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A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

I was reading in the paper today about how the drought in our area could have an upside to it. The article was about the fact that in the dry year we have had so far many ponds have shrunk in size to the point that, if we don't get rain soon, they many not be suitable for rest stops for migratory birds and fowl, such as ducks and geese, who will have to fly further to find resting places where they can land on water. The article pointed out, however, that there is an upside to the smaller ponds. Since the water levels are much lower, it has allowed native grasses and plants that are the traditional foods for the ducks and geese, to flourish and give them lots of food. Further, these native plants, that are submerged and don't germinate when the water is higher, are better food for the ducks. The drought had caused an "explosion" in the wetlands which have been radically altered by years of human intrusion and "improvement".

Reading that article caused me to think about those things that get exposed or have a chance to come to life when the environment is changed. I am thinking about the church, about this congregation. We are now in an altered environment, being between Pastors. Things are different and will be for a while. What will now have a chance to grow, to flourish? How will we do in the altered situation? Will new ideas come forth? Will new energies be aroused? Will new people be empowered? Will new ministries come to life? Will new thoughts be voiced?

And what will be "exposed" about us? That we are a committed people? That we value one another and our life together? That we continue in faithfulness to word and sacrament as the basis of our life in Christ? That it is, as Luther says, the gospel and the Holy Spirit that call us together and keeps us in the Faith?

We do not control the environment, as we learned recently again from Katrina and Rita. But we do respond to the environment. And we respond differently as individuals and as groups. It is my hope that we will respond to this change in our environment in a way which furthers the ministry of Christ through us. I hope that my ministry with you can help in doing that.

God's peace be with you. I'll see you in church.

Pastor Stone

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Now that we're into October under the leadership of interim Pastor Paul Stone, here's an update on Pastor Roger A. Nelson, IPLC's last interim pastor.

Pastor Nelson and his wife, Miriam, joined us on Sept.



Pastor Roger Nelson at the IPLC baptismal font on June 21, 1992.

1, 1991, and stayed until the end of 1992. Pastor Nelson helped guide IPLC after Pastor Richard Poole resigned and before Pastor Kendrick Suter began his tour of duty on Jan. 3, 1993.

So what's up with "retired" Pastor Nelson these days now that he has reached age 80?

"Apparently, I just can't say no," Pastor Nelson said from his current interim post at Wilmette Lutheran Church. He is on his second stop at Wilmette Lutheran Church, and this one has been going on for more than a year.

Before he arrived at IPLC, Pastor Nelson was at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Northbrook (1133 Pfingsten Road) from 1970 until 1989, when he "retired" for the first time. After that, he served in Cameroon before

relocating to downtown Chicago. Next, he helped out at All Saints before filling the pastoral void at IPLC.

"Miriam and I had so many good times and met such wonderful people during our time at Irving Park," Pastor Nelson said. "We think about Irving Park quite often."

The Nelsons were very popular with the Community Friends, Sunday School children and Confirmation Class. One memorable event was when Pastor Nelson took the Sunday School children to see the play "Mr. Popper's Penguins" at the Lifeline Theater on Jan 18, 1992.

After IPLC, the Nelsons moved to their "retirement" home in far northwest suburban Harvard. Since then, he was called to form Spirit of Joy in Marengo, where he stayed 2-3 years ... then he became an assistant pastor in Harvard ... went back into Chicago to serve for almost two years at Luther Memorial (2500 W. Wilson) until 1998 ... relocated to Northbrook ... spent three months at Wilmette Lutheran ... helped out at Resurrection Lutheran in Chicago ... spent one year at Edison Park Lutheran (6626 N. Oliphant)... and now has a curtain call at Wilmette.

With apologies to the late Ricky Nelson, Pastor Nelson definitely is the "Travelin' Man" who has made a lot of stops all over the Chicago area since leaving Belle Plaine and Harding.

If you'd like to drop Pastor Nelson a note, he can be reached at Wilmette Lutheran Church, 521 7th Street, Wilmette, IL. 60091. But do it quickly, because you never know where the next "retirement" phase of his ministry might lead him!

—Ralph Greenslade

Celebrate Halloween at the Albany Park Workers' Center!

