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A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

When you read this it will be September, the end of the summer season, the month when life for households with children in school picks up speed. School starts, vacations end, familiar activities are taken up again, schedules get busy. There seems to be more to be done. There is sameness about all this in that it happens every year. Sometimes we refer to this as getting back to "normal".

But in the sameness there is something new as well. Children will have new teachers at school. There may be new classmates, a new classroom, new things will be learned. While the pattern of "starting up" happens each year it is never the same.

Here at church we experience the same reality. Sunday School begins on the 10th. Thursday Mid-week begins on the 7th. Chapel service begins on the 17th. Our worship returns to the regular schedule. Confirmation Class begins the 23rd. Other activities pick up again. This happens every year.

However, while the pattern is the same, it is also new each year. Everyone is a year older. New people have joined us. Some have died. New programs are begun. It is never the same, especially this year as we are looking forward to a new Pastor (talk about change!) and all the newness that event brings.

I am thinking about our worship as well. Every week we gather and participate in the liturgy, we share the Holy Supper, we listen to the readings, we sing, we pray. There is a lot of sameness to all this. Some may call it "boring". But is there newness as well? I believe there is. There is newness because the Spirit speaks in unexpected ways to us. There is newness because we hear things differently. There is newness because our lives are always changing. There is newness because the world is always changing around us. I would hope that when we gather each Sunday it is with the awareness of the fact that God wants to speak to us a new word, perhaps a word of hope, grace, instruction, or correction. I would hope that amid what is the same we can be open to the new that God wants to give us.

Pastor Stone

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Greetings IPLC,

My past year in seminary has been quite the experience. I took nine classes last year in topics ranging from Urban Ministry to Lutheran Confessional Heritage. Then this summer I did an internship at Lawrence Hall Youth Services on Francisco and Lawrence. My job at Lawrence Hall was to be a chaplain to youth that are in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) system and they live in group homes on the Lawrence Hall campus. Through this internship I gained hand-on experience, I learned a lot about my self and I got to actually work in a pastoral role for the first time.



This fall I will continue to work at an internship site and continue to work in a pastoral role while I take classes. I have been assigned to be an intern at Christ Evangelical on Wilson and Spaulding for this next school year. I will be helping with worship, parish visits and bible studies. This means that you will not see me around IPLC for most of the school year. I begin my internship on September 3 and it ends the first week in May. I will be back in December while there is a break at school and I plan on having my baby baptized at IPLC after she is born (she is due on December 6).

HELP SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIAN!

On Rally Day, Sunday September 10, a special offering envelope will be distributed to help cover tuition costs for our seminary student, Meagan Sherman-Sporrong. Meagan is beginning her second year of training at the Lutheran School of Theology in Hyde Park. Irving Park has a long tradition of supporting seminary education and we hope you will help her out.

I want to thank every one for their prayers and support during my past year at LSTC. Even though I am not a visible presence at IPLC all the time I do feel like this is still part of my family and my church home. My mom is constantly telling me that people ask about me and want to know how I am and this makes me feel like the church as well as the Spirit is with me through my seminary journey, thank you. I am excited to begin school again in September, and I look forward to my internship at Christ Evangelical. The Spirit is doing great things at IPLC. This can be seen by the hard work of the call committee and the search for a new pastor, by the mission projects and the development of an after school program and by all the members devotion to the church and its activities. I can also feel the same Spirit is with me as I begin my second year of study at LSTC.

God's peace,

Meagan Sherman-Sporrong

MEET PASTORAL CANDIDATE, BROOKE PETERSEN AT RALLY DAY

With great joy, a special congregational meeting has been called for September 24 immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. The objective of the meeting is to vote to call a new pastor.

The congregational council, on the recommendation of the call committee, is recommending that Brooke Noel Petersen be called as IPLC's new pastor.

You will have the opportunity to meet Brooke on Rally Day, September 10 at a reception after the worship service. She will have an opportunity to give a short devotion and to tell us about herself.

Ms Petersen is from Traverse City, Michigan. She is a recent graduate of LSTC and did her internship in Tulsa, OK. While in Tulsa, Brooke worked with the Domestic Violence Intervention Services and at the Cancer Care Team Ministry in Tulsa.

Brooke has lived in Sweden and Kenya and traveled to Israel and Palestine for the Division of Global Mission in Chicago. In Nairobi she worked for the Sisters of Charity Orphanage. Brooke speaks elementary Swedish and Swahili.

Rev. Bob Klonowski, of the Metro Chicago Synod, will preach at the worship service on September 24 and will lead the meeting following the service.

