

June  
2008

Pastor Scott Johnson



*"Go therefore and make disciples." "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice'"*

—Matthew 28:19; 9:13

For many people, summer offers rest and renewal. Vacations are planned, not as many meetings are scheduled, and there is the opportunity to pick up that book you have wanted to read. It can be a time of paying attention to what really matters. It can be a time to soak in God's word. The gospel of Matthew is considered a teaching gospel. Matthew portrays Jesus as a teacher and what it means to be community.

The community in Matthew's time faced difficult issues of authority and power, identity and lifestyle. We too find ourselves confronted with the same issues, asking who and what can make a difference? Our community has shown a need for child care and as a church we have pursued meeting that need for sometime, knowing that this would entail significant start-up costs.

But Jesus sends us to make disciples; to make a difference, and not to worry about how all of this can happen, but to trust in the Lord. That is why it gives me great pleasure to report that our grant proposal for the before/after care program has been **approved** by the synod board and the church will be receiving the maximum amount of \$20,000! We give thanks and praise and glory to God for surely this is a sign that indeed all things are possible through Him!

Although the summer months are a time of rest, many things will be taking place here at LCC. Our new website will be up and running within the next two weeks, our flat screen monitor will soon be installed in the Narthex showing a continuous slide show of upcoming events, guest speakers will visit us from time to time in worship this summer, musical and fellowship events, and of course VBS in July. This is an exciting time in the life of the church and we can rest in the assurance that God's hand is leading us.

Thanks be to God,

*Pastor Scott*

## NUBS OF NEWS

**NEWSLETTER Deadline** - 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!  
**BULLETIN Deadline** - each Thursday morning!

**\*\*NOTE: \*\*** The newsletter will now be sent electronically. If your Email is not current, please notify us at [Lcc60005@sharegodslove.org](mailto:Lcc60005@sharegodslove.org) so we can update our records. You may also call the office at 847-437-5141. If you prefer to have the newsletter printed and put in your mailbox, please let us know.

### Vacation Bible School

Save the dates for this summer's VBS.

July 21 – 25, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost is FREE

Register online at

[www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/lcc08](http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/lcc08)

### \*\* Summer Worship \*\*

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have one worship service during the summer months. This will continue through Labor Day. Please mark your calendar.

### Fellowship

For the summer, starting in June, we will have coffee and juice only.

### Children's Sunday School

Our Sunday school year will be ending on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for entrusting you children to us each Sunday. We have had a successful and fun filled year. We will resume mid-September. Please continue to bring those happy faces to church this summer.

Jodi & Katherine

### Congratulations to the graduates

Kari Becker – Indiana University

Laura Hineman – Augustana University

**Summer Study: Exploring our Faith**  
Beginning Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Pastor Scott will lead a discussion on the book by Lee Strobel entitled: "The Case for Faith." This eight week class will discuss the most difficult questions facing Christianity. The book can be purchased on Amazon .com for around \$10.00.

### Food Pantry – new hours

Starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Food Pantry will be open on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will no longer be open on Thursdays after June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please sign up to help.

#### **-FOOD PANTRY-**

Sign up to hand out bags on  
**TUESDAY mornings!**



**PANTRY PUSH**  
**1ST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH**

food bags handed out as of May 30th: 1185  
value of: \$18,960

Family members served: 4,173

We are on track to hand out 1200 more bags than last year. Your past support is greatly appreciated as is your continued support.

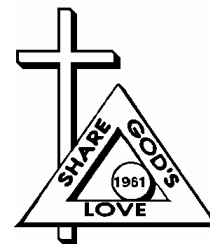


WELCA meetings will resume in September.



#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

**On break for summer – We will resume in the fall.**



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# LCC Needs You



Help guide the future direction of the church through food and bible-study discussions and more food!

Attend any **one** of the following sessions to let your voice be heard.

Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 29, 12:00 p.m.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall (so we'll have enough food!) or talk to Ryann Uden, Laurie Johnson or Don Harris for more information.



