



The St. Tim Tidings!

September 2011 • News for members & friends of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, TN 37075

From the Pastor...

This year, September the 11th falls on a Sunday. This is also the tenth anniversary of events which forever changed our lives, our country and our world. It is hard to believe that it has been ten years.

As a community, when we gather for worship on that weekend, our service will be a little bit different. We will focus on the three “Rs” - **Remembrance - Restoration - Reconciliation**. The Gospel lesson for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Sept 11) is absolutely breathtaking and couldn't be more perfect for this day of national focus.

Matthew 18:21-35. Peter asking about forgiveness. How many times? How often? Surely there must be an end to all this forgiveness business? Rather appropriate for this day. Rather appropriate for us as individuals - as a community - as a Church. The business of forgiveness, Jesus tells us, is ongoing. So, too, is the business of healing.

Scar tissue can be beneficial and yet also pose risks. The bleeding is stopped - the wound is closed. But the scar tissue is different from the surrounding tissue. A “distortion” of what was there originally. Small scars fade over time, but for the really significant ones - they are an ever present reminder. A reminder of the event, but also of the body's ability to heal... to overcome... to adapt... to change. Things are not quite as they were before.

Scar tissue forms on the national wounds of September 11th. The bleeding has stopped - the wound is closed. But how does our national body heal... overcome... adapt... change? What lessons do we learn - what lessons do we carry forward? Do we form a theocracy? Do we embrace suspicion? Do we live in fear? Do we, like Peter, demand to know how often we are supposed to forgive? Surely there is an end to the cheek-turning? How many times, O Lord... how much... how often?

Fear or forgiveness... tough choice. Fear can be addictive. Lashing out feels so good. Forgiveness is hard work. Forgiveness doesn't happen by accident - it is a conscious choice. A conscious choice to live into the possible... to follow Christ... to take risk. What lessons have we learned? What choices are we making?

As we gather for worship, we will honor and remember lives lost and lives forever changed. We will honor and remember self-sacrifice and courage. We will pray for restoration to wholeness and for reconciliation between peoples and nations. **Remembrance - Restoration - Reconciliation.**

The litany will conclude with this prayer - a prayer from the whole community gathered:

God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the people of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace. Amen. (National Council of Churches - September 11th remembrance)

God's Peace-

Pr. Groce

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St. Timothy Activities

Weekly schedule

Worship: Sat. 5:30 P.M.

Sun. 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School: See Page 9 for current
schedule

Office hours: 8:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. M–F

Sunday School classes

Sun. 9:15–10:15 A.M.

Nursery: Up to age 3

K4-K5—Room 10

1st -2nd grade—Room 7

3rd-4th grade—Room 4

5th grade—Room 2

Youth (6th–12th grade)

6th-7th-Lutherland

8th—Confirmation Room

(Former Bean Bag Room)

9th—High school—Room 3

Adult class—Room 1

Other groups

Men's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study (2 groups W & F)

Sunshine Girls Bible Study

Intercessory Prayer Circle



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From the Program Director

As we enter the month of September, **THANKS** are in order:

Merci to all of the teachers and support staff who are making our Sunday Church School rock! Rally Day was a huge success and we cannot forget the contributions of the high school youth and their leaders for their hard work. **Takk** to the other adults who volunteered to help.

Muchas Gracias to everyone who donated the many school supplies for our Sunday Church School. Many of you did so anonymously, but we did notice and are grateful for thoughtfulness.

Vielen Dank to the whole congregation for your support of the Safe Church program and training sessions. It is a huge step in making sure our church is a safe place for all children.

The Cradle Roll is a reality! All children from birth to age three are included in this faith formation program. Families should have received their first letter. A monthly mailing is a parenting and faith formation support instrument designed for the wee ones and their parents.

The SCS (Sunday Church School) will give their first annual tribute to their grandparents and grandfriends on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. You don't have to be a grandparent to attend. A special invitation is extended to the Grandfriends as well. Come and enjoy!

What is memory work? This year we are bringing back a Lutheran tradition. Students from k-4 through Grade 8 will be expected to memorize an assignment for their respective grade levels. This is a catechism emphasis and is outlined in the NEW SCS handbook. Parents are responsible for guiding their children through the memory process. The teachers will reinforce the work, but will not spend class time on memorization. This is a gentle reminder of those Baptismal promises! Memory work must be completed by May 1, 2012.