Saturday, October 29, 2005
4174 N. Elston Ave. (Elston & Avers)
doors open at 7pm
Entrance: only \$5

The Center is a non-alcoholic, family friendly space, so bring your family and enjoy music, food, and the presentation of an Ecuadorian folkloric dance. This is a great opportunity to support a good cause and enjoy yourself! For more information call: 773-588-2641 and/or stop by the Center to get your tickets in advance. This event is organized by the Albany Park day laborers to raise money for the Albany Park Workers' Center. www.daylaborchicago.com

Latino Union of Chicago's mission is to work with low-income, immigrant workers to provide them with the tools needed to collectively improve their social and economic conditions.

La mision de la Union Latina de Chicago es colaborar con trabajadores(as) inmigrantes de bajos ingresos para proveerles las herramientas necesarias para mejorar de manera colectiva sus condiciones sociales y economicas.

From the desk of Norman Clearfield Ministry Project Coordinator

September proved to be a very busy month in the Ministry Department. Despite our carefully designed timetable to have the apartment at 4112 North Harding available by October 1st, the refugee organization asked if we could be ready by September 22nd, to which we agreed. Many people at IPLC have worked very hard to make this happen. Furniture and supplies were donated and moved, lots of cleaning was done, and the apartment was ready by September 22nd. On the afternoon of September 23rd, we were blessed with the arrival of a family of four from Ethiopia. My heartfelt thanks to so many of you who helped make this dream possible.

We have made significant progress in helping the immigrant family of Henry Akumbe-Njiwah find more permanent housing. Sometime around mid-October, Henry and his family will be moving to a three-bedroom apartment owned by Eleanor Barrett. The church will be helping to subsidize the rent payment, which will allow Henry's family to save enough money for a down-payment on their own house.

We have also been working the Interfaith refugee organization to collect and distribute furniture to additional refugee families coming to Chicago. Discussions have begun about the possibility of housing a family who are homeless as a result of Hurricane Katrina. We are also working with WELCA to funnel excess donations of clothing and furniture to the upcoming rummage sale on October 8th.

On September 25th, the Irving Park Ministerial Association hosted our first annual Community Resource Festival. Due to inclement weather, the event was moved from the parking lot at IPLC to the gymnasium. We had about 12-15 local community organizations represented and approximately 50-60 people attended. Musical entertainment was provided by Faith. Thanks to many of you for

your help and attendance at this event.

On September 24th, Sharon Iverson and I attended the CAPS program training session at St. Patrick's high school, along with over one hundred other participants from local faith-based organizations and block clubs. We received additional insight and training for the neighborhood interview process and were able to network with many people of different faith backgrounds. I am hopeful that we will be able to continue our dialogue and interaction with the local Muslim Community Center.

Sharon has graciously offered to help me coordinate our local neighborhood interview process and we expect to make significant progress on this during the month of October.

The Interfaith Children's Choir of Irving Park started rehearsals again at IPLC in September. This year the choir has at least seventeen participants, including three children from IPLC. Midweek worship has started up again, Faith participated in the community festival on September 25th, and will be performing in concert again at IPLC on November 11th.

I am hoping to facilitate discussions in October about restarting a soup kitchen ministry in the Irving Park neighborhood and strategizing about how we can do a better job of ministering to the homeless population in our community. We also expect the Ministry Teams to start meeting again in October and continue our efforts toward establishing a non-profit organization dedicated to the ministry work of the church.

As always I am extremely grateful for the support of so many in the IPLC community for our ministry work. Your hard work, time, energy, and continued warm support have really empowered the ministry efforts of our church community. I look forward to continuing our journey together in the months ahead.

Peace, Norman Clearfield

Refugee Family Arrives at 4112 North Harding!

On the afternoon of September 23rd, a refugee family originally from Ethiopia arrived at 4112 North Harding. Ejersso Haileyesus Teshome has been living as a refugee in Yemen for the past fourteen years, having left Ethiopia during a time of extreme political instability in 1991. He is joined by his wife Banti, and their two daughters, ages five years and three months.

We are working with the Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries (IRIM) organization to get them settled in our country as quickly as possible. On Friday they will receive English placement testing and will start English classes on Monday morning. We have applied for Social Security cards.

