

"So we are ambassadors  
for Christ..." -

2 Corinthians 5:20

August 2011



**Sunday Worship**  
9:00 a.m.

**Saturday Worship**  
5:30 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church  
700 County Highway B  
Stoughton, WI

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# Christ Lutheran Ambassador

**Fish Fry with Jesus**  
*by Pastor Scott Geister-Jones*



Okay, this one may seem a little silly, but there will be a point.

Jesus had been crucified and buried, and the disciples were in a tough spot. The past seemed lost. The three years of following Jesus seemed a bad memory. What did the future hold for them, for their families, and for their faith? The answer is, they returned to some old and familiar ways: they found some boats along the seashore and went fishing as the sun faded into the sea.

It's not as strange as it might sound. Several of the disciples had been fishermen before Jesus called them, including Peter. Food had to be put on the table, so they went to work. According to John's gospel, "when they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place with fish laid out on it, and bread." Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." Apparently none of the disciples dared to ask him "Who are you?" Instead, they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish..."it was the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead."

You know how nice it is to be surprised with a hot breakfast, especially if you thought you weren't going to have any? I'm sure there are people in our congregation that are wondering about the end of some dreams or plans. I'm sure there are people thinking, "What shall we do now?" I'm even sure that some people really wonder if the Bible's story about Jesus' life, death and resurrection is really true. I suspect this word about a fish fry with Jesus might just touch your heart and tickle your soul. I pray that somehow and some way the very presence of the risen Jesus might surprise you, just as he did the disciples, with refreshment and new hope.



## Go and Tell

*by Roger Slack*

The big thing on my mind this month has been the new pictorial directory we are trying to put together for the church this fall. I want to thank all of you who have signed up for a day and time to have your photo taken. I hope I haven't been too annoying as I flagged you down in the narthex. It's just that a directory without your picture included is not a complete picture of our church family. Have I mentioned before that we have the best-looking congregation in Stoughton?

By the time you are reading this, we will be doing the photos for the first week we have scheduled, August 1-6. There may even be a few time slots left if you need them. The next week is scheduled for October 10-15. I will still be scheduling up to then, and Gloria will have the schedule in her office as well to help you find a time.

One good thing that has come to our attention from the calling we did to everyone not already signed up was that the current membership roster has 31 wrong or discontinued phone numbers. In this day of the cell phone, I'm sure many of the discontinued numbers are the result of dropped land lines. They may be people

that have moved away out of the area. They may be typos entered into our list, where two numbers got turned around. We will try to remedy this before the directory is printed, but if you are just using your cell phone, it makes it kind of hard for us to call you and find out your new number. If you are or soon will be in that situation, please remember to notify Gloria in the church office, so that if she or one of the pastors needs to get hold of you, they can. Thanks again to everyone.

## Senior Excursion to Wisconsin Historical Museum

*by Pastor Scott Geister-Jones*



On a comfortable, sunny day in July, seniors enjoyed a trip to downtown Madison and the Wisconsin Historical Museum.

One of my favorite exhibits identified technology of Wisconsin, and especially the 1948 Nash sedan, built in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Al Christensen glimpsed the car as he came around the exhibit corner and immediately identified the vintage year of this lovely car. Roger Vier commented about the Nash he owned, a 1951 model, and said it offered terrific gas mileage.

A brief stroll up the street and past the Capitol brought us to the Old Fashioned off the Square. We enjoyed a great meal, conversation, and a lively lunch crowd for people-watching.

## Lutheran World Relief Needs Our Help!

Please bring any of the following items to church during August and September. Monetary donations are also welcome! Be on the lookout for sales on school supplies, which usually start in July and continue until school starts. Walgreens, ShopKo, and Target have great sales. Dollar General has reduced prices on many products, and garage sales are the best places to get items for layettes. The Social Concerns Ministry Team thanks you for your support.

### Layettes

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts or Onesies®
- Two gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two washcloths (full-size preferred)
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins



### School Kits

- Notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½" totaling 15-200 sheets (if using 70-sheet notebooks, please include three; no loose leaf paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- One 2½" long eraser
- One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12" X 14" with cloth handles or drawstring closure



### Health Kits

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers (with or without attached file), remove packaging (no emery boards)
- Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand) preferably 1/2" to 3/4"



### Sewing Kits

- Three pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester)
- 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- One package of about 10-15 needles for hand sewing
- One spool of matching general purpose thread, 250-300 yards
- Six to ten average-size matching buttons (1/2" to 3/4" preferred)



### Soap

A brand-new bar of soap contributes to cleanliness and dignity. LWR accepts new bars of any soap, in its original wrapping. All bars and sizes accepted; however, bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) are highly preferred.

**Special Note:** Please do not purchase items with religious symbols or messages, U.S. flags, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage, for use in LWR kits.



## Skaalen Speaks

by Diane Matson

The Skaalen Cemetery. Chances are that many of you know of its existence and its location. There may even be some of you who have relatives or friends who chose the Skaalen Cemetery as their final resting place. But here are a few things that you may not know.