Children and prayer petitions: We are making an increased effort to involve the children in our worship services. Prayer requests should be turned in to their teachers and will be written and included in the 10:30 service. We will do our first installment on Sept. 9 at the 10:30 service. "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them...." (Matthew 19:14)

Need a baby-sitter? We are compiling a list of St. Timothy youth who have had a baby-sitting class, CPR training, and Safe Church training. If you need a baby-sitter, call and we can give you the names of the qualified individuals.

Looking forward to my favorite month....October!

Ginny Gauerke
Program Director

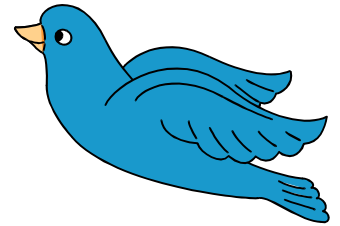
St. Timothy Bluebirds Cheekwood Trip

Our “seniors” group will be travelling to Cheekwood in Nashville on September 13 to view the “Trains – Tennessee in G” exhibit in the gardens. This is Cheekwood’s largest outdoor exhibit – G-scale trains travel throughout Tennessee history! “Young or young at heart, train buff or garden lover, you will be fascinated with the exhibit’s incredible architecture, landscapes and realistic effects.” (Here’s the link for more information:

[http://www.cheekwood.org/Gardens/TRAINS Tennessee in G.aspx](http://www.cheekwood.org/Gardens/TRAINS_Tennessee_in_G.aspx).

The exhibit is wheelchair accessible; the tour is self-guided with trained “hosts” who provide further information. Cost is \$10 per person, payable by cash, check or credit card when we arrive. We’ll meet in the rear church parking lot at 9:30 to carpool to Nashville. After the tour, we’ll have lunch at Dalt’s Classic American Grill, 38 White Bridge Road, Nashville.

Please rsvp to Faye DeFratus at 851-8503 by Sunday, September 11 and let her know if you are able to drive and how many friends you can accommodate in your vehicle. For more information, call Rosemary Hoffman at 206-1835 or e-mail me at rosemarywhoffman@hotmail.com.



New Centering Prayer Group to Begin August 7

Centering or contemplative prayer is an ancient Christian practice involving silent meditation that is conducted in order to open one’s heart and mind to receive the presence of God. On Sunday, August 7 at 7pm, a new St. Timothy centering prayer group will begin weekly meetings, led by Monica Weber. During each hour-long session, participants will arrive in silence, contemplate a scripture reading (lectio divina), spend 20 minutes in seated, silent meditation, and close with a simple Eucharist service, a labyrinth walk or prayer before departing in silence. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Monica at monica.l.weber@vanderbilt.edu.

Would You like a St. Timothy Shirt?

We will be taking your shirt (any shirt, t-shirt, button down, golf shirt, sweatshirt) to have the St. Timothy logo embroidered on later this month. The cost is \$6.00. Please bring your shirt (s) to the church office. No later than September 19th. Please contact Jynni in the church office if you have any questions.



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The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

St. Timothy Blood Drive

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

650 East Main Street, Hendersonville

October 16, 2011

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Contact Carol Webster for more information
615-202-9108 or cbwebster@comcast.net

1-800-GIVE-LIFE | RedCrossBlood.org



St. Timothy Sr. High Youth will again be collecting items for Christmas boxes for distribution to those in need. Please use the list below to start gathering items to help our youth fill all the boxes to help other local children have a good Christmas.

