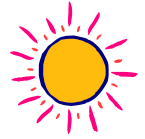


# The Spirit of Our Lord's Lutheran Church



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

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## Weekend Worship Themes:

### "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT"

June 4-5: "Living the Promise"  
(Luke 24:44-53)

June 11-12: "Core Mission"  
(John 20:19-23)

June 18-19: "God with Us"  
(Matthew 28:16-20)

June 25-26: "Welcoming"  
(Matthew 10:40-42)

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## NEXT NEWSLETTER COMBINES JULY & AUGUST

This summer we are again combining our newsletters for July and August. That means the **June 15** deadline for the next edition needs to include all information for anything Ministry Teams want to publicize through the end of August! Thank you for your support of this economizing of time, effort, and resources.

## From Your Pastor

### SUMMER BREAK

"Summer Break" sounds v-e-r-y good on paper! It's a great idea. It reminds us of our childhood. School is out. Swimming is in. Days are longer, which means more play time outside. The only thing we might have dreaded was the very-far-distant-future task from a well-intentioned teacher of writing that annual essay when school resumed: "How I Spent My Summer Vacation."

Adults of all ages also appreciate some kind of Summer Break too—when it is possible!

Here at OLLC, Summer Break sounds especially good to many of us. It has been an incredibly busy year of implementing Ministry Teams, experimenting with new events such as the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal in our church sanctuary, continuing newer traditions such as the All Seasons Liturgy on Christ the King Weekend, offering our regular schedule of Worship-Education-Service-and-Fellowship, and much more. The dedicated efforts of a host of people in our community are greatly appreciated.

At our Annual Calendar Planning Meeting on June 1, we will firm up another ambitious and active schedule for the coming year, affirming the basics of our ministry and exploring new opportunities to enrich and expand our God-given mission.

But this Summer of 2011 at Our Lord's is a time to pull back just a little in terms of formal congregational activity, experience some rest from our busy routine, and be refreshed and renewed for another challenging yet inspiring fall season of new beginnings and fresh starts for the Spirit-led mission that we share.

So—even with all the planning activity that will be done on many fronts as well as the special events that are happening for Fellowship teams—in a certain way, for the coming three months, we will take a "Summer Break" from much of the regular routine. But, I hope that many of us will linger a little longer during the Hospitality Hour after worship to check in with one another and welcome those who are new among us.

"Rest, Refreshment, and Renewal" are good things, not only for our church life together but also—and perhaps especially—for our home life as well. May God's Spirit bless and guide your summer with the gift of the non-school Three R's (Rest, Refreshment, & Renewal), which are really a part of the New Life in Christ that we continually explore.

Blessed Summer,

Pastor John Lottes



## 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.

### **The Spiritual Gift of Instrumental Music –**



It doesn't take a rocket scientist to explain this spiritual gift, but it does take an enormous amount of talent. This God-given gift inspires the believer to express their personal faith and provide inspiration and comfort through the playing of a musical instrument.

Besides the obvious of playing the organ on Sundays or playing in the Praise Band on Saturdays, there are other ways to use the Spiritual Gift of Instrumental Music. For example, you may want to teach other members how to play, give concerts for your church family, play your instrument for those in nursing homes or assisted living situations who need lifted up, or help by playing at VBS. We are blessed to have so many of our members possessing this spiritual gift, but there may be some we do not know about because they are not sure how to go about playing during worship or other special events at church.



Please contact Dana to learn how your spiritual gift can be utilized for the glory of God.

## 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

### **CHURCH FESTIVALS**

Listed on our **JUNE calendar** are these Church Festivals that are on page 16 (with Scripture Readings and Prayers on pp. 56) of our Hymnal:

- 2 – THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
- 11 – BARNABAS, APOSTLE
- 12 – PENTECOST
- 19 – THE HOLY TRINITY
- 24 – JOHN THE BAPTIST
- 29 – PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES



On page 16 of the Hymnal, you will also notice other Commemorations of martyrs, church leaders (**John XXIII, Irenaeus**), teachers, renewers of church (**Philip Melancthon**) or society, hymn writers, musicians, scientists, major events (**Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530**) and more.



