



# The Spirit of Our Lord's Lutheran Church



*"Called to Share Christ's Love with All"*

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## Weekend Worship Themes:

### July

#### "MISSION CHALLENGES"

July 2-3: "Open Invitation"

(Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)

July 9-10: "Good Soil"

(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

July 16-17: "Good & Evil"

(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

July 23-24: "God's Surprises"

(Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

July 30-31: "Abundance"

(Matthew 14:13-21)

### August

#### "FAITH CHALLENGES"

Aug 6-7: "Life Storms"

(Matthew 14:22-33)

Aug 13-14: "Great Need"

(Matthew 15:21-28)

Aug 20-21: "Insight"

(Matthew 16:13-20)

Aug 27-28: "Misunderstanding"

(Matthew 16:21-28)

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## From Your Pastor

### FLEETING NOSTALGIA

Vicki and I have a continuing quest to see good movies that—even unintentionally—might be vehicles of God's Spirit to stir the soul, inspire the Christ Life, and connect us compassionately to the joys and sorrows of others.

Toward that goal, we recently saw "The Tree of Life" that stars Brad Pitt, Sean Penn, and a host of others not quite so well known. It won the Palme d'Or grand prize at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival.

The movie seeks to be a very profound attempt to connect spiritually with the Creator of the universe and to express the often silent questions that the featured family's oldest son asks about life, growing up, the death of his brother, and what happens after death.

On one level, I liked that laudable attempt to connect with God. Famous movie reviewers could not speak highly enough in praise for the film. After all, it won that prestigious international award.

There was a lot of nostalgia about life in the 1950s and '60s. Life was simple. Antique cars were remarkably clean. Love seemed to abound most of the time.

However, that nostalgia was fleeting.

The spirituality promoted in the film became just one person's vision—not necessarily a bad thing. But it is difficult to borrow another's vision, no matter how beautiful and elaborate. We really do need to be in touch with our own Biblically informed yet personally experienced view of an eternally loving God that we have come to know in Jesus. That Spirit-driven vision is constantly evolving and deepening, as our personal experience of life keeps finding the promise and potential of Grace at every turn.

I think that I like a different "Tree of Life" much better: that is, the haunting Lenten hymn by Marty Haugen. This hymnic "Tree of Life" (ELW #334) captures the journey of faith guided and empowered by the Spirit of the One who went even to the Cross to be faithful to God's Way of Compassion.

Rather than limiting us to a nostalgia that is fleeting, God's Spirit uses our own faith journeys to empower us to reach out more boldly in love and care, whether it is OLLC's August Rummage Sale for Joplin tornado relief or other opportunities all around us.

Blessed Journeying,

Pastor John Lottes



## CHURCH FESTIVALS

Listed on our **JULY & AUGUST** calendars are these Church Festivals that are on page 16 (with Scripture Readings and Prayers on pp. 56-57) of our Hymnal:

### July

3 – THOMAS, APOSTLE  
22 – MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE  
25 – JAMES, APOSTLE

### August

15 – MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD  
24 – BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE



On page 16 of the Hymnal, you will also notice other July-August Commemorations of martyrs (**Jan Hus, King Olaf, & Lawrence**), church leaders (**Benedict, Dominic, Clare, Bernard, & Augustine**), teachers, renewers of church (**Birgitta of Sweden**) or society, hymn writers, musicians (**Bach, Handel, & Schütz**), scientists, and more.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I sit in my office, two days after our 24th Synod Assembly, I do so with a grateful heart. I am grateful for God's Grace that sustained Sandy and me over the last eleven years, and for the many prayers that encouraged us along the way. Your many comments and words of affirmation during the assembly will always be remembered.

We are also grateful for God's Grace and the direction of God's Spirit as we welcome a new bishop into our midst and prepare for some steps in the process of transition. Some questions may still remain as to what will transpire over the months to come so perhaps a brief reminder will be of help. I will continue to serve as bishop through the month of June and an interim bishop will serve through July and August. The Synod Council approved the appointment of Pastor Gary Hanson to serve as interim bishop. Pastor Hanson served two terms as Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, completing his call as bishop in 2007.

Bishop Elect S. John Roth will begin as bishop on September 1, and will be officially installed on Saturday, October 15, at Church of the Little Flower in Springfield.

I will be working in some days of vacation during the month of June and I am scheduled to begin as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, on July 1. My installation will be on Sunday, July 31.

May God continue to bless each of us during these months of transition.

Bishop Warren D. Freiheit  
Central/Southern Illinois Synod

## WORSHIP

(For more information and details, see our "Worship Opportunities" brochure or visit our website: [www.ourlords.org](http://www.ourlords.org))

### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Holy Communion  
Sundays, 8:00 & 10:45 am  
*Hospitality Hour, 9:15-10:30 am*  
Worship Center Sanctuary

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Holy Communion  
Saturdays, 5:00 pm  
*Hospitality Hour, 6:15 pm*  
Worship Center Sanctuary

### MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Holy Communion  
*Optional Brown Bag Lunch*  
Wednesdays, 12:00 Noon  
Life Center Conference Room

## SUNDAY HOSPITALITY HOUR



**Topics:** Informal Conversation  
**Time:** Sundays, 9:15 -10:30 am  
(July & August)

**Location:** Worship Center Commons

## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES THAT RESUME AUGUST 20-21

