

ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, August 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m.

COLLEGE STUDENT'S "SENDING"

Sunday, August 7th, 10 a.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, August 21st, at 5:00 p.m.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MTG.

Tuesday, August 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.

COLLEGE STUDENTS "SENDING"

Sunday, August 7th, during our 10:00 a.m. Divine Service we will recognize our College students and give them our prayers and blessings with the "Rite of Sending"! We are indeed blessed to have many wonderful young men and women going to College! Help us "Send" them off with God's blessings and our love!

YOUNG DISCIPLES BEGINS!!

Wednesday, August 31st, 3:45 – 5:00 pm (2:45 – 4pm if early dismissal from school) our Young Disciples Class begins!! All 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend!

ALSO, **SUNDAY, AUG. 28th**,

11:00 A.M (after worship!)

Both Parents and students are asked to attend an orientation meeting!!

**LWML SALAD SUPPER
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH
6:30 P.M.
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

JOURNEY WITH JESUS is the theme for Summer Sunday School lessons.

Come join God's people in the Old and New Testaments as they go on a journey!

No matter where God's people go, their journey has the same purpose, leading them – and you and me – to our Savior and our home in heaven.

Lessons for the month of August are:

JOURNEY IN A BASKET,

JOURNEY FROM MALTA TO ROME,

JOURNEY WITH A RUNAWAY, and

JOURNEY TO HEAVEN.

We hope you will join us this summer for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH we will bring our offering for our Sunday School Mission Project, which is *THE MINISTRY OF DANNY & BECCA DeLOACH*. Danny & Becca work in Bible Translation in Papua, New Guinea.

The offering we receive will be sent to Lutheran Bible Translators for the DeLoach Ministry.



LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER . . .

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH –

New Sunday School Year begins

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH –

Sunday School Rally Day

★ The Sunday School will sing for the Rally Day Service.

★ Third Graders will receive Bibles as a gift from the congregation.

More information will be sent to the parents.

MONTHLY MAILER information for the September, 2011 Mailer should be turned in by August 22nd!!

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

August 1st – August 5th

Monday, Aug. 1st – Tom & Mary Sparks

Tuesday, Aug 2nd – Bernard & Wilma Clark

Wed. Aug. 3rd – Bernard & Wilma Clark

Thurs., Aug 4th – Bernard & Wilma Clark

Friday, Aug 5th – Tom & Mary Sparks

August 8th – August 12th

Monday, Aug. 8th – Jerry & Dorothy Crow

Tuesday, Aug. 9th – Gib & Janice Meiners

Wed., Aug 10th – Orlan & Donna Janssen

Thurs., Aug. 11th – Jerry & Dorothy Crow

Friday, Aug. 12th – Orlan & Donna Janssen

A BIG THANK YOU to all who volunteer!!

Anyone wishing to be added to the list of volunteers for future dates may call Donna Janssen, 563-2028.

ADOPT-A-COLLEGE-STUDENT

College Students – Forms will be handed out or mailed to you soon so we can get your current/updated college information. Please send these back to Sandy Johnson as soon as possible so we can get our college list together.

Members of Trinity - You can show your love in Christ for our college students by adopting one! Sign up for a student and then keep in touch with them throughout the school year. How? By sending cards, notes, or treats on Holidays, Birthdays, etc. - or anytime! - just to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.

If you are interested, adoption sign-ups will begin by late August or early September. Watch for more information in future bulletins or for questions or more information call Sandy Johnson, 563-7363. Thank you!

YOU ARE INVITED!!

SCRAP IRON and GOLD

Sunday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Fred B. Johnson Park, Nokomis

Free – Will Offering – All proceeds go to *Scrap Iron and Gold's* mission projects. If the weather is not permitting, the event will be moved to Church.

Scrap Iron and Gold was formed in 2009. Old time gospel music such as "I'll Fly Away" is standard of the band.

Bluegrass music such as "Bluegrass Stomp" and others make for a wide variety of musical taste. Vocal solos, harmonies, banjo and fiddle pieces are featured in every performance.

Sponsored by Trinity Fellowship Club

OAFK WEEKEND

Zion Lutheran Church in Carlinville is hosting an Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ outreach weekend Aug 19-21, beginning at 7 PM on the 19th. Zion is located at 501 S. Broad St in Carlinville. Mature Jr. High, High School, College and adults are welcome to this free event. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn about the 41 yr. old ministry of OAFK and it's service to local congregations as they witness, invite and train youth and adults to confidently share their faith in Jesus, the only way to heaven. For more information contact Nathan Ruppert at 827-1777.

