



THE MESSENGER

First English Lutheran Church

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MAY, 2011

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
- Upcoming Events
- Welcome New Members
- Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

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"As Christians, we are Easter people living in a Good Friday world." I heard this quote the other day and I think there is a lot of truth to it as we try to live as resurrected people in our daily life. We, like the women coming to the tomb on that first Easter morning, come looking for the dead. But Christ our Savior has risen. Jesus is no longer there; He has been raised from the dead to the glory of the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. So what happens now? What difference does this make in our world? Are we still living and looking for the dead among the dead?

The women came looking for Jesus in the tomb. First they came upon an angel inviting them to enter the tomb showing them it was empty and sending them out to tell the disciples the good news. Secondly as they head back toward the living Jesus greets them then sends them to tell his disciples and others the good news.

Each week as we gather, we are invited in to this sacred place, this place where we expect to see Jesus. Here Jesus meets us in the gathering of the people, here we hear him in sounds of the waters of baptism, we see him in the breaking of the bread, we taste him in the cup poured out for us. Yet we cannot stay here in this sacred place basking in the presence of the Son. Then at the end of the service as we stand and are blessed, we joyfully sing our final hymn then we are sent back out into the world.

As Easter people we leave excited and energized with a message to share. Christ has risen, our Savior has overcome the final hurdle and been raised from the dead. In doing so we too have received the promise of a new life, we too have been called to live life anew. "In Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!" Thanks be to God!

This Easter season we will hear the stories of Jesus' appearance to his disciples. We will

also hear of their doubts, their uncertainty if this is truly Jesus. Yet with each encounter we receive the reassurance that Jesus was truly present with them as they gathered in the lock room, as they walked down the road to Emmaus and in the breaking of the bread. Just as Jesus is made know to us as we come to gather here in His name, as we gather around the font or partake in the meal Christ prepares for us.

In the month of May we will have opportunity to celebrate a variety of occasions. On May 1st we will honor the many volunteers, both the visible helpers on Sunday morning and those behind the scenes making sure each service runs smoothly. We will welcome new members into our family with their gifts and talents. We will rejoice with the Sunday School youth as they complete another year of learning about Jesus on May 15th. Then on May 22nd we will affirm our faith with those being confirmed as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday.

This month as we give thanks to God for all the members of FELC we see in their faces the face of Jesus. For we are Easter people living and serving others in this Good Friday world. We are as Luther reminds us, 'sent out to be little Christ's in the world.' As we go, Jesus goes with us so we might be his hand and feet bringing the good news to a world in need.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Pr Michael



The UW-Platteville Symphonic Wind Ensemble in
 Concert
 Sunday, May 1 at 3:00



Highlights of April, 2011, Council meeting

There was no meeting; therefore, we have no minutes to report!!

REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS (8:00 & 9:30 AM) BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Fellow Followers in Christ our Lord,

As some of you know, and others may not, I've recently been diagnosed with sinus tachycardia. This means my heart will suddenly started beating faster than it should for no apparent reason. I've been through several tests and all have come back normal but I still have several more to go. Thank you for those who have said some prayers for my family and myself. After a little investigating, I found out my dad and my grandma had heart palpitations as well. That darn family history will get you every time.

In the past, I've been known to have this feeling that something bad was about to happen, perhaps it was a little anxiety or perhaps this tachycardia. I always thought it my "spider sense" like a warning from the Lord to be careful. It seemed like a lot of times it was true and perhaps other times it wasn't. I think the Lord does speak to us in different ways and it's up to us to listen and not just for answers we're looking for. Other times we might not receive our answer as soon as we would like. But in the end, I believe he does answer us in the way He knows is best for all of us.

In the meantime, I'm taking this as a little warning sign to reduce the stress in my life, reduce my weight, reduce the donuts, and increase the broccoli (that will make Fran happy) and exercise. May the Lord hear and answer all your prayers as well.

