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CONNECTIONS

June 2004

Summer Worship is Here!

Beginning Sunday, June 6, our worship will be at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We follow our summer schedule through Sunday, August 29. Please mark your calendars!

Please let us know how we might make worship more helpful during the summer.

From the Study

Do you remember? One of the key dates for our congregation was Sunday, September 13, 1998. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Robert Schieler who led a retreat following our worship service. Every now and then I return to my raw notes to check how we are doing on our dreams, our goals and our achievements.

The first portion of the retreat was our Vision, which was shared by different individuals. It included: "Keep Jesus at the CENTER of all we do, small group Bible studies, etc. Our vision is to be moved by faith, not fears. Don't be afraid to CHANGE! Think big! Take risks! Don't be afraid to use the assets we have (talents and money).

Make worship FUN and worship outside sanctuary. Up-date traditional service. Create a loving environment, accepting of all people. Befriend each other, especially the outsider; become an OPEN AND AFFIRMING Church.

A dream was additional staff. Another dream was air-conditioning of the entire building. Another dream was to evaluate our mission every year and set objectives for our mission.

Later in the day we worked in small groups on programs that we desired. Under worship, there was the desire to develop a totally contemporary service. Under evangelism strategies was the dream for a web site and random acts of kindness evangelism. The Pastoral/Congregational Care Ministry group

suggested the creation of a Transportation corps which would having willing drivers who would volunteer to help the needy with transportation for Sunday worship or other church activities. A Christian Education strategy was the desire for a youth pastor. The Building and Grounds group suggested a new elevator to help persons from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall level. The goal suggested by the Stewardship sub-group was year-round stewardship education.



At this stage of ministry, I am aware how important it is for a church and individuals within the church to have dreams. From our dreams, we can create a vision, then a strategic plan and then seek to fulfill, in concrete form, our dreams. I am amazed how dreams at one time can become fulfilled five, ten and fifteen years later. However, there must be the dream and as I began this column, the focus must be on God as we know God through Jesus Christ. Without this focus, we can never succeed. With this dream, we can succeed in any endeavor, which is in accord with God's will and purpose. Since it has been over five years since our last retreat, perhaps it is time to share our dreams again in a retreat setting. What do you think?

See you in church!

Pastor Glenn



Summer Office Hours

Beginning the week of May 31, our Office Manager Bonnie Taylor, will be taking Wednesdays off. The summer office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rev. Trost will be in the office on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, however, regular business with the office should be scheduled during the Office Manager's hours.

St. Peter's Welcomes New Milan Baby!

We are proud to announce the arrival of Elizabeth Katherine Milan, daughter of Brett and Dana Milan. Elizabeth surprised all of us when she was born at 9:05 a.m. on Sunday, May 2. Elizabeth weighed in at 4 lbs 15 oz. Congratulations to Brett and Dana on the arrival of their first child! (*Editor's Note: "Pictures! We need pictures!"*)



Liturgist Sign Up

If you are interested in being a liturgist (Lay Reader) on a Sunday morning, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's office. The Pastor will contact you with bulletin information prior to the Sunday you will be Lay Reader.



Summer Music

If you would like to share your musical gifts — vocal or instrumental, as a solo or part of an ensemble — please contact the

Church Office or sign up on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's Office. We are looking for volunteers to add their musical touch to our summer worship services.

The Sweet Taste of Summer

Mark your calendars — on Sunday, June 13, St. Peter's will hold a Strawberry Festival. Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for a sweet taste of the season. Sandwiches, dessert, drinks and table service will be supplied. Please bring a salad to share! If you have any questions, please contact Patty Kobel.



Share the Beauty of Your Yard

We would love to have fresh flowers on our Altar table each week. If you have flowers in your garden that you would be willing to share, please sign up on the Flower Chart.



Children's Library News

All books need to be returned by the end of May for summer inventory. Thanks for your help.

Dorris Baumann
Chairperson

Mission News

As you receive this newsletter, there is still time for you to participate in the May project of the Mission Committee — summer clothing for the families served by Empty Tomb. We stress **summer clothing** (no coats or heavy clothing just now). Officials at Empty Tomb have stressed their need for summer clothing for adults and especially children. We are asking for clothing you no longer want or need.

Bring your contribution to the church any time during May. There is an area in the narthex by the coat racks designated for receiving. Mission Committee members will take it to Empty Tomb.

We trust everyone will want to help with this very worth-while project.

The Mission Committee



Let's Ring Out a Big Thank You!

We'd like to thank Bobbie Burr for directing the Bell Choir again this year. We really appreciate all you do!

The Adult Bell Choir

Calling All Youth!

SonGames 2004

You are being recruited to play at SonGames 2004! Join in the sporty good fun at St. Peter's from 5:30-7:30 p.m., June 21-25. SonGames 2004 is open to all youth ages 6-12. The cost is \$10 and includes sports, dinner and a trip to the waterslide. Registration information and sign up sheets for volunteers and participants are on the bulletin board. A Volunteer Meeting will be held Sunday, June 6 following worship.



