

Cross Roads Newsletter

Lutheran Church of the Cross



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Summer Schedule Ends
Starting September 14
Regular Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings
9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:30 a.m. Blended

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Adult Education
10:15 a.m.

Message from Pastor Scott Johnson

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

- Matthew 18:20

Where has the summer gone? It has just flown by, hasn't it? Summertime is usually a slower time in the life of the church, but as these pages will attest, we have been quite busy. You'll also notice the format of our newsletter has changed to include pictures and up-to-date events. We thank our new office secretary, Anne Smith, for producing this wonderful new style newsletter.

In case you haven't had a chance, please check out our new website www.sharegodslove.org. This site was developed over the summer by a friend of mine, Dennis Lilla, and updates to this site will be made on a regular basis, thereby enabling our members and guests to learn what is happening at LCC. In addition to her many other duties, Anne will be managing this site in the near future, and I ask the ministry team leaders to keep the church office apprised of new things that are taking place within their respective ministry.

September always marks the return of our yearly programs - Sunday School, Adult Education, Choirs, Music Team, Confirmation classes, E-Team, Stewardship Team, Outreach Team, Bible Study opportunities and so on and so forth. As the above verse suggests, community is at the heart of Matthew's gospel and the church is always looking for new leaders.

This promises to be an exciting year as we work together as one in furthering the gospel ministry of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Please feel free to join in on one of the above ministries, or develop one that will contribute to our mission of Sharing God's Love.

See you in church,

Pastor Scott

Joint Worship with
New Community Church



Vacation Bible School



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NEWS & EVENTS

Nursery

We have a nursery for infants and toddlers, located down the North hallway. If you find it necessary to leave the Sanctuary, there is also a speaker system in the Narthex for your convenience.



Fellowship



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

Food Pantry New Hours: Tuesdays, 9am to 1pm

SIGN UP to HELP

PANTRY PUSH 1st Sunday of the month.

All food donations welcome!

Food bags handed out as of August 31st:
2005 serving 6,365 family members



New Member Class

LCC new members will be received on October 5.

Classes will commence on Saturday, October 4.

Time will be available soon.

LCC Bell Choir



LCC Bell Choir will start a new season with a short fellowship, followed by a rehearsal on Thursday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us at the Lutheran Church of the Cross.



Rally Day and Potluck Picnic after Worship Sunday, September 7

A picnic will follow after worship on Rally Day, September 7.

You are welcome to join us and bring a dish to share.

Sunday school will start after children's chat at worship service until 10:20am.





We Learn . We Love . We Serve

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Starting September, there will be two circles open every second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month.

Tuesday, September 9 Rebecca Circle 7:30 p.m. (Contact Lynnea Semasko)
 Wednesday, September 10 Esther Circle 7:00 p.m. (Contact Jill Kummer or Myrna Salazar)

Please feel free to visit any meeting and enjoy good Christian fellowship, study and prayer. Circles are open to all women of the church.

Second Congregational Input Session - September 14

Small groups of our congregation are meeting for Bible study, reflection and discussion about LCC's future statement of PURPOSE and GUILDING PRINCIPLES. If you haven't attended one already, please sign up and join us. Lunch will be provided.

**** ADULT EDUCATION RESUME THIS FALL ****

10 Questions for the Dalai Lama - September 21

The Dalai Lama is the "official" political and spiritual leader of Buddhist Tibet and has been in exile in Northern India for many years. The grave situation between Tibet and China has been in the news continually; but what do we really know about the historical nature of this conflict. The Dalai Lama is a very interesting man and is willing to express his strong opinions about how the world should work. Come listen to what he has to say and learn more about the intriguing culture of Tibet and Buddhist beliefs. DVD with discussion to follow.

"The Lutheran Handbook II: How to tell the difference between the Theology of Glory and the Theology of the Cross" - April 20

This series has been so popular that the ELCA developed a Part II. This is the first of 7 topics that we will explore in Adult Education, this season. DVD presentation and discussion to follow.