- Sunday School
- Children's Church (*Saturday, August 20*)
- Confirmation Class
- High School Sunday Class

## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES THAT RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

- Questions Bible Study (*Tuesdays*)
- Four Point Bible Study (*Wednesdays*)
- Morning Glories Bible Study (*Thursdays*)
- Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (*Saturdays*)
- Sunday Adult Bible Class (*Sundays*)

## Sunday School News

The Education Ministry Team has been meeting this summer to ramp up the Sunday School for the fall. Because of a concern from parents that the children were not learning enough Bible stories with the rotation schedule, we reviewed the stories presented during the last two years. Pastor Lottes helped us identify what stories were important for kids to know. Using that list, we outlined the entire year's Sunday School calendar for the 2011-2012 school year!

We will still be using SPARK from Augsburg Fortress as the curriculum, but will be spending two weeks on each lesson (as opposed to one week in the classroom model or 4-6 weeks in the rotation model.) We think this model will be good for students if they are absent for a week to still learn the story, and allow for more stories to be taught. Attention will be paid to using the multiple intelligences as teachers find creative ways to instruct the children.

Another change is for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. These children feel too old to do traditional Sunday School, but are too young to be a part of the Confirmation program (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.) Recognizing this need, we found a curriculum designed specifically for tweens called *Grapple*. Students meet for Sunday School and "grapple" with questions specific to their age group. The really cool thing about this curriculum is that the class will build a website together and keep touch with each other during the week! Even cooler is that we already have two volunteers, Kathy Hoelscher and Anita Steinmann, who have agreed to teach this class. Our fifth grade students are in for a real treat!

We are pleased to announce that Debby Gunderson and Dona Racich will be returning to teach the Senior Highs. Word has it that there will also be an addition of a few good men to lead the small group discussions for the young men.

If you have ideas on how to enrich our Sunday School program or would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School or Children's Church, please contact Dana (972-3955), Vicki Lottes, or Beth Giese. We need at least eight teachers each week in addition to the Confirmation and Senior High teachers. Ideally, we would like to have a staff large enough that each level will have four teachers so they could have a flexible teaching schedule and still be able to team teach. It is imperative to line up the Sunday School staff as soon as possible this summer because we have moved Our Lord's Homecoming and Rally Sunday to Sunday, August 21 to coincide with the beginning of school. It also allowed for a couple of extra weeks of instruction so we could plan a couple of special lessons during the school year. Join in on the excitement!

## EDUCATION

(For more information and details, see our "Adult Education Opportunities" and "Children & Youth" brochures or visit our website:

[www.ourlords.org](http://www.ourlords.org))

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's a jungle in here at Big Jungle Adventure. Kids take a faith adventure with Jesus as they learn how he protects and guides them throughout their lives. Registration is open for children ages 3 to those entering 6th grade. This year's VBS is from July 19-21 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To register, fill-out the form located in the Narthex or register online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KZ79NGM>.



#### Change of Date!

• We'll celebrate our discoveries when the kids sing during the last day of VBS: Thursday, July 21 from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We hope the congregation will join us in celebrating.



#### Big Jungle Adventure – Help Wanted:

If you are not yet part of VBS, why not sign up today? If you can help some days, just one day, every day, or in advance, we can use your help. There are many levels of involvement available to suit your schedule and interests. Check out the volunteer opportunities located in the narthex.

Our Lord's Worship Center, along with several other areas of the church will be transformed into a Jungle beginning Saturday, July 16 beginning 9 a.m. We'd love your help with the decorating. If you have any of these supplies that you'd like to lend or donate, please place them in the marked box in the narthex. Supplies will be needed by July 10.

2 light blue king flat sheets  
Paint: 1 gal lime green, 1 gal medium green,  
1 quart dark green, 1 quart brown  
Painters Masking Paper ( green and brown)  
A large brown tarp  
Paint Brushes and Rollers  
"Jungle" plants



### MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION PARENTS & STUDENTS

**Orientation Meeting for Confirmation Parents & Students** (Grades 6, 7 & 8) will meet on Sunday, August 21, from 9:30-10:30 am to discuss the schedule for our classes, servant events, field trips, acolyting, and other events for the year. Confirmation Class will meet the following Sunday, August 28, at 9:15 am. Classes will use the "Faith Inkubators" curriculum, along with servant events, field trips, and social events. Please keep our Confirmands in your prayers.



## FELLOWSHIP

(For more information and details, see our "Fellowship Ministries" brochure or visit our website: [www.ourlords.org](http://www.ourlords.org))

### OUR LORD'S BASEBALL NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Date: Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>,

Game Time: 6:05 pm

Teams: Gateway Grizzlies vs. River City Rascals

Cost: \$8 Field Box Seats

Tickets: Look for display in the Narthex to purchase tickets.

Deadline: Please purchase tickets by Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Directions: I-255 South to Mousette Lane (Exit 15)

Questions: Contact Ed Foppe



## Jesus is with you wherever you go!



This summer, several churches are participating in a **FLAT JESUS PROJECT**, also known as **JESUS ON THE GO**, an adaptation of the Flat Stanley books.

