



The Visitor

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Newsletter

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Help the Hungry Win the Souper Bowl!

The Jr./Sr. high youth group (C.O.P.Y.) will serve a soup/sandwich luncheon right after church on Sunday, February 5th. It will be a free will offering, and all proceeds will go to the Churches United food pantry. In addition, everyone is encouraged to bring cans of soup to help restock our own food pantry that is given to those in need who come by the church (most requested is chicken noodle and vegetable).



As you know, the Souper Bowl of Caring is held nationally to raise money to feed the hungry and homeless across our nation. Feel free to wear your favorite school, college or pro team sweatshirt that day as it is also the Super Bowl later in the day! Please help in any way you can!

Mardi Gras Trivia Night

Saturday, February 25

Doors open at 5:30 pm; Trivia starts at 6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall, Church of Peace

Teams of 6 people - \$10.00 per person

Pop, water, and coffee for sale.

Complimentary jambalaya served, and you can bring in your own snacks for your table.

RSVP to Jessica Waytenick at 309-372-8205.

If you've never done a trivia night before, that's ok—they're fun! There are 10 rounds of questions with 10 questions in each round. Each round has the same 10 categories. A question will be read aloud, and then your team will hopefully come up with an answer. There is a time limit, so you can't take forever. After five rounds, there's an intermission. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! You don't need to register all of your team names, just that you'd like a table. Anyone can be on your team. Money is collected on Feb. 25th.

Worship in February

February 5—Women's Sunday

Music: Bell Choir

Communion and Food Pantry

Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch

February 12—"GO RED FOR

WOMEN" Sunday; Sermon: "All

Things to All People"; Scripture: II

Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1

Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:

4-45; Reader: Judy Hansen

Music: Chancel Choir

Tri Mu Circle's Bake Sale

February 19—Sermon: "Through

the Roof"; Scripture: Isaiah

43:18-25; Psalm 41; Mark 2:1-12

Reader: Ruby Jecks

Music: Children's Choir

February 26—Transfiguration

Sunday; Sermon: "Open Statement

of the Truth"; Scripture: II Kings 2:1-

12a; II Corinthians 4:1-2; Mark 9:2-9

Reader: Sue Spurgetis

Music: Bell Choir



Memo From Michael



Redundancy and Real Life

Preparing to travel to Mexico, I went to our bank and got enough cash for the trip; it still works best when changing money. But I also have a credit card, and ATM cards work in Mexico, too! I not only have enough money, but I have a back-up plan. I have my passport, and I also have my voter's card and drivers' license. In real life, for important things, we not only have one way to do something, we have two or three ways to do what is necessary. We have "redundant systems". Our car has a break and an emergency brake.

I remember a terrible Friday one January when Susan Howard was the church secretary. It was just before the Annual Meeting, and when Susan loaded a file in the computer as part of the report booklet, the computer froze up and would not print the 40-page document. Then water began to fall from the office ceiling; a radiator was leaking. Well, Brian broke through a wall in the third-floor closet and turned off the radiator. George Oelschlaeger retrieved the 40-page document one page at a time. We ran the booklet on the copier and collated it by hand. George, Susan and I all pitched in and worked late. And we could have gone to Kinko's if we had to. We had a backup.

Does this have anything to do with our common life?

1. A single plan, no matter how good, is not adequate for really important things. If there is only one way, it is sure to fail, sometime. When leaders tell us "nothing can go wrong", it will.
2. Redundancy and duplication of effort may not be the worst thing in the world. When politicians are in a budget-cutting mood, this is often the official reason. If something is important, we need more than one way to do it.
3. Maybe the basis of the several world religions is that God is so intent to be in relationship with the human family that there are other ways besides our own. I believe our way is good; maybe God provided other ways as well?

See you in church.

