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Pastor Scott Johnson



*When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.*

—Acts 4: 31

We have now entered the “dog days of August,” and based on the weather forecast for this weekend calling for temperatures in the 90’s with heat indexes approaching 100, the phrase is certainly appropriate. But, the Cubs and Sox are in first place, we just finished another successful Vacation Bible School (nearly 120 kids attended!), and we still have another month left of summer....so, life is good. You might be saying to yourself: “That’s great, but what about the church; is there anything going on right now that I should be aware of? Funny you should ask.

We are asking the entire congregation to participate in discerning our identity as a church, and what role we might play in partnering with God for a transformed world. We do this by establishing our purpose and guiding principals. We do this in small groups by reading scripture, prayer, and dialogue. One friend put it this way: “God is going to do what God is going to do. The only question is, do we want to be part of it or not?”

Dave Daubert said, “If a church is doing effective ministry, people leave better prepared to be missionaries to the world and ambassadors of Jesus. Our participation in this work is called our purpose.” He continues, “Our purpose is to remind ourselves of what we are here for. We clarify and focus on our purpose so our ministry can stay centered on what we believe God wants us to center on.” Having a purpose statement is not enough, we also need guiding principals.

Guiding principals are the values that are most important to us and the most natural about how we function. They are full sentence statements that say the things we need to remember and be accountable for in living out our purpose. They are biblically and prayerfully grounded, born out of the work of our small group sessions, and remind us of whom we are to become.

I cannot stress enough the importance of this endeavor. We must remember, however, that God isn’t interested in a bigger church as much as God is interested in a transformed world. If we are not clear about our purpose, clear about what is important and open to being changed by God, then nothing else is likely to happen. And if we are not serious about this new life, why would we expect someone else to be? My friend Dave Daubert stated it this way: “Too many Lutherans have been lulled into believing, ‘If we could just get some new people in here, this church would really do something.’” Why would we trust that people we have not yet met will be more committed to this than we are?

We just completed our first small group session led by the team of Ryann Uden, Don Harris, and Laurie Johnson. Many commented that not only was the session very productive, it was also fun and enlightening! And the snacks were great! I pray, and ask that you will join us in this most important endeavor.

God’s Blessings,

*Pastor Scott*

# 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).

**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.

## 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)

## 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. Help pass out information for an hour or two!

## ST. MATTHEWS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

Please contribute a few birthday items for celebration of about 18 birthdays this week. Gift boxes of items will be given at St. Matthews on Sunday, August 10, 2008. Join us to celebrate and play bingo with prizes also. Check the full-page description for items to donate. We will leave church at 1:00 p.m. or meet us at St. Matthews at 1:30 p.m.

## YOUTH DONATE TO FOOD PANTRY

The junior and senior high school youth at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mt. Prospect are donating to our Food Pantry. For one of their service projects, youth will be walking home to home in their neighborhoods to collect nonperishable items on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Then, they will deliver the collections to the Food Pantry at LCC later that day. Kudos to the youth of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mt. Prospect!

## 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.

### **\*\* 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.

### **Congregational Meeting**

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, the Congregation met to vote on refinancing of the mortgage to include the additional cost of a new parking lot. The vote approved the aforementioned refinancing. Thank you to those who attended for your support!

### **Summer Study: Exploring our Faith**

Beginning Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, and continuing through August, 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.

### **Sunday School**

After Rally Day in September, Sunday School will start up again. Following the Children's Chat in Worship Service, children will proceed to Sunday School until 10:20 a.m.

### **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. Please sign up to help.

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

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



**PANTRY PUSH**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY EVERY MONTH**

food bags handed out as of July 31<sup>st</sup>: 1607  
value of: \$25,712  
Family members served: 5,589

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

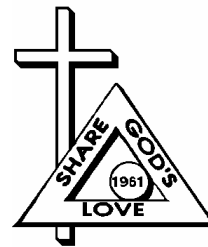


WELCA meetings will resume in September.



#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

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



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## **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.

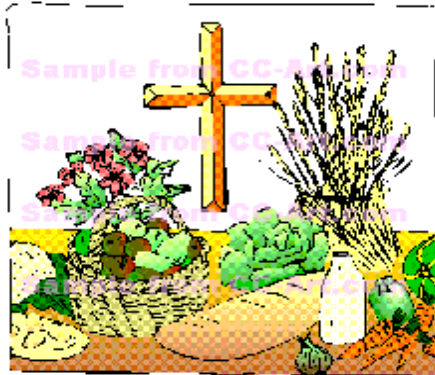
Just like we do in January, Esther Circle is collecting items to be given to the residents of St Matthews Lutheran Home having August birthdays. We are again asking for your help in contributing birthday items. We usually have about 18 birthdays and like to give each person 4 or 5 items in a gift box. 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.