Your Humble Servant

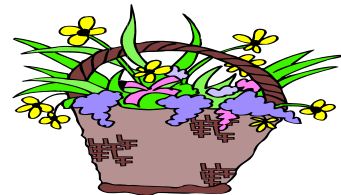
Troy

May baskets of blossoms bless our VOLUNTEERS!"

On May 1st, we will be having a special coffee hour to thank our "Volunteers" who do so much to keep our church in tip top shape and operating as it should.

We will also be welcoming our new members—Eric and Leah Kieler; Bruna Pelluchi and son, Giovanni; Steve Steiner and his wife, Barbara Steiner-Truesdale and Paul and Joni Talsma.

Please try and attend, to not only show your appreciation for all the hours the volunteers donate, but to also give a warm welcome to the newcomers of our church family.



LOW VISION GROUP

The low vision group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Park Place Senior Apartments, 1100—5th Ave. The meeting is from 10 am-11:30 am.

May 24—Discussion and activity on Eating Out with Low Vision; menus, locating items, cutting, paying

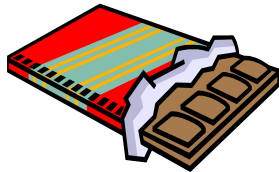
June 28—Therapist from Grant Regional Health Center to speak on Balance and Falls Prevention

Any adult who is blind or visually impaired is welcome to attend, as are spouses, family members and friends. Come Join us and bring a friend. If questions, call Jean at (608) 237-8106 or Deb at 348-5312

THE LWR CHOCOLATE PROJECT: Sweet Justice

Kuapa Kokoo, the farmer cooperative in Ghana that produces the cocoa used in Divine Chocolate for the LWR Chocolate Project, uses their Fair Trade income to reinvest in cocoa farming communities. They have completed more than 150 water projects, building latrines for sanitation and installing wells that provide safe drinking water. People used to have to draw water from contaminated streams and water holes located miles from their homes. The benefits of clean water and improved health extend beyond the farmers and their immediate families into the neighboring communities that share the wells.

We encourage you to stop at the rack by the church office to see the new and sale “organic” items. Your purchases can continue to improve the water conditions in Ghana and also help farmers make a decent living.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Katie Chullino,



For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ...But God has so arranged the body... that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. (1 Cor. 12.12,24-26)

It might seem like a strange time of the year to bring this up—we are all checking out for the summer, school is ending, vacations are on the horizon, camp is coming soon... For many people (myself sometimes included), caring for the body of Christ is one of the last thoughts during summer.

The scripture passage (above) reminds us that God has given every person a specific role in the body of Christ—that God has given each of us abilities to minister to one another in different ways. In addition to that, each one of us is important! “If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?” (1 Corinthians 12.17)

In this season of Easter and spring, let the message of the risen Christ renew you and make you whole. Take some time to think about your part of the body of Christ. During the past eight months, I have seen many of you feed this body, nourish it, care for it. Think about how the body of Christ feeds, nourishes, and cares for you. Maybe someone brings you food after surgery, maybe someone embraces you after the loss of a dear friend, maybe someone brings communion when you cannot come to worship, maybe someone sends you a card of thanks or congratulations...

This spring and summer, as we get ready to embark on new adventures, remember the body of Christ. Keep in touch with other members. If you notice that someone isn't at worship for awhile—give 'em a call, say hello! Check in with students—college, high school, Sunday School—and ask how their summer vacations are going. Look at your Weekly Messenger (in Sunday worship bulletins) and pray for those who are sick, talk to Pastor Mike or me about setting up visits with those who are homebound or hospitalized.

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (1 Corinthians 12.17)

NEEDED – 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT

We have been assigned an intern for next school year. Her name is Abigail Letsinger and you will find out more about her when she arrives in late July. As part of our internship agreement we are to provide housing for the intern. The past couple of years our interns have stayed in their apartments in Dubuque and we supplemented their rent. Abigail would like to move to town to live in Platteville during her internship. If you know of an apartment or space for rent for our intern please contact Pr Mike. We would need it from July 2011 to July 2012.

