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A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

June is a month of changes! Not only will we enter into that long stretch of green ordinary time in our church calendar, but we will usher in the beginning of summer. The earth will bring forth vegetation, we will find ourselves spending weekends outside again, enjoying the sun, the air, and the water. Summer can be that time when work schedules slow down, we take much needed vacations, we rest and renew our spirits.

Summer is often a time of abundance. With longer days, we find more time. With rain and sun, we find rich fruits and vegetables at our farmer's market. At the same time, summer is also the time when our congregation answers the door more often to people looking for food and work. There is certainly abundance for some, but scarcity is the reality for many of our brothers and sisters.

True abundance is found in the life of the community. In the Acts texts we read recently, we hear the story of a community of believers who broke bread together and shared all they had with glad and generous hearts. True abundance, for our community of disciples, is found when we learn to share with one another the many gifts with which God has blessed us. Irving Park Lutheran is blessed with an abundance of talents and treasures, and we are seeking to discover what God's purpose is for the abundant gifts we have been given.

In May we gathered together on a Saturday to pray, read Scripture, and dialogue about what we think God's purpose is for this place. (You can visit Victory Hall and read what some of our answers were!) During these coming weeks of summer, we will hear from the Gospel of Matthew what some of the followers of Jesus discovered about God's purpose. The Gospel of Matthew is often considered to be a teaching gospel, and through our readings of it, we will confront themes of discipleship, vocation and understanding. In our congregational life the gospel will feed our spirits as we continue to pray and talk about what God is doing in our midst. Join us as we experience the abundance of God in this place!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Petersen

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

To some, 10 years ago may seem like an eternity. To others, it seems like only yesterday.

Here's a glimpse of what was happening at IPLC back in the late spring/early summer of 1998:

* The IPLC staff included Rev. Kendrick Wm. Suter, Pastor; Roger Bingaman, Director of Music; Richard Plambeck, Custodian; Dwan Buetow, Director of the Contemporary Ensemble and Children's Choir; Frieda Durnberger, Bookkeeper; and Kristine Krause, Editor of the Tidings.

* The Tidings was published twice a month.

* J. Albert Larson, who was named Councilperson Emeritus for his many years of service, died April 27, 1998, in Cambridge, Minn., just weeks before his 100th birthday. One of Mr. Larson's many accomplishments was doing the beautiful plaster work on the ceiling in the chapel.

* Four generations of the Frank Esposito family were present on April 26 when the stained glass art in the chapel was dedicated in memory of the former Church Council member.

* Sunday School Recognition Sunday took place June 7 at the 10:30 worship service, with a picnic following at Independence Park.

* Five members successfully completed the Sunday School kindergarten class. The same five (Ellen Anderson, Jessica Greenslade, Max Haneberg, Michael Monroe and Kurt Schroeter) stayed together throughout elementary school and were confirmed at IPLC in 2006.

* Graduates were honored at the 9:30 worship service on June 14.

* Lois Schill was helping recruit IPLC members to take part in the Greater Chicago Food Depository's Walk to Fight Hunger on June 20.

* Magic Mushroom registration was under way.

* The boiler fund drive had raised \$18,078 of its \$34,800 goal.

* Seven Sunday School students were getting ready to spend part of their summer at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Camp. The students were Dana Buetow, Alex Haneberg, Alex Schroeter, Dennis Holmquist, Stephanie Lamont, Molly Haneberg and Becky Krause.

– Ralph Greenslade

Attention all confident readers! Lectors for June 15 through October 19 are needed. If you are willing to serve on any of these Sunday's (limit 2), please place your name on the Lector Sign Up Sheet located in the narthex. You will receive the lessons to be read during the week prior to your scheduled date either by email or by regular mail. Remember to write down the date that you are signing up for!

MAGIC MUSHROOM UPDATE

Magic Mushroom is well on its way, with 96 children enrolled this year!

Classes begin on July 7th and run through the 31st. Special events this summer include a performance of musical merriment by Joel Frankel, a hop on the jumping jack in the playlot (courtesy of the office of Ald. Margaret Laurino), a field trip to Kohl's Children's Museum, and of course, the Annual Campfire Singalong! The theme of this year is Rainforest Adventure--look for more updates in Tidings this summer, as the program progresses.



Mark your calendars for the following special dates:

Sunday, June 15th, is Father's Day. This is the perfect time for you to donate to this fabulous program, in its 33rd year! Look for special Magic Mushroom envelopes. In addition, during this service you can be present for the installation of the 2008 staff of Magic Mushroom.

Sunday, July 20th, is Magic Mushroom Sunday, where you can hear Magic Mushroom children perform!

All of these are during the 9:30 a.m. worship service so make room in your schedule!

50 YEARS?!?

This year, long time IPLC pastor, Ross Larson, will celebrate his 50th year of ordination. We are honored to have him join us for worship on July 13th, when we will have the opportunity to hear him preach in the IPLC sanctuary once again! Please join us for worship on the 13th at 9:30 am, and bring a congratulations card or a note about how Pastor Larson was a part of your faith journey here at IPLC. We will have coffee and cake immediately following worship.

