

THE BRIDGE

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August *Bridge* deadline – Sunday, July 18th

We are centered in Christ and reach out to care.

We proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We equip and teach for spiritual growth.

We worship passionately.

We minister to the physical and spiritual need of others.

We discern and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We invite and involve others with a welcoming heart.

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

From Pastor Keith



It has been gratifying to see guests joining us for worship, and even more gratifying when I see how warmly they are welcomed! One of the marks of a Christian community that is functioning well is that it is not only open to newcomers but that they are actively welcomed and incorporated into the life of the community. Communities that are not functioning as well are those where visitors feel that they are “in someone else’s space” and that they are somehow intruding.

Welcome and hospitality go far beyond what is sometimes called “the Wal-Mart greeter” level. People immediately can tell the difference between genuine hospitality and a “packaged” hospitality that is more of a marketing ploy than it is genuine pleasure at encountering a new person. Hospitality is a ministry, a ministry fed by particular gifts of the Spirit. Hospitality actively looks for ways to make people comfortable when they come among us. Hospitality immediately starts seeking ways to connect the guest to others in the assembly. Hospitality expresses genuine interest in the newcomer, asking that question that Jesus himself asks: “Who are you?”

I see God raising up more and more of us at Christ the Lord to this ministry, and using those gifts to touch those who come through our doors. As your pastor, I am thrilled when those who have been our guests begin to report to me that even after only a few months they “feel like they’ve been here for years.” That is a sign of the Spirit at work among us. Let’s keep asking the Spirit to gift more and more of us in this way!

And as the Spirit builds up more of us with these gifts, let’s also be asking the Spirit to call forth more of us as inviters. We may be as hospitable as we can possibly be, but if folks are not being invited to come among us, we will have no one to be hospitable to!

For some reason, that is the hardest part for us, isn't it? We worry that we'll intrude by inviting someone to join us for worship or for some other activity. What we don't realize, however, is that there are lots of people who would love to be part of a Christian community, but *they're* afraid that they might be intruding on *us*! Three times in the past two months, I've received calls from people inquiring about coming to visit with us who have wondered whether there is something they need to do before they can come to worship, and whether they will be welcome to come. We forget how much courage it takes to enter an unfamiliar group of people where it seems that everyone else knows one another, and where the style of worship may be unfamiliar. But if the person has been invited, that barrier becomes much lower.

I'm going to issue a challenge to each of you. Can you screw up your courage and invite just one person to join us either for worship or for another activity this month? Maybe you have a co-worker or a neighbor who is discussing weekend plans with you. You could say, "I'm going to be going to my church Saturday evening/Sunday morning. Do you want to come with me, and then we can go grab some dinner/lunch afterwards?" Or, "There's a group of us at my church who are going to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Do you want me to get you a ticket?" Or maybe the person is someone in your own family. Or—gulp—maybe it's a stranger that you've struck up a conversation with in a waiting room or at a local eatery.

Will you take the challenge? I dare ya...

Pastor Keith

From Beth



The hot days of summer. Sometimes it makes you just want to sit in your chair with a big glass of cold lemonade and watch the world go by.

Luckily that's not what is happening here at CTL. People have been asking how they can help during the next few months as the discernment of how to move forward at Christ the Lord continues. As I personally prepare to move to new challenges people have been stepping up to help cover some of

the major tasks that have been my responsibility. A few weeks ago several people went to a Communications Workshop to learn more about how to get information disseminated throughout a congregation. As that team debriefs their experience you may begin to see things communicated in different ways. Until a communications plan is completed, Karin K has volunteered to take over responsibility for *The Bridge*, our monthly newsletter, in its current status, but watch for changes. Thank you Karin! Ursula H has agreed to take responsibility for scheduling worship assistants. Thank you Ursula. Teena B has agreed to help us maintain our membership database. Thank you Teena. EJ G is serving as the director of this year's Vacation Bible School. Thank you EJ. Now we just need someone to pick up the donut holes on Sunday morning.

Thank you to each of you for all you do to make CTL the warm, friendly community of believers it is. Now if we can just take Pastor Keith's challenge and invite others. This is a happening place. Let's share that with others.