## Take a Faith Adventure!

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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's VBS is from July 19-21 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Kids meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, and play games. To register, fill-out the form located in the Narthex or register online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KZ79NGM>.



**We Need You!!!** 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.



**Other important dates:** We'll celebrate our discoveries when the kids sing during the Contemporary Worship Service on Saturday, July 23.

### Big Jungle Adventure – Part 2

Our Lord's Worship Center, along with several other areas of the church will be transformed into an 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.

- 2 light blue king sheets
- Small/medium/large cardboard boxes
- Paint: 1 gal lime green, 1 gal medium green, 1 quart dark green, 1 quart brown
- Painters Masking Paper ( green and brown)
- Artificial leaves
- 2 bolts of brown fabric
- 1 bolt of light blue fabric (shimmer, water)
- "Jungle" plants



## 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))

### THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

Congratulations to our new Confirmands: **William Stephens Corrie, Anna Victoria Foppe, Katelyn Susanne Foppe, Claire Elaine Maue, Kurtis Patrick Nemsky, Rebekah Theresa Perry, Alexander Blake Runyon, Robert Hartman Schorr, Zachary Christopher Tiemann, and Tyler Keith Wyvell**. Please pray for their continuing growth in a faith that is active in the love of Christ.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION

This past year many people have served as teachers, leaders, and helpers in our Christian education programs. Share a word of thanks with these members whose teaching ministry was affirmed on May 15.

#### Children's Church

Jodi Becker, Kristie Becker, Dana Callahan, Jacob Callahan, Letitia Downen, Kathy Hoelscher, Darla Hoffmann, Erick Larson, Katie Noga

#### Sunday School

Beth Giese, Jaime Henderson, Lyn Kampwerth, Roberta Maue, Lori Messina, Susan Rimar, Laura Schoenecker (Superintendent), KaLonny Short, Debbie (Runyon) Alstad Young

#### Sunday School Music Leaders

Rhonda Comrie, Vicki Lottes, Chery Sides, Emily Truckenbrod

#### Confirmation

Pastor John, Scott Comrie, Debi Corrie, Will Durance, Ed Foppe, Laura Foppe, Lori Fremder, Amy Hauch, Angie Nemsky, Barbara Pitt, Harry Thiel

#### High School Youth Class

Debby Gunderson, Dona Racich

#### Adult Study Leaders

Debby Gunderson, Jim Lemke, Dona Racich, Pastor John

#### High School Youth Group Sponsors

Steve & Kathy Hoelscher, Brian Luttinen

### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Topic: "Gospel Readings"

Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am (June, July, August)

Location: Worship Center Conference Room

Leaders: Jim Lemke & Pastor John

### EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES THAT RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

- Sunday School
- Confirmation Class
- High School Sunday Class
- Questions Bible Study (Tuesdays)
- Four Point Bible Study (Wednesdays)
- Morning Glories Bible Study (Thursdays)
- Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Saturdays)
- Children's Church (Saturdays)

## FELLOWSHIP

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

### MOVIE CLUB

Movie/Time/Location for the next Movie Club evening are "Coming Soon." See the "Previews of Coming Attractions" in the bulletin and on the website for further information! -- Terry & Kathie Brady

### BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club will be on Thursday, June 9th at 7 PM. We will meet in the Life Center conference room. The book chosen is **REMARKABLE CREATURES**, by Tracy Chevalier.



This is an informal and fun evening and we hope you will join us. For any questions, please call Elaine Baden.



### DAY TRIPPERS

Here's a question. What Day Tripper member of Our Lord's has authored three books?

It's our resident poet, Alice Azure, who has published two books of poetry plus her interesting autobiography. She will read some of her poetry and answer questions on Wednesday, June 15, at 10:30 a.m. in the Edwardsville Public Library Conference Room (lower level). We'll then go to lunch at Grace Manor on North Main Street (formerly the Klingel House).