LIFE THOUGHTS

The power of the Word that brought forth and controls all creation (Job 38:4-18; Matthew 14:22-33) brings forth and sustains faith (Romans 10:17). It is the Word, not the world that lifts us out of our fears and doubts.

Happy Birthday 

AUGUST

01 Helen Sparks	16 Nicolas English
03 Kassie Engelhart	Dustin Heldebrandt
04 Amy England	Kristy Johnson
Brent Richardson	Tylor Johnson
05 Briar Fortkamp	17 Janice Shaw
06 Alyson English	Bryant Wright
Alexis Waterman	19 Ethan Vincent
07 Tyler Storm	20 Cy Durbin
Tracy Smith	22 Tiffany Sisk
08 Denise Allen	Chase Pier
Jeffrey Sparks	23 Joshua Johnson
09 Amanda Thompson	24 Erick Shockley
10 Judy Hard	26 Nelda Brackenhoff
11 Colin Leigh	Sarah Eickhoff
Kevin Sanders	28 Betty Adden
12 Jerry Johnson	Meghan England
Carl Niemi	Lance Hubbard
13 Alivia Sabol	Alice Johnson
14 Betty Bailey	Kip Reincke
	30 Linda Eller
	Haley Johnson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

August 2 Wayne and Marj Kroeger (58th)
August 9 Phil and Kim Clemens (14th)
August 10 Thad and Amy England (20th)
Danny and Lou Wright (27th)
August 11 Michael and Nicole Easterday (4th)
August 12 Randy and Cathy Patton (35th)
August 13 James and Angela McNeill (28th)
August 15 Jim and Janet Ferrero Jr. (19th)
August 18 Robert and Connie Carroll (32nd)
August 25 Edward & Kathleen Hargrave (38th)
August 28 Marc and Kathie Easterday (35th)

Please let the church office (563-2718) know if there are any additions or corrections to the Birthdays and Anniversaries! Thank you!

AUGUST 2011 † Good Citizens †

It was the second down with the ball resting on their own 1-yard line. The coach wanted to get the ball away from the goal line and then punt it down the field. He told his young, inexperienced quarterback during the time-out, “Hand off to Bubba, our big fullback, on the next two plays and then punt.”

The quarterback was eager to follow the instructions. On the first play he handed off to Bubba, who found a hole off tackle and ran 50 yards. On the next play, to the coach’s surprise, the same hole opened up and Bubba ran 45 yards. The fans were delirious, anticipating a touchdown.

The coach could hardly believe his eyes when on the next play he saw the young quarterback follow his instructions and punt!

The coach was yelling as the quarterback came off the field, “What in the world were you thinking about when you called that play?”

The young man bluntly answered, “I was thinking what a dumb coach we have.”

As I write, it is the last week of July. We still do not have an agreement in D.C. about the debt ceiling. Nerves are frayed. Finger-pointing seems to be at an all time high. Will they reach an agreement? Will we default? How will whatever happens affect you and me? It is easy to echo the young quarterbacks words, “The authorities in government are dumb.”

Distrust of those who serve in government is so common today that one might even begin to think that God Himself would want to stay away from it. Quite the opposite is true! God is vitally interested. In fact, He establishes *all* authority. (Romans 13:1-2, Proverbs 8:15) The biblical truth is

clear. No matter who is in authority, whether it is the King of Judah, the Emperor of Assyria, a dictatorship, a monarchy, a republic, or a democracy – all authority comes from God.

God has a loving purpose in giving this authority. It is to bring punishment on the wrongdoer and to commend those who do right. (Romans 13:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:2)

Can governments botch their God-given responsibilities? DUH! Judah did! Rome did! Yet, by His power and grace, He can and does use them.

God also gives government authority to temper, to moderate, our old, sinful nature AND He knows that such authority can’t change our nature. When the law isn’t looking, we tend to act selfishly. (Ever seen a radar detector!)

It was for this reason that He sent Jesus into the world. Jesus calls us under the authority of a *different* power, the power of His love! He lived, died and rose again! Through the gift of faith in Him, we stand guiltless before the Father! In Jesus, we stand before Him, perfect citizens of His Kingdom, yet still in this world.

This love is the reason Scripture calls us to obey those in authority. As Christians we obey, not because the government may demand it, but because we have experienced the freedom that Jesus loving forgiveness brings. We pray for, obey, respect, and honor government because Jesus has freed us to appreciate that good government is godly. Let your voice be known, write those letters, sign those petitions, and enjoy His love!

The peace of the Lord be with you!

Pastor Bert