Read to Learn - Literacy / Volunteer Program



READ TO LEARN FALL 2008
 SMALL GROUP STUDY
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 TUESDAYS 7:00PM - 9:30PM
 Lutheran Church of the Cross
 SEPTEMBER 16, 23, 30

Ministries at LCC

Adult Education
 Christian Education
 Communion Team
 Evangelical Team
 Fellowship Team
 Finance Team
 Food Pantry
 Helping Hands
 Outreach Team
 Prayer Ministry
 Property Team
 School-Age After Care
 Social Ministry
 Vacation Bible School
 WELCA
 Worship and Music



LCC Bowling League



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.

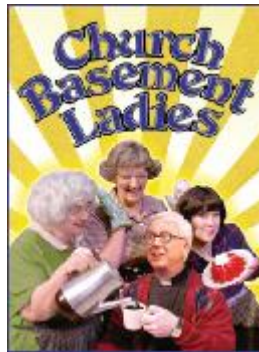
Thanks,
Al Haak

*LCC Bowling
League
Palatine Brunswick
Sunday,
September 7
5:30 p.m.*

LCC FELLOWSHIP - FALL PLAY

Friday evening, September 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Members who have purchased the tickets, please contact Pastor Scott or Don Boeing for tickets.



Northern Illinois Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Give your family the best gift they can get. Your family will enjoy the love Mom and Dad brings home from a Lutheran Marriage Encounter (LME) Weekend.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and computers, and focus only on each other. If you would like greater depth, growth, fun and enrichment in your relationship, you will like the difference an LME Weekend can make!

October 17 - 19, 2008 and April 17 - 19, 2009

7:15 p.m., Friday to 5:30 p.m., Sunday

In Schaumburg, Illinois

Bee Happy

- 1 ripe banana, peeled
- 1-2 teaspoons honey
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 4-5 fresh or frozen strawberries
- 4-5 ice cubes
- 1/3 cup lowfat or nonfat plain yogurt
- Juice of half a lemon

Toss ingredients into blender and blend until smooth. Add yogurt last. Yield one drink of lovely smoothie - buzz away!

For more information see websites:

NorthernIllinoisLME.org

and

GodLovesMarriage.org

Or contact

Dave & Jean Dobbstein

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THANK YOU



FOOD PANTRY DONATION

Jerome & Nancy Clauser for July and August donation.

St. Mark Lutheran Church food donation.

Panera Bread will be donating to Food Pantry.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped.

Sign up to hand out bags on TUESDAY mornings!

BREAD BAKERS

August Pastor Scott

September Gail Schultze

October Brenda Kast

November Jean Hineman

December Don Boeing

MEMBER CARE

The purpose of this ministry team is to track attendance and any member who has not been in church for three weeks in a row. We want to know if you are alright!

Team: Lynnea Semasko
Joanne E Szulaler
Phyllis Olson

Social Ministry

The Food Pantry again, has had a very busy schedule. We are serving our regulars plus several new, first-time recipients every week. We are so fortunate for all who supported our Food Pantry. We continue to give each recipient a full bag of groceries and several items they may choose, from our "enhancement cart". For the year through July, we have given out 1607 bags of food, serving 5589 family members. The August numbers continue to rise each week. For the past three weeks, each Tuesday, we have given out sixty bags or more.

Again, this is only possible from the support we receive from all our contributors of cash, food, our pantry team, and our volunteers who sign up to help on Tuesdays. St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Arlington Heights, continues to be our largest food donator. We thank them for their continued ministry all these years. Our own LCC family has been very generous through their weekly envelop giving. Extra volunteers this month from LCC were Mary Ferrera, Jill Kummer, Sue Martin and Lynnea Semasko. Also, Evelyn Ware from Des Plaines and Pat Riemer from St. John's, UCC, Arlington Heights.

