





**Memo  
From  
Michael**

Evangelical 2006

On the cornerstone of our church, we are identified as "evangelical". Recently this word has seemed to mean judgmental and narrow-minded. For me, the word "evangelical" means trying to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to as wide a group as possible. "No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life's journey, you are welcome."

I appreciate the way our church is trying to use the news media and newer electronic technology to communicate widely.

You may remember how you were polled about what you most appreciated about your church about two years ago. A small committee--Jessica Waytenick and Nancy McConnell, both media folks in different ways--winnowed this down to three statements that appear on our "masthead" for The Visitor newsletter. These are: Built on tradition. Growing in faith. Doing good in the community. These are authentic statements about the identity and character of the Church of Peace. We recognize them in our self; and if someone was to come to the church, they would see evidence that these statements ring true.

Rhys Fullerlove is another member of the media team. He is the person who is building our website. That can be found at: [www.churchofpeaceucc.org](http://www.churchofpeaceucc.org)

More and more people seek information about everything on the internet. The website looks great. Check it out! And it will continue to expand in scope and sophistication. We also want this to be the main way people find out about our work camps.

We make an effort to communicate about the church with the news media. Last week was a good week. There was a fairly extensive article in the Argus about Diapers for Baby Jesus. This follows up on the theme of "doing good in the community", which is one of our identity statements. Rachel Bationo, our Outreach Director, did an interview with WVIK on this same topic. There was also a funny story in the QC Times about the IRS sending mail to "Christ" at our address. Jessica sent Bill Wundrum a photocopy of the IRS booklet. While we do not expect to

**Council Briefs**

A new Outreach Director has been hired for a six-month probationary period. The Outreach Committee will re-open the Book Nook, and they are in need of more books. The Christian Ed Committee has purchased several audiovisual materials - 2 televisions, a power-point receiver, and 2 DVDs. Rhys Fullerlove is investigating the possibility of advertising on local radio stations. We should hear more about this later.

Special programs are planned for Christmas Day Worship. Communion Sunday will be on January 8th rather than on January 1st since Rev. Swartz will be away. The Congregational Meeting will be January 29th. A potluck will be held before the meeting. This is your chance to provide input to what your church is doing. Be sure to attend!

Jan Gray, Secretary



hit a home run every time we communicate with the media, we do occasionally get a base hit.

The purpose of all our effort with the website, the media and the general good looks of The Visitor is to communicate in all the ways we can the good news of Jesus Christ. This is how we keep faith with the word "evangelical" on our cornerstone. We are "built on tradition".

See you in church and at the annual meeting.  
- Michael



1931 Confirmation Class Picture Names

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| Eleanore Bendt | Kathryn Kurth     |
| Bessie Bessian | Phyllis Nye       |
| Minnie Brasch  | Gladys Roehr      |
| Charles Hansen | Max Schreiner     |
| Ona Irwin      | Dorothy Tiedemann |



Please turn in your reports for the congregational meeting on January 29th to Nora by **January 13th**. Or if you would like to e-mail your report, that would save Nora time typing. The church's e-mail address is [peaceuceri@aol.com](mailto:peaceuceri@aol.com).

Brittany and Tom Bashaw of Rock Island became the parents of a baby girl, Bailey Michelle, on December 21st. Bailey weighed 6 lbs. and 11 oz. Grandparents are Brenda and Bill Schroeder, and great-grandparents are Bill and LouDella Bernauer, all of Rock Island.



This is a picture from the 1931 confirmation class. We know the names, but we do not know who is who. Can you help? Contact Nora in the church office with your ideas. (Names are listed to the left.)

### Women's Guild Minutes

Fourteen were in attendance for the December 1st Christmas potluck hosted by Filiae Pacis Circle. Favors were knit doorknob covers and mint candy cups. There will be a breakfast for the Rock Island School academies' staff beginning at 7 am on December 22nd. Corinne Colclasure and Judy Hansen were named co-chairs for the May 4, 2006, salad luncheon. The January 5th meeting will be a cleaning session with a sack lunch.

- Vieno Martensen, Secretary Pro Tem

## Around the Circles

### Filiae Pacis Circle

Fifteen members attended the Christmas dinner party on December 5th at Hauberg Center catered by At Your Service at 6:40 pm. Favors were a Christmas hanging figurine and footed candy dish. Marie Timmer had devotions on "First Breath". LouDella Bernauer read a comical version of "A Visit from St. Nicholas". Poinsettia pens were used for playing Christmas carols and Christmas trivia games. New Secret Sister names were drawn after this year's names were revealed during the gift exchange. The next meeting will be March 6th with Myrna Adams as hostess.

Vieno Martensen,  
Secretary

### Martha Rolf Circle

Eleven members were present at the Christmas party at Moon River. In an abbreviated meeting, it was voted to send \$25 to Arrowhead Ranch, purchase a Christmas dinner for a needy family, provide Christmas gifts for children at the abused women's shelter if needed, and shower member shut-ins with cards. There will be no meeting in January.

Virginia Milligan,  
Secretary



## Altar Guild Schedule

### January

01 Lou Bauck  
 08 Ruth Sederquist  
 15 Marguerite Nelson  
 22 Dorothy Jones  
 29 Bea Anderson

### JANUARY Flowers

As of printing, no flowers have been scheduled for January. Call the church office at 788-6357.

### January Greeters

01 Donna Allman  
 08 John & Donna Boyle  
 15 Virginia Milligan  
 22 Marguerite Nelson  
 29 Pat Ward

### Church Staff Members

Michael Swartz .....Pastor  
 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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Kathleen Day
2. Jan Gray  
Beth Wigglesworth
3. Janet Struss
4. Mary Kae Waytenick  
Shirley Franks
5. Florene Feldhahn
7. Eleanor McIntire
8. Dale Stigers  
Lawrence Held  
Leslie Day
11. Jeffrey Feldhahn
12. Jerry Zimmerman
19. Lucille Kirkpatrick
20. Charlotte Shoup
22. Larry Morgan  
Miles Elliott
27. Carol Waeyaert
28. Mariah Johnson
29. Joseph Porter



Start out the New Year with a good laugh. These are bloopers that have been found in other church's bulletins.



- Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
- Thursday night Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in the prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, there's a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- The sermon this morning is "Jesus Walks on Water". The sermon tonight is "Searching for Jesus".
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- This being Easter Sunday we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

SPECIAL THANKS to Rev. Swartz and Mary Oelschlaeger for their visits to see my mom, Vivian Loui, at Oak Glen. Also, thanks for the nice Christmas cards sent to her from church members. We enjoyed opening every one of them. It's nice to know that Mom is still remembered. May God bless you all!  
 - Carmen Loui



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