



THE MESSENGER

First English Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Message

Called by God, we are Christians gathered and sent to serve our church, community and the world in the name of Christ."

Special points of interest:

- Pastor's Letter
- Intern Abigail's Report

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Sitting in my office as the heat wave is overtaking us, I wonder how we will deal with the youth at Camp next week. Will it be this hot? Will the youth spend all their free time in the lake trying to cool off? More important than these questions are the question that is our theme for the week; "**Jesus is..?**" During our week of camp we will explore how **Jesus is the Son of God**; the one who came to be with us. **Jesus is our Healer**; revealing the presence of God, releasing us from the power of sin as He restores our relationship with God. **Jesus is our Teacher**; guiding and opening up the scriptures to reveal his true identity. **Jesus is our Savior**; that by his suffering and death shows us what it means to be a child of God. Finally **Jesus is our Friend**; who continues to walk with us in our daily lives and is present with us in the Lord's Supper.

In each of the Gospels as Jesus is traveling with his disciples, he asks them 'who do the people say I am?' They respond with many of the usual answers, comparing Jesus to the great prophets of old.

Then Jesus asks the all important question. "Who do you say that I am?" To which we get recorded Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

So how would you respond if asked 'Who Jesus is for you?' As the campers learned this week, is He the Son of God, a healer, a teacher, our Savior and friend? Do these descriptions work for you or do other descriptions come to mind? These can be difficult questions to respond to because each of us experiences Jesus in different ways and usually in more than one way.

As I prepared to teach the campers, I realized I connect with each of these descriptions of who

Jesus is. Then into my mind came the question; so what? If Jesus is healer, but do I help others heal? If Jesus is teacher, but how might I teach or guide others? If Jesus is Savior, what difference does that make in my life as I give witness to what I believe?

My prayer is that as the campers return to their homes following camp they return with a better understanding of who Jesus is for them. That in some small way their relationship with Jesus and with other Christians will have changed. That in some way others, their family and friends will see a change in them as they become living examples of God's love in the world.

Now as it happens in life, now that you figured out the questions, the questions change. Now as we as individuals asks new questions, how might we respond as a community? How might we reach the college kids this fall who will walk by our building many times each week? How might we proclaim who '**Jesus is**' to a world increasing disinterested in faith as we know it? How might we continue to tell the old old story of Jesus and his love to a younger generation who may not recognize Jesus in the same way you do?

Pr Michael

I invite you to join me in welcoming our newest intern, Abigail Letsinger. You can read more about her in this newsletter. She comes to us with energy and excitement to tell the Gospel story and to share the love of God to all.

REMINDER

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS (8:00 & 10:00 AM)

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, 6:30 PM; POTLUCK AT 5:30 PM

Highlights of July, 2011, Council meeting

There was no council meeting for July. Our next meeting will be on **August 9th at 6:30pm.**

SCRIP—LCM

Do you need to do some back-to-school shopping? Why not do your shopping with Scrip! August Scrip orders will be collected on Sunday, August 7. Thanks for supporting Lutheran Campus Ministry



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2011

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT—HOSTED BY FELC

OPEN TO FEMALE FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, OTHERS
DETAILS TO COME!!!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Dear Family of Faith,

When I pray, I often thank God for ordinary days. You know, the days when you just do your ordinary everyday tasks, and the days when everyone you love is safe and well.

My ordinary days were shattered a couple of weeks ago when the phone rang on a Sunday night. It was my sister telling me my brother had a stroke. First, that horrible feeling of despair sets in, and then the frantic planning to go home. It was late at night; I would wait until early morning to make my journey. What was there to do with the long worrisome hours of the night? Prayer.

Dear God, please spare my brother's life; please comfort his family, please let the doctors do everything that is humanely possible, and please give me the courage to pray, "Thy Will be Done."

God answered my prayers. In time, my brother will be well again. Although my brother is only 58, he has survived open heart surgery, cancer, and now a stroke. Every family has one member like my brother. The one who seems to have been given more trials in life than others. The one who makes everyone laugh; the one who lights up a room just by walking in; the one who tries to take care of everyone else; the one who would be missed the most if they weren't there.

