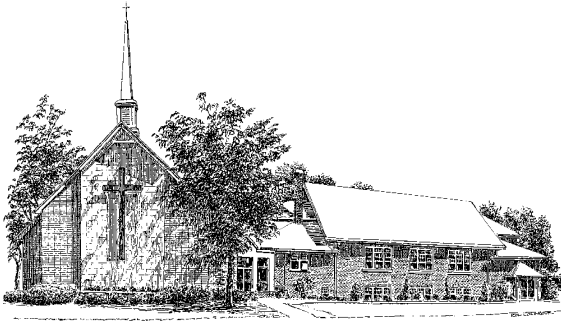


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The CELEBRATE June / July 2007

*"We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith."*

June Highlights

June 12th ~ 7pm

Session Meeting

June 17th – 10am

Worship – Graduate Recognition

June 20th ~ 12pm

Young at Heart Picnic

July Highlights

July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th ~ 7pm

Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion

July 10th ~ 7pm

Session Meeting

July 23rd – 27th

Vacation Bible School @ St. John's Lutheran

PASTOR'S PLACE

Dear Friends:

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are coming up fast on us. In the church it's always easy to tell! All possible events, recognitions, dinners, etc. are being crammed into the months of May and June. I am thankful that I survived May. June will also prove to be a busy month, especially in worship.

But what I really want to chat about is the Monday Evening Adult Forum and Discussion. A core group of us have been meeting on Monday evenings going on at least four years (I think.) We started out studying the weekly lectionary passages – more like hard core Bible study. Then we moved into some pretty weighty reading material that dealt with what the Bible really says about death, how we interpret the scriptures, and the question of the historical Jesus (amongst other topics.) Recently we returned to the lectionary passages, blending in some documentaries from the TV networks.

More recently, however, we have just had a difficult time trying to get together. When winter finally hit, it hit hard and many evenings we didn't meet because of the inclement weather. I was sick from time to time. The group became smaller as some were ill, others were busy with work, and still others were down south for the winter (though we did pick up one new person for a while.) Matters were also complicated by the fact that I would really like to make Monday my day off, but it's not off if I have to go in for the evening. And yet, no other evening seemed to fit the bill. So, what were we to do?

The core group just this past week had the chance to come together and review where we had been as a group, where we sensed we were, and in what direction we might head? Keeping in mind all that I have just written, we decided to try something for the summer, even though there are still many Monday evenings when I will not be available due to vacation and study leave.

I am currently checking into doing a limited series (we'll see how it goes) that involves discussing films. We came up with quite a list of movies that we would like to see and discuss. Here is a quote from a book entitled *Faith & Film: A Guidebook for Leaders* by Edward N. McNulty (who, by the way, is a Presbyterian minister who used to be a member of this Presbytery.) "Growing numbers of church leaders are discovering that many films are able to impact viewers with gospel truths almost as well as a good sermon."

There are many factors involved in trying this – copyright issues, licensing matters, length of movies, and adequate discussion time are just a few of the more pressing factors.

There will be one Monday (at least for the time being) in June, June 18th when we will watch and discuss "Happy Feet." Believe me, there are plenty of issues here. And then there is a four week span in July (9, 16, 23, and 30) when we will strive to watch a movie one week and discuss it the next week. We'll probably only get to two movies. We will take a break in the month of August.

If everything works well, we'll return to this method of study in September. We will attempt to let people know what we are viewing and we're hoping that all feel welcome to come and view and share.

The Holy Spirit invites us to dig deep and be creative. That's what we have tried to do here to cut down on preparation time for the group and for me. I have no doubt that if this doesn't work well, we'll find another way.

Hoping to see you sometime this summer on Monday evenings!

Blessings,

Pastor Deb

FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

June 2007

<i>June 3rd</i>	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	<i>June 17th</i>	1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3
<i>June 10th</i>	1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24) Psalm 146 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17	<i>June 24th</i>	1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a Psalm 42 & 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

July 2007

<i>July 1st</i>	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62	<i>July 22nd</i>	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
<i>July 8th</i>	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6 (1-6) 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	<i>July 29th</i>	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) Luke 11:1-13
<i>July 15th</i>	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37		

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Come join us for worship in June and July. The choir will be singing for a few more Sunday's before a break for the summer and Richard Jones will be leading us in worship the first weekend in June. We will be celebrating the Father's and graduates on June 17th. In July we will enjoy Rev. Dr. Lance Brown once again and we will hear from a mission

speaker. There are good things happening at church on Sundays please be sure to join us. Also if you are interested in providing input to the worship committee or joining the committee, please come to our upcoming meetings on June 20th and July 18th.