Yours in Christ,

Beth

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**You are invited to join us.
The InnerState Highway - Women's Retreat
Friday, July 9, 7:00 P.M. to Saturday, July 10, 4:00 P.M.
at the
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
Oregon, IL**

Cost - \$75.50 per person includes housing, breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available.

For more information contact Karin K or Carol B or the church office.

Cheerful Givers

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Shorty is a steady, no-frills kind of guy. He'd worked the same job for most of his life. Slowly, over the years, he had built up a comfortable financial cushion on which to retire. Not a lot of extras, but enough. Those who knew him well knew he was a kind person. Some of the little kids were scared of him. He didn't smile much, but you could count on him. Steady. Some might say faithful.

Shorty was practical, too. He could fix almost anything. It was his diligence that kept the boiler in the church basement limping along two years longer than it ever should have lasted.

When the boiler finally gave up its last rumble, Shorty knew enough to throw in the towel. The call went out. Donations were needed for the new furnace. It was a small congregation. Some joked about breaking up the furniture for kindling.

The check arrived in the mail in an unmarked envelope. It was a generous gift. Enough for an entire furnace. There were conditions. No one was to know. No plaque or announcement. Just the hum of heat warming those who came to worship.

Shorty's gift to his church came from the heart. Not many of us could make the kind of financial gift Shorty made, but if we keep our eyes and ears and heart open, opportunities to give and to serve will be numerous.

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National Night Out – August 3rd - 7:00 P.M.

This year we will be participating in National Night Out on **August 3rd at 7:00 P.M.** here on the church grounds. Watch for more information and to find ways you can help as we invite the neighborhood to join us for an evening of food and fun!

WORSHIP NEWS

July & August Scripture Lessons

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2010

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-9 (4)

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Psalms 49:1-12 (3)

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2010

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms 25:1-10 (4)

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8,

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22 (22)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2010

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalms 15 (1)

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

August 15, 2010

Isaiah 61:7-11

Psalms 34:1-9 (3)

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:46-55

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2010

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalms 138 (8)

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2010

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 103:1-8 (4)

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2010

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-

23

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2010

Proverbs 25:6-7 or

Sirach 10:12-18

Psalms 112 (4)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Worship Assistants

What does that include?

Assisting Minister, communion deacon, 4 communion server, an acolyte, 2 readers, greeters, ushers, hospitality table host/hostess, presbyter, counters, nursery assistant, coffee hostess and altar guild. Whew!!

Don't forget to sign up for the dates you would like to serve as a worship assistant. Or contact **Ursula H** to sign up or if you are going to be unavailable to serve.

Have you noticed the pictures in the Sanctuary?

We need your candid, spur of the moment photos for the picture gallery in the sanctuary. Hope all of you have noticed the gallery on the walls. Specifically what we need are your God sightings. You might ask, "What is a God sighting?" Well, it is anywhere you perceive God is – in nature, in a child's smile, in a group of people in conversation. We are asking for more pictures as this is not a short term project. This is something that CTL wants to continue for the life of the church. So help us continue to spread the Good News throughout the community as we share our God sightings.

GET INVOLVED

THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS!

Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are **priceless**.

Lawn Mowing

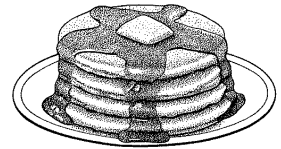
Yes, it is that time again. The grass is still growing and has been mowed regularly. But, this is an ongoing task. **A new 2010 sign-up sheet** is posted on the front bulletin board. Put your name on the sheet and get to drive the big mower. More fun than a carnival ride! Instruction is available.

Market Day

- There are order forms on the table by the entrance.
- You can also order online by going to www.marketday.com. Our account number is 24678.
- Order sheets need to be returned to the church office by **Friday, July 2** or online by **11:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 6th**.
- You can also **order** by calling **Charlene B.** or the church office.
- Pick up date is **Friday, July 9 from 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.**

Men's Breakfast

- See you **July 31st** at **9:00 A.M.**
- Colonial Restaurant, McLean Ave, Elgin.
- Contact the **Pete L** or the church office for more information.



“The Bridge Club”

Looking for a group of people who, like you, are adjusting from one stage of their life to another after becoming suddenly single? Consider joining “The Bridge Club”!

