



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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**May 2010
 Newsletter**



We will be going to one service on May 30th at 10:00 AM.

Sunday Worship
 9:00 a.m. Traditional
 10:30 a.m. Family
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 (right after
 Children's Sermon)
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Confirmation Class

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Message from Pastor Scott Johnson

For which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Ephesians 6:20

In Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus, observe how he describes himself – an ambassador in chains.

Locked away in a prison, Paul adamantly refuses to allow his circumstances to dictate or alter his identity. He may be in chains, but he remains the Lord's ambassador.

Can you imagine Paul chained up in that dungeon, throwing up his hands and saying, "That's it; it's over; I'm finished!?"

Not on your life! Instead the apostle grows bolder as an ambassador; not intimidated or ashamed, because Paul isn't chained in his Spirit, he's only bound in the flesh. Remember how he concludes his letter to the

Philippian Church declaring, **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**

It's important we don't allow ourselves to be defined by our past, or "chained" by our current circumstances. No matter what our present circumstances, Jesus promises to walk beside us. God has also called each of you to be an ambassador for Him. With so much work to be done, we ought to be growing even bolder, right in the midst of our trials and tribulations!

*Blessings,
 Pastor Scott*

Due to time constraints we are rerunning Tim's Faith Story but we are looking forward to Joey Pacay's story for June.

FAITH STORY

My Faith Story - Tim Satherlie

One could say that the beginning of one's faith journey begins at our baptism as we share the birth and death of Jesus Christ. It is at that moment of our anointment that we receive the Holy Sprit, but I can not remember that moment. I really never thought about my journey until I was in my fifties when my mother asked me "how did you get so "religious"? I never really thought of myself as religious, so I could not answer her question. So over the next few months as I pondered and tried to respond to Mom's question did I finally answer it for myself.

So with my response in hand I drove over to her apartment and over a cup of coffee I told her how I became so "religious". Mom it all started at my Baptism. She looked very puzzled with this beginning. I then told her the journey continued when you and Dad made us go to the neighborhood church called Victory Lutheran. It was there that I met all my childhood friends, many of those friendships continue today, even though I live in a different state. I said Mom do you remember most of our social life revolved around Victory Lutheran Church and its members. We attended church every Sunday, I went to Sunday school, and Dad was the leader of our Boy Scout troop and head of the church council. What about all those dinners we had in the church basement, preparing lunches, dinners and washing dishes at the church food stand for Minnesota State Fair every year? Mom, it was because of that sense of community and the loving and nurturing of the people of Victory Lutheran Church that made me so "religious". We were all doing, in our small way, what God had commanded us to do "love thy neighbor".

What Mom called religious I see as my faith journey. It began at Victory Lutheran Church and has continued through my adult life. However, it was after Moms passing, and with the guidance of the Holy Sprit, that I began to seek a deeper relationship with God. I have continued my spiritual journey by completing Diakonia and the Grace Institute for Spiritual Formation. But this journey, which began at Baptism, continues today as I encounter the loving, nurturing and sense of community of the people of Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Gods continued blessings,

Tim Satherlie

MAY 2010 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY

	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 th	30 th – One Service
COMMUNION SETUP AND ASSISTANTS	Lynnea Semasko Julie Malin	Ken Miller Myrna Salazar	Greg Paddack Carl Malin	Anne Wurfel Dick Bukowski	Laurie Johnson Jean Hineman
GREETERS	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Karl Becker	Joyce Johnson Jim Martin Doris Olson	Doris Preissner Mary Teppen Joanne Szukala	Tom Fedro Phyllis Olson Joanne Szukala	Carol Campbell June Hanson
EXIT GREETERS	Jody Check Tim Satherlie	Karl Becker Jody Check	Carolyn Ohman Jody Check	Don Finney Jody Check	Don Finney Karl Becker
LAY READERS	Greg Paddack	Muriel Tripp	Joey Pacay	Carl Malin	Bob Lempkowski
LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS	Jean Hineman	Carl Malin	Tom Gnoyke	Carolyn Ohman	Ken Miller
COUNTERS	Marilyn Anderson Carolyn Ohman	Klaus Schuetze Phyllis Olson	Greg Paddack Joyce Johnson	Tom Fedro Jill Kummer	Ken Miller Jim Sosnowski
USHERS	Ernest & Anne Wurfel Tom Fedro	Greg Paddack Joanne Szukala Janice Fedanzo	John Teppen Jody Check Jim Lagerhausen	Sue Miller Mary Teppen Karl Becker	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Don Finney
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Pancake Breakfast	Lynnea, Joyce and Sue	Esther Circle – Linda Sosnowski	Joey Pacay	June Hanson

