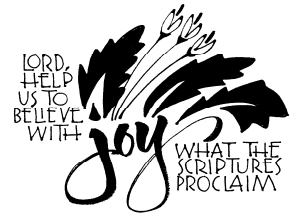




# THE SEED



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

July 2010

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Dear Friends in Christ,

## THE HOLDING PATTERN

I used to love to fly on airplanes – and still do (sometimes). I was able to do fly frequently mainly because my Dad worked for Aero Commander (an aircraft manufacturer). Back in the “old days” upon arrival at the destination airport, the controllers would often put the plane in a “holding pattern”. There we would circle, sometimes seeing other planes also in the pattern, all waiting for our turns to land.

Right now we are in a “holding pattern” as we await our first candidate to interview. We don’t know all that is being done by the Bishop and his staff to contact and clear candidates for us (and he/they do a lot!) We don’t know all the reasons why we haven’t had a candidate to interview.

At the Interim Ministry Network seminar and ELCA official told us that one facet affecting mobility is that many pastors who were expected to retire during the past 2 years didn’t. Part of this was a pension decrease. Part of it, I think, is the economy (if you’ve got a job you keep it and you can’t sell your house). Part of it, again from me, is that while things in the ELCA are “unsettled”, it’s better to keep the folks you know.

Truth be told – we don’t care. All reasons may be true and good, but we want to stop “holding” and land. We want to stop waiting and make some progress – at least start interviewing!

No one particularly likes being in a holding pattern - the pilot, the crew, nor the passengers. But we wait until we are cleared to land, finishing the flight. The same is true for us as a congregation. We don’t like waiting. I don’t like waiting. But the only choice – if we want to get where we’re going - is to wait – and PRAY!

TGBG – Pastor “**holding pattern**” Paul



**Christ Lutheran Church**  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2010

**Council Members:** Sue Reeder, Pastor Balaban, Jim Bailey, David Tooke, Bruce Holderbaum, Joan Kammerlohr, Sue McLennan, Dick Tabb, Darrell Kruse  
**Absent:** Tom Holte, Pam Schuering, Barbara Wilkinson, Reth Stollberg

Sue Reeder opened the business meeting. Pastor Balaban led us in opening prayer. Joan Kammerlohr provided the opening devotions. Sue McLennan will do devotions next month. Minutes of the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

**Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer:**

The financial report was not available due to Robin's being out of town for medical reasons. We discussed the continuing budget shortfall. We discussed the importance of keeping up with our pledges even if we are absent from church. The budget shortfall will be discussed in church by Dick Tabb and an article will be placed in the Seed. We need to engage more members into becoming involved with church activities. We have raised about \$3,000 towards the calling of a new pastor. The financial reports will be discussed at the July meeting.

**Interim Pastor's Report:**

Pastor attended the Interim Ministry Conference from June 3-8. He reported that it was a very helpful conference. Trish Santos, Ashley Maas, and Amy Stollberg have been putting together the weekly bulletins. He discussed the importance of the office being organized. In the future, we need to address a change of e-mail addresses for the church, pastor, and the Seed. Pastor will be conducting a baptism of a Luther Memorial member at our church on July 4th and conducting a wedding at Luther Memorial on July 10<sup>th</sup>. A Trisynodical Youth Leadership Lab will be held at Augustana College from July 18-24. Pastor is encouraging attendance by some of our youth. We discussed having the July Council meeting between services, but decided to have an evening meeting as usual. The pros and cons of having one service were discussed. He discussed our prayer process and encourages more people to become involved with prayer. The Council will be discussing how to we become more effect in communicating with the congregation. Motion passed to accept Pastor's report.

**MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Stewardship:** Dick Tabb will speak about financial matters at church on Sunday.

**Service:** None

**Property:** Bruce reported that the Property men helped the Coyle's move and removed a tree. Paint and blinds are ready to be used on the Fellowship Hall. Mary Reeve, Barb Rhinberger, and Joan Kammerlohr have started working on the gardens. An article will be in the Seed to encourage more workers.