- **July 11th** **Al Capone's Hideaway, St. Chalres**
- **July 25th** **Hickory Stick, Elgin Golf Club**
- **August 1st** **Red Ox, Hampshire**
- **August 15th** **Village Pizza, N. Randall Rod.**
- For more information, contact **Grace D.** or the church office.
- Friends are always welcome!

Bound & Un-Gagged

Join us for lively discussion and a delicious breakfast at IHOP on Randall Rd at **8:00 A.M.**

Upcoming books are:

July 3rd – To be announced.

August 4th – *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles.



Hope to see you there. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

We have yarn!

- Stop by Beth's office to pick up some yarn.
- Hooks & Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry continues.
- Please knit or crochet on your own.
- We can also use baptismal shawls. If you need a pattern, please contact **Beth**.
- If you have someone you feel needs to be surrounded by the warmth and caring of a prayer shawl, please contact the church office.



Crafters

- Crafters will **not** meet during **June and July**.
- Our next meeting will be:
 - **Saturday, August 21st, 11:30 A.M.-potluck lunch, 12:30 P.M.-crafting**
 - We will be making candy trees.
- Contact **Karin K or Carol E** for more information.

LEARNING NEWS

Texts and Tunes

- Is taking a summer hiatus.
- Watch for the fall starting date in the August or September newsletter.

Sunday Adult Forum Schedule

July 4th	No Forum
July 11th	Facebook – What is it? Why are we on it? How do I get on it?
July 18th	What is the correct age for First Communion? There will be activities for children during Forum so parents with children can attend.
July 25th	Roast Pastor

Come join us in the Library after worship for some interesting discussions.

Adult Study

- **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P.M.**
- Studying the Gospel of Mark
- Great discussion – come join us!



Wednesday mornings, 10:30 A.M. to noon

- Topic: The Use of the Means of Grace
 - Holy Baptism and the Christian Assembly
 - Holy Communion: What is it? Who is it for?
 - Holy Communion: How is it done?

Children's Sunday School Schedule

There will be **no** summer Sunday School this year unless **we have some volunteers** step up. We are also working on the possibility of having activities after worship for children so parents can stay and participate in Adult Forum. Hopefully we will have some volunteers by then to help with Sunday School. We will need two people each week. There will be a sign-up on the board in the Entryway.

Watch for upcoming summer fellowship events and don't forget Vacation Bible School.

Remember Outdoor Movies?

Remember *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*? Join us Friday, August 27th at 6:30 P.M. for an indoor version of an outdoor movie theatre. Refreshments will be served and we can all enjoy a good, old fashioned movie.

Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

- Presented by Elgin Summer Theatre
- **Sunday, July 25th**
- **3:00 P.M.**
- Hemmens Auditorium
- Adults & Children \$15
- Deadline for sign up – July 18th
- Further questions contact **Cathy M. or the church office.**
- Signup sheet is on the board by the entrance.

Vacation Bible School

BAOBAB BLAST!

Everyone is welcome!

Dates: Monday, July 26th – Friday, July 30th

Time: 9 A.M. – Noon

From east to west, people are coming to be part of God's Great Get-Together.

Come and be a part of a welcoming, engaging, happening community during a week of Vacation Bible School



Come & Discover!

- Meet some new friends
- Sing brand-new, awesome songs
- Create theme-inspired crafts
- Get moving with cool games
- Much on snacks fit for the savannah
- Hear stories about Jesus

VBS...YOU are needed at the Get-Together!

For more information or to register use the form included in *The Bridge* or call the church office – 847.741.8141

Picnic and Storytelling

Join us **Saturday, July 31st after worship at 6:30 P.M.** for a picnic and storytelling around the fire. Watch for more information.

THANK YOU

To **Bob L** for making the hall tree to hang the children's activity bags. It's great!

To **Barbara B, EJ G and Marcy W** for assembling and mailing the June edition of *The Bridge*.

To **Barbara B and Marcy W** for assembling the bulletins.

To **Howard W and Dave S** for lawn mowing during the month of May.

To **Gene & Kathy O, Susan T, and Kathy S** for delivering Meals-on-Wheels during the month of May!



To everyone that helped with the Annual Congregation Picnic on June 6th, especially our grillers, **John C, Steve P, Jill L and Dale E**. Also, thank you to **Reams Meat Market**. The brats were great as always. A special thank you to **Ursula H** for all her work on organizing this year's picnic.

