

# TIDINGS

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**IPLC**

**I**nviting in God's Name  
**P**roclaiming the Gospel  
**L**iving in Fellowship  
**C**aring for others

## A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

In my family we have a Thanksgiving tradition that most of us have come to loathe. Before eating, as we are staring- hungry- at plates of rolls, stuffing, candied yams and the like we all must hold hands and begin the "Thanksgiving Squeeze". This tradition requires each person to squeeze the hands of the people next to them as we all blurt out the various things we are thankful for during the last year. The squeeze often gets a bit out of control, and I remember as a teenager thinking it must be because I had the most insane family on the planet.

But, the beauty of the thanksgiving squeeze is in its encouragement of us to remember our many blessings, and to keep us connected with each other. We hold each other's hands and give thanks, because God has so richly blessed us over the last year. We give thanks as a family for all that God has done and continues to do. We remember the gifts of family and of friends, of good food and good company, and even if I still have to pretend that I hate the tradition- I have secretly begun to appreciate it.

This is also the time of the year in the church where we begin a time of remembering- for the things and people that we have been thankful for. On Reformation, we remember the brave actions of Martin Luther and all the Reformers to bring a new kind of church to the common people. On All Saints Sunday we remember those people who have gone before us- our friends and family that have died over the past year. On Thanksgiving we remember to give thanks to God for all the blessings of the past year.

But this time of remembering should not be left only for this time of year. Each Sunday that we gather together we remember the work of God and Christ in the world. We gather at the communion table and hear the words... "Every time you eat of this bread and drink of this cup you do this in remembrance of me." We remember, and we give thanks, because God continues to take part in the work of our community and in each of our lives.

Over this next month I encourage you to begin a process of remembering. Remember what God has done in the life of Christ. Remember what God has blessed you with- in the shape of family and friends. Remember what God desires for the world around us. Remember to give thanks. Remember the one who lived and died in order that you might know this deep kind of thanksgiving.

Praise be to God!  
Grace and Peace this Season,  
Pastor Petersen

# WELGA

Invites you to

## THE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

SUNDAY, November 19  
Immediately following the 10:30 am service

### MENU

Ham  
Meatballs  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Bean Casserole  
Coffee, Tea, Milk

Musical Entertainment by Chris Richard  
Free will offering.

Please RSVP to the church office by  
phone: 773-267-1667  
or email: [office@iplc.org](mailto:office@iplc.org)  
to give us an idea of how many will attend.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

# MID-WEEK

Will host the Annual

## Thanksgiving Celebration

**Thursday, November 16th**

Potluck at 6:00 pm

Worship at 7:00 pm

with FAITHCHICAGO

The turkey will be provided.  
Please bring the trimmings, des-  
serts and beverages to share with  
one another.

## LYONS FOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, November 5, LYONS (Lutheran Youth Organization -North Side) is sponsoring a Food Drive. Volunteers of all ages are needed. We will meet at IPLC at 1:30 and proceed to Edgebrook Lutheran Church, 5252 West Devon. From 2-5pm, we will distribute bags with a flyer announcing our Canned Food Drive and the need for donations of nonperishable items that will be collected on the following Sunday, November 12. On Sunday, November 12, from 2-6:30pm, we will be picking up the donated goods and providing them to five different food pantries [St. Elijah's (Edgebrook), Care for Real (Edgewater), Irving Park (Irving Park), Lincoln-Belmont (Lakeview) and St.Cyprian's (Logan Square)]. We have averaged over 3500 cans of donated items, with approximately 800-900 cans of food going to each food pantry. We are in need of volunteers to deliver the food to the food pantries as well as the bag/flyer distribution. If you are interested in assisting in this event, please contact Sue Geisler at 773-685-4571. For students needing service hours, this is a great opportunity.

## FROM MIDWEEK COORDINATOR

The leaves on the trees let's us know that we are in the midst of fall. A time for gathering and preparing for the Harvest, and a time to remember how thankful we are as a congregation, community and nation of people.