<p><u>Basic personal items</u> <u>High School boy</u> Socks Hat, gloves Comb, Tooth brush Deodorant <u>School Supplies</u> Erasers, Pencils Small notebooks Colored pencils, art supplies (origami paper) <u>Fun Stuff</u> Playing cards, bookmarks Collectable cards- football, basketball Lego's, small hand manipulative-squeeze Hacky sack, sports stuff Candy, chips, <u>gum</u></p>	<p><u>Basic personal items</u> <u>High School girl</u> Socks Hat, gloves Comb, Tooth brush Deodorant Hair products <u>School Supplies</u> Erasers, Pencils Small notebooks Colored pencils, art supplies (jewelry beads) <u>Fun Stuff</u> Anything relating to Eclipse Sudoku puzzles Jewelry, bookmarks Candy, chips, <u>gum</u></p>
<p><u>Basic personal items</u> <u>Middle School boy</u> Socks Hat, gloves Comb, Tooth brush Deodorant <u>School Supplies</u> Erasers, Pencils Small notebooks Colored pencils, art supplies <u>Fun Stuff</u> Collectable cards- football, basketball Lego's, bookmarks Books: SpongeBob, super heroes, magic Hacky sack, sports stuff Candy, chips, <u>gum</u></p>	<p><u>Basic personal items</u> <u>Middle School girl</u> Socks Hat, gloves Comb, Tooth brush Deodorant Hair products <u>School Supplies</u> Erasers, Pencils Small notebooks Colored pencils, art supplies <u>Fun Stuff</u> Jewelry, silly bands Teen magazines, bookmarks Vampire stuff Candy, chips, <u>gum</u></p>
<p><u>Basic personal items</u> <u>Elementary boy</u> Socks Hat, gloves Comb, Tooth brush <u>School Supplies</u> Erasers, Pencils Small notebooks Colored pencils <u>Fun Stuff</u> Books: SpongeBob, super heroes, trains, space Lego's, bookmarks Silly bands, stuffed animals Candy, chips, <u>gum</u></p>	<p><u>Basic personal items</u> <u>Elementary girl</u> Socks Hat, gloves Comb, Tooth brush Hair products <u>School Supplies</u> Erasers, Pencils Small notebooks Colored pencils <u>Fun Stuff</u> Jewelry, silly bands, bookmarks Stuffed animals, small dolls Candy, chips, <u>gum</u></p>

Help Needed – German Advent Service

Following our very successful 4th German Advent service last year, we will be holding the *5th Annual German Advent Service* this year on the second Sunday in Advent, December 4, 2011 at 4:00 pm.

Once again, many volunteers will be needed to put this very special service together for our church members and the Middle Tennessee community. Please contact Carol Webster at 826-4408 or cbwebster@comcast.net if you are willing to help! We need ushers, German-speaking lectors (you know who you are!), musicians of all kinds (including German-speaking singers), and bakers willing to provide baked goods (German ones especially!) for the fellowship after the service.

Thank you in advance for your help! We already have people asking about the service, and expect another great turnout this year!



BBQ Cook Off

To raise funds for Disaster Response

Here's the scoop!

We at Peace Lutheran are looking for contest teams for the **First Annual Lutheran Barbeque Cook Off**. We are hosting a cook off to raise money for local disaster relief from the floods in Nashville and Memphis to the tornados in Southern Tennessee and Northern Alabama.

We southern Lutherans need a break from the traditional brats and sauerkraut and so we've decided to go with pork and beans.



We will assemble teams at Peace on Friday October 28th and have an overnight cooking fest with judging the next day starting at 11:00 am. Lunch is at 1:00 PM, Saturday, October 29th.

The entry fee is to cook enough food to feed the crowd. Winners will receive trophies and everyone will eat well (if you feed them they will come). Charge for admission for the lunch will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12. We can sell desserts and canned drinks and donations will be welcome.

[Click here](#) for our preliminary set of rules (some one said something about pastors judging)

A little local competing between our churches to promote fellowship and of course we will eat well. If your church would like to participate please [email](#) or call Jon Sadler (256-759-3972)

Start forming your team now!

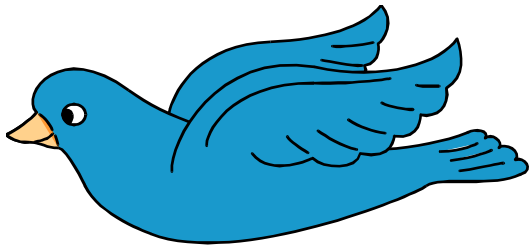


Children's
Christmas Program



**Tim's
Kids**





Bell Choir



SECRET MISSION

Embarking on a "secret" mission! If anyone has any old St. Timothy T-shirts (St. Tim logo, Vacation Bible School, Angels Aware programs, softball team, etc. etc.) please leave them at the St. Tim office by September 30, 2011. Thanks so much for your help! If you have any questions, contact Carol Webster at cbwebster@comcast.net



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Youth!

In Memory

Bob Welker (a former member from the early 80's, with his wife Donna and 3 daughters) recently passed away. His wife, Donna lives at 3358 Patterson Heights Dr., Haines City, Fla. 33844 if you would like to contact her.