Please prayerfully consider your attendance at both of these important events in our church life.

In Christ,

The Congregational Council

MAGIC AFTER-SCHOOL PLACE

IPLC has been wrestling with the blessing of a huge bequest left to us, as the Lord's stewards, by the Carlson brothers for more than two years now. IPLC made a decision that those funds are to be used to reach out to the Irving Park community.

In May, 2005, about 30 interested members began to outline some ministries that could be undertaken and then met to plan for the development of a separate 501 c3. We are now on the brink of that work being finished. At the same time, the Ministry Development Committee (MDC) has been meeting for more than a year. During this last year Norm Clearfield explored ways that we could connect with our neighborhood and a survey of the community revealed that one project that would be of interest would be to organize an after school program for youth. With the help of Sandra Stumme, Norm wrote the proposal for this program in February. A couple of months later the IPLC congregation council voted to fund the program with undesignated gifts that came from the Carlson estate earlier this year. In July, Norm went on to follow his call to work with HIV positive orphans in Ethiopia.

The MDC formed a steering committee to lead the development of the after school program. The members are: Roberta Bole; Sharon Iverson; Carmen MacKenzie; Sandra Stumme; Valerie Wadycki; and Holly VanEssen. The program director position was advertised and the steering committee interviewed 5 candidates. We have hired two dynamic leaders: Mary Perillo, Program Director and April Pettis, Assistant.

Mary is currently working toward her MA in teaching mathematics and holds a BA from Northeastern Illinois University. She has many experiences with young children as a teacher of reading and mathematics and as part of the after school program at Park View Lutheran School. She has also worked in CPS schools in a special enrichment program. April is a recent graduate of North Park University, where she received a BA in Youth Ministry. April has experience facilitating homework and reading groups, preparing art projects; planning recreational and educational activities. They have already begun planning the program that includes recreation; homework assistance; tutoring; and other activities that will provide educational enrichment for the children involved

The Magic Afterschool Place (MAP) is set to begin September 25, 2006. The staff will recruit 20-30 children from the surrounding community who are currently in the 3rd-6th grades. MAP will be held in the Educational Building (Gym), on Monday-Thursday, from 3PM-6PM. We will try to attract children who would benefit the most from MAP.

MAP is also going to benefit from fresh paint and other improvements through Eagle Scout projects lead by Dan Anderson and Max Haneberg. Volunteer time will be sought to do this work that must be completed very soon. (More details will follow.)

MAP volunteers are also needed to provide a variety of programs. We would invite church members to share a skill with the children such as knitting, sewing, cooking, chess, gardening, etc. MAP will also need other items, listed below, that can be donated at any time. If you have skills and time to share or items to donate, please contact Mary Perillo at mapdirector@aol.com or at (773) 934-1200.

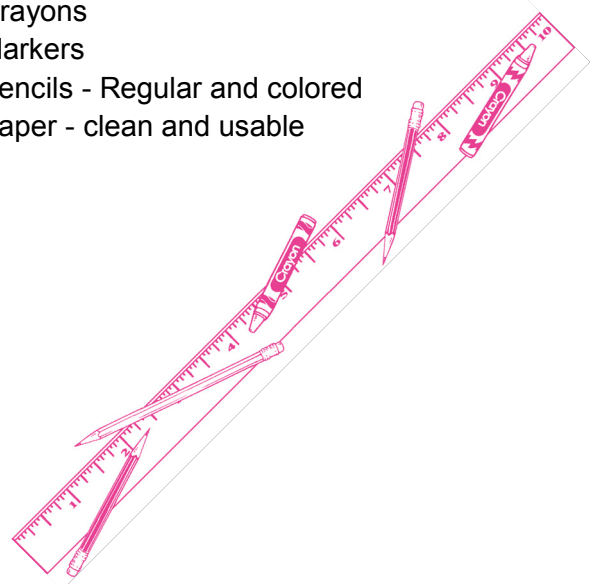
Sharon Iverson
Chair of MAP Steering Committee

MAP NEEDS

Large mixing bowls
Cookie Sheets
Spatulas
10-slice apple slicers
Pancake grills to place on top of the stove

Volleyballs
Volleyball net
Basketballs
Rubber/vinyl bases for baseball

Crayons
Markers
Pencils - Regular and colored
Paper - clean and usable



Magic Mushroom 2006 – It’s a Wrap!