Each family will receive a laminated picture of Jesus - a "flat" Jesus, if you will - that children and adults are invited to take with them wherever they go this summer. Pick up your **Flat Jesus** in the narthex.

We know that Jesus is always with us, but **FLAT JESUS** emphasizes that Jesus wants to be with us and share all the experiences of our lives.

The object is to take a picture of Jesus and you on your vacations, at the playground, in the park, at the zoo, in the doctor's office, at summer camp, etc. Put your pictures in Dana Callahan's mailbox in the Narthex or email them to [layministry@ourlords.org](mailto:layministry@ourlords.org). We will use the photos for a special Rally Sunday presentation.

### Movie Club

Our Lord's Movie Club is hosting a Family Movie Night, Friday July 8, 2011 at 7pm in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall on the big screen.

Movie: *Romancing The Stone*, 1984, Rated PG. Starring Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito. It has something for everyone - action, adventure, laughs and a little romance.



Free concession stand with popcorn, chips and drinks. Bring your chairs or blankets.

Everyone is welcome. Come relax and enjoy a night out. Sign up is in the Narthex



## OUR LORD'S HOMECOMING & RALLY SUNDAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

### 10:45 WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL IN THE PINES

(weather permitting) to include:

Blessing of the 3-Year-Olds,

Commissioning of the Teachers & Prayer Partners,  
& Blessing of the Confirmation Students

Potluck Lunch &  
Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social to Follow

Last Names Beginning with the

A-H brings Appetizers & Chips

H-M brings Salads

N-S brings Vegetable/Potato Dishes

T-Z brings Ice Cream Toppings

Paper products, grilled hamburgers & hotdogs, ice cream, and drinks provided.

Games for all ages!

### Prizes Needed!

Received a gift you didn't like lately? Here is an opportunity to give it away for a good cause without feeling guilty! White elephant gifts are needed to use as prizes at the Our Lord's Homecoming and Rally Sunday, August 21. White elephant gifts can be new or gently used items you no longer want, but are appropriate to use as a prize in a game like Bingo. We need prizes that are suitable for all ages. Items will be collected in a box located under the mailboxes in the Narthex beginning July 1.

## Our Lord's to Host Joplin Benefit Rummage Sale

In response to the recent devastation in Joplin, MO caused by a horrific tornado, Our Lord's has formed a Joplin Benefit Rummage Sale Ministry Team to provide monetary assistance as Joplin recovers and rebuilds.

Rummage Sale Dates:

Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5-7pm & Friday, Aug. 12 from 9am to 1 pm in the WCFH and Commons Area.

Rummage Donations

Unmanned Drop-Off Dates:

Sun., Aug. 7 & Mon. Aug 8

(Bring items to Youth Room in the WC)

Volunteer Assisted Drop-Off Dates:

Tues., Aug. 9 & Wed., Aug. 10 from 5-8 P.M.

(Volunteers will help you unload your car.)

Start gathering your treasures today and store them until the August drop-off dates listed above. Only clean and gently used items and clothing will be accepted for the sale.

### Items NOT Accepted:

**Computers & Related Items**

**TVs & TV Cabinets**

**Workout Equipment**

**Large or Heavy Furniture**

**Broken, stained and items in poor condition**

### Items to Save Now!

**Paper, plastic & shopping bags with handles**

**Copy paper cardboard boxes**

**Shoe boxes**

**Clothes hangers**

**These items can be brought to the WC starting Sun., Aug. 7!**

**Wish List:** Since the purpose of the rummage sale is to **raise** funds to help Joplin, the Ministry Team hopes the congregation can help offset the upfront expenses by donating money to cover advertising costs and supplies: Intelligencer Ad - \$22; Herald Suburban Journal Ad (Includes St. Louis Post Dispatch)-\$100; Belleville News Democrat Ad -\$42.50; Troy Tribune Ad -\$20; Price Tags-\$2/pack; Masking Tape-\$10; Supplies to make signs-\$15. Giving can be included with your regular offering by indicating on the Memo line of check the amount to apply to the Rummage Sale. Thank you!

## SERVICE

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: [www.ourlords.org](http://www.ourlords.org))

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN AT OUR LORD'S**

**Goals:** Establish and maintain a community garden for the benefit of members and those in need through food pantries.

**Method:** Land on the south side of the parking lot is being cultivated and will probably be mostly planted when you receive this newsletter. Ongoing help is needed in many ways. Helping the FASTT Garden on our property is also possible.

**Contact:** Pr. Rob Banitt can put you on the e-mail list to receive current information.

### **DISASTER RESPONSE FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FLOODING**

**Goals:** Work through ELCA congregations in southern Illinois to offer effective hands-on assistance in areas flooded by the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

**Method:** Effective plans are being formulated as the rivers recede and the damage is assessed.

**Contact:** Pastor John will connect potential helpers with relief opportunities.

### **DISASTER RESPONSE FOR JAPAN & HAITI**

**Goals:** Work through the ELCA to offer effective financial assistance in disaster areas.

**Method:** Haiti Relief was our special project for our Midweek Lenten Offerings; Japan Relief is in response to the March earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear power plant issues.

