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 Newsletter**



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**Summer Worship Service
 10:00 a.m.**

Message from Pastor Scott Johnson

... "we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary but what cannot be seen is eternal."

2 Cor. 4:18

It has now been over 45 days since the BP oil disaster in the Gulf. As each day goes by, the ecosystem of our gulf coast becomes diminished. I'm not sure what we can do to help in this tragedy, but I came across a devotion the other day that made me stop for a moment and consider the impact on the communities in the gulf. So I thought I would share this devotion with you.

As believers, we are all called to transform the little world around us. C.S. Lewis offered a thoughtful perspective on remaining heavenly minded while continuing to make an impact in this present world. In Mere Christianity, he said. "Hope...means...a continual looking forward to the eternal world...it does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next...It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither."

Being heavenly minded is not natural. It happens when we focus and medi-

tate on the reality and wonderful hope of the world to come. When we do, we can bring a taste of heaven to the little world around us. So let's not become complacent — but stay focused there, so we can be effective here... and soon enough we will hear the Lord saying, "Well, done good and faithful servant!"

This little devotion reminds us that we are all responsible for God's creation and are called to take care of this beautiful planet. On Mother's day weekend, I took my mom to see the 45 minute movie on the Hubble Space Telescope at the IMAX Theatre, and the images from space of our planet can literally cause one to gasp at the mere beauty of what God created and how all of us are a part of His creation. Maybe we cannot directly help in removing the oil from the Gulf waters, but perhaps we can figure out how we can help the surrounding communities....maybe joining a community of faith down south to support a local area....hmmm....sounds like a mission trip doesn't it?

**Blessings,
 Pastor Scott**

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MY FAITH STORY – JOEY PACAY

I consider myself a “Heinz 57” Christian. Neither of my parents had a strong faith background. However, they did make sure that I went to Sunday School as a child. I started out at the local Methodist church because they bowled with a group of people that attended that church. My mom did not have me baptized as a baby – she believed I should make that choice on my own when I was old enough to understand the commitment I was making. So, I was confirmed and baptized in the Methodist church in 8th grade. In high school we switched to the local Presbyterian church. This time my parents were in a pinochle group that attended this church.

These beginning steps in my faith walk were filled with questions. I always wanted to find out what the real answer was when something didn’t make sense. Even as a child it didn’t seem right if people were punished for their beliefs. In high school I started to get more involved in the things that mattered to me at church – singing in the choir, acting in the drama group and participating in the youth group but I still asked LOTS of questions – I wasn’t ready to “be still and just let God enter my heart”.

When I went to college I tried out several local churches – depending on where my college friends and roommates might be going. Since I was just a baby in my faith walk it was easy to stop going as soon as it wasn’t convenient. After college I got married to a Catholic man who wasn’t strong in his faith but also not willing to convert to a Protestant religion. This generated even MORE questions to see if I could actually accept the Catholic doctrine and convert. We investigated the Dutch Catechism which was progressive in the 1970’s but I couldn’t make the change. However, I did take advantage of an opportunity to teach a special Catholic confirmation class to special needs kids in my local Catholic parish!

After my children were born I made another attempt to find a church home. I tried the local Baptist church because they have a strong youth focus in their ministries but they were too conservative and judgmental for me. I finally found my way to Lutheran Church of the Cross when I was invited by my neighbor, Joan Barber, to come here our neighbor, Carl Malin, preach and do the Children’s sermon using the piñata from our annual block party! This church seemed to fit my needs – friendly people, lots of activities and Sunday School and confirmation classes for my children. Right away (before I asked enough questions to feel confident to join) I started singing in the choir. (music has ALWAYS been a part of my spirit) and I got involved in helping with the junior high youth group (teaching YOUTH has also ALWAYS been one of my passions)

For my personal faith walk LCC was the place where I stopped “fighting” God’s knocking on my heart and just let him come in. It was pretty obvious that there wasn’t going to be one golden set of answers. I was just going to need to have patience and trust that God was there for me. This proved to be a very important step in my journey. I went through a divorce and a lot of hard times at LCC but never wavered in my belief that God was there to help me and provide whatever was needed in my struggles.