### **August Newsletter -- Social Ministry**

The Food Pantry continues to serve a large number of families in need. Through June, 1348 bags of food have been handed out, serving 4728 family members. We are projecting that 275 bags will have been passed out in July, serving 965 family members.

We continue to be supported by the community with cash and food donations that make this Reach Out Ministry possible. For all of you that make this possible, cash, food, and your volunteered time.....

Thank You!

We have had three new contributors of perishable food recently. David Mack of Mount Prospect has donated many cases of Pepperidge Farm bakery products. Liz Scheri of Arlington Heights twice has brought us many bags of fruit, vegetables, meat and bakery items. She gets this from several stores as out-dated items. Lynn Meyer of Meyer Dairy, Arlington Heights, has brought us 96 quarts of 1/2 and 1/2. Whatever is left over ( remember it's perishable) goes to the Grafton Food pantry, Huntley.

We have received checks from Church World Service, Thrivent, and Jewel Foods. The Church World Service check came from the crop walk. The Thrivent check was for matching funds from the Bunco Party and Rummage Sale. Jewel Foods donated funds in honor of the Re-Grand Opening of the Arlington and Golf Store.

We thank the LCC Family for all your support and look forward to including new volunteers as the need to serve continues to grow.

Again, thank you for  
Sharing God's Love,  
Walker R. Reach  
Social Ministry, Chairman



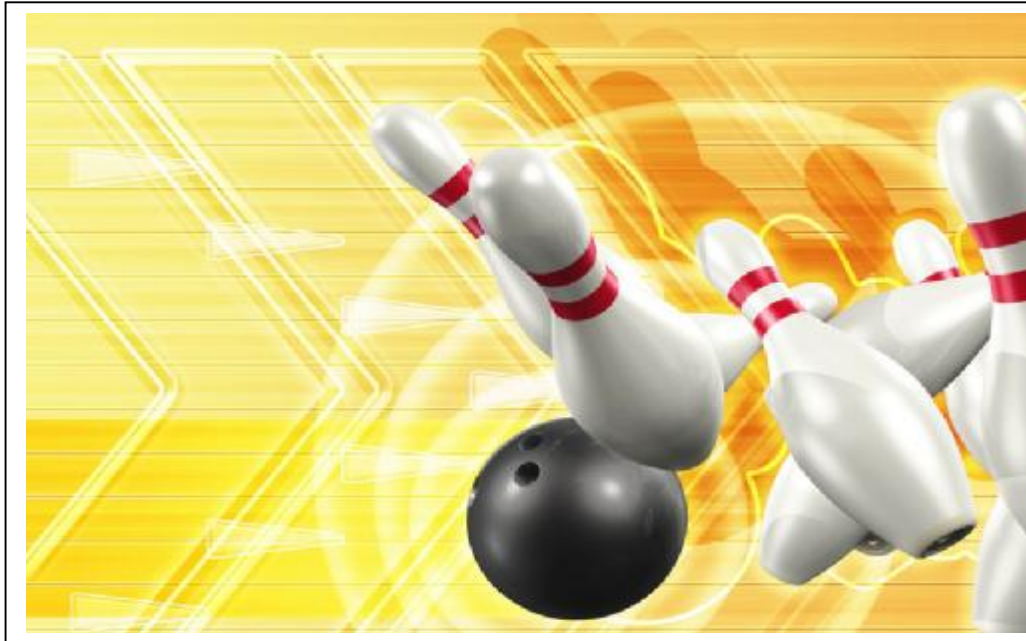
## School-Age Care Program

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have given their support and encouragement these past two and a half years as this program finally becomes a reality.

The School-Age Care Program at Lutheran Church of the Cross is now licensed to operate. Getting our program off to a good start when school reopens is now my top priority. I would be very grateful if anyone in the congregation who knows a family whose children attend Forest View Elementary, Holms Middle, or John Jay Schools to give them one of our coupon flyers. The flyers are located on the entrance table in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take as many as you need.