**Donations:** Checks to "Our Lord's Lutheran Church" with the designation of your choice (Haiti Relief or Japan Relief) in the memo line.

## **We Want You! Volunteers Needed!**

The Joplin Benefit Ministry Team needs your help! Besides the donation of your valuable rummage, we need your time to make our sale a success. There are many volunteer opportunities: sign makers; runners to deliver flyers; set-up crew; people to assist with donation drop-off; people to sort & organize rummage; people to price merchandise; greeters, cashiers, baggers, and shopper assistants during the sale days; break-down crew; concession stand crew; and clean-up crew. There is a job for everyone! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Special items we need to borrow for the sale: 2'X4' tables; 4-wheeled dolly; hanging clothes racks, and bins for sorting and display.

Contact one of the Ministry Team members to make arrangements or to volunteer: Laura Foppe, Bill & Linda Mann, Susanne Richter, Mike Williams, & Dana Callahan.

*"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."* Deann Hollis

## Men's Club Breakfast

Men's Club Breakfast will meet on Saturday, July 9, 7 am with chefs Bob Rinkel & Joe Stottler. Men's Club Breakfast will meet on Saturday, August 6, 7 am with chefs Don Baden & Larry Trucano. Watch bulletin announcements for task.



	<b>Riding Mower</b>	<b>Trim Mower</b>
July 1-2	Rudy Kantola	Jim Trucano
July 8-10	Wayne Eastby	Rob Banitt
July 14-16	Scott Comrie	Darrell Bruhn
July 21-23	Jim Lemke	Chuck Pugh
July 28-30	Don Baden	Harry Thiel
August 4-6	Rudy Kantola	Eric Kantola
August 11-13	Steve Hoelscher	Jim Trucano
August 18-20	Wayne Eastby	Rob Banitt
August 25-27	Scott Comrie	Darrell Bruhn

## Late Boomers

Our July event will be an evening with the Gateway Grizzlies in the friendly confines of GCS Ballpark!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, 16 July, at 7:05 PM. In addition to the game, there is a concert featuring the trop-rock band The Phins. Cost will be \$9 per ticket. Let Jeff Waterman know by July 5th if you want to join us.



We are looking at Sunday, August 14, 2011 for a pool party. The meat will be provided, and if everyone could bring a side dish it would be appreciated. Bring a swimsuit. Contact the Hartke's for more information.

## Day Trippers

Our Lord's DayTrippers will have lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy on Monday, July 11. We will leave church at 10:30 a.m. and have a little time to browse the shops in that strip known as The Boulevard which is across from the Galleria. Sign up on the WC bulletin board. Info: Jim or Marcine Lemke.



On Wednesday, August 10, we'll head to Kirkwood, MO for a musical "The Secret Garden" at Stages St. Louis. We will leave church at 9:00 a.m. in order to be in line for senior tickets (\$15) at 10:00. We'll then have time for Kirkwood shopping, lunch at the Sunset Restaurant and then back to Stages at 2:00 p.m. for the show. Watch the weekend bulletins for updated information. Info: Jim or Marcine Lemke.

## Book Club

The July book selection is **Heaven is for Real** by Todd Burpo. We will meet at 7:00 pm on the 14th in the conference room. The August selection is not yet decided. Watch for details in the Sunday bulletin. Contact person is Marcine Lemke.



## Life Center Clean-Up Scheduled



FASTT, our Life Center tenants, moved out of the LC Fellowship Hall on June 30. The Facilities Planning Ministry Team has scheduled a clean-up and minor repair day on Saturday, July 9 from 9-11 a.m. Items to bring: a bucket, rags, Magic Erasers, & small tools. The Facilities Planning Ministry Team will be putting together a "To Do" list and sign-up sheet once the space is vacated. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## Help Needed at Rummage Sale Set-Up Times

Tuesday, August 9 from 5-8 p.m.  
 Wednesday, August 10 – All day until 8 p.m.  
 Thursday, August 11 –All day until 5 p.m.  
 Sale is Aug. 11 from 5-8 p.m. & Aug. 12 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



## Youth



**THE BRICKS HAVE ARRIVED!!!!** We have started to install the bricks and blocks in the grove area. We are excited and they look great. Further news will be available upon completion.

### Dear HS Youth Members,

Thank you for another wonderful year. We have truly enjoyed each and every one of you during the time we have spent together and love all of you very much. To our seniors who are leaving us, we are so proud of your accomplishments and look forward to following your college days. We will miss you.

God's Blessings to all of you,  
 Steve, Kathy, Faith, & Sassy Hoelscher

**FYI:** There will be an **Open House** at the Hoelscher's toward the end of August for the incoming freshman and families. The date will be posted in the bulletin and invitations will be sent.

**IMPORTANT MEETING:** There will be a short meeting directly after the late service August 28, 2011 for Parents of the youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering, July 18-22, 2012, in New Orleans. Youth may also be present.

