

THE RISING SON

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SPECIAL EVENTS THIS SUMMER

- > Vacation Bible School will be held from June 14-June 18
- > Our Annual Spring Fling Rummage sale will be held from July 22-24.
- > Our Drama Group will be again communicating the Gospel in a winsome way during the Divine Service
- > Our Busy Sew & Sew's continue to meet every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 PM.

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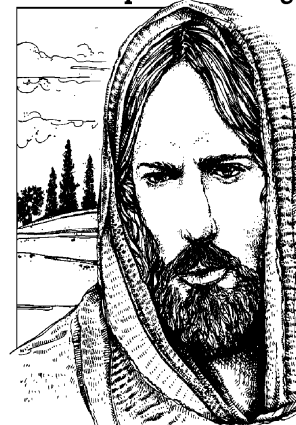
There is much information within this newsletter but there are a few things that fell through the cracks that I want to highlight in this short space.

- Don't forget our **Adult Bible Study**. We meet each Sunday morning (even through the summer) at 10:15 AM and we are always finished by 11:15 AM. I try very hard to make the topics relevant and informative and especially faith-strengthening. Please join us if you have never done so before.

- Please remember in prayer our **Building Committee**. They have been meeting diligently and are trying to provide a comprehensive plan concerning future facilities. We have tried to share as much information as we can but please don't hesitate to ask one of our members if you have a question. They are Paul & Dawn Russert, Tom Taden, Judy Bischo-pink, and Richard Rauch.
- If you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, please give me your e-mail

address. If you don't have e-mail, just let me know and I will make sure you are called when prayer is needed.

I am the Alpha & the Omega,



the beginning & the end.
Revelation 21:6

SPRING FLING RUMMAGE SALE

The dates have been set!! This year's Spring Fling Rummage Sale will be held on *Thursday, July 22, Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24*. Items that you would like to donate for the church rummage sale can be

brought to the church starting on *Sunday, June 20th*.

The rummage sale is a lot of work but can be accomplished more easily with many hands. Please be open

to helping when you are asked. Better yet, please volunteer to help in the coming weeks with pricing, serving as a cashier and helping in so many other ways.



MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

Our 7th annual Mother/Daughter Banquet was held on Saturday, May 1, 2010. There were 54 ladies and girls in attendance and it was again catered by Dal Santo's of Crete. The theme was "Bloom Where You are Planted." We learned about the birth flowers for each month and had a quiz on flowers. Faith Russert and Joann Messenbring tied for the most correct

answers on the quiz and won plaques with the theme written on them. Faith Russert also won a prize for "blooming" (living) in the most states-six! The dessert was "Dirt Cake" which was made in a flower pot and had a plastic flower in the "dirt" along with gummy worms. If you liked the dessert, it's Betty Bittinger's recipe on page 75 of our church's cookbook. Judy

Pecht crocheted beautiful flower shaped dish cloths so everyone left with one of them along with a package of seeds. The girls also received a goodie bag of a variety of items. Lastly as always we had many door prizes. A special thank you to Betty Bittinger, Del Ebeling and Judy Pecht for helping plan this event and to Fred Pecht and Tom Taden for helping in the kitchen.

Our worship services can be seen on Channel 4 (Comcast) each Wednesday and Thursday at 10 AM and 6 PM each day.

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Summer has traditionally been a time when churches, including our own, have seen a decrease in giving. People take vacations, are missing from church and therefore often fail to give. Add to that a struggling economy and many churches are struggling far more than ours.

Nevertheless, our bills continue unabated during the summer months. Please remember Risen Savior when you do your monthly budgeting. We began this year approximately \$3,000 short in our general fund. (This was down from \$9,000 the year before.) We would prefer to eradicate that shortage completely by the end of the year.

While January through April saw us continue on that path to eradicating the shortage, the month of May was not as favorable. Remember that we return to God only what is His. Therefore, please give generously and cheerfully throughout the summer!



DRAMA GROUP

We are looking to start the drama group again soon to plan some interesting short dramas during this year. We plan to have at least one drama planned for each quarter to perform during Sunday worship services.