Congratulations to Diana and Andy Ermenc on the birth of their twin grandbabies. Her son Drew and his wife Ashley had twins-- Lillian (5 lbs 14 oz) and West (4 lbs.12 oz.). Babies and mother are all doing well. They were born Tuesday, Aug. 16.



Births in the Church Family

Tornado and Severe Thunderstorm Alert

Channel 5 has a service. It costs \$9.95 per year. *They will call your telephone if a tornado or severe thunderstorm threatens your home address.*

You can list UP TO 3 telephone numbers. Just log onto their site and check it out.

http://www.weathercall.net/app_weather_v3.php?page=call-center-order-entry&sitename=wtfv

There is also a site to register your home shelter. If there is a tornado they know where to look for you. You register and they come over with a GPS to take the latitude, longitude readings.

Just log on and check it out. <http://www.sumnerema.org/ContentPage3c97.html?WebPageId=19641&GroupId=4624>

Thanks to Darold Boucher for passing this information along to us.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AT A NEW TIME THIS YEAR. CLASS BEGINS AT 9:15, PLEASE BE HERE ON TIME SO THE TEACHERS MAY BEGIN THEIR LESSONS AND FINISH THEIR CLASSES ON TIME.

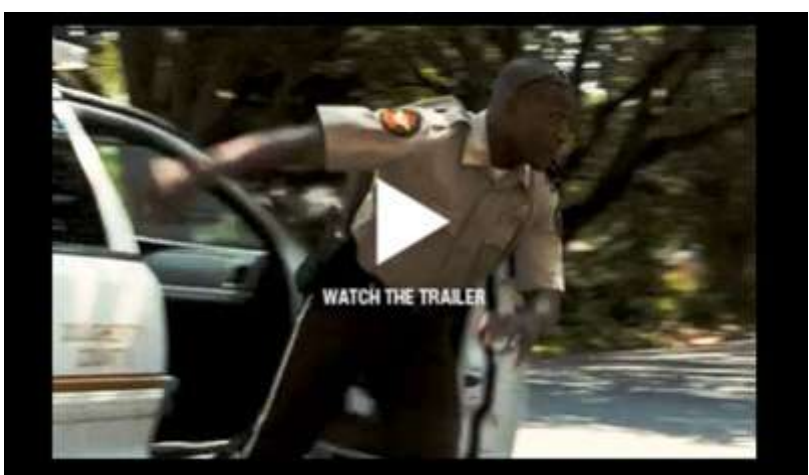


Bring your church group together with *Courageous*, an inspiring movie about the challenges of fatherhood. Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. Yet at the end of the day, these law enforcement officers face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. Moviegoers will find themselves laughing, crying, and cheering as they are challenged and inspired by everyday heroes who long to be the kinds of dads that make a lifelong impact on their children.

Filled with action-packed police drama, *Courageous* is the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures, the moviemaking ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia.

Tickets are on sale now, so book your group of 25 or more at any participating Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatre, or Edwards Theatre, and your group can be inspired by the everyday heroes of *Courageous*. Plus, when you **book a *Courageous* event by October 13, mention promo code COURAGE** and receive a complimentary \$25 Regal Movie Gift Card*.

Call Group Sales staff at 1-800-792-8244, fill out the online [Event Request Form](#), or for more information visit: REGmovies.com/groupsales.



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Psallam Spiritu et Mente

“Sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also.” 1 Cor. 14:15

In honor of one of our national holidays, I thought I'd write about a hymn from the category of *Generous Giving: Experience the Joy*. Even though we make a point of self indulgence and gluttony on this day – Labor Day – it's a celebration of how we manage the rest of our days.

Jane L. Borthwick wrote the hymn “Come, Labor On!”, and T. Tertius Noble *ORA LABORA*, one of its rousing, accompanying hymn tunes. Inspired by the gospel parables that liken the coming of God's kingdom to the sowing of seed and harvesting of grain (Matt. 9:37; Matt. 13; and John 4:35) the text calls us to work for God's cause even in the face of Satan's opposition. Because our earthly time is limited, we must use our resources wisely and be diligent in our kingdom tasks until we hear the final “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matt. 25:21).

Incidentally, Borthwick be-longed to the Free Church of Scot-land. In 1855, she and her sis-ter Sarah Findlater co-pro-duced a book of trans-la-tions of Ger-man hymns ti-tled *Hymns from the Land of Lu-ther* (1854, 1855, 1858 & 1862).