Registration is now open for  
**Lutheran School of Theology**  
**Summer 2011 Term**

Courses for Laity and Clergy

**“Making Pastoral Care More Effective”** One-day workshop: Thursday, July 7, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Taught by Dr. Kenneth Haugk at Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 1285 New Florissant Road North, Florissant, Mo.  
 Tuition: \$35 (includes lunch)

Brochures with registration forms are in the narthex hallway.  
 For more information or for scholarship applications call the LST office at: **(314) 725-9710**

or email: [registrar@lststl.org](mailto:registrar@lststl.org)  
 or call Penny/Keith Holste, Administrators  
 at **(314) 962-0918**,  
[pkholste@hotmail.com](mailto:pkholste@hotmail.com)  
 or register online at:  
<http://www.lststl.org>

**Sharing God's Love with Joplin  
 Tornado Victims**

*Our Lord's is announcing today*

*Our plan to help Joplin in a  
 meaningful way.*

*Instead of writing a check or  
 giving cash*

*We'll all pull together to make a  
 bigger splash.*

*We are hosting a Rummage Sale, the  
 first of its kind-*

*What to us may be junk, to others a  
 great find.*

*First we need to gather and later  
 we'll sort.*

*Consider it a hot summers' indoor  
 sport!*

*A chance to work with friends both  
 old and new*

*Will make the rummage sale a joy  
 to do.*

*Many hands will make the work light  
 And keep our spirits bright*

*As the quarters turn into dollars,  
 our gift will grow*

*And we'll send help, comfort and hope  
 and allow God's love to show.*

-Laura Foppe

## Spiritual Gift of Teaching

**Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6**

The Spiritual Gift of Teaching enables a believer to communicate a personal understanding of the Bible and faith in such a way that it becomes clear and understood by others. *You will notice that it does NOT say you have to be a Bible scholar or theologian to teach others about the Bible and faith.*

The most obvious place to put this gift to use is by teaching Sunday School or Children's Church. The nice thing about teaching at Our Lord's is the lessons are simple to follow and are very teacher-friendly. Additionally, you will have the help and support of Vicki Lottes, our new Sunday School Superintendent and Beth Giese, our Education Steering Team member.

Besides teaching Sunday School, there are many other ministry opportunities at Our Lord's to use your spiritual gift of teaching. Vacation Bible School is a high-energy, fun-filled week of learning and requires only a short-term commitment. Letitia Downen is the VBS Director this summer and can use all the help she can get! Please see the VBS display in the Narthex. You don't have to have children to join us for VBS (or Sunday School) – remember, "It takes a village to raise a child."

If teaching is your gift, but you prefer older students, never fear, we have other ministries needing your help! Adult Bible Class Teachers, Confirmation Small Group Guides, Bible Study Leaders, Time & Talent Series Instructors (teaching your hobby or favorite craft to other members wanting to learn a new skill or craft), devotions leaders, and/or conference/seminar leaders.

If you would like to discuss how to use your Spiritual Gift of Teaching at Our Lord's, please contact Dana.

## Eight Prayer Partners Needed for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students during the 2011-2012 School Year



- Job Description: Minimum requirement - Pray at home for your assigned student during their final year of Confirmation Class as they prepare to become adult members of our congregation.
- Attend up to three 45 minute receptions/parties with the Confirmation Students.
- Attend Worship Service and participate in the laying on of hands with the student's family on Confirmation Sunday.
- Additional ideas for Prayer Partners (but not required) - Send periodic notes of encouragement. Send birthday, baptismal birthday, Christmas, and Easter cards. Take your student to lunch and as you are comfortable, share your faith story with your student.
- An application and background check are required before contact can be initiated.
- Commissioning of the Prayer Partners will be done during the Homecoming and Rally Day Worship Service, August 21 at 10:45 a.m..
- To participate in this program, please contact Dana.

## July Birthdays



- 2 Cassie Fremder  
Natalia Hoffmann
- 3 Lynn Thiel  
Khris Wyvell  
Melissa Wyvell
- 4 Randy Helms
- 5 Ron Dyer  
Connie Nyland  
Sarah White
- 6 Karen Eastby
- 7 Abby Crabtree  
Susan Perkins
- 8 Nicole Williams
- 9 Connie Wyvell
- 11 Darrell Bruhn  
Mary Ann Fritz  
Michelle Haberer  
Roberta Maue  
Bekah Perry
- 12 Sharon Bruhn  
Jan Vinson
- 13 Cassie Turner
- 14 Danny Schrader
- 15 Evan Blind  
Lisa McCormick
- 17 Elaine Baden  
Kristie Becker  
Susan Moss  
Chuck Pugh
- 18 Tom Steinmann  
Matt Turner
- 20 Chelsea Bertelsmann
- 21 Lia Kampwerth
- 23 Chris Huene  
Robin Kilpatrick
- 24 Tonia Bridenbaugh  
Bruce Fritz  
Landon Monson
- 25 Cody Brice  
Courtney McGuire
- 26 Norma Roland  
Don Schlonat  
Barb Stahlheber  
Tyler Wyvell
- 27 Mike Moss  
Colleen Olsen
- 28 Terry Sanders  
Kathy Shemwell  
Melinda Wilborn
- 29 Katie Faerber
- 30 Alice Azure
- 31 Hal Payne