Later in October the entire family will receive a complete health screening, after which the oldest daughter can be enrolled in kindergarten. Our goal is to have the family self-sufficient and moved to a more permanent housing situation in approximately three months.

I was especially moved by the offer of several local neighbors on Harding to provide food and clothing for this family. I am looking to establish a group of people at IPLC who can help me coordinate our ministry services to refugee families. We will have continued needs for providing transportation, support of our families, collecting and distribution of clothing, furniture, and household supplies, and other types of support as needed by the families we are sponsoring. If you are interesting in helping with these ministry efforts please contact Norman Clearfield at the church office.

**The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee
is proud to announce its first concert of the
2005-2006 Performing Arts Series.**

The performance of Divas Del Giorno (Divas of the Day) will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding. There is no admission ticket price for the event though a free will offering is taken to help defray expenses. An informal reception with the performers follows the concert.

Soprano Ann McMann, Mezzo-Soprano Susan Hofflander, and Pianist Celeste Rue will take a journey through the joys, sorrows, friendships, and loves of a woman's life in an afternoon of songs, notable quotes and a few of their own favorite anecdotes! Both women enjoy careers that embrace the concert hall, the opera house, and the musical stage and they are sure to please in a program that is sure to have something for everyone! Alice and Deann Sherlock will join the performers sharing quotes and poems.

This year's concert series is presented in the memory of Virginia McBroom Sekenske who was a faithful supporter of the Fine Arts committee. Mrs. Sekenske's involvement in the Irving Park community spanned many years and included being one of the founding members of the Irving Park Historical Society. Music was an enormous part of her life, both as a performer and as a listener. It is in her honor that a scholarship for area high school musicians has been established and will awarded at the concluding concert in April.

Future concerts in the series, all held at 2:00 p.m. are Ken Lonquist presents "The Old Befana" on December 4, 2005, pianist Mark Valenti on January 29, 2006, The Quintet of the Chicago Brass Choir on February 26, 2006 and Violist Clara Takarabe on March 26, 2006. The final offering will be the first annual Virginia McBroom Sekenske Scholarship concert on April 30, 2006.

Divas del Giorno



Susan Hofflander and Ann McMann.

IS THIS FOR YOU?

The Worship Team is interested in reviving the practice of using Assisting Ministers in our worship each week. Our liturgy is designed for various leadership roles, one of which is Assisting Minister, the parts of the Liturgy marked with an "A".

The Assisting Minister parts of the Liturgy are:

Creed
Offertory Prayer
Dismissal

Payers of Intercession
Post-Communion Prayer,

Assisting Ministers could also lead the Kyrie. They also assist with Holy Communion and with setting and clearing the Altar after Communion. They would be seated in the Chancel and vested.

Some of you may have been an Assisting Minister before, here or elsewhere. We are inviting those who are interested in being a part of this ministry or would like to know more about what is involved, to speak to the Pastor or Jan Glure, Worship Team chair.

When we know who is interested a training session will be set up to answer questions and go through procedures. So... let us hear from you.

If we get a group that is interested in this ministry we are planning to start in Advent, November 27.

Pastor Stone

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

- 1 Psalm 62
- 2 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10
- 3 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36
- 4 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37
- 5 Matthew 20:29-34
- 6 Isaiah 7:1-9
- 7 Revelation 2:12-29
- 8 Psalm 3
- 9 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19
- 10 Numbers 12:1-15
- 11 Leviticus 14:33-53
- 12 Luke 5:12-16
- 13 Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31
- 14 2 Timothy 2:1-7
- 15 Psalm 61
- 16 Genesis 32:122-31, Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5, Luke 18:1-8
- 17 1 Samuel 25:2-22
- 18 1 Samuel 25:23-35 [36-42]
- 19 Luke 22:39-46
- 20 Isaiah 54:11-17
- 21 2 Timothy 2:14-26
- 22 Psalm 57
- 23 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22, Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14
- 24 Daniel 5:1-12
- 25 Daniel 5:13-31
- 26 Luke 1:46-55
- 27 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- 28 2 Timothy 3:1-15
- 29 Psalm 84
- 30 Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
- 31 Amos 5:12-24