If you are not able to serve on these dates, please call another member or youth to trade with, and notify the church office of the change. Tel: 847-437-5141 Thanks!

May 2010						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 10:00AM SDA Church
2 9:00 AM Traditional Service 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 10:30 AM Family Service 11:30AM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM Disciple Church	3 6:30pm Chicago Bronze	4 9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Worship Team 7:30pm Bell Choir	5 8:00PM Disciple Church	6 2:45 PM Daisy Troop 6:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Music Team 7:30PM Choir	7 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	8 10:00AM SDA Church 1:00 – 6:00 PM Postal Food Drive
9 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 9:00AM Traditional Service 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Family Service 1:00PM Disciple Church	10 6:30pm Chicago Bronze	11 9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Worship & Music 6:30 PM Music Team	12 8:00PM Disciple Church	13 6:00PM Bible Study 7:30PM Choir	14 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	15 9 AM – 4 PM PAINTING – SPRING CLEAN UP 10:00am SDA Church 1:00 PM Girl Scouts 40240-40176
16 9:00 AM Traditional Service 9:15AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Family Service 11:30AM Confirmation Class 1:00PM Disciple Church 6:00 PM Bowling	17	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry	19 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00 PM Council Meeting	20 2:45 – 4:00 Daily Troop 6:00PM Bible Study 7:30PM Choir	21 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	22 10:00am SDA Church
23 9:00 AM Traditional Service 9:15AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Family Service 11:30AM Confirmation Class 1:00PM Disciple Church	24	25 9:00 AM Food Pantry	26 10:30AM Chapel Service 8:00PM Disciple Church	27 6:00PM Bible Study 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal 7:30PM Choir	28 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	29 10:00am SDA Church
30 10:00 AM Family Service 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study - TBD 1:00PM Disciple Church	31 Memorial Day Observed Office Closed					

Finance Committee
Phyllis Olson, Jill Kummer,
Myrna Salazar, Muriel Tripp,
Debbie Paddack,
Lynnea Semasko

Communications
Lynnea Semasko

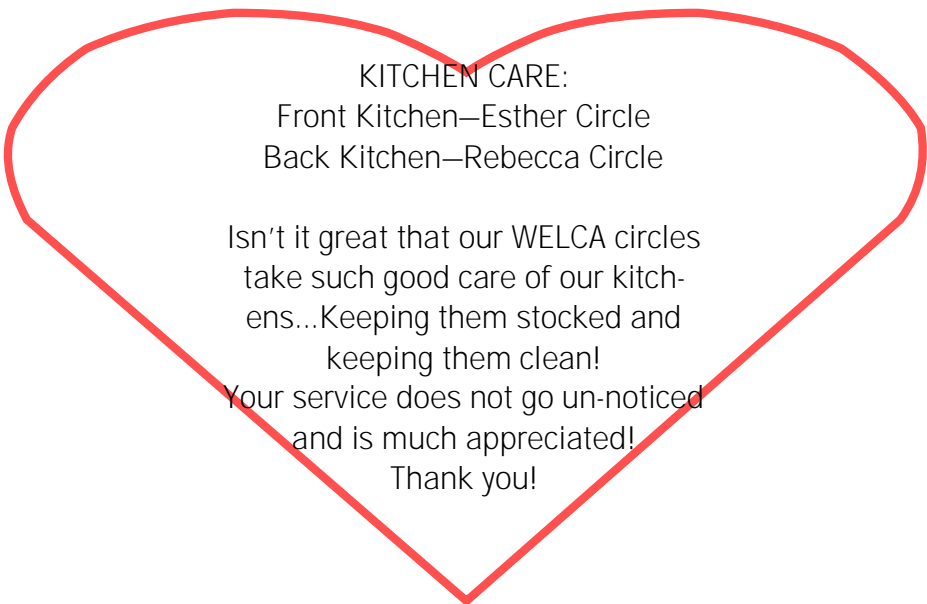
WELCA REMINDS EVERYONE
Continue saving items for St
Matthews. Small items such as
soap, decks of cards, postage
stamps, stationery, long neck-
laces, small stuff animals, etc.
are appreciated. Please place
items in the box above the
mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall

ESTHER CIRCLE
Fellowship Hosts
May 16

REBECCA CIRCLE
Tuesday, May 11th
Claudia Wiederaenders
344 Pembroke
Schaumburg
847-534-4486

ESTHER CIRCLE
Wednesday, May 12th
Carol Dillon
1322 S. Princeton
Arlington Heights
847-255-5245

REBECCA CIRCLE
Sunday, May 9th
Treats
Lynnea, Sue, Joyce



KITCHEN CARE:
Front Kitchen—Esther Circle
Back Kitchen—Rebecca Circle

Isn't it great that our WELCA circles
take such good care of our kitch-
ens...Keeping them stocked and
keeping them clean!
Your service does not go un-noticed
and is much appreciated!
Thank you!

Social Ministry....**April...May...June....****APRIL**

Rummage Sale...Our largest sale to date.

Total sales....\$4900 less \$400 expenses...net \$4500.

Proceeds shared 50/50 between Social Ministry and WELCA.

We thank all for your donations and a special thank you to all our volunteers.

Total volunteer hours for this event....600 hours or \$8 per volunteer hour.

Our Rummage Sale is now a Global Event....

One customer bought a TV and a love seat. She told us these items would be shipped to her native homeland, Honduras, for the needy.

MAY

Chicago Bronze Bell Choir.

Sunday, May 2, 7PM the Chicago Bronze had a concert in our church for the benefit of our Food Pantry. For all who attended, it was an hour plus of a beautiful performance. Thank you Chicago Bronze for a wonderful evening.

Postal Workers Food Drive.

Look into the South Fellowship Hall and observe....

All those items...every can...every box...needs to be sorted by product, date checked and boxed for future use. We need many hands now through Thursday to complete this project. An hour or two or more is appreciated.

An open Invitation to our LCC Family.

Saturday, May 15th, volunteers need to sign up to paint windows.

ALSO...VOLUNTEERS are needed for the LCC SPRING CLEAN UP.

Same Day Same Time, 9 to 4....Please sign up.

Anything from window washing to tree trimming and all-inclusive. Social Ministry will provide a free lunch for all the workers.

Bring your favorite step stool, rake or trimmer and join in on the fun.

JUNE

Hunger Walk sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Saturday...June 26, 2010...Chicago's Soldiers Field.

Free Parking, first come, first served.

Fund Raiser. All funds, 100%, raised and contributed to....

Lutheran Church of the Cross....Agency A01198

Goes directly into our account at the GCFD....100%.

For all money collected for this event, not specified for a specific pantry, this money is shared with other participating pantries based on a formula of a pantry's contribution and the number of walkers. Last year was our first year in this event. We contributed \$2000 and had seven walkers. Our formula share was \$630. A great return on a sixty-day investment. More information to follow.

For all of the above...

Thank you to our Community....

And our LCC Family...

For helping us to Share

**Ministries at
Lutheran Church
Of The Cross**

Adult Education

Chapel Service at
Friendship Village

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School

Drama Team

Evangelical Team

Fellowship Team

Helping Hands

Home Communion Team

Outreach Team

Prayer Ministry

Small Group Bible Study

Social Ministry

Food Pantry



Adult Education

May 16: DUST

This DVD is presented by Pastor Rob Bell as part of his NOOMA series.