So today, I again, thank God for ordinary days, and for teaching me life's lessons again. Wealth without health is empty. To give of oneself and your blessings is the greatest gift you give. It is not important if you are known by many, but by a few who truly love you.

The greatest knowledge of all; God loves me; he gave freely of his son for me. What else would he not give me?

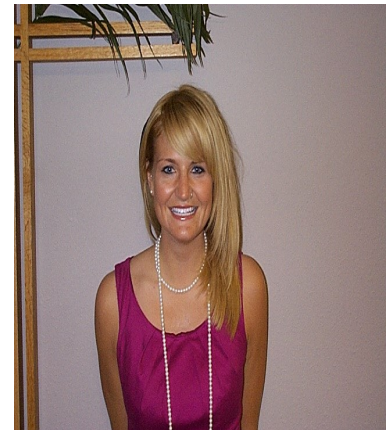
God's Blessings

Sue Rossetti, Gifts Team

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Abigail Letsinger, Intern

Words and melodies spill from my mouth on a daily basis. My heart is too large for my body, and constantly attempts to envelope the world. I believe this to be some yet undiscovered genetic or spiritual defect that leaves me perpetually hopeful. I am a singer, songwriter, poet, foodie, reader, laughter, people watcher, and lover of all things. (I also make great mix cds and brownies!)



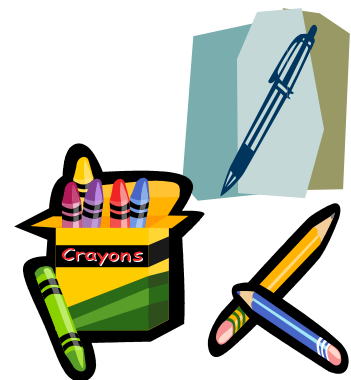
At 18 I had the great fortune of helping to start GPS Faith Community, an alternative Lutheran Church in Machesney Park, IL. This has shaped everything in my life since. I graduated from Rockford College in 2009 with a BA in Music (more specifically vocal music performance) and I have spent the past two years at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Following my internship here at FELC, I will be finishing up my degree at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in order to study urban ministry more in depth. I am deeply passionate about the arts and social justice. As a future mission developer, I plan to start a church that incorporates both of these aspects into its ministry. I feel very blessed to be a recipient of the Funds for Leaders in Mission Development scholarship and to be a future church planner for the ELCA!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Fall is soon upon us and so is school startup. I thought we might help the Sunday School students in putting together school kits for Lutheran World Relief and take advantage of all the Back To School Sales. I may be a little late; I see the sales have already started.

The following items are what we are requesting for these school kits.

- 70 sheet count notebooks (wide or college ruled paper)
- Pencils, unsharpened, #2
- Rulers, with inches on one side and 30 centimeters on the other
- Pencil sharpeners
- Scissors, blunt end safety scissors preferred
- Ballpoint pens (no gel ink) (this is a new item this year)
- Crayons, 16 or 24 count



These items can be placed in the Lutheran World Relief tote in the fellowship hall. Again, thank you for your support for these mission projects.

Pauline

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT RESULTS

Last year, we collected money for a Water project as our Sunday School project. We collected close to \$500 which was also the amount we received from our Mission Development grant and so we were able to purchase 2 home cisterns, 2 hand water pumps and 9 water jugs. We thank you for your generosity as this will help people in under developed nations enjoy clean water. This coming year will be devoted to conserving and protecting our environment. See p. 9 for details.



BLOOD DRIVE



Mississippi Valley

Monday September 12

First English Lutheran Church

To donate or volunteer contact:

Nancy Hammermeister

348-8655 /

nncyhmmrmstr@centurytel.net

(last day to donate and still be eligible for Sept 12 drive: July 18)

www.bloodcenter.org

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I would like to thank many of you for supporting me in the Triennial Women's walk "Raising up Health Women and Children." With your help, I was able to raise over \$325. More than 365 runners, walkers and people in wheelchairs and scooters participated in an early morning 5K "Run, Walk and Roll" event on July 16 raising \$18,515 for a seed grant program to improve the spiritual, physical and emotional health of women.