We will be using material from a book called

Three Minute Dramas for Worship. They will be contemporary-type dramas (probably no costumes) with two to four people in each one. They will be geared toward special subject matter and in tune with Scripture. They are all very short, so there are

not a lot of lines to learn. We plan to divide up into small sections so each will be able to work on their own drama for a particular Sunday. More information will be coming soon. Please let Pastor Kevin know if you would like to be included.

A LETTER FROM DAN OSTLUND

During this past school year I joined the cycling team at Concordia Seminary. Despite some sore muscles, it has really been a lot of fun. The team usually participates in three or four races per year which has proven to be quite challenging, at least for me. It has been nice to get to know some fellow seminarians on the team and the fellowship has been great. I don't get many opportunities to get to know other seminary students very well because I am a commuter student; you get to

know the other guys much better if you live on campus. My studies are going well and I plan to review my Hebrew and Greek this summer. Jeremy joined the cycling team at his college as well. We are in the same division, so this past school year our teams competed against one another! Jeremy is a computer science major and is attending Southeast Missouri State. Jarrod graduated from high school in May and is going to attend our junior college here in Red

Bud. James and Jilliane will be juniors and sophomores this upcoming school year. Jarrod, James and Jilliane are all still very much into music and have been performing at school functions. Jarrod has a couple of paid gigs lined up this summer. Deb is doing fine and has been active in Lutherans For Life. We are looking forward to making a couple of trips up to the Chicago area this summer and we look forward to seeing everyone at Risen Savior.

Dan Ostlund is a member of our congregation. He is attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis as he prepares to become a Pastor. Dan will attend our next Voters' Meeting in August to give an update on his studies.

MANNA / GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Our Manna/Gift Card Fundraiser was able to make \$125 for the month of June.

Our next order will be made in early July so please consider placing an order. As you purchase gift cards you are also benefitting the church. Almost every possible store, restaurant or gas station is listed.

You can use these gift cards as:

- ***Gifts.*** You won't need to go shopping and stop at numerous stores to find the right gift card. Just place an order for the gift card that you want to give.
- ***Ordinary, every day purchases.***

Instead of using cash or a check or a credit card to purchase all the things you need, you can use a gift card purchased through this fundraiser and benefit the church.

An order form is available within this newsletter.

Our Older Wiser LutheranS will meet on Wednesday, June 16 at Tuscanys at noon.

BUSY SEW & SEW'S

Our ladies continue to meet each Thursday at 1:00 PM to quilt and prepare quilts to be sent around the world to those in need. An expertise in quilting is not necessary to join this group. What is necessary is a desire to serve

the Lord and enjoy fellowship with other Christian ladies.

Each year, the quilts are prepared and stored until October when they are displayed and dedicated to the Lord's service in a church service. They are then delivered to Lutheran World Relief

from where they are sent throughout the world to those who are in great need.

Please consider joining our ladies. God has blessed this group mightily as they have been a blessing to so many.





Luke Hebel

Luke Hebel is the son of Bill and Donna Hebel. He graduated from Manteno High school in December of 2009. Due to physical limitations, he was homeschooled. This fall he plans on taking online courses in computers. In May his sister Lyndsay graduated from Butler University with high honors in marketing.

Kyle Ware

Kyle Ware is the son of Ken and Pam Ware and grandson of Richard and Nancy Ware. Kyle graduated on May 28 from the Peotone High School. While in high school, he was in band for three years, Math Club for four years, Scholastic Bowl for two years, played baseball for four years and played soccer for four years. He will be attending St. Joseph College in Rensselear, Indiana this fall where he received an academic scholarship and hopes to play baseball. He plans on majoring in accounting and math.

OUR 2010 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

In 2010 four of our members graduated from high school. We congratulate them on this accomplishment and we continue to pray that God would bless them in their future endeavors.