Sign up on the WC bulletin board and indicate if you need a ride.  
Info: Jim & Marcine Lemke

### MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club meets on Saturday, June 4 at 7 am with Chef's Rob Banitt & Darrell Bruhn cooking a fine breakfast. The duties on the Men's Club list are as follows:



- 1) CLEAN UP THE PINE GROVE OF TWIGS, BRANCHES, ETC.
- 2) SPRAY FOR WEEDS AND VEGETATION (BRING SPRAYERS)
- 3) MOVE A SCRUBBER
- 4) CHECK THE SANCTUARY ROOF (CHUCK, BRING A LADDER)
- 5) TIDY UP THE LIFE CENTER PARKING LOT & STONE AREA
- 6) ATTACK WEEDS (BRING A WEED EATER)
- 7) DON'T FORGET TO COMPLIMENT THE CHEFS



**Mower Schedule**  
June 2-4  
June 9-11  
June 16-18  
June 23-25

#### Riding Mowing

Scott Comrie  
Jim Lemke  
Don Baden  
Steve Hoelscher

#### Trim Mowing

Chuck Pugh  
Darrell Bruhn  
Harry Thiel  
Jim Trucano

### PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.....



Thank you dear knitters, crocheters and supporters! Prayer Shawl Sunday showed us all what prayer, a pair of knitting needles or a crochet hook, yarn and a group of devoted women can accomplish. I was so surprised when I walked into the Church and saw how many shawls were draped over the pews. We're all happy to learn that some of you took the opportunity to take a shawl to someone in need.

Our group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is a year round ministry and many participants simply do their project at home. Please join us in person or in private and, always, in prayer.

Contact: Mary Goodwin

### REMINDER! WE WILL NOT MEET IN THE MONTH OF JULY

### Time & Talent Series



Stop by the Commons Area in the WC to see the new display. Marcine Lemke has kindly put her unique hat collection in the curio cabinet for us to enjoy during the month of May.

Thank you Marcine! A thank you also goes out to Rudy Kantola for displaying his rocks and minerals in April. If you have a collection you would like to share with us, please give Dana a call.

### UNIVERSITY OF LIFE: Spring Semester 2011

In an effort to save paper and printing costs, the course catalog for the University of Life has been formatted differently. There is a **display in the Narthex** from which you can select only the "mini-brochures" which are of interest to you and your family.



**IT'S  
SUMMER!**

## PREVIEWS OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances:

### July

- Theme: "Mission Challenges"
- Summer Midweek Worship, *Wednesdays at Noon*
- Sunday Adult Bible Study
- Vacation Bible School, July 17-21

### August

- Theme: "Faith Challenges"
- Summer Midweek Worship, *Wednesdays at Noon*
- Sunday Adult Bible Study
- Favorite Song Saturday & Favorite Hymn Sunday, Aug 27-28
- Confirmation Parents & Students Orientation, Aug 28

### September

- Theme: "Learning Together"
- Labor Day Weekend, Sept 3-4-5
- OLLC "Homecoming," Sept 11 (All-Congregational Event)
- Sunday School & Adult Education Begin, Sept 11
- Educational Programs Resume
- Synod Professional Leadership Conference, Sept 19-21

## NOTICE OF CHANGE FOR NEWSLETTER DELIVERY -

In an effort to be more "green" and save on administrative costs, members will start receiving Our Lord's monthly newsletter electronically if the church has your e-mail address.

For members who do not have an e-mail address, a printed copy of the newsletter will be placed in your CHURCH mailbox in the Narthex for pick-up. Shut-ins will continue to receive their newsletters by the postal service.

If you have an extenuating circumstance and need your newsletter mailed, please contact Loretta. Thank you for your support in this change as we try to be better stewards of our resources.

## ANNUAL CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING

On **Wednesday, June 1**, at 6:30 P.M., in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall, the Church Council, Steering Team, Lay Ministry Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Pastor, interested members of the Ministry Teams—and whoever would like to help shape the details of our mission together for Sept. 2011 to Aug. 2012—will meet to plan dates for our activities and ministries for the coming year. Each Steering Team member or Ministry Team will share plans for the year, set aside dates, and explore possible joint projects. Special events—such as the annual "Homecoming"—that need the cooperative effort of more than one team will also be planned.



