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From the Pastor's Desk Submission

If you were to list spiritual disciplines, submission would probably not be something that you think about. Submission as a spiritual discipline has to do with not thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought (Romans 13:3) and placing the needs of others before ourselves. The key concept behind submission as a spiritual discipline is Jesus' saying, 'If you want to follow me, you must deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.' (Mark 8:34) Some people struggle with a concept of submission—for they think that if you are submissive, you lose your own identity or just simply get walked on. Rather Jesus sees the notion of submission as the true way to understand who you are as His follower. For it is through denying oneself that enables you to become a true servant to others and do the will of God.

The model for submission is Jesus in the 13th Chapter of John where at the Last Supper; he uses a towel to wash the disciples' feet. This one act demonstrates to all that Jesus sees his primary mission as one of service and submitting himself to the needs of others. Jesus' whole life is serving others and placing their needs ahead of his own. He understood that there is power in service and strength in weakness. After all, Jesus proves to the world that abundant life is found in death.

The whole idea of submission is not to be a doormat to others, for how we live a life in submission to others does have limits, this concept should challenge us about how we live our lives—and how we view our own needs in relation to the needs of others. One theologian talks about how Jesus lived a 'cross-life' and that the call to be a follower of Jesus is to live a 'cross-life' in everyday life. The following examples are how one might seek to live a 'cross-life' and explore the spiritual discipline of submission:

- How do you submit yourself to God? Do you surrender your body, mind and spirit to do God's will? Do you submit yourself to God's Word and allow the Spirit to work within you?
- How do you submit yourself to your family? Do you place the needs of your family above your own? Are you attentive to your family and lift them up?
- How do you submit to others? Do you seek to help your neighbors and others in need? Do you live a 'cross-life' in denying yourself for the sake of others? Do you perform small acts of kindness to others?

Books on Submission

Absolute Surrender by Andrew Murray

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Community and Submission by Jan Johnson

Disciplines of the Holy Spirit by Siang Yang-Tan and Douglas Gregg

The Workbook on Spiritual Disciplines by Maxie Dunnam

{Throughout this series on spirituality, I will be suggesting a variety of resources if you would like to read more on the topic.}

We submit to others because Jesus first submitted himself to us through his death and resurrection. We have life because Jesus first died for us. Are we willing to live a life that resembles Jesus?

Pastor Steve

AUGUST Birthdays

2 Evan Marshall	17 Rhonda Marshall
3 Brittany Taulman	18 Linda L. Claycamp
4 Brian Rorick	18 Hannah Davis
5 Janet Matern	19 Courtney Mansfield
7 Charlene Johnson	19 Tyson Lawles
8 Nina Paswater	20 Michael Baker
8 Mark Hoffmeier	21 John Rust
9 Chad Brigdon	22 Thomas Hoffmeier
9 Tyler Downing	23 Kathy Kleffman
10 William Baker	24 Kayla Baker
11 Seth Wunning	24 Greta Brown
13 Jessica Hoevener	25 Derek Hoene
15 David Rotert	28 Doris Rorick
16 Carol Elkins	29 Kyle Matthys
16 Rhonda Garrett	30 Mitchel Paswater
17 John Knoke	

Church Council — Our Leadership Team

Chairman—Lou Ann Hoevener
 Secretary— Susie Schnitker
 Elders— Ed DeVoe & Doris Rorick
 Deacons— Milton Otte & Chris Otte
 Treasurer— Wanda Engelau
 Financial Secretary— Carol Mansfield
 Trustees— Roger Douglass & Ben Brown

Volunteers for September

Greeters

Mark & Doris Rorick (8:00) Bill & Judy Wunning (10:15)

Communion Assistants

Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00) John Pierceall (10:15)

Altar Care

Sept. 5-Florence Otte Sept. 19-Jan Otte
 Sept. 12-Linda Rust Sept. 26-Luci Angle

Flower Care

Sept. 5-Charlena Warfield
 Sept. 12 & 19-Luci Angel
 Sept. 26- Charlena Warfield, Nina Paswater,
 Amy Rosenberger

