



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE ANCHOR

JUNE 2009

A LOUSY ECONOMIST

There's a lot of advice—some good, some not—circulating about what to do in the midst of a recession. It's hard to discern which advice is good and which isn't. If you're looking for sound investment advice, tips on how to pinch pennies, pointers for putting money away for retirement, you need a good financial planner. If you have questions about the fluctuation of the market, about rates of return, or about risk management, you need a good economist.

Despite what they might say on the 700 Club, you're not going to learn a lot about economics from the Bible or from the Church.

Christ's Church, governed by the Word of her Savior, isn't a very good economist. For that matter, she's not a very good businesswoman. Frankly, she's downright awful when it comes to mathematics. Even the simple task of counting eludes her.

And that's good news.

The world wants to see impressive numbers to confirm the effectiveness of a business. But the Church believes her Lord's promise that "where two or three are gathered" He is with her. The world runs all business decisions through a risk/benefit analysis. But the Church confirms she is no business by heeding her Lord, the Shepherd who would leave the 99 sheep to search for one lost lamb. He's the divine Sower who recklessly scatters the priceless seed of His word, even on soil He knows will never permit the seed to take root and grow. There was no venture too risky for the Lord of the Church, and so His Church knows no risk too great to take.

Following her Lord's lousy economics, the Church is like the man who sold everything he had just to buy one valuable pearl. She embodies the call from the Lord to His disciples to give away everything just for the sake of following the Savior.

There's no magic formula for a guaranteed return on investment. Sometimes the Church proclaims the Gospel with little effort or expense. Sometimes proclaiming the Gospel costs her everything. Similarly, sometimes her members are free from persecution; sometimes their lives are a small price to pay for the privilege of confessing the Gospel. Either way, the Church isn't surprised.

So never let numbers overwhelm you. Bigger numbers aren't any better, they're just bigger. When you hear of congregations growing or shrinking in numbers, either way, you may rejoice that the Lord is faithful to His promise to be where two or three are gathered. When you see an increase or a decrease in giving, you may rejoice that the Lord gives the privilege of bearing His Word into the world to His Church.

The Church's success, then, isn't measured by numbers. It's measured by fidelity to her Lord's Word.

In Christ's Service,

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

MAY ATTENDANCE

	Divine Service/Lord's Supper	Sunday School	Adult Bible Class
3 rd	100 / 78	12	19
10 th	139 / 98	15	21
17 th	119 / 92	16	17
Thurs 21 st	26 / 20	--	--
24 th	97 / 67	16	18
31st			



SERVING IN JUNE

Elders: Lead: Dennis Hennemann
Asst.: Kerry Hall

Altar Guild: MaryAnn Husmann, Ed, Deb & Sarah Basham & Becky Nevlin

Greeters

June 7 – Mike & Jeanne Roth
June 14 – Cary & Kim Roberts
June 21 – Jim & Noreen Manns
June 28 – Mark & William Kloempken

Ushers

June 7-- Rick Angel, Len Straub, Marvin Frazer, Randy Margeson
June 14 -- John & Steve Ficker, Nathan Martin, Bill Ivers
June 21 -- Tony Purcell, Mike Roth, Jerry Summers & Jim Heltsley
June 28 -- Dave Roth, Don Carpenter, Eric Trisler, Kris McGuire

Acolytes

June 7 – Taylor Eberhardt
June 14 – Ailee Manns
June 21 – Josh Manns
June 24 (Wed) – Aloera Montz
June 28 – Katy Rethorn

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

	Envelp	Plate	SS	Debt	Parking	Mission	Flowers	Other
3	\$1844	97.75	25	100				20
10	2369	289.51	15.67	20		10	10	20
17	1811	148.75	18.50					214.41
24	1291	292.26	13.25			510		890.06
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WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN

...To serve as ushers--- talk with Rick Angel before or after the service

NEWS & NOTES



**Youth Yard Sale –
Fri. & Sat., June 19th & 20th**
Bring donations before Wed. June 17th

WHAT ARE YOU DOING BEFORE CHURCH?

Everyone has an opportunity to gladly hear and learn God's word at 8:30 on Sunday mornings. Excellent teachers lead fun and meaningful classes for preschool children through high school youth. All adults are welcome to attend Pastor's Bible Class, which is currently discussing the fundamentals of what Lutherans believe. These classes provide an opportunity to meet others, ask questions, and learn about Christ crucified. We look forward to seeing you there!

