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A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

I have never been particularly big on coming up with New Year's resolutions. Most resolutions I have ever attempted to make last about 2 weeks (but 2 really good weeks!) and soon I am back to the life I lived before we rang in the New Year. Of course, even if keeping New Year's resolutions is not my forte I can't help but consider them as we enter into the New Year.

Rita Nakashima Brock, a professor at Harvard Divinity School, was the speaker at my graduation from seminary. She called us to remember our religious legacy, saying the following, "Almost a hundred years ago, as part of that great religious legacy, the Federation of Christian Churches in the U.S. was formed, the predecessor to the National Council of Churches. At its formation in 1908, the federation issued a social creed, which became a blueprint for Christian social engagement. That 1908 social creed called for the end of child labor and sweat shops, universal health care, a living wage for workers, humane and safe working conditions, the well-being of women, one day of rest from work, a shortened work-day with time for leisure, pensions for the elderly, disability benefits, unemployment benefits, the end of poverty, and equal justice for all in all stations of life. The National Council of Churches will soon initiate a national dialogue about a new Social Creed for 2008. What will we say? What is our commitment to the common good?"

As we begin a New Year, what will we resolve? Will we focus on our own bodies, on getting our finances under control, on spending more time with our families and less time thinking about work? Or will we also consider what it means for us to be Christians in the world and resolve to be people who will end poverty, who will work with those who are elderly, disabled, and oppressed, who will work to give health care to all who are sick, who will demand a living wage for workers? This year, nearly 100 years after the Federation of Christian Churches issued a social creed for all Christian people, what will we resolve to commit ourselves to?

I would suggest that this New Year be a year that we keep our resolutions for more than just a few weeks- we keep them for a lifetime. Let this be the New Year that we resolve to make our faith commitments more than just an hour on Sunday, but a lifestyle- a lifestyle that is grounded in justice and peace, a lifestyle that puts Jesus in the middle of all of our decisions. May this New Year be a year that we open ourselves to be vessels of God's continued and incredible work in the world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Petersen

INTRODUCING THE ELW

On the first Sunday of 2007, January 7, 2007, we will begin to introduce the first setting of liturgy in the ELW (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*). This is the new hymnal that contains 10 settings of the worship service, as well as additional services to be used throughout the year.

For the next several months, we will use the new hymnal for all the hymns, mixing up new and old hymns. If hymns are selected to fit the Sundays that are not in the new hymnal, they will be printed in the bulletin.

The hymnal is divided so that the liturgical services are first (pages 1-338 listed on the bottom of the page); followed by the Psalms (numbered on the top of the pages) 1-150; additional versions of hymns that can replace parts of the liturgy — Holy Communion (151-208), Holy Baptism (209-217), Life Passages (218-223), Daily Prayer (224-236), and Litanies (237-238). Hymns divided by seasons and categories (239-893); Daily Lectionary for each of our three year cycles (1,121-1,153); Scripture & Worship (1,154-1,159) Luther's Small Catechism (1,160-1,167); and various indexes (1,168-1,211).

A new portion of the worship service will be introduced

each month. During the prelude time we will practice singing one part of the service for a month and use it during the worship service. The second and succeeding months, we will introduce an additional portion of the service during the prelude and use parts learned by that time during worship. The other portions of the service will be from the green hymnal and printed in the bulletin. We will introduce about one part per month for the first six months in the following order and, by using this plan, we will be able use the entire first setting by July.

"Lamb of God"	Page 112
"Great Thanksgiving" and "Holy, Holy"	107-108
"Let your steadfast love"	103
"Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace"	113
Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast"	101
"Kyrie" and the Gospel acclamation	98, 102
Hymn of Praise "Glory to God"	99

The hymnals will be dedicated on Sunday, January 7, 2007.

The Worship Team would appreciate any comments on the process of introducing the new hymnal. You are invited to dedicate a hymnal or any of the additional Hymnal resources that have been purchased.

THANK YOU

A great many thanks are due to all of you who participated in the installation service! Especially to the Chancel Choir and the Bells of Irving Park for their hard work and extra hours.

I want to make sure to say a special thank-you to the Boers Family, Johnson Family, Lundquist Family, and Nelson Family- all who worked tirelessly on getting the parsonage ready for such a lovely evening! I am incredibly honored to be the pastor of Irving Park Lutheran and look forward to our many years of ministry together.