- Michael

Council Briefs

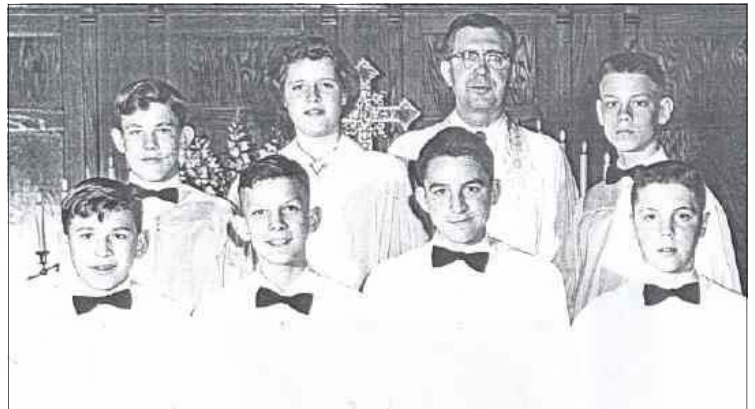
Good news and bad news - I'll start with the bad! Problems with the boiler! The boiler was able to be repaired. It cost us \$3,600, BUT that wasn't as bad as it could have been!

Good news - we ended the year in the black! We did not have to borrow as much as we thought from the Sustaining Fund. We had permission to borrow \$30,000 and we didn't need to use any of it!

The church's annual meeting is coming up. We will be electing members of the council. Linda Etheridge will fill out the term of Judy Patsch. Come and find out what will be going on this next year. The date is January 29th - a potluck followed by the meeting.

George Oelschlaeger will serve as Financial Secretary taking the place of Gloria Bamman who will be missed in a number of ways. Don't forget the annual meeting!

Janis Gray, Secretary



This is the 1955 confirmation class picture. Do you know who?

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| Roger Altman | John Manford Kludy |
| Harriet Mae Andrews | Donna Leonard |
| William Atwood | William Leonard |
| Alice Pauline Atwood | Carolyn McSparin Martensen |
| Marvin Cope | Arthur E. Matthews |
| Beverly Ann Cope | Arthur S. Matthews |
| Charles Downs | Anna Matthews |
| Robert John Ehlers | Thomas Rowley |
| Myrtle Ehlers | Laverne Frances Schomer |
| Eileen Hudson Ehmke | Mary Schultz |
| Stephen Engle | Richard Snyder |
| Joseph Engle | John Sorensen |
| Loren Eugene Foster | Karl Todd |
| Steven Gould | Lottie Weber |
| Jeannette Hudson | Peter E. Weber |
| Mildred Eileen Kludy | |

Annual Super Bowl Party
 Food, Fellowship, and Football - a winning combination!
 Join us for our Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th at 5:00 pm. (Feel free to come earlier if you like all the pre-game shows.) We'll provide beverages and chili (served at halftime). Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Michael & Nancy
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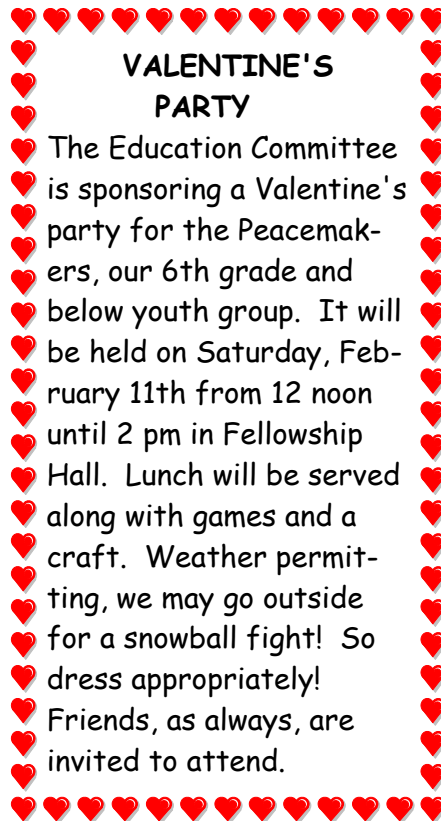
Church Women United is collecting the fronts of greeting cards and cancelled stamps.



Please leave yours on the table in the

Thank you for your help in identifying the 1931 confirmation class participants in last month's Visitor.

We're still looking for confirmation class pictures for many different years. If have a picture, we can scan it in so you can keep your copy. Contact the church office if you would like to help.


