



# By the Way

*Celebrating and Sharing God's Love in Christ*

*June, 2010*

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## BLAST OFF !

Blast Off...we are inviting all children to become cadets on the starship Galactic Praise for this year's Vacation Bible School! The theme this year...*Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!* The lift-off begins June 14th and goes through June 18th from 8:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m. each morning. Our cosmic adventure focuses on our wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent and awesome God.

VBS is open to those pre-schoolers age 3 (potty-trained) through 6th grade. We have crafts, songs, stories, games and so much more so be sure to join us. We can also use volunteers to help with crafts, games and snacks.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please feel free to call Georganne Brown at 630.762.0484 or Mary Roach at 630.443.9959



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## Long range planning - Strategic goals

The Council and Congregation have established three Strategic Goals for Little Home Church:

1. Grow Membership to sustainable level
2. Determine and implement 'best use' of LHC Properties
3. Establish and Fund an Endowment.

Progress is being made in all three areas. We have recently received several new members and are working to improve our contact with those who have expressed interest in the church. Watch for the new LHC "Welcome Home" flyer at the Wayne Flag Day celebration. To help determine the 'best use' of our facilities we will be obtaining a detailed survey of our property. The Endowment Committee has met on several occasions (thanks to Art Zwemke and Anne Bouchard); we are moving ahead to formally establish the Perpetual Fund as defined in our By-Laws, and create the Perpetual Fund Resolution for Council approval.

Plan on attending the Junual Meeting on June 27th after worship for more information on our strategic goals as well as hear a number of updates from our various ministries and meet the new council members for the coming year.



Those recently hospitalized or ill:

- † Joyce Cox
- † Theo Moore
- † LHC neighbor, Carol Stokely
- † Susie Winquist
- † Olga Wilson
- † Leslie, Valeri Baldwin's sister

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Bill Muenzenmay who passed away on June 1st.

Our sympathies to Ro Montgomery on the passing of her husband Fred.

Congratulations to Jim and Jennifer Walsh on the baptism of Connor James Walsh on June 6th.

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.... Amen



In the Wednesday morning Bible study we have been discussing the Gospel of John. We are all familiar with the Beatitudes found in the fifth chapter of Matthew. If we aren't, simply come to church and look forward and they are right before your eyes. The Beatitudes open the words of the Sermon on the Mount for Jesus. They are eight acclamations of who, in God's eyes, are the blessed and favored and happy and surprised by the joy of Good News.

There are other Beatitudes sprinkled through the Gospels, which might be called the Unknown Beatitudes, forgotten and overlooked, never given the reverence of the others. Here is one of them: "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and perform it." From John 20:24-29 we hear Jesus the Risen Christ speaking to His disciples for the future—for you and me. "Blessed are those who do not see, yet have, yet have come to believe." None of us have seen the historic Jesus, yet all of us believe He is our Risen Redeemer.

Faith is not the absence of rational doubt but the presence of courageous conviction. In the liberal Protestant churches, especially the United Church of Christ, we allow people to question and doubt and wrestle with their faith and Christian doctrine. We are open to having people look at the Scriptures critically using the tools of historical analysis without fear. We are free to struggle with our faith until it is a living faith for our time, in our own words for our generations. This freedom in the UCC is precious. Such doubting and wrestling is important because the Christian faith is not about believing superstitious statements. It is about believing what is lasting worth, of deepest truth, of holy power.

We've read in the Gospel of John: "The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes." So said Jesus to the Pharisee Nicodemus. So Jesus says to us. But that didn't prevent Nicodemus, any more than you and me, from powering boats, driving windmills, blowing away chaff, or drying clothes with it. Why then, Jesus asks, do you not believe in what the Holy Spirit, the wind of God, can do, simple because, though its works are everywhere evident, "you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes?"

Fenelon, the 17th century Archbishop of Cambrai, answered Jesus' questions with the profound statement: In his Maxims of the

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# Worship Schedule

<b>June 6</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Sermon:	“Tracts for Difficult Times” (based on the book of Daniel)
Scripture:	Daniel 9:7-8
Theme:	Justice
<b>June 13</b>	
Sermon:	God’s New Thing “Revolution of Thought”
Scripture:	Daniel 6
Theme:	Change of Thought—Unchanging Reality
<b>June 20</b>	<b>Father’s Day</b>
Sermon:	God’s New Thing “At Work Through Revolution in Society”
Scripture:	Daniel 7
Theme:	God Supports the Underdog
<b>June 27</b>	
Sermon:	God’s New Thing “Working Through the Revolution in Each Person”
Scripture:	Daniel 12
Theme:	New Covenant, New Heart