Jane Harrison

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM BISHOP BURNSIDE

Your mission support through the South Central Synod of Wisconsin does the ministry of Jesus near at home in our own hospitals and jails with chaplains and far from Wisconsin with our companions in India and the Caribbean.

When I say "thank you" for your gift of \$8329 from First English Lutheran Church, I want you to know that you are being thanked from around the world and just down the street. Please continue to grow your generosity so that together we may be blessed to do God's work with our hands.

For Christ's Sake

Bishop Bruce Burnside

August 2011 SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

8:00 am

10:00

August 7

Greeters Wayne & Anita Carns
 Ushers Jeff Kliebenstein, K. Udelhofen
 Readers Louise Brockman
 Communion Assts Louise Brockman, Brenda Dalecki
 S. Saager-Bourret, Barb Karrmann
 Communion Care Oftedal Family
 Coffee Hour Oftedal Family
 Bread Bakers Anita Carns
 Acolytes Everett Johnson
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist Mary Baehler

Ken & Jessie Kilian
 Pat & Candy Flynn
 James Swenson
 James Swenson, Curt Kettler,
 Bill & Judy Willis
 Pat & Candy Flynn

Colton Clark

August 14

Greeters Jack & Jan Pople
 Ushers Ken & Mary Jo Kramer
 Readers Debbie Short
 Communion Assts Carol & Dan Sedgwick,
 Debbie Short, Kathy Udelhofen
 Communion Care Ken & Mary Jo Kramer
 Coffee Hour Gary & Eileen Engelke
 Bread Bakers Mary Jo Kramer
 Acolytes Felicia Dufek
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist Terri Ellis

Joyce Jones, Sue Joslyn
 Cheri & Katelyn Oftedal
 Pat Luetkehoelter
 Sandy Larson, Patti & Creg Reed
 Jane Harrison
 Hartz Family

Holly Kasper

August 21

Greeters Mike & Nancy Flanagan
 Ushers Dick & Mary Doeringsfeld
 Readers Laura Wendorff & Grace Kronick
 Communion Assts Pam Stark, Erin Reinicke
 Chris & Wayne Jentz
 Communion Care Pam & Betty Stark, Terry Benn
 Coffee Hour Pam Stark & Terry Benn
 Bread Bakers Pam, Betty & Terry
 Acolytes Everett Johnson
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist Rebecca Swenson

Sandy Larson, Nancy Weigel
 Cheri & Jenna Oftedal
 Cheryl Schober
 Dan & Pauline Smith,
 Lois Davies, Nancy Weigel
 Nancy Weigel

Katelyn Oftedal

August 28

Greeters Wayne & Anita Carns
 Ushers Dennis & Suzanne Neuser
 Readers Louise Brockman
 Communion Assts Louise Brockman, Brooke Buch
 Fern & Tom Nall
 Communion Care Fern & Tom Nall
 Coffee Hour Cindy Martens & Shea Allen
 Bread Bakers Anita Carns
 Acolytes Grace Kronick
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist Terri Ellis

Cindy Martens & Joyce Jones
 Patti & Creg Reed
 Pat Luetkehoelter
 Nancy Weigel, Mary Baehler,
 Jane Harrison, Debbie Short
 Nancy Weigel

