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FROM THE PASTOR

WE CONFESS God created the universe for us. Earth, within the vast universe – a place presently for us to live.

WE BELIEVE in the Old Testament prophecy of God's eventual visitation. His Coming would reveal how best to live our life upon this place.

During Advent we prepare for this Coming. Christmas is our celebration of Messiah Come. Epiphany informs: his coming was through Israel for the world; for us. Lent is about God in Christ giving his life. Easter: God in Christ giving *us* life.

And Pentecost – we are become able to give *our life*, daily, in his name.

WE CLAIM as Christians, finally, this God of creation and revelation and of our worship, *is God with us today* who enables us.

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It is this faith of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and with which we engage daily life, that is generated and maintained and proclaimed through our church lives together.

The activities of church council, teams, committees, organizations, and ministries evidence the work among us of God's Spirit that grows faith and enables faithful lives. Our worship together Midweek and Weekend becomes our celebration – the people's song to God – preceding our re-entry into the world as God's People.

At our birth the universe is readied, already by God, for us. At our baptism we are entered into the life of God's church and begin the journey that prepares us for the world today and the whole realm of God beyond.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN / Page Six As you know, my journey and Gina's together with IPLC ends Sunday, June 26. We plan to reside just outside Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and in Gaithersburg Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C. One of the many things I look forward to doing is reflecting back now and then on the privilege that has been mine to have been a parish pastor. Part of that has been church life, i.e., walking in ministry together, with you. We will ever remember, and invite you to remember with us, that in being disciples of Jesus Christ, we shall nonetheless and always walk together as Christians in this world and beyond.

“ . . . the one through whom God created the universe . . . ”

Hebrews 1:2

Sunday Schools News

Sunday, May 22, 2005 was the last day of Sunday School classes until the Fall. It was celebrated with an overview and awards ceremony during the 10:30 worship service.

Dennis Sherlock, a third grader, described a typical morning in Sunday School and then spoke of the Tsunami Relief service project the students were involved in this Spring. Students decided to sell plant bulbs to make money and add to that their Sunday offering. All in all, a check for \$878 was sent to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Tsunami Relief from our students.

Our next speaker was Kylie Nieves, an eighth grader who told about the West Walker garage sale that was held on May 14th. The students collected their old toys and books and sold them along with taffy apples at a stand set up outside of the gym. They collected \$105 that was given to the Capital Drive for IPLC.

Our third student speaker was, Michael Monroe, who told of our project that helped the soldiers in Iraq. One of the couples, Robert and Dawn Boers, in our church notified the Sunday School that their son, Brian was in Iraq and in need of a list of things. The items needed were both supplies the soldiers need when they go out on patrol, as well as, toys and goodies they need to take with them when searching homes of citizens. The children are scared and they relax a little if the soldiers have small gifts for them. A plea for

donations was placed the Sunday School newsletter and the church bulletin and the response was overwhelming. Michael also told of his older brother, Nicholas, who collected items from his school and brought them for us to add to our large collection of goods. On May 8, the 5, 6, 7, and 8th grade classes along with their teachers, Sue Geisler and Sandra Stumme, under the direction of the Boers and Brian's wife, Allison, packed up 21 boxes of supplies to send to Brian and his fellow soldiers. It filled the Boers van and cost \$233 to ship. That money was also donated by the many generous people who responded to our plea!

The morning festivities continued with the students singing a medley of songs, awards were handed out to the students for their attendance, and special recognition goes to MICHAEL MONROE and CAITLIN LIUBIN for Perfect Attendance! Finally, each student received a carnation to give to their parents, or relative or whoever it is who brings them to Sunday School and thereby honors the vow they made at baptism, to Teach the child about God!

Thank You to the teachers, Sandra Stumme, Sue Geisler, Dawn Benson, Deann Sherlock, Rebecca Haneberg, Nancy Curtis, Cam Steffen, Darcie Wadycki, Ray Helgeson, and to others who help in Sunday School, Nancy Hall, Marie Grunst, Holly Van Essen, Lee Stein and Sara Anderson. We have a great Sunday School because of your commitment to our children.

Sincerely, Lynette Schroeter



Pastor Suter Retires Reception scheduled for June 26

Pastor Suter and Gina will be moving full time to Wisconsin. Pastor will retire and his last day with Irving Park Lutheran Church is Sunday June 26. Please plan to join us after the 9:30 am service for a celebration of Pastor's 40 years in the ministry. Stay tuned for further information.

Magic Mushroom needs basic gym supplies!

If you have baseballs, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, bases, hoola hoops, jump ropes, or any kind of indoor/outdoor game equipment useful for gym class, please show your generosity by donating to IPLC's Magic Mushroom. MM is Irving Park's leading summer bible program, serving the children of the Irving Park community and beyond for thirty years! You may leave your donations in the box located in Victory Hall, marked "Magic Mushroom GYM." Thank you in advance!



