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## From the Study

We have some changes coming this fall. We have been grateful for our music team of Jay Ivey as Choir Director and Brett Milan as Church Organist. Jay is now attending the University of Indiana and Brett is moving with his wife to the Indianapolis, Indiana area.

In the meantime, thanks to Jay and his efforts, we have secured the services of Susan Rice as our new choir director and Teresa Kang as our new church organist. Both are seeking their doctorates at the University of Illinois. Please introduce yourselves to Susan and Teresa.

As we move from August to September, our WINN program will resume on Wednesday, September 14, and our Choir will resume practice at 7:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our WINN leadership will need your support this year to purchase groceries,



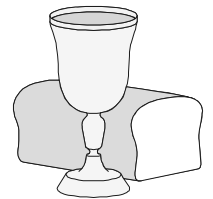
prepare food and clean up. We also could use some new choir voices. Our Choir has done an outstanding job with their small number, but additional voices would be very helpful.

Beginning Sunday, September 4, our worship time will return to 10:00 a.m. As our usual practice, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on that Sunday. On Sunday, September 11 we will be receiving new members. If anyone is interested in joining our church at that time, please let me know as soon as possible.

On the third Sundays during the fall including Sunday, September 18, we will have two services – an 8:45 a.m. contemporary service and a 10:00 a.m. traditional service. Our fellowship hour on the third Sunday will be between the two services. Tom Norwalk, Association Minister for the Eastern Association, will speak at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

On September 25, our worship service will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption program, Lifelink, being in our building. For this special occasion we will have the Executive Director, Dr. Carl Zimmerman, of the Lifelink program worshiping with us. Dr. Zimmerman and I attended Elmhurst College. The Lifelink program includes many services throughout our country including adoption and senior services. In addition, those persons who have adopted children through the St. Peter's office will be invited to our service for that Sunday. I would encourage everyone to be present for this service, which in the past has been one of the more inspiring worship services of my ministerial career. The last time we had this special service, I was particularly moved by the blessing service that followed worship. I was privileged to hear the stories of many dedicated prospective adoptive parents that Sunday.

On Sunday, October 2, we will celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday. We will also receive our Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering. Our congregation has had a good record in terms of mission offerings and I hope that our compassion will continue.



See you in church.

Sincerely,

**Pastor Glenn**



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October issue of *Connections* is Thursday, September 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 – August 2005

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



Members of the Consistory, the Board of Christian Education and the Church and Ministry Committee will meet with Tom Norwalk on September 18 to discuss future planning and goal setting for St. Peter's.

On September 11, new members will be received. Also on that day Ben Sterrett and Kymberly McCarthy will give a report to the congregation about their European trip.

The Stewardship/Membership Committee will be sending out a stewardship letter along with a pledge card to the church membership around September 9. Stewardship Sunday is October 9.

The Nominating Committee for next year's officers and committee members is being formed. Anyone interested in being considered for these positions should put your name in at the Church Office.

The Annual Meeting will be held after worship on October 23.

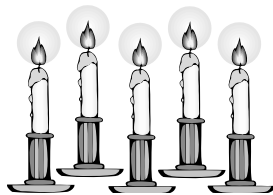
## Best Wishes Brett, Dana and Elizabeth!

St. Peter's organist, Brett Milan, is moving with his family to the Indianapolis area later this fall. St. Peter's has been richly blessed to have Brett on staff. We would like to thank Brett for sharing his talent and love of music with St. Peter's and we wish Brett, Dana and Elizabeth a safe move and happy future. We will miss him greatly. (Brett – don't forget to send pictures of Elizabeth from time-to-time.)



## Acolytes and Liturgists Needed

If you'd like to serve as an acolyte or liturgist for Sunday worship, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's office.



## Can You Lend a Hand?

Volunteers are needed to prepare coffee, provide a snack and clean up for our Fellowship Time. (Volunteers may sign up for coffee, snack or both.) A sign up sheet is located on bulletin board in the south hallway. Help can come in many forms – you may volunteer to make or purchase a snack or you may make a donation to help purchase items. If you have any questions, please call Stuart Yoos at 469-7108 or call the Church Office. Please help however you can. Thanks!



**Note:** During the months of September, October, November and December, Fellowship Time on Contemporary Worship Sundays (third Sunday) will be held between the morning worship services.

## Kudos!

Please help give a big thank you to our August Nursery Attendants – Linda Dahl, Patty Kobel, Cheryl Lehmann, Katie Malone, Diana Pointer. Every week, St. Peter's is fortunate to have these loving volunteers care for our children in the Nursery.

## Thank you from the bottom of our . . . stomachs!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, cut strawberries or cleaned up for the Strawberry Festival. It was greatly appreciated.



*Patty Kobel*



The first rehearsal of the Chancel Choir will be on Wednesday, August 31. New and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Susan and Teresa, our new choir director and organist, invite you to share coffee and dessert in the lounge from 7:00-7:30 p.m., with rehearsal to follow until approximately 8:30 p.m.



## Save Friday, September 9

Starting at 8:30 a.m., we will be preparing chicken for the chicken noodle dinner. We will also clean the kitchen. If we get enough people, we should be done by noon. Questions? Call JoAnn at 356-8030. The more, the merrier!



In the Spotlight this month —

On Sunday, September 25, **Rev. Tom Norwalk**, Association Minister for the Eastern Association of the Illinois Conference, will be our Guest Speaker during 10:00 a.m. worship. Please plan to attend this special worship service.

