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## Members Involved in Mission Work

Would you like to hear a little about what some of our members of All Saints have been up to as they reach out to be part of the helping hands of God? Do you have an interest in going out and helping with missions, but don't know what might be involved? Come and hear in June as Nicole Livingston, Rachel Niederer and Rueben Johnson share their experiences. They will give short presentations about their experiences between services so that members from both services can easily attend.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30, Nicole, who is a Junior at Augustana College, will speak about this past February, when she and her mom, Karol, joined others from the Augustana College Campus ministry, in the on-going hurricane relief work in Mississippi. The group stayed at Camp Victor, going out each day to help with clean up and restoration of the areas still recovering from the storms.

June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:20 and 10, Rachel, who is a Junior at Saint Ambrose University, was able to be part of two different trips with the campus ministry team. In January, she and 6 others went into Chicago to help at the Port Ministries site for three days, helping with caring for young children, giving meals to the homeless, and sorting donations. In March she joined a group of 18 students who went to help in and around the David School in David Kentucky for a week. Rachel will present at two times, 9:20 and 10 am.

June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30, Skip Richardson, Audrey Adams, and Pr Scott Schmidt, will report on the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly.

June 28<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30, we will hear from Reuben Johnson - First Love Ministries - Karen, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa. Reuben will speak about the Karen project, which is a 5 acre complex that he has been helping construct since 2003. He will also present a DVD on the subject. Reuben is well 'seasoned' in missionary work and has traveled to Kenya 17 times, the Philippines 3 times, and Nepal once to help construct better housing and feeding centers for the children in these areas.

## Crocodile Dock Rocks!

### Next month is VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

July 13 – 17 is the week to mark on your calendar and sign up to join us! There are green registration forms available or go on line to the All Saints website and look for the Crocodile Dock area. [www.allsaintschurchbyron.org](http://www.allsaintschurchbyron.org)



What do bamboo mats, red umbrella, wading pool, parsley, fake moss, and clear plastic cups have in common? VBS of course! We are gathering supplies and are hoping members in the congregation will donate or lend us items we need. There are boards with fireflies labeled with what supplies we are seeking. Take a firefly and fill out the information and attach it to what you are sharing with VBS. You can bring the item(s) to church and put them in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. If you have questions, call Carolyn Niederer 234-3296.

We are also finalizing our staff – so please let Carolyn know if you are interested and you can also sign up to volunteer on line at the church website.

We are planning days/evenings to decorate the rooms and the church. Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 will be our first decorating time. The second is Thurs. July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and of course the last Decorating day will be Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> when we will decorate the Sanctuary and make the final preparations for the week! There may be additional times, so if you have an interest in helping, let Carolyn know and we can give you a call!

## **Congratulations Bill Wittig on an Amazing Accomplishment!**

Make sure you attend one of the services on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> here at All Saints. We will be celebrating with Bill Wittig as he reaches an exceptional milestone, 60 years of ordination as a pastor. A special coffee reception will be following both services.

Seminary training – Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA 1945-1949  
Internship Immanuel Lutheran, Lodi, CA, 1946-1947

Assisted Norman Orth in developing a new congregation, Chancy Lutheran, Clinton, IA, - while both of us were senior seminarians, 1948 – 1949

Graduated Wartburg Seminary, 1949

Ordained in Metropolis, IL, June 12, 1949

Married Isabelle Nelson, August 6, 1949

Trinity Lutheran, Chenoa, IL, and Trinity Lutheran, Fairbury, IL 1949 - 1960

American Lutheran, Rantoul, 1960 – 1963

St. John Lutheran, Peoria (Limestone Tp.), IL, 1963 - 1973

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Rockford, IL, 1973-1978

St. Matthew Lutheran, Lima (Cridersville), OH, 1978 – 1992

St. James Lutheran, Payne, OH, and St. John Lutheran, Paulding (Briceton), OH, 1992 – 1996

Pulpit Supply in Southwest California Synod, ELCA, 1997 – 2004

Pulpit Supply in Northern Illinois Synod, ELCA, 2004 -

## **Life Line Health Screening**

*This is sponsored by: Heart Hospital at SwedishAmerican.*

**Appointments are necessary call 1-800-324-1851**

**All Saints Lutheran** will be hosting a preventative health screening for the community on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship area. Please see the pink insert for more details.



