

By the Way

Celebrating and Sharing God's Love in Christ

November 2011

STEWARDSHIP Sunday

By Suzanne Setlock

Stewardship Sunday is November 13. Our own Don Heinrich will be our guest preacher that day so be sure to come out and support him. Whether large or small, your pledge is important for our budgeting purposes, so please fill out a pledge card and either bring it to church with you or mail to the church office.

As you know, this year we are running a very large deficit. With sincere gratitude we were given a \$15,000 matching gift and we are so grateful to those who made this gift possible through donations surpassing the \$15,000 requirement. We still have a way to go in our efforts to alleviate the projected \$45,000, but we are so much closer because of you.

Your council has cut expenditures and our beloved Ron and Larry have not been given salary increases this year, but costs have increased and we face another year of the same. Please consider increasing your pledge this year if you can. It's stressful juggling the finances and saddens us to delay our contributions to the agencies we support so we can pay the bills. These agencies depend on us and we have committed to help them. We're a church, that's what we're called to do. We have so many blessings and there are so many who are so much less fortunate. Do you spend more when you go out to dinner, on vacation, on your morning coffee? Do you pay increased membership dues at the club? What can each of us, as members of

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THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Little Home Church has once again committed to providing 45 Thanksgiving Dinners for the Feeding Northwest DuPage food pantry at Resurrection Parish (located at Rt. 59 and Army Trail Roads). The sign up sheet is now available along with the list of items needed. The food items need to be turned into Resurrection on Saturday, November 19th between 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. There will be helpers

in the parking lot so you don't even have to get out of your car! It's a wonderful way to make sure families that are presently less fortunate can celebrate the blessings of the season. Give the church office a call to sign up.





Those recently hospitalized or ill:

- † Joyce Cox
- † Marie Giesecke
- † Elaine Williford
- † Shirley House
- † Deede Starret
- † Bob Schless
- † Barb MacCarthy
- † Jim Bramsen
- † Don Heinrich
- † Dulie Ware

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Thank Be to God!

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
The river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.
Psalm 65:9-13 NRSV

Sometime, somewhere, somehow, you and I have to recognize the fact that as human beings each one of us has two sides to the self and we have to deal with both sides.

Like St. Augustine (about 500 A.D.) we come to realize we have to deal with our two selves. He wrote "These two wills, one old and one new, one carnal, one spiritual, contended with each other and disturbed my soul."

We, too, note the warring self. We say we are living well with more than any people in history have ever had to live on and that's usually the basis for thankfulness.

But the real question is WHAT ARE WE LIVING FOR? We begin to recognize this when we realize 1) material advantage cannot be nailed down as easily as we might have thought, it may not mean life can be managed inside. 2) Even if things can be manipulated outside, it may not mean life can be managed inside.

St. Augustine and many Christians through the ages have believed God and the will of God which could grasp a person and would be redemptive if that person yielded to that will. A WILL of this God of our faith which would have the power of reconciliation. Redemption means to reclaim us, (the other side of our two selves getting the upper hand). Reconciliation means to be together—as one—with God and with others—because of LOVE.

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Worship Schedule

- November 6** **All Saints Sunday—Holy Communion**
Sermon: A Strange New World
Scripture: Isaiah 11:7-9; Mark 4:26-28; Roman 14:8-9
Theme: Eternal Life Biblically Speaking
- November 13** **Stewardship Sunday**
Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Don Heinrich
- November 20** **Reign of Christ Sunday**
- November 23** **Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 p.m.**
(in conjunction with Immanuel UCC of Bartlett)
- November 27** **First Sunday in Advent**
The Hanging of the Greens Service & Potluck Lunch

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us Sunday, November 20th after church for a short congregational meeting. We will be addressing the two properties the church owns and what actions we need to take. We need your opinions and ideas!