Avery Johnson

Altar Guild for August: Doris Pitts & Pat Kliebenstein

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

August, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>1</p>		<p>2</p> <p>6:30 pm—LCW Bd Mtg 7:00—Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 am—WMM 9:00 am—Cover Girls 4:00 —Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes 5:30—Potluck 6:30—Worship 7:00—Boy Scouts</p>		<p>5</p> <p>2:00 pm—Muslim Prayer Serv</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8-10 pm - Ramadan</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship SCRIP orders due</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00-12 Noon Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00-12 Noon Vacation Bible School 6:30—Council Mtg 7:00—Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9-12 Noon—VBS 4:00—Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes 5:30—Potluck 6:30—Worship 7:00—Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9-12 Noon—VBS 6:30—No Frills Quilt Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9-12 Noon—VBS 2:00 pm—Muslim Prayer Serv</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8-10 pm— Ramadan</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00—Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00 am—WMM 9:00 am—Cover Girls 4:00—Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes 5:30—Potluck 6:30—Worship</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00—LaLeche Group 2:00 pm—Muslim Prayer Service</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00— Memorial Serv For Georgia Gipp 8-10-Ramadan</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30—Christian Formation Mtg 6:30—Book Club 7:00—Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:00 pm-Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes 5:30—Potluck 6:30—Worship</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:00 pm—Muslim Prayer Service</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7-9 am - SHARE Sat. 2:00—Wedding 8-10 pm— Ramadan</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship 5:00-9:00— International Student Welcome</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00—Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:00—Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes 5:30—Potluck 6:30—Worship</p>			

August, 2011

CHAPTER A DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 2 Samuel 17	2 2 Samuel 18	3 2 Samuel 19	4 2 Samuel 20	5 2 Samuel 21	6 2 Samuel 22
7 2 Samuel 23	8 2 Samuel 24	9 Acts 1	10 Acts 2	11 Acts 3	12 Acts 4	13 Acts 5
14 Acts 6	15 Acts 7	16 1 Kings 1	17 1 Kings 2	18 1 Kings 3	19 1 Kings 4-5	20 1 Kings 6
21 1 Kings 7	22 1 Kings 8	23 1 Kings 9	24 1 Kings 10	25 1 Kings 11	26 Acts 8	27 Acts 9
28 Acts 10	29 Acts 11	30 Acts 12	31 Acts 13			

Congregational activities

LCW

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at church.

LCW BIBLE STUDY

There will be no bible study during the months of July and August. Bible Study with Jessie Kilian and Debbie Short will again resume in September.

Enjoy the summer!!!

BOOK CLUB



- The August book club selection is "Belle Canto."
- **Bel Canto** is a 2001 novel by American author Ann Patchett, published by Perennial, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. It was awarded both the Orange Prize for Fiction and PEN/ Faulkner Award for Fiction.^[1] It was placed on several top book lists, including Amazon's Best Books of 2001.^[2]
- Based on the Lima Crisis,^[3] this book is about a group of terrorists who hold high executives and people of high political standing hostage. It explores how the terrorists and hostages cope with living in a house together for several months.^[4] Many of the characters form unbreakable bonds of friendship, while some fall in love.
- We will meet on Tuesday, August 23rd in the Love Room. Come and join us—a chair is waiting

WOMEN'S ISSUES

No Women's Issue meetings for the summer. We will get back together again in September.

GOLDEN GUILD

The Golden Guild will not be meeting during the summer months.



**Please Join us for Vacation Bible School at
First English Lutheran Church**

215 W Pine Street, Platteville

August 8th- 12th 2011

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages: 4 yrs to 8th grade (recently completed)

\$5.00 registration fee suggested

Information packets have been sent out. If you did not receive one, please contact the church office at 348-3022.

If you know of someone outside of church, who would like to attend, please contact Erin Howell (943-0031) or Kathy in the church office at 348-3022

August 2011 BIRTHDAYS

Sunday School News

Important Dates

Sept 11 – Rally Sunday

Our theme this year will be Caring for the Earth. Rally day activities will center around ecology, recycling, and the environment.

As in past years, there will be a congregation potluck picnic following the 10:30 service to celebrate the beginning of the new school year. Please plan to stay and play!

Sept 18 – Regular Sunday School classes begin

9:15-10:15

Sept 25 - Assemble School Kits

All school supplies need to be in by this date.