Come, labor on!

Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain, While all around him waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work today.”

Come, labor on!

Claim the high calling angels cannot share— To young and old the Gospel gladness bear;
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on!

The enemy is watching night and day, To sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
While we in sleep our duty have forgot, He slumbered not.

Come, labor on!

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here:
By feeblest agents may our God fulfill, His righteous will.

Come, labor on!

No time for rest, till glows the western sky, Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, “Well done, well done!”

Come, labor on!

The toil is pleasant, the reward is sure; Blessèd are those who to the end endure;
How full their joy, how deep their rest shall be, O Lord, with Thee!

[O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Collect for Compline](#)

Lisa ♪

NEWS FROM F.L.Y.

(Fellowship of Lutheran Youth - grades 6, 7 and 8)

SEPTEMBER 18th: First FLY meeting of the year. More details will be emailed out in the next couple of weeks.

COME JOIN US FOR ALL OF THE FUN! If you have any questions, or want to be added to our e-mail list please be sure to contact Mrs. Motz at jgmotz@bellsouth.net.

SR HIGH ACTIVITIES

Sunday School officially begins for the Sr. High on Sunday, September 11th. The Sr. High Task Force will be meeting in our Sunday School room Sunday, September 4th to finalize plans for the upcoming year, ALL are welcome to join.

Swim Party Sept 18th at the Elam's home

Please see any of the Sr. High teachers for more information, Jynni Bowyer, Paul Frank or Amy Groce.

Wonderful Wednesdays/LL4L Schedule September

Wonderful Wednesday's (WW)

- 7th - a school Craft
- 14th - Outside games
- 21st - Scavenger hunt
- 28th - Miracles

Liturgy for Little Lutherans (L4LL)

After Children's sermon or at the beginning of the first reading, children 4 yrs old - 3rd grade please meet in the Narthex for L4LL.

Both programs follow the Sumner County School Schedule. If Sumner Co schools are out (breaks, holidays, weather) these programs will be also be out.



Bringing HOPE to the children of Haiti one bowl of rice and beans at a time.

Trinity/HOPE is blessed to have support in this congregation for its feeding programs for the hungry children in Christian Schools in Haiti. Each month we provide an article (as below) which can be published in church newsletters to aid in updating and keeping our supporters current on our programs.

Haiti's Heat and Heaven's HOPE!

In the Creole, language spoken by the Haitian people, the words for “**it is hot**” are “*Li f' e cho.*” As we sweltered on one trip a mission team member perverted this to “it sho is sho”. Believe me, this was spoken many times while we were there on this extremely hot trip. In this heat, impoverishment and desperation Satan works daily through the deception of Voodoo.

I'm sure that this summer has been no exception in Haiti, and our temperatures in Arkansas this summer “sho” reminded of the hot days in Haiti, too. Thank God for the cooks in the Haitian school “gourmet” kitchens (kitchens you definitely don't see on “The Food Channel”), who haul water, light and tend the hot fires, and cook the beans and rice for the students. Some of the kitchens are “air-conditioned” as they are under trees in the school yard or only have four poles supporting a roof, if they have a roof. Others are enclosed inside four walls made of woven plants, tin or concrete walls. Yet the food is cooked with the special ingredient that is called “God's love” that each and every one of you donors sends with your dollars (really, a quarter per meal all added together to make dollars.)

The food and the blessing of God and His Word received with each meal indeed make the day for each and every child, teacher, and cook. While they live with the Haitian heat each and every day, many of them didn't know the love of Jesus until they came to a school that was able to share God's Word with a meal made possible by your sharing that love through your prayers and donations.

These children and cooks have indeed seen Satan living in Haiti. Yet, because of God's love shared through you, they have the certain hope given to them that they can live daily with Jesus in Haiti and with Him forever in heaven!

Rev. John Gierke, Peace Lutheran Church, Conway, AR



September Mission and Outreach Focus

NEW MISSION

The Contributor

A street newspaper of greater Nashville

GOAL—
Raise \$1000

The Contributor is a street newspaper in the greater Nashville area. Its purpose is to print a monthly paper that accomplishes the following:

- Provides a diversity of perspectives and info on the condition of homelessness while highlighting the contributions of homeless and formerly homeless individuals.
- Provides homeless and formerly homeless vendors with a source of income.
- Creates community between vendors and customers.