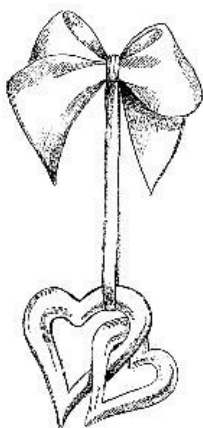
## July Anniversaries

- 1 Jim & Marcine Lemke  
Bob & Marilyn Schieber
- 4 Bob & Joan Vail
- 6 Don & Jackie Schlonat
- 12 Matt & Liz Blind
- 15 Chuck & Rachel Diggs
- 17 Tim & Laura Schoenecker
- 18 Mike & Loretta Williams
- 28 Dave & Caryl Kassing  
Don & Elaine Baden



## August Anniversaries

- 2 Hal & Lenore Payne
- 3 Matt & Jen Anderson  
Sean & Della Crosby
- 8 Dave & Carol Gocken
- 9 Bob Schrader &  
Karen Tilashalski
- 14 Rudy & Arkie Kantola
- 18 Pr. Rob & Dixie Banitt
- 19 Scott & Rhonda Comrie
- 20 Bob & Barb Carver
- 21 Don & Dee Corbett
- 22 Everett & Jo Steele
- 25 Kris & Trina Jones
- 26 Dom & Nona Echevarria
- 27 Dan & Susan Homes  
Jim & Shelly Trucano
- 28 Randall & Amy Hauch
- 30 Randy & Lyn Kampwerth



## August Birthdays



- 1 Dominique Davis
- 4 Kevin Giese
- 6 Rebecca Anderson  
Della Crosby  
Matt Haberer  
Natalie Messina
- 8 Karen Lanter  
Don McGuire  
Chery Sides
- 9 Mark Holshouser
- 10 Anna Foppe  
Laurel Treat
- 12 Stephen Ellis  
Stacey Harriss  
Randy Kampwerth
- 13 Nona Echevarria  
Lori Messina
- 14 Donald Gill
- 15 Judy Packman  
Ethan Wilborn
- 16 Zach Noga  
Kevin Schrader
- 18 Greg Perkins  
Cindy Powell
- 19 Joanna Beauchamp  
Scott Comrie  
Laura Schroeder
- 20 Brad Homes  
Jim Trucano
- 21 Tim Funk  
Rachel Perry
- 22 Mark Faerber
- 23 Michelle Mihalich
- 24 Kennedy Rien  
Bill Diggs  
Matt Perry  
Caden Soehnlín
- 26 Sydney Hayes
- 27 Jeff Beauchamp  
Amy Hauch
- 28 Billy Turner
- 29 Jared Cook  
Chuck Diggs
- 30 Bob Kosten  
Morgan Sallee
- 31 Will Durance





## Remembering John Mohl

John was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on December 9, 1949. After a massive heart attack on Sunday, June 19, 2011 his earthly life ended that afternoon at Anderson Hospital in Maryville at the age of 61. John now enjoys the eternal embrace of his Lord, even as we all continue to work through the shock and grief of his unexpected death.

John most recently was Executive Director of Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, Illinois for twelve years. He was a graduate of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana with a business degree that launched his lifelong career of working passionately and compassionately with people.

John shared his love for God's people by inspiring creative programming and facilities building as Executive Director at Camp Wartburg ("Where Heaven & Nature Sing!"); holding various positions as President, Confirmation teacher, Spiritual Gifts Team member, as well as volunteering in many other areas of dedicated service at Our Lord's Lutheran Church; and supporting the faith journeys of so many whose lives he touched over the years.

John was also a totally devoted member of Our Lord's Praise Band that led music for the Saturday Contemporary Worship Services. John's enthusiastic singing and his expert playing of the tambourine and other rhythm instruments are among the cherished memories of his church family—along with his quick smile, cordial greeting, and genuine interest in how everyone was doing.

John's church family prays for the grace of God's Spirit to surround his family, friends, and loved ones with the support they need in this startling time of grief.

## Within Our Church Family

- **Congratulations** to **Sarah and Elizabeth White** on their hard earned awards! Sarah was recently inducted into both the Edwardsville High School National Spanish Honor Society and the Edwardsville High School National Honor Society. Great job, Sarah! Elizabeth was just named to the MIZZOU (University of Missouri-Columbia) cheerleading squad for the second year in a row! She has also received word that she has been named to the School Of Health Professions Dean's List for the spring semester. (She also accomplished this during the fall semester). GO MIZZOU !!!!!!! ( Sorry Bubba--Iowa is still out there!!! Elizabeth said that she'd SECRETLY cheer for them to HELP you out, IF they weren't playing MIZZOU !!!! You do realize that you are her #1 photographer!!!!)