Lectors

Sept. 5-Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00) Leon Seitz (10:15)
 Sept. 12-Doris Rorick (8:00) Kendall Alstatt (10:15)
 Sept. 19-Lois Bryden (8:00) Judy Wunning (10:15)
 Sept. 26-Leah Otte (8:00) Laberta Otte (10:15)

Projectors

Sept. 5-Jamie Baker (8:00) John Pierceall (10:15)
 Sept. 12-Doris Rorick (8:00) Ronni Rotert (10:15)
 Sept. 19-Erin Engelau (8:00) Tyler Claycamp (10:15)
 Sept. 26-Jamie Baker (8:00) Sam Browning (10:15)

Children's Sermon

Sept. 12— Leah Otte

Welcome Center

Sept. 5 & 12— Amy Pierceall

Volunteers for August

Greeters

Dan & Lou Ann Hoevener (8:00) Larry & Linda Guinn (10:15)

Communion Assistants

Leah Otte (8:00) Leon Seitz (10:15)

Altar Care

Aug. 1 & 15— Linda Guinn Aug. 8- Ruth Ann Newkirk
 Aug. 22— Florence Otte

Flower Care

Aug. 1 & 8— Susie Schnitker
 Aug. 15 & 22— Linda Guinn

Lectors

Aug. 1-Dot Goodwin (8:00) Judy Wunning (10:15)
 Aug. 8-Susan Holle (8:00) Luke Tormoehlen (10:15)
 Aug. 15-Carol Mansfield (8:00) Karen McCorry (10:15)
 Aug. 22— Lois Bryden (8:00) Marj. Rust (10:15)
 Aug. 29.-Jamie Baker (8:00) Doug Brougher (10:15)

Acolytes

Aug. 1-Kailee Hildebrand (8:00) Levi Claycamp (10:15)
 Aug. 8-Cortney Mansfield (8:00) Lydia Shuler (10:15)
 Aug. 15-Jess Hoevener (8:00) Rusty Mace (10:15)
 Aug. 22-Kaelen Eglen (8:00) Chloe Bryden (10:15)
 Aug. 29-Cam Mansfield (8:00) Zack Lawles (10:15)

Projectors

Aug. 1-Doris Rorick (8:00) John Pierceall (10:15)
 Aug. 8-Erin Engelau (8:00) Ronni Rotert (10:15)
 Aug. 15-Jamie Baker (8:00) Tyler Claycamp (10:15)
 Aug. 22-Doris Rorick (8:00) Sam Browning & Claire Tangman (10:15)
 Aug. 29-Erin Engelau (8:00) Need Volunteer (10:15)

Children's Sermon

Aug. 1— Dot Goodwin (8:00)
 Aug. 15— Carolyn Jones

Welcome Center

Aug. 1 & 8-Linda Seitz

VISITOR

Please say hello and welcome foreign exchange student Annika Quast. Annika is 16 and will be living with Donald and Susie Schnitker for one year. She will be arriving in Indiana on July 26th from her hometown of Jerstadt, Germany. Annika is the younger sister of exchange student Thorben Quast who attended services here three years ago.

RYAN CHRISTOPHER RAGAINS JR.

received the blessing of Baptism on July 11th. He was born on February 19, 2010 to Ryan and Anna Ragains. He is the great-grandson of Florence Otte. Ryan's sponsors are Adam and Kim Ingle and Melody Black.



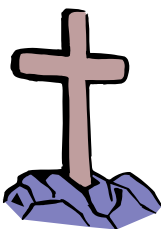
NEW MEMBERS

Marc Fountain, Molly Smith, Dave and Pam McIntire and their sons, Bill and Chris were welcomed into the congregation on July 11th.



RELEASED

Chelsey McCorry was released to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Brownstown.



Upcoming Worship

Below are the lessons and some thoughts about the upcoming Sundays. Please take some time to look over the lesson and reflect upon the questions in preparation of the upcoming weeks in worship.