As we continue our theme for the fall; **"Every good and perfect gift is from above" James 1:17**, we invite you to mark your calendar for the events that are happening at IPLC. This month, Midweek will have our Thanksgiving celebration on **Thursday, November 16th**, beginning with potluck at 6:00 pm, followed by worship at 7:00 pm with FAITHCHICAGO. The turkey will be provided, we ask that you bring the trimmings, desserts and beverages to share with one another.

**Much Prayer, Much POWER!**

## BIBLE PRESENTATION

Bibles were presented to the following students on October 22, 2006

### Pre-school

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Garrett Brodersen | Sylvia Ebeid   |
| Jack Haneberg     | Franklin Lurie |
| Ethan Stein       | Grace Stumme   |
| Duncan Wier       |                |

### 2nd Grade Students

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Augustine Barry | Isabel Ebeid |
| Faith Stein     |              |

### 1st year confirmation Students

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Emily Anderson | Lucas Beltran  |
| Nathan Beltran | Ayla Benson    |
| Nils Clausen   | Caitlin Liubin |
| Alice Sherlock |                |

## ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS: 2ND THROUGH 6TH GRADE!

Take advantage of a fabulous musical opportunity right here in the NW Side!

### The **INTERFAITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF IRVING PARK.**

Our mission is sing together, perform and share in the joy of music.

Rehearsals are every Wednesday, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church. For information, please call the church office 267-1667.

Rehearsals have begun but come and join any time. . There is a small annual fee per child, which covers the cost of uniforms, staff, etc. The fee is reduced for IPLC members.

This is a rare and wonderful chance to expand your child's horizons with the joy of music. ICCIP is entering its 7th season, and have performed at church concerts, musicals, neighborhood caroling, and the occasional minor league baseball game!

The Interfaith Children's Choir of Irving Park seeks an energetic, patient and dynamic choir director. This choir invites 2nd through 6th graders (may invite 7th/8th graders if the candidate is comfortable with this age level) of all races, faiths and from all neighborhoods. We encourage candidates who have had:

- 1) experience teaching children in the above age levels,
- 2) has a well-rounded background in music,
- 3) encourages different styles/themes (secular, spiritual, multicultural styles),
- 4) is available on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. for rehearsals

Please contact the fine arts director, Roger Bingaman at 773-267-1667 or fax your resume to 773-267-6707 or [roger@iplc.org](mailto:roger@iplc.org).

## The Carlson Community Garden

There's a new Garden in the neighborhood on Berteau near Elston! The neighborhood activity, sponsored by the Carlson ministries of Irving

Park Lutheran Church, had a great turn out. Over a dozen people showed up to help weed, rake and plant a perennial shade garden in one of the sections constructed by the Irving Park Triangle Garden Club.

A huge thank you goes to Jack Prikros at the Farmer's market Garden Center for the donation of 31 plants, soil materials, tools and hours of time of one of his gardeners, Danny. Thanks also, to Melanie Reschke for spreading the work, Conni Heminover, for garden design and to the neighbors on the 4000 block of Avers for generously giving plant divisions for the new garden. And big thanks to everybody who showed up on a Saturday morning to play in the dirt.

If anyone would like to relocate some of their shade perennials and ground covers or Spring bulb divisions to the new Berteau Street Garden, there's still some space. Contact Connie Heminover at 773.583.4241.

## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

A few hundred sentimental treasures from World War II recently were found in a storage area near the Sunday School meeting room.

During World War II, Irving Park Lutheran Church regularly sent copies of the "Tidings" to church members and relatives of church members who were serving their country around the world. In addition, Pastor Joshua Oden corresponded with many of the military personnel.

Fortunately, Pastor Oden and the longtime church secretary, Mildred Bogren, had the foresight to save the letters that made their way back to IPLC. Unfortunately, they weren't preserved in air-tight containers.

Hundreds of letters, postcards, "V-Mails" and a few photographs have stood the test of time, but they need to be tidied up a bit. More than 60 years of dirt, dust – and in some cases mold – have left some of the correspondences in pretty poor condition.

In the next few editions of the "Tidings," we will print a few excerpts from the letters. We also plan to

print a list of the names of church members who kept the people at IPLC informed about their military experiences.

We've looked at a few of the letters, and they offer a tremendous insight into how our former members took an active role in serving their country.

