

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 23, 2010

**Requested prayers:** Bernie Kapper, Bob Dosien, Betty Havlik, Kody Strieter, Sheryl Artmann Salinas, Robert Miller, Wayne Sparks, Phyllis Montgomery, Alana Thurmond, Jean Butler, Derald Doehring, Tamra & Greyson Dugger, Gianna & Olivia Catanzaro, Laverne Barbee, Larry Price, Ava Gass, Deborah Barnes, Lisa Choundard, Dave Miller, Diana Wuornas, Mary Downs-Hawker, Kenneth Maleske, Elinor Dungan, Howard Nelms and Aaron Ebert.

Prayer for the sick is a very important ministry in the church and we want to keep our list current. When we receive a name for the prayer list we will publish it for four weeks. If you would like to keep a name on the list beyond four weeks please notify the church office.

Altar Flowers are given in celebration this week of the 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Nancy Gass

**Church Attendance:** May 16<sup>th</sup> - 422 May 19<sup>th</sup> - 30

## Schedule for May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru May 30<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sun. Pentecost Sunday</b>	8:30 am Teacher in Service
8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship	9:00 am Quilters
9:15 am Sunday school	6:30 pm New Member Class - FH
<b>Mon</b> 8:00 am LOL	6:30 pm FIRE & Rebels at Food Center
8:00 am Tennis	<b>Wed.</b> 7:00 pm Worship service
8:00 am Bd. of Education Breakfast F-H	<b>Thur.</b> 8:30 am Exercise Classes
8:30 am Teacher in Service	9:30 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	7:30 pm Chancel Choir
5:30 pm Bd. of Christian Ed.	<b>Sun.</b> 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship
<b>Tues.</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study at Pagliacci's	9:15 am Sunday school
8:30 am Exercise Classes	

**Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study** - We will be reading and discussing one chapter a week from the book *Christ Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith Into Action*.

**Summer Sunday School** is still very much in need of help. You can sign-up for just one week or for the whole summer. The sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship hallway

**Register now for the 2010-2011 School Year** please turn in registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year to Anita Polston in the school office. Classes are filling up and registration is now open to the public. For questions, call the school office at 234-4911.

**New Sunday Morning Bible Study** on the teachings of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount. This study will last for 12 weeks. Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we study God's Word together!

**Women's Saturday Morning Bible Study** - Join us at Common Grounds at 8:30 am. We're starting a new 4 week study called "Beautiful Feet" and would love to see your 'beautiful feet' there. Any questions? Contact Andrea Countryman at 234-4573.



**VBS** - "The Egypt File" will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. Please register your child so we can order supplies. We are in need of lots of teachers and helpers. We are also looking for snack, craft, music, drama, and decorating coordinators. We need about 50 people to serve as helpers. To be apart of the fun, please sign up ASAP in the hallway outside the kitchen or call Kim Fanelli at 235-3065.

**VBS Work Day** there will be a workday for VBS on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Come and be apart of all the great plans we have for VBS this year.

**Diners' Club** Join us on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (this will be rescheduled if it is raining or stormy) We will meet at the Anderson's, 71 Shorts Dr. Neoga, Il (217) 273-7589. Boat rides start at 4 pm with dinner following at 5:30 pm. Please sign up via the sign-up sheet by the mailboxes. The picnic will be held



The FIRE has put together a list of names and phone numbers of youth that are available to baby-sit to members of the congregation. The youth have generously offered half of their earnings to go to the youth group. The list of names and numbers are available in the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Heidi Lucier at 217-259-1353. If you would like to add your name and phone number to the list please contact either Heidi or the church office and it can be added at any time.

**FIRE at the lake!** School is out so let's celebrate! Sunday, June 6 the FIRE will meet at Lake Mattoon for fun, food and fellowship hosted by Eric & Marcy Anderson. Anyone who needs a ride can meet at the church at 3:30. Dress to get wet!! If you have any questions or need directions call 246-0201

**UPDATE ON THE CALL PROCESS** The Board of Elders and the Call Committee have submitted four additional names to the Central Illinois District office requesting information on additional candidates for Senior Pastor. In addition, we have asked Rev. Buelman, CID President, for any additional names he feels appropriate for St. John's to consider for our open pastoral position. We expect that we will receive information on the additional candidates within a few weeks. At that time we will reconsider all the candidates previously considered, as well as new candidates. We pray for patience and guidance as the call process continues, knowing a new pastor for St. John's will come in our Heavenly Father's time. ~ St. John's Board of Elders



60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camp CILCA will be celebrating this anniversary over the Memorial Day weekend, May 28-31. Check the website [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org) for details and times. CILCA alumni, can email them at [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org) to be interviewed about your Camp experiences. Photos can be sent to camp (they will be returned) for possible use in a 60-years-of-CILCA DVD.

"We fight abortion knowing that the eternal fight for human life is won. We fight assisted suicide knowing that the eternal fight for human life is won. We fight against everything that tempts us to pride or despair, everything tempts us to sin and idolatry, everything that tempts us to be disobedient, murderous, unchaste, stealing, lying, covetous rebels. We fight not with weapons of this world, but with the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God." *Rev. Christopher S. Esget, Pastor, Immanuel Evangelical-Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* This "Life Quote" is from **Lutherans For Life**-[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

**Building Committee Report:** The Building Committee is happy to report that we finally have a signed purchase agreement. It has been an extended exercise. The closing on the building is scheduled for June 1, 2010. We will have partial possession of the building on June 1, at which time we will begin demolition in the west portion of the building . We are scheduled to have full possession of the building on June 28.

The general contractor has been selected for the project and will be doing an initial walk thru on Monday. Work will be begin on June 28<sup>th</sup> to renovate the current office area of the building. Although we will have only 7 weeks before school starts, the general contractor feels it is possible to complete the project on schedule.

Thank you for your prayers, support and patience!

The Building Committee.