August 1st:

Text—Luke 12:13-21

A man asked Jesus to be an arbiter between him and his brother about their inheritance. Jesus warns them about greed and then tells a parable. The parable tells the story of a farmer who tears down his barn to store more and more. Jesus warns them to not worry about storing up treasure, but concentrate on being rich toward God.

August 8th:

Text—Luke 12:32-40

Jesus tells his followers that where their treasure is, that is where their heart will be also. He is telling them to trust in God and not their possessions. The text goes on to encourage people to be ready at all time to serve God.

August 15th:

Text—Luke 12:49-56

In this text, we have Jesus uttering harsh words. He proclaims that he did not come to bring peace, but division! Families will be divided against each other. What is Jesus talking about? Will we be able to interpret the signs of this age?

August 22nd:

Text—Luke 13:10-17

Jesus angers religious leaders by healing on the Sabbath. He heals a woman who had been crippled for 18 years. The leaders were upset, not because of the healing, but because Jesus did this on the Sabbath. How did Jesus understanding of the Sabbath differ from the religious leaders? How were the rules or laws preventing the religious leaders from seeing God's marvelous power?

August 29th:

Text—Luke 14:1,7-14

Jesus is being watched as he eats in the house of a Pharisee. He uses this opportunity to teach about grace. He tells two stories. One about choosing the chair you sit in at a banquet and the other about whom one should invite to dinner. What do these stories teach us about grace?



ST. PAUL - BORCHERS CARE TEAM

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

BORCHERS CHAPEL SERVICES

This summer there have been two morning devotional services held in Borchers Chapel. These services, which begin at 8:30, have preceded the Borchers Breakfast Club, and are open to all. The half-hour services have consisted of hymn singing, prayer, and devotions. John Rust even blessed those in attendance at the July service with some beautiful organ playing! The next service will be held at 8:30 am, Thursday, August 5 in the Borchers Chapel. Join us for a meaningful service as we step back in time.

WALKING BIBLE STUDY

What happened to all of you? We started out so strong! And had such good discussions! Attendance has seemed to decrease as the temperature outside has increased. But high temperatures outside won't get you off the hook, because....we have a nice, big, temperature-controlled building to walk in when it's too hot outside. So if the heat has been your excuse for not attending, COME BACK!! (You know who I am talking to!)

Walking Bible Study takes place every Monday and Wednesday evening. We begin by meeting in the narthex area between the kitchen and the restrooms for warm up and to read a bible verse and pick up discussion questions. We then walk and discuss the questions until 7:50 at which time we meet again for a closing prayer. This is a chance for spiritual growth, fellowship, and exercise at the same time!

In His love,
Trish Tangman, Care Team Coordinator

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING



Have you felt a slight nudge to be a part of our upcoming Stephen Minister training? That might be the Holy Spirit nudging you to use your spiritual gifts to be Christ to others through this ministry. Following are some common reasons you might have given yourself for **not** becoming a Stephen Minister:

“I’m not qualified to be a Stephen Minister.” What qualifications are necessary to be a Stephen Minister? You need to be a caring person who is willing to learn, grow, and serve.

You must be willing and able to maintain confidentiality. You need to make a commitment to training, ministry, and supervision. If you meet those qualifications, your Stephen Leaders will equip you with the rest of what you need: training, support, encouragement, care, and prayers. They will make sure that you will succeed as a Stephen Minister.

“I don’t know what to say or do in a ministry situation.” Stephen Ministry training is thorough and practical. It includes listening; dealing with feelings; maintaining assertiveness, confidentiality, and boundaries; beginning and ending caring relationships; and caring for people who are grieving, dying, aging, divorcing, and experiencing other life crises. The goal of training is to prepare Stephen Ministers for whatever they might encounter when working with care receivers. Through reading, lecture, questions and answers, and skill practice you will learn what you need to know to succeed as a Stephen Minister. After being assigned to a care receiver, Stephen Ministers participate in continuing education and Supervision Group sessions. This is where they care for and support one another, and sharpen their care giving skills.