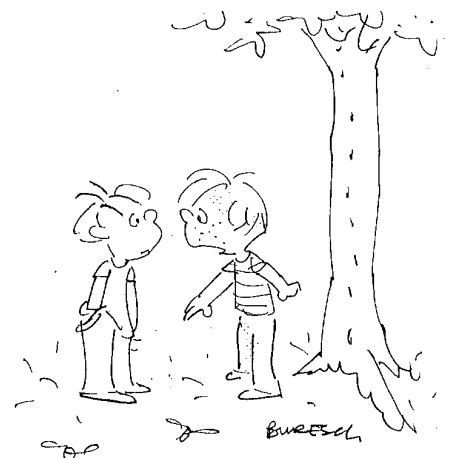


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Life is made secure not by things but by the triumph over things. The two sides of ourselves are at war. Sometime we have to make decisions about those two selves. Christian experience is that authentic deciding, not once and for all, but daily re-deciding, as one makes decisions. What is our basic purpose and living FOR? "Innocent things wrongly used are our downfall." As individuals we live under the tyranny of things. As a nation we struggle over space hardware or human hunger; over security or nuclear holocaust; over perspective and priorities which is what Jesus' parable is all about.

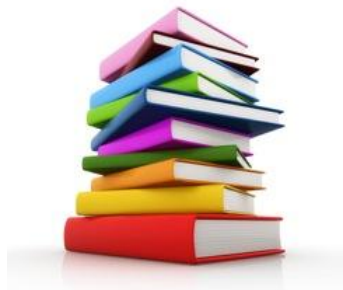
It could be said the real sin of our time is that we tend to LOVE THINGS AND USE PEOPLE instead of LOVING PEOPLE AND USING THINGS. The parable of the Rich Fool gives us a vision of priorities in the right use of things.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving of Faith. Oh, and see you Tomorrow...by God's grace!



"I promised my parents I'd be on my best behavior today. So I'll see you tomorrow."

NEW FOR 2012!



Start the new year out by adding some fellowship and prayer at our newly formed book club 'A Book and A Prayer.' We will plan on meeting the fourth Monday of every month from 7:00–8:30

p.m. in the Guild House. Our first meeting is January 23, 2012. A list of suggested books has been put together, but as a group we can vote on what we want to read. So get ready to cozy up with a good read and then discuss over coffee and prayer. Bring a friend.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Haben at 630.876-0620. We're looking forward to having you join us!

THE WAYNE ART LEAGUE

presents its
Fall and Holiday Art Exhibit

The Wayne Art League which has met at the Little Home Church for years is hosting a Fall and Holiday Art Exhibit at the church on:

Saturday, November 12 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13th 10:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

It will feature original artwork by local artists. The group will also be hosting the coffee hour that Sunday. Make sure your plans include a stop in fellowship hall after worship that morning!



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God's Little Home Church community, do? Can you increase your pledge by \$5 or \$10 a week, or can you increase the number to the left of the comma or can you add a zero on the end? What can you do? What can I do? Let's prayerfully consider our options, get our priorities straight, order our lives so as to be pleasing to the Lord.

God Bless You,
Suzanne Setlock
Stewardship Chair

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND LASAGNA DINNER

Please mark your calendar for Sunday evening, December 11th for our annual Christmas Pageant followed by the festive Lasagna Dinner. Rehearsals for the pageant begin the Sunday following Thanksgiving (11/27) during regularly scheduled Sunday school. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with costumes animals, dinner set-up and clean-up. Many children ages 5 and up are needed for this traditional LHC event. Friends are encouraged to join the fun! Please contact Jane Shelton (630.584.7055) with any questions or if you know of any infant babies who'd be able to play the Baby Jesus.

WE NOTICED

Thanks to Kathryn Karwowski and Kathy Price and the extended staff for extending their time and talents on the rummage sale. They publicized, picked up, collected, stored items, unloaded vehicles, sorted, priced, welcomed and helped searching individuals to find treasures. This year looks like it raised about \$4,100 and we will benefit from their labors. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Thank you Marilyn Poole, Valeri Baldwin, Ralph Daehn and Anne Bouchard for visiting the local agencies we support and arranging for representatives to speak at church services during a mission moment.