## **First Communion Classes**

A summer time First Communion Class will be offered at 7:00 pm on three consecutive Wednesdays, June 17 and 24 and July 1. If you have a youth interested in this class series, please contact Pastor Scott Schmidt or the All Saints office.

## **ADULT CONFIRMATION REVIEW and NEW MEMBER CLASS**

We will meet in the main conference room on Sunday evenings. Here is the schedule:

May 31	6:30 pm to 7:15 pm	Introduction to the Bible and Class Format
June 7	6:30 pm to 7:45 pm	The Ten Commandments
June 14	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	The Apostles' Creed and The Lord's Prayer
June 21	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Baptism and Communion
June 28	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	New Member Dinner and Marks of the Church
July 5 or 26	8:00 am or 10:30 am	New Members Welcomed at Sunday Worship



This class will explain the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective.

Please let Pastor Scott know by phone (815-234-5277) or e-mail (as5277@gmail.com) that you plan to attend, but someone simply arriving at the first session on May 31 would also be welcome. If childcare is a concern, let us know in advance.

## **A Note from Pastor Scott Schmidt**

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all of my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that [God] who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6*

**W**ow! It's been a year since I wrote my first article for the All Saint's *Spokesman*. The words I wrote then still hold true. I said then (and still say): *It's great to be here at All Saints Lutheran Church. For this I thank God. It's great to be part of the community to which we now call home. You have been in my prayers as we both go through a time of transition, but these are exciting times for both the people of All Saints and for me and my family. . . I feel blessed and called by God to serve the people here at All Saints. . . For this I am excited. It is with enthusiasm that I [began and continue] this new partnership in the Gospel with all of you. As the word "enthusiasm" comes from the Greek words meaning "in God" . . . may we together continue in the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but let us continue to do so with "enthusiasm" and "in God."*

In Jesus' name,  
Pastor Scott Schmidt

## Confirmation Class of 2009

### Matthew Annis

*Son of Rick & Lyn Annis*

*Sponsors: Bonnie Christensen and Russ Annis*

Psalms 25:4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

### Anastasia Bergmark

*Daughter of Martin & Margie Bergmark*

*Sponsors: Jeff & Patty Amundson and Lowell & Colleen Swanson*

Psalms 67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

### Rachel Brown

*Daughter of Charlie Brown and Nikki & Shawn Paluzzi*

*Sponsor: Char Cozart*

Colossian 2:6-7 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

### Autumn Dach

*Daughter of Mary Beth Johnson and Adam Dach*

*Sponsor: Anna Long*

Psalms 119:41 Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise.

### Breanna Eastman

*Daughter of Jeff & Tracy Eastman*

*Sponsors: Brad Eastman and Karlene Knisley*

Jeremiah 29:11-13 I will bless you with a future filled with hope – a future of success, not suffering. You will turn back to me and ask for help, and I will answer your prayers. You will worship me with all your heart, and I will be with you.

### Will Goreth

*Son of John & Luci Goreth*

*Sponsors: Carol Ellis and Johnathon Goreth*

Psalms 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

### Danielle Hall

*Daughter of Jerry & Tammy Hall*

*Sponsors: J.C. Hall and Jackie Grassl*

Romans 12:17-18 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

### Amanda Harn

*Daughter of Tim & Amy Harn*

*Sponsors: Mike Van Laningham and Tom Harn*

John 15:12 Jesus said. . . "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

### Remy Montieth

*Son of Mark & Tammy Montieth*

*Sponsors: Jenny Matheson and Dave & Darlene Montieth*

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### Todd Whitlow

*Son of Alan & Laurie Whitlow*

*Sponsors: Mark & Becky Smith*

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

### Mackenzie Wild

*Daughter of Mark & Suzanne Wild*

*Sponsors: James & Marg Benz*

Ephesians 5:8 For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light.