New Banner Book

The Altar Guild wishes to express deep appreciation to Carl Nelson for his dedication and long hours of photographing, organizing and researching the church banners, and for compiling a new reference book containing this information. Thank you, Car, for a job well done.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Like every congregation, Irving Park Lutheran Church members are used to adjusting to changes in the ministry. It's a safe bet to say no future pastor will be able to match the 61-year record of Dr. Joshua Oden (IPLC pastor from July 1, 1908, until 1955, and pastor emeritus until his death on Sept. 22, 1969).

Let's take a closer look at life at IPLC in 1955, the first year under Dr. Gerald K. Johnson, who was installed on Sunday, Jan. 23, 1955. And, more specifically, let's focus on June, 1955, because there was plenty going on 50 years ago at the corner of Belle Plaine and Harding.

Eighteen members of the Confirmation Class, including Nancy Ann Moe (also known as current choir member Nancy Johnson), were confirmed on June 5. That day also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Confirmand Reunion Society of IPLC, a group that met on every Confirmation Day to remember their Confirmation vows and get reacquainted with their old friends.

Pastor and Donna Johnson took a trip to Grand Forks, N.D., to share in the dedication festivities for Augustana Lutheran Church, where Pastor Johnson was first called. Rev. M.W. Gustafson filled in for Pastor Johnson on June 12.

The Church Council decided to discontinue the 11:15 a.m. Sunday service from June 12 until Labor Day. There still was a 10 a.m. service and a 9 a.m. Swedish service, which continued until the end of June.

The annual Father and Son Dinner was held June 16 in the Educational Building.

The annual Congregational Outing, an outdoor worship service and picnic, was held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, at Dam No. 4 at Devon and River Road. Some of the prizes included teepee tents, cameras, swimming masks, jewelry sets and ice chests.

Also on June 19, Pastor Oden turned 75. In addition to his role as pastor emeritus, Pastor Oden became the executive director and counselor of the Swedish Old People's Home in Evanston.

The IPLC softball team played its games at Winnemac Park.

The Swedish Choral Club, directed by former IPLC choir director Harry T. Carlson, performed June 25-26 at the Grand Park Band Shell.

—Ralph Greenslade

Confirmation Class member **Jessica Greenslade** was one of two students selected to represent Marie Murphy Junior High School of Wilmette at Tech 2005, a state-sponsored event focusing on technology in Illinois classrooms held May 19 at the Capitol Rotunda in Springfield. Jessica was chosen for her work with digital imaging. Among other dignitaries, Jessica also got to share some of her knowledge with Illinois Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn.



Illinois Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn meets IPLC Confirmation Class member Jessica Greenslade at the Tech 2005 exhibit in the Capitol Rotunda in Springfield.



Gerald Johnson
Pastor at IPLC
1955-59

"There's a place for us"

concert held on Sunday April 24, 2005 was a fun filled event attended by family, friends and colleges at Irving Park Lutheran Church. What a wonderful way to spring into the year destined to be filled with the glorious sounds of music!

The concert featured vocals from Country pop artist Anna Fermin, the smooth, jazz vocals of Frieda Lee, the contemporary gospel artistry of Dwan K. Buetow and introduced pop vocals by Ms. Dana M. Buetow. Together we hoped to touch the hearts and lives of our audience in ways that would last a life time.

We were joined on stage by Guitarist Dale Tippett, Jr., Keyboard player Alton Smith, Drummer Tim Clark and classical/musical theater vocalist and Pianist Mr. Carl Chadek.

The concert was followed by a refreshments in Victory Hall provided by Eleanor Barrett, Eleanor Kepp, Alison Freels and Holly Lundquist.

We are grateful and blessed for everyone that took time out of their busy lives to support us in concert, including the office staff here at Irving Park Lutheran Church who was able to provide the beautiful bulletins used for the event.

We look forward to providing more concerts in the near future.

May peace and the sweet sounds of music be yours forever,

Ms. Dwan K. Buetow

Bible quiz

Ephesians 6:2 mentions one of the Ten Commandments as being "the first commandment with a promise." The commandment is the fifth which reads: "Honor your father and mother."

Which of the statements below is the promise?

- A. "So that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."
- B. "So that you will have a happy home life."
- C. "So that they may be proud of you. Always."
- D. "So that you may learn and grow from their wisdom."

Hint: The answer is in Ephesians 6:3.



Answer: A

Let us know peace



Let us know peace
For as long as the moon shall rise
For as long as the rivers shall flow
For as long as the sun will shine
For as long as the grass shall grow.

Let us know peace.
—Native American prayer

Graduation Sunday

is June 19. Please notify the church office if you know of any graduates. That is from any kind or age of school.