A FATHER'S INFLUENCE

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend.

Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend!



FROM THE DESK OF THE MIDWEEK

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: Change. When we hear this word, often times it is perceived as a negative word. During this political season, the word change is supposed to mean "better". What then is the meaning of change?

According to a few web definitions, change means to;

- * undergo a change; become different in essence; losing ones or its original nature;
- * cause to change; make different; cause a transformation;
- * make or become different in some particular way, without permanently losing ones or its former characteristics or essence;

For IPLC Midweek worship, change means moving to a twice monthly schedule for service. Beginning this past May, Midweek worship is held each 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Our monthly pot luck at 6:00 pm, communion and musical worship with FAITHCHICAGO remains on the 4th Thursday. We're joined on special occasions by the GRACE PRAISE DANCERS of IPLC. Finally, we will be on hiatus during the months of July and August, resuming worship on Thursday September 11th.

Midweek embraces in particular the last definition displayed for the word change. We remain dedicated to the word of God, but we have changed how often we meet. We have held steadfast to the concept of our Lutheran Faith, while embracing the essence of God's spiritual direction. It's our prayer that change is a good thing. A change worth praying for.

BLOOPERS that appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

 The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 am. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

IPLC - MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL, MAY 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. **Devotions:** were given by David Hall. **Attendance:** Present: Pastor Brooke Petersen, Phil Bole, Paul Clausen, Sue Geisler, David Hall, Jill Hjelmgren, Eleanor Kepp, Karen Lurie, Lynette Schroeter, Lee Stein, Sandra Stumme, Holly Van Essen, Darcie Wadycki **Excused:** Bruce Anderson, Elmer Haneberg, Bill Sherlock **On Leave:** Noel Nape
The agenda for the night and the minutes from the previous meeting were adopted.

Old Business: Demolition of 4107 N. Pulaski **Paul Clausen** reported that the initial third quote for demolition was from the company that former IPLC boy scout Billy Marino is a Vice President. It was the lowest bid at \$24,000. However the asbestos removal company upon a new inspection of the building has revised their bid from about \$3,000 to \$9,495 since asbestos was found under the stucco. When we get the revised hopefully lower quote from the demolition company because of the change in the asbestos quote **Paul** will send a motion via email for the council to approve. Point of information: At the April 30, 2006 special meeting the cost of the demolition was set as between \$25000 and not to exceed \$35,000.

Website: **Pastor** reported that the website will go live in the next week and a half. Some parts are still under construction. **Karen Lurie** went over her review of the present website and **Pastor** made note of **Karen's** suggestions including placement of Mission Statement. The present website contains pictures of the church windows. The originals can't be found. If anyone has copies please forward them to the Pastor. Information on the council and a council photograph were requested. **Sandra Stumme** and **Darcie Wadycki** will follow up. Also mentioned was whether releases are need to post photos.

Water and Sewer Taxes for 4107 N. Pulaski: **Paul Clausen, David Hall and Phil Bole** will present to the Property Team the desire to retrieve past payments since the property is now off the tax rolls.

ADT: They have replaced the motherboard and the security system has been working better but not perfect. ADT is still trying to work out the problems.

New Business: Organ: A problem has developed with the organ that is relatively small now but if left unattended could be a major expense. **Phil Bole** made the following motion: **Motion to make the recommended repairs to the church organ for \$3,361 by the Berghaus Organ company with the funds coming from the Memorial Fund. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Church Retreat: **Pastor** reported that 24 people representing a good cross-section of the church attended the retreat on Saturday, May 10th. From these beginnings

the Vision Team consisting of **Pastor, Bruce Anderson, Holly Van Essen and Rich Wielock** will meet and synthesis the purposes and principles that the six groups developed. Council will then review their compilations and the results will be unveiled at Rally Day. After that a Vision Task Force will be formed, For now **Holly** will write a recap of the Saturday event for the bulletin and Tidings. **Eleanor Kepp and Darcie** will organize the retreat brainstorming sheets in Victory Hall that the congregation will be encouraged to review.

Refreshments: **David** provided an ample spread of crudités and sweets including his homemade brownies.

Pastor's Report: Two points to highlight from Pastor's written report are the need to form a Seminary Support Committee as outline in the Continuing Resolution proposed in December 2006. Also needed is a Mutual Ministry Committee for the continuing support and evaluation of the Pastor. Two exciting events are Pastor's leading the invocation at the May 14th Chicago City Council meeting and former Pastor Ross Larson's return to preach at IPLC on July 13 in honor of his 50th year in the ministry.

Treasurer's Report: **Sue Geisler** reported that no money was transferred from the Endowment Fund this month. **Phil** requested that the Narthex Fund be transferred to Building Preservation. **Sue** reported that she had to call an Endowment Committee meeting and **Eleanor and she** still had to review options for a new envelope system.

Ministry Team Minutes:

No minutes from Service, Support, Witness or support.