Pastor Petersen

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND A LIVING WAGE

At the special congregational meeting on November 5, 2006, the Church Council was charged with adopting a policy regarding the hiring of union versus nonunion firms and ensuring all workers are fairly compensated. The Council, in turn, has asked John Stumme and David Hall to lead the adult education class in discussions of the issue of social justice and a living wage.

We are pleased to announce that Sister Barbara Pfarr, the organizing director of Chicago Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues, has accepted an invitation to join the Sunday morning adult Bible study class. Please consider joining us Sunday January 14 at 9:00am in Victory Hall to discuss these important issues in the future life of our church.

Epiphany of the Lord

The word epiphany comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, which means appearance or manifestation. It is an important word for liturgical churches. Epiphany is observed annually on January 6. It refers to the wise men, who were the first Gentiles to see the manifestation of God's appearance in the baby Jesus.

In the early church, January 6 was a day for baptism. The central significance of Epiphany is that Christ came as the Light of the World, not just for the Jews but for Gentiles as well. Christ's light is for all.

In France, to celebrate Epiphany, children from Christian homes often put oats in their shoes on the evening before January 6. The oats are for the camels of the "Wise Men." When they awake the next morning, the children hope to find the oats gone and gifts left in their shoes.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Did you even know that IPLC had a men's basketball team. We hear about the award winning ladies volleyball team, but now we have a men's team. Their schedule follows. Let's get out and be athletic supports for women and men.

Jan 7 versus Christ/Messiah at 2:30pm
Jan 14 **BYE**
Jan 21 versus St John's at 2:30pm
Jan 28 versus Grace at 3:45pm

Three playoff games based on where we finish, and will be held Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18. These may not be at Luther North.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Women's Volleyball begins in January!

Practices will be held beginning Friday, January 5 at 7:00 pm and the first game is on Sunday, January 7. Please contact Sue Geisler at 773.685.4571 if you are interested in playing with the team. Everyone is invited to practice on Friday nights starting at 7:00.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

It's Girl Scout Cookie order time is here. Rev up your appetite...Can you smell the thin mints now? What's your favorite cookie? An order form is posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in Victory Hall. Cookies are \$4.00/box. A portion of the money from the orders will help all girls go camping in May to Juniper Knoll in East Troy, Wisconsin. Money will need to be collected **BEFORE** the orders are placed. Cash or checks made out to Junior Troop #279 will be collected for the orders on Sundays, January 7 and 14 before church, during coffee hour in Victory Hall. Please show your support to our girls. Thanks.

Jonna Brodersen
Junior Girl Scout Troop #279
Brownie Girl Scout Troop #360



NEWS OF THE INTERFAITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR...

By Lee Samsami Stein

On Sunday, December 10th, the Interfaith Children's Choir of Irving Park performed as part of the Fine Arts Committee's 1st event of the season. Bill Gordon directed the nine children in the choir, who sang with the skill, soul, and energy of a seasoned choir of many.

Sadly, this was Bill's last day with ICCIP. We at Irving Park thank Mr. Gordon for six years of dedication to this rare and wonderful outreach. As one of the founders of ICCIP, he is undoubtedly gifted in the area of musical education, and his knowledge and appreciation of all musical styles, his dynamic energy, skill, and imaginative teaching captures the hearts of all. We send him our best wishes for success in all of his future endeavors. Thank you Bill!

We invite all boys and girls, from 2nd through 8th grades, of all faiths and all neighborhoods, to join the Interfaith Children's Choir of Irving Park. No experience necessary and no auditions required! The first rehearsal for the winter session will begin on Wednesday, January 10th from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. They will continue weekly here at IPLC.

MORE INTERFAITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

I would like to add my thanks to Lee's article for the six years of dedication from Bill Gordon. I am proud to be able to call Bill a friend and will miss him greatly as the director of the Children's Choir. The Choir has gone through many transitions and will need to go through another one.

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Lee Stein as the Administrator of the Children's choir. As you are aware, Lee has done an incredible job organizing IPLC's summer program, "Magic Mushroom." I know she brings the same energy and dedication to the Children's Choir.