Here's one small excerpt from a letter written by PFC Frank R. Anderson on April 4, 1945: "Needless to say, I have had other experiences which were not quite so pleasant. I have learned that there are times when no matter how strong you are, no matter how well-prepared, you can do nothing but have faith. It may not be a pleasant school we are attending, but we are all learning lessons which will stand us in good stead later on."

We thought the original letters should be returned to their relatives rather than just being repackaged and put back in storage for someone to "discover" in 2066.

It will take a bit of time to put the list of "IPLC World War II correspondents" together. There will be more details coming in the December "Tidings" about how we can return these treasures to their relatives.

–Ralph Greenslade

## FINE ARTS 2006-2007

There will be three programs this season of Fine Arts.

On December 10, at 2:00 pm Fine Arts will present "Kidworks Touring Theatre Co." in their production of



**Peace Tales Around the World.** Join Kidworks in their "hands-on" journey in search of world peace...Come travel with us to Africa, the Middle East, India, China, Mexico and Native America, as cultures, traditions and stories come to life. This 45 minute presentation is

loaded with audience participation, and promotes multi-cultural tolerance and respect for all nations. Children and parent volunteers will play African Dancers, Belly Dancers, Camel Humps, Native American Braves and the tail of the Chinese Dragon.

The Interfaith children's Choir of Irving Park will also perform at the December program. As always a lovely holiday reception will follow.

On February 25 Fine Arts will present a favorite performed since the series began. Christopher Laughlin: PERFORMING EVERYTHING FROM SPANISH classics to Latin American dances, flamenco showpieces, and colorful contemporary works from all corners of the globe, guitar virtuoso Christopher Laughlin has delighted audiences across the United States and around the world. He has appeared in over 25 nations in Europe, North and South America, Africa, and the Pacific Rim.

Christopher received a Master of Music degree from Yale University and a Bachelor of Music degree from the Peabody Conservatory. He studied in Paris for two years on a Fulbright grant and on a French government scholarship. While living in Paris he won prizes in two international competitions, the *Concours International de Guitar* in Sable-sur-Sarthe, France, and the *Concours International de l'U.F.A.M.* in Paris.

Christopher teaches at the University of Illinois at Chicago in Milwaukee, and at the Christopher Laughlin School of Music in Northbrook, Illinois.

April 29, Roger Bingaman returns with friends Ann McMann and Kenneth Nichols to explore the history of American Musical Theater in song.

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- 1 Mark 8:22-26
- 2 Jeremiah 33:1-11
- 3 Hebrews 7:1-22
- 4 Psalm 119:17-24
- 5 Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 119:1-8  
Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34
- 6 Deuteronomy 6:10-25
- 7 Deuteronomy 28:58—29:1
- 8 John 13:31-35
- 9 Micah 6:1-8
- 10 Hebrews 9:1-12
- 11 Psalm 51
- 12 1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44
- 13 Ruth 1:1-22
- 14 Ruth 4:7-22
- 15 Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
- 16 Deuteronomy 24:17-22
- 17 Hebrews 9:15-24
- 18 Psalm 94
- 19 Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8
- 20 Daniel 4:4-18
- 21 Daniel 4:19-27, 34-37
- 22 Mark 13:9-23
- 23 Zechariah 12:1—13:1
- 24 Hebrews 10:26-39
- 25 Psalm 13
- 26 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37
- 27 Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18
- 28 Daniel 7:19-27
- 29 John 16:25-33
- 30 Ezekiel 18:20-16
- 31 2 Kings 6:8-24

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Jessica & Dan Bacoulis - 11.4.00  
Holly & Joseph Cheslak - 11.7.86  
Holly & Kenneth Smith Grattan - 11.10.90  
Jacqueline & Cesar Blanco - 11.13.70  
Judith & Carl Nelson - 11.31.64  
Victoria & Clifford Swanson - 11.27.82

## YOUTH BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 11.1.97—Thomatis Natale  
11.2.97—Alexis Alexander  
11.14.99—Erik Haneberg  
11.16.03—Forrest Olesiak  
11.19.00—Katherine Kuhn  
11.27.05—Margot Lurie