This newspaper is sold by homeless and formerly homeless individuals on the streets of greater Nashville as an alternative to panhandling. It is the largest "street newspaper" of its kind in North America. Approximately 75% of Sumner County residents drive to and from work in the greater Nashville area and see first hand the homeless population struggling to survive. *The Contributor's* mission is to restore dignity and affordable housing to Nashville area's homeless population.

Please support this new mission and our goal of raising \$1,000 by purchasing a copy of *The Contributor* at the table in the Narthex, or by subscribing to the paper for home delivery. You may also help our goal by making a cash donation to the organization. You can make your check payable to St. Timothy with a notation "The Contributor" in the memo section of the check. More information about *The Contributor* is available at www.thecontributor.org.

God's work, our hands!

St. Timothy Missions and Outreach Committee meets once every quarter. If you would like to be part of this group, please join us: **our next meeting is Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Please contact Joline West at joline_west@yahoo.com, or 672-7201 if you would like more information.

Ask Pastor John

. . . UNEMPLOYMENT and the CHURCH!

As I mused about life experiences a short time ago, I realized that unemployment has been a constant in every congregation that I have served as an ordained pastor.

Unemployment has been a significant factor

NO matter the geographic location

NO matter the diversity of races and ethnicities

NO matter the primary occupations of an area

NO matter the prevailing economic and social strata of the people involved

ST. TIMOTHY, HENDERSONVILLE, TN

The promptings have been emails to me, conversations, questions, and the intercessions at worship. Other than intercessory prayer and empathy, the only specific action has been my suggesting other occupations or jobs that I think the unemployed person(s) might consider.

IMMANUEL, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL

PRINCE OF PEACE is now the result of merging Immanuel and Trinity churches.

Chicago Heights is a far-southern suburb of Chicagoland. It has also been described as a **“satellite city” with some industry. Homewood, Flossmoor and Park Forest are neighbors.**

Once a week about 25 of us clergy gathered at 7 AM in a private dining room off the cafeteria at St. James Hospital. We discussed Vatican II, Christian education, and community matters.

A few miles away is a very poverty-stricken community. Clergy reps and business leaders developed training: How to seek a job, How to fill out an application

ZION, DEERFIELD, IL

Deerfield, a Chicago North Shore suburb, is surrounded by Northbrook, Highland Park, and Lake Forest. ORDINARY PEOPLE, a movie you may have seen, was filmed in the area.

Zion’s church council had 24 members, half commonly presidents of their own companies. The “jet set” corporate person of that era was typical of Deerfield. Suddenly, corporations downsized and executives lost their jobs. Again, a group from the clergy met with other leaders and training was developed for unemployed executives: Updating resumes, etc.

ST. PAUL, ORION, IL

OR-ee-un in Illinois, Oh-RYE-un in the sky

Orion is a bedroom community six miles from the Quad Cities, which includes Rock Island and Moline. More than 80% of the Orion workforce is employed in the Quad Cities. John Deere is prominent with its many divisions, including insurance. **The Deere and Company headquarters, dubbed the “rusty palace,” located in a**

magnificent park-like setting which includes Japanese gardens, was designed by the late architect Saarinen and was built of the same steel as Chicago's John Hancock Center.

In mid-1980's the Midwest Farm Crisis occurred. Agricultural land purchased for \$ 4,000 or \$ 5,000 per acre was now worth \$ 2,000 or \$ 3,000 per acre. Among the attitudes, farmers were angry at the executives and the farmers were now not able to buy equipment, the executives were angry because, **probably for the first time ever, Deere was "tightening the belt," and factory workers were angry at losing jobs** because farmers were not buying new equipment.

My congregation had executives, farmers, factories workers. Somehow we were able to live in peace, at least superficial peace, so the congregation was still able to function. How can I summarize our course of action relating to the unemployed or the financially devastated agricultural person?

Yes, our congregation had a farmer suicide.

A poignant question from another parishioner: "Pastor, should I go to his funeral?"

You know I am one of the bank directors who refused him an additional loan.

Ultimately seminaries, medical centers and other institutions and various community leaders were involved in meeting the crises. It was NOT simply our congregation, but a mobilization of forces in a large area. The whole experience may be why the area has congregations with parish nurses among the first 150 parish nurses in the United States and now the world.

