

This Week at First English – July 25, 2010

Today – Coffee Hour after 8am service

8:00am – Worship
9:30am – Worship
11:00am – Worship

Monday through Saturday: VBS Set-Up

Monday:

7:00pm – Barnabas

Tuesday:

9:00am – Pastors' Text Study – Zion Lutheran
9am-12pm – Quilting
11:30am – Retiree's at Hometown Buffet
7:00pm – Social Ministry

Thursday:

7:00pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

Thank you to Char Davis for providing special music this morning in our 8:00 and 9:30 worship services.

Thank you to Rod and Sharon Obourn for their help in loading our food drive items collected last week and delivering them for us!

Hospitalized This Week

(Methodist) Tim King; Voda Cochran

Attendance Last Week

8am – 83 9:30am – 75 11am – 66 Total – 224

Altar Flowers

Our altar flowers today are sponsored by ***Fred & Karen Johnson*** in honor of Tim's birthday and their anniversary.

Rose on Altar

The rose on the altar this morning is from ***Betty Schlick*** in memory of her granddaughter Kristi's birthday which would have been today.

Memorial

We remember in prayer ***Steve, Liz and Samantha Hayes*** in the passing of Steve's mother, Helen McIntire on July 18.

Welcome

We welcome Paul Reatherford and his sister Loraine Deck who were baptized into the Triune faith last Wednesday. Many of you will remember Paul who directed our basketball program years ago. Welcome in the Savior's name!

PREACHING NOTES: July 25, Luke 13:1-11

The simple message of Luke 13 is be persistent in prayer. If you need something, then ask God and God will provide.

However, there is a deeper meaning to our text. Let's probe deeper and ask, "What kind of relationship do you have with God?" If your relationship with God is healthy, you know that you can depend on God, even when God denies our prayer requests. The way we ask or pray and what we pray for mirrors our relationship with God.

Here is a good example: A father and son are shopping at the grocery store. The son constantly pulls stuff off the shelf and puts things in the shopping cart, stating, "I want this, and I want that, and I want this, and I want that!" The father keeps removing each item and returns each item to the shelf. Another shopper sees what the father is doing and commends him. "You sure are patient with your little boy!" It was a wise father who replied, "He doesn't want all this stuff. He just wants me - wants me to hold him!"

So often we pray for "stuff", when all we need to know is that God loves me in spite of myself.

Keep praying!

Pastor Lillie

Prayer Vigil

Please note our next prayer vigil will be held **Monday, August 2 from 7am-5pm**. The shortened session is due to the church council not meeting that night. Sign up on the bulletin board in the gym if you can take ½ hour to pray either at church or at home.

Summer Sunday School for All Generations

Sunday, August 15 9:30-10:30am – Luther Hall

Please sign up on the bulletin board by August 8 so we have an accurate count for supplies.

Vacation Bible School

Our High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School – Exploring the Mighty Love of God – will be held August 1-5 from 6-8:30pm. Those ages preschool – 7th grade are welcome (based on 2009-2010 school year completed). Join the expedition! A Bible Voyage filled with goodies from the galley, clipper ship crafts and missions, ship wreck games, sail away cinema and every night you will end your expedition with a floating finale! **Advanced registration through July 30th**. Contact the church office at 685-0337 to sign up. Invite a friend! We need YOU to join our crew! Contact Zabrina Johnson or Raylee Brown if you can help!

Marriage

Congratulations to *Angie Neptun & Dustin Hudelson* who were united in marriage at First English yesterday!

Playtime at First English...a new way to serve our community

We are looking for people who are interested in serving on a new ministry opportunity. Beginning this fall we are planning a weekly open-play time in the FELC gym. Once a week (day TBA) from 9:30am-11:30am we'd like to open the gym up as a place for young kids and their caregivers to play. We need volunteers to help organize and promote this project. If you are interested in being a part of this new opportunity, please contact Heather Hauri (zoopieraymo@sbcglobal.net) or Pastor Heather Arnold (hmacarnold@hotmail.com)

Thrivent Night – Chiefs Game

Peoria Chiefs vs Quad City River Bandits - Saturday, August 7, 2010

Gates open 5:30 pm, Game 6:30 pm

Thrivent Financial – Tickets are \$5.00 each

Jimmy Buffett Night/ Fireworks Show/Concert

Greater Peoria Area Thrivent Chapter is sponsoring this event.

