



# The Visitor

Newsletter

# CHURCH OF PEACE

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## IT'S OKTOBERFEST!



Come and celebrate Church of Peace's German heritage at OKTOBERFEST on Saturday, October 21st. The event will be held at the Conservation Club on Big Island from 5—9 pm. Serving times are 5:30—7:30 with a menu of brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, and baked beans. Music and entertainment will be included, and tickets will become available at

church starting October 1st. Prices are \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children under 10. We hope to see you there!



## RAKE UP THE BARGAINS!

The Purchased at the Parsonage Sale will be Friday and Saturday, October 6th and 7th from 9 am—3 pm. Please bring your gently used items to the north stairwell by this weekend so everything can be sorted and priced. Household items and children's clothing sell really well. Our sales have been so successful in the past because of all the great donations from you!

Rummage Sale  
Committee

## TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

The elementary youth of the Church will be collecting for UNICEF during Sunday School and after worship service on October 29th. The youth are encouraged to wear international costumes or other costumes of non-demonic nature. Treats will be served at the end of the Sunday school hour in Fellowship Hall. Come and join the fun!



## FLU SHOTS

WILL BE GIVEN ON OCTOBER 29TH FROM 11:30 AM—12:30 PM HERE AT CHURCH OF PEACE.

BE PROTECTED FOR WINTER!



## Worship in October

October 1st - Sermon:

“For Us or Against Us”

Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Reader: Mary Oelschlaeger  
World Communion & Food Pantry

Neighbors in Need Collection

October 8th - Sermon: “Radish”

Scripture: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16  
Music: Bell Choir

Reader: Diane McCarthy

October 15th - Sermon: “Claimed By Christ”; Scripture: Galatians 3:26-29; Mark 1:9-11

Music: Chancel Choir

Reader: Marie Timmer

Laity Speaker: Rhys Fullerlove  
Stewardship Kickoff

October 22nd - Guest Preacher - John Buttrick; Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Music: Bell Choir

Reader: Ron Fullerlove

Laity Speaker: Ed Johnson

October 29th - Sermon: “Sent For Love”; Scripture: Luke 10:1-5

Music: Children's Choir

Reader: Virginia Milligan

Laity Speaker: Aaron Waytenick



Memo  
From  
Michael



**“Claimed, Called, Sent”**

When Ed Johnson and I were at the Illinois Conference meeting at Elmhurst College last June, we learned a song by Bryan Sirchio “Claimed, Called, and Sent”. We will use this song as our theme during our stewardship emphasis this October and November. This song is about our relationship with God. So is our emphasis on stewardship. Fall is the time that members and friends estimate their stewardship giving to the church in the next year and let us know what that is so that our church council can do a responsible job as they plan for the year ahead. The stewardship effort emphasizes the spiritual dimensions of giving to God through the church, and features personal testimonies from church members. This year we are also fortunate that one of our speakers will be our Association Minister, Rev. John Buttrick, who will deliver the sermon on Sunday, October 22nd. Please make a special effort to be present to hear Rev. Buttrick.

I think there is another aspect of stewardship that this issue of the Visitor reflects. That is how our church carries on the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. What a busy and important month! Reflect on the missional zeal reflected in our schedule.

- World Communion Sunday
- Crop Walk
- Rummage Sale
- Flu Shots
- Oktoberfest – to benefit OCWM
- Candy for neighborhood Trick or Treat
- UNICEF Collection for children.

These activities, more for others than for ourselves, reflect a vitality of spirit and a loyalty to our God. Please be part of as many of these opportunities as you can. And remember that you are part of God’s team in ministry that seeks to do a world of good. The witness of our presence in positive community efforts is a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And your financial gifts to the church are important, too.

See you in church, for all kinds of stewardship.

- Michael



## Council Briefs

Council met twice during the month of September. After church on September 3rd, we voted to hire Rev. Jane Courtright as the Outreach Director. This filled the vacancy left by Rachel Bationo who left for employment in Washington, DC.

During the regularly scheduled meeting on September 21st, it was reported that the conversion to the new desktop computer is not going as smoothly as hoped. Mark Holmes has installed Ethernet cable to a number of rooms in the first and second floor in order to provide constant internet access. Brian Wischnak also pointed out to the Building & Grounds Committee several spots where it appears water is seeping from the roof into the sanctuary. This may be caused by rainwater gathering on the roof. The Building & Grounds Committee should have more information at the next meeting.