## Graduates

### College News:

Sean M. Lynch  
Graduated May 9th  
Iowa State University  
Major: B.A. Degree in Criminal Justice & Criminology  
Minors: Psychology and Military Science

### Military News:

Sean M. Lynch  
Commissioned as an Officer 05/09/09  
2nd Lieutenant U.S. Army

Following training assignments 2LT.  
Lynch will report to 101st Airborne (Air Assault); 4th Brigade - Armor Fort Campbell, KY

Eric Vander Wyst  
Graduated May 27<sup>th</sup>  
United States Air Force Academy  
Colorado Springs, CO  
B.S. Aeronautical Engineering

Commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Air Force on May 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Reports to Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, TX on July 30th

### High School:

#### **Byron High School**

Nathan Annis  
Nicholas Annis  
Jovana Danielowski  
Brandon Eisenberg  
Abby Montieth  
Nick Yoakum

### Middle School:

#### **Byron Middle School, May 21st**

Matthew Annis  
Anastasia Bergmark  
Autumn Dach  
Will Goreth  
Danielle Hall  
Amanda Harn  
Remy Montieth  
Mackenzie Wild

#### **Meridian Jr. High, Stillman Valley, May 27th**

Rachel Brown  
Breanna Eastman  
Todd Whitlow

This information was furnished by the families of the graduates. If you have a graduate who was not listed, please e-mail the information to [rjn2cjin@comcast.net](mailto:rjn2cjin@comcast.net).

# Thank You

.Dear Friends,  
Just taking a few minutes of my time (of which I have a lot of these days) to say Thank you for the Get Well Prayers. It's rather wonderful to know across the miles "someone" is Praying for you.



I'm doing fine at this time and enjoying our Michigan Spring.

God Bless you all.

My Love, Edith Provencher  
(mom of Dick and Sharon)

I want to thank all of you for your prayers for my brother, Bill Berglund. His has progressed and he still needs your prayers.



Lois Lapp

## Service Personnel Donations

Thank you so much for your response. The crafters will be sending boxes to Alex Schmidt, Jayme Wilcox and Steve Huber to be shared with their fellow service men. This will be a continuing program with supplies being sent whenever we have a box full.

Thanks for your help.

Lois Lapp & Gloria Olsen



On April 24th, the Bid for Youth Auction was held at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon, IL.

I wanted to thank all those who helped make baked goods and other donated items for this worthwhile event. The donated food items were very much appreciated. Also a special thanks to Alan Schabacker who shared the ride with me and assisted with the food delivery.

Jim Wilcox, Social Ministry Chairman

## Thanks to all those who helped with the Meals on Wheels.

George Krebs

Ken and Lois Lapp

Tom Raney

Dick Provencher

Jim Wilcox

Al and Gloria Olsen



On May 9th, Audrey

Adams, along with members of All Saints youth group, and several adult volunteers, helped the People Helping People food pantry in gathering donated food items.

The volunteers met at All Saints Church at 9:00am and headed to the Byron Post Office to meet the project coordinator, retired post master, Jeff Engstrom. The volunteers were provided with an area map, and were assigned specific locations to gather donated food that were left at the mailboxes by postal patrons.

After the group completed collecting the donations, we all gathered at the People Helping People food pantry for delivery. The generosity of the community was overwhelming. The food pantry had their shelves stocked and there was hardly any room to walk in the pantry.

Once we made our delivery the volunteers were treated to a pizza party by Audrey Adams.

Thank you Audrey, youth group volunteers, and Nickie for helping with the driving, while we participated in this worthwhile event. - Jim Wilcox

**Reminders: Deadline for articles for the July Spokesman is Tuesday, June 16th.**

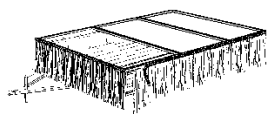


A big thank you to the following people who made donations in celebration of Pentecost for the purchase of colorful plants to grace our outdoor flower boxes, courtyard and sign planter-- enhancing the beauty of our church grounds throughout the summer months.