## **ST MATTHEWS' BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**August 10, 2008**

Usually you see our St Matthews' Birthday Party notice for January, but this is our second year of also celebrating the August birthdays.

Just like we do in January, Esther Circle is collecting items to be given to the residents of St Matthews Lutheran Home having August birthdays. We are again asking for your help in contributing birthday items. We usually have about 18 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 hard candy, wrapped 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 Matthews above the mail slots or give them to Jill Kummer or Myrna Salazar. Esther Circle will wrap the gifts.

Please join us on Sunday, August 10, 2008, 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 Matthews' residents talking, playing bingo and passing out birthday gifts. They particularly love seeing children. Please keep this date open.

Thank you,  
Esther Circle

St Matthews Nursing Home  
(East of Lutheran General Hospital)  
1601 N. Western Ave.  
Park Ridge, IL

On Sunday, August 10, we will leave from church at 1:00 pm or you can meet us at St Matthews at 1:30.

# Save The Date



## VBS is coming to Lutheran Church of the Cross July 21-25, 1pm - 4pm

We can't wait for you to return to Lutheran Church of the Cross for this year's VBS program. We hope you will **COME HAVE A BLAST AT POWER LAB**. Prepare for an exciting experiment, oh, experience that is, of Jesus' Miraculous Power, following Jesus as he heals, helps, and gives power to people who need him.

Power Lab is **fizzing** with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults. Everyone involved in this VBS will explore God's Word...and never be the same again! As kids experience amazing Bible adventures, they'll take part in Daily Challenges that encourage them to apply Bible truths to everyday life.

You'll enjoy Bible crafts and awesome games, experience thrilling Bible stories, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music.

VBS is offered to the community for free at Lutheran Church of the Cross, but registration is limited so register early! Want more information? Please call us; we'd be happy to

pass along the **formula** for fun! Coordinators: Katherine 847 670-7343 or Jodi 847-577-0783

To register easily online please go to <https://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/lcc08>

Come and experience the **POWER!**



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## **Thanks for your *Tastefully Simple* Orders!**

**Our fellowship goodies and sale were a success  
and you can still order through June 16!**

Please remember, orders can be called in or sent to our representative until June 16. Just let Debbie know that the order is for Lutheran Church of The Cross when you contact her either by phone or e-mail. Remember, WELCA gets 15% of all sales. A copy of the order form is attached for those of you who missed the sale.

Debbie's numbers are:

847-302-9593 or [TSDebbie85@yahoo.com](mailto:TSDebbie85@yahoo.com)



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## LUTHERAN HOME - LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS FOR SENIORS

Sessions begin at 11:00 with a lunch following at 12 noon. There is no cost for the lunch or seminar but please register for any of these sessions one week prior to the event. Contact Linda at 847-368-7403 or [lstammer@luhome.org](mailto:lstammer@luhome.org).

**June 12** "Home Safety and Medical Equipment"

**July 10** "Your Life Story is Unique... a Gift... a Treasure".

**August 14** "Hidden Treasures & Collectables, Do they have more than sentimental value?"

## JUMP MUSIC FEST

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center and Lutherdale Ministries invite you to a Christian Concert to benefit "Widening the Circle Project".

When: August 23, 2008. 10am -10pm

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate.

Jump Music Festival is located at LOMC, 1834 IL Rt. 2 South, Oregon, IL. Visit [www.jumpmusicfest.org](http://www.jumpmusicfest.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## ST. MATTHEW CENTER FOR HEALTH

Volunteers are needed to help with activities and visitation. Youth and adults have the opportunity to make a big difference in the lives of seniors. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience, please call Kelly Fitzgerald at 847-825-5531. St. Matthew is located at 1601 N. Western Avenue in Park Ridge, two blocks south of Lutheran General Hospital.

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR FRENCH STUDENTS

Host families are needed for 2 to 3 weeks for French students visiting the Chicago area from August 4 to August 25, 2008. Students bring their own spending money and there are planned activities during the week. Hosting and exchange student is a wonderful way to learn about another culture and make an international friend. The Center for Cultural Interchange is a non-profit student exchange organization. For more information contact Lynne at 847-337-3318 or [chicagoareahost@yahoo.com](mailto:chicagoareahost@yahoo.com)

## TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH!

This program for older adults by AgeOptions is a proven series of six classes taught by two trained class leaders.