It was also decided to apply for a church revitalization grant in order to pursue a potential neighborhood study, and to accept the insurance proposal from Church Mutual effective October 1st.

Jimmy Sederquist, Secretary

**THE ADULT FORUM** Sunday School Class will be led by the Health & Wellness Committee during the month of October. Their issues will be with safety. Plan on joining us for interesting presentations!



On Sunday, October 8th, our Jr./Sr. High Youth will be walking to feed the hungry by participating in the Crop Walk. They will be asking for your donations by taking a special offering in church, and your generosity would be appreciated. The 2:00 pm walk will start at John O’Donnell Stadium. Youth from other UCC churches will be joining the group. Thanks to all who participate!



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT MIDNIGHT. GOODBYE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!**

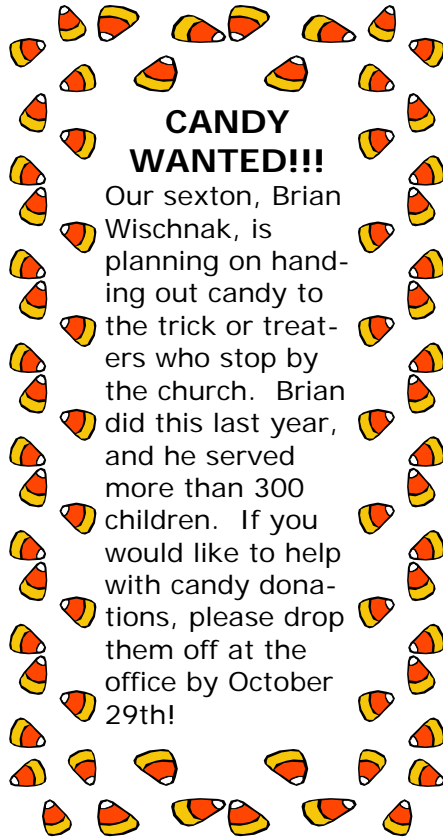


**BE ONE STEP  
AHEAD  
OF THE  
CHRISTMAS  
DECORATING!**

Martha Rolf Circle is once again selling Christmas wreaths for \$11. Wreaths will be delivered on November 24th at the church. Orders will be taken starting October 1st. See a Martha Rolf Circle member!

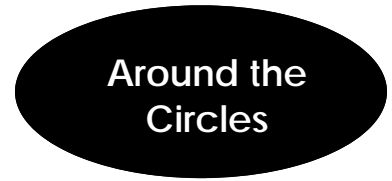
**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

A volunteer is needed in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00—11 am. Nora is in staff meetings for CCC and COP during those hours. It would be beneficial if someone else could answer the phones and door while she is busy with the meetings. If you are interested in helping at the office, please give Nora a call at 788-6357.



**CANDY  
WANTED!!!**

Our sexton, Brian Wischnak, is planning on handing out candy to the trick or treaters who stop by the church. Brian did this last year, and he served more than 300 children. If you would like to help with candy donations, please drop them off at the office by October 29th!



**Around the  
Circles**

**Filiae Pacis Circle**

Nine members attended the September 11th meeting at Hauberg Center. Corinne Paaske was hostess. Marie Timmer's devotions were on "The First Library", and there was a prayer and silent prayers offered for the 5th anniversary of 9/11. The Treasurer reported \$25 was given towards the church water bill. Committees for 2006—2007 are devotions: Marie Timmer; historian—Corinne Paaske; social—Lou Della Bernauer, Georgette Fullerlove, Kathy Manthey, and Roma Nesseler; sunshine—Linda Porter.

- Vieno Martensen  
Secretary

**Tri Mu Circle**

Ten members were present for a potluck picnic at the home of Carol Atkins. It was voted to donate \$100 to the summer water bill. The circle will be the hostesses for the congregational meetings this year. We will also sell Christmas wreaths again beginning October 1st. New officers elected were: President Judy Hansen, Vice President Donna Allman, Secretary Joann Love, and Treasurer Carol Atkins. October hostess will be Judy Hansen.