**Questions? Want to Volunteer to Teach?
Contact Nancy Hammermeister
nncyhmrmstr@centurytel.net — 348-8655**



* SWENSON, REBECCA	8/2
* HARRISON, MAYNARD	8/3
* HASSIG, JOHN	8/3
* BLINDERT, DIANA	8/4
* STARK, BETTY	8/5
* UDELHOFEN, JUSTIN	8/5
* KETTLER, ILENE	8/6
* KNAPP, KATIE	8/6
* WITZ, LINDA	8/6
* WYSE, WADE	8/6
* JENTZ, HELEN	8/7
* KLEIN, VERNELLE	8/7
* SCHLUETER, CHRISTINE	8/7
* SLATER, KIMBERLY	8/8
* WYSE, JANEAN	8/8
* ELLINGSON, DANIEL	8/9
* O'NEILL, ASHLEY	8/9
* BUSS, MEGHAN	8/10
* METELICA, JEANNA	8/10
* ANDERSON, MATTHEW	8/12
* HOWELL, WILLIAM	8/12
* JINKINS, RUTH	8/12
* BRANDT, JANE	8/13
* JACOBSON, Kirsten	8/13
* KETTLER, CORINNE	8/13
* BROSKE, WILLIAM	8/14
* WEIGEL, BRANDON	8/15
* JOHNSON, LADONNA	8/16
* KOHN, KIMBERLY	8/16
* SIELING, SANDRA	8/16
* NOBLE, TROY	8/17
* Short, Debbie	8/18
* KILIAN, KENNETH	8/19
* Howell, Hailey	8/20
* JOHNSON, AVERY	8/20
* REINICKE, LIAM	8/20
* DAVIES, TINA	8/21
* ENGELKE, RUBY	8/21
* HOOKS, ANDREW	8/21
* WILSON, ROSE	8/23
* KLEIN, LORITA	8/25
* MARTENS, CYNTHIA	8/26
* SANDRY, KARL	8/27
* WHITE, LUCAS	8/27
* ADRIAN, LINDA	8/28
* LOEFFELHOLZ, MICHAEL	8/28
* NALL, FERN	8/29
* SWENSON, DANIEL	8/29
* BAEHLER, ROBYN	8/30
* MC NETT, CRYSTAL	8/30
* HUGILL, JESSICA	8/31

LUTHERDALE FEST & QUILT AUCTION

SATURDAY, August 13, 2011

**Quilts—Silent-Auction Theme Baskets, Crafts & “Odds ‘n Ends”
Baked Goods—**

See the Quilts! www.lutherdale.org

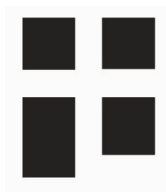


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COMPANY'S COMING

I love fresh peaches when they are ripe, juicy, and easy to peel. Sometimes, however, I pick out what would seem to be great peaches, but they are dry and flavorless. As a result, I often buy only two or three at a time and go back to the store the next day if I've hit the jackpot with good ones. Luck has been with me recently, and we have enjoyed peaches in fruit salad, peaches and raspberries over ice cream, and one of my favorite peach desserts (second only to Amy's cobbler recipe that I shared last August). This recipe has been in my files for many years and is titled Fresh Peach Pudding. I serve it as a dessert with vanilla ice cream, but after having the leftovers once with morning coffee, I've sometimes just made it to serve as a coffee cake.

For anyone who plans to try it, I surely hope the peaches are still good when the Messenger comes out.

Tastefully yours,
Mary D.

Fresh Peach Pudding

6 medium peaches, peeled and sliced
Toss w/1 T lemon juice and set aside while preparing batter.

Batter:

½ c softened margarine or butter

½ c sugar

2 eggs

½ tsp almond extract

Mix well; then add dry ingredients and mix until moistened.

1 c flour

1 tsp baking powder

½ tsp salt

Topping:

1/3 c sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

Spread half batter in a greased 7x11 or 9x9 pan. Drain peaches and arrange over batter. Sprinkle with half the cinnamon/sugar topping. Spread with the rest of batter (may not cover peaches completely). Sprinkle with remaining topping and then ½ c sliced almonds if desired. Bake 30 minutes in preheated 350 oven. Check center and bake for additional time if necessary.

Best if still slightly warm when served with a scoop of ice cream or spoon of whipped cream.