

# THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

August, 2008

### NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS

Council met for a potluck/picnic at the home of Seth & Linda Patton on June 10. Election of officers was held. They are as follows:

President, Diane Pyle

Vice President, Denney Morris ;

Secretary, Lois Antritt.

Appointed to serve the congregation as officers are: Denise Ploetz, Treasurer and Connie Swank, Financial Secretary. Other Church Council members and their assignments are: Eldon Peterson, Evangelism & Outreach; Kay Bailey, Property; Denney Morris, Worship & Music; Rhonda White, Christian Education; DeDe Dudgeon, Finance; Joy Williams, Youth; David McKittrick, Four Church Farm, and Todd Carmer, Fellowship. Blessing and installation of 2008-2009 Church Council and officers was held at both worship services on July 13.

**The next Council meeting is Tuesday, August 5 at 7pm.**

**Regular Worship Schedule will resume on SUNDAY, Sept 7**  
**Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**  
**Choir practice at 9:30 in music room.**

**Sunday School will begin with Rally Day! on Sunday Sept. 7 at 9:15am with opening ceremony in the sanctuary and then we go to our classrooms. After Rally Day, Sunday School classes will meet at 9:30 am until 10:15am**

**CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
**RESUMES ON WED. AUGUST 27**  
**AT 7:15 P.M. in the music room.**

**PRAISE TEAM WILL RESUME**  
**THURS., AUGUST 28 AT 6:30PM**

**CHIME ENSEMBLE WILL RESUME**  
**Thurs. AUGUST 28 AT 7:30PM.**

**“Back to School Blessings” will be celebrated on Sunday, August 24 at the 10am service to ask blessings upon teachers and students who are beginning a new school year.**

### **BAPTISMS**

Blessings to the following children who were baptized since the last issue of the newsletter was sent to you.

Emma Grace Falkenberg, daughter of Todd & Susan Falkenberg, baptized June 15, 2008

Katie Lynne Ferguson, daughter of Jonathan & Christy Ferguson, baptized June 22, 2008

Francis Vincent Annarino IV, son of Frank & Beth Annarino, baptized July 27, 2008

### **WEDDINGS**

The following couples have celebrated weddings over the summer months and we rejoice with them!

June 7: Nate & Lynsey Whisner

June 14: Brian & Lindsey Tate

June 27: Matt & Courtney

Kinsley

June 28: Joseph & Demaris Rosato

July 19: Curtis & Nikkee Pyle  
July 19: Benjamin & Renee Bristow  
July 26: Daniel & Lindsey Fawcett

## **BIRTHS**

**The following families have celebrated the birth of a newborn in the past few months. We rejoice with them.**

**Kiarah Dawson Smith**, daughter of Dante & Erin Smith, granddaughter of Rod & Georgia Sheley, great-granddaughter of Bill & Gloria Hardy. She was born May 18, 2008

**Aubrey Elizabeth Yekisa**, daughter of Brent & Amy Yekisa, granddaughter of Roger & Marilyn Yekisa. She was born May 20, 2008.

**Leila Ann Chrislip**, daughter of Morgan Chrislip, granddaughter of Julie Chrislip. She was born on June 23, 2008.

**Nicklaus Ryan Patton**, first grandchild of Bob & Karen Schmidt. He was born July 6, 2008.

## **NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED**

On June 15, 2008, four new members were received through Affirmation of Baptism: Bill & Shirley Anderson, Connie Reed, and Brooke Diller. We welcome them into the fellowship of faith here at Christ Lutheran Church.

New Members preparatory classes will meet again in late September. These classes are called 'Inquirer's Class' as they address the questions and spiritual seeking of persons who are looking for a church home. If you are interested in attending a future "Inquirer's Class", please speak to Pastor Kris.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this month!**

**Wednesday –Saturday, August 13-16**  
**For kids all ages.**

**Youth 13 and older can be helpers.**

**Parents welcome to attend.**

**The schedule is as follows:**

**Wednesday & Thursday 6:30-8:30pm** here at the church

**Friday 6:30pm** at 4-Church Farm for a cookout and family fun . Families may camp at the Farm if they want.

**Saturday 10am** at the Farm for a fun day of crafts, games, music, and Bible stories.

It is recommended that parents of children two or three years old or younger attend VBS with their children. Parents of all children are welcome to attend. There will also be a need for adult volunteers. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Mye, VBS Director. Vacation Bible School at Christ Lutheran is a wonderful experience for all ages!

The Theme this year is "God's Back Yard!"

**"Faith & Friendship" will meet each Wednesday through August 20 from 7-8pm.** After August 20, we may change our meeting time to another weekday evening. We will announce that ahead of time, so interested folks will know.

This is an adult prayer, fellowship, and Bible Study group. Come when you can and enjoy time with friends who share their heartfelt faith and hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Sunday School Teachers are needed for the 2008-2009 year. We will have a Teacher's planning meeting on \*\*Sunday, August 10 right after the 10am service.\*\***

**We need two teachers for each Children's class. PLEASE let Rhonda White or Pastor Kris know if you can teach a Children's Sunday School class this year. Our Sunday School teachers have been an awesome blessing to our children.**

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Pastor Dick Burgie for conducting the worship service on June 29

and for being on call while Pastor Kris and her family were on vacation. Thanks to all others who helped in many ways so Pastor Kris could enjoy her time away knowing the church operations and congregation were in good hands. Our thanks also to Pastor Leslie Fox who served as supply preacher and worship leader on July 6.