WANTED LAY WORSHIP / ASSISTING MINISTERS

We are going to reinstate Lay Worship leaders to be assisting ministers during worship. Responsibilities may include chanting the Kyrie, reading or chanting the Psalm, reading the prayers of Intercession. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Worship leader please contact Pr Mike.

VISITATION IS AN IMPORTANT MINISTRY OF THE CONGREGATION.

In order to better connect with our homebound members, I will be making visits on Sundays after second service and during the week. Here's where you come in--I want you to come too! If you would like to be part of this visitation ministry please contact me at the church office to arrange a date. You can choose to visit a specific person you might know or choose to meet someone new! Please, consider giving half an hour of time for fellowship with your fellow members in the body of Christ! ~Intern Katie

LCW NEWS

SOUTH CENTRAL WELCA CONVENTION

The South central WELCA Convention will be held in Reedsburg on June 10th & 11th. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend, and the LCW will pay 1/2 of the registration cost for anyone who attends. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jane Harrison as soon as possible for more details.

ROCK POINT MISSION TRIP

No exciting plans for the summer? Are you interested in being a part of a unique cultural, teaching and learning experience? If you answered "yes", then contact Jessie Kilian for more information about the mission trip she is planning to Rock Point, AZ. The leave date for the trip is July 21st, and return date is August 1st.

SpiriTed

Spiritual Commentary Laced with Wit and Music

Jonathan Richard Cring comes with commentary speckled with great spirited humor, and music blending the finest of all the American styles, and insights on creativity, featuring Janet Clazy on oboe and the WX-5 wind machine, a horn touting the sounds of over 250 instruments.

Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00pm at First English Lutheran Church.

May 2011 SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	8:00 am	10:30
May 1		
Greeters.....	John & Jan Poppo	Patti & Creg Reed
Ushers	Chris & Wayne Jentz	Sandy Larson, Lois Davies
Readers	Louise Brockman	Brent Johnson
Communion Assts	Louise Brockman, Chuck Horne	Ali Edwards, James Swenson
.....	Mary & Dick Doeringsfeld	Dan & Pauline Smith
Communion Care	Chuck & Donna Horne	Oftedal Family
Coffee Hour	Mary Doeringsfeld & Cindy Martens	
Bread Bakers	Jane Harrison	
Acolytes	Everett Ellingson	Avery Johnson
Nursery	Open, Supervised by Parents	
Organist	Terri Ellis	
Special Music	Chili	
May 8 (Mother's Day)		
Greeters.....	Louise Brockman, Troy McKay	Dennis & Suzanne Neuser
Ushers	Wayne & Anita Carns	Katelyn & Cheri Oftedal
Readers	Laura Wendorff	Lois Davies
Communion Assts	Carol Easler, Mike Kelly,	Lois Davies, Sandy Larson,
.....	Brenda Dalecki, Brooke Buch	Nancy Weigel, James Swenson
Communion Care	Carol Easler & Mike Kelly	Sandy Larson, Nancy Weigel
Coffee Hour	Dave & Deb Schmoekel	
Bread Bakers.....	Anita Carns	
Acolytes	Felicia Dufek	Holly Kasper
Nursery	Open—Supervised by Parents	
Organist	Rebecca Swenson	
May 15		
Greeters.....	Sherry DeNure & Kristie Heim	Patti & Creg Reed
Ushers	Mary & Dick Doeringsfeld	Ken & Jessie Kilian
Readers	Louise Brockman	Brent Johnson
Communion Assts	Louise Brockman, Debbie Short	Joyce Jones, Jane Harrison
.....	Carol Easler & Mike Kelly	Dan & Pauline Smith
Communion Care	Mary & Dick Doeringsfeld	Creg & Patti Reed
Coffee Hour	Gary & Eileen Engelke	
Bread Bakers.....	Debbie Short	
Acolytes	Everett Ellingson	Avery Johnson
Nursery	Open, Supervised by Parents	
Organist	Terri Ellis	
May 22		
Greeters.....	Louise Brockman, Brenda Dalecki	Sandy Larson, Lois Davies
Ushers	Mike & Nancy Flanagan	Jenna & Cheri Oftedal
Readers	Cheryl Schober	Pat Luetkehoelter
Communion Assts	Cheryl Schober, Erin Reinecke	Pat Lange, Mary Baehler
.....	Stephanie Saager-Bourret, Fran Felton	Bill & Judy Willis
Communion Care	Ken & Mary Jo Kramer	Pat Lange, Lisa Hartz
Coffee Hour	Nancy & Grace Hammermeister	
Bread Bakers.....	Stephanie Saager Bourret	
Acolytes	Grace Kronick	Katelyn Oftedal
Nursery	Open, Supervised by Parents	
Organist	Rebecca Swenson	
May 29		
Greeters.....	Royce & Barb McVay	Sue Joslyn, Joyce Jones
Ushers	Ken & Mary Jo Kramer	Ken & Jessie Kilian
Readers	Louise Brockman	Karland Kilian
Communion Assts	Louise Brockman, Bette Hooks	Patti & Creg Reed
.....	Pam Stark, Karen Bausch	James Swenson, Jane Harrison
Communion Care	Terry Benn, Pam & Betty Stark	Ken & Jessie Kilian
Coffee Hour	Terry Benn, Pam & Betty Stark	
Bread Bakers.....	Terry Benn, Pam Stark	
Acolytes	Felicia Dufek	Colton Clark
Organist		