SonGames
2004



Don't sit on the sidelines — **Join us at SonGames 2004!**



Dear Families of St. Peter's UCC Youth Programs —

First of all, I want to say thanks to each of you for your contributions to our GREAT year at both WINN and Celebration. We hope you had as much fun as all the youth leaders had!

Below are dates for some fun summer activities. Please make note of the event date and what age group it is for and mark your calendars now. We know we all get busy over the summer and that not everyone will be able to attend each and every event, but if you plan now, hopefully most of you can attend most events!

June 4th – Senior Recognition Party

This is for all current high school youth @ Rhonda and Al Shoudel's home, 5:30 p.m.-???. Dinner and fun around the campfire; bring useful or fun gifts for Amanda and Sarah.



June 21-25 – Vacation Bible School

SonGames 2004 (Olympic theme). Participants 6-12 years old; older youth to be leaders. Fee for participants: \$10 includes meal and waterslide private party on Wednesday the 23rd from 7:30-8:30 p.m. (for the entire family), and an all family BBQ and closing ceremonies on the 25th.

July 11th – Dance Rehearsal (following worship until approximately 11:45 a.m.)

For all girls who danced in Cabaret to Rachel Lampa's *God Loves You*.

July 14th – Dance Rehearsal, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

For all girls who danced in Cabaret to Rachel Lampa's *God Loves You*.



July 18th – Girls will dance at the church service. Please arrive by 8:30 a.m.

July 31st – Water skiing/boating @ Lake Shelbyville

All youth entering high school/college. Meet at the church at 7:00 a.m. Fee: \$20 to cover food/gas and pontoon boat rental. Fee and reply (for more info) **in advance!**

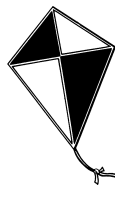


August 14th – Pizza and a prayer path

All youth 8th grade thru college. Arrive @ 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will make our own pizzas and experience a personal and powerful faith journey.

August 28th – Zahnd Pond All-Church Potluck/Swim Party/WINN Registration & Informational Meeting

Bring a covered dish, swim gear and a friend. 3:00-7:00 p.m.



September 8th – First night of WINN

Theme: Let's go fly a kite @ Zahnd's Pond, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

September 12th – First Celebration of Youth service for the fall

If you have any questions, or to RSVP,
please contact Lisa Lynch at 352-4694 or Rhonda Shoudel at 352-3353.



In the Spotlight this month — On Sunday, May 9, St. Peter's welcomed four people into membership. Although these may be familiar faces at St. Peter's, we'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about our newest members.

Elvira Ebs lives in Champaign. Elvira is related to another of our new members – she is Judith Maloney's aunt.

Cassandra Johnson lives in Champaign and works for the City of Champaign. Cassandra recently moved to Champaign (from Rantoul). Cassandra and David Wentz will be married here at St. Peter's this summer.

Judith Maloney lives in Champaign and claims to be retired. Judith is a licensed clinical social worker and has worked in child welfare and mental health. Currently, Judith is a board member of the Prairie Center Health Systems and The School of Social Work Alumni Association. In her free time, she likes to play golf, garden and cook.

David Wentz also lives in Champaign and works as a Corrections Officer for the State of Illinois in Robinson.

To all of our new members . . . Welcome to St. Peter's!

Graduates Galore!



St. Peter's would like to congratulate the following seniors who will be graduating from area high schools this year. These students were recognized in worship on Sunday, May 23.

Amanda Burr, daughter of Bobbie Burr of Mahomet

Sarah Malone, daughter of Bill and Debby Malone of Champaign

St. Peter's would also like to congratulate the following college graduates.

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Steve Eheart is graduating from Valparaiso University with a Bachelor's degree in English and a Bachelor of Arts. Steve will be performing in a theatre outreach program in Chicago beginning in August. Steve is a son of Kurt and Fern Eheart.

Bryan Malloch has finished a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and Marketing from the College of Life Studies at the University of Illinois. Bryan is the son of Steven Malloch and a grandson of George and JoAnn Malloch.

Adam Malone is graduating from the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute LE Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts with an Associate's degree in Specialized Technology. Adam will be working at Veronico's in Burlington, Wisconsin. Adam is the son of Bill and Debby Malone.



Kate Martinie is graduating from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor's degree in History and a minor in Coaching. Kate plans to teach history at the high school level and coach volleyball. Kate is a daughter of James and Sally Martinie.

Jenny (Van Grinsven) Crone has completed a Master's degree in Physical Therapy from Bradley University. Jenny plans to work as a physical therapist after graduation. Jenny is a daughter of John and Sharon Van Grinsven.

Nicole Van Grinsven has finished a Bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Science at the University of Illinois. She plans to attend Northern Illinois University to obtain a Master's degree. Nicole is also a daughter of John and Sharon Van Grinsven.

Congratulations to all of our 2004 graduates on a job well done!



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July issue of *Connections* is Tuesday, June 15. Please submit your articles to the Church Office or leave them in the Office Manager's mailbox. Please include your name and phone number. Thank you!

