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The Messenger

Young Explorers Summer Camp Kick-Off and Volunteer Training

Ashburn Lutheran Church and School will kick off its first summer camp on June 14. Youth beginning in kindergarten through 8th grade will spend eight summer weeks exploring God's creation. Themes of African Safari, Awesome Agua, Arts Adventure and God's Green Earth will orient the learning, fun and faith formation of church, school and neighborhood children.

Volunteers sixteen and over are invited to participate in the volunteer training on Saturday, June 5, from 1-2pm. This summer camp is made possible in part by the United States Department of Agriculture and Put Illinois to Work.



Darius Brown, Kristina Garvey, Berit Johannessen, and Kyle Symanski, our summer camp staff, leading the way in exploring God's earth.

WALK AND PRAY—JOIN IN BEGINNING JUNE 14

Beginning Monday, June 14, lace up your sneakers and meet on the front steps of the church for Walk and Pray. This new time of fellowship, exercise and getting to know the neighborhood will take place three times a week. Join in on Monday and Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. Come for any or all of the days during these summer months. Walkers choose their own pace and distance for walking. Every walk will begin with a short prayer for the church and neighborhood.

Pentecost Pascal Candle Awarded



Ruth Enderle receives the Pascal Candle

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, Ruth Enderle was awarded the Pascal Candle for distinguished service to Ashburn Lutheran Church and School. Each year, the Church Council of Ashburn honors a church member for their

faithful ministry through Ashburn. Ruth serves the congregation and is active in many ways, notably through her ministry to the Sunday School program. Ruth noted: "I couldn't do what I do without the faithful members of the Sunday School staff: Marilyn Honkisz, Alice Kiepke, Jean Friend and Rita Wright." We give thanks for Ruth and for her many gifts to the Ashburn community.

The Pastor's Column

Rev. Elizabeth Hiller
Pastor



Last night in the Fellowship hall was the forty-third kindergarten graduation program at Ashburn Lutheran School. Along with the pomp and circumstance, the kindergarten and first grade students performed a play. The scope of the play was ambitious. It went from the beginning of time to the present. The young ones started with creation and sang their way into the Garden of Eden.

The events in the Garden of Eden made for trouble. The angel chorus in heaven sang a jazz number about this trouble with people: Humans have "I Trouble," an affliction that causes people to be obsessed with me, myself and I. This obsession is a byproduct of sinfulness, a malady that is part of every human life and turns us into ourselves and away from God and one another.

With humor, the kids told the truth about "I Trouble." No matter how hard we try, there is a part of each one of us that keeps our attention and our sight right on Number One. In the play, Moses and Isaiah were worried that there was no solution. The Angel Michael did not know what they could do. They were stuck, until finally both the angels and the audience found out how God makes a way for saving humankind. After being perplexed with God's seemingly strange choice for saving the world, the children shouted, "God sent a baby!" who changed the fate of the world.

This past Sunday, we learned more about how God sent God's Son and the work of the Holy Spirit. We celebrated and learned more about the ways that our God approaches us, through the three persons of the Trinity. This tricky doctrine or teaching of the church is complex and full of mystery. It also helps give us language to talk about how God created the world and loves it so dearly that He sent Jesus to redeem it and the Holy Spirit to guide us all of our days.

As the children performed their play and re-told the story of salvation, I gave thanks for the creeds that we profess and the biblical teachings of the church. They are what we have to hold onto as we tell others that "God sent a baby!" to save our world for all time.

God's peace,

Pastor Hiller

ASHBURN 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for a time of prayer, fellowship and guiding the congregation in its ministry for the coming year. On Sunday, June 27, Ashburn will hold its Annual Meeting. Leaders for the coming year will be elected and updates on ministries will be shared. Importantly, Ashburn will be voting on a balanced budget for the coming year that addresses debt repayment. Please be a part of this important day.



Travaughn Cowan on his confirmation day with Pastor Hiller

NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE COMING YEAR

John Schabold and Charese Lake identified strong leaders for various ministries and boards of Ashburn Lutheran Church and School. Officers will be voted upon at the congregation's Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 27. Nominations are as follows:

Church Council:

Larry Symanski: President
Taina Collins: Vice President
Judy Goebel: Secretary
Bob Goebel: Treasurer
Linda Bond
Harry Meyer
Carl Lake
Kurt Hendel
Charlie Ryan
Rita Wright

School Board:

Linda Bond: President
Charese Lake: Secretary
Gail Drew
Sharon Mason
Katrina Bradley

Finance:

Taina Collins
Bob Goebel
Steve Bendas
Tom Daily

Personnel Committee:

Harry Meyer
Jean Friend
John Schabold
Kurt Hendel



Bishop Miller led a crowd of Ashburn people in visionizing and planning for future congregational outreach.

Young Disciples Middle School Ministry Goes to Camp!

Ashburn Young Disciples middle school youth have the opportunity to spend a week at Lutheran summer camp thanks to a generous grant from the Metro Chicago Synod of the ELCA. Youth will attend the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center camp near Oregon, IL, from July 11-16, taking part in a week themed, "All the World's a Stage." Please sign your children up immediately, with Pastor Hiller. Registration information went home with youth after the April lock-in and is also available online at www.lomc.org. Nine Ashburn youth and four Our Savior's youth spent monthly Sunday nights together in Bible study, prayer, and fun. They learned to serve the world through projects in homeless shelters in Roger's Park and service at a nursing home in Beverly. Stay tuned for additional summer time faith formation opportunities for middle school and high school youth.

Mission

This month's mission on June 20, will be given to (LSSI) Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

Employment Opportunity

Can't find a job? Put Illinois to Work might be your answer. Job pays \$10 per hour, minimum of 30 hours per week. Start now through September 30, 2010. Learn more at orientation every Monday & Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. until at Instituto dell Progresso Latino, 2750 S. Blue Island Ave., Chicago 773-890-0055. Flyers and more info are on the table in the Narthex.