By Lee Samsami Stein

This morning, as I listened to the Pastor’s sermon, one of the points he made was to have faith in abundance. It reminded me of the last four weeks of July. Being a born worrier, there were many times when I thought things wouldn’t work out, but the final result was that things worked out much better than expected. This is definitely true for Magic Mushroom 2006.

For the first time that I can remember, we had a special performance by a talented man named Dr. Gesundheit, and a dance by IPLC’s brand new GRACE Praise dancers. A few days before the performance, I thought we wouldn’t make enough in admission fees to cover the cost of the performance, but on the day of the show, attendance was phenomenal, and cost was no longer an issue. Parents and kids loved the show because it was new and different. I loved it because it was right here in IPLC.

Our field trip to see the “Little Mermaid” at St. Patrick’s Performing Arts Center went well too. Our busses were late, and when I thought we were going to miss the show, we arrived at the theater to find out that the troupe had actually waited for us because there were so many little Magic Mushroom children—76 as a matter of fact!

Our mission projects were another example. Children collected over 200 books for new libraries to be built in the areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Also we had a drive to collect money for Heifer International. I had hoped that we’d bring in enough to buy just one heifer, but instead, children raised enough for two, and then some... \$1,110.00 in all!

The more I think about it, Magic Mushroom was blessed in abundance; abundance in children (101 students), abundance in talented, inspired and hard-working staff (22 teachers, directors and aides), as well as donations, understanding of stories in the bible,

fabulous artwork and sheer fun. We’re blessed to have a large community who truly believes in our program. The closing program was a testament to that fact. The potluck, of course, never fails to deliver an abundance of food. And the children sung their hearts out by the evening’s end.

In retrospect, I realize that all sorts of unexpected problems arose between May and July 27th, and I worried...panicked even, but somehow, every problem was solved. In most cases, the new solution was even better than the old! I have to admit that this year was a lesson for me. That is, God is in control, and I must always keep the faith, because what we are doing is God’s work, and it’s always going to be beautiful.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

In most cases, a picture is worth 1,000 words. But the picture of an IPLC Youth Choir from the late 1950s that was printed in the August edition of the Tidings was worth almost 10,000.

Responses to our request for help in identifying the choir members came pouring in from across the country. Along with the identification tips came many stories of life and times at IPLC in the 1950s, including later memories of Pastor Kenneth Farb. We even heard stories about choir members who had crushes on other choir members! Don’t worry ... some details are better left unreported.

Thanks to tips from Tidings readers (from as far away as Texas, Vernon Hills, Park Ridge and even Harwood Heights!) and to a little digging in the church archives, we’re about 95 percent sure that we’ve been able to put names to 26 of the 27 vocalists who were under the direction of Paul Hansen.

So, if you’re old enough to remember Heckle and Jeckle, Garfield Goose, Little Lulu and Ming The Merciless, get out your copy of the August Tidings and follow along:

Top row, from left: Bill Johnson, Wayne Kucik, Gary Mulder, our only unknown person (although one guess was that he may have been the son of a short-time IPLC custodian who had a heavy German accent), Barbara Kucik, Myrna Boe, Lynn (Noreen) Kozma, Anna Henniges, Jacqueline Gullborg and Britta Lee Lindgren.

Middle row, from left: Wayne Larson, Ron Boe, John Peterson, Nancy (Moe) Johnson, Judy (Franke) Nelson, Linda Roman, Marcia Anderson, Lois Cannistra and Joyce Ketter.

Bottom row, from left: Kay Jean Carlson, Ruth Oudin, Carol Fasulo, Mary Lee Hagland, Susan Seedorf, Norma Jean (Moore) Gates, Dale Thurnell and Jane Callahan.

Most of the choir members were from the Confirmation Class of 1958 (attendance was required), but several were from the Classes of 1957, 1956 and earlier.

A special thanks to Carl and Judy Nelson, Norma Jean (Moore) Gates, Rolf and Linda Larson, Nancy Johnson, Jay, Paul and Karen Greenslade, Mike Callahan and Holly and Larry Lundquist.