“I have problems in my own life. How can I help other people with their problems?” Some problems are so big that you need to address your own needs and wait until later to be a Stephen Minister. After you have worked through your problems, however, your experience of finding God’s help and care in your struggles is some of the best preparation you’ll ever receive for caring for others during their tough times. Stephen Ministers aren’t problem solvers, they are problem bearers. A Stephen Minister’s job is to walk beside another person as that person works through his or her struggles. The Stephen Minister brings stability, prayer, and Christ’s love to the care receiver’s situation.

“I don’t have enough time to be a Stephen Minister.” There’s a way in which that is true for everyone – time is a precious commodity. As a matter of fact, time is so precious that it only makes sense to use it on activities that make a real difference – in other’s lives as well as in your own life. When you make the commitment to be a Stephen minister, you will find the hours you need to devote to it. Stephen Ministry becomes a priority among the many activities you’re involved in. The time investment is significant, but so is the contribution you will be making to building God’s kingdom.

If you have an interest in becoming a Stephen Minister please pick up an application at the Welcome Center. If you have questions talk to a Stephen Leader, Pastor Steve, Laberta Otte, or Trish Tangman, about your concerns, and prayerfully consider this vital ministry. Applications are due August 15th.



ACOLYTING INSTRUCTION

There will be a training session on Acolyting. This session will teach youth how to acolyte—when and where they are to go, what they are do, how to operate the acolyte stick, etc. The training will be for grades 3—8th. It will be during the Sunday School hour (9:10 AM) on August 22nd. Parents are invited to attend this session with their youth. After the training, those who are interested will be put into a rotation for acolyting during the worship services.

Any questions, please see Pastor Steve. If someone is interested in the training but unable to be present on this day, please talk with Pastor Steve.



CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

The confirmation ministry of St. Paul will be starting on Sunday, August 29th at 6:30 pm. Confirmation instruction will be twice a month (one Sunday night and one Wednesday night). Confirmation is normally for youth in 6th, 7th, 8th grades.

If you have not received information about confirmation and have a youth in one of these grades or have a youth that is older than 8th grade but is not confirmed talk to Pastor Steve or come on Sunday August 29th for the 1st Confirmation Class.

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St. Paul Lutheran's 8th Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser

The 8th Annual St. Paul Lutheran Golf Scramble will be held on August 21st at Hickory Hills Golf Course. All are invited to participate, whether by entering a team or offering assistance. So mark your calendars and start planning your teams. Signup sheets will be on the Welcome Center.

Sign in time is 8:30 am with Shotgun start at 9:00 am.

This year's proceeds will help WINGS purchase playground equipment for the Picnic Grove.



Scoop of Faith

- Calling all Ice Cream Makers -
and ice cream lovers

Bring a batch of your favorite home-made ice cream
and let the voting begin!



Sunday, August 29th

Picnic Woods

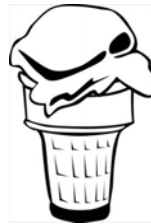
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5:00pm Meal Served by WINGS

5:30pm Ice Cream Voting Begins

6:30pm Winner Announced



Sample all the ice cream entries and then vote for your favorites (\$0.50 per vote, vote as many times as you like). Winner will receive the 2010 “Scoop of Faith” Trophy!

**Listen to LIVE Bluegrass Music
throughout the event!**

Activities include a cake walk, kids scavenger hunt and corn hole tournament. All proceeds go toward new playground equipment for the picnic woods. Help WINGS reach their goal in a very tasty way!

Bring your lawn chairs and join the fun!

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

On September 26th at 7:00 PM, there will be a service in Borchers's Chapel (the old sanctuary) with the focus upon giving thanks to God for all the blessings He bestows upon us. We will acknowledge God's hand upon the crops that are in the fields, the vegetables that many have harvested from gardens, the flowers that have decorated our yards throughout the Spring and Summer, for gainful employment and the many other ways that we experience God's goodness and blessings upon our lives. The service will be comprised of Scripture readings, prayers, responsive readings, hymns and a reflection upon God's Word all of which will focus upon this theme of thanksgiving to God for the blessings we experience within our lives.



FYI —HOW YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A FEW HOURS.