To **everyone** that help with this year's Rummage and Bake Sale. Whether you helped with set up, clean up, bringing items or baked goods, or purchased items, it all helped us raise over \$1,400 not including additional funding of \$1,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. These funds will be divided between PADS of Elgin and the Ecker Center for Mental Health. **THANK YOU** for your support!

PLEASE REMEMBER

The following people are currently on our prayer list. Please continue to pray for them!

Please pray for those CTL members who struggle with illness and other concerns, especially: Lora A, Norma B, Lew G, Ursula H, Pat H, Taylor L, Larry M, Henrietta N, Marge R, Roger R, Rhonda S.

Please pray for those in care facilities or homebound, especially: Myra Lee (home), Winnie (home), Shirley (home), Dee (home), Audrey (home).

Please pray for those in military service, especially:
Julia C, James G, Andy H, Corbin J, Manessa L, Lynn P, John Y.

Please pray for our family and friends, especially:
David A..... cousin of Barb L and Bud Lo
Carol Br mother of Taylor L
Earl B uncle of Carol H
Bob B husband of Diane B
Mary Bu.....mother of Sharon
Jean C..... mother of Carol E
Darcy.....friend of Diane B
Dale Sr. father of Dale E
Terry & Kisha H..... friends of the David & EJ
Debbie Hformer sister-in-law Dennis P &Chris R
Phyllis K friend of Gary & Lois S
Vie O sister of Bud L and Barb L
Sharon S sister of Howard W
Deb S daughter of Gloria A
Ethel Ta..... mother of Paul T
Brian, CarrieAnn, and Baby W..... friends of the Ben & Jenn

Please pray for those who mourn, especially the family and friends of: Margaret (friend of many at CTL).

July Birthdays

Following is a list of July birthdays. If you have a June birthday and do not appear on the list, please let us know so we can update our records.

Rob FJuly 2
Amy Z.....July 4
Phillip HJuly 5
Becky D.....July 6
Libby KJuly 7
Abbie DJuly 8
Jeremy R.....July 8
Zachary MJuly 9

Cassie B.....	July 10
Brian S	July 10
Bob W	July 10
Steve B.....	July 11
Jamie J.....	July 12
Manessa L.....	July 13
Naomi L.....	July 13
Karen C.....	July 15
Angie T.....	July 15
Lilah S.....	July 16
Diane B	July 17
Beth C	July 17
Brook C	July 21
Christine K.....	July 22
Jill L.....	July 24
Michael R	July 24
Jen S.....	July 24
Alexandra B.....	July 25
Linda B.....	July 25
Greg M	July 25
Sandy M.....	July 26
Beau Pasholk	July 27
Jeneane Z	July 27
Julie G.....	July 28
Ryan S	July 29
Dean S	July 29
Dana P	July 30

July Baptismal Anniversaries

Following is a list of July baptismal dates. If you were baptized in June and do not appear on the list, please let us know so we can update our records.

Tim E.....	July 1
Rob F	July 1
Aidan O	July 11
Christopher H.....	July 18
Nicolette T	July 20
Jessica B.....	July 23
Mike C.....	July 26

Jennifer E	July 26
Jeff M	July 26
Will L	July 28

July Wedding Anniversaries

Following is a list of June wedding anniversaries. If you have a July anniversary and it does not appear on the list, please let us know so we can update our records.

Steve & Susan T.....	July 6
Nancy & Scott H.....	July 10
Mike & Lisa R.....	July 12
Ann & Tom K.....	July 21
Laura & Mike E.....	July 23
Tom & Debbie M.....	July 25
Todd & Leanne Br.....	July 26
Debbie & Doug J.....	July 26
Kevin & Dana P.....	July 27
Frank & Corrine A.....	July 28
Warren & Barbara B.....	July 28
Amy & Richard Z.....	July 31

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

2010 Graduates

High School

Bridget D graduated from Larkin High School and will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, TN this fall.

Christopher E graduated from Claire Woods Academy and has a job.

Amanda H graduated from Larkin High School and will be attending ECC this fall.

Brian L graduated from Larkin High School and will be attending ECC this fall.

Jessica L graduated from Larkin High School and will be attending ECC this fall.

College

Marie B graduated from Illinois State University with a major in Accounting.

Rachel H graduated from Marquette University with a law degree.