I was hoping to announce a new director in this issue, but at publication date the committee is very close but not able to announce. Hopefully you will have found a late printed flyer in this issue that announces the name of the new director. The committee has interviewed a number of very interesting and qualified candidates. The choice is not easy.

Please support this very worthwhile endeavor by your encouragement, attendance and helping to get the word out.

Thanks
Roger Bingaman

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING by Ralph Greenslade

Our "Return to Sender" World War II letters program is up and running. So far, IPLC has been able to return many of the letters written by about 250 of our 388 members who served our country during WWII.

Letters were received by 15 families, including nine to the original letter writers!

Veterans who received their letters include John Milton Anderson, Richard L. Anderson, Reuben Erickson, John Fridlund, John Greenslade, Chester Hammerberg, Paul Hammerberg, Ray Helgeson and LeRoy Smith. Other letters were written by (and returned to): Arthur Carlson (widow Janet Carlson); Robert De Grave (sister Lee Granell); Alfred Holmquist (daughter Holly Lundquist); Calvin Johnson (widow Enid Johnson); Al Kaad (nephew Bruce Anderson); and Joshua Oden Jr. (son Joshua Oden III).

We are eager to track down as many of the letter writers as possible. The list of letter writers was in the December Tidings.

One of our correspondents was Eugene R. Sriver, a member of the IPLC Confirmation Class of 1936. His story was especially compelling.

Mr. Sriver was a Second Lieutenant with the Army Air Corps. He was writing, as he put it, to Pastor Joshua Oden from "somewhere in England." Here's a small sampling of Mr. Sriver's letters:

From Feb. 4, 1943: "I have but five weeks of bombardier training left. We are flying at night and going to school during the day. I enjoy flying, and my work on the bombsight. It's very interesting. I'm sorry that regulations restrict me from telling you about it."

From Oct. 29, 1943: "Back in training, I wasn't as conscious of my God as I could have been, often neglecting Him for some earthly thing. But here, now, one seems to turn almost without thought to Him. Though we haven't a chapel, and our weekly services are held in a mess hall, the time spent is certainly not lost. But for myself, I like more than anything in the evening before retiring to sit on my bunk and read a



Eugene R. Sriver

few chapters of the Bible or seek some favorite verse in the book you sent to me, and that I have come to know and love."

A few months later, on Feb. 24, 1944, Mr. Sriver and his nine other crew members were shot down as they participated in a bombing raid on Nazi munitions plants in Gotha, Germany. Two of his crewmates were killed, and he and the other seven were captured. He spent 14 months as a prisoner of war until the Nazis surrendered.

Mr. Sriver was back at IPLC on July 15, 1945, and brought back many mementoes from the prison camp. He had the honor of removing the orange star that was on the IPLC service flag. The orange star signified that he had been a prisoner of war. He replaced it with a blue star.

After a bit of sleuthing on the Internet, we located a Eugene R. Sriver in South Bend, Ind., and were hoping that it was our letter writer. A call was placed, but it turned out to be a different Eugene R. Sriver. We'll keep trying, and keep you posted!

* Editor's note: Right at publication's deadline Mr. Sriver's nephew has been located in Evanston.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MIDWEEK COORDINATOR

Happy New Years! Out with the old, in with the new! This is the approach for many of us across the nation and throughout the world. We, here at Irving Park Lutheran Church have recently experienced this transition with the call, ordination and installation of our very own Pastor Petersen. What a blessing!

For Midweek worship, this means the welcoming not only of the new pastor, but of new possibilities for the congregation. We welcome the breaking of the bread with the addition of Holy Communion. We welcome our Pastor filled with the spirit that stirs and has been awakened within us for what is yet to come. We welcome all who desire to open themselves for the possibilities of renewal throughout the week with the use of their talents and the presence of their spirit.

We pray for peace, joy, justice and love for all who seek Christ. Wishing you a joyous and spirit filled new year!

A reminder that Midweek begins;

* the new year on Thursday, January 4, 2007.

* monthly potluck and musical worship with

FAITHCHICAGO is Thursday, January 25th, beginning at 6:00 PM in Victory Hall.

INSTALLATION ANNOUNCEMENT

On January 7th we will install all those people who assist and lead our worship here at Irving Park. Included are those who sing in the choir, play the bells, sing in the ensemble, lector, bring the gifts, usher, assist with communion... the list goes on and on! Please plan to attend worship on the 7th for this very important installation!