Extra events for the month include: Liz Sheri, again brought us tables full, eight in all, of perishable food. Baker, fruit, vegetables and meat filled these tables. We gave out six of these tables to our food recipients. The remaining two tables were packed up and taken to Huntley for the Grafton Township Pantry for Wednesday distribution. Keep in mind, this is perishable food, we can't store it, it has to go.

St. Mark, Lutheran Church, Mount Prospect, Youth. We were contacted by their youth Director, Kurtis Becker. Their youth wanted a community project and our Food Pantry was

recommended for this activity by members of their church. The youth, Junior High and High School held a fundraising event and with the money raised they went food shopping. On a Wednesday afternoon, five vans, six adult leaders and twenty students went shopping at our Aldi's. They brought all the food to our pantry and we gave them an overall working outline of who we are, what we do and how we do it. The youth then sorted the food, stocked it, cleaned up the fellowship hall, had a closing prayer, and left.

It was a great experience for all, the youth and their leaders, we mature volunteers and for the youthful, robust activity in our fellowship hall. Patty Larson from St. John UCC, Arlington Heights and her two daughters, Sarah and Sidney also volunteered to help. This was a project Patty wanted for her Girl Scout daughters, teaching them to give their talents to serve others. Brownies and milk were served while Sarah and Sidney together with Anne Smith's children created posters with the Food Pantry theme were displayed throughout the church.

Again, Thanking all for sharing God's love,
Walker R. Reach
Social Ministry, Chairman

St. Matthews' Birthday Party



Esther Circle would like to thank all of you for your generous donations of gifts for the residents of St Matthew Nursing Home. We distributed gifts to 11 residents having August birthdays, along with bingo prizes and cake.

Also, thank you to all our helpers who cut and served cake, helped the residents play bingo, distributed bingo prizes and were good sports while participating in a short skit. You all helped make this a happy and special day.

Remember, Esther Circle is now doing this twice a year (January and August) so please keep us in mind next time you are passing by that Dollar Store.

The residents of St Matthew Nursing Home really do appreciate someone remembering them on their birthdays. Of course, a day of bingo is always fun, and who doesn't like cake!

Hope you can join us in January 2009.

Thank you
Esther Circle

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



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

SEPTEMBER 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 10:00 AM Blended Worship | 1 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze | 2 9:00 AM Food Pantry | 3 8:00 PM Disciple Church | 4 Marriage Counseling Music Team Practice 5:30 PM Worship & Music 8:00 PM Choir Practice | 5 8:00 PM Disciple Church | 6 10:00 AM SDA Church |
| 7 10:00 AM LCC Worship 11:00 AM Rally Day & Potluck Picnic after 10am worship 1:00 PM Disciple Church 5:30 PM LCC Bowling League | 8 10:00 AM E-Team Worship 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze | 9 9:00 AM Food Pantry | 10 8:00 PM Disciple Church | 11 6:30 PM Bell Choir 8:00 PM Choir Practice | 12 8:00 PM Disciple Church | 13 10:00 AM SDA Church |
| 14 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Blended Worship 1:00 PM Disciple Church | 15 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze | 16 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Read to Learn | 17 Council Meeting 8:00 PM Disciple Church | 18 Council Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir 8:00 PM Choir Practice | 19 8:00 PM Disciple Church | 20 10:00 AM SDA Church |
| 21 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Blended Worship 1:00 PM Disciple Church | 22 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze | 23 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Read to Learn | 24 10:30 AM Chapel Service - Friendship Village 8:00 PM Disciple Church | 25 6:30 PM Bell Choir 8:00 PM Choir Practice | 26 8:00 PM Disciple Church | 27 10:00 AM SDA Church |
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*COME AND WORSHIP
AT
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS*

We Welcome You!

We invite you to join us as we worship, continually grow in our faith, find healing, serve others and enjoy the gifts God has given us.

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Summer Worship

10:00 a.m. June - Labor Day

We're on the Web

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