

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

2 Corinthians 5:20

June 2011

Christ Lutheran Ambassador

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent



Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Saturday Worship

5:30 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church
700 County Highway B
Stoughton, WI

I enjoy the summer months and hope you enjoy them, too. At our house, the kids are busy counting down the days until school is out. The grass has been mowed a few times, and the hosta plants are bursting out of the ground. Just walking onto the deck in the morning brings a sweet smell that promises spring's brisk passage to summer.

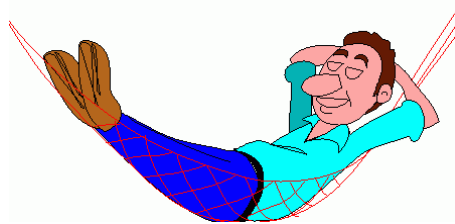
The summer months change the pace of life at home, work, and church. I find it wonderfully refreshing. The summertime service on Saturday night glows in the amber light of sunshine through the stained glass windows. It casts a wonderful spell on the family of God gathered in worship. On Sunday, the summer brings many together for a single service. We see familiar faces and tanned bodies, and kids in shorts and flip-flops. This seasonal schedule allows us to change things up a bit and move outside for coffee on the patio near the fragrant flower garden.

The whole notion of Sabbath speaks well to summer. Sabbath is a word derived from the Hebrew *Shabbat*, "to cease," which was first used in the Biblical account of the seventh day of Creation. It calls a people to stop, rest, and reflect upon God's Word. Sabbath invites us to live a single day of the week differently than all others—and that element of worship in community makes all the difference! Enjoy this seasonal change in all its beauty wherever you find yourself (and, of course, with us each weekend this summer season).

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Pastor Scott Geister-Jones





Guest Preacher—June 12



Rev. Sara Yotter visits Christ Lutheran on Sunday, June 12. Sara grew up in Appleton, WI. She received a BA in Religion and Biblical Languages from Luther College in Decorah, IA, and her MDiv from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

She is a wife to Justin, a mother to Nickolas, and owner of two boxers, Zane and Maggie. They live in Madison, WI, and are members of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona.

Her personal mission statement is to love Jesus and to help others love Jesus. Her passion in ministry is that the Church may be real and relevant to the world today to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all.

As Assistant to the Bishop of the South-Central Synod of WI, she works with congregations throughout the call process, provides congregational support for mutual ministry, stewardship, conflict and much more. In her free time she loves cooking and trying new recipes to entertain her friends and family.

Stoughton City Band Summer Concerts

Come hear the Stoughton City Band at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, June 16, outside the Nazareth Health and Rehabilitation Center, 814 Jackson St. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a free, open-air concert! (If it rains, the concert will be postponed until Thursday, June 23—same place and time.)



Kyla Betts Recital

On Saturday, June 11, at 2:00 p.m., CLC member Kyla Betts will give a vocal recital here at Christ Lutheran Church. There will be a reception following. Linda Kunz will be accompanying Kyla, and the recital will also feature Julie Hutchinson (soprano). Come

enjoy selections by George Frederic Handel, Robert Schumann, Gabriel Faure, Roger Quilter, and more.

Dear CLC,

Just a quick note to thank you for setting up housing and feeding our collegiate chorale. I heard from Tim that they had a great morning at Christ Lutheran. I know it's a lot of work to house students and we sincerely appreciate all of your hard work.

Blessings,
Sarah Miller

SHINE
This Summer



Go and Tell

by Roger Slack

There are times when each one of us has questions for God that we want very badly to have answered, and yet the answer seems to elude us. Almost all of us, at one point in our lives, have or will have lost a close family member or lifelong friend to an accident, disease, or senseless violent action. It leaves us asking God, "Why? Why now? He was so young." "She was going to retire in a couple months." Sometimes the questions are concerning a job, or concerning the loss of a home or some other tragedy that disrupts our lives. These questions are not "sacrilege" or disrespectful to God, as some people would fear.

Mary and Martha both said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." They hurt and couldn't understand why Jesus didn't come when they sent for Him. They (and we) got to see the reason Jesus delayed, as God's power was manifested in Lazarus coming back to life even after four days in the tomb. But there are other times that are not as obvious to me. Why did God let John the Baptist die in such a vengeful plot by Herod's wife? Why not send an angel to unlock the prison doors, as God did for Peter when he was in prison? Why not let John die in his "home" in the wilderness, an old man? Was it because God didn't love him? I'm not sure. Jesus said that there was no greater man born of woman than John the Baptist.