VALENTINE'S PARTY
 The Education Committee is sponsoring a Valentine's party for the Peacemakers, our 6th grade and below youth group. It will be held on Saturday, February 11th from 12 noon until 2 pm in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served along with games and a craft. Weather permitting, we may go outside for a snowball fight! So dress appropriately! Friends, as always, are invited to attend.

February 11 Planning Day

The Illinois Conference invites representatives from all churches to participate in an "Open Space" planning day on Saturday, February 11. Rev. Swartz will attend this event and has space for four additional persons in his car. The time is from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at Jennifer's Garden, near Joliet. Contact Rev. Swartz about attending.



Adult Sunday School in February

Feb. 5, 12, 19 - Mayberry Series

We will be continuing the Gospel According to Mayberry series.

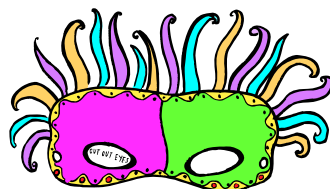
Feb. 26 - Coffee and Conversation

Bring an article, news clipping or subject to discuss.

Women's Guild Minutes

It was a cleaning and sack lunch day for the Women's Guild on Jan. 5th. We worked mostly on the kitchen—cleaning the freezer and drawers. Five members and Rev. Swartz attended the meeting. The February 2nd meeting will be a potluck hosted by the Ida Krueger Circle. On February 3rd, the Guild will host the Church Women United's Forum meeting. Breakfast will be served. Sunday, February 5th, will be Women's Sunday.

Bea Anderson,
 Secretary



Sign up now for the
Mardi Gras Trivia Night!

Altar Guild Schedule

February

05 Carol Atkins
 12 Bea Anderson
 19 Kathy Manthey
 26 Deb Holmes

February Flowers

February 5—None
 February 12—In honor of our 50th wedding anniversary from Bob and Virginia Milligan.
 February 19—In honor of our new grandchild from Dave and Nora Steele.
 February 26—None

February Greeters

05 Myrna Adams
 12 Corinne Paaske
 19 Gerhard & Lisa Kost
 26 Ruby Jecks

Church Staff Members

Michael SwartzPastor
 Rachel Bationo..... Outreach Director
 Nora Steele.....Secretary
 Brian Wischnak.....Sexton
 Mary Oelschlaeger..... Parish Nurse
 Mary Kae Waytenick ... Music Director
 Jessica Waytenick Choir Director
 Curtis Oelschlaeger Bell Choir Director

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Earl Snyder
3. Ed Feldhahn
Joe Schorpp
Ruby Jecks
6. Virginia Sulser
7. Virginia Milligan
Jean Held
Donna Allman
9. Vivian Loui
11. Everett Franks
12. Kalyany Steele
13. Kristin Clark
14. Roger Altman
Wilford Cantrell
Joann Love
16. Donna Boyle
17. Rhonda Kelly
18. Megan Bethell
Scott Colclasure
19. George Bethell
Breanna Nesseler
22. Hailey Feldhahn
25. Nicholas Stevens
Lindsay Schroeder
27. Darryl Anderson



I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all of the kindness shown to me and my family at the time of my mom's death. Your heartfelt cards, kind words, presence at the visitation and funeral, and donations to the Memorial Garden and Book Nook were all very much appreciated. Thank you also for welcoming my mother into this church. She loved her church and all of her friends here, and she made the most of all the opportunities you provided for her to use her time and talents. Thank you for your friendship, which enriched her life and continues to enrich mine.
 Gratefully,
 Sue Spurgetis and family

Thank you to all my church family for the Holiday Greetings! God's blessing to all of you!
 Velma Talberg

I just wanted to say thank you to Mary Oelschlaeger for her visits to my grandmother, Leona Jordan, as she is at Oak Glen. Many cards from the church were sent this past holiday season from church members. She enjoyed reading them all, and it was nice to see how much the church members care! God bless you all!
 Lisa Wymer

You'll be glad to know that I was more than blessed with happiness during Christmas this past year. Thank you, Church of Peace, especially Tri Mu Circle, who brought holiday gifts to me at Trinity Hospital during my stay December 9-20. May God bless Rev. Swartz, Nora, Carla and Grace as peacemakers. Thank you again.
 Doris Patterson

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