



# By the Way

*Celebrating and Sharing God's Love in Christ*

**October 2011**

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## CROP WALK

by Marilyn Poole

Like many of you, I've participated in Crop Walk for many years as a donor and walker. However, this year I attended the initial Fox Valley Crop Walk orientation meeting and after watching a DVD created by the sponsor of Crop Walk, Church World Service, I now have a new appreciation of this familiar event.

As I learned from the DVD, in arid parts of Africa women's lives are consumed with the search for water so that their families and communities can survive. Women spend up to 11 hours a day obtaining water and often have to walk many miles over very difficult terrain to get to a water source. This

also impacts the girls in the villages since they have to help their mothers in the daylong searches for water and as a result can't attend school.

However, through funding from organizations like Church World Service/Crop Walk, a sand dam can be built that drastically cuts the time needed to obtain water. It's possible that when an area has a sand dam, the time needed to get water can be as little as 30 minutes. As a result, the women can devote more energy to other



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## HERE TO SERVE!

by Kathy Haben

Just a note to let you know that I recently accepted the position of an at-large member for our Church Council. So what does an at-large member do for you? Per our by-laws, here is what is expected of me: "The at-large members of the Council are elected for two-year terms. The role of the at-large member is to represent the congregation, bringing a viewpoint to Council discussions that does not speak from a particular ministry's point of view. The at-large member specifically receives concerns from the congregation and presents the concerns at Council meetings. Special assignments, beyond those as recog-

nized liaison with the congregation, may arise depending on the needs and concerns at hand of the council."

Since I have the opportunity to represent you, I thought I'd give you some of my background information: Our family has lived in West Chicago for 19 years – so that means we will be celebrating our 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary at LHC this fall! Tim and I have been married 29.5 years. All three of our children were confirmed at LHC, participated in the Christmas Pageant, attended VBS and went on mission trips. I have been a ministry chair at LHC serving on the Christian Ed, Outreach and Evangelism ministries. I have served on Congregational Life. Tim has served on the

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Those recently hospitalized or ill:

- † Joyce Cox
- † Marie Giesecke
- † Marion Downer, mother of Gail Zwemke
- † Elaine Williford
- † Shirley House
- † Deede Starret
- † Bob Schless
- † Mary Roach
- † Jim Bramsen
- † Elaine Williford

Our condolences to:

- † Chris Nemecek and the family of Grant Bryant, Wayne resident, who passed away August 23rd.

Our congratulations to:

- † Roger Kotecki and Laurie Dettmers on their wedding.

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 Luke 9:51 we read about Jesus, "When the days drew near for Him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

I like that statement about the Lord. He was about to start the long march to the cross. Many things were going to happen in that week confronting Him that would have sent most men scrambling for safety. Jesus knew what he must do...He was born to die. The hope of humankind was at stake. And he followed through until nailed on a cruel cross he uttered, "It is finished."

It could always be said of the Master that he refused to give up. He never threw in the towel. In spite of opposition he did not lose his spirit or zeal. Sure, he was discouraged but did not become despondent. Sure, he was disappointed but not to the point of defeat. His dreams became blurred, but they were never blotted out.

How do we handle these difficult days?

One morning after a huge spring snowfall a little five year old boy took a big shovel outside and began to work on the front sidewalk. A man came by and looked at the small boy and said, "What are you doing, son?" The lad replied, "I am shoveling a path for my dad." The man looked at the smallness of the boy and the bigness of the shovel and said, "And how do you expect to do it?" The little guy straightened up and looked the man in the face and boldly declared, "By just keeping at it."

No doubt about it...hanging on...is a tough assignment. We are all tempted to pull in our dreams and settle for second best. We are prone to pull our goals down to a point where they are more accessible. Why? Well, we get tired stretching and striving. We grow weary.

And at this point let us remember that one of Satan's most powerful weapons is discouragement. He tries to load us down with tomorrow's trouble, so we will be quitters today.

There is a little nursery rhyme that may help us at times when we feel weariness invading our lives:

One foot up and one foot down,  
That's the way to London town!

You can only take one step at a time...one day at a time. Endurance and perseverance mean just that...