## Reception of New Members — Sunday, September 11

We will be receiving new members into our church on Sunday, September 11. If you are interested in joining St. Peter's at this time, please contact the Pastor or the Church Office.

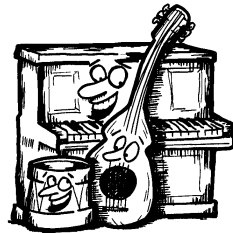


## September 11 Fellowship Time

Kymerly McCarthy and Ben Sterrett will be giving a presentation of their European trip on Sunday, September 11 after worship in Fellowship Hall. Please join them for coffee, treats and a view of their whirlwind trip through Europe.

## New this Fall — Contemporary Worship Services

Join us this fall, on the third Sunday of the month at 8:45 a.m. for uplifting and inspirational worship services led by our newly formed Worship Praise Team. These contemporary services will include an inspirational message based on Scripture. A variety of dramatic techniques, such as Reader's Theater, puppets, dramatic readings, dance and movement (the ever-popular lyrical dance ensemble, *Tranquility*) will be used to enhance the worship services. These contemporary services are intended for people of all ages. Come . . . NOW is the time to worship!



- September 18** "Ready For Service, Here I Am Lord"
- October 16** "It's A Matter of Time"
- November 20** "Pay It Forward"
- December 18** "From the Heart or From the Store?"

## Champaign Regional Office of Lifelink Celebrates 20 Years

Please attend the church service on September 25, 2005 so that we can personally thank all of you for the generous support of our International Adoption Program over the years. Lifelink will sponsor a reception immediately following the service for St. Peter's members and for adoptive families. Carl Zimmerman, President of Lifelink/Bensenville Home Society, will be in attendance. We all look forward to seeing you!

## Tuesday Circle Fall Schedule

Please mark your calendars to join us for these upcoming Tuesday Circle activities. On September 27, we will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to work on Advent calendars. October 25, meet at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to work on banners. We will work on Christmas gifts at 1:30 p.m. on November 23. On December 13, you won't want to miss the All Church Christmas at 3:00 p.m. at the Malloch home followed by a light supper at 5:00 p.m.



## Happy Anniversary Ed and Barb!

On Saturday, October 1, Ed and Barb Kobel will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. A reception hosted by their children – Patty, Nancy, and Mike – will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. St. Peter's congregation, family, and friends are invited to attend.





## With Deepest Sympathy

St. Peter's is saddened by the death of Frank Clark. Frank died August 8, 2005 at the age of 93. Frank was born July 10, 1912, a son of M. Raymond and Lorena Reed Clark.

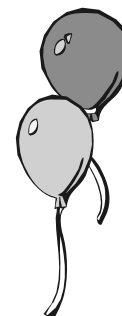
He married Velma Allen on November 24, 1944 in Mount Zion. Survivors include his wife, Velma; a son, David Frank Clark of Champaign; a sister, Helen Larner of Arthur; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren. Mr. Clark graduated from Brimfield High School and was the postmaster in Brimfield for 38½ years. A charter member of Brimfield Union United Church of Christ, Mr. Clark served as a trustee and council member for many years. During his life, Frank served on the Peoria County TB Board for 11 years, was a charter member of the BYE Ambulance Service and Brimfield Area Men's Club, was a member of the Brimfield Historical Society and a 67-year member of the National Association of Post Masters of the United States. He enjoyed music, basketball and traveling in addition to being an Illini fan. Our thoughts and prayers are with Velma and her family.



## September Birthdays

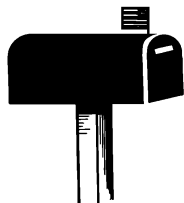


- 1 Mark Williams
- 5 Tamara McArdle
- 6 Dorris Baumann  
Dorothy Roberts
- 7 Michelle Records
- 8 Sally Pelg  
Ione Douglas
- 9 Shirley Sebens  
Robert Vaiden
- 10 Linda Dahl
- 12 Nicole Van Grinsven
- 14 Ed Hamrick  
Landon Vowels
- 17 John D. Key  
Hilda Roberts
- 18 William Wingler  
Cheryl Lehmann
- 21 George Malloch
- 23 Nicole Shoudel
- 24 Maxine Colson  
Roberta Federhart
- 26 Mary Limp  
Marianne Hutcherson
- 27 Barb Dalenberg  
Donald Berbaum  
Kurt Eheart
- 28 Arlene Luer  
Katie Malone
- 30 Martin Conatser



## New Address

**Jim and Jill Acheson**  
9 Greencroft Drive  
Champaign, IL 61821



## September Greeters

- 4 Bruce and Pam Bostwick
- 11 Emma Kidd
- 18 Jim and Doris Hershbarger
- 25 Ernie and Doris Drake

## September Ushers

Jim Acheson  
Bernice Benn  
Omer Benn

Mildred Luther  
Al Shoudel  
Cal Twenhafel



## September Anniversaries

- 4 Jeff and Barb Jewett (1982)
- 6 Mike and Cheryl Lehmann (1986)
- 14 Ed and Carolyn Hamrick (1957)  
Ata and Amy Durukan (1996)
- 17 Geoff and Linda Dahl (1988)

**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 12:00 p.m.). You may mail changes, place notes in the Office Manager's mailbox or send an email to [trost@net66.com](mailto:trost@net66.com). **Thanks for your help!**