Where: Arlington Heights Senior Center

Dates: Tuesdays, June 3 – July 8, 2008

Time: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Call Maria D.Oquendo-Scharneck at 708-383-0258 ext 321 or email

[takecharge@ageoptions.org](mailto:takecharge@ageoptions.org) to register.

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS - FRONTIER DAYS

The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual festival will be Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Frontier Days is located at Recreation Park in Arlington Heights, 3 blocks east of Arlington Heights Road on Miner Street

See the website for an event schedule and more info [www.frontierdays.org](http://www.frontierdays.org)

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS & SET UP

6/1	10:00	Dick Bukowski Karl Becker
6/8	10:00	Bob Lempkowski Ken Miller
6/15	10:00	Anne Wurfel Myrna Salazar
6/22	10:00	Myrna Salazar Don Boeing
6/29	10:00	Carl Malin Julie Malin

## ACOLYTES

6/1	Blake Boeing
6/8	Ron Ecklund
6/15	Nicole Lekas
6/22	Kaity White
6/29	Danielle Lekas

## GREETERS

6/1	10:00	Ken & Helen Ahlgren Debbie Paddack
6/8	10:00	Ernie & Anne Wurfel Phyllis Olson
6/15	10:00	Jim & Susan Martin Joyce Johnson
6/22	10:00	Jim & Dorianne Johnson Doris Olson
6/29	10:00	Jenny, Cameron, and Madison Paddack Klaus & Gail Schuetze

## EXIT GREETERS

6/1	10:00	Ken Miller – North Greg Paddack – South
6/8	10:00	Don Boeing – North Jody Check – South
6/15	10:00	Stacy Uden – North Greg Paddack – South
6/22	10:00	Ken Miller – North Stacy Uden - South
6/29	10:00	Jean Hineman – North Karl Becker - South

## LAY READERS

6/1	Jean Bukowski
6/8	Jean Hineman
6/15	Sue Jay
6/22	Jean Kinder
6/29	Bob Lempkowski

## LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

6/1	Myrna Salazar
6/8	Don Boeing
6/15	Lynnea Semasko
6/22	Bob Lempkowski
6/29	Ken Miller

## COUNTERS

6/1	Kathe Tucker Ken Miller
6/8	Bob Lempkowski Ernie Wurfel
6/15	Greta Kob Sue Jay
6/22	Tom Gnoyke Greg Rabus
6/29	Marilyn Anderson Carolyn Ohman

## USHERS

6/1	10:00	Tom Fedro Sue Miler Joanne Szukala
6/8	10:00	Don Finney Sue Jay Janice Fedanzo
6/15	10:00	Greg Paddack Karl Becker Glenn Tucker
6/22	10:00	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Jim Lagerhausen
6/29	10:00	John & Mary Teppen Jody Check

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS



# June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Worship 10:30 Before/After Care Open House 1-4:30 Disciple Church</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10a E-team 6:30 Chicago Bronze</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9a-1p Food Pantry 5:30p W&amp;M meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8p-10p Disciple Church</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8p-10p Disciple Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10-4 SDA Church</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00 Worship 1-4:30 Disciple Church 6:30 Holden Village Presentation</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 Chicago Bronze</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9a-1p Food Pantry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7p Men's Bible Study 8p-10p Disciple Church</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8p-10p Disciple Church</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10-4 SDA Church</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:00 Worship 1-4:30 Disciple Church</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9a-1p Food Pantry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30p Council 8p-10p Disciple Church</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8p-10p Disciple Church</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10-4 SDA Church</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Worship 1-4:30 Disciple Church</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9a-1p Food Pantry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7p Men's Bible Study 8p-10p Disciple Church</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 Summer Study: Explore Our Faith</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8p-10p Disciple Church</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10-4 SDA Church</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Worship 1-4:30 Disciple Church</p>	<p>30</p>					