**Worship:** The team met last Sunday between services. Hymns have been selected through August 8<sup>th</sup>. They will meet next on June 27<sup>th</sup> between services. They will be soliciting input from the congregation about favorite hymns.

**Witness:** None

**Learning:** Joan reported that two fellowship evenings will be held. There will be a trivia night in July and a circus theme night in August. More information will be in the Seed. We discussed a service activity of providing food one Sunday a month for Quanaada. Pastor is waiting for more information. We are starting to use some new materials for the Intermediate group of students on Sundays.

**Fellowship:** David reported that everything is ready for the church picnic. There will be a discussion on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to discuss the coffee hour.

**Call Committee:** None

Motion was passed to accept these reports

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

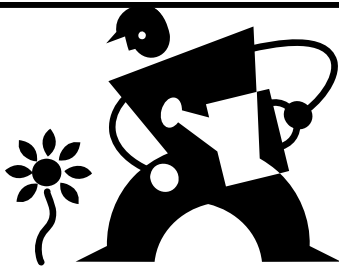
- a. Motion was passed to extend Pastor Balaban's contract through 2010. We discussed the procedure for starting a new pastor and ending his contract.
- b. We discussed starting Adult Forum again. Pastor will lead the July sessions and members will be encouraged to lead after that.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Kammerlohr

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, August 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM**



**GREEN THUMBERS UNITE! !!!!!**

**WANTED: Gardening Help**  
*Don't let just a few do the work needed of many....Lend a helping hand and enjoy Fellowship at the same time.*

*Below, please find the dates we need help. We do ask that you bring your own gloves, hats, garden tools and sunscreen. We start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. promptly. There will always be plenty to do to making the grounds, plants and flowers look great all the time.*

*July 14.....July 28.....August 11.....August 25.....September 8  
.....September 22 ....*



*Thanks, Mary & Barb*



Thanks to Char Tooke and the Fellowship Committee – Church Picnic and Graduate recognition - also Evie Jorgenson's memorial reception

Property Crew – felling the dying tree in the east courtyard .Wayne McLennan – re-glazing windows (between the raindrops!)

Bonnie Scranton for preaching

Irma Bertlesen – additional altar cloths and napkins

Trish Santos – Pentecost color cover and bulletin

Ashley Maas – first bulletin and PP on 6/13, general office assistance, PP for 6/20

Amy Stollberg – first bulletin on 6/20

New to the “crew” - Ashley Maas

**CHURCH CHANGES**



Ashley has agreed to become our volunteer secretary on a regular basis! She will normally be in the office on Tuesday's and Thursday's from about 10-2 PM. There is much to learn (where are things? what do we have? how do we do? Etc.), she is a fast learner and talented person, as many of you have already seen.

Trish has agreed to help and Amy will help during the summer. Thank you, Ashley, Amy and Trish, for helping our congregation!

All-the-time-part-time Keyboardist

Peggy Bailey has agreed to take on the weekly duties of both worships. As you may know, Cathy Flick, resigned as keyboardist and choir accompanist last month. Fortunately, Peggy immediately stepped up and volunteered to take on the added responsibilities for our worships. Thank you, Peggy!

Keyboardist/Accompanist needed

We have already begun the process of looking for another keyboardist and choir accompanist. If you know some one who might be interested, please contact Amy Stollberg.



**SUPPORT WORLD HUNGER**

Beginning this month, we will have a tub in the Narthex to place bath size wrapped soap in support to World Hunger. Please give this project your full support. Thank You/.



ATTENDANCE

*AVERAGE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
for January through June 2010—85  
January—June— 2009 102*



**HAVE FUN CHOOSING HYMNS  
FOR LATE AUGUST & EARLY  
SEPTEMBER**



Now the congregation will have an opportunity to choose their favorite hymns. Please select the hymns you would like to have sung and turn this sheet in to a Ministry Team member, place in the offering plate, or in the box set up in the Narthex.

We hope the congregation will participate and we're sure there will be a nice selection to choose for use in late August and early September.