Thanks to Valeri Baldwin for spearheading a winter coat drive to benefit the Community Crisis Center. They have a need for winter coats, scarves, hats, gloves and boots and Valeri is encouraging us to search our closets and spread some warmth for the cold days ahead.

Our appreciation goes to Gianna Marchese, Jan Marchese and Rich Doerr for their work to again ensure a successful CROP Walk. Thanks to them and our walkers and pledgers, we are able to feed some who are less fortunate than we.

The Gardening Angels want to thank Peter Gatsch for getting the downspouts back up and painting the new repairs, along with some very sore spots, in the courtyard. We were especially pleased to have this done in time for our Garden Club's Fall Luncheon!

And last but certainly not least, a special thank you to Everyone who has in some way contributed their time, talent or treasure and who have gone unnoticed either inadvertently or by their choice. We certainly are blessed in so many ways thanks to your generosity.

Matching gift succeeds on many levels!

Little Home Church was the beneficiary of a \$15,000 matching gift from friends of the church. Our church council felt that everyone (members and friends) should be given the opportunity to play a part in a) meeting this challenge gift and b) significantly reducing the church's 2011 deficit. I am so pleased to report that 53 members and 6 friends responded to this request. At last count, Little Home Church received nearly \$44,000 which includes the \$15,000 gift. Praise the Lord for this wonderful and faithful response from our congregation. On behalf of the church council, please accept my thanks to all who participated and my deepest appreciation to the generous friends of the church who made this possible.

Ann McLaughlin—Moderator



Adult Christian Education Opportunities

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Nancy Schatzeder has volunteered to lead an evening bible study group. Meetings will be from 7:00—8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in fellowship hall. Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Sunday, January 15, 2012

Pastor Ron will be conducting a series of studies on comparative religions. The first of four will be held on January 15th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Don't miss this learning opportunity.

Monday, January 23, 2012

Kathy Haben is organizing a book club called *A Book and A Prayer*. The group will meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild House. Both men and women are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday Mornings

Pastor Ron leads the morning bible study which meets from 10:00—11:30 a.m. every Wednesday in his office. New members are always welcome!

If you have questions or ideas, please let me know.

Nancy Doerr
Christian Education Ministry



Thanks to all the choir members who are volunteering to sing in worship. We have such great talent in our church. Both of the bell choirs had great debuts in church! Come join a bell choir!

If you can't sing with the Adult Choir all year long—come sing in the cantata. Wednesdays from 7:00–7:45 p.m.

Important Dates to remember:

- November 20th—Children's Choir and Bell Choir share in worship
- December 4th –Adult Bell Choir shares in worship
(Rehearsal on December 3rd from 9:15–10:15 a.m.)
- December 18th– “Tapestry of Light” (A Celtic Christmas) Choir and Orchestra
(Dress rehearsal on December 17th from 9:30–11:00 a.m.)
- December 24th–5:00 Christmas Eve Family Service—Children's Choir and Bell Choir
(Rehearsal that morning at 10:30 a.m.)
- December 24th–11:00 Christmas Eve Service—Adult Bell Choir shares in worship.
(Rehearsal that morning at 11:00 a.m.)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members, Kay and Wendell Clancy. They are longtime Wayne residents who have transferred from Geneva United Methodist Church. Two of their grandchildren have already been confirmed here at the Little Home Church and their grandson Tim is presently in Confirmation. Please say hello when you see them!



Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011 – The decorations were up. The various colored lights were lit. A Halloween mega mix was playing with songs from “Thriller” to “Monster Mash.” “The Simpson’s Treehouse of Horror” episodes were on and ready to be the cause of laughter. Candy and snacks were out and ready for devouring. I, Emma Kaska, was dressed as Dorothy in Oz and ready for the 2nd annual “A.Ghouly.Guild.House.Haunt!” to begin, all

that was left was to wait for the LHC youths to appear. Soon the eleven attendees trickled into the Halloween-transformed Guild House— many in costume! Once all arrived and settled into the festivities, it was time to begin the Costume Contest. Nominees were selected and votes cast. With the results being... 1st place was Ty with his ‘vampire-clown.’ 2nd place went to Mary Alice for her ‘corpse bride,’ and 3rd place went to Missy for her metamorphosis into a ‘ginger witch.’