- As you may know, Dixie and I served Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin, MO for several years. Now that church building has been destroyed, but the spirit has not been dampened. We received from a friend at that church the following description of their first worship service, the week after the tornado:

"Peace Lutheran Church had a worship service on the parking lot Sunday. It was wonderful. They found the front part of the altar, the paschal candle stand (given as a memorial to my Dad), a communion chalice that was crumpled but useable and the folding chairs. So we were sitting on the folding chairs again. but I think everyone felt renewed by the service. We sang "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee," "Lord of All Hopefulness," and "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (and the skies did seem a little more spacious that day with all the trees gone.) I think 5 families in the church have lost 6 houses. One lady who had just lost her husband in the fall was downsizing to a smaller home. She was in the process of moving and both homes were destroyed. "

We thought the people at Our Lord's would appreciate this personal uplifting message of the power and faith of the church. *Rob Banitt*

- **Congratulations, Newlyweds!**

**Connie Reynolds & Keith Wyvell**, who were married on Saturday, June 25 at Our Lord's Lutheran Church.

**Alisha Hoffmann & Jordan Wildemuth** who were married on Saturday, June 25 in Dubuque, Iowa.

## In Sympathy

**Please remember these members and their families as they grieve their loss and share the sure promise of the resurrection:**

- **Irene VanHooser Family** (at the death of her aunt Gertrude VanHooser on May 31, 2011)
- **Rebecca Garrison** (at the death of her uncle)
- **Danté Hunter** (at the death of his aunt Alice Elliot)
- **Lee Family** (at the death of Joe's nephew Don Lee)
- **Messina Family** (at the death of Lori's uncle Louis Gendron)
- **Becker Family** (at the death of Kristie's best friend Kellsie Marchbanks)
- **Mohl Family** (at the death of John Mohl on June 19)



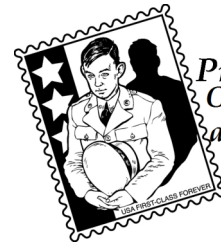


During the week ahead, please pray for our brothers and sisters and for those afflicted in mind, body or spirit, especially remembering:

**Pr. David Adkins** (Mike Williams' friend)  
**Jeff Anderson** (Caryl Kassing's cousin)  
**Jennifer Antinette** (Beauchamp's friend)  
**Prs. David & Mary Armstrong & son Christopher**  
**Tom Arnott** (Erick Larson's friend)  
**Elaine Baden**  
**Gloria Becker**  
**Greg Becker**  
**Grace Bergstedt**  
**Pr. Joe Bleakley**  
**Ruth Block** (Tatjenhorst's sister-in-law)  
**Maureen Blachfelner**  
**Rowe Blissard**  
**Tammy Brady**  
**Briggs Family**  
**Pr. Richard Brzowsky**  
**Tom Buller**  
**Billy Campbell & Family**  
**Marty Cavanaugh**  
**Charlotte**  
**Cathy Clyde** (Lynn Kempf's aunt)  
**Barbara Cooper** (Karen Eastby's cousin)  
**Corinne Comrie** (Scott Comrie's mother)  
**Don & Dee Corbett**  
**Kay Crader** (Jodi Becker's mother)  
**Marian Dealey** (Pr. Dealey's mother)  
**Chuck Diggs**  
**Norman Dixon**  
**Pamela Downour** (Christina Shields' friend)  
**Wayne Eastby**  
**Delores Eardley** (Irene VanHooser's aunt)  
**Dorothy Eden**  
**Ellen Eden** (Lynn Thiel's cousin)  
**Rudy Erikson** (at the death of his brother)  
**Marian Foppe** (Ed Foppe's mother)

**Rebecca Garrison** (at the death of her uncle)  
**Rich Goodwin** (Mary Goodwin's husband)  
**Bucky Gruber**  
**Dorothy Gunderson** (Brian & Krissy Gunderson's grandmother)  
**Bill Hardy** (Cindy Pugh's father)  
**JoAnn Herff** (Marty Cavanaugh's sister)  
**Terri Hoef** (Carole Callahan's friend)  
**Patti Hudak** (Dana Callahan's friend)  
**Dovie & Lowell Iler** (Mary Goodwin's brother & sister-in-law)  
**Ted Johnson** (Mary Goodwin's cousin)  
**Betty Kamer** (Lynn Kempf's friend)  
**Arkie Kantola**  
**Dave Kantola**  
**Andrew Kassing**  
**Brian Kassing**  
**Judy Klein** (Dona Racich's friend)  
**Xavier Kurre** (Sue Green's grandson)  
**David Lottes** (Pr. John & Vicki's son)  
**Vicki Lottes**  
**Vicki Lowrie** (Judy Dunne's friend)  
**Karen Olsen Mackey**  
**Dee Mann** (Bill & Linda Mann's sister-in-law)  
**Roland Martell** (Joette McNeilly's father)  
**Carol McCoskey**  
**Jennifer Meyer-Ashauer** (KaLonny Short's friend)  
**Pr. Charles Miller**  
**Pr. Linda Murray**  
**Ashley Nameth** (Mark & Dana Callahan's niece)  
**Pr. Bill Papa & Peace Lutheran Church** (ELCA church destroyed by Joplin tornado)  
**Gertrude Peters** (Carol Gocken's mother)  
**Cyndi Peterson**  
**Joyce Pick** (Peggy Pick's mother)  
**Sharon Purkey** (Irene VanHooser's friend)  
**Charlene Shuetz** (Mann's friend)  
**Diane Stewart** (Lynn Kempf's friend)  
**Tom Szczeblewski** (Lori Fremder's cousin)  
**Tornado Victims**  
**Stacey Taylor**  
**Wanda Tepen** (Becker's friend)  
**Matt Turcol** (Tilashalski's friend)  
**Bob Vail**  
**Starlene Villareal** (Loretta Williams' friend)