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| <i>Susan A. Baldrige</i>             | <i>in memory of Allen Houston</i>   |
| <i>Bob &amp; Jo Marie Branson</i>    | <i>in honor of their grandchildren</i>  |
| <i>Perry Byers Family</i>            | <i>in memory of Wayne Byers, Kevin, Tasha, Wyatt &amp; Madison Elliott</i>                  |
| <i>Martha Cupp</i>                   | <i>in memory of Dick Cupp</i>   |
| <i>Lloyd Funk &amp; Family</i>       | <i>in memory of Ginny Funk</i>  |
| <i>Amy Harn</i>                      | <i>in honor of Amanda Harn, on her confirmation day</i>                                     |
| <i>Phil &amp; Carol Houston</i>      | <i>in honor of Jacob, Jon, Joel, Sarina and Kyle, Brandon, Colin</i>                        |
| <i>Pam Hyle</i>                      | <i>in memory of Fred Hyle</i>   |
| <i>Rosemary Hyle</i>                 | <i>in memory of Fred Hyle</i>   |
| <i>Dick Johnson</i>                  | <i>in memory of Jeanne Ann Johnson</i>  |
| <i>Reuben &amp; Kay Johnson</i>      | <i>in honor of their family and friends</i>   |
| <i>Steve Jones</i>                   | <i>in memory of Barbara Jones and Barbara Matthews and in honor of Ed Jones</i>             |
| <i>Kirk &amp; Judy Kirking</i>       | <i>in memory of their daughter Tammy and son Joey</i>                                       |
| <i>Betty Klink</i>                   | <i>in memory of Jim &amp; Jonathon</i>  |
| <i>George &amp; Louise Krebs</i>     | <i>in memory of family that they have lost</i>  |
| <i>Ken &amp; Lois Lapp</i>           | <i>in honor of Bill Berglund and all their families</i>                                     |
| <i>Jodi Miles &amp; family</i>       | <i>in memory of Dick &amp; Char Miles and Bud &amp; Betty Stienstra</i>                     |
| <i>Jim &amp; Carol Miller</i>        | <i>in honor of their family</i>   |
| <i>Elmer &amp; Ethel Montgomery</i>  | <i>as a gift and in thanksgiving to God for his blessing, especially family and friends</i> |
| <i>Ron &amp; Carolyn Niederer</i>    | <i>as a gift and in thanksgiving to God</i>   |
| <i>Tom Niehaus Family</i>            | <i>in memory of Betty Niehaus</i>   |
| <i>Jim &amp; Kit Reif</i>            | <i>in memory of their parents</i>   |
| <i>Lee &amp; Elsie Reif</i>          | <i>in memory of their parents and in honor of their nine grandchildren</i>                  |
| <i>Paul &amp; Marlene Roberts</i>    | <i>as a gift and in thanksgiving to God</i>   |
| <i>Pr. Scott &amp; Trish Schmidt</i> | <i>as a gift and in thanksgiving to God</i>   |
| <i>Adam &amp; Alex</i>               |   |
| <i>Jan &amp; Mike Sloan</i>          | <i>as a gift and in thanksgiving to God</i>   |
| <i>Christen &amp; Chad Thompson</i>  | <i>in memory of Betty &amp; Dale Niehaus, Lucille &amp; Carl Bahls and Gene Krapf</i>       |



### **Float in Byron Fest Parade**

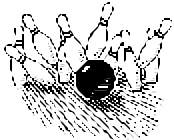


Who doesn't love a parade? This year, All Saints will have a float in the Byronfest parade on July 12<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have as many groups as possible represented to show the community who we are and some of what we do. A few of the quilters with some of their colorful quilts, VBS, with students who are interested in walking the parade route equipped with straw hats and fishing poles, Crafters, Green team, anyone and everyone!. If you or your group has a willingness to be part of this effort, call Audrey Adams and find out how you can be included.

# Youth + News

## **! CONGRADULATIONS! To the Confirmation class 2009**

**A THANK-YOU** goes out to **Jim Wilcox** for asking our youth to participate in a service project for a food pantry in Byron. We met at church, went to the post office to receive maps and went around town to pick up food placed out by mailboxes. Afterward we all met at church for pizza and pop for all who did the hard work. Also thanks to Nickie Paluzzi for helping drive.



**May 16<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) was our Bowling night. What a blast we all had.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm will be youth nite...come up with something exciting for us.

**June 22-23, 2009...** (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) we will plan to go to **ADVENTURELAND and Campground** located in Des Moines, IA. Plan to leave church at 6am on Monday and return to church around 3pm on Tuesday. Monday go to Adventureland, then to campground for an overnight campout in tents, have breakfast, then leave for home. The cost for the park entrance is \$19.50 and you will also need money for lunch and if you want to get any

souvenirs. Need more info, see Audrey Adams. We need 15 or more signed for us to be able to go. Also...**Need chaperones and drivers please.**



Make plans to help out in making a **float** for All Saints Church. Byron Fest is July 10-12. **Parade** is on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Please help us come up with some ideas on what we can have on our float.



Magic Waters will be sometime **in July.**

**NO Youth Nite on July 5<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.**

\*\*\*\*YOUTH QUAKE April 23-25, 2010  
Wilderness Lodge, Wisconsin Dells\*\*\*\*

**Please** pick up a summer brochure for LOMC Summer Camp starts **June 14<sup>th</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>** come out and enjoy God's word in the world of God.

