

October—November 2009

**OUR FUND RAISING
EVENT**

**FALL SALE AND SUPPER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
5:30-7:00PM**

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THE RECORD

OUR VISION: to follow the example of Christ to reach out and empower one another through worship, education, fellowship, and service.

Pastor's Corner

Grace and peace to you from the Coming One, Jesus Christ. The next few weeks will be packed with opportunities for fellowship and worship. After celebrating Christ the King Sunday November 22, we will be entering into Cycle C of the liturgical church year. The church's new year begins with Advent which is followed by the Season of Christmas.

As we continue in the congregation's redevelopment, we have been in a period of discernment about worship times and worship content. Although nothing is etched in stone, Sunday worship will begin at 10:00am each week starting on November 29. Whether a second service will provide the outlet for a more contemporary service is still on the drawing board. Please join us in prayer as we continue to seek God's guidance.

Join us for weekly times of prayer and meditation at 7:00pm during the Season of Advent. Our first Advent prayer time will be Wednesday, December 2. If you are unable to join us, **please e-mail the church office with your prayer requests at iroquoischrist@yahoo.com**. Every member of the congregation and our synod staff will be prayed for by me during the Season of Advent; come join me. Until then:

May the empowering grace of Jesus Christ and the glorious power of the Holy Spirit make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all the people of God, so that at the Advent we will be blameless in our hearts by our holy living.

OUR LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Sue Gerth has completed examining the many adult and children's books the church received over the past few months. They are found in the corner of the large lounge. Beside fiction there are reference books for Bible study. The children's books are in the small bookcase.



You may take any book home and bring it back when finished. No person will check it out, everything is on the honor system. Sue particularly emphasized that she hopes the children use the books.

A special thanks to Eleanor Hedman for the donation of a beautiful Bible Dictionary.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In less than two years, Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church will turn one hundred years old. It should not come as a surprise that this church is not the same as it was back in 1911. As we all stop to look back and reflect about how things used to be and then focus on what the future holds for us here at I.A.CL.C., I did some thinking and reflecting as well this summer.

‘ It took a lot of thinking and reflecting for me this summer to figure out if I wanted to continue with the Sunday School program. The biggest struggle for me was trying to figure out if I had done the best job possible last year. Another struggle for me was trying to figure out where our kids would come from this year. I realized that the majority of last year’s kids are now confirmation age.

It was seriously not until the morning of Sunday, September 27th that I realized why I am supposed to be here. I was almost speechless when I saw all the kids walk into church that morning. I cannot thank Bobby Marble enough for bringing the kids every Sunday. I do realize that he is not going to be able to provide transportation every Sunday. That being said, we need someone to volunteer to pick the kids up in the church van.

The most important thing is that we, the Sunday School, are here for one reason:- to teach the children. I have also realized that we are all teachers. It doesn’t matter if we are trained or untrained and we can all learn something from one another. These kids would not be here if they didn’t enjoy themselves last year. I believe as a team we have already accomplished a big task. The kids came back and on any given Sunday we could have between six and ten kids. We already have five new ones this year.

As some of you know my Sunday School teachers were the ones who inspired me to take on this great task. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Doris Bell and Jeanette Chatman. I believe that God has given me the strength that I need for another year. I would like to welcome Marsha Hathaway-Chatman. She will be helping us this year.. I look forward to working with all of them.

Where do we go from here? I am often reminded of these words: “I will and I ask God to help and guide me”; I am sure these last ninety-eight years have not always been easy for our church but changes have been made in the past and changes will continue to be made in the future. With the help and guidance from God anything is possible. I remember when we celebrated our 80th anniversary and we called it “80 and ever reaching” We now continue by reaching for the next 100 years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

November 1 God Calls Samuel—1 Samuel Chapter 3 vs. 1-18

November 8 David & Goliath—1 Samuel Chapter 17 vs. 4-11, 32-50

November 15 Daniel in the Lion’s Den—Daniel Chapter 6

November 22 The Peaceful Kingdom—Isaiah Chapter 11 vs. 1-9

November 29 No Sunday School—Happy Thanksgiving

December 6 Mary, Faithful Woman of God—Luke Chapter 1 vs.26-56

December 13 Jesus Is Born—Luke Chapter 2 vs.. 1-20

December 20th Children’s Christmas Program

December 27 No Class—Christmas Vacation

January 3—No Class—Happy New Year!!