Ashburn Class of 2010 graduates.



Comfort and Lordina Odei. Lordina will graduate as a member of the Ashburn Lutheran School Class of 2010.

Ashburn Lutheran School News

Congratulations Ashburn Lutheran School Graduates!

On Thursday night, June 3, fifteen 8th graders will bid adieu to Ashburn Lutheran School. Recently, select 8th graders noted how an Ashburn Lutheran School education shaped their lives:

This school taught me many things. For example, it taught me to be grateful for anything and everything. It showed me that I needed discipline to succeed in life. This school has showed me a lot of love and a lot of kindness. I think that this school tries to teach the Bible to the kids, which is a good thing, so when they grow up they can do the same for their kids.-Jordan Porter

This made me be prepared for life. I learned more about God and who He is. I learned more about the world. Also I experienced a lot of things in this school.-Dana Moore

Christian education has transformed my life and relationship with God. I have gained manners from the order required of me in this school. The church has also helped me with my praying abilities and for that I am truly grateful.-Joseph Garner

Ashburn Lutheran School has made me the person I am by showing me the way of the Lord. It has shown me to live my life to the best of my ability. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.-Kevin McLurkin

My school helped me to be active and social. Ashburn Lutheran made me understand Christianity and its past. I know how to make the right decisions. Our religion class has learned stories from the Bible that helped us be better people.-Anthony Harden

Before I came to Ashburn I was a nerd basically. When I came here I became more cool and sociable. The church helped me become more comfortable speaking in front of people. These past four years I have met the best friends in the world and it shaped me into the man I am today.-Malik Smith

Christian school has made me a better Christian. It made my beliefs stronger. The Christian environment is great. It's good to be around other people with the same beliefs.-Andrew Baymon

Luther South Class of 1980; 30 Year Reunion!

The Luther South Class of 1980 will reunite on Saturday, August 21, at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Matteson, Illinois. The reunion will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. The class intends to present a financial gift to the Lutheran Scholarship Fund. Spouses or significant others are invited to share in the fun. The cost of our reunion is \$75 per person.

All members of the class of 1980 are invited and encouraged to attend this reunion. Please forward this information to them and/or ask them to contact Cindy Holmes-Tolliver at 708-798-6884 , nadnat@sbcglobal.net or via Facebook or Classmates.



Happy Birthday

June 1 Derrett Brown
June 2 Curtis Bader
Lydia Bendas
Alicia Jackson
June 5 Nancy Wolff
June 9 Vickie Washington
June 10 Alice Kiepke
Stephen Moore
June 12 Edward Cummins
June 19 Robert Merchantz
June 20 Sonya Polaski
June 21 Aaron Lowe
Meara Ryan
June 22 Sierra Williams
June 25 David Alpers
Leonard Biszewski
June 27 Amy Luckett
June 28 Consuella Finner
June 30 Robert Blase

Happy Anniversary

June 7 Donald & Dorothy Jernberg
June 21 Steven & Brooke McCain
June 24 John & Barbara Paha
June 28 Carl & Charese Lake

Known Hospitalized this Month

Vivian Konkell

Memorials Received In Honor Of

Ann Hallstrom

In Our Prayers

Prayers for those with long-term illnesses:

Kimberly (Kim) Green
Daughter of Ron & Nancy Wolff MS

Derek Morg
Son of Cheryl Morg Leukemia

Cynthia Layton
Mother of Barb Paha Cancer

Jack Paha
Member Cancer

Those also in need of our prayers

Tonya Brown-Spicer Cancer
People serving in our military all over the world
Those who suffer in areas of war and unrest
The homeless during these summer months
Those who have lost their jobs and are searching
The family and friends of Ann Hallstorm

With Sympathy

When submitting prayer requests, please answer the following information: name of person, relationship to congregation and reason for prayer this month. Each prayer will stay in for one month only. If you would like your prayer request to be re-printed for the following month, please state that when submitting the initial request. If you have people that you want to add on, please let us know by e-mail or phone call.



Worship Schedules

Altar Guild

6/6/2010 Sue Ryan
6/13/2010 Ruth Enderle
6/20/2010 Lois Blase
6/27/2010 Liz Carlson

Greeters

6/6/2010 Linda Bond
6/13/2010 Alice Kiepke
6/20/2010 Jobey Hendel
6/27/2010 Tonya Spicer-Brown & Darius Brown

Readers

6/6/2010 Steve Bendas
6/13/2010 Kurt Hendel
6/20/2010 Bob Goebel
6/27/2010 Charese Lake

Assisting Ministers

6/6/2010 Glen Carlson
6/13/2010 Carol Bader
6/20/2010 Mike Maty
6/27/2010 Sue Ryan

Communion Assistants

6/6/2010 Bennie Bullock
6/13/2010 Carl Lake
6/20/2010 John Schabold
6/27/2010 Abby Meyer

Ushers for Sunday 6/6

Bob McKinney, Jeff Kueltzo, Tom Dailey and Adell Patton

Ushers for Sundays 6/13 & 6/20

Bob McKinney, Charlie Ryan, Jeff Keultzo, Malik Battle

Ushers for Sunday 6/27

Steve Bendas, Kyle Symanski, Adell Patton, Reginal Hampton

Eucharistic Ministers

Alice Kiepke– List A Glen Carlson– List B

If for any reason you are not able to fulfill your scheduled duty as Reader, Worship/Comm. Assistant, Assisting Minister or Greeter, please ask someone on your team to fill in for you.

Thank You.

YOUNG EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP!!!

June 14th through August 6th.

(Applications are available for download on the website or pick-up in the church narthex)

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