Life in a nursing home, even the best of nursing homes, is often confusing, frustrating, scary, and lonely. According to the Nation Center for Health Statistics, more than 50 percent of nursing home residents have no close relatives, and 46 percent have no living children. These two facts are a major reason why an estimated 60 percent of nursing home residents never have visitors.



Human contact is critical for health. Yet, a University of Maryland study of more than 1,400 "significant others" of nursing home residents found that the number of visits and calls by family and friends declined by half after an individual entered a nursing home. Try to imagine how you would feel if you had to leave your home to live in a new environment where you had limited or no access to your family and friends.

Nursing home volunteer opportunities can include spending time with residents, playing cards, talking, taking a walk, or sharing a meal. But you can also make visits during which you and the nursing home resident create and preserve memories that will provide comfort for the resident when friends and family are absent.

MISSION FESTIVAL



The focus of the Mission Festival this year will be on Lutheran Outdoor Ministry. The director of Lutheran Outdoor Ministry in Indiana, Mark Radoff and I are working on a date where he can come and be with us and share the story of camp ministry and the difference that it makes in the lives of those that attend the camps.

Please watch for more information about the date of the Mission Festival in the bulletin.

FUNDRAISER FOR LUTHERAN HILLS CAMP

Lutheran Hills is having a fund-raiser for the camp on Sunday, August 22nd beginning at 4:00 PM. There will be a meal served followed by a brief worship service. There will be more information in the weeks to come. Please watch for information in the bulletin. If people are interested in attending, please talk with Pastor Steve to see about the possibility of car-pooling to the camp. For directions to the camp, please see Pastor Steve.



DIAKONIA

Looking for a spiritual journey? Would you like to spend more time with God? The Indianapolis Conference will be hosting the diakonia program beginning September 2010. Diakonia is a lay education program that provides for personal spiritual training and growth. Classes will be held at downtown Indy on Saturday mornings. For more information, please talk to pastor or contact Nancy Walter at 773-322-899 or nanjack-walter@sbcglobal.net. More information is also available at www.thediakoniaprogram.org. More information is also available at www.thediakoniaprogram.org.

St. Paul's Youth and Family Ministries



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School continues through August. Those signed up to help in August are:

August 1 - Carolyn Jones, Michelle Wood, Angie Rorick, Hannah Wood, Madison Jones

August 8 - Linda Guinn, Gretchen Lawles, Mandy Kleffman, Zach Lawles, Chloe Bryden

August 15 - Carolyn Jones, Sue Ann Shuler, Sam Browning, Lydia Shuler, Tyler Claycamp

August 22 - Linda Guinn, Amy Piercell, Erin Engela, Madison Engela, Jack Rosenberger

August 29 - Linda Guinn, Lois Bryden, Tiffani Mansfield, Cam and Courtney Mansfield, Chloe Bryden

Carolyn's Office Hours:
Monday - Morning
Wednesday - Morning
Friday - Morning
Email: cjones3338@hotmail.com
Home Phone: 497-3338
Cell Phone: 521-0281

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday School Teachers will meet on Monday, August 16 at 7:45 to plan for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School or being a substitute please let Carolyn or Linda Guinn know.

PRAISE GROUPS AND BELLS

Praise Groups and Bells will begin regular practices on September 1. The same schedule applies from last year. The only change is that the Kid's Praise Groups will practice on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 and on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during TREATS! Kid's Bells will be at 6:00 on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesday's of the month. Adult Praise Group will be at 7:15 on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday's of the month. Adult Bells will be on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesday's at 6:30. In order to get an idea of how many people want to participate, we have sign-up sheets at the welcome center for each group. Just remember (Kid's praise group is for 1st grade and up, Kid's bells is for kids grade 3 and up, and Adult bells and praise group any age)

JR. HIGH YOUTH

Jr. High Youth will be having a beginning of school Overnighter on August 20 at Ben and Jodi Brown's house. We will begin at 6:00pm with a cookout. Swimming and games will follow. The youth need to be picked up by 9:00am on Saturday, August 21. Everyone needs to bring a snack (ie. Bag of chips, cookies, etc) and a 2 Liter of pop. Hot Dogs, Buns, and table service will be provided. This event is for those in Jr. High, those beginning Jr. High (6th grade), and those who just finished Jr. High. Remember, you can always bring a friend to these activities. We will also be planning activities for the upcoming year on this evening. Any questions or for directions, contact Carolyn or Jodi!