Many lives win out "by just keeping at it." Seemingly impossible tasks have been accomplished by people who were determined to succeed. It does not always happen quickly but it does happen. Remember the story of the hare and the tortoise? Sure you do. In that fable the turtle won the race by just keeping at it and the rabbit lost. Though the rabbit was endowed with speed he did not keep his mind on the race, but only had spurts of greatness. We, however, are not called to be successful, but faithful.

I read of an old prospector in the hills of Arizona. He worked a mine for years and years. At the end of his endurance, he laid down his worn pick and for a mere pittance sold his claim to a passer-by. The new owner began to dig and just three feet further in he struck a vein of glittering ore. The old miner gained a bit of philosophy for life from that incident and began to tell the story to young men. He would always end the story with the words,

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# ***Worship Schedule***

- October 2**            **World Communion Sunday**  
**Neighbors in Need Special Offering**  
**Blessing of the Hounds**  
Sermon            To Believe in the Holy Catholic Church  
Scripture:        Ephesians 4:1-4  
Theme:            Oneness in the Spirit  
                         One Church from Four Beginnings
- October 9**            **In a Theme of Marriage & Weddings**  
**September 4**        **Labor Day Sunday**  
**Holy Communion**
- October 16**          **Fall Series on the UCC**  
**History, Theology and Action**  
Sermon            “Freedom for Worship”  
Scripture:        Isaiah 56:3-8  
Theme:            Meaning of Worship
- October 23**  
Sermon            Do You Really Go to Church  
Scripture:        Jeremiah 31:34, Acts 5:38-39  
Theme:            The Foundation and Purpose of the Church
- October 30**          **Reformation Sunday**  
Sermon            TBD  
Scripture:        TBD  
Theme:            Religion & Ethics Go Together
- 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 27**        **First Sunday in Advent**  
**The Hanging of the Greens**

## Little Home Church Financial Update and Matching Gift Challenge

To recap for the LHC family, the notes below will provide some explanation about our current financial condition. Please review these notes. The generous matching gift of \$15,000 will go a long way to help LHC reduce its deficit. We are well on our way to success with that gift. As of today (10-6-11) we received gifts from 19 members and 4 friends and have raised more than half of the gift. HOWEVER, since point 5 below indicates that our deficit may reach \$40,000, we need to exceed this matching gift in order to have a break even year. There are 70 pledging families. We need each pledging family, plus non-pledging families and our devoted church friends to join in this matching gift challenge. Large or small, every gift will count. Please response to our matching gift challenge today.

We are running behind in our revenue targets for 2011 based upon the following numbers:

1. In 2009, we received \$30,850 of pledges that were prepaid for 2010.
2. In 2010, we received \$12,950 of pledges that were prepaid for 2011, a reduction of \$17,950 in prepaid pledges.
3. Through September 30, 2011 our Total Revenue is \$161,643 compared to \$183,469 through September 30, 2010, a difference of \$21,826.
4. Through September 30, 2011 our Total Pledges are \$118,782 compared to \$138,463 through September 30, 2010, a difference of \$19,681.
5. Hopefully the \$15,000 Challenge Gift can overcome this shortfall to reduce the Operating Deficit that is trending to be \$40,000+.

## COLLEGE CARE IS BACK!

Now that school is up and running it's time to remember our college students away from home. Last year we began sending our students away at college 'care packages' filled with snacks and other little goodies. They were thrilled to get them. We're going to start that up again. If you'd like to be a part of this effort we'd love donations of snacks, granola bars...things students on the go love to grab as they head out to class or for those late night study sessions. This year we've got about 15 kids. If you'd like to help us pack them up join us on Sunday, October 16th after church. It doesn't take long at all. If you'd just like to donate something to include in the boxes just drop it off at the Church office. The kids have expressed thanks to their Little Home Church family and liked knowing they were thought of and missed. It's also nice to remind them of where they come from. The postage to ship the boxes is generously and graciously funded by Rik and Nancy Alex through the Brent Alex Memorial Fund.



# WINTER WEAR DRIVE

The Little Home Church along with the  
Community Crisis Center is having a  
Winter Wear Drive

The Community Crisis Center collects gently used coats and winter wear for men, women and children that are given out at no cost throughout the cold winter season. Used items need to be cleaned and not have missing buttons or broken zippers.