– Ralph Greenslade

SEPTEMBER 2006

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

- 1 Ephesians 5:21—6:9
- 2 Psalm 119:97-104
- 3 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15
James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- 4 Exodus 32:1-14
- 5 Exodus 21:15-35
- 6 Mark 7:9-23
- 7 Deuteronomy 4:21-40
- 8 James 1:1-16
- 9 Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
- 10 Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146
James 2:1-17, Mark 7:24-37
- 11 Joshua 6:1-21
- 12 Joshua 8:1-22
- 13 Matthew 17:14-21
- 14 Judges 15:9-20
- 15 Hebrews 11:29—12:2
- 16 Isaiah 38:10-20
- 17 Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38
- 18 1 Kings 13:1-10
- 19 1 Kings 13:11-25
- 20 John 7:25-36
- 21 Isaiah 10:12-20
- 22 James 2:17-26
- 23 Psalm 119:169-176
- 24 Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54
James 3:13—4:2, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37
- 25 2 Kings 5:1-13
- 26 2 Kings 11:21—12:16
- 27 John 8:21-38
- 28 Jeremiah 1:4-10
- 29 James 6:8—5:6
- 30 Psalm 139:1-18

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Mary & David Badinger—September 5, 1987
Karen & Paul Helgeson—September 6, 1987
Deann & Bill Sherlock—September 7, 1991
Ann & Tom Smith—September 10, 1959
Amy & Paul Monday—September 11, 1993
Kris & Ray Helgeson—September 15, 1951
Nancy & Gerard Curtis—September 16, 1995
Gloria & Walter Rucinski—September 16, 1972
Doreen & Davis Welch—September 19, 1992
Marie & Guenter Grunst—September 24, 1988
Dawn & Mitch Benson—September 26, 1992
Kathy & John Johnson—September 26, 1992

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Deborah Jennison
- 2 Alison Freels
- 6 Roger Bingaman
- 8 Eleanor Barrett
- 11 Annette Beltran
- 12 Sue Geisler
- 13 Charnitha Patton
- 13 Anthony Raygor
- 15 Andrew Weir
- 16 Fred Glure
- 18 Rich Palmbeck
- 21 Kylie Nieves
- 24 Bruce Anderson
- 24 Carl Nelson
- 25 Benjamin Bole
- 25 Erik Haneberg
- 29 Mary Badinger
- 29 Gavin Brodersen
- 30 Katrina Grunst

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

9/10 Rally Day and Meet Pastoral Candidate, Brooke Petersen

9/17 The Congregational Council cordially invites you to attend a special Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. In Victory Hall to honor Rich Plambeck's 37 years of loyal service to Irving Park Lutheran Church and to wish him well in his retirement.

9/24 Special congregational meeting to vote for the Pastoral Candidate

SEPTEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Studies, Chapel Worship Service 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:30 Traditional Worship Service 11:30 Ensemble Rehearsal (beginning 9/17)					<i>1</i> 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	<i>2</i> 10:30 Basketball
<i>3</i> 9:30 Worship	<i>4</i> Labor Day Office Closed	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 9:00 Mom & Tots Music 7:00 Bells 8:00 Chancel	<i>7</i> 10:30 Hope Circle 7:00 Mid-week	<i>8</i> 9:00 Mom & Tots Music 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	<i>9</i> 10:30 Basketball
<i>10</i> Rally Day 9:00 Breakfast 10:10 Parade 10:30 Worship 11:45 Meet Brooke Petersen	<i>11</i> 7:30 Council	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 9:00 Mom & Tots Music 4:30 ICCIP 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Bells 8:00 Chancel	<i>14</i> 7:00 Mid-week	<i>15</i> 9:00 Mom & Tots Music 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	<i>16</i> 10:00 Confirmation Parents Meeting 10:30 Basketball
<i>17 *</i> 10:00 Reception for Rich Plambeck 3:00 Jupiter	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 9:00 Mom & Tots Music 4:30 ICCIP 6:00 Girl Scouts, Ministry Development 7:00 Bells 8:00 Chancel	<i>21</i> 6:00 Potluck 7:00 Mid-week	<i>22</i> 9:00 Mom & Tots Music 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	<i>23</i> 10:00 Confirmation Begins 10:30 Basketball
<i>24 *</i> 11:45 Special Congregational Meeting	<i>25</i> 3:00 MAP (Magic After- school Program) Begins	<i>26</i> 3:00 MAP	<i>27</i> 9:00 Mom & Tots Music 3:00 MAP 4:30 ICCIP 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Bells 8:00 Chancel	<i>28</i> 3:00 MAP 7:00 Mid-week FAITHCHICAGO GRACE Praise Dancers	<i>29</i> 9:00 Mom & Tots Music 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	<i>30</i> 10:30 Basketball

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Thursday

7:00 pm Midweek Worship

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Phil Bole	Dwan Buetow
Alison Freels	Sue Geisler
Elmer Haneberg	Sharon Iverson
Eleanor Kepp	Larry Lundquist
Noel Nape	Richard A. Plambeck
Bill Sherlock	Lynette Schroeter
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