- Audrey Adams, Youth Leader

## LOMC CAMP COUPON

**Enjoy the great outdoors at church camp in Oregon! All Saints will give \$50 camp scholarships to students who would like to attend a week of LOMC camp. Inquire at the church office.**



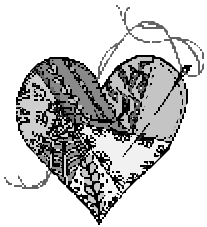
**Don't Forget Father's Day  
Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>!**

## ALL SAINTS GROUPS



Please mark Wednesday, July 8 on your calendars! The Quarterly WELCA meeting will be held on

that date at 7:00 pm in the Church's Fellowship hall. The date has moved from the second Thursday to this date due to the GospelFest being held at Neighbors on Thursday night.



### Quilters

THANK YOU for all the donations of materials for quilting. Fabric, thread, pins and sewing notions have come to our storeroom. All these items are gratefully

received and will be put to use. Thank you so much for supplying us with what we need to make comforters for people in need.

Five quilts have been selected to be given to the Leaf River Methodist Youth Group who are making a missionary trip to Kentucky on June 6th. The ladies that quilt feel happy to share the quilts with people in the United States and the LWR efforts.

The quilters will meet on June 4th from 9 to 11 a.m. Twelve ladies came on May 7th to work together. The time goes by so fast and we feel good about helping others. Please join us whenever you can.

--Millie Knodle

### Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Tuesday Night Bible Study Group meets every week at 7:00pm. In June, we will continue to meet in the conference room. (Please use the South entrance in respect for the AA group meeting in the Fellowship Hall.) The topics of discussion for June's theme - *Praying like Jesus the Messiah* are as follows:



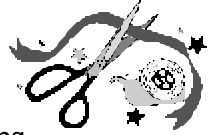
- 6-2-09 Theme: A Big God – A Big Story
- 6-9-09 Theme: God's Kingdom Has Come!
- 6-16-09 Theme: Prayer According to Jesus the Messiah
- 6-23-09 Theme: The Messiah's Guidelines for Prayer
- 6-30-09 Theme: Life Issues

### Religious Book Club

Book club will not be meeting for the summer. Enjoy the warm weather and join us in the fall. We will discuss the book *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult in September.--Carolyn Niederer

### Crafters!!

A record number of ladies turned out for the crafting session on May 12 proving that it is a fun place to share both talent and friendship. The following changes will be in effect for the next two sessions. **JUNE 9** the Crafters are to meet at the Sunrise Restaurant in Byron at 9 AM for breakfast. Plans for the fall bazaar will be discussed. The Crafters will not meet in July but resume regular session in August.--Linda Hank



### Waste Buster Message

#### GOING GREEN



Have you checked the status of your church's green agenda lately? It remains near the sanctuary entrance and has been updated to provide the most recent project's status. Efforts continue to

reduce the "footprint" of the church on our environment. Most recently, two more projects have been completed. First, the water heaters and adjacent hot water piping now have additional insulation to conserve the energy used for water heating. Secondly, the towel holders in the original bathrooms have been replaced. The towel holders were chosen for replacement since we could no longer purchase towels that fit in the original dispensers. Bi-fold towels were then placed in baskets on the sink tops but it was identified that these were not being used conservatively and the costs associated with their purchase were, therefore, high. Each of the bi-fold towels costs the church 3.2 cents. The replacement towel holders automatically dispense paper that is not only less expensive (1.35 cents) but the towels themselves are produced from 100% recycled paper. The new automatic dispensers will soon be installed in men's and women's restroom in the education wing.

As usual, anyone is invited to attend a "green" meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Most meetings do not have the exact contingent of attendees and tend to last for about an hour so, attend once or often as your schedule permits. Look at the green priority list and see if there are any suggestions for additions you can add or if there is an existing project listed that you would care to work on or contribute to. --Bob Branson

## CHURCH NOTES

### Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee is established in our bylaws for the administration of Memorial Funds received as donations, gifts and contributions which are not included in the Endowment Fund nor the General Fund. For example such gifts may be directed to All Saints by a family from memorial received at a funeral of loved one.

The memorial committee met for the first time in April. We will be setting up a method to keep track of any articles bought with memorial funds.

The amount of monies will be kept separate and a report will be made to keep everyone informed as to how it was spent.

Anything that costs over \$100 will be approved by a council member and anything over \$250 will be approved by the full council.