Help Wanted!!

We are in need of a head usher for the month of August. If you are interested, please contact Tim Miller.

FAITH EDUCATION

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduate recognition will take place on June 17th. We would like to have the names and pertinent information for graduating seniors. If you know of or have a graduating high school or college student please inform the church office or Dawn Corless as soon as possible. Please submit the graduate's name, any awards or honors earned and future plans. Please submit this information no later than June 10th. If you have any questions feel free to contact Dawn Corless at 668-1115. Thank You!

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Summer Enrichment will begin on June 24th and run until August 26th. Children 3 years old – 4th grade are welcome to attend. The children will remain in worship and be dismissed after the Time With the Children. We are currently looking for teachers for this program. We are asking anyone willing to teach to see Dawn Corless so we can set up a schedule.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church from July 23rd – July 27th. Watch your church bulletin for more information.

NURSERY HELP

We are still looking for help during the months of July and August. If you can help please see Dawn Corless.

CHURCH & SOCIETY

GIVE US YOUR TIRED (magazines), YOUR POOR (old catalogs), YOUR HUDDLED MASSES (of newspapers and junk mail).

Abitibi, the company through which we have our recycling program, has announced a special promotion for the months of May through August. If we can collect an additional 20% beyond what our total paper collection was during those same months in 2006, we will be awarded \$250!!! AND, if we can collect an additional 40% beyond last year's 4-month total, we will be awarded \$500!!!!

Recall that all moneys raised through our Abitibi recycling is earmarked for Cornerstone Manor. Wouldn't it be great to present the folks at Cornerstone with an extra check worth \$250 or possibly even \$500? All it will take is a little extra effort. If, for example, you currently are placing one full shopping-bag of paper into the bin per week, you could help us achieve our 20% goal by simply bringing one extra bag of papers per month during the months of May through August.

Where could you find extra paper to place in the bin? How about all those magazines you've got piled in the attic? Or all those catalogs that you really don't need anything from anyway? How about asking family and friends if they have any papers that could be recycled? An old-fashioned paper-drive could be held, but everybody chipping in an extra bag or two per month would make it a truly church-wide and relatively painless effort and likely success. Cornerstone would benefit and the environment would benefit.

Watch for progress reports in the bulletins and the Celebrate throughout the summer.
Thanks, Tim Miller

GARAGE SALE UPDATE

The Garage Sale was held on Saturday, April 28, 2007. The total made was \$1,344.10. Thank you to everyone who helped from start to finish. Items not sold at the sale went to several charities – City Mission, Sisters of Charity, and the Pet Connection. All expressed their thanks for the 'leftovers' and most made a donation to our sale. Special thanks to the following who chaired committees:

Tim Miller & Linda Barrows – Publicity

Dawn Corless – Table rentals

Deb Wilson- Downstairs kitchen

Sue Boulter – Bake Sale

Carol Vaughan – Upstairs kitchen

Barb Kissel – Removing of leftover items.

Plans are underway for next year's sale. Ladies & Gentleman "START YOUR CLEANING."

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

"Every now and then in life there are those people who can't take away the load you carry but they sure could make it easier." (from *The Christmas Shoes* by Donna VanLiere) So, how can you help 'carry the load' for others when you yourself have a problem, maybe its medical or physical or time? Okay, do you make a great pasta dish or dessert, have some extra linens or paper goods, or just want to spend a little time talking to someone? Boy, do we have a place for you – Interfaith Hospitality can use all of the above plus more. As you know, our members have committed themselves to Wednesday evening from approximately 4:30- 8:30pm. We can use some help with preparing a meal, providing activities for the children, or just being a good listener. There is a hosting from July 7th – July 14th. For people who like to plan ahead, the next hosting is September 1st – 8th. Please consider this mission by offering to help. For more information see Diane Molnar or Barb Kissel.