Peace and God’s Blessings, Justin A. Martin, Director of Nurture

Women's Association News

The Rummage Sale is behind us and many thanks to the members who collected items, organized, priced and were present on the day of the Sale. We were open one hour longer than in the past and had the sale in the basement instead of the gym. We are especially grateful to Eleanor Hedman for donating jewelry and other items from the closing of her store. John Cole brought down whatever was stored on the third floor and stage. Byron Cheeseman and his friend, Sheila sorted and packed clothes and Mary Paris' son Ryan and his friend packed and carried bags and boxes to the back entrance. Most members agreed it was easier to access the rest rooms and when it was all over ready the leftover items for pick-up by the Salvation Army. It was more efficient for them to bring their truck to the back door and move it out from the basement rather than the gym. It went very smoothly and we realized a profit of \$612.

We are currently organizing the Fall Sale and Supper crew and supplies. Eva Horner has agreed to be the chief chef with Bill Horner in charge of the meat. Shoppers include Joanne Grierson and Sue Gerth. Jared TenBrink will be in charge of the beer and wine table, this year. We are contacting people to act as waiters, pot washers and table attendants. The 1st floor dining room will be available for those who cannot make the stairs and there will be a table with baked goods, bread, plants and handmade items. Once again we will have a silent auction whose proceeds will go to Lutheran World Relief that will include quilts from the Peace Church quilters, silk screened and dyed items from Sue Krage and several gift baskets from Kathy Krasity.

We are tentatively planning a brunch to be held in early December to honor Eleanor Hedman and Pastor Timothy Roehrs as they retire from a long career serving the community and the church respectively.

Note: Mite boxes are to be turned in to the Treasurer by December. It would help if you would count your own box and give Hedy a check instead of a lot of change.

Tickets for the Sale and Supper are \$15 (children\$5) and are available from Hedy or from the church office. D. Bell, President

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Fresh green wreaths will be available again this year for \$27 each. If you wish to order them for your home or office or as a gift to someone, please contact Linda Pruss at 313-882-0625. Proceeds from the sale of the wreaths are given to the church.

Wreaths will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 22.

THRIVENT COFFEE HOUR AND ELECTION

On Sunday, November 22 there will be a coffee hour and election of officers for the Eastern Wayne County Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans in the small lounge.

All eligible members of Thrivent are encouraged to vote.

**Sue Gerth
Coordinator**



PROPERTIES REPORT

The roof repairs are still underway and replastering cannot take place until all small leaks are accounted for.

Thrivent has given the church funds for supplies for painting the janitor's room and two classrooms in the basement that are being used by Sunday School and a nursery area.

The furnaces in both the parsonage and church have been checked and repaired and a new glass block window was put in the boiler room where the vent pipe is located.

Currently there are lights out in the parking lot and in the gym that need replacing in preparation for the Fall Sale. Plumbing problems exist in the men's bathroom in the front of the building and the handicapped bathroom on the 1st floor. Removal of air conditioners and placement of Plexiglas storm windows is in progress.

The Properties Group

KROGER CARD REBATES FOR THE CHURCH

If you shop at Kroger's and have a Kroger Plus card you will be able to donate money to the church when you purchase goods at their stores. We will be registering our church with the Kroger Company Rewards Program. Once the church is registered then each member can register their card and receive a code that will allow the store to give us credit for purchases. Relatives and friends will also be able to contribute along with church members. A complete list of instructions will be available as soon as our registration is in effect. We will let you know and will facilitate your registration through our church office.

Women's Association

BITS AND PIECES

Anna Strizich, Kathy Krasity's daughter is currently teaching English to French students in Lilo, France near the Belgium border as part of a French Cultural Exchange Program. It is a 2 semester 1 year program.

David Martin was elected President of the St. Clair Shores Optimist Club for next year.

Richard Bell, who coaches the Detroit Rowing Club youth, spent time in Prague Czechoslovakia in July with one of his rowers who competed in the Under 23 World Championship meet.

A TIME OF CHANGE FOR THE RECORD

Beginning with this issue you will be able to access the Record from your computer. Kate TenBrink will be putting a link to the Record from our website for the church. (www.iroquoischrist.org) Hopefully this will save postage and paper and give those who like to receive information from the internet a convenient way to reference our publication.

For those folks who do not have a computer, do not worry. We will be sending out copies to those people and to all the shut-ins as usual. Extra copies will be available in church the Sunday after publication. I would ask that you make sure the office has your e-mail address and that anyone wishing to put an article in the Record make sure the copy is to me by the 15th of the month. Thank you Doris Bell