Congratulations to all our graduates. If you were missed, please contact the church office so we can update our records. Thank you.

Saturday Night Worship

- **5:30 P.M.**
- A more informal service
- In a format different than our Sunday morning worship.
- Come join us and bring a friend!

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley **New Hope Partnership**

We are making plans to begin our partnership's next Habitat for Humanity house. And our affiliate - Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley - is celebrating its 20th year of service. There are many ways to help and be involved – big and small.

OUR NEXT PROJECT

Our next project will be a little different from the previous houses we have done. It will be a total rehab of an existing house instead of building a brand new house. The plan is to gut and redo an entire house, so there will be lots to do!

- We will be making a final decision on a house soon.

- We hope to get started in June/July after we get the permits and plans drawn.
- Watch for updated information and schedules

We'll need lots of help, especially skilled building tradesmen – plumbers, electricians, HVAC, roofers, carpenters, and concrete. So if you know anyone with those skills who could help, let us know.

FUNDRAISERS

Our partnership has several fundraisers each year to raise money to help cover the cost of our projects. Look for more information soon about our next fundraiser which will be:

- At Chili's Restaurant in West Dundee on Route 72 (Dine in or to go) Coupons are included in this mailing and available at church.
- During the entire month of July
- They will donate 10% of your pre-tax order to our partnership if you mention Habitat.

Another upcoming fundraiser is helping with the Illinois Railway Museum event Day Out with Thomas the Tank. Dates for the Thomas event are **August 13,14,15,21, and 22.**

SHOP

ReStore Elgin is a 40,000 sq. ft. building materials reuse center benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley. It is located at 800 N. State St. in Elgin. ReStore

accepts donated new and gently used goods from retailers, manufacturers, distributors, contractors and homeowners. Building supplies are then sold, at greatly reduced prices, to the general public. Check out the photo gallery on the ReStore link at the website ***hfhnfv.org*** to view a sampling of what's in the store.



The store's operation generates funds to support Habitat's house building program in the northern Fox Valley area, while reducing the amount of material that would otherwise go to overflowing landfills.

At ReStore, they're keeping stuff out of landfills, raising money to build homes, and making low-cost materials available to those who otherwise may not be able to afford them.

Questions

Contact Carol E or the church office.

PADS of Elgin – Upcoming Events

Greekfest Parking

For people who are strapped for time, spending a couple of hours in the Greekfest Parking Lot is one of the most convenient ways to volunteer this summer. The event, where PADS volunteers run the parking lot at Messiah Lutheran Church for the neighboring Greekfest takes place over the course of an entire weekend and allows you to choose your shift to suit your schedule. Volunteers also have lots of fun listening to the live music that wafts over and often take advantage of the chance to enjoy delicious and authentic Greek cuisines at the festival before or after their volunteering shift. Everybody, Opa!

3rd Annual Ride for PADS!

To celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the Douglas L. Hoeft Resource Center, PADS will hold Ride for PADS, a motorcycle run and picnic celebration. While this event is custom made for those with the need for speed, there are plenty of things for non-motorcycle owners as well. Door prizes, live music and a picnic make this a fun event for the whole family. Volunteers can donate their time by helping with set up, registration, or helping with the picnic. Come help celebrate 3 years of a permanent shelter facility!

Thomas the Train

After The Winter Harvest, the Day Out with Thomas the Train harnesses more volunteer manpower than any other PADS event through the year, and it is certainly one of the most unique ways that PADS raises funds to support their mission.

Each year, PADS partners with the Illinois Railway Museum and Habitat for Humanity to present the Thomas the Train event. Volunteers choose from a variety of jobs at the museum, such as storyteller, crossing guard, temporary tattoo artist, or train

attendant. For each hour that volunteers contribute, a cash donation is made for PADS. This event is perfect for volunteers who love kids, being outdoors and generally love having fun!

Dates: August 13th, 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd.

Where: Illinois Railway Museum, 7000Elsen Rd, Union, IL

Jobs and Directions: visit News and Events page

at www.padsfelgin.org

To volunteer: contact Doris at 847-608-9744.

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What is it? Where do I find out more?

- Contact **Carol B or Karin K**, diakonia graduates.
- Visit www.mcselca.org/diakonia.
- Check out the brochure on the bulletin board by the library.



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