FATHERS' DAY RIB COOK OFF!

Is your dad the grillmaster? Here's his chance to compete for the title – the first youth-group-sponsored rib cook off. Bring your best bbq ribs on Sunday June 21, and we'll enjoy a potluck after church, where everyone can vote for their favorites. There will be plenty of food to share. Don't miss it!



BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

All are invited (and encouraged) to attend the Building Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00pm in the Bible study room to discuss the following topics, among other topics:

- Evaluate remaining work to be done that was on original plan
- Tie up loose ends on existing projects
- Evaluate returning unused loan funds

If you have ideas or suggestions, this is your chance to be heard!

ARMS OF LOVE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please return your bottles and donations by
Fathers' Day, June 21



For more information on Arms of Love
Pregnancy Resource Center in Godfrey,
check out – www.armsofloveprc.org

NEWS & NOTES - CONTINUED

IT'S SUMMERTIME... YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS: VBS!

Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School Aug. 3-7, 2009, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Watch for future announcements about registration, donations, and volunteers!



LOOKING TO SAVE MONEY?

Place your June Angel Food order after church on June 14th, or at www.jerseyvillenazerene.org

Distribution day is June 27, 11am – 1pm

If you missed June, watch for the July bulletin insert describing all the food you can get for \$30 and other value packages.



UPCOMING MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICES:

Join the Church in observing the following festivals by receiving the Lord's gifts on these days:

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist 7 p.m., Wed. June 24, 2009

The Church celebrates the birth of John the Baptist. John was the forerunner of Christ, and even his birth heralds the birth of Jesus.

The Visitation 7 p.m., Thurs. July 2, 2009

The Church remembers when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visits her cousin, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth and John confess the Divinity of Christ, even before he was born.

Observing these festivals recalling historical events allows us to learn, remember, and celebrate the life of Jesus and his death upon the cross for our sins.

CONGRATS TO HOPE'S 2009 YOUTH CONFIRMANDS!

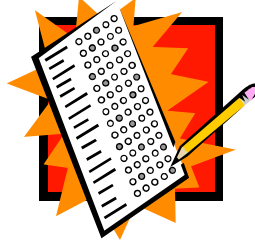


Keep Garrett Blasa, Nick Miller, Cody Rethorn & Jordan Summers in your prayers.

LIVE & LEARN

HOW WOULD YOU DO ON THE TEST?

Before being confirmed, the youth are challenged to learn about their faith and study God's word as taught in the Catechism. A major portion of their study involves memorizing the Catechism. Memorization is one way to fill your mind with God's Word and having an answer to the big questions about your faith. This year, the focus in weekly catechesis also included Old Testament. Here are some questions from a recent test the youth took in Wednesday night catechesis. How would you have done? Ask the kids for the answers! 😊



- How can you pick out Law in a sermon?
- How can you pick out Gospel in a sermon?
- What was the role of the judges?
- What's unique about Ruth?
- Where does she appear in the New Testament?
- What was the role of the prophets?
- Why did the Israelites want a king?
- Why wasn't Saul a good king?
- What did God look at when selecting David to be king over Jesse's other sons?
- How did David react when the prophet Nathan confronted him about his sin?
- For what does Solomon ask the Lord?
- What gets built during Solomon's reign?
- What showdown does Elijah have with the prophets of Baal?
- Why is Naaman upset with Elijah?
- Why is Manasseh a wicked king?
- Why is Josiah a good king?
- What is the chief goal of God's punishment against the Israelites?
- Can you be certain that when you die you will go to heaven? How or why not?
- What does God want to happen to all sinners?

Bonus

What is God's alien work (opus alienum)?

What is God's proper work (opus proprium)?

