

HILLTOP HERALD

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LINGLESTOWN, PA

JUNE/JULY 2010

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Graduating from High School . . .

Emily Bayer - graduating from Central Dauphin High School, and will attend Tulane in the fall.

And, on the college front . . .

Erin Dinsmore - graduated from Susquehanna University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and a minor in Economics. Erin will be working at Brown, Shultz, Sheridan & Fritz accounting firm in Camp Hill as an auditor.

Tom Lockwood - graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BA in Film Studies.

Jared Haas - graduated Cum Laude from Kutztown University with a degree in Secondary Education Social Studies/History. Jared has one more year of football eligibility, and will play next year while he pursues a Masters in Guidance Counseling.

Other graduations we have missed? Please let the Church Office know so we can include them in a future newsletter.

Summer Schedule

Beginning Sunday, May 30, we moved to our Summer worship schedule (8:30 and 10:00AM) and will continue with that schedule through Sunday, Sept 5. Sunday Church School will not meet during the summer months.

Advance Notice!

Holiday Food and Crafts
Fair
Saturday, November 13

Confirmed in the Faith

The following baptized members of our church family were confirmed on May 23: Trent Felo, Caragen Lamb, Justin Matzoni and Madelyn Veith. We give thanks to God for continuing to build up His Church, and we look forward to these newly confirmed members taking on greater responsibility in our mission as a family of faith.

After-Five Group July 21, 7:30PM

The After-Five Group - open to all members and friends of our church family - will meet on Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30PM at the home of Marilyn Koonen, 6449 Oak View Drive, for its annual planning meeting, including brainstorming for this year's Holiday Food and Crafts Fair. Please call Bev Stickle (545-3661) to let her know you will be attending the meeting. AND . . . Please come with your ideas, and with any sample crafts you think we might make for sale at the Fair.

Congregation Secretary

We have begun in earnest our search for a new Congregation Secretary. This is a part-time position (15 hours/week). A newly revised "Position Description" is available on our Web Page:

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If you, or someone you know, is interested in being considered for this position, please contact Pastor Stickle or Bill Veith, Chairperson of our church family's Mutual Ministry Committee (email, weveith@tycoelectronics.com. or by phone, 312-1350).

NOTE: This is a special two-month edition of the newsletter, with the Worship Assistant schedules and Calendars for both June and July.

A Retirement Luncheon for Nancy DeSantis

A retirement luncheon for our Congregation Secretary of over thirteen years, Nancy DeSantis, will be held on Sunday, June 6, following our 10AM worship service. Please plan now on being with us as we honor and thank Nancy for her faithful service.

Mission Committee Update

Several members of our church family have indicated interest in participating in mission projects, but do not have the vacation time and/or funds to participate in week-long projects out of state.

Pastor Jody Silliker of Christ Lutheran in Harrisburg was with us earlier this year to share with us the programs they offer at their church, and to inform us of the need for assistance in keeping their building in good shape.

The Missions Committee has decided to offer the opportunity to our members to work on a Saturday from 8:15AM to Noon. Possible projects include patching water damage to ceilings and walls, lots of painting, clearing roof gutters, working on drop ceilings, minor electrical work, installing railings, etc. If you are interested in volunteering some time, please contact Randy Sibert (by phone, 545-2198, or by email, rsbs@comcast.net). You will be notified in advance as to what Saturday you can help. With sufficient interest, this may become an on-going commitment.

Thanks for your support of our Missions Committee.

Youth Mission Trip 2010

Youth of our congregation will be participating in a Mission Trip to Lake Station, Indiana — a trip sponsored by LutheranHANDS — from July 11-17. Lake Station is roughly 20 minutes from Chicago, but a 10-hour drive from Harrisburg.

In September, 2008, severe storms caused unprecedented flooding in this area. 22,000 families were affected, with hundreds still displaced, almost two years later. LutheranHANDS is partnering with the Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery of Indiana to provide assistance to neighborhoods. All in all, 200 youth and adult leaders will be participating in this mission trip.

The cost/person for participation in this mission trip is \$375. Our Congregation Council has pledged \$100 from our Mission Account for each youth/adult on this trip; and, of course, profits from the Youth Pasta Dinner (all of which will go toward defraying expenses) have also helped. However, if you do the math, you can see there is still a significant amount of money remaining to be paid. Can you help?

You will find an offering envelope enclosed with this mailing. Checks may be made payable to "Christ Lutheran Church" and placed in the offering plate, or mailed to the Church Office. The deadline for your donation is *Sunday, July 4*.

This trip is a wonderful opportunity for witness and service. Whatever you can do to support our youth in mission will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous!

Youth Happenings --

Christ Lutheran Youth (CLY) (Grades 7-12)

- June 6, 6-8:30PM - Final CLY Meeting of the Season
- June 20-26 - Confirmation Camp at Nawakwa
- July 11-17 - Youth Mission Trip to Indiana
- July 25-31 - Leadership Training Camp at Nawakwa

Upper Elementary Youth Group (UEYG)

- No meetings scheduled during the summer. The last meeting of the season was held on May 30. Meetings will resume in the fall.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

- To Ryan and Jamie Small (nee McAdams), joined in marriage on May 15, Pastor Stickley presiding. Ryan and Jamie will reside at: 1109 Primrose Court, Apt 103, Annapolis, MD 21403.
- To Marcus and Lauren Kohl (nee Stickley), joined in marriage on May 22, Pastor Stickley presiding. Marcus and Lauren will reside at 3408 Brookside Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

A Wedding Announcement

- Alan Wadsworth and Sarah Caler have announced their intention to marry on Saturday, July 24, and ask your prayers.

Library News

Summer Reading Program!

We are in the midst of our third annual Summer Reading Program. This program is for children finishing grades 1 thru 6, and this year, for adults as well (of all ages!). Just read twelve age-appropriate books over the summer, and receive a special prize in the fall. See the poster on the Library door as to how to sign up).

New books and DVDs have been added to our collection. Check out the library book truck to see our new additions. And, when taking out a book, don't forget to sign and leave with us the white card in the back of the book. Happy summer reading!

A Church Clean-Up Day Saturday, June 5, 9AM to Noon

Our Maintenance and Repair Committee has scheduled a Church Clean-Up Day for Saturday, June 5, from 9AM to Noon. This will be all outside work, and will include weeding, trimming, planting, etc. If you can give even an hour of your time that day, please plan now on joining us, and bringing with you any tools which might be appropriate, from rakes to shovels, from trimmers to chain saws (No, really - chain saws). Please note the RAIN DATE: Saturday, June 12. Many hands make light work. Hope to see you on the 5th.