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

May, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Volunteer Appreciation Sunday 8:00 am—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship 11:00—Camp Mtg 12:00—Shareholder's Lunch	6:30—P'ville Children's Choir (Last Rehearsal)	9:00—Staff Mtg 10:00—Exercise 6:30 pm—Council Mtg 6:30—LCW mtg 7:00—Boy Scouts	8:00—Wed Morning Men 9:00—Cover Girls 4:30—Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes	10:00—Exercise 5-8 pm—China Masters here	12 Noon—Church Women United Luncheon @ Luth Church of Peace 2:00—Muslim Prayer Service	
Mother's Day 8:00 am—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship	11:30—Golden Guild Luncheon	9:00—Staff mtg 10:00—Exercise 6:30—Christian Form Team Mtg 7:00—Boy Scouts	4:30—Busy Hands 5:00—Hand Chimes	6:00—Gifts Team Mtg 6:30—Bible Study @ D. Short's 6:30—No Frills	2:00—Muslim Prayer Service	Synod Assembly 7:30-Good Intentions-UW-Acapella group
Synod Assembly 8:00 am—Worship 9:15—Last Day of Sun School 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship	7:00 pm—Women's Issues @ Harrison's	9:00—Staff Mtg 10:00—Exercise 7:00—Boy Scouts	8:00—Wed Morn Men 9:00—Cover Girls 4:30—Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes	10:00—Exercise	10:00—LaLeche Group 2:00—Muslim Prayer Service	
Confirmation Sunday 8:00 am—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship		9:00—Staff Mtg 10:00—Exercise 6:30—Book Club 7:00—Boy Scouts 7:00—SpiriTed Event	4:30—Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes	10:00—Exercise	9:30—Bible Study @ Jessie Kilian's 2:00—Muslim Prayer Service	7-9 am—SHARE Sat 8-2—Arthritis Walk at Moundview Park

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Happy Mother's Day

May , 2011

CHAPTER A DAY

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

Congregational activities

LCW
 The next LCW Board meeting will be Tuesday, 6:30 pm on May 3rd

CWU May Friendship Luncheon

Women of First English are invited to the Church Women United annual May Friendship Luncheon on **Friday, May 6, 12 Noon at Lutheran Church of Peace**. This event originally began in 1933 and has continued as a time to honor women of all ages, to renew old friendships, cultivate new ones, and pray and celebrate together. Dorothy Wetterlin, Wisconsin State CWU President will share greetings and present the 2011 Valiant Women Award. The Fellowship of the Least Coin offering will be gathered. Luncheon tickets are \$5. Please purchase your ticket from Kathy in the church office before noon on Wednesday, May 4.