Please be sure to come through the main gate and drop your ticket in at the Thrivent table for prizes that will be given out that evening. Also we will hand out \$5 food coupons on a first come basis until they run out.

Please contact your Thrivent Chapter Representative for tickets or call Sharon Resler at 673-0848 for tickets.

Lutheran Home Ice Cream Social/Bake Sale

The annual Lutheran Home Ice Cream Social/Bake Sale is scheduled for *Sunday, August 15*, from 11:30 to 2:30pm at the Lutheran Hillside Village, 6901 N Galena Road, Peoria. It will be held in the Community Center. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria and proceeds will go towards the needs of the residents. **Please sign up in the gym or Women's Bulletin Board if you can provide baked goods for the sale. Items needed are pies, cakes, brownies, cookies, specialty breads, candies, & muffins. Items need to be dropped off at Lutheran Hillside Village by 10am on Sunday, August 15. They are asking for 6 pies from each congregation. If you prefer, you can give a \$5 donation with which they can purchase baked goods!**

Adult Vacation Bible School – August 1 – 5

6:00 – 8:30 PM

We will be offering an Adult Bible study using the Book of Faith material on Hebrews during the same time as VBS.

The Letter to the Hebrews is one of the more sophisticated New Testament writings, with the author connecting the Old Testament passages to the present concerns of the community of faith. This study takes 5 big questions based in the text and challenges participants to explore them thoughtfully together.

This Bible study guides participants through these questions:

- **Who Is Jesus?**
- **What Did Jesus Do?**
- **What Is Faith?**
- **How Shall We Live?**
- **What If Faith Fails?**

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the gym to help us plan and provide you with the Learner's Guide.

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 15 during the 8 and 11:00 services we will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone celebration. We are asking that all students come to worship with backpacks or another kind of student bag. The Blessing of the Backpacks will include students, parents and other caregivers to be present for recognition and for prayers. Every parent wants his or her child to have all the advantages possible for a good education. This year, that includes a blessing. Not only do we want to acknowledge, support, and pray for our students, we also want to acknowledge, support, and pray for all efforts to learn, grow and gain divine wisdom. Therefore, we invite all people to bring something that they use on a regular basis for a blessing. Perhaps it is a briefcase, computer bag, tool belt, kitchen apron, gardening tools, calculator, or work gloves. Whatever it is, bring it to worship on August 15 for a blessing for everyone who learns, grows, and gains divine wisdom.

Tax Break—School Supplies

Legislation has been enacted to create an annual state sales tax holiday for clothing and school supplies. Local and home rule sales taxes will still apply to all items. August 6-15, residents will be able to purchase back-to-school items and only pay local sales tax. The 5% that typically goes to the state will be waived for these 9 days. Traditional school supplies such as paper, notebooks, writing instruments, and other office-type materials will be subject to the sales tax break. The tax holiday also applies to clothing items under \$100 such as shoes, tops, bottoms, underwear and outerwear. Some specific items like school uniforms and limited athletic apparel are also on the approved list of sales tax holiday items.

We are in need of a boat load of VBS Supplies. Can you help?

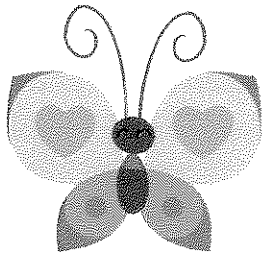
Items Needed:

- 40 Paper towel tubes-smaller tubes will not work
- 500 Baby Wipes
- 300 zip closure sandwich baggies
- 200 zip closure quart size baggies
- Large cardboard boxes-appliance size
- 3 Large bottles of bubbles
- 15 Bubble wands with long handles
- 200 Water Balloons
- 10 Spray bottles-the kind that will mist
- We still need 1200 servings Country Time Lemonade- yellow
- Cookies
- 200 24-ounce bottles of water
- Pirate/high seas decorations
- Brown paper grocery bags
- 2 box fans
- 3 large blue tarps
- Pretzel sticks
- 3 gallon plastic buckets – 5 needed
- 1 gallon vinegar
- 2 boxes baking soda

Please clearly mark item(s) to be returned with your name!