*The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.*

*Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late*

*To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right
But those who scornfully disdain*

*God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.*

*The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify*

*To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.
---Matthias Loy, 1828-1915*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/6 Scott & Michell Summers
Bob & Yvonne Hartmann
- 6/7 John & Tina Lyming
- 6/17 Otis & Kristen Rodriguez
- 6/18 Clifford & Vera Neal
- 6/23 Kerry & Rhonda Hall
- 6/24 Ed & Deb Basham
- 6/25 Leonard & Donna Straub
- 6/26 Gary & Janet Kallal
Mike & Jeanne Roth

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Patrick LeBlanc
Korri Ontis
- 6/2 Bert Perry
- 6/4 Stephen Ficker
Sarah Schneider
- 6/5 Christopher LeBlanc
- 6/7 Kerry Hall
- 6/8 Bob Skibbe
- 6/10 Opal Ervin
- 6/12 Bette Hall
Kris McGuire
Elzina Morris
Jewell Purcell
Nate Aldefer
- 6/13 Karen Roth
Jamie Sharich
- 6/14 Patricia Ivers
- 6/15 Karri Greene
- 6/17 Andrew LeBlanc
- 6/19 Angie Whitfield
- 6/20 Jim Manns
- 6/21 Jennifer Jolly
Jeff White
- 6/24 Gary Pinkard
- 6/28 Michael Roth
- 6/29 Jeanne Roth

PRAYER PARTNERS

This month, we pray particularly for these brothers and sisters in Christ:

Week of June 7– Jim & Noreen Manns; Nick & Robin Manns, Josh, Aileen; Ethel Margeson; Randy & Judy Margeson, Kevin, Danny, & Kim

Week of June 14– Susan Martin, Nathan & Sophia; Kris, Bruce, & Linda McGuire; Brienne & Josh Conklin & Noelle

Week of June 21-- Bryan & Lisa McKennon, Ben & Lucas; Joe & Gay McKennon, Matt McKennon, Joey & Shani,

Week of June 28— Elke Monroe; Pastor & Yvonne Mitkos & family; Bennie & Donna Morris; Elzina Morris

MORNING PRAYER, FROM TREASURY OF DAILY PRAYER, CPH 2008

Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

(from the Treasury of Daily Prayer, CPH 2008)



Elementary School

E-News from Unity June 2009

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SHARE IN THE MIRACLE DINNERS

During the month of May, three Share In The Miracle Dinners were held in various locations around our District. Our hope was that as many people as possible would attend, so the ticket price was intentionally kept low. We have been very pleased with the results. Close to 400 friends, both old and new, attended the dinners. The meals were all delicious and served in very beautiful surroundings. After dinner, our guests learned about the miracles of God at Unity. They listened to our Unity Angelic Voices Choir sing, and heard testimonies from our parents. An opportunity to share in the miracle by making a special gift was then presented. God has blessed our school through these dinners and through our friends. Over \$70,000 has been donated to His mission as a result of these special appeals. That's the Miracle of Unity!

ONE MORE SITM MIRACLE DINNER

If you did not get to one of the first three dinners, you can still attend the fourth and final one. It will be held at the Lighthouse Restaurant in the Frank Holton State Park in East St. Louis on Thursday, June 4, at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$12.50 per person or \$100 for a table of eight. Many of our supporters purchased an entire table and then invited friends who have never been involved with Unity. That's a great way to get the word out. Reservations can still be made by calling the school office – 618.874.6605

THANK YOU LCEF! When you think of Lutheran Church Extension fund, you usually think of investments and loans. However, our LCEF friends at the main office in St. Louis diligently collect Boxtops for Education for Unity. We recently received a sizeable collection, which we are able to redeem for cash. Thanks for your creative and enthusiastic support!

**VOLUNTEER NOW FOR
HAWTHORNE CLEANUP
CALL 618.874.6605
EMAIL pm7951@yahoo.com**

HAWTHORNE UPDATE

We're getting ready to move! It will be a very busy summer. Here's what happening: June 20 The SID Board of Directors approves lease. July 1 Lease goes into effect. August 8 Moving day! ????? First day of school. Every Saturday during July and August (except the 4th of July) will be a volunteer work day. We can also arrange for individuals or groups to come during the week.

If you or your group wants to help with this project, please send an email or call the school office at 618.874.6605. We need lots of help cleaning, painting, and moving things around. We also need help with grass cutting on a weekly basis. We also need help with the coordination and supervision of our volunteers.

WISH LIST NUMBER ONE Supplies for Hawthorne

Cleaning supplies
Painting supplies
(No paint – we're buying that)
Yard tools
6-foot step ladders
Rolling step scaffold
Basic maintenance tools

WISH LIST NUMBER TWO School Supplies

Markers
Crayons
Pencil Boxes
Copier Paper
(Please, no pencils, bottles of white glue, or spiral notebooks. We're loaded!)

PRAYER REQUESTS

That the transition to our new home will go smoothly.