LCW BIBLE STUDY

People of God: Witnessing and Evangelism Acts 1: 4-8

Session 9, (last of the series) in the May issue of Lutheran Women Today focuses on Evangelism. In Acts 1:8 Jesus instructs his followers to be "my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Through Evangelism, considered to be the heartbeat of the church, we not only carry on the mission of Jesus Christ but also see how we have power to make an impact in the world. In this session we will look more closely at Evangelism and how we can make it part of other ministries of our congregation. Come and learn what opportunities are waiting for each of us.

The evening session will be held at Debbie Short's, 1239 Stans Court, Platteville on Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. and the morning session will be held in Jessie Kilian's sewing room, 745 S. Court Street at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 27.

Come and join this challenging discussion.

Congregational Activities

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Don't forget to purchase your SCRIP cards. We will collect the next order on **May 8th**.

When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization.

Order forms and more information will be available at a table by the office between worship services. The next order will be placed on May Thank you for your support of

TABLE TALK

If you are willing to feed 8-10 hungry students, sign up on the Kiosk. Food is needed for May 4, 11, and 18th. Thanks!!!

Socks, Socks, Socks, **Socks**, **Socks**

For those of you that are old enough, you will remember where that line came from, with a little alteration. Lutheran World Relief has done a survey of some of its users and has come up with some changes for the mission kits that we assemble for them. One of the changes they have made is to add children's socks to the baby care kits. Since we have not used children's socks in our kits before, we are in great need of them. Socks between the sizes of 3 months up to 24 months can be used. The next time you walk past the baby aisle, could you please pick up a couple pair of socks for these kits. Gently used socks can also be used if you know someone who has some that they have outgrown.

Another item that has changed in these kits is that more bath towels are being requested. If you find a sale on bath towels or are changing over your bathroom at home, we will gladly take your gently used towels. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Happy Spring!!!!!!

Pauline Smith



May 1st – Volunteer Appreciation & Welcome to New Members Day – special Coffee Hour

GOLDEN GUILD

The Golden Guild will meet in the back parking lot of church on Monday, May 9, 11:30 am for a luncheon get together (destination unknown at this writing.) If you have questions, contact Pat Lange (348-8097).

WOMEN'S ISSUES

We learn of our Fearless Beauty and our great worth to God. We are reminded in 2 Timothy 1:7 that "God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Please share your thoughts on Fear. The only fear we need is of not knowing God.

We will meet at the Harrison's on Monday, May 16th at 7:00 pm.

BOOK CLUB

Our selection for May will be "Revolutionary Road" by Richard Yates. The author reveals a growing and ever present malaise about middle class existence through the eyes of protagonists, Frank and April, who believe they are a cut above their neighbors. It's a story about following your dreams and pursuing happiness. We will meet on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 at FELC. Come join the lively conversations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students continue to learn about the importance of water. They will be deciding what to purchase from ELCA Good Gifts with their spring offerings: water jugs, hand water pumps and/or home cistern.

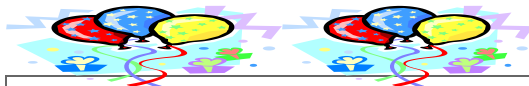
Dates to remember:

May 8th - Turn in offering boxes.

May 15th - Last day of Sunday School – program and party



COMPANY'S COMING



May 2011 BIRTHDAYS

I've been watching my backyard neighbor's rhubarb patch, waiting for the season's first fresh stalks. Our patch didn't survive transplanting a few years ago, but Paul has generously told me to help myself to his. The patch is huge, and his family doesn't care for it. I try not to be greedy though I usually take a little extra to freeze for a winter treat. I have a favorite rhubarb coffee cake recipe from Judy Willis and a wonderful layered dessert from Pam Stark. And always there's my mom's custard rhubarb pie that I make and share with whomever is around so as not to eat the entire pie myself. I love strawberry desserts, too, and often make fresh strawberry pies for Easter dinner.

