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Highland, Indiana

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The Rev. Harold E. Koch, editor

BUILDING FUND DRIVE BEGINS

How soon can we begin to build our new church? Within the next several weeks we can give a partial answer to the question. The Board of American Missions looks to us for a show of our willingness to enter sacrificially into the building program.

The "giving potential" of the congregation was determined by 24 members at a prayerful evaluation session. A "believed-in" goal was set for our building fund drive. At the congregational "kick-off" dinner both the goal and method of reaching it will be explained.

o-o-o-o, it is very important that we have 100% attendance of our members at the kickoff dinner on Friday, September 9 at 6:30 a.m. in Highland's First Presbyterian Church. Please plan to come for this evening of information, inspiration, fellowship and good food. The cost? No charge. This is a free meal (to be paid out of current funds B. F. Drive expense.)

Here here's that chance you've been waiting for to take the little lady out for dinner. Ladies, don't let him squirm out of this one. Insist that he bring you! (Roast Beef is on the menu.)

PASTOR INSTALLED BY DR. WICK

On Sunday, August 14 your pastor became actually your pastor when he was formally installed by the President of the Indiana Synod. In his sermon Dr. Wick said you can expect your pastor to:

1. Be a pastor
2. Be a preacher
3. Be an administrator
4. Be a student
5. Be a Christian Citizen in Community

But he also said the pastor can expect these from the congregation:

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| 1. Loyalty | 4. Support |
| 2. Cooperation | 5. Faithfulness |
| 3. Interest | |

There we have our challenges. Let's all accept our individual responsibilities.

NEW MEMBERS AND HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday, August 28, the following will be received into our fellowship: the Harold Brodin family, the Gene Kirk family, the Howard Roberts family and the George Tiffany family. It is a joy to see our family continue to grow.

Midsummer Holy Communion will be administered at the same Service. Sunday's sermon will be entitled "Double Exposure" and will be based on the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. Come for this high experience of Christian sonship through Christ.

VACATION PERIOD COMING TO AN END

With schools to open soon for the new year, vacations are rapidly fading into memories. We hope you have had a good summer and can get back into the regular schedule for fall. Last minute vacation item: the Kurics split their vacation between St. Louis, Highland and the cool of Canada. Any others?

After a discussion by the council of the value of keeping congregational attendance at the Services, the pastor has begun to record individual attendances. (See #5 under what the pastor can expect from congregation.) If YOU have been among the missing, let's change the picture with the inclusion of your face.

LUTHER LEAGUE ORGANIZED

At a meeting in the Welsh home on Sunday, August 7, Josette explained the purposes of the Luther League of America, the organization of our Church for the young people. In heated balloting, these officers were selected by the 14 young people present: Michael Welsh, president; Susan Ripley, vice president; Marcia Robinette, secretary; and David Erickson, treasurer. Mr. Douglas Ripley has agreed to serve as Advisor to the League and asks that parents take an interest and support the League program.

CHURCH PICNIC ON LABOR DAY

The tremendous success of our first church picnic demanded a repeat get-together on our church site on Labor Day. Come in the morning, bring your lunch, stay for the day.

CHOIR TO RESUME REHEARSALS

Thursday, September 8 is the date for the choir to meet in the Nelson home for first rehearsal of fall season. (The night may be changed after Building Fund Drive is completed.) Mrs. Nelson invites all who are interested in singing with our choir to come to rehearsals. She is anxious to build up our choir quickly and present more of the fine music we enjoyed before the summer.

Mrs. Nelson also wishes to thank the congregation for the gift (\$50 merchandise certificate - in appreciation for her faithful work as pianist and choirmaster) given her.

OUR FIRST STUDENT LEAVES FOR COLLEGE

Jozette Welsh begins her college career at Cottoy College, Nevada, Mo. this fall. Her interest lies in the field of Political Science. To continue her service to and participation in the Church, she has already contacted the Lutheran Church in town to offer her services. Congratulations, Jozette, and best wishes for a good year.

MEN FOR THE MINISTRY ?

Recognizing the increasing need for ministerial students that our Church may continue to grow, a Men For The Ministry Retreat is held each year at Wittenberg University. Next Tuesday and Wednesday David Erickson and Michael Welsh will attend the Retreat with the pastor. Dan Miller planned to attend, but football practice prevents.

DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC ON LABOR DAY !!

BE SURE TO RESERVE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th for the "Kick-off" Dinner.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Church School - 9:30 a.m.
The Service - 10:45 a.m.
Nursery during The Service
(Meeting temporarily in the
Highland Christian School)

ATTENDANCES AND OFFERINGS AT THE SERVICES

Thanks to all who helped prevent a "summer slump" at our Services. Now let's keep up faithfulness and make necessary two Services to hold all the worshippers.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Offergs.</u>	<u>Bldg. Fund</u>	<u>Organ Fund</u>
7/24	98	\$192.16	\$ 16.00	\$ 6.00
7/31	130	280.15	20.00	1.00
8/7	126	246.02	25.00	5.00
8/14	128	216.74	12.00	
8/21	120	223.83	19.00	

ATT. AND OFF. IN CHURCH SCHOOL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Offergs.</u>
7/24	79	\$ 14.11
7/31	88	18.47
8/7	77	12.57
8/14	87	18.05
8/21	90	16.57

Thanks, teachers and substitutes for your faithfulness this summer. Now that we come into our fall program, we need more help with the teaching staff. How about YOU helping?

CATECHETICAL CLASSES TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Attention, all seventh- and eighth-grade young people!! Early in October (after the Building Fund is completed and the pastor takes a few days of vacation) we will begin our two confirmation classes. If possible, we would like to schedule them for Saturday mornings with Junior Choir rehearsals between the two classes. How does that sound? Let me know your preferences.

ARCHITECT INTERVIEWS TO BE COMPLETED

Representatives of the building committee and the church council have been interviewing architects and hope to make a selection soon. Pray that the right decision is made.

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