If you wish to make a donation in memory or in honor any one please see a committee member or Pastor Scott.

Any suggestions or help would be welcome.

--Mike Schlagel, Lloyd Funk, Lois Lapp

### Friends Night Out!

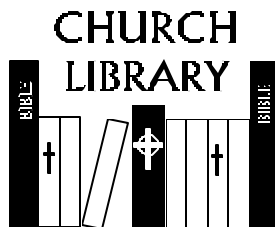
Please watch the bulletin board and Sunday Bulletins for information on a fun outing coming soon!

### Sunday School News

Sunday school classes met for the last time of this school year on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all those who volunteered and made Sunday School a success! Enjoy your family time and look forward to coming back to class in the fall!

### NEWS FROM THE

June's featured books were donated by Marlene Roberts and can be found on the library cart.



? *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant tells us of the traditions and turmoil of ancient womanhood as experienced by Dinah, the daughter of Jacob in the Old Testament book of Genesis.

? *Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons- The Story of Phillis Wheatley* by Ann Rinaldi. Phillis was kidnapped from Senegal and sold as a slave to a Boston family. The Wheatley family educated her and started her on a path of writing poetry. Unable to get the poems published in the US, they go to England in 1773 where they are published as the first book of poetry by an American Negro Woman. Phillis is not happy with her fame and tries to find out "where she fits in a white man's world".

? *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve asks the question- "How well can we ever really know another person?" As the publicity of Katherine's husband's secret life emerges after he is killed when his plane explodes, she searches to find who he really was.

? *Tramp for the Lord* by Corrie ten Boom is the sequel to *The Hiding Place* where we learned of the author's life during WWII. They were a devoutly Christian family that provided hiding for Jews. She, her father, and sister were sent to a Nazi concentration camp where she was the sole survivor of her family. This sequel takes the reader from postwar New York to Africa by one of the most remarkable evangelists of our time in a "worldwide trip that could only have been planned by God".

? *A New Song* by Jan Karon is the 5th in the Mitford Series. It follows the retired rector of Lord's Chapel as he agrees to be pastor of a small parish off the Atlantic coast and meets a group of unforgettable characters.

? *A Land to Call Home* by Lauraine Snelling is #3 of the Red River of the North series. It took four difficult years of hard labor to work the prairie land of the Dakota Territory. When a fire destroys most of what this family has worked for, they depend on their faith to pull them through.

Check out a book and Enjoy!

Anne Morgart

? *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. This is the sequel to *Bad Girls of the Bible* and contains more lessons from the Less-Than-Perfect Women. Meet 8 women with the author's "real life humor and grace-filled encouragement".

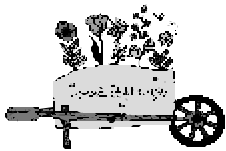
	Month of Year:	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
	4 - April	General Fund	General Fund	Facilities Maintenance	Facilities Maintenance	Zoom Towards Zero	Zoom Towards Zero	Total	Total
Income	Pledged	\$7,045	\$28,180	\$2,864	\$11,456	\$1,691	\$6,764	\$11,600	\$46,400
	Received	\$12,977	\$46,578	\$3,399	\$13,278	\$3,204	\$8,013	\$19,580	\$67,869
	Status	\$5,932	\$18,398	\$535	\$1,822	\$1,513	\$1,249	\$7,980	\$21,469
Expenses	Budgeted	\$12,321	\$49,284	\$2,562	\$10,248	\$2,785	\$11,140	\$17,668	\$70,672
	Expended	\$15,358	\$49,872	\$3,472	\$16,302	\$2,600	\$10,640	\$21,431	\$76,814
	Budgeted - Expended	-\$3,037	-\$588	-\$910	-\$6,054	\$185	\$500	-\$3,763	-\$6,142
Gap	Pledged - Budget	-\$5,276	-\$21,104	\$302	\$1,208	-\$1,094	-\$4,376	-\$6,068	-\$24,272
	Received - Expended	-\$2,381	-\$3,294	-\$73	-\$3,024	\$604	-\$2,627	-\$1,850	-\$8,945