### April 2011

Receipts exceeded expenditures by 6,466.12  
YTD expenditures exceeded receipts by (9,616.79)

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Cash—Unrestricted	30,066
Cash—Replacement Reserve	28,494
Cash—Designated for specific purposes	12,991
Venturing in Faith contributions	5,235
Cumulative since campaign inception	351,469
Total Principal Paid on Mortgage in April	3,266
Remaining Principal balance on Mortgage	561,409

Submitted by Matt Anderson

## Church Walk in 6<sup>th</sup> Year

The six-week, interfaith evening walking program, Church Walk, is observing its sixth year. St. John Evangelical UCC, the sponsor of the program, has released the Church Walk 2011 schedule. The purpose of the program is to combine fitness, fellowship, and fun with a bit of local church history. Participants meet each week to take a pre-determined mile stroll and, upon returning to the host church, are treated to a brief oral history, tour, and light refreshments. In 2010, there was an average of 25 walkers a week, representing 16 different local churches.

To participate in this year's program, just show up in the parking lot of the host churches listed (or other location as noted) by 6:55 p.m. The walk begins promptly at 7 p.m. and takes approximately 20 minutes. This program is for everyone! If you are unable to do the walk, join us at 7:20 in the host church's sanctuary for the rest of the evening's program.

Date	Host Church	Address	Notes
June 9	The Gathering Place	2016 N Keebler Collinsville, IL 62234	
June 16	Copper Creek Christian Church	2184 Vadalabene Maryville, IL	Meet in Drost Park For Walk
June 23	Anderson Hospital Chapel	6800 State Rt. 162Maryville IL	Meet in Hospital Lobby
June 30	Solid Rock Church of God	302 Brown Avenue Collinsville, IL	
July 7	New Mt Zion Baptist Church	307 Goethe Avenue Collinsville, IL	
July 14	First United Methodist Church	207 West Church St. Collinsville, IL	

## THE LARGER CHURCH

### ELCA NEWS

For more information and current news releases, see the ELCA website:  
[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 2-4 is our Central / Southern Illinois Synod Assembly in Springfield. The theme is “**God’s Work, Our Hands: God’s Building Blocks.**” Included in the Agenda is the election of a Bishop, since Bishop Freiheit is accepting a call to serve as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Hot Springs Village, Ark., largely a retirement community. See the details in our May newsletter. Voting members of the Assembly from Our Lord’s include Clergy (**Pastor John**), Lay (**Harry & Lynn Thiel; Lori Fremder**), and Youth (**Miranda Wickham**). Please keep the work of our Synod in your prayers.

### LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Lutheran Summer Music [[www.lutheransummermusic.org](http://www.lutheransummermusic.org)] (LSM) is a four week summer music program for band, orchestra, choir, keyboard and organ students grades 8-12. Open to students of all faiths, the program is committed to strengthening and expanding the Church’s heritage of excellence in music. Now in its 30th year, LSM has seeded thousands of organists, choir directors and leadership musicians into the Church. The 2011 Academy will be held on the campus of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, from June 26 to July 24.

At LSM, students have an opportunity to explore both spiritual and musical growth as well as deepen their understanding of traditional worship liturgies and the hymnody of the Lutheran Church. Young musicians in grades 8-12 at Our Lord’s are invited to explore this very special opportunity. In addition to exploring the website (above), you may also call toll-free at 888-635-6583.

### PRAYER VENTURES

The two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, formerly printed in our newsletters, will be available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at [www.elca.org/prayerventures](http://www.elca.org/prayerventures).

### Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I have been hearing from some of you regarding what can be done to help those whose lives are being disrupted by the flood waters in Metropolis and Cairo. Pastor David Deem of Lutheran Church of the Cross, Metropolis has just given me a report on conditions in Metropolis, and I am still waiting to hear from a member of Immanuel Lutheran in Cairo. The waters in Metropolis are already flooding homes and the Ohio River is not expected to crest until Thursday. The residents of Metropolis are becoming weary and are open to those who would like to come to help fill sand bags. Even for half a day. Presently the two ways into Metropolis are via exit #37 off of I-24, and HWY 45 out of Vienna. Pastor Deem also encouraged those who intend to physically help to contact the Mayor’s office prior to coming for instructions on where to work (618.524.4016) - [www.cityofmetropolis.com](http://www.cityofmetropolis.com)<<http://www.cityofmetropolis.com>>

Not everyone will be able to physically participate, but everyone can get involved in praying for those whose lives are being altered by these waters, as well as strength and energy for those who are working against this natural phenomenon.

Blessings!  
Bishop Warren D. Freiheit

## ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE RESPONDING TO U.S. SEVERE STORMS

An outbreak of tornados tore across the Midwest on May 22, 2011, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota. Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled the parts of community, killing at least 89 people. Residents describe the city as “unrecognizable.” This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms. ELCA Disaster Response is supporting communities overwhelmed by tornadoes, rising waters and leveled by destructive winds. Our church is reaching out to the survivors of these devastating storms and assessing the needs—working together for as long as it takes. Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to communities affected by these disasters.

**Gifts designated to “U.S. Severe Storms” will be used in full—100 percent—to help disaster survivors clean-up, rebuild and recover.** Donations given “Where Needed Most” help to respond immediately and effectively where it is needed most. Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors on their long road to recovery. Thank you!

**MAY 2011 [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster)  
Yes, I want to help!**

ELCA Disaster Response:  
*U.S. Severe Storms* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0074

ELCA Disaster Response:  
*Where Needed Most* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0010

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:

**ELCA Disaster Response  
39330 Treasury Center  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300**

*write “U.S. Severe Storms” or “Where needed most” on your check’s memo line.*

## June Birthdays

3	Bonnie Eberle Lisa McGuire Dona Racich
4	Dominic Cusanelli
6	Blake Klingsick Gretchen Nyland
7	Dana Callahan
8	Toni Young
9	Pr. Dick Brendel Maddie Hayes Scott Klingsick
10	Harry Thiel Megan Wilborn
12	Georgia Rinkel Keith Wyvell
13	Max Eakin
14	Connie Gill Brian Kassing
15	Britney Litton-McGuire Chris Nyland Brooke Trucano
16	Nathan Funk Andrew Nyland
18	Piper Mackey Jim Kilpatrick
19	Deanne Holshouser
20	Debby Gunderson Daniel Schorfheide
21	Georgia Cox Laurie Ricchezza
22	Marianne Cavanaugh
23	Andrew Kassing
26	Karen Perry Ashley Hammonds
27	Hannah Funk Jim Olsen
28	Ralph Schorr
29	Logan Downen Kari Funk
30	David Van Middendorp Simon Menz Jeff Waterman

## High School Graduates



**Congratulations** to Our Lord's **high school graduates**. If you see them, congratulate them on their accomplishments (as well as their parents for helping them achieve them!). If your high school graduate was missed, please contact the church office so we can recognize him/her in next month's newsletter.

- **Elizabeth Beauchamp** graduated from Collinsville High School and will be attending Lindenwood College in St. Charles, MO. She has a full scholarship and will be studying international business and intends to bowl on the college team.
- **Jacob Callahan** graduated from Collinsville High School and will be attending Southwestern Illinois College to earn his Associate in Arts. Once achieved, he will go on to university to major in theater.
- **Maddie Hayes** graduated from Collinsville High School and will be attending Southwestern Illinois College studying business and accounting.
- **Luke Huster** graduated from Collinsville High School and will be attending Southwestern Illinois College to earn his Associate in Arts. He wants to transfer to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to be a physical education teacher.
- **Anthony Klingsick** graduated from Metro East Lutheran High School and will be attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He will be studying for a computer science engineering degree.
- **Andrew Nyland** graduated from Collinsville High School and will be attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He will be studying physics and hopes to make the wrestling team.
- **Rachel Perry** graduated from Collinsville High School and will be attending Bowling Green University in Ohio on a scholarship. She will be studying bio-chemistry and will be on the gymnastics team.
- **Kevin Schrader** graduated from Collinsville High School and will be attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He will be studying physiology with pre-med interests.
- **Khristopher Wyvell** graduated early from high school in Hopkinsville, Kentucky and enlisted in the United States Navy on May 11.
- **Miranda Wickham** graduated from Edwardsville High School and will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She will be studying German.
- **Megan Wilborn** graduated from Collinsville High School and will be attending Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. She will be entering their nursing program to become a registered nurse.