TWEENERS (KIDS GRADES 3-5)



Tweeners will begin again on Sunday August 29 following the 10:15 service. The kids need to bring a sack lunch to eat at the church. We will be playing games and planning upcoming activities for the new school year. The kids will need to be picked up at 1:30. We will continue meeting on the 1st Sunday of each month beginning in October. (none in September due to Labor Day) Anyone entering the third grade-fifth grade are invited to join us. Remember, you can always bring a friend!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

WELCA would like everyone to keep the Lutheran World Relief mission in mind when shopping this summer and fall. Please pick up a copy of the "Be Involved" booklet at the Welcome Center if you haven't already done so. A "Take-Along" shopping list is included on pages 35 and 36 to cut out and take with you for easy reference when checking out sales. This booklet also has lots of information on all the projects that LWR support. The resources and ideas are amazing and they are available to us just by calling.

Reminders:

- Stores have school supplies on sale now so please be sure to pick up extra notebooks (no loose-leaf paper), scissors, etc. when shopping
- We have enough pencils and erasers for this year but all other items are needed.
- Yard sales are also a great place to find item for layettes and sewing kits.

Note:

- Only items listed can be included in kits
- Please do not purchase items with religious or military symbols or messages including camouflage

All donations may be left in the Mission Outreach room. If you have questions, please call Jan Otte at 522-5491. Thank you for your support!

SO GLAD TO MEET YOU

We welcome new member Cindy Smith to St. Paul. Cindy joined St. Paul a year ago after she and her husband Floyd moved to the country from Seymour. Her father, John Oathout, grew up in the Cortland area and during his life knew many members at Borchers. Cindy has three grown sons and Floyd has two grown daughters and a son. Cindy enjoys baby-sitting for her and Floyd's six grandchildren. She is also an avid reader of romances and mysteries and, for exercise, walks their two dogs.

SO GLAD TO MEET YOU

We welcome new member Brittany Collings to St. Paul. Brittany graduated from Crothersville High School in 2008 and is currently employed at Centra Credit Union in Seymour. She has been Mike Hoeverner's girlfriend for two and a half years. Along with Mike she enjoys horseback riding.

FLOWER REFRIGERATOR

The refrigerator we use to store flowers in is staying too cold (not usually a problem with a refrigerator). It is killing any flowers we store in it. We are looking for a used refrigerator, one that will just stay cool, and not leak water. We could trade or work out the details. Contact Lou Ann Hoeverner or Wanda Engellau.

THANK YOU

To The Church, I am so blessed as well as my girls to have the extended church family we do. Thanks for all the efforts and help for confirmation. Keep praying for all the youth getting ready for new adventures for this upcoming school year. Peace be with you! Jill Otte

BORCHERS PRESCHOOL is now accepting enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. Your child must be age 4 by August 1, 2010, to be in the Sunbeam Class and age 3 by August 1, 2010, for the Rainbow class. A class for 2 year-olds will be held. Enrollment forms are on the Welcome Center or call Jeanette Kruse (522-6243).

FOOD PANTRY

Thirty food items were delivered to the Food Pantry along with a monetary donation given by family members who attended the Otte Reunion. Both were greatly appreciated.

Donations of non-perishable food can be placed on the shelves in the Mission Outreach room in the Narthex.



Ruth Circle

August 5th at 7:30 pm
Hostess: Delores Douglass
Bible Study Leader: Luci Angel

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays at 7:00 pm
In the Narthex

Hannah Circle

Will resume meeting in
September on Thursdays.

WINGS

August 19th at 7:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall
Devotions: Debbie Herbert
Snacks: Jenny Engellau
Drinks: Michelle Wood

Borchers Breakfast Club

Thursdays at 9:00 am
In the Fellowship Hall

1's and 2's

Will be August 13th
Watch the bulletin for
details