## Items Wanted:

- Coats: gently used and new parkas & jackets for men, women & children.
- Gloves & mittens: gently used and new for women, children & men. Dark colors for men and boys & heavy men's gloves appreciated.
- Hats gently used & new for men, women & children.
- Scarves: gently used and new
- Boots & Snow pants: gently used & new

(Please no lightweight or spring items, sweatshirts, sweaters, long trench or dress coats)

The Little Home Church will have a collection box in the Parish Hall until the beginning of November.  
If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

The Community Crisis Center is a non-profit social service agency providing services to individuals and families in Kane and NW Suburban Cook County who are dealing with economic crisis, domestic violence or sexual assault.

# WE NOTICED

Our Wonderful Garden Angels, Kathleen Kaska, Karen Hansen, Susannah Lesswing, Jan Marchese and Anne Bouchard have been hard at work all summer. They've weeded, trimmed, dead headed our flowers and cleaned out our gardens. They've been busy getting dirty tending the grounds and cleaning up our property. It looks great. Oh, have you noticed that the little "garden angel" keeps moving about? See if you can spot her the next time you stroll through our courtyard.

Our exterior walls between the kitchen doors and the double parish hall doors have gotten their first coat of paint. Peter Gatsch spent seven hours on Labor Day scraping in preparation for painting day. Saturday, Sept 17 found Peter, Valeri Baldwin, Audrey Gatsch and her friend Ariana hard at work. Valeri spend most of her time taping off the glass on the large window and painting it (*before hosting a dinner party!*). It is my understanding that Audrey and Ariana spent most of their time cleaning up some messes they made, but they were there pitching in and we are grateful for children too. Peter is hoping to get the second coat applied before Blessing of the Hounds and there will be future painting projects too, so if you are able to spare a couple hours, please see Peter as he can always use the help.

Thank you to Wally Setlock for fixing the broken pew so that none of our family has to be afraid of winding up on the floor on Sunday mornings.

Our great appreciation is extended to Art Zwemke as our Treasurer. Art has been working with several banks in a thus far unsuccessful attempt to secure a working capital line of credit. As Ann McLaughlin mentioned at council, he is carrying a heavy burden watching our bank balances, paying our bills and keeping an eye on our deficit. We all own this, but Art is the one doing the balancing act each month. Thank you Art always, but especially during this trying and difficult time.

Thanks to Kathleen Kaska for designing our new stationary that we have begun to use as well as new business cards for Ron and Larry and new visitor cards that are now hung in our pews.

Thanks to Wally Setlock for installing the new computer for Lori and moving the other one so that Ron now has his own.

Thanks to our own Pastor Ron for changing the furnace filters so that our furnaces can run more efficiently.

Ann McLaughlin has contacted two realtors and Wally Setlock will contact another for a walk through of the Peterson house and some information that can be evaluated for a recommendation to the congregation. This is an ongoing process and we thank Ann and Wally for the time they've invested in this due diligence.

And another big thanks to Kathleen Kaska for cleaning out the spare office next to Lori. It is so neat and organized – looks great.

We would also like to recognize Charles Buzek, a friend of the Little Home Church who played the bagpipes on September 11 this year and rang the bell after church service in memory of those who lost their lives ten years ago.

Please join in expressing your appreciation to these folks when you see them. What would we do without the generous time commitment of our wonderful members and friends?





We are off to a great start!

Children's Choir and Bell Choir have begun. The Adult Choir is rehearsing and singing in worship. This year we are adding musical responses to the service. Church members are volunteering to sing solos for our worship services.

Important Dates:

October 16th—Children's Choir and Bell Choir shares in worship

October 22nd— Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15–10:15

October 23rd—Adult Bell Choir shares in worship

November 20th—Children's Choir and Bell Choir share in worship

November 27th—Adult Bell Choir shares in worship (Rehearsal TBA)

December 18th—"Tapestry of Light" (A Celtic Christmas) Choir and Orchestra!

December 24th—5:00 Christmas Eve Service Children's Choir and Bell Choir

11:00 Christmas Eve Service Adult Bell Choir shares in worship

(Rehearsals TBA for both services)

Can't sing but want to be part of the music program? Join the Adult Bell Choir! Bring a friend—you don't have to be a church member to participate!

*Larry*



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Facilities Ministry and is a past Moderator. He also whipped up the monthly pancake breakfast for 3 years....yum!