I look forward to one day understanding the "why" or "how" to many of the questions I have. For now, I have to realize that God sees what I cannot see and does what I cannot do. Jesus understood how Mary and Martha hurt when their brother died. John 11:35 says, "He wept." God knows what He is doing, and even though there may be uncertainty at times in our lives now, Jesus did provide the certainty that God does love us and wants the very best for us.



Midwife and Hospice Kits

This year Ted Sehmer took 40 Midwife and 50 Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries to the Synod Assembly. We may not have reached our goal of 50 of each, but we increased our total by 17 from last year.

Fair Trade Coffee for Sale at CLC

We have a few varieties, including bean and ground, caffeinated and decaf. The coffee is selling for cost, either \$6.00 for twelve ounces or \$8.00/\$9.00 for a pound.

CLC Float Wins 1st Place!

This year the CLC Syttende Mai float won first place in the "Theme" category. Our "**Big Cod**" surrounded by cranberries, rutabagas, mashed potatoes, lefse and meatballs with gravy fit nicely with "Flavor of the Fjords."





Skaalen Speaks

by Diane Matson

Looking for a fun, inexpensive way to spend time with friends on a sunny summer afternoon that involves conversation, shopping **and** food? Look no further than 400 North Morris Street in Stoughton!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 28, when Skaalen's annual Salad Luncheon takes center stage in the Skaalen Friendship Room, beginning at 12:30 p.m. This year's luncheon host is Hope Lutheran Church of McFarland. The program for the afternoon is being provided by St. John's Lutheran of Evansville.

Attendees are asked to bring a salad to share. Beverages, paper products, rolls and butter are provided. Raffle prizes for the 2011 Auxiliary Ice Cream Social, to be held on August 21, will be on display.

Following the luncheon, you are invited to stay for a short business meeting. You'll learn more about Auxiliary membership, the no-bake sale traditionally held in April, particulars for the Ice Cream Social, and much more.

Call Aunt Effie, round up a couple of neighbors, snag your girlfriends, spouse, or your husband's third cousin on his uncle's side, and head to Skaalen for an afternoon of entertainment, education, and eats. What an awesome way to support our friends and neighbors at Skaalen. For additional information, contact Dawn Zaemisch, Skaalen's Director of Church and Community Relations, at 873-5651. Hope to see you there!



SHOW—Coming to Our Neighborhood

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health's new research project, the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (called "SHOW"), will set out this summer to give Wisconsin an on going health checkup. Every year, SHOW will meet with Wisconsin residents from all over the state to measure their health.

SHOW will be visiting Stoughton, Dunkirk, and Rutland in June and July. The information that SHOW collects will be used to learn more about health in the state, and will be used as a resource to improve the health of Wisconsin families.

SHOW surveyors will knock on the doors of twenty-eight randomly selected households from this neighborhood to complete a multi-step in-person health survey. SHOW sends a letter and then visits all chosen households in person. Participants receive \$95 and some free health tests. If your household is chosen, we hope you will participate. SHOW will learn more about the health needs in our community if you take part.

SHOW is one of a number of projects supported by the Wisconsin Partnership for a Healthy Future, which represents a far-reaching commitment by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health to greatly improve the health of people in Wisconsin for years to come.

For more information, contact Phoebe Frenete (608-821-1248).



Vacation Bible School Day Camp

June 20-23
Noon-5:00 p.m.
Grades 1-5

Program staff from Sugar Creek Bible Camp will be here to lead our Vacation Bible School day camp! Some of our Bible camp kids may even recognize their counselors from last summer. The day begins with First Word: introducing the theme of the day with stories and songs. Bible study supports the theme, as well as worship, crafts, games, and outdoor activities. All kids will receive hats and bandanas!

This date has been selected because it corresponds with the morning Summer EXCEL program at Stoughton Schools. It will be easy for the kids to go to morning school and join us for lunch, then day camp and have a great, active week.

The program cost is \$40.00 per child. Please register your child as soon as possible. Registration forms are available at the Information desk. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Scott at 873-9353 or 469-4946.

Thank You, Youth Syttende Mai Food Stand Helpers!

Thanks to all who helped with the Youth Syttende Mai food stand. Changes at the craft fair venue and marginal weather will impact fundraising profits this year, but the proceeds still will provide the Youth Ministry Team a good base to plan next year's events! Thanks again to all who gave up some time on this busy weekend to help us with the food stand!