That all of our current families will return to Unity next year.

That many new families will enroll for next year.

That our teachers will have a restful summer.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
JERSEYVILLE, IL 62052

May 12, 2009

Pastor Hemmer opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Deaconess Sandy Bowers was present and gave a presentation on the Freed in Christ Program. Sandy is from Hamel and works mainly with the District Prison Ministry. She is looking for volunteers to work with ex-offenders who are being released in our area, to avoid their going back to prison. A support group meets with the ex-offender for 1 hour weekly to pray with them, have a Bible study, set goals, and help them with local resources for food, clothing, education, and employment. There will be a District training session on June 6. Interested persons should contact Pastor.

The regular monthly meeting of Hope Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 8:20pm., by President Keith Baecht. The 8 members present were Keith Baecht, Linda Blasa, Carol Skibbe, Dennis Henneman, Tim Butler, Mark Kloempken, Yvonne Hartmann, and Pastor Hemmer.

The Secretary's Report: (Carol Skibbe)

The April minutes were in the Newsletter, and will be filed in the permanent file.

The Treasurer's Report: (Linda Blasa)

The April financial statement was presented. Present checking balance as of 4/28/09 is \$894.42. We are 1 mission payment behind. Motion was made by Yvonne Hartmann to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Tim Butler. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: (Rev. Jeffrey B. Hemmer)

Pastor reported that Summer Catechesis begins on May 27, Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. The title is "What Lutherans believe."

Elder's Report (Dennis Henneman)

The Elder's approved Pastor's mileage, discussed the Smalcald Articles, and are still discussing the Disaster Plan. Dennis will attend the District meeting regarding Church Safety. Sunday there will be four youth confirmed.

Stewardship Committee

Properties Committee: (Bob Hall)

The concrete work is finished on the ramps and the NW corner.

Worship Committee: (Rick Angel)

Rick could still use some usher volunteers.

Youth Report (Kim Frazer)

Altar Guild: (Mary Ann Husmann).

Sunshine Circle (LWML): (Yvonne Hartmann)

Yvonne reported the ladies will again give Prayer books to the Confirmands.

Old Business Discussed:

- Cash flow forecasting on spending and miscellaneous spending. Review current status. Spreadsheet emailed on 5/20 to council.

New Business Discussed:

- June 6th district training on prison ministry, Freed in Christ program.

There was not a quorum present, so no business was conducted.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, followed by Compline in the Sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Skibbe, Secretary

JUNE 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p><i>May 31</i></p> <p>8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>9:30a Divine Service</p>	<p>June 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30a Sunshine Circle Workday</p> <p>6:00-6:45p Private Confession</p> <p>7:00 -7:45p Service of Prayer and Preaching</p> <p>7:45-8:30p Summer Catechesis</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Group Mtg</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>9:30a Divine Service</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30-7:00p Elders' Mtg</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Council Mtg.</p> <p>8:00-8:15p Compline</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00-6:45p Private Confession</p> <p>7:00 -7:45p Service of Prayer and Preaching</p> <p>7:45-8:30p Summer Catechesis</p> <p>7:45-8:30p Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>9:30a Divine Service</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30a Sunshine Circle</p> <p>6:00-6:45p Private Confession</p> <p>7:00 -7:45p Service of Prayer and Preaching</p> <p>7:45-8:30p Summer Catechesis</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am - ?? Youth Group set up for yard sale</p>	<p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP YARD SALE! Friday 8am – 2pm Saturday 8am – 1 pm</p>	
<p>21</p> <p>8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>9:30a Divine Service</p> <p>Rib Cook Off following Service</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30a Sunshine Circle</p> <p>9:30a Sunshine Circle Mtg</p> <p>6:00-6:45p Private Confession</p> <p>7:00p Divine Service – Nativity of St. John the Baptist</p> <p>8:00-8:30p Summer Catechesis</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6-10pm Youth Group Game Night!</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>9:30a Divine Service</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><i>July 1</i></p> <p>9:30a Sunshine Circle Workday</p> <p>6:00-6:45p Private Confession</p> <p>7:00 -7:45p Service of Prayer and Preaching</p> <p>7:45-8:30p Summer Catechesis</p>	<p><i>July 2</i></p> <p>7:00p Divine Service – The Visitation</p>	<p><i>July 3</i></p>	<p><i>July 4</i></p>
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