Next it was time for an LHC.y.grp tradition of Pictionary, Halloween-themed. Later a game of Uno was played. Then it was time to carve the two pumpkins. Much joy and laughs were had at the disemboweling of these two gourds. With faces drawn on it was time to carve away, and soon these pumpkin faces glowed with candle light. Now that the party time of the evening was complete, the lock-in was set to being. I took the youths upstairs to a front room of the Guild House that had been prepared for a Cauldron Circle. The youths, with candy and pillows, got cozy around the illuminated (by X-Mas lights) cauldron with incense smoke rising and filling the room with scent. It was time for ghost stories and spooky tales.

As Saturday turned into Sunday, the time came for ‘Mid-Nite Cookie Making and Munch’ in the Parish Hall. Games of ping-pong and water-pong were set into competitive action. This was followed by a few rounds of hide-and-seek, with territory being the Sanctuary, Parish Hall, and Guild House. Later in the early morning the youths settled down to movies in the Guild House. The younger ones watched “The Halloween Tree,” while the older teens enjoyed “Ghostbusters”— neither movie was watched in its entirety as eyes soon closed and sleep took over. The sun came up and slowly tired faces ate morning bagels and muffins. Then it was time to pack-up and tidy-up. All and all a very successful party and lock-in [no blood or fire]. Special thanks to Bob and Kathleen Kaska for being all-night shepherds!



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

November 2011

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November 6	All Saints Sunday/Communion
November 7	Blood Drive
November 8	Church Council Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 12-13	Wayne Art League Art Show
November 13	Stewardship Sunday
November 19	Thanksgiving Dinners due at Resurrection Parish (Rt. 59/Army Trail) 8:00—9:00 a.m.
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7 pm
November 27	1st Sunday in Advent/Hanging of the Greens

December 2011

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December 6	Women's Advent Tea 10:00 a.m.
December 4	Adult Bell Choir during worship
December 11	Christmas Pageant & Lasagna Dinner
December 13	Church Council Meeting 7:00 0.m.
December 17	Holiday Dinners due at Resurrection Parish (Rt. 59/Army Trail) 8:00—9:00 a.m.
December 18	Christmas Cantata during worship
December 24	5:00 Family Candlelight Service 11:00 Candlelight Service
December 25	Regular 9:30 a.m. Worship Service



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A Hunt for Autumn Treasures!

Little Home Church was the perfect site for the Pottawatomie Garden Club's 2011 Fall Luncheon held on October 24. Co-chairs, Karen Hansen, Jan Marchese, and Kathleen Sullivan Kaska (all LHC Gardening Angels) made sure our Parish Hall was at its best for the event, and they were very pleased to have such wonderful Fall weather. More than 72 club members and guests enjoyed the lovely setting complete with white tableware, matching linens, and beautiful Autumn centerpieces—each created by club members, and each table a different design!

In addition to the club's regular business meeting, the 2011 Landscape Commendation Award was given to TownHouse Books & Cafe. Owners, David Hunt and Doug Bella, were present to accept the award for their garden plan that is based on the writings of Shakespeare—where each plant used is referenced in one of the writer's works.

Then, our very own Mary Roach provided a delightful presentation on how to make Fall decorations using items from your garden. She effortlessly created at least six perfect arrangements right before our eyes!

The sanctuary was also open for visitors, and the Courtyard Garden was still generously displaying blooms from the roses and anemones. One attendee's thank you message to us noted, "I am glad we had the opportunity to have the luncheon at your charming church. I can see why you enjoy being part of its heritage and a steward of its gardens."



Karen Hansen, Kathleen Sullivan-Kaska and Jan Marchese



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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...

COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER

We will continue to collect gently used winter coats and winter wear (boots, gloves, hats, scarves) for men, women and children at the Community Crisis Center.

Their need is on-going.

There is a drop off box in the Parish hall. As you go through your closets this winter season keep them in mind. Our donations are very much appreciated.



November

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