If you can donate or lend any of these items please drop them off on the stage by Sunday, July 25th.

Questions please contact Raylee Brown 685-0337 ext. 4
rbrown@mtco.com Thank you for your support!



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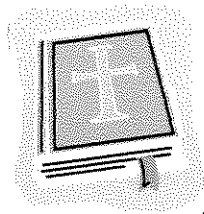


Come One, Come All -Basement Clean Out

to prepare the basement for renovation

Saturday, August 7th 9AM

**Sign up by Sunday, August 1st on the gym
bulletin board!**



Post Mission Trip/Leadership Lab Bible Study

Sunday, August 22nd Noon-3:30PM

Lunch provided-Don't forget to bring your Bible!

Sign up no later than Sunday, August 15th!

Only ONE week left to join the crew!
Join us for the expedition of a lifetime as part of the
High Seas Expedition VBS Staff

August 1st-5th we will be climbing aboard and taking young people on an adventure, exploring the mighty love of God and **we need your help**. Please prayerfully consider serving in one or more of the following ways.

Name _____ phone # _____ shirt size _____

___ Crew Leader –**WE NEED 13**
You love the Lord, and you like kids. You will lead a Crew (group of 6-8 kids) to visit the different stations
You're not responsible for preparing or teaching activities-you are there to guide and Shepherd the members of your crew while lending a helping hand

___ Station Leader or Station Assistant
WE NEED 3 Station Leaders & 6 Assistant Station Leaders
You love the Lord, and you love kids. You will be responsible for preparing a 15 minute lesson each night. Lesson & Materials PROVIDED! Station Assistant helps where needed or fills in for Station Leader in case of emergency.

___ Making props & set up July 27th-30th
Prop Pick Up Saturday, July 31st & Set Up

___ Drivers & Chaperones to help with the neighborhood kids in the Church van. We need several people to help with pick up and drop off of the neighborhood kids. (Sunday – Thursday)

___ Registration Table (Sunday, Monday & Tuesday only)

___ I will make ___ dozen cookies for VBS snack time



Please return completed form to the church office by July 25th or contact Raylee Brown at 685-0337 ext. 4 or rbrown@mtco.com

***Please remember to call the church office if you or a loved one is hospitalized!
The hospitals WILL NOT let us know!!!***

The Ushering Ministry Needs You

There are ushering openings for the 9:30 Service. This is a convenient opportunity to serve a ministry of your church. Please contact Jim Whittinghill at 243-5242 or call the church office at 685-0337. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

All loose coins in the offering today go to our local hunger mission partner, the Madison Avenue Methodist Church and their food kitchen. Our coins last week totaled \$32.82. Thanks to those who gave!

***If you can help with services, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall.
If you can drive the van to B'nai B'rith on Sundays, call Tony Glass.***

Assisting With Our Services Today

	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Assisting Minister	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
Communion Assts.	Marcia Lough/Shirley Jackson	Jim & Sharon Whittinghill	Rod & Corina Smith
Lay Readers	Lee Maki	Emma Rees	Jim Yocum
Altar Guild	Marcia Lough	Sue Ohlendorf	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Ushers	Lee Maki, Head Usher Hans Engel Bob Heindselman, Jr. Allen Mayer Carey Mayer	Ralph Lingenfelter, Head Usher Goldie Lingenfelter Betty Downard Bob Lindberg	Cecil Brown, Head Usher Felipa Brown Steve Brown
Acolytes	Nicholas Runyon Trent Hopple	Madysen Shanine Parker Thomson	Jordan Myers Rebecca Rodriguez

Van Driver – Tony Glass

Assisting With Services Next Sunday, August 1

	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Assisting Minister	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
Communion Assts.	Marcia Lough VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Lay Readers	Lee Maki	Sherry Petri	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Altar Guild	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Ushers	Ron Anderson, Head Usher Grant Fredericksen Tony Glass Craig Ross Eileen Webb	Jim Whittinghill, Head Usher Sharon Whittinghill Bobby Lumberry	Cody Wettstein, Head Usher Matt Anderson Jacob Runyon Liz Tanner Holly Carter
Acolytes	Gabrielle Johnson Garion Johnson	Ashley Smith Samantha Hayes	Cameron Brown Jordan Myers

Van Driver – **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**