## **OUR PRAYERS**

During the past weeks we have prayed for healing and comfort for Jim Landis, Gladys Rinehart, Dick Morris, Sue Ritter, Bob Ewing, Paul Krauss, Hilde Hildebrandt, Ken Bagent, Marcy Terry, Robb Burgie, Sue Bagent, Jean Downey, Fern Briggs, Heather Bonner, Chuck Davis, Mac McDonald, Erin Sheley & Baby, Brandon Llewellyn, Sandra Maransky, Alice Meagher, Dave Armstrong, Judy Deaver, Kaitlyn Claypool, Ruth Ann George, David Wahl, Ann & Joy Williams, Wilma Mathews, Prayers for comfort in grief were lifted for the Family of Dale Knack, the Family of Eileen Sheley, the Family of Ed Clark, the Family of Cretis Webb, the Family of James Kimple Freer who was killed in Iraq, the Family & friends of Doris Good, the Lynch Family, the Watercutter Family, Chris Panek, the Family of David Orr, the Adkins Family, the Family of Shawn Blanton. We continued our prayers for service men and women who are serving throughout the world especially John Wysocki in Afghanistan, Rich Horst in Iraq, Curtis Pyle soon to be deployed, Leroy Petri wounded in Afghanistan, Steve and Michael Selvage, We prayed for this year's college and high school graduates from our church family: Various other prayers and petitions were offered.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **RENT-A-YOUTH**

The Youth are having a fundraiser to help with the costs of the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They are offering to do chores and yard work for individuals for a free will donation to the Youth Fund after the work is done. During the past weeks the Youth have been available after worship service to accept requests for these services. They and their advisors will be contacting those who signed up to schedule a time for the work to be

done. Thanks to all who are helping with this project.

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets every second Tuesday per month at 7pm

**Neurobiological Support Group** for persons who live with clinical depression, generalized anxiety disorder, schizophrenia, bipolar condition, eating disorders, and obsessive-compulsive disorder, and persons who are friends or family members who care are welcome to attend this group.

Meets every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm in the large green Sunday School classroom at church.

Signs are posted so you can find the room. Contact Joyce Williams if you have any questions.

## **NEWBORNS in NEED Baby Shower**

outreach ministry is underway now. Please see the letter from Janice Schulz in this newsletter for all the information about this great ministry.

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear Friends,

We thank you for your donation to "Support the Troops", a project sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans-Licking/Knox Chapter. We are filling boxes with items used by military personnel and shipping the boxes to them at their base. Your donation of \$50.00 will be used for postage or to purchase the items needed by our troops.' We give you thanks from all those who will benefit from this gift of appreciation for what our troops are doing for us.

Sincerely,  
Richard R. Burgie  
Financial Director

Thrivent Chapter 30776

**Special Thanks to** Carol Hughes, Dick Bailey, and the dozens of volunteers who helped set up, cooked, baked, and cleaned-up and served hot dogs, baked beans, chips and lots of ice cream-- to the 200 folks who came to the June 15 Community Picnic and 4H Band Concert at the church. It was a wonderful, sunny day with lots of good Christian fellowship all around! Thank you for helping and thank you for supporting and attending this hospitality and outreach ministry event. We all had fun.

**Special Thanks to** Lois Antritt and Marilyn Clapp for organizing the new church photo directory. It is a huge job to organize this effort so that we might have a new photo directory to help us communicate as a congregation. A directory is an important ministry tool. Lois & Marilyn put in a lot of time and effort to help with this ministry, and we are grateful to them for their care.

### **THANKS, NANCY!**

A special thank you to Nancy Kraning for the dog and puppy obedience classes she provided as a gift to her church family. There were ten students in the class receiving instructions on obedience and other helpful words of advice from Nancy, a certified dog trainer and also a professional dog groomer. Congratulations to our graduates: Boomer & Deb Groff, Mocha & Hank Fitzgerald, and Mr. Bear & Joy Williams. God bless you, Nancy, for sharing your gift with us.

In the love of Jesus,  
Your Church Family

### **NEW SKIPPER & FIRST MATE FOR THE M/V CHRISTIAN**

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Stan and Sharon Berntson have been officially commissioned as the new Skipper and First Mate of the M/V CHRISTIAN, our floating ministry in Southeast Alaska.

The commissioning ceremony took place recently during the 2008 Alaska Synod Assembly in Anchorage, Alaska.

Please join with me in praising God for lifting up highly qualified servants for this ministry!  
Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Dr. Don W. Johnson  
Executive Director

### **BIRTHDAYS**

August 2 Diane Pyle  
August 3 Alisha Manning  
August 4 Lois Antritt  
August 7 Roger Pyle  
August 8 Ken Bagent  
August 10 Larry Ploetz  
August 10 Bob Schmidt  
August 11 Michael Zehnal  
August 12 Paul Kennedy  
August 13 Jane Mihalick  
August 13 Aubrey Fisher  
August 19 Margo King  
August 19 Gerald Schulz  
August 20 Doug Mye  
August 21 Heidi Alexander  
August 22 Karen Ewing  
August 23 Ruth Fies  
August 24 Gary Williams  
August 24 Karen Schmidt  
August 24 Mary Redd  
August 25 Cole Armstrong  
August 25 John Markham  
August 26 Doug Krueger  
August 26 Dalton Lannan  
August 29 Chelsea Bigler  
August 31 Dawn Back

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

August 4 William & Lillian Lovell  
August 7 Hank & Paula Fitzgerald  
August 7 Bill & Shirley Anderson  
August 8 Roger & Marilyn Yekisa  
August 12 Lee & Lindsey Andrews  
August 15 Jon & Missy Morrison  
August 17 James & Carol Hughes  
August 22 David & Sheri Armstrong  
August 27 Dick & Arlene Burgie  
August 30 Robert & Andrea Bowermaster  
August 30 Matt & Kandy Claypool