Summer Bible Camp

Nearly forty youth are already registered to attend Summer Bible Camp 2011! The targeted dates for youth going into grades 3 and 4 are July 17-19 for the 1/2 week program, July 24-29 for the Riverboaters program for youth going into grades 9-12, and July 31-August 5 for all other full week programs for youth going into grades 4-12. There is still time to signup, but some of the programs are filled. Please contact David Erdman at 445-7181 or erdfamily@yahoo.com if still interested in attending!



Adopt-A-Highway

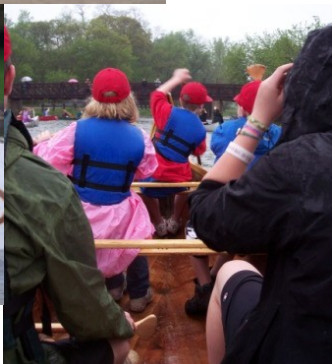
We only had two people show up on May 8 to clean up our adopted highway, so unfortunately lots of garbage remains along our highway. If any group of 5-6 youth and parents wants a June cleaning project, please contact us and we will provide you the supplies to pick up the trash and help keep God's world clean!



Syttende Mai 2011 "In God We Trust"

Thank you to all who helped with the float: Brad Milbauer, John Hanson, Norval Morgan, Jeff Morgan, Ruth Hillbo and Pastor Paula. Thanks also to the folks who rode on the float: our Lutfisk King and Queen, Matt Hanson and Jill Guenther, James Hanson, Noel Hanson, Graham Scheel, Ethan Skavlen, Maya Sehmer, Luke Geister-Jones, Danita Ewald, Veronica Ewald and Maddie Weldon.

A special thanks to Julie Sehmer, who sewed the bunads for our Lutfisk Royalty. They are simply beautiful, and if you didn't have a chance to see them last weekend, you will see them the first Saturday in December.





Syttende Mai Canoe Race

We had some awesome crews manning the canoes this year. Pastor Paula was in the canoe with Veronica and Danita Ewald, Berly and Brody Teigen, Taylor Vingum, Matt Geister-Jones, Luke Geister-Jones and Ivyanne Elborough. The second canoe carried the King and Queen of Lutfisk, Matt Hanson and Jill Guenther, along with their

little pats of butter, James and Noel Hanson. The canoe was manned by men: Scott Vingum, Brad Milbauer, Jason Pickett, Jay Schotzko, Chad Troy, Matt Horswill and Mark Ballweg. They came ready to get their feet wet, so the portage went smoothly. The King and Queen did get a little muddy. Everyone wore their t-shirts and hats that boldly declared "In Cod We Trust" and announced CLC's Lutfisk Dinner. The weather wasn't the best, but it was still a lot of fun. It is so much easier to paddle a twenty-six-foot canoe with a crew of nine than a seventeen-foot canoe with two people!

One More Thank you!

Thank you to all who participated in worship, and helped prepare and serve food following the worship service on Syttende Mai. It was great having the Ole Ellickson orchestra in the narthex before worship, John Beutel and his accordion for prelude music, The Grieg Chorus and Maddie Lawrence for special music during worship, Jeffrey Rowley as cantor, and Linda Kunz on the organ. After worship the Ole Ellickson orchestra played again and there was quite a spread of coffee, meatballs, herring, fruit trays, cheese and meat trays, grape salad, cucumber salad, rice pudding, rommegrot, and all kinds of Norwegian goodies. Thank you to everyone who helped us open our doors and offer the community Christ Lutheran's hospitality.

Lutfisk Meeting

The Lutfisk Committee will meet on June 19 at 9:45 a.m.



Special Gift

A special gift was received from the Stitchery Group in honor of Dick and Barb Entwistle reigning as King and Queen of the 2011 Syttende Mai Festival.

Christ In Our Home daily devotional booklets for July, August and September are available. You can pick them up at the Information Desk.

Deaths:

April 27, 2011 - Valborg Helen Tolley

Memorials:

In Memory of:

Ronald Jones
Karen Oren
Karen Oren
Wayne Gardner

From:

Genevieve Wilberg
Jerald and Dorothy Hanson
Frank and Millie Gardner
James and Myrna Hanson

Endowment Foundation:

In Memory of:

Karen Oren

From:

Joe Ralph



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Baseball Sunday July 10—9:00 a.m.

What is Baseball Sunday? Well, it is the Sunday everyone is encouraged to wear their baseball/softball uniforms or the jersey of their favorite team to worship. The worship service is centered around baseball, with a baseball liturgy, baseball hymns, and baseball special music. We'll even have a seventh-inning stretch. Following the worship service, brats, hot dogs, and other baseball foods will be served. We will even have a pickup game out back on our baseball field. Mark your calendars!