The Skaalen Cemetery, located just outside of Stoughton on County Highway N, has recorded 122 burials. The earliest burial on record was that of Gustav Pederson, who was born on June 25, 1816, and died on January 22, 1904.

A year of death isn't recorded for Marthe Paulson, but she appears to have the earliest birthdate. Marthe was born on July 4, 1811, and died on June 22, but no year is given.

The most recent burial was that of Carl Smithback, who was born in 1899 and passed away in 1969. Albert Smithback is also buried in the Skaalen Cemetery. He was born in 1827 and died in 1920. Could he have been Carl's father?

The cemetery is peppered with Norwegian names: Olson, Pederson, Sivesind, Staaleson, Aalen, Brekke, Elverum, Ericksen, Fagerlund, Fosse, Gronnerud, Gudmundson and more. There is at least one infant buried in the Skaalen Cemetery. The child is simply referred to as "Baby Johanson," who was born and died in 1919.

Take a short drive out on County Highway N and visit the Skaalen Cemetery. Reflect on the lives of the folks buried there. Place some flowers on one of the graves, and offer a silent prayer. It's sure to make God smile.

### Stoughton Food Pantry

The next time you go to the store to buy groceries, buy one more item and donate it to the food pantry. Families with gardens may donate their extra produce. You may bring it to church or the food pantry, or call Julie Sehmer at 205-2800, and they will pick it up.



### From the CLC Library

Anyone who may have checked a book out of the Christ Lutheran Library in the last 6 months, please check your bookshelves, closets, office, or toy box. Several books are still checked out and need to be returned.

Thank you,  
Mary Onsager





**Thank You**

The Youth Ministry Team thanks the congregation and groups/circles for the camperships that helped send 40 youth to Bible camp this summer. Many friends and memories are made and these summer experiences help build the faith of our youth. Thanks again!



**Family Ministry Theme Weeks!**

The newly expanded Youth Ministry Team is working on special family theme weeks for the upcoming school year. The first theme week will be around Stoughton High School's homecoming on September 23. Look for more details.



**Student and Parent  
Confirmation Orientation  
September 21**

Confirmation orientation will be held September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The event will take about one hour, and will provide you with the resources and a schedule for the upcoming year. Parents will be asked to sign up for meal service, small group guides, and chaperones for the gym time following the Wednesday night class. Please mark your calendars now for this upcoming meeting.



**Summer Fun Trip**

Youth Ministry is looking to do our annual trip to Noah's Ark Water Park in late August. More details will follow!



## Baseball Sunday Was A Winner!

Thanks to all who helped make Baseball Sunday a success. It was a team effort with folks staffing the grills, to families in the kitchen, to children playing ball in the field. Thanks to Men in Mission, fifty folks enjoyed a sunny and hot day at the ballpark, and sadly we watched as our Mallards fell short of a victory. Nevertheless, we all enjoyed being part of the team and playing ball!



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## Martin Luther Christian School News

The MLCS childcare staff has been busy providing an exciting summer program for the 158 students enrolled in childcare this summer. The summer theme was “Reading Your Way to Hawaii.” All age groups engaged in fun activities, crafts, and games. The school-age children also participated in a Reading for Fun program. Students enjoyed weekly field trips to Build-A-Bear, Olbrich Gardens, Deer Valley Lodge, Little Amerricka, Ultrazone, many area pools, and Great Wolf Lodge among others. A Hawaiian Luau is planned to celebrate the end of the summer program, at the end of August.



We are very excited and blessed to be starting our third year at the previous Yahara School site in September. We look forward to welcoming our new and returning students and families.

Our MLCS chapel service is every Wednesday morning from 8:15-8:45 a.m. Pastors and lay pastors from surrounding area churches serve as chapel leaders. We invite you to come and worship with us each Wednesday morning during the school year.

Please contact the MLCS Office at 873-8073 or our Childcare Office at 873-7884 for more information concerning our educational offerings, tuition rates, and childcare services. Visit us at [mlcschool.org](http://mlcschool.org).

**Registration:** Sunday, August 14, 1:00–2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 24, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Registration days are for *all* Elementary School students in JK–5<sup>th</sup> grade, Four-year-old Kindergarten (4K), and 3-year-old Preschool students.

### **Tuesday, August 30:**

4K Open House: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. A.M. students  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. P.M. students

3-year-old Preschool Open House: 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, September 1:**

First day of Elementary School: 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Kindergarten Orientation: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday and Friday September 1 and 2:**

4-year-old Kindergarten (4K) Parent Teacher Conferences will be held.

### **Tuesday September 6:**

First day of school for 3-year-old Preschool, 4-year-old Kindergarten (4K), Junior Kindergarten (JK), and Kindergarten

### **Weddings:**

July 23—Kendal Buttchen and Heather Ulrich

### **Baptisms:**

June 25—Luke Everett Walterscheid, son of Matthew and Heather Walterscheid

July 10—Benjamin Matthew Davie, son of Matthew and Monica Davie

July 10—Aryah Ao Nelson, daughter of Mark and Samantha Nelson



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## **Bring Your Pets Blessing of the Animals**

Christ Lutheran Church  
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Sunday, August 14—9:00 a.m.  
Worship Outside the Fellowship Hall