JANUARY 2007

- 1 Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21
- 2 2 Chronicles 7:1-11
- 3 Luke 8:16-21
- 4 Ezekiel 43:1-12
- 5 Hebrews 9:1-14
- 6 **Epiphany**
Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12
- 7 Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 8 Judges 4:1-10, 12-16
- 9 Judges 5:12-21
- 10 Luke 11:33-36
- 11 Numbers 27:1-11
- 12 1 John 2:1-11
- 13 Psalm 106:1-12
- 14 Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11
- 15 Isaiah 54:1-8
- 16 Jeremiah 3:19-25
- 17 Luke 5:33-39
- 18 Song of Solomon 4:9—5:1
- 19 1 Corinthians 1:3-17
- 20 Psalm 145
- 21 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21
- 22 Jeremiah 36:1-4, 20-26
- 23 Jeremiah 26:27-32
- 24 Luke 4:38-44
- 25 Isaiah 61:1-7
- 26 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
- 27 Psalm 119:89-96
- 28 Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30
- 29 1 Kings 17:8-16
- 30 2 Kings 5:1-14
- 31 Luke 19:41-44

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

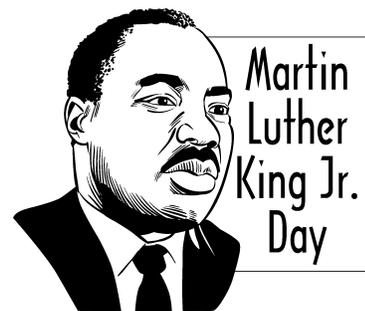
Marie & Lloyd DaMask—January 23, 1954

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Katharine Johnson
- 3 John Johnson
- 4 Scott Propst
- 5 Daniel Anderson, Kris Swanson
- 6 Leslie Raygor
- 9 Dorothy Cooper
- 10 Richard Wielock
- 14 Jose Beltran
- 15 Victoria Swanson
- 16 Heather Smith Grattan, Catherine Tognazzi
- 21 Lloyd DaMask
- 23 Nils Clausen
- 24 Joey Crook
- 26 Eric Hjelmgren
- 27 Loretta Cwiertnia
- 28 Frieda Lee Stevenson
- 29 George Tognazzi

Special dates

New Year's Day, January 1, 2007
Epiphany, January 6, 2007
Baptism of the Lord, January 7, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 15, 2007
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2007



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am-Chapel, Sunday School,
Adult Studies
10:30 am-Traditional Service
11:45 am-Ensemble rehearsal

MID WEEK WORSHIP

Thursdays at 7:00

At the Congregational Council meeting on December 11, it was decided that all team meetings should take place on the same night. It was then decided that night would be the fourth Tuesday of the month. Beginning January 23, all teams will meet on the fourth Tuesday. Each team may decide what time those meetings will take place with a start time between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

JANUARY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office is Closed	2	3 7:00 Girl Scouts, Bells of Irving Park 8:00 Chancel Choir, Grace Praise	4 11:00 Hope Circle 3:00 MAP 7:00 Midweek 7:30 B. Ball	5 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	6 10:30 Confirmation 10:30 Basketball
7*	8 3:00 MAP 7:00 Explorers 7:30 congregational Council	9 3:00 MAP 7:00 Cub Scouts 8:00 Basketball	10 9:00 Jammin' with Julie 3:00 MAP 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Bells, Girl Scouts 8:00 Chancel, Grace Praise	11 3:00 MAP 7:00 Midweek 7:30 B. Ball	12 9:00 Jammin' with Julie 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	13 10:30 Basketball
14*	15 3:00 MAP 7:00 Explorers 7:00 Miriam Circle	16 3:00 MAP 6:00 MAP Meeting 7:00 Cub Scouts 8:00 Basketball	17 9:00 Jammin' with Julie 3:00 MAP 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Bells, Girl Scouts 8:00 Chancel, Grace Praise	18 3:00 MAP 7:00 Midweek 7:30 B. Ball	19 9:00 Jammin' with Julie 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	20 10:30 Confirmation 10:30 Basketball
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Please Check the Web-site and the bulletin for updates.

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Sunday:
9:00 am Sunday School, Chapel and
Adult Studies
10:30 Holy Communion

Thursday, Midweek Worship
7:00 pm

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