Learning Team: as written

Finance: no meeting

Property: not copied or distributed-**Paul** reported that the Property Team at its next meeting will review Lloyd DaMask's and the team's vision plan that council requested in February and present it to council next month. **Phil** reported that there are problems with the gym boiler. It may be an insurance recovery issue. The team will investigate the severity of the problem and report next month. The city will remove the sidewalk on the south side of church and fill in with dirt for free. **Jill Hjelmgren** brought up the problem of bugs in the gym kitchen. **Phil** stated that the plan is to spray twice a year and the need for groups to report to him when they see bugs in the gym. Stewardship: Meets with Witness. Worship: not copied or distributed. There is a possibility of a need for a new baptismal font.

A motion to accept the team minutes was made, seconded and carried.

For the Good of IPLC: The Pentecost service-the congregation in red, the different languages heard during the service, the music, the singing of the anniversary hymn that brought tears to people's eyes, Pastor keeping the retreat on track

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned before 9:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully Submitted, Darcie Wadycki

JUNE 2008

READINGS FOR THE MONTH

- 1 Third Sunday after Pentecost**
Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28, Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24
Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-31, Matthew 7:21-29
- 2** Joshua 8:30-35
- 3** Joshua 24:1-2, 11-28
- 4** Matthew 7:13-20
- 5** Job 28:12-28
- 6** Romans 3:9-22a
- 7** Psalm 52
- 8 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Hosea 5:15—6:6, Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- 9** Hosea 8:11-13; 10:1-2
- 10** Hosea 14:1-9
- 11** Matthew 12:1-8
- 12** Leviticus 15:25-31; 22:1-9
- 13** Hebrews 13:1-16
- 14** Psalm 40:1-8
- 15 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:23
- 16** Joshua 1:1-11
- 17** 1 Samuel 3:1-19
- 18** Luke 6:12-19
- 19** Proverbs 4:10-27
- 20** 2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5
- 21** Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
- 22 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-18
Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39
- 23** Jeremiah 26:1-12
- 24** Jeremiah 38:1-13
- 25** Matthew 10:5-23
- 26** Micah 7:1-7
- 27** Revelation 2:1-11
- 28** Psalm 6
- 29 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42
- 30** 1 Kings 21:1-16

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Lee & Mitch Stein - June 1, 1996
Kristina & Joey Crook - June 5, 2005
Sandra & John Stumme - June 5, 1966
Lois & George Schill - June 18, 1952
Grace & Rich Wielock - June 18, 1960
Linda & Rolf Larson - June 19, 1976
Debra & Frank Jennison - June 29, 1986
Loretta & Chet Cwiertnia - June 30, 1984

BIRTHDAYS

- 1** Paul Helgeson
- 3** Michael Monroe
Deann Sherlock
- 7** Kristin Kocolowski
Ethan Stein
- 8** Elmer Haneberg
Judith Nelson
Doris Peterson
Erik Swanson
- 9** Guenter Grunst
- 10** Aidan Badinger
- 12** Brian Glure
- 13** Bernice Cummings
Lisa Swanson
- 15** Yazid Ebeid
Jon Larson
- 17** Arthur Davis
Thomas Smith
- 18** Karen Frank
- 20** Alexander Schroeter
Dolores Speaker
- 22** Nathen Sherman
- 23** Dennis Holmquist
- 24** Alexis Alexander
- 25** Jill Hjelmgren
Dorothy Swanson
- 28** Stephanie Ricoy
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JUNE 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Last Day of Sunday School</i>	2	3 7:00 Cub Scouts 8:00 Basketball	4 9:00 Jammin w/Julie 7:00 Girl Scouts, Bells	5 7:30 Women's Book Club	6 9:00 Jammin' with Julie 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 A.A. 9:00 Men's Volleyball	7 10:30 Confirmation, Basketball
8 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Wedding Shower for Pastor Petersen	9 7:30 Council	10 7:00 Cub Scouts 8:00 Basketball	11 9:00 Jammin w/Julie 7:00 Girl Scouts,	12 7:00 Midweek	13 9:00 Jammin' with Julie 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 A.A. 9:00 Men's Volleyball	14 10:30 Basketball
15 9:30 Worship  Father's Day	16 3:00 MAP 7:00 Council	17 7:00 Miriam Circle 7:30 Scout Committee	18 7:00 pm CHOIR PICNIC 	19	20 8:00 A.A. 9:00 Men's Volleyball	21 10:30 Basketball
22 9:30 Worship	23	24 6:00 Team Night 8:00 Basketball	25	26 6:00 Potluck 7:00 Midweek	27 8:00 A.A. 9:00 Men's Volleyball	28 10:30 Basketball
29 9:30 Worship	30	WORSHIP SCHEDULE June 1, 9:00 Chapel, Sunday School, Adult Studies 10:30 Worship June 8 begins 9:30 am-Summer Worship Schedule Midweek 7:00 June 12 and 26 (potluck at 6:00)				

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Sunday, June 1:

9:00 am Sunday School, Chapel and
Adult Studies

10:30 Holy Communion

Beginning Sunday June 8 worship at
9:30 am only.

Midweek Worship:
Thursdays, June 12, 7:00 pm
June 26: Potluck at 6:00 pm
worship at 7:00 pm

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