The Albany Park Neighborhood Council & World Relief

are organizing a FREE Citizenship Workshop for residents who would like to become Citizens. By becoming a US Citizen you can be protected from deportation, travel with fewer restrictions, sponsor more family members, and gain the right to vote! If you want to become a Citizen, attend the Free Citizenship Workshop on Saturday, June 4, 10AM-1PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church at 4432 N. Troy, near Montrose & Kedzie. To find out if you are qualified and to register call Albany Park Neighborhood Council at (773) 583-1387

MAY 2005

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

- 1 Matthew 7:13-20
- 2 Job 18:12-28
- 3 Romans 3:9-22a
- 4 Psalm 52
- 5 Hosea 5:15—6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- 6 Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2
- 7 Hosea 14:1-9
- 8 Matthew 12:1-8
- 9 Leviticus 15:25-31; 22:1-9
- 10 Hebrews 13:1-16
- 11 Psalm 40:1-8
- 12 Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100,, Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8
- 13 Joshua 1:1-11
- 14 1 Samuel 3:1-19
- 15 Luke 6:12-19
- 16 Proverbs 4:10-27
- 17 2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5
- 18 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
- 19 Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-18
Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39
- 20 Jeremiah 26:1-12
- 21 Jeremiah 38:1-13
- 22 Matthew 10:5-23
- 23 Micah 7:1-7
- 24 Revelation 2:1-11
- 25 Psalm 6
- 26 Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42
- 27 1 Kings 21:1-16
- 28 1 Kings 21:17-29
- 29 Matthew 11:16-24
- 30 Jeremiah 18:1-11

ADDRESS CHANGES

Linda Frederick
Call Church office for
information.

Meagan & Isaac Sporrang
Call Church office for
information.

DEATHS

Gerda Elk passed away on May 19. Gerda's husband was the custodian of IPLC. She was a Sunday School Teacher and 1955's mother of the year. A memorial service will be held June 11, at 11:00 am at Peace Lutheran , 349 Welegge C t. Burlington WI. Memorial should be addressed to Peace or IPLC.

YOUTH BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/4/95 - Laura Jennison
- 6/10-01 - David Hall, III
- 6/13/99 - Caitlin Liubin
- 6/13/99 - Frances Orenic
- 6/19/94 - Emily Anderson
- 6/21/92 - Jessica Greenslade

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- Lee & Mitch Stein - June 1, 1996
- Sandra & John Stumme - June 5, 1966
- Lois & George Schill - June 18, 1952
- Grace & Richard Wielock - June 18, 1960
- Linda & Rolf Larson - June 19, 1976
- Deborah & Frank Jennison - June 29, 1986
- Loretta & Chet Cwiertnia - June 30, 1984

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Michael Monroe, Deann Sherlock
- 7 Ethan Stein
- 8 Elmer Haneberg, Judy Nelson, Doris Peterson
Erik Swanson
- 9 Gunter Grunst
- 10 Aidan Badinger, Janet Biggs
- 11 Russell Jackson
- 12 Brian Glure
- 13 Bernice Cummings, Lisa Swanson
- 15 John Larson
- 17 Arthur Davis, Tom Smith
- 18 Karen Frank
- 20 Alex Schroeter, Dolores Speaker
- 22 Chris Richard
- 23 Dennis Holmquist
- 24 Alexis Alexander
- 25 Jasmin Carrasquillo, Jill Hjelmgren
June Nelson, Dorothy Swanson
- 28 Stephanie Ricoy, Abram Stumme

Summer Schedule

Sunday:

9:30AM Worship

Thursday:

7:00 PM Service

7:45 PM Study

6/2, 9 & 16

At Mid-week This Month

Thursday June 2nd, Bill Gordon and the IPCCC will join midweek for a special musical performance. Midweek will host a special potluck supper with musical performances by Faith & Bill Gordon IPCCC in honor of Pastor Sutter on Thursday June 23rd.

Our Midweek musicians are June 2nd Steve Nixon, message by Isaac Sporrang, June 9th musician Dale Tippett, Jr. message by Meagan Sporrang, Thursday June 16th Dale Tippett, Jr. the message is still open. Thursday June 23rd musicians, Faith & ICPPP. Thursday June 30th, no midweek (4th of July weekend).

June 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Stewardship, Bells, Girl Scouts 8:00 Chancel	2 7:00 Mid-week 7:45 Study	3 8:00 Alkies Only	4 10:30 Basketball
5 9:30 Worship 3:00 Hjelmgren- Crook Wedding	6 7:30 Congregational Council	7	8 7:00 Bells 8:00 Chancel	9 6:00 Stewarding (Mission Ministry) 7:00 Mid-week 7:45 Study	10 8:00 Alkies Only	11 10:30 Basketball
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Worship Team	13	14 6:00 Ministering (Mission Ministry)	15 7:00 Bells 8:00 Chancel	16 7:00 Mid-week 7:45 Study	17 7:00 Music Dept. Party 8:00 Alkies Only	18 10:30 Basketball
19 9:30 Worship (Graduation Sunday) 	20	21	22 7:00 Bells 8:00 Chancel	23 6:00 Potluck 7:00 Mid-week	24 8:00 Alkies Only	25
26 9:30 Worship 11:00 Reception for Pastor Suter	27	28	29	30		

Please check weekly bulletin for updates.