WARM UP AMERICA

Yes, This is an ongoing project and you can donate 7X9 inch pieces at any time. See Barb Kissel if you need patters.

<h1>June 2007</h1>						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3 10am Worship – Richard Jones preaching Faith Education 11am Fellowship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10am Worship Hymnal dedication Faith Education 11am Fellowship	11	12 Session Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16
17 10am Worship Graduate Recognition Faith Education 11am Fellowship <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	18 Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion Group 7pm	19	20 Young at Heart Picnic 12pm Worship & Music Meeting 7pm	21	22	23
24 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	25	26	27	28	29	30

Please note that beginning the week of July 1st the church office will be operating on summer office hours. Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am 1pm. Be sure to submit bulletin information by Tuesday of the week you want it in the bulletin.

July 2007

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 10am Worship w/ Communion Rev. Lance Brown preaching 11am Fellowship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10am Worship Mission Speaker 11am Fellowship	9 Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion Group 7pm	10 Session Meeting 7pm	11	12	13	14 Kalinowski Wedding 1pm
15 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	16 Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion Group 7pm	17	18 Worship & Music Meeting 7pm	19	20	21
22 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	23 Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion Group 7pm Vacation Bible School	24 Presbytery Meeting @ Camp Duffield 1pm Vacation Bible School	25 Vacation Bible School	26 Vacation Bible School	27 Vacation Bible School	28
29 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	30 Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion Group 7pm					

In The Life of The Church

BIRTHS

Gavin Michael Stoklosa April 15th

Gavin is the son of Gregg & Hillary Stoklosa and grandson of Bob & Kathy Doll

BAPTISM

William Charles Stoner May 20th

William is the son of Fred & Jennifer Stoner

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

June	2 nd	Rebecca Goggins
	5 th	Robbie George
	6 th	Ashley Hanna
	9 th	Betty Sroczyk
	10 th	Ron Partacz
	11 th	Steven Astyk
		Nancy Hay
	15 th	Dawn Dulski
		Bob Doll
	16 th	Logan Rowe
	20 th	Dawn Corless
	23 rd	Kathy Doll
	24 th	Melissa Goggins
		Muriel Whieldon
	28 th	Bill Halligan
	30 th	Matt Lindak
		Mark Shriver

July	2 nd	David Evans
	3 rd	Megan Partacz
	5 th	Michael Perillo
		Kim Schurr
	6 th	Andrea Shriver
	13 th	Dick Fischer
	14 th	Diane Molnar
		Craig Rodgers
	16 th	Pam Bohin
	19 th	Marcy Partacz
	21 st	Tracy Barnhart
		George Shaffer
	22 nd	Emma Wilson
	25 th	Rita Hanna
	27 th	Jonathan Molnar
	28 th	Melanie Wojcik-Rodgers
	30 th	Diana Kalinowski

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Scott Bailey & his family (The Partacz family) ♦ Matt Bove (Richard Jones) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Fularon (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Debbie Goggins (Greg Goggins sister) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Janet H. (Nancy Galley) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Lynn Labby (Marion Labby) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Cathy Munsterman (Richard Jones) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ George Shaffer ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ Partick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam))

BJ Rustic and her family as they mourn the death of her borther, Andrew Derrick



Chris Kalinowski ☼ Matthew Jones ☼ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☼ Patrick Baskerville ☼ Sammy Russo ☼ Kimberly Trudeau ☼ Steve Odebralski ☼ Jason Zimmerman ☼ Andrew Zalikowski ☼ Nick Turvey ☼ Kristen Pelc ☼ Ben Schauss ☼ Phillip Schott ☼ Josh Winkler ☼ Russell Molnar ☼ Pat McCullough ☼ Ryan M. Ratigan ☼ Larry Lloyd ☼ Joshua Feldman ☼ Dan Dudziak ☼ David Ferg ☼ Zachery Goggins

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Elders		
Class of 2008	Class of 2009	Class of 2010
Bob Barnhart	Tom Kalinowski	Dawn Corless
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Kathy Saeli	Wendy Warren	Erik Rowe

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