The suffering people tended to refrain from attending worship and events designed to be helpful because of embarrassment regarding their situations. They experienced depression (often the depression that is unexpressed anger).

Our culture has a strain that always lays on blame on the individual:

"If you work hard enough, you will have no problems."

However, when the economy collapses or your job is gone, there's often not much sympathy.

We soon realized that every event designed to be helpful needed TWO topics for all participants --- one dealing with the trauma and one topic completely different. This eliminated some of the embarrassment and freed many to seek emotional help and become more socially participatory.

BIBLICAL SUGGESTIONS

These shared life experiences can NOT be made absolute. The details were appropriate for given times.

Usually basing an understanding or idea on only one or two biblical sentences is hazardous. **It's better to grasp themes which permeate the biblical scriptures.** Over 2,000 biblical verses (3,000 or 4,000 if one includes related verses) admonish us to be concerned about the suffering and the downtrodden.

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WOW Urban Ministry Trip – June 5 – 10, Knoxville

WOW Mission Moments from the youth who served.

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 - **We went to an elderly lady's home and worked in her yard.** The grass was very over grown and the bushes covered the fence! After I finished trimming three bushes, Alex Hansen and I went into her house. She had so many stories to tell I could hardly keep up. A lot of her stories were very shocking and very sad! I learned that her ex-husband had shot her in the leg. She also went **to jail for cutting someone!** Each story ended with **"and that's why you don't mess with me."** She kept telling us over and over that **if a boy says he loves you, you say put a ring on it!** She was the funniest person I have ever met. I think she just wanted someone to talk to and listen to her.

-Savannah Bobo-Bressler





September 2011

Saturday - 5:30 PM:	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct 1
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jim Dineen	Jeff King	David Brau	Jim Dineen	Jeff King
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	John & Mary Frances Gray	Alan Honea Jim Dineen	Ed & Sally Kaler	Alyene Brett Betsy Orsland	Sharon Campbell Audrey Passoni
Sunday 8:00 AM:	Sep. 4	Sep. 11	Sep. 18	Sep. 25	Oct. 2
ASSISTING MINISTER	Karen See	Bridget Radford	Jenna Butz	Jim Dineen	Donna Cornelius
CANTOR	Bert Jergenson	Fred Bacon	tba	Jim Dineen	Palmer Clemmer
CRUCIFER	Donna Cornelius	Teri Brugman	Karen See	Scott Meyers	Shirley Hall
ACOLYTE	Colin Bumgarner	Sam Brugman	Jeremy Brugman	Jake Meyers	Colby Bumgarner
LECTORS	Illa Peterson	Colleen O'Shields	Jane Steinhauer	Donna Cornelius	Karen See
COMMUNION ASST.	Sharon Adkins	Donna Cornelius	Janel Tucker	Shirley Hall	Illa Peterson
USHERS	Baker & Pat Kirpatrick Klaudene Gourley	Shirley Hall Dave Mott	Diane & Dick Dusso	Kristin & Kelly Dineen	Tim & Carol Webster
Sunday 10:30 AM:	Sep. 4	Sep. 11	Sep. 18	Sep. 25	Oct 2
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jim Dineen	Steve Glor	Ron Morgenstern	John Lekander	Jack Gregorio
CANTOR	Bert Jergenson	Fred Bacon	tba	Jim Dineen	Palmer Clemmer
CRUCIFER	Carter Davidson	Mike Stone	Steve Glor	Connor LaPointe	Kathy Fox
ACOLYTE(s)	Sydney Dohrman Katie Owens	John Trantum Witt Trantum	Jill Bower Peyton Bower	Courtney LaPointe Caitlin LaPointe	Sydney Dohrman Katie Owens
LECTORS	Jeremy Tingler	Sue Buckberry	Brenda Parker	Cindy Davis	Sue Petersen
COMMUNION ASST.	Karen Kral	Mike Stone	Joanne Britt	Kristi LaPointe	Sally Kaler
USHERS	Ed & Sally Kaler	Steve & Sue Petersen Richard Smith	Gary & Sherry Freel Cody Hunter	Bill Hoffman Alex House Nicole Steen	Joanne Britt Steve Fox

If you are unable to serve on the date listed it is your responsibility to find your replacement and notify the Church Office for bulletin corrections.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				8:00a - Men's Bible Study	10:00a - Women's Bible Study	5:30 pm - Service
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