Victoria Byerley

Victoria Byerley is the daughter of Lana Byerley and Randy Byerley. She graduated from Manteno High School on May 30. While in high school, she participated in numerous clubs and activities including wind ensemble, Key Club, Family and Consumer Science club, Teen Advisory Committee, and student council. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and was named an Illinois State Scholar. Victoria also participated in the high school's spring's musical, The Music Man, and has participated in several shows with Kankakee Valley Theatre. This fall, she plans on attending Kankakee Community College as a part of their Baccalaureate Scholars program.

Cassie Garrard

Cassie Garrard is the daughter of Ron and Sue Garrard and granddaughter of Betty Bitteringer. She graduated from Peotone High School on May 28. While in high school, she was a part of the drama department, SkillsUSA, volleyball, softball and the bowling team where the team attended state and she placed 69th. She enjoys participating in these activities but what matters most to her is her music. She has been involved with music for nine years playing the oboe along with being a part of the school concert band, pit orchestra, jazz band, pep band and the The Tri-M music honor society. She also took private lessons for five years and is a four-year member of the Kankakee Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra. She also participated in IMEA honor band, Easter Honor Band and a number of summer music camps at various college campuses and receiving a number of scholarships every summer. After graduation she is headed to Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois and will major in music education and performance. She was awarded both a scholastic scholarship as well as a young artist scholarship by MU. She plans on spending four years at MU and then pursuing a career teaching high school band and choir.





**BIRTHDAYS
FOR
JUNE & JULY**

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| 6/1 Steve Mittler | 7/3 Gary Hatalla |
| 6/3 Luke Werner | 7/4 Donna Hebel |
| 6/4 Rod Polk | 7/6 Natalie Hatalla |
| 6/7 Kim Erikson | Jeanne Mueller |
| Millie Pudwell | 7/9 Janice Schultz |
| Faith Russert | 7/10 Kevin Weishaar |
| 6/9 Les Hays | 7/11 Ron Garrard |
| Kelly Krafcky | 7/21 Bonnie Albrecht |
| 6/11 Morgan Weishaar | Lyndsay Hebel |
| 6/13 Lauren LaRoche | 7/23 Michelle Salau |
| 6/16 William Hebel | Les Schultz |
| 6/17 Gerard Grazulis | 7/25 Betty Bittinger |
| 6/20 Richard Smith | Tyler Mueller |
| 6/21 Keith Anderson | 7/26 Lisa Mittler |
| Michelle Weishaar | 7/28 Lori Hatalla |
| 6/25 Marlene Kuester | 7/30 Andrew Byerley |
| 6/29 Maria Mueller | 7/31 Zak Christensen |



**ANNIVERSARIES
FOR
JUNE & JULY**

- 6/15 Ken & Pam Ware
- 6/22 Fred & Judy Pecht
- 6/28 Keith & Susan Anderson
- 7/28 Paul & Dawn Russert



**BAPTISMAL
BIRTHDAYS FOR
JUNE & JULY**

- 6/1 Cassie Garrard
- 6/9 Trevor Greene
- 6/16 Richard Rauch
- 6/18 Faith Russert
- 6/23 Edna Hays
- 7/3 Jean Albrecht
- 7/11 Kacie Weishaar
- 7/21 Michelle Weishaar



A SCHEDULE FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
June 13	Fred Pecht	Betty Bittinger	Gil LaRoche	Natalie Hatalla
June 20	Don Bertram	The Atristain's	Patrick Gerst	Alex Gerst
June 27	Tom Taden	Corinne Albert	Youth	Andrew Byerley
July 4	Jim Armentrout	Richard/Laura Rauch	Dee Foster	Stacy Garrard
July 11	Fred Pecht	Helga Zumbahlen	Paul Russert	Natalie Hatalla
July 18	Don Bertram	Laura Mittler	Bill Featherston	Alex Gerst
July 25	Tom Taden	Les/Janice Schultz	Youth	Andrew Byerley
August 1	Jim Armentrout	Bonnie Albrecht	Rich Rauch	Stacy Garrard

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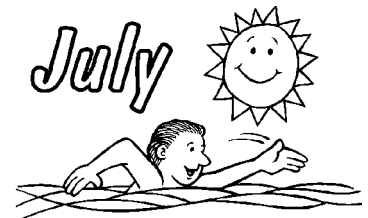
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