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As a Boy Scout at 13 years of age I was awarded the “Pro Deo et Patria” (For God and Country) award. This is the most prestigious honor I have ever received. Not because I was the first boy scout at Trinity Lutheran-Decatur to receive one, but it resulted from my many study and project hours along with a profession of faith to achieve it. I was reminded of the award this week when we learned that Pastor Weber will soon be deployed to the Middle East with his Iowa National Guard Unit. As a military chaplain, Pastor will be serving our country in a dangerous war troubled region, and serving God and his fellow soldiers as he faithfully carries out his duties as a minister of God; his duty to God and country.

As Pastor is utilized in our country’s military service, we as Christian soldiers should be reminded that God has directed us to serve Him and our neighbors each and every day at Faith Kewanee. This is profoundly expressed when we share the amazing grace of God with others in worship, in hospitality, and service in our communities. *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do.”* Ephesians 2:8-10

Over the next year we will be tempted by questions, “Why bother, no not again, or is it worth the effort?” At these challenging times we should remember that God is calling us to reach deeper into our congregation, and further out into our community to better know and care for one another. Jesus, Himself, set a beautiful example of how we should deeply love and serve those around us. Let us follow it.

God’s intent for humanity is that all life flourishes. That doesn’t mean that all will be perfect, no changes have to be made, or no one will fail along the way. But it does mean God will be with us in all things. We are God’s ambassadors to this community and a witness of our salvation. God gives us mouths to declare His praise. He gives us hands to offer His gifts. He gives us lives, purified through Christ’s blood on the cross, to offer up in service to His will and purpose.

Let us focus our attention not on ourselves, our inconveniences, or our challenges, but on our call to duty to God for what He has done for all. Our prayers for Pastor and his family now take on meaningful importance. Our need to show Pastor, his family, and his comrades our support and love will be required continually so that their faith is fostered, their courage made sure, and their spirits comforted by God’s divine presence while they are away from loved ones. We pray that God protects them and safely reunites them back home soon.

Gary Hahn, editor

We wish to extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Doris Hier who entered the Church Triumphant on July 28, 2017 and was given Christian burial on August 3rd. May the Lord provide a rich measure of His strength and comfort to Wendell and family during this difficult time. Doris was a long time active member of St. Paul and Faith Lutheran churches, the LWML, and will be missed.

July 4th Celebration We made \$105. Donations of popcorn, cookies and brownies, pop and water, and \$20 were given. Helping that night were Becker’s, Sturtevant’s and Bill Croegaert. Thank you to all who contributed and helped. We SOLD OUT of everything and probably could of sold a lot more. It was a nice night and people who used our bathrooms were grateful for them being made available.

Plan to attend the semi annual Voters’ Assembly on August 20th after the worship service.

Worship Schedule
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.

August's Calendar

- Aug. 5* **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship 5:30 PM Saturday
 Mite box collection
- Aug. 10 Women of Faith Mtg. 10:00AM
- Aug. 13 **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship and Bible Study
Rev. LaKamp, guest pastor
- Aug. 17 No Elders or Council Mtgs. in August
- Aug. 20 **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
Voters Assembly Mtg. 10:15 AM
- Aug. 27 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship and Bible Study

* Service moved to accommodate Rev. Bushre during Pastor's absence for National Guard training.

Altar Guild Schedule

- Aug. 5 Sharon Larson Green
- Aug. 13 Marilyn Sturtevant Green
- Aug 20 JoAnn Behnke & Bonnie Nuding Green
- Aug. 27 Mary Hahn Green

Weekly Ushers:

- 1st Sunday: Ray Heinrich & Kevin Hull
- 2nd Sunday: Eric Cervantez & Nick Leezer
- 3rd Sunday: Nick Philips & Randy Stockner
- 4th Sunday: Mike Leezer & Wendell Hier

Elders List:

- Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
- Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801
- Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
- Mike Leezer: 309-286-3014
- Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203
- Wendell Hier 309-853-8388

August Cleaning Schedule

Week starting	Team#	Type
Aug. 6	Team #3	Weekly
Aug. 13	Team #4	Monthly
Aug. 20	Team #5	Weekly
Aug. 27	Team #6	Weekly
Sept. 3	Team #1	Weekly

Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day & Time
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450 AM	Sun 5:30 AM

REMEMBER: Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone.

Those For Whom We Pray Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, and Lois Novotny

Friends: Jeff Bowman, Karen Wright, Judi Umbarger, and SSG Camie Kelly

CID: Central Illinois District's growing Hispanic ministry in East Moline, Pastor Pablo Dominguez and his congregation, Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church. For the Rock Island Circuit congregation; St. Matthew, Milan; with pastoral vacancy.



