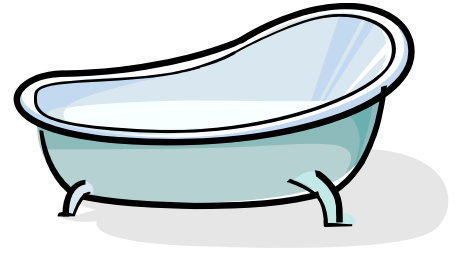
The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 6:30 PM

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.
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, designated "LWR", 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. Once again they are NOT ACCEPTING used clothing this year.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this worthy cause.

THANK YOU

- Big THANK YOU to the Wednesday morning Property Party who painted a storage shed for Marcia and Jennifer Fantz.
- Thanks to all the ladies who helped sew bags for LWR school kits. They put together 123 bags! Irma Bertelsen alone sewed 52 bags. Way to go Irma! The following is a list of the individuals that helped put the bags together:

Irma Bertelsen
Bernice Colgrove
Linda Dillman
Virgene Gilkerson
Brennan Dillman

Dorothy Beeler
Bonnie Conover
Marcia Fantz
Judy Kauffman
Delaney Dillman

Jerri Klusmeyer
Duane McCulloch
Ann Schwartzkopf
Kaye Marshall

UNMET NEEDS

The Unmet Needs Committee of Quincy has two requests:

1. Furniture for a family from Mongolia who have relocated to Quincy....They need everything, especially living room furniture, beds, and kitchen equipment
2. A volunteer to coordinate the appliance storage unit

Please talk to Mary Reeve, 223-6925, mreeve1@comcast.net, if you can help with any of these needs. Mary is our congregational representative on the Unmet Needs Committee.

BOOKS 'N BREW

Our September selection for discussion is “The Choice” by Nicholas Sparks. We’ll meet at HyVee on Broadway at 6 p.m. on September 24. If you haven’t read this book it’s a real eye opener! Come tell us what you think!



WOMEN MEET & EAT

The women who met in August to make cloth bags for Lutheran World Relief school kits had such a good time that they have decided to gather once a month to work together on some church service project. They’ll also have lunch together and do some talking. They considered a number of names for the group—some of which were very humorous. For a good laugh, ask them what the rejected names were.

2nd Tuesday each Month
9 a.m. till ?
Come and go as you need to

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| September 8 | - Stuff School Bags | February 9 | - ? |
| | - talk about other projects | March 9 | - ? |
| October 13 | - Crismons | April 13 | - ? |
| November 11 | - Prep Ploughman’s Lunch | May 11 | - School Bags |
| December 8 | - Banners | June 8 | - School Bags |
| January 12 | - Banners | July 13 | - School Bags |
| | | August 10 | - School Bags |

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you for all the blessings that you have given Ann and me through the years and for all the gifts you have given us on my retirement. You have covered us from head (the Tilley hat) to foot (the merino wool hiking socks) and even to our fingertips (the laptop).

Yours in Christ,
Retired Pastor Paul

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WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Sue McLennan	Pat Bell Crystal Bernett	Joan Larner Barb Wilkinson	Sue Reeder Sue Reeder
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jerry Shackelford Wayne McLennan	Stu Bell Butch Kuras	Bonnie Scranton Wendy Maas	Dick Tabb Bruce Holderbaum
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dick Tabb Mary Reeve	Sue Reeder Jerri Klusmeyer	Ron Larner Peggy Bailey	Sue Tabb Judy Kaufmann
NURSERY				
ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	Emily Stollberg	Nick Kruse	Alec Rettenmeier	Katie Bigley
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mel & Linda Dillman Joan Kammerlohr	Jerry & Marilyn Shackelford Donna Leenerts	Joanne Brubaker Keith & Kim Glasgow	Phil & Bonnie Conover Brent & Marcy Bigley
DEACON 10:30AM	Barb Rhinberger	Missy Kuras	Reth Stollberg	Misty Coyle
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bruce Holderbaum Olin Shuler	Bonnie Scranton Stuart Peters	Bill Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Kathy Wolters 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 September 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.

September	1 Matt Clark Erik Kruse 3 Laura Brinkman 4 Buford Ward 6 David Clark 10 Floyd Leenerts 12 Jon Wahlmann	18 Bernice Colgrove Esther Hufendick 20 Jaiden Mathes James Wagy 21 Danielle Sill 22 Karly Leenerts 27 Joyce Alford Kolette Alford
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If you have a wedding anniversary in September and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

September	1 David and Daune McCulloch 14 Darrell and Patty Kruse 18 Kent and Joyce Alford 28 Bill and Pat Glore
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