## Within Our Church Family

- **Please be aware of this special need and pray** for **Lisa White**, who has lost most of her hearing and is almost deaf. She needs to look directly at whoever is talking with her. Please get Lisa's attention before you speak to her and make sure she can see your conversation.
- **Congratulations** to our former Vicar, **Brian Robison**, who graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) on Sunday, May 15, 2011. As of our newsletter deadline, we know that he has been assigned to our Central / Southern Illinois Synod, but the congregation is yet to be determined.
- **Thank You** to **Bob Rinkel** for planting and tending the beautiful flowers at the Worship Center.
- And the winner is ... **Congratulations** to the Early Service members! They had the most spots filled on the May, June, & July People Power Sign-up Sheets securing the prize of Krispy Kreme donuts for coffee hour. The Saturday Service came in a close second, with the Late Service trailing at a distance. Thank you to everyone who serves at Our Lord's and makes it such a great place to worship!

## College Graduates



**Congratulations to Our Lord's college graduates.** If you see them, congratulate them on their accomplishments (as well as their parents for helping them achieve them!). If your college graduate was missed, please contact the church office so we can recognize him/her in next month's newsletter.

- **Chelsea Lang** graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. She plans to take a year or two off, possibly joining the Peace Corps, then going back to school for her doctorate in kinesiology.
- **Alison Messina** graduated from Southwestern Illinois College with an associates in arts. She plans on attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for a degree in social work.
- **Rachael Nyland** graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor of science degree in environmental sciences. She has begun working at TeleLab in Collinsville as a lab technician.
- **Matthew Perry** graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in engineering. He is currently job hunting and will also pursue his masters degree.
- **Nellie Pieper** graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a doctor of pharmacy degree. She is moving to Chatham, Illinois as she begins working for Walgreen's Pharmacy in Springfield.
- **Matt Turner** graduated from Webster University with a bachelor of science in computer programming and a minor in Japanese. He will be leaving for Japan by the end of the summer to begin teaching English, probably to elementary school children.
- **Caitlyn Williams** graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a master of arts degree specializing in sociology. She has begun working at the Foundation for Autism Services Today and Tomorrow (FASTT).

## HOLY HUMOR



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.  
"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."



**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)  
**Tom Arnottie** (Erick Larson's friend)  
**Elaine Baden**  
**Gloria Becker**  
**Greg Becker**  
**Ruth Block** (Tatjenhorst's sister-in-law)  
**Maureen Blachfelner**  
**Rowe Blissard**  
**Briggs Family**  
**Pr. Richard Brzowsky**  
**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**  
**Pamela Downour** (Christina Shield' friend)  
**Wayne Eastby**  
**Dorothy Eden**  
**Ellen Eden** (Lynn Thiel's cousin)  
**Marian Foppe** (Ed Foppe's mother)  
**Louis Gendron** (Lori Messina's uncle)  
**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 friends)  
**Dovie & Lowell Iler** (Mary Goodwin's brother- & sister-in-law)  
**Japan**  
**Neil Jenkins** (Williams' brother-in-law)  
**Ted Johnson** (Mary Goodwin's cousin)  
**Betty Kamer** (Lynn Kempf's friend)  
**Andrew Kassing**  
**Brian Kassing**