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### May Council Highlights

- ? The auto insurance for the new church car has been upgraded to include comprehensive coverage (\$500 deductible) and collision coverage (\$250) deductible. Neither coverage was in place for the 1998 Taurus.
- ? Price quotes for the 2010 envelopes were reviewed for the existing vendor, NCS envelope Service and for Augsburg Fortress. It was determined that we will order from Augsburg Fortress and that a provision will be added to the envelopes for contributions to the “zoom toward zero” fund although blue envelopes remain available with a two-year supply.
- ? There remains interest in becoming a companion congregation with the Arcot Lutheran church in India. An attempt will be made to arrange for a presentation to the council and may also include a presentation to the church membership.
- ? The garage is now projected to be constructed in June.
- ? A concept drawing for a cabinet which may be built to house recyclable materials as well as hide existing garbage cans from view was presented. This would also require modification of the entry way to the fellowship hall.
- ? Mark Hart attended a City of Rockford auction and purchased two color laser printers, a projector, a television, and another printer. He has donated the items to the church. The council accepted Mark’s donation.

### **Flower Watering Help**



We are looking for additional volunteers to water the outside flowers that beautify the church grounds summer and fall. The hanging baskets need to be watered everyday, and the other flowers planted in the ground should be watered every other day (depending on rain). Please call Jan Sloan to volunteer. There are many weeds on the hill facing Rt 2 that could use some attention. You are welcome to come and pick as many as you have time to gather!!

<u>Worship Attendance</u>				
May	8:00	10:30	Total	9:15 SS
3	86	80	166	60
10	71	82	153	52
17	85	95	180	63
24	80	59	139	
Total	322	316	638	175
Average	81	79	160	58

## LUTHERAN NEWS

Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries has a group: *Singles Together Across Rockford, STAR*, with some activities planned throughout the year. This is a group formed for single people who enjoy spending time together. The STAR annual summer picnic is planned for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in Sinnissippi Park 4-7pm. You can contact [RALmail@aol.com](mailto:RALmail@aol.com) for more information about the picnic. For more information you can visit the Lutheran Ministries' web site: [www.RockfordLutheranMinistries.com](http://www.RockfordLutheranMinistries.com).

LOMC presents SWING CHOIR TOUR 2009  
The swing choir will appear in different Lutheran churches in the area in July and August. On Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> they will appear in Faith Lutheran Church, Rochelle at 7pm, and on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> they will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Morris at 7pm. For more information go to: [lomc.org](http://lomc.org).

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life** here in Byron, begins on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Byron High School and ends at 6:00 am the next morning. There will be 29 teams, with 296 participants involved.

A **Safe Teen** driving program comes to Ogle County on June 13. This is a nationally acclaimed teen driving safety school with a 2:1 student to instructor ratio. It is open to all licensed drivers ages 16 to 21. The cost is \$60 and will be held at the Byron Station Nuclear Plant. (financial need scholarships are available) To register or get more information got to: [www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org)

## PRAYER CONCERNS for

family of Lois Farrel on the loss of Jim Farrel, **Kathleen Combs** and friends who were injured in a car wreck, **Mary Eakle, Nancy Shepard** and her mother Elnora Gustafson, Ammie Schamper, Duane Burnett (Kit Reif's brother), Dave Stukenberg, Alaina Haas, Norman Cozart, Nick Smith, Jen Thompson and family, Francine Reibel, Barry Glaudel & family, and Spencer Jensen, Ron Locke, Gail Toepfer, Holly Stukenburg, Doug Raney, Celeste Reif (daughter-in-law of Jim & Kit Reif), Patrick Clinton, Tim O'Hare, Bonnie Stoll, Joel Boomer, Charles Rodberg, Edward Jones (Steve's father), Francis Goreth (John Goreth's mother), Trevor Penn, Marilyn Schroeder, Bill Berglund (Lois Lapp's brother), Roger Reimer, Pat Pederson and Kathleen Kuss.

## PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings:

May 2      Angela Cantu and Jarrett McClendon  
May 16     Jan Young and Brad Cox

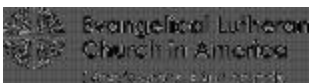
New Office Hours: **Monday through Thursday** with *Usual Core* Hours of 10:00 am – 3:00 pm except for the second Wednesday. Carol, Marlene and Pastor each will cover various days allowing for expanded office coverage. At times the office may be staffed beyond these hours. Call first. Pastor will still post his typical hours in the *Spokeman* calendar.

**Newsletter Team:** Jill Barker, Carolyn Niederer, Carol Vander Wyst  
**Assembly Team:** Sandy Hedges, Mel & Millie Knodle, Al & Gloria Olsen

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