Strawberries and rhubarb together are especially tasty, and again, I have some favorite recipes. This is a new fav, found earlier this spring in the Land O'Lakes Simply Spring recipe magazine. It also contained a lemon cheese cake recipe that Pastor Mike and Debbie have already given 5 stars. It has a graham cracker crust and basic cheesecake filling with the addition of grated lemon peel. The unique treat is the canned lemon pie filling that is spooned over the filling and swirled. Each bite brings an extra burst of lemon.

Tastefully yours,
Mary D.

Strawberry Rhubarb Ribboned Cheesecake

Crust: (or optional graham cracker crust)

- 1 cup flour
1/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup butter, cut into chunks
2 T milk

Fruit Filling:

- 1/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
1 T cornstarch
1 cup fresh or frozen strawberries, chopped
1 cup fresh or frozen rhubarb, chopped

Cheesecake:

- 3 (8 oz) packages cream cheese, softened
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup whipping cream
2 tsp freshly grated lemon peel



Preheat oven to 400. Prepare crust by mixing flour and sugar and cutting in butter. Stir in milk just until moistened. Press onto bottom and 1 inch up sides of 9- or 10-inch springform pan. Bake 15 minutes; remove; reduce oven temp to 375. Set crust aside to cool.

Meanwhile, combine sugar, water, and cornstarch for fruit filling. Stir in fruit. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to full boil (5-7 min.). Continue cooking and stirring until thickened (2-3 min.) Set aside.

Beat cream cheese at high speed until light and fluffy. Continue beating, adding eggs one at a time and scraping bowl often. Reduce speed to low and add remaining ingredients. Mix well.

Spoon half of cheesecake mixture over cooled crust. Spoon half of fruit filling over cheesecake mixture. Top w/remaining cheesecake mixture and then remaining fruit. Swirl w/knife. Bake 65-75 minutes or until center is set. Loosen sides immediately after removing from oven by running knife around inside of pan. Cool in pan 2 hours. Cover and refrigerate several hours. May serve as is or top w/whipped topping. Garnish w/fresh strawberries.

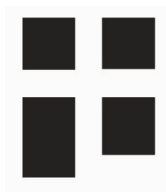
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2011 ARTHRITIS WALK

Our family is once again co-chairing the 4th annual Platteville Arthritis Walk on Saturday, May 21, at Moundview Park in Platteville. In addition to the walk, we will have door prizes, food, wellness information, music and a silent auction (Chicago Cubs tickets, an American Doll, gift baskets and much more).

We ("Wagner Family Team") will be walking in honor of our daughter, Paige, who was diagnosed with Systemic Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis at age 3. If you are interested in participating, joining a team, forming a team, sponsoring a walker or finding out more about the walk, please go to www.plattevillearthritiswalk.kintera.org.

Please forward this message on to anyone who may be interested in the walk.

Thanks for your support!

Tonia, Brian, Blake and Paige Wagner

2011 Arthritis Walk* Honoree

Doug Shaw

Let's move together with Doug Shaw! Your 2011 Platteville walk honoree is a young man of 22 years, a newlywed who lives in the Lancaster area.

Doug was just five years old when he was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA).

Just having spent the night at a friend's house, in the morning

Doug fell ill. He was sore and stiff, accompanied by a general feeling of ill health. His parents



attributed it to the overnight, assuming he just "over did it". But Doug's condition continued to worsen, including spiking fevers. They suspected Lyme Disease, they tested for Leukemia and eventually the diagnosis was confirmed. Doug remembers weekly trips as a child to the doctors and hospital from Lancaster to Madison for the first couple years as they worked to get him on the right medications to control his arthritis.

Doug is a recent technical school graduate and works as mechanic on agricultural equipment. He says that although he does have some limited range of motion, his arthritis doesn't really affect his daily life. An outdoors man, he enjoys four-wheeling, snowmobiling and likes to hunt.

He is grateful that the awareness of arthritic diseases is continuing to grow and the ability to diagnose it in children has gotten so much better.

Thanks for sharing your story with us Doug.