**Judy Klein** (Dona Racich's friend)  
**Xavier Kurre** (Sue Green's grandson)  
**Donald Lee** (Rachel Lee's nephew)  
**David Lottes** (Pr. John & Vicki's son)  
**Vicki Lowrie** (Judy Dunne's friend)  
**Dee Mann** (Bill & Linda Mann's sister-in-law)  
**Kellsie Marchbanks** (Kristie Becker's friend)  
**Carol McCoskey**  
**Ellie Metzler** (Meg Oberlag's sister)  
**Jennifer Meyer-Ashauer** (KaLonny Short's friend)  
**Pr. Charles Miller**  
**Ashley Nameth** (Mark & Dana Callahan's niece)  
**Gertrude Peters** (Carol Gocken's mother)  
**Cyndi Peterson**  
**Joyce Pick** (Peggy Pick's mother)  
**Dean Salvatore Family** (Carole Callahan's friend)  
**Charlene Shuetz** (Mann's friend)  
**Diane Stewart** (Lynn Kempf's friend)  
**Tom Szczeblewski** (Lori Fremder's cousin)  
**Tornado Victims**  
**Stacey Taylor**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**, Alton  
**Matt Turcol** (Tilashalski's friend)  
**Bob Vail**  
**Starlene Villareal** (Loretta Williams' friend)  
**Eli Vukson**  
**Elizabeth Wannan** (Doug's mother)  
**Lee Werne** (Barbara Werne's husband)  
**Elizabeth White**  
**Lisa White**  
**Mike Williams**  
**Libby Wood Ward**  
**Diane Wooden**  
**Kevin Wyvell**  
**Jason Zotalis** (Wannen's son-in-law)  
**Zachary Zwaga** (Dan & Sue Homes' nephew)

**In Sympathy**

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

- **Rebecca Garrison** (at the death of her uncle)
- **Danté Hunter** (at the death of his aunt Alice Elliot)



**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**

**June Anniversaries**

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|----|---|
| 1  | Cliff & Joan Karvinen                             |
| 2  | Greg & Lori Frremder<br>Jim & Linda Harriss       |
| 3  | Jim & Denise Newbold                              |
| 6  | Pr. John & Vicki Lottes                           |
| 7  | Harry & Lynn Thiel                                |
| 8  | Pr. Dick & Toni Brendel<br>Don & Glenda Klingsick |
| 11 | Mark & Dana Callahan                              |
| 12 | Wayne & Karen Eastby                              |
| 13 | David & Leslie Johns                              |
| 14 | Arnold & Maureen Blachfelner                      |
| 17 | Eric & Leslee Morris                              |
| 18 | Grant & Lynn Lang<br>Tom & Lori Messina           |
| 19 | Max & Linda Eakin<br>Ralph & Viki Schorr          |
| 21 | Jim & Sue Green                                   |
| 24 | Chris & Lynda Jones<br>Gary & Chery Sides         |
| 28 | Bob & Gail Hill<br>Tom & Anita Steinmann          |

# June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5 ASCENSION</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship	<b>6</b> 11 - Staff Mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>9</b> 10:30 - Office Angels	<b>10</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>11</b> 10 - ELCA Metro East Cluster/TBA 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship: "Pentecost"
<b>12 PENTECOST</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship Noon - Sunday Hymn Planning Team	<b>13</b> 11 - Staff Mtg.	<b>14</b> 7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>15</b> 10:30 - DayTrippers @ Edwardsville Public Library & Lunch @ Grace Manor Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>16</b> 10:30 - Office Angels	<b>17</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>18</b> 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship: "Holy Trinity"
<b>19 HOLY TRINITY</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship	<b>20</b> 6:30 - Stephen Ministry, Church Council	<b>21</b> 3:30 - Staff Mtg. 7 - La Leche League	<b>22</b> Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>23</b> 10:30 - Office Angels 6:30 - MEHCAA Mtg.	<b>24</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>25</b> 1 - Reynolds/Wywell Wedding & Reception/WCFH 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship: "Welcoming"
<b>26 WELCOMING</b> 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship 4—VBS Planning & Informational Meeting	<b>27</b> 11 - Staff Mtg.	<b>28</b> 7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>29</b> 9:30 - Newsletter Assembly Noon - Midweek Worship	<b>30</b> 10:30 - Office Angels	<h1>2011</h1>	

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