I'd love to get to know you, and I'd hate to sit through Council meetings without having anything to say! So give me a call anytime, or you can usually find me perusing the snack table during Fellowship after Church on Sundays ! My cell number is 630-816-7723 and our home number is 630-876-0620. You are of course, always invited to attend a meeting anytime! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall.

In Him, Kathy Haben

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things such as food production and the girls are able to attend school. The whole community benefits.

What is a sand dam? Many arid areas have seasonal rains, but the water quickly runs off and the stream beds become dry. In building a sand dam, a location is chosen on one of these streams where there is a hard bottom and rock outcroppings on each side of the stream. A dam is built with side chutes so water can also flow downstream. Over time, 1-3 years, sand fills in behind the dam and the sand traps water. The seasonal water doesn't evaporate and is purified by the natural filtration process of flowing through the sand. Often there is a pipe at the bottom of the dam where people can get the accumulated water or they simply dig a shallow hole that quickly fills up with water that they can then transport back to their homes.

I've always appreciated that 25% of the money raised by Crop Walk stays within our local community. This year that 25% will be divided among four local organizations - the Northern Illinois Food Bank which is the source of food for the food pantry we support at Resurrection Catholic Church, the Salvation Army, Lazarus House and a Kane County food pantry. In these hard economic times, the money generated by Crop Walk will be greatly appreciated by these organizations. However, now I'm now much more aware of the impact that our Crop Walk dollars have on places in other countries where the need is very great.

Please commit your time, treasure or both to Crop Walk on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 1:15 at the United Methodist Church in Batavia and the walk starts at 2:00. Several people in our congregation have agreed to walk and will be happy to take your Crop Walk pledge.

October 21st and 22nd are the dates for this year's rummage sale! Volunteers are needed beginning October 17th to help sort, fold, stack and hang. Rummage can be dropped off at the church starting Monday, October 10th. Call Cathy Price (630-587-0275) or Kathryn Karwowski (630-584-6254) if you can help. In the event you need some assistance with a larger, heavier item give them a call. They presently have October 16th designated as truck pick day!

We are enthusiastic about another record breaking year! We need your help to make it happen. We have faith that through the hard work of our church family, and all the treasures you find in the depths of your attics, basements, and closets, we can both meet and exceed our goal. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either one of the ladies!



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“Son, never quit your dreaming until you have dug just three feet further.”

One foot up and one foot down is not only the way to London Town but our calling as a church as God's people. And our Lord says, Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life.

This is the faith and life to which we are called. As we journey through this Fall, let us keep a sense of determination and a sure hope that in Christ all will be well.

May God Bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kathy".

# OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

## October 2011

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October 2	Blessings of the Hounds
October 11	Church Council Meeting
October 10	Rummage Sale set up begins
October 16	Confirmation Class meets after church College Care boxes to be packed. CROP Walk 2:00 p.m. @ Batavia United Methodist Church
October 21 & 22	Church Rummage Sale
October 29-30	Youth Group Halloween Lock-In
October 31	Happy Halloween!

## November 2011

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November 6	All Saints Sunday/Communion
November 7	Blood Drive
November 8	Church Council Meeting
November 11-13	Wayne Art League Art Show
November 13	Stewardship Sunday
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7 pm
November 27	1st Sunday in Advent/Hanging of the Greens



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The LHC Youth Group  
will be having the 2nd Annual  
'Ghouly Guild House Haunt'  
Party and Lock-In

Saturday, October 29th—Sunday October 30th

The party will be from 7 p.m—10 p.m with the lock-in happening  
from 10 p.m until 8:00 a.m Sunday morning.

This year we'll be having a costume contest! So be sure to dust off  
your best costume for the Halloween Season!

Bring a sleeping bag and pillow and  
of course bring a friend.

Please RSVP to the church so we know  
how many will be there and can plan ac-  
cordingly.

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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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# B L O O D D R I V E

**When:** Monday, November 7th  
4:00—7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Little Home Church  
Parish Hall

More details to follow shortly. Mark your calendars and plan to give the generous gift of life!



### Little Home Church by the Wayside

**Pastor**  
Rev. Ron Purser

**Pastor Emeritus**  
Rev. Don Heinrich

**Minister of Music**  
Larry Dieffenbach

**Moderator**  
Ann McLaughlin

**Moderator-Elect**  
Wally Setlock

**Office Manager**  
Lori Prang

**Custodial Services**  
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