

TIDINGS

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Inviting in God's Name
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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
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.

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

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

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, Midweek Worship
7:00 pm

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