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sara & Bruce Anderson - October 1, 1988
Holly & Larry Lundquist - October 25, 1969
Meagan & Isaac Sporrang - October 26, 2002
Jonna & Eric Brodersen - October 28, 1995

YOUTH BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Krista Grunst - 10.1.95
Ethan Stein - 10.19.03

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ann Smith
- 4 Eric Brodersen, Lori Johnson, Martin Lowenstein
- 6 Carol Iverson
- 8 Jonna Brodersen, Marketa Larsenova
- 9 Elizabeth Greenslade, Bill Sherlock
- 10 Joseph Freels, Jr.,
- 11 Risé Weir
- 12 Katherine Kuhn
- 14 Ed Gardner
- 15 Holly Smith Grattan, Blanca Vargas
- 17 Molly Haneberg
- 19 Clifford Swanson
- 22 Christina Larson
- 25 Christine Johnson
- 27 Zephranie Buetow
- 28 Edgar Hammerberg, Joyce Raygor
Sandra Stumme
- 31 John Van Essen

ADDRESS CHANGE/ADDITION

Roger Bingaman & Chris Richard

Amy Monday

The West Walker Civic Association will hold it's Fall Festival and ice cream social on Sunday **October 23rd** in the parking lot at IPLC. More details to follow in the weekly bulletin.



Up-Coming Events

Fine Arts Presents "The Old Befana"

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 PM.

"Faith" in Concert November 11, *:00 PM

Join Dwan Buetow and the members of "Faith" for an inspiring and entertaining evening of Song.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The congregation council is seeking candidates to stand for election at the October 16 annual meeting. Candidates must be a member in good standing, at least 21 years of age. The congregation council meets monthly and is the governing body for the administration of the church. Terms are for three years, and there are currently 6 openings. If interested, please contact the church office or the council nominating committee, chaired by Bruce Anderson.</p>						<p>1 10:00 Confirmation 10:30 Basketball</p>
<p>2 9:00 Chapel, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Ensemble 3:00 Swedish Cultural Society</p>	<p>3 7:00 Scouts</p>	<p>4 7:00 Scouts</p>	<p>5 10:00 Staff 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Stewardship, Bells, Girl Scouts 8:00 Chancel</p>	<p>6 11:00 Hope 7:00 Midweek 7:30 Basketball</p>	<p>7 9:00 am Rummage Sale set-up 8:00 Alkies Only</p>	<p>8 9:00 am WELCA Rummage Sale</p>
<p>9 9:00 Chapel, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Fine Arts</p>	<p>10 7:00 Scouts 7:30 Council</p>	<p>11 7:00 Scouts</p>	<p>12 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Bells, Girl Scouts 8:00 Chancel</p>	<p>13 7:00 Midweek 7:30 Basketball</p>	<p>14 8:00 Alkies Only Men's Volleyball</p>	<p>15 10:00 Confirmation 10:30 Basketball</p>
<p>16 9:00 Chapel, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>17 7:00 Scouts 7:30 Miriam</p>	<p>18 7:00 Scouts</p>	<p>19 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Service Team Bells, Girl Scouts 8:00 Chancel</p>	<p>20 7:00 Midweek 7:30 Basketball</p>	<p>21 8:00 Alkies Only Men's Volleyball</p>	<p>22 10:30 Basketball</p>
<p>23 9:00 Chapel, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Ensemble 1:00-4:00 West Walker Ice-cream</p>	<p>24 7:00 Property Team, Scouts 7:30 Worship Team</p>	<p>25 7:00 Scouts 7:30 Learning Team</p>	<p>26 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Bells, Girl Scouts 8:00 Chancel</p>	<p>27 6:00 Potluck 7:00 Midweek 7:30 Basketball</p>	<p>28 Sunday School Halloween Party 8:00 Alkies Only Men's Volleyball</p>	<p>29 9-5 District Scout Master Training</p>
<p>30 Reformation 9:00 Chapel, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Ensemble</p>	<p>31 7:00 Scouts</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: #e91e63;">Please attend the Annual Meeting, October 16 immediately following the 10:30 am Worship Service.</p>				

Please Check weekly bulletin for updates.

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Sunday:

9:00 am—Sunday School, Chapel and Adult Studies

10:30—Holy Communion

Thursday:

7:00 pm—Midweek Worship

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