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Saints he wrote: “The wind of God is always blowing, but you must hoist your own sail.” Like Nicodemus many of us miss the wind of God because we cannot bring ourselves to “hoist our own sail” to catch it, until someone explains to us “whence it comes or whither it goes.” But they won’t; not even Jesus. God is to be trusted, not understood. So “hoist your own sail.” The wind of God is always blowing. As long God knows “whence it comes” and “whither it goes,” there is no good reason in the world for you to miss it just because you don’t. “Blessed are they who do not see, and yet have come to believe.” Ponder that this Summer. Enjoy!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Join us Sunday, June 13th after worship. Immediately following the church service the retired Rev. Matthew Meyer give a short talk on the origin of Heifer International. In 1944, Dan West of the Church of the Brethren started what was known as the Heifer Project to feed the hungry and restore hope and life to the people of war-ravaged Europe. Dr. Matt, as he is known, was one of the men who went over with a boatload of cattle in 1946. The Heifer Project has grown immensely since then and is supported by our Church, the UCC, and many other organizations.



Bob Kaska	June 1
Trysta Malm	June 3
Brittany Winquist	June 4
Mary Alice Roach	June 4
Kathi Abell	June 6
Nancy Schatzeder	June 8
Olivia Gatsch	June 8
Sean Atkins	June 14
Caroline Berger	June 16
Peter Roach	June 17
Dana Hancock	June 22
Kathy Thorne	June 25
Alex Kentfield	June 29
Ellie Karwowski	June 29

# WE NOTICED

I am pleased to acknowledge the work of **Ron Purser**, **Kristen Thornton**, **Mary Roach** and **Jan Marchese** that helped make the Youth Retreat such a huge success.

A new outdoor sign was displayed for "Music Sunday" on Mother's Day. Our thanks to **Kathleen Kaska** for her ongoing work on our outdoor signs.

"Music Sunday" was absolutely beautiful. It was an enormous undertaking which required a lot of work. We are most fortunate to have the creative musical abilities of **Larry Dieffenbach** and the amazing sound he elicits from instruments and from our **Choir**. Thank you too **Greg Abell** for your outstanding contribution on this Mother's Day.

**Jim Winquist** scheduled a work day for May 1st.  
Here's who we thank for working that day:

**Anne Bouchard**

**Eleanor & Kathryn Karwowski**

**Mary Roach**

**Jane Shelton**

**Jim, Kaylie, Hannah & Laurie Tanis**

**Laurie Piazza**

**Jan & Gianna Marchese**

**Gary Estes**

**Tim Haben**

**Susi & Jim Winquist**

**Mark, Susannah & Will Lesswing**

Here's what they did and our workers were treated to a turkey drumstick dinner at 5PM.

- Cleaned up all flower beds (removed about 80% of the weeds)
- Cleaned sanctuary windows and pews
- Installed an electric plug for the keyboard
- Installed new ceiling fan control
- Repaired the choir directors pew door
- Painted the historic sign post
- The white fence in the courtyard has been removed
- Installed ten new replacement screens in the sanctuary
- Expanded the choir risers for "Music Sunday"
- Completed some plumbing maintenance

Here's what will be completed in the near future:

- Paint handrails in front of church
- Paint walkway ceilings and walls in front of Parish Hall and Guild House
- Repair the NW corner walls of the courtyard
- Resurface the cement step by kitchen doors
- Redo the plant beds North of the church parking lot

**Jim Winquist** received several bids to replace our sanctuary roof and received approval from the Historical Society and council to proceed. **Peter Gatsch's** company won the bid and work is scheduled to begin the week of May 17.

Vacation Bible School is on schedule for June 14-18. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this

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endeavor and especially to **Georganne Brown** for heading it up.

**Anne Bouchard** has done an outstanding job as our Stewardship chair. This year we increased our pledging units by five. That is five additional families that have made a financial pledge to our church. Pledges help us budget and pledges are an obligation of membership, but they are also most appreciated. So this thanks goes not only to **Anne**, but to **all** who have pledged their financial support.

**Gladys Stevenson** is the one we call on each year to use her calligraphy talents on the bibles presented to the our youth. Thank you Gladys for helping us again with the bibles for Jane and Charlie.

**Brent Weibel** and **Peter Gatsch** for dragging out their chain saws and taking down the big branch that cracked on the tree in the front of the church. You saved us time and money! Thanks for being a good neighbor.

