



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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July 2010 Newsletter



Happy 4th of July

Summer Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

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Message from Pastor Scott Johnson

" For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1

This month we celebrate Independence Day. There will be parades, various events and fairs, flags waving and music playing, people dancing and performing in the streets, all sorts of entertainment around town. This is also a time to remember those whose blood was shed for our freedom and to celebrate that gift of freedom, old and young alike.

This Independence Day let's break out the confetti, turn up the music and take a moment to celebrate our freedom in the Lord! We were bought with a price! We were set free from the law of sin and death! Our mourning has been turned to joy! Let's celebrate! If the Son has set us free, we are free indeed!

Happy 4th of July,

Pastor Scott

It's good to have days and celebrations to remember our freedom and those whose blood was shed to pay it. But there's one work of freedom that we need to remember every day. So often, we forget the price that was paid for our spiritual freedom. We get distracted by all the little things our lives tend to revolve around.

MY FAITH STORY—We are putting Faith Stories on Hold till after summer.

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

JULY 2010 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY

	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
COMMUNION SETUP AND ASSISTANTS	Lynnea Semasko Julie Malin	Ken Miller Myrna Salazar	Greg Paddack Carl Malin	Anne Wurfel Dick Bukowski
GREETERS	Lynnea Semasko Mary Teppen John Teppen	Walker & Carole Reach Kathy Whitworth	Ellen Loeb Kathe Tucker Joyce Johnson	Carol Campbell Phyllis Olson Doris Olson
EXIT GREETERS	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
LAY READERS	Ryann Uden	Jean Hineman	Scott Fedro	Alexander Knox
LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS	Jean Hineman	Carl Malin	Tom Gnoyke	Carolyn Ohman
COUNTERS	Klaus Schuetze Phyllis Olson	Greg Paddack Joyce Johnson	Tom Fedro Jill Kummer	Ken Miller Jim Sosnowski
USHERS	Ernest & Anne Wur- fel Karl Becker	Tom Fedro Jim Lagerhausen Jody Check	Klaus & Gail Schu- etze Janice Fedanzo	John & Mary Tep- pen Joanne Szukala
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	SUMMER BREAK			

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!



July 2010						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 6:00pm TBD Bible Study	2 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	3 10:00AM SDA Church
4 10:00 AM Summer Worship Service 1:00 PM Disciple Church	5	6 9:00 AM Food Pantry	7 8:00PM Disciple Church	8 6:00pm TBD Bible Study 6:00pm Music Team	9 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	10 10:00AM SDA Church
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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

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!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT ST MATTHEW'S

August 8, 2010

Usually you see our St Matthew's Birthday Celebration notice for January, but this is our fourth year of also celebrating the August birthdays at St Matthew Center for Health.

Just like we do in January, Esther Circle is collecting items to be given to the residents of St Matthew Center having August birthdays. We are again asking for your help in contributing birthday items. We usually have about 12 - 14 birthdays and like to give each person 4 or 5 items in a gift box. We also play bingo and need bingo gifts. Some of the items needed are small soft stuffed animals, small decorative pillows, small music boxes, small figurines, colorful scarves, long necklaces, pins, cologne (men and women) after shave, scented soaps and lotions, playing cards, games, wrapped sugar free hard candy and/or cookies, socks, slippers, wrapping paper and colored tissue paper. No candles, please. Anyone wishing to donate items please put them in the box marked St Matthew above the mail slots or give them to Jill Kummer, Myrna Salazar or Linda Sosnowski. Esther Circle will wrap the gifts.

Please join us on Sunday, August 8, 2010, at 1:30 pm to distribute these birthday gifts and play bingo. We are usually there 2 – 3 hours. It is very rewarding to spend an afternoon with the St Matthew's residents talking, playing bingo and passing out birthday gifts. They particularly love seeing children. Please keep this date open.

Thank you,

Esther Circle

St Matthew Center for Health (Nursing Home)
(East of Lutheran General Hospital)
1601 N. Western Ave.
Park Ridge, IL

Social Ministry...2010 ...January through June 30.... Report

Summer is here... And It's break time.... Pancake Breakfasts and Fellowship Hour

Treats will return in the fall.

Rummage Sale... Our best ever...After expenses...\$4500 split 50/50 with WELCA,

That's \$2250 each for Social Ministry and WELCA.

Postal Worker's Annual Food Drive...

Their best event ever...22,000 pounds or 500 boxes of sorted and date checked food. We received 16,000 pounds from Arlington Heights and 3,000 pounds from Rolling Meadows. That's 6,000 pounds more than last years 16,000 pounds.

Annual Hunger Walk...

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's 25th Annual 5k Walk was at Chicago's Soldiers Field. A beautiful day...a wonderful.... worthwhile experience.. Our LCC Food Pantry Team had 15 walking ...8 more than last year. We haven't received any information yet if any other of our community Churches participated, walked or cash contribution. We did send out a mass mailing to 90 Churches and we personally called on 25 of these.

To our LCC Family....

Thank you for all your support.... Your cash contributions...Your household treasures for the Rummage Sale...The many hours you volunteer so these events are successful.

... The setup... the operation.. The cleanup...All functions of every event Thank You.

Finally...The Food Pantry.

Through June 2010.... We have served 2049 bags of food plus extras serving 6992 family members. Compared to the same six months of 2009, 2693 bags serving 9840 family members. Down 24%. We are still serving new families every week. These people have never had to receive. They have always provided for themselves. We suspect that the reason for fewer families coming in...without employment...they are returning to their native homeland.

We are a Church based, user-friendly food pantry. We are here to serve, not to judge.

Are we taken advantaged of? Most likely! But the majority of our families are unemployed or under employed. They need our LCC Food Pantry. I bring this issue up because recently Carole and I attended a class at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on receiving USDA free food. This is a federal contract program. Each recipient must fill out a form; name, address, number in household, income signature and be approved. Also, our weekly ledger sheet has to have a signature line and all original sheets have to be turned in monthly. Now the state gets involved with their program, tanif?, and their furnished food has to be kept separated from other inventory and plainly marked. We are also subject to inspections and reviews. No thank you! Our community has supported us well.... we don't need the free food.... the additional burden on our volunteers...and we don't want to embarrass anyone with these forms and questions. So we didn't sign any contract and we as the LCC Food Pantry volunteers chose to remain a

CHURCH BASED USER FRIENDLY FOOD PANTRY.

We are here...To serve...To share...Not to judge,

Walker R. Reach, Chairman

Adult Education

Summer Vacation

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
Will no longer be at this location

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 Summer Vacation

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.

Daily Devotionals

July, August and September 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

Thank you very much to all that donated items to the VBS. It was really a great success.

Katherine and Jody