NOOMA means wind or spirit in Greek (pneuma). He is the founding Pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church in Grand Rapids Michigan. Each of his videos is a short film that explores a pertinent question that might arise as a person explores his/her Christian faith. We will view DUST with discussion to follow.

May 23: Advanced Directives

Pastor John Schumacher is the director of Rainbow Hospice at Lutheran General Hospital. He will discuss with us various aspects of illness and end of life issues including THE FIVE WISHES. This is NOT just for persons in the autumn of their lives..... This is for everyone. Addressing this issue is the kindest and most prudent thing you can do for your loved ones.

HELP WANTED!

If anyone is in need of a job or is in a position to offer a position within their company, please send your requirements to the church office and we will place the information in the newsletter. As much as we seek to help others, in these tough economic times it is also just as important to help those within our own community of faith here at LCC. So, if you are in need or in a position to help...let us know!

NEWS & EVENTS

READ TO LEARN
Literacy / Volunteer Program
2010 Fall Schedule
September 14 to November 16
7:00 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday

Food Pantry

Sign Up to Help Pantry push 1st Sunday of the month. All food donations welcome!

Helping Hands Ministry

Just a reminder that we frequently have members of our church family who need assistance with rides, meal delivery or small chores. Accomplishing these tasks can seem insurmountable especially to those who are recovering from hospitalization. If you can help by cooking or providing a "helping hand" in another way, please sign up on the poster in the fellowship hall.

Nursery

The nursery is located down the North hallway is open to infants and toddlers during worship services. If you find it necessary to leave the Sanctuary, there is also a speaker system in the Narthex for your convenience.

The diakonia Program

Diakonia includes a whole new way of thinking and doing, of perception and reception, of defining and redefining our lives and purpose for living. The focus is no longer on ourselves, our fears, trials and tribulations, but on what God would have us say and do in the midst of those fears, trials and tribulations. God's call to ministry amidst the daily struggles of life is our call to Christian discipleship. For further information about this two-year theological program for lay people, please contact Pamela Marino at 773-763-0605 or go to the www.thediakoniaprogram.org website.

Girl Scout Troop

#40240 and #30176

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

On Saturday

1:00—2:30 PM on the

following dates

5/15/10 and 6/12/10

Daisy Troop meets on Thursday 2:45—4:00
May 6 and 20

Lay Reader

Want to share your gifts as a Lay Reader during the Traditional Worship Service? Contact Ryann Uden or leave a note in her mailbox if you are interested.

Fellowship Hosts

Fellowship Hosts are needed for after the 9AM Sunday services. Please find a date that you can bring goodies. The coffee and juice will be set-up for you. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Daily Devotionals

April, May and June Daily Devotionals (Portals of Prayer) are now available in the back of the church. These have been purchased and donated by Esther Circle.



Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach ministry, so that we may continue to...

“Share God’s Love”

Walker R. Reach, Chairman

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be from June 28th to July 2. Pass the news on to people with children. Let's have a bigger attendance than last year.



Jean Hineman

For the past two years I have been attending diakonia classes provided by our ELCA Synod. This has been an in-depth academic and spiritual journey for me covering a variety of topics. I want to thank all of you for your prayers, encouragement and support for these two years. I look forward to using what I have learned to serve in our Church and to serve others according to their needs. On May 22 I will be graduating and I cordially invite all of you to come celebrate with me.

*The 2010 Graduating Class
of the Indiana-Kentucky, Metropolitan Chicago, and Northern Illinois locations of diakonia
requests the honor of your presence at the
Graduation Liturgy
at
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
930 W Higgins Rd
Schaumburg, IL 60195
Saturday, the twenty second of May
two thousand ten
two o'clock in the afternoon
Honored guests:
Reverend Doctor Stephen P. Bouman, founder of diakonia
Bishop Wayne N. Miller, Metropolitan Chicago Synod
Bishop James R. Stuck, Indiana-Kentucky Synod
Bishop Gary M. Wollersheim, Northern Illinois Synod
Reception to follow
Graduates and clergy are invited to vest and process
(the liturgical color for the service is red)*