**Eunice Volkers**  
**Eli Vukson**  
**Elizabeth Wannan** (Doug's mother)  
**Lee Werne** (Barbara Werne's husband)  
**Lisa White**  
**Mike Williams**  
**Libby Wood Ward**  
**Diane Wooden**  
**Kevin Wyvell**  
**Jason Zotalis** (Wannan's son-in-law)  
**Zachary Zwaga** (Dan & Sue Homes' nephew)



*Pray for  
Our Members  
and friends  
in the  
Military*

Also, please pray for the health and safety of the following individuals, connected to our community serving in the United States military:

**Nathaniel Brown**  
Lt. **Tom Buller**  
Lance Cpl. **Clayton Campbell**  
Major **James Carmichael**  
**Dustin Crone**  
**Jeff Crone**  
Capt. **Blake Crosby**  
Airborne Ranger **Keegan Crosby**  
Staff Sgt. **Tyson Crosby**  
**Brent Deemers**  
**Charles Homes**  
**Zach Huff**  
**Shane Lee**  
CPO **Shawn Lee**  
PV2 **Courtney Ligibel**  
**Donnie Madison**  
Major **David Mann**  
Staff Sgt. **John Maroney**  
**John Meyer**  
Airman **Nick Muller**  
**Kurtis Neubauer**  
**Zachary Neubauer**  
Major **John Perrine**  
**Josh Pace**  
**Scott Prengel**  
**Jack Scoles**  
Staff Sgt. **Skipper Smith**  
**Haley Wagner**

# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3 OPEN INVITATION</b> THOMAS, APOSTLE 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>7</b> 10:30 - Office Angels	<b>8</b> Pastor's Sabbath 7 - Movie Club (Romancing the Stone)	<b>9</b> 9 - Men's Club Breakfast Life Center Clean-Up 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship: "Good Soil"
<b>10 GOOD SOIL</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship	<b>11</b> 10:30 - DayTrippers - Lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy 11 - Staff Mtg.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>14</b> 10:30 - Office Angels 7 - Women's Book Club	<b>15</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>16</b> VBS Set-Up 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship: "Good & Evil" 7:05—Late Boomers' Grizzlies Game
<b>17 GOOD &amp; EVIL</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship 5:45—VBS	<b>18</b> 11 - Staff Mtg. 5:45 - VBS 6:30 - Stephen Ministry, Church Council	<b>19</b> 5:45 - VBS	<b>20</b> Noon - Midweek Worship 5:45 - VBS	<b>21</b> 10:30 - Office Angels 5:45 - VBS	<b>22</b> MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE Pastor's Sabbath	<b>23</b> Noon-4 - Bridal Shower/ Pugh 1:00—Robison Ordination at Atonement 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship: "God's Surprises"
<b>24 GOD'S SURPRISES</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship 6:05 - Grizzly Game VBS Celebration	<b>25</b> JAMES, APOSTLE 11 - Staff Mtg. 6:30 - Steering Team	<b>26</b> 7 - La Leche League	<b>27</b> Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>28</b> 10:30 - Office Angels	<b>29</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>30</b> 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship: "Abundance"
<b>31 ABUNDANCE</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship						

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<b>7 LIFE STORMS</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship	<b>8</b> 11 - Staff Mtg.	<b>9</b> 5-8 - Rummage Sale Set-Up and Drop-Off	<b>10</b> 9 - DayTrippers - Lunch at The Secret Garden Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>11</b> 10:30 - Office Angels	<b>12</b> Pastor's Sabbath 9-1 - Rummage Sale	<b>13</b> 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship: "Great Need"
<b>14 GREAT NEED</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship Late Boomers/Hartke Pool Party	<b>15</b> MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD 11 - Staff Mtg. 6:30 - Stephen Ministry, Church Council	<b>16</b> 7 - La Leche League	<b>17</b> Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>18</b> 10:30 - Office Angels	<b>19</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>20</b> 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship w/cc: "Insight" w/children's church
<b>21 INSIGHT</b> 8 - Worship, Rally Day 9:15 - Confirmation Parent/ Student Orientation 9:30 - Family Education Hour 10:45 - Worship Noon - Cook Out/Ice Cream Social	<b>22</b> 11 - Staff Mtg.	<b>23</b> 7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>24</b> BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE 9:30 - Newsletter Assembly Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>25</b> 10:30 - Office Angels 6:30 - MEHCAA Mtg.	<b>26</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>27</b> 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship w/cc: "Misunderstanding" w/children's church
<b>28 MISUNDERSTANDING</b> 8 - Worship 9:15 - Confirmation 9:30 - Family Education Hour 10:45 - Worship	<b>29</b> 11 - Staff Mtg.	<b>30</b> 9:30 - Newsletter Assembly	<b>31</b> Noon - Midweek Worship	<h1>August 2011</h1>		



***You Are Invited  
To the  
Ordination  
Of  
Brian Robison***

***Saturday, July 23, 2011  
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***Lutheran Church of the Atonement  
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Brian will be installed as Pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Belleville in early August.

More information will follow.

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**Dana Callahan**, Lay Ministry Coordinator  
**Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, Organist  
**Dave Geiler**, Praise Band Director  
**Andrea Giese**, Nursery Attendant  
**Dr. Christina Shields**, Bell & Vocal Choir Director  
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