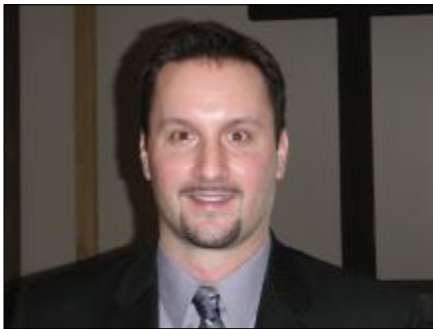
We Appreciate YOU!

Suzanne Setlock  
Moderator



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Little Home Church is honored to welcome the following new members:



John Miller



Lori Haseltine



Rita Quirk



Nicole and Steve MacCarthy  
Children: Will and Missy

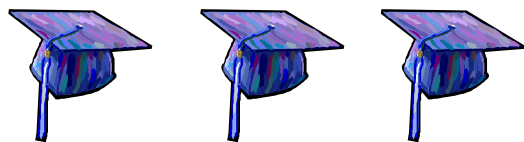
Be sure to say hello to them!

We are happy to welcome them to our Little Home Church family.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

- ◆ Mack Blessen  
Graduating from Elgin High School and attending Hamilton College in Clinton, NY
- ◆ Riley Hansen  
Graduating from South Elgin High School and attending University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, CO
- ◆ Sullivan Kaska  
Graduating from St. Charles North High School and attending University of Cincinnati majoring in International Business
- ◆ Zach Maril  
Graduating from Illinois Math and Science Academy and attending Texas A&M University in College Station, TX.
- ◆ Allison Prang  
Graduating from Bartlett High School and attending University of Missouri in Columbia, MO majoring in journalism.
- ◆ Samantha Prang  
Graduating from Bartlett High School and enlisting in the United States Army.
- ◆ Clara Shelton  
Graduating from St. Charles East High School and attending Pomona College in Claremont, CA.
- ◆ Brian Lesswing  
Graduating from DePaw University in Greencastle, IN with a degree in both Political Science and History.

If we missed your graduate's announcement let the church office know and we'll publish it in the next newsletter!



### MOTHER'S DAY/MUSIC SUNDAY

My heartfelt thanks to all of the musicians who participated in our Mother's Day/Music Sunday service. Taking on a piece of music like the Schubert Mass was a great challenge for our choir but—WE DID IT!!! It was such a pleasure to work with such fine musicians and soloists. I hope we can do this again. Thanks to the Youth Choir for learning a piece of by Franz Schubert too. I want to thank Greg Abell for serving as our choir librarian this year and a HUGE thanks to Jim Winquist for everything he did to have the risers ready for us on Music Sunday.

### WAYNE CONCERT SERIES

Once again, a job well done by Nancy Alex, Karen Armbrust, and Carol Berger. Inna Faliks performed an incredible concert on our beautiful Bluthner Concert Grand Piano. Thanks to Betsy Bramsen for the gift of the piano which allows us to have these wonderful events at our church.

### MUSIC FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

Please consider singing or playing an offertory/anthem this summer in one of the worship services. There is a sign up sheet outside of my office.

Mother's Day/Music Sunday DVD's are available to purchase for \$10 each. Please let the church office know and we can add it to our order.

# JUNE-JULY

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June 13 Heifer International presentation after worship  
 FLAG DAY PARADE 4:00 p.m.  
 June 14-18 Vacation Bible School 8:45 a.m.—11:30  
 June 15 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 June 20 Happy Father's Day  
 June 27 Junual Meeting after worship

July 4 Happy 4th of July  
 July 6 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 2010						
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**\*\*Beginning June 22nd and going through the month of July \*\***  
 Bible Study will be held on **TUESDAYS**  
 (rather than Wednesdays)  
 at 10:00 a.m. in Ron's office.  
 We hope you can join us!



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## Join us for Worship:

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9:30 Sunday Worship and Children's School

Childcare provided from 9:00-11:00

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## Along the Way...

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# FLAG DAY PARADE

Sunday, June 13th

Line up at Post Office at 3:30 p.m. to march in the parade.

Kids, don't forget to decorate your bikes!

Parade kicks off at 4:00 p.m. sharp!

Pack your blankets, chairs, picnic supper and join us on the lawn of the Little Home Church for some Dixieland music and fellowship. There will also be an ice cream social...\$2 per person.

Come join this long standing Wayne tradition!



## Little Home Church by the Wayside

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Rev. Ron Purser

**Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. Don Heinrich

**Minister of Music**

Larry Dieffenbach

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