Prayer Requests: Have someone or something that you would like Pastor to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.

Reminder A Memorial Fund has been established in the name of Rev. Robert Yount at Faith Lutheran. If you choose to include a memorial gift, please put in it an envelope marked "Yount Memorial" and place it in the offering plate.

August Birthdays

August 3	Mona Kubiak
August 3	Randy Stockner
August 5	Heidi Heinrich
August 6	Mark Tudder
August 10	Layne Stapel
August 12	Jemma Cade
August 16	Laura Heinrich
August 21	Jack Breedlove

Baptism Dates

Jack Breedlove	8/31
Lauri Cochran	8/15
Jonathon Estes	8/24

Wedding Anniversaries

August 2	Joe & Sue Cervantez
August 9	Jeffrey & Laura Heinrich

If you have an article, a thank you, an idea, a suggestion, or a request for the next newsletter, give the information to the church office or send an e-mail to hahn.gary@comcast.net before August 27, 2017.

School is starting soon. Drive Carefully!

Women of Faith: Mites will be gathered on Saturday August 5th.

The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, August 10th, at 10:00AM for service project work. After a brown bag lunch they plan to go for a walk downtown to tour the Walldog pictures painted on various buildings, and afternoon refreshments. As usual, all ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

The 2017 LWML Fall Rally will be September 26 at Zion Lutheran Church in Taylor Ridge, IL. Coffee and registration will begin at 8:30 AM. Early registration fee is \$10.00. The speaker will be Deaconess Brenda Scarbeary, Bethesda Ministry Consultant. Ingathering gifts will be unperishable food items and paper products for donation to the Rockridge Area Food Pantry.



Voters' Meeting agenda items will include the contracting of Rev. Christopher Bushre, St. John-Geneseo, as vacancy pastor while Rev. Weber is away for National Guard deployment; permission to contract the sealing and crack repair of our parking lot and drive surface at a cost of \$6000, approval of a congregational gift for the CID's 500th Reformation anniversary project, and an October congregational dinner discussion.

The meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 20th, following the regular worship service in the fellowship hall. Your attendance and participation is encouraged.

WE ARE ALWAYS UPDATING EMAIL ADDRESSES!

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Do we have your email address???

If not, please send it to hahn.gary@comcast.net or indicate it on your attendance card.



Welcome back Rev. Bruce LaKamp, from East Peoria, who will conduct our worship service on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Rev. LaKamp was our vacancy pastor when Rev. Fisher retired a few years back, and we look forward to worshipping with him again.

Thank you Rev. Christopher Bushre, from St. John-Geneseo, and Rev. Gary Wright, Zion-East Moline, for pulpit supply during Pastor Weber's National Guard training exercises.

Should an emergency develop while Pastor is unavailable, please contact any Elder listed in this newsletter.

R.I. Circuit News: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island, is honored to host an **Every One His Witness** workshop. This is a special LCMS program to familiarize individual believers with the basics of witnessing to the people in their everyday lives. A very special guest will be coming from St. Louis to lead this event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30 to join in a program for our whole circuit. More information will come as we get closer to the event.

St. John, East Moline, will host a special 500th Anniversary Reformation worship service at 3:00 PM on October 29th. More information will come as we get closer to the event.

Mt. Calvary, Galesburg, will hold an installation service for Rev. Steven Sommerer as pastor on August 13, 2017 at 2:30 PM with a reception to follow. Praise God for sending them a shepherd.

The new documentary, *Luther: The Idea That Changed the World* will be shown at the Regal Cinema 4100 38th St., Moline, on October 25th 7:30– 9:38 PM and hosted by LCMS Rock Island Churches. The price of a ticket is \$12 and seating may be limited. If anyone is interested in attending let Gary Hahn know and he will make your reservation. Perhaps, a car pool can be arranged from Kewanee.

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten, and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. And so, it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mind-set begins to bleed into all areas of our lives—our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question—How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others—to asking the question—what have they done for me lately. We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we have more because when we give we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus we are reflecting the divine nature. As Jesus said “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). LCMS Stewardship message August 2017

2017 Altar Flower Chart is up and available for you to sign up for altar flowers. Please consider placing flowers on our Lord’s altar to remember a significant loved one or event in your life.



This is a reminder to please put your name on all “pew” envelopes. We want to give you credit for all your contributions

Going to The State Fair? Check out the Lutheran Hour Ministries Tent at the Illinois State Fair!! It is located on Brian Raney Ave. just east of the Governor's tent. They have ice water, LHM booklets on all topics, Bibles, children's books and coloring books all FREE for your taking. Central Illinois District Lutheran Laymen’s League sponsors the tent.