- Virginia Milligan  
Secretary



*Despite the changeable weather and the fact that it was held indoors, the Neighborhood Sampler enjoyed another successful year of food and fellowship with around 175 people. We had two new restaurants participate—Atlante Trattoria and Mama Compton's. Old Mexico could not attend due to a death in the family, but there was good food again from Aunt Bea's Café and*

*Dragon Chef. Thanks to Community Caring Conference for ice cream, and Hill & Valley for the pies. Let's help Rock Island restaurants!*

*- Jessica Waytenick*



**BOB MOTZ -  
AWARD  
WINNER!**

The Putnam Museum and IMAX Theatre announced that Bob Motz, local environmentalist and former instructor at Rock Island High School and

Augustana College, is the winner of the 2006 Environmental Stewardship Award. The Putnam Museum and IMAX Theatre has presented the Environmental Award annually since 1999. Congratulations, Bob!

**Adult Membership Class**

A Class for adults interested in church membership or who simply would like to know more about the beliefs and history of our church continues the first two Sundays in October.  
Room 2—9:00 am



**OCTOBER 21  
5—9 PM  
CONSERVATION  
CLUB  
ON BIG ISLAND**  
Tickets:  
\$6 for adults  
\$3 for children

**CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST!**

**Women's Guild**

Fourteen members and two staff were present for the potluck dinner held on September 7th. A video on stress was viewed. Devotions were read on Epidemic of Christian Joy. Church Women United will hold a brunch on September 22nd at St. Pius to commemorate their 65th anniversary. The budget for 2007 was approved. It was suggested we look into having a spaghetti dinner on November 19th after church. The Book Nook is doing great, and many donations have been received.

- Donna Boyle  
Secretary



July Greeters

- 01 Donna Allman
- 08 Donna Boyle
- 15 Myrna Adams
- 22 Virginia Milligan
- 29 Pat Ward

July Flowers

October 15—In memory of Robert Kinnan from Bob & Virginia Milligan

October 22—In memory of Harvey Martensen from his family.

No other flowers scheduled for the rest of the month. Call Nora at 788-6357 if you would like to contribute.



**Altar Guild Schedule**

October

- 01 Corinne Paaske
- 08 Pat Ward
- 15 Vieno Martensen
- 22 Marguerite Nelson



Church Staff Members

- Michael Swartz .....Pastor
- Jane Courtright.....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

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Alexis Kinnan
- 6 Virginia Schriener
- 7 Douglas Hansen  
Karol Oelschlaeger
- 9 Herbert Doden
- 10 Caleb Nesseler  
Alma Slieter  
Katherine Ballard
- 11 David Sederquist
- 12 Connie Donnelly  
Glen Bote
- 13 Matthew Holmes
- 14 Velma Talberg
- 15 Kevin Stevens
- 16 Sharon Frank  
Susan Johnson
- 17 Jason Clark  
Garrett Feldhahn  
Linda Nesseler
- 18 Lucille Bauck  
Pauline Hartung
- 19 Susan Thompson
- 20 Jean Doden  
Kelly Buckner  
Leroy Swale  
Violet Watkins
- 21 Jessica Waytenick  
Amanda Masengarb
- 22 Rick Armstrong
- 25 Judy Hansen  
Florence Harl
- 26 Brenda Schroeder  
Paul Sulser  
Justin Donnelly
- 27 Elcna Anderson
- 31 Lisa Wymer  
Dale Day



THANK YOU . . .

On behalf of the Family Selection Committee of Habitat for Humanity, I want to thank you for your gracious hospitality on September 9th to conduct our search for partner families. Without the generosity of congregations like yours, we would not be able to conduct our ministry; and I am confident God smiles on you and your members. Again, thank you for the use of your space and photocoper.



- Chris Hicks for  
Habitat for Humanity

THANK YOU—

In August, many coffee cakes were given to the St. Pius Food Pantry. I believe Nora Steele and Pauline Hartung were responsible for the donation through your church. We truly appreciate you turning to our pantry with this lovely contribution. We have so many people come to our pantry in need. In August, 249 individuals came and they represented 752 family members. Thank you once again!

- St. Pius X Food Pantry/  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

MANY THANKS . . .

to everyone who supported us in so many ways. Special thanks to Mary for getting Larry to the hospital for the first brain scan, to Pauline for finding us when no one answered the phone or the door, to Joann—our cookie maker and companion, to Carla and Tom—companion and standby for doctor visit assistance, to the Sunday School for the candle and the prayer, to Corinne for the card and thoughts, and to everyone who said prayers and sent good wishes to Larry. Please keep us in your prayers.

- Larry & Jean Held



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