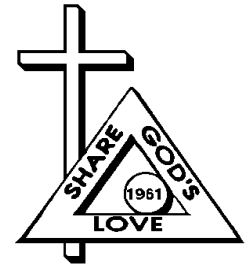


July
2008

Pastor Scott Johnson



*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he
Loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,
"Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple,
"Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took
her into his own home.*

—John 19: 26-27

In the month of July the barbeque season swings into full gear. Families gather together for picnics and wait with great anticipation for the fireworks display on the 4th. When we think of family we naturally think most often of those living in our own household or our extended family that may be miles away. Some of us have loving families; some of our family lives are filled with tension. Some of us think we have no family because we live alone. But as Christians, there is a family of millions. We have brothers and sisters within the ELCA, in churches of other denominations in our country, and in countries abroad.

Some of our fellow Christians cannot practice their faith as freely as we can. Some give up their freedom, their possessions, their positions and even their very lives for our Lord. We are to stand in solidarity with them, since we are all part of His body. This month we will celebrate our independence and the freedom with which God has blessed our country. But there is an even more important freedom—the freedom Christ bought for us with his sacrifice.

Paul tells us in Romans: "Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:7-8).

So as we celebrate our independence and freedom with our families this month let us also remember the freedom all Christians have in Christ. Free to do as we choose, free to follow His bidding, free to become our very best. Free in spirit, free in body, free in soul. What a great love He has for us.

Thanks be to God,

Pastor Scott

NUBS OF NEWS

NEWSLETTER Deadline - 20th 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 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.

***** **ATTENTION!** *****

Your presence is needed...

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 27th

(directly following service)

Topic: Refinancing LCC Mortgage

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

** Summer Worship **

Starting June 1st, 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.

Congratulations!

**Michael Semasko graduated from the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago on May 18th earning the Associate of Applied Science in Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts.

**Joyce and Arun Victor's baby girl, Tara, was born Thursday, June 12th.

Summer Study: Exploring our Faith

Beginning Thursday June 26th at 6:30pm, Pastor Scott is leading 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 3rd, the Food Pantry will be open on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 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.

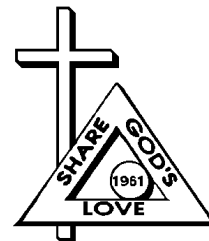


WELCA meetings will resume in September.



ADULT EDUCATION

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



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.

New Dates!

Wednesday, July 16, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 27, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 9, 8:30 a.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!**



Lutheran Church of the Cross 2025 S Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 847-437-5141



LCC BOWLING LEAGUE

Fellow Bowlers,

The LCC Bowling League has moved to Brunswick in Palatine, off Northwest Highway and route 53 by the Post Office. Bowling will still be the first Sunday of the month. The first game will be Sunday, September 7th @ 5:30. So, the place has changed but the time has stayed the same.

All who bowled last year, please let Jean Hineman or me know if you plan to bowl or not bowl. We promised the alley at least 6 teams. Although we've had 7 teams the last two years, we wanted to only guarantee 6. We can always add, but we have to pay for what we sign the contract for and we felt comfortable by guaranteeing at least 6 teams, plus an alley for the kids.

For those who have not bowled in the LCC league yet, here's your chance to join the fun. If you'd like to join, please let Jean Hineman or me know so we can inform Brunswick in a timely fashion.

Thanks,
Al Haak

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.

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 for more information and to purchase tickets.

BECOME A RAINBOW HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Provide friendly and respite visits to patients in their homes, long-term care facilities, or In-patient units. Please join us at our next three-day training session:

Saturday, July 19 & 26, 2008

*9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. lunch provided
and*

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Rainbow Hospice at 444 N. Northwest Hwy., Suite 145A, Park Ridge, IL. To register, call Kathy Huber at 847-692-8889 or Sandy Rowe at 847-910-9171.

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

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 to register.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS - "MANE" EVENT

Come and show your support. We will be having a booth space, representing LCC, at the Mane Event in downtown Arlington Heights on August 8, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JULY

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS & SET UP

7/6	10:00	Joanne Szukala Don Boeing
7/13	10:00	Carl Malin Julie Malin
7/20	10:00	Karl Becker Laurie Johnson
7/27	10:00	Greg Paddack Myrna Salazar

ACOLYTES

7/6	Mike Garbis
7/13	Christine Lekas
7/20	Brad Ecklund
7/27	Mandy Ehler

GREETERS

7/6	10:00	Stacy & Ryann Uden Karl Becker
7/13	10:00	Russ & Muriel Tripp Kathy Mills
7/20	10:00	Ken & Helen Ahlgren Doris Olson
7/27	10:00	Peg Teske & Phyllis Olson Joanne Szukala

EXIT GREETERS

7/6	10:00	Stacy Uden – North Jody Check – South
7/13	10:00	Greg Paddack – North Don Boeing – South
7/20	10:00	Don Finney – North Stacy Uden – South
7/27	10:00	Karl Becker – North Don Boeing - South

LAY READERS

7/6	Carolyn Ohman
7/13	Marilyn Anderson
7/20	Dick Bukowski
7/27	Jean Bukowski

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

7/6	Dick Bukowski
7/13	Don Boeing
7/20	Carl Malin
7/27	Carolyn Ohman

COUNTERS

7/6	Klaus Schuetze Phyllis Olson
7/13	John Teppen open
7/20	Greg Paddack Joyce Johnson
7/27	Tom Fedro Jill Kummer

USHERS

7/6	10:00	Ernest & Anne Wurfel Janice Fedanzo
7/13	10:00	Tom Fedro Sue Miller Joanne Szukala
7/20	10:00	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Don Finney
7/27	10:00	John & Mary Teppen Sue Jay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS



July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9a-1p Food Pantry 5:30 p W&M meeting	2 8p-10p Disciple Church	3	4 8p-10p Disciple Church	5 10-4 SDA Church
6 10:00a Worship 1-4:30p Disciple Church	7 10a E-Team	8 9a-1p Food Pantry	9 7p Men's Bible Study 8p-10p Disciple Church	10 6:30p Summer Study Explore Our Faith	11 8p-10p Disciple Church	12 10-4 SDA Church
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