List your preferences below.....Thank you from the Ministry Team

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**Coffee Fellowship**

**FELLOWSHIP MEETING RESULTS**

The Fellowship Team held a meeting on Sunday, June 20th and decided to reorganize the way our Coffee Fellowship should be handled from this time forward. The reason for this was there seemed to be some misunderstanding as to the responsibilities of each serving team. Listed below are

the highlights of this meeting:

- A signup sheet was passed around and will be passed around for the next couple of weeks
- The signup will totally voluntary instead of by assignment
- A letter will be going out to everyone so they are up to speed on all procedures.
- We will be taking off the remainder of the summer , but coffee, fruit and a sweet will still be served by the Fellowship Committee.
- A free-will donation will be available since this will come out of the Fellowship budget without any help from serving teams.

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Larner Jim Bailey	Sue Reeder Crystal Bernett	Bonnie Scranton Jerri Klusmeyer	Ron Larner Mary Reeve
<b>USHER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters David Maas	Jerry Shackelford David Tooke	Dick Tabb Butch Kuras	Joan Larner Amy Stollberg
<b>READER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron Larner Sue McLennan	Marilyn Shackerford Amy Stollberg	Sue Reeder Judy Kauffman	Bonnie Scranton Bill Shuler
<b>ACOLYTE</b>				
<b>GREETERS</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jerry & Mary Shackelford Dave & Wendy Maas	Joanne Brubaker Nelson & Bernice Colgrove	Virgene Gilkerson Randy & Ruth Osterbur	Billy & Kathy Wolters Norma Tofall
<b>DEACON</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron Larner Wayne McLennan	Bruce Holderbaum Jim Bailey	Jennifer Fantz Missy Kuras	Bonnie Scranton Cheryl Brinkman
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Sturant Peters	Bruce Holderbaum Olin Shuler	Bruce Holderbaum Bruce Holderbaum	Bill Wolters Stuart Peters
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

*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
Roene Bartle	18 Vinson Sill
10 Clayton Kimber	22 Ruth Osterbur
Bruce Holderbaum	24 Olin Shuler
11 Barb Holderbaum	25 Jessica Probert
13 Danielle Scott	26 Reed Haubrich
	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



### A YEAR ROUND GARDEN

First plant four rows of peas:

- Prayer
- Perseverance
- Politeness
- Purity

Next, plant three rows of squash:

- Squash gossip
- Squash faultfinding
- Squash indifference

Then, five rows of lettuce

- Let us be faithful
- Let us be unselfish
- Let us be truthful
- Let us love one another
- Let us follow Christ

Finally, no garden is complete without turnips:

- Turn up for church
- Turn up with a smile
- Turn up with new ideas
- Turn up with determination

.....to make everything count for something good and wonderful.

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Virgene Gilkerson would like to thank all those who helped with the blood drive and also those who gave blood. We collected 15 units this time around.

The Fellowship Committee extend their thanks to those who made our annual congregational picnic a success . We had such a wonderful selection of food.

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I needed filler for The Seed this month, so I thought it would be nice to share one of my favorite recipes. TIP: I buy cantaloupe sometimes that is over ripe, puree it and freeze it for the winter, so I can make this bread in the winter. I hope you will try it and if any of you have recipes you would like to share, give them to me or put them in The Seed slot in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You.....Daune

McCulloch

### CANTELOUPE BREAD

This recipe will make two loaves

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|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 eggs        | 2 cups cantaloupe | 3/4 tsp baking powder |
| 1 cup oil     | 3 cups flour      | 2 tsp cinnamon        |
| 2 cups sugar  | 1 tsp salt        | 1/2 tsp ginger        |
| 3 tsp vanilla | 1 tsp baking soda | 1 cup chopped nuts    |

1. Beat eggs, add oil, sugar and vanilla
2. Cut rind from cantaloupe, cut into 2" chunks, blend until pureed. Add the 2 cups cantaloupe to mixture, sift dry ingredients, add to liquid
3. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9x5 loaf pans
4. Bake @ 325 degrees for 1 hour or until done