Consistory Highlights – May 2004



Editor's Note: *The following notes from the May Consistory meeting are for your information only. Minutes and actions of this meeting will not be approved until the June meeting.*

A committee has been formed to go over the old bylaws of the church and compare them with the new ones. President Omer Benn would like the members of the congregation to look over the bylaws and give the Consistory any suggestions regarding the changes or input of any mistakes, etc. you might note. Please give your findings to Barb Kobel or any other Consistory member.

The Consistory voted to purchase a new burner control unit for the furnace.

Omer Benn suggested that the congregation make themselves aware of the location of the fire extinguishers in the church. There are location maps posted around the church.

Pastor Glenn reported that the Westview School had a mock evacuation drill bringing all the students to the church. The drill was a huge success and all the students were safely evacuated within 12 minutes.

Remember church service will be held in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. beginning June 6th through the month of August.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Marie Demlow. Marie died on May 19, 2004 at the age of 83. Mrs. Demlow was a member of Church Women United and St. Peter's

UCC, where she was chairwoman of the Thursday Afternoon Circle. Mrs. Demlow is survived by her husband, Julius Demlow of St. Joseph and a daughter, Debbie Demlow of Paxton.



June Greeters

- 6 Phyllis Jones
- 13 Ed and Carolyn Hamrick
- 20 Charlie, Larry, Harold and Andy Zahnd
- 27 Alberta West

Church Mailbag

It is with grateful hearts that we thank all of you for the love and support extended us through your prayers, calls, cards and visits during Frank's extended illness. The expressions of concern were so helpful to the entire family!

A special "thank you" to Pastor Glenn for his support and encouragement.

Frank is now recuperating at home and gaining strength each day. We hope to be able to see each of you in church before many weeks.

Sincerely,
Frank and Velma Clark



Thank you for all your help as we prepared for our May Friendship Day. Your facility was perfect for our program and your hospitality was gracious and helpful. We were pleased with the whole evening. Thanks so much!

Peace,
Donna Mason
Church Women United

June Ushers

Ken Baumann	Barb Kobel	Patty Kobel
Kurt Eheart	Ed Kobel	Mark Williams

June Birthdays



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|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Eugene Ziegler |
| | Becky Kesler |
| 2 | Marie Sass |
| 10 | Frank Clark |
| 11 | Bernadine Helbling |
| 12 | Kymberly McCarthy |
| 13 | Paula Schmidt |
| | Mark Muller |
| 15 | Mary Sue O'Neill |
| 20 | Ralph Bonnell |
| 21 | Cleo Pelg |
| | Scott Pointer |
| 22 | Marybelle Eichhorst |
| 24 | Glenn Trost |
| 25 | Walter Claussen |
| | James Crone |
| 26 | Abbey Knop |
| 27 | Velma Clark |
| 28 | Elvira Ebs |





June Anniversaries

- 1 Ralph and Loreen Bonnell (1946)
- 2 Charles and Dorothy Zahnd (1946)
- 3 Roger and Carol Pointer (1962)
- 6 George and JoAnn Malloch (1953)
- 7 Omer and Bernice Benn (1997)
Dale and Sally Pelg (1997)
- 9 Ed and Cleo Pelg (1946)
William and Debby Malone (1973)
- 12 Glenn and Joyce Trost (1965)
- 15 Charles and Arlene Luer (1947)
William and Susie Kuhne (1957)
- 16 Harold and Melissa Zahnd (2001)
- 17 Rick and Courtney Malloch (2000)
- 18 Ken and Dorris Baumann (1946)
Dale and Shirley Sebens (1983)
- 21 Lee and Sandy Eichhorst (1958)
- 24 Jason and Amy Stahl (2000)
- 26 Henry and Betty Voigtlander (1954)
- 27 John and Judith Maloney (1997)
- 28 Robert and Virginia Lewis (1951)
Eugene and Mary Ziegler (1986)
- 29 Stuart and Carolyn Yoos (1958)
- 30 Lloyd and Helen Phipps (1979)

Editor's Note: We apologize for omissions or errors. Information for the newsletter mailing list, birthday list and anniversary list is taken from Church records.

Please report changes in writing to the Church Office (weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). You may mail changes, place notes in the Office Manager's mailbox or send an email to trost@net66.com. *Thanks for your help!*

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Confirmation Class

Back row (left to right)
Chris Lehmann, Maura Healy, Sierra Marcum

Front row
Rev. Trost, Ryan LeBaugh, Courtney Lehmann, Kellie Dahl



Words to the Wise

The following is part of an article by Suze Orman.

Here's a list of some key documents you want to make sure exist, are up to date, and can be easily found.

- Will and revocable living trust
- Durable powers of attorney: for both health and financial issues
- Social Security number and records
- Deed to house
- Mortgage payment records
- Documentation of home improvement expenditures
- Insurance policies and policy numbers: life, health and property
- Pension: contact information and survivorship rules
- Account numbers for all investments and beneficiary designations
- Tax returns for the past seven years
- Preferences for funeral and burial

When you start dealing with all the financial variables, I want you to plan for the worst and hope for the best. That way you'll have the peace of mind that comes from knowing your family is protected.

(Suze Orman may be seen every weekend night on CNBC's The Suze Orman Show. For more advice from Suze, visit oprah.com. Excellent information may be found by going to "How Long to Keep Financial Records".)