Now that I am able to “be still and know that God is there” I am motivated in my continuing faith walk by my favorite verse – Micah 6:8 – “And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God”. I am learning from my “Heart to Heart” at LCC, Virginia Lloyd, to be patient with God’s time, to pray and to recognize the blessings that God gives us when we least expect them. My goals for myself as I mature on my faith walk is to live by the lessons from the Holy Spirit to be a river of hope, a stream of care, a fountain of joy and an ocean of love to myself and anyone else struggling along their faith journey!

God’s blessings to everyone! SHOUT for joy – it is AWESOME to be a CHRISTIAN

Joey Pacay

JUNE 2010 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY

	6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th
COMMUNION SETUP AND ASSISTANTS	Julie Malin Myrna Salazar	Laurie Johnson Jean Hineman	Greg Paddack Lynnea Semasko	Carl Malin Julie Malin
GREETERS	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Anita Lambert	Phyllis Olson Sue Jay Joanne Szukala	Jenny, Cameron & Madison Paddack Greg & Debbie Paddack	Carol Campbell Jean Bukowski Joanne Szukala
EXIT GREETERS	Tim Satherlie Carolyn Ohman	Jody Check Eric Knox	Carolyn Ohman Jody Check	Jody Check Don Finney
LAY READERS	Anita Lambert	Eric Knox	Al Haak	Sue Jay
LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS	Bob Lempkowski	Dick Bukowski	Carolyn Ohman	Ken Miller
COUNTERS	Bob Lempkowski Ernie Wurfel	Greta Kob Sue Jay	Tom Gnoyke Greg Rabus	Marilyn Anderson Carolyn Ohman
USHERS	Tom Fedro Greg Paddack Joanne Szukala	Ernest & Anne Wurfel Janice Fedanzo	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Sue Miller	John & Mary Teppen Don Finney
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!

June 2010						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 9:00 AM Food Pantry	2 8:00PM Disciple Church	3 6:00pm TBD Bible Study	4 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	5 10:00AM SDA Church
6 10:00 AM Summer Worship Service 1:00 PM Disciple Church 4:00 PM Bowling Banquet	7	8 9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Worship Team	9 8:00PM Disciple Church	10 6:00pm TBD Bible Study 6:00pm Music Team	11 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	12 10:00AM SDA Church 1:00 PM Girl Scouts 40240- 40176
13 10:00 AM Summer Worship Service 1:00 PM Disciple Church	14	15 9:00 AM Food Pantry	16 8:00PM Disciple Church	17 6:00PM TBD Bible Study	18 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	19 10:00am SDA Church
20 10:00 AM Summer Worship Service 1:00 PM Disciple Church	21	22 9:00 AM Food Pantry	23 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00 PM Council Meeting	24 6:00PM TBD Bible Study	25 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	26 10:00am SDA Church
27 10:00 AM Summer Worship Service 1:00 PM Disciple Church	28 1 – 4 PM Vacation Bible School	29 9:00 AM Food Pantry 1 – 4 PM Vacation Bible School	30 8:00PM Disciple Church 1 – 4 PM Vacation Bible School	July 1 1 – 4 PM Vacation Bible School	July 2 1 – 4 PM Vacation Bible School	

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 necklaces, 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 kitchens...Keeping them stocked and keeping them clean!
Your service does not go un-noticed and is much appreciated!
Thank you!

Save The Date

25th Anniversary Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Soldier Field

**Registration 8:00AM—9:30AM Step-Off
Parking—first come early arrivals—free**

For LCC members.... Family Fun Time....

The Food Pantry has paid for the event...

Just show up....and register...

For every walker including babies in strollers,

We earn money based on number of our team walkers.
This comes from donated money not specified for any
GCFD Agency. Formula=cash raised x walkers x factor.

Last year...we made 90.00 per walker

If you raise money from co-workers or friends...

Send checks payable to the.... GCFD Hunger Walk

On memo line LCC Agency #A01198

100% is credited directly into our account.

Contribution cards and more information,...

Questions and answers next Sunday.

Walker Reach

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

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

#40240 and #30176

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

On Saturday

1:00—2:30 PM on the

following dates

6/12/10

Daisy Troop meets on Thursday 2:45—4:00

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

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.