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maya McKenzie
- 2 Martin Anderson
- 3 Camilla Steffen, Joshua VanEssen
- 4 Sarah Connelly, Heidi Lundquist  
Charlene Roth
- 5 Irene Resan, Donald Stensland
- 6 John Stumme
- 10 Thomas Taylor
- 14 Paul Clausen
- 16 Laura Jennison, Forrest Olesiak  
Grace Wielock
- 20 Karen Greenslade, Emily Welch
- 21 Rex Hagedorn, Joe Mariano, Jr.
- 24 Ellen Anderson, Linda Larson
- 27 Joe Freels, III
- 29 Larry Lundquist

**\*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

Mark your calendar (Highlights of December events)

Saturday, December 2, 4:00 pm: Pastor Brooke Petersen will be installed as IPLC new pastor (reception following)

Sunday: December 3, 11:30 am: Hanging of the Greens Party, Lunch will be provided

Sunday: December 10, 2:00 pm: Fine Arts

Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am: Sunday School Christmas Program

# NOVEMBER 2006

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
|  |  |  | 1<br>9:00 Jammin' with Julie<br>3:00 MAP<br>4:30 ICCIP<br>6:00 Witness team<br>7:00 Bells, Girl Scouts<br>8:00 Chancel, | 2<br>10:30 Hope Circle<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Midweek<br>7:30 B. Ball          | 3<br>9:00 Jammin' with Julie<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br><b>7:30 Shower for Pastor Petersen</b><br>8:00 Alkies Only<br>9:00 Men's Volleyball | 4<br>10:00 Confirmation<br>10:30 Basketball  |
| 5*<br>All Saints Sunday<br>11:00 SeniorLink Alliance, "Pasta & Presents"<br>11:45 Executive<br>3:00 Gustav Adolph Fest | 6<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Explorers                            | 7<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Cub Scouts<br>8:00 Basketball                                | 8<br>9:00 Jammin' with Julie<br>3:00 MAP<br>4:30 ICCIP<br>7:00 Bells, Girl Scouts<br>8:00 Chancel, Grace Praise         | 9<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Midweek<br>7:30 B. Ball                               | 10<br>9:00 Jammin' with Julie<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>8:00 Alkies Only<br>9:00 Men's Volleyball  | 11<br>10:30 Basketball                       |
| 12*<br>Council Installation<br><b>3:00 Pastor Petersen's Ordination and reception</b>                                  | 13<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Explorers<br>7:30 Council           | 14<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Cub Scouts<br>8:00 Basketball                               | 15<br>9:00 Jammin' with Julie<br>3:00 MAP<br>4:30 ICCIP<br>7:00 Bells, Girl Scouts<br>8:00 Chancel, Grace Praise        | 16<br>3:00 MAP<br>6:00 Thanksgiving Potluck<br>7:00 Midweek<br>7:30 B. Ball | 17<br>9:00 Jammin' with Julie<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>8:00 Alkies Only<br>9:00 Men's Volleyball  | 18<br>10:00 Confirmation<br>10:30 Basketball |
| 19*<br>11:45 New member class<br>11:45 WELCA Old Fashioned Dinner  | 20<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Explorers<br>7:00 Miriam Circle     | 21<br>3:00 MAP<br>6:00 MAP Committee meeting<br>7:00 Cub Scouts<br>8:00 Basketball | 22<br>9:00 Jammin' with Julie<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Girl Scouts<br>8:00 Grace Praise                                      | 23<br>Happy Thanksgiving  | 24<br>Offices closed   | 25<br>10:30 Basketball                       |
| 26* Christ the King Sunday   | 27<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Explorers<br>7:00 & 7:30 Team Night | 28<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Cub Scouts<br>8:00 Basketball                               | 29<br>9:00 Jammin' with Julie<br>3:00 MAP<br>4:30 ICCIP<br>7:00 Bells, Girl Scouts<br>8:00 Chancel, Grace Praise        | 30<br>3:00 MAP<br>7:00 Midweek<br>7:30 B. Ball                              |  |  |

Please Check weekly bulletin for updates.

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9:00 am Sunday School, Chapel and  
Adult Studies

10:30 Holy Communion

Thursday, Midweek Worship  
7:00 pm

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|                |                     |
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