Sharon R. Stephan  
Director





## 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 7<sup>th</sup> @ 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



### **Stewardship of Our Time and Talents**

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen

1 Peter 4:10-11

The stewardship of our time and talents is the wise and responsible use of the special gifts God has entrusted to each of us. It is believing that God has created each one of us with unique abilities and attributes-- including our personalities, interests, motivations, life experiences, talents and skills, hopes and dreams-- which make us who we are. We are one-of-a-kind creations of God with unique contributions to make in this world. Our lives have real meaning only when we use our gifts in accordance with God's will. As we grow in stewardship, we grow in our relationship with God. We grow in our ability to hear and accept God's call and to let our life be guided by God's will, not our own desires and impulses. Our lives are God's gift to us: how we live is our gift to God.

#### **STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

Don Boeing  
Bob Lempkowshi  
Virginia Lloyd  
Myrna Salazar  
Joanne Szukala

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS & SET UP

8/3	10:00	Dick Bukowski Karl Becker
8/10	10:00	Bob Lempkowski Ken Miller
8/17	10:00	Laurie Johnson Anne Wurfel
8/24	10:00	Don Boeing Myrna Salazar
8/31	10:00	Carl Malin Julie Malin

## ACOLYTES

8/3	Blake Boeing
8/10	Ron Ecklund
8/17	Nicole Lekas
8/24	Kaity White
8/31	Danielle Lekas

## GREETERS

8/3	10:00	Peg Teske & Phyllis Olson Anita Lambert
8/10	10:00	Russ & Muriel Tripp Doris Olson
8/17	10:00	Jean Bukowski Edith Johnson Walker & Carole Reach
8/24	10:00	Ken & Helen Ahlgren Mary Ferraro
8/31	10:00	Jean Hineman Laura Johnson Ernie & Anne Wurfel

## EXIT GREETERS

8/3	10:00	Jean Hineman – North Don Boeing – South
8/10	10:00	Don Boeing – North Greg Paddack – South
8/17	10:00	Jean Hineman – North Karl Becker – South
8/24	10:00	Greg Paddack – North Don Boeing – South
8/31	10:00	Jean Hineman – North Jody Check - South

## LAY READERS

8/3	Scott Fedro
8/10	Jean Hineman
8/17	Sue Jay
8/24	Ryann Uden
8/31	Bob Lempkowski

## LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

8/3	Myrna Salazar
8/10	Don Boeing
8/17	Lynnea Semasko
8/24	Ken Miller
8/31	Bob Lempkowski

## COUNTERS

8/3	Ken Miller open
8/10	Bob Lempkowski Ernie Wurfel
8/17	Sue Jay open
8/24	Tom Gnoyke Greg Rabus
8/31	Marilyn Anderson Carolyn Ohman

## USHERS

8/3	10:00	Karl Becker Jody Check Greg Paddack
8/10	10:00	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Glenn Tucker
8/17	10:00	Ernie & Anne Wurfel Jim Lagerhausen
8/24	10:00	Janice Fedanzo Sue Miller Joanne Szukala
8/31	10:00	Tom Fedro Don Dinney Sue Jay

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS



# August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  8p-10p Disciple Church	2  10-4 SDA Church
3 10:00a Worship  1-4:30p Disciple Church	4  Noon E-Team Mtg.	5 9a-1p Food Pantry  6:30 W & M Mtg.	6  8p-10p Disciple Church	7  6:30p Summer Study Explore Our Faith	8  5-11p Mane Event 8p-10p Disciple Church	9 8:30a LCC Input Sess.  10-4 SDA Church
10 10:00a Joint Worship w/New Community Church 1-4:30p Disciple	11	12 9a-1p Food Pantry	13  8p-10p Disciple Church	14  6:30p Summer Study Explore Our Faith	15  8p-10p Disciple Church	16 10-4 SDA Church
17 10:00a Worship  1-4:30p Disciple Church	18  <b>6:30 Chicago Bronze starts again</b>	19 9a-1p Food Pantry	20  7:30p Council 8p-10p Disciple Church	21  6:30p Summer Study Explore Our Faith	22  8p-10p Disciple Church	23 10-4 SDA Church
24 / 31 10:00a Worship  1-4:30p Disciple Church	25  6:30 Chicago Bronze	26 9a-1p Food Pantry	27  8p-10p Disciple Church	28  6:30p Summer Study Explore Our Faith	29  8p-10p Disciple Church	30  10-4 SDA Church