

# LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

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THE FINAL MONTH of our first Building Fund is here. Sunday, September 17 will mark the close of our initial effort. It has been a grand year. We are within sight of the goal we set for ourselves last September when our commitments to the Building Fund totaled \$10,900. The important question is, "Where do we stand?" The Financial Secretary's report to the council as of Sunday, August 13 showed that \$9,840.86 of the total has been received.

This means that for the five remaining Sundays we need a total of \$1059.14 or an average of \$211.83 per Sunday to meet our commitment. Watch the bulletin each Sunday for a progress report.

Perhaps you have noticed that you will be short one B.F. envelope. Because of an error in ordering, we will need to mail to you your envelope prior to Sept. 17.

BUILDING PROGRESS REPORT Things are moving fast! Plans and specifications have been completed and will be reviewed by the building committee with the architect on Monday, Aug. 21. Then invitations will be sent for contractors to bid on various phases of construction. The bids will be opened by architect, building committee and church council on Thursday, September 14. Within the next week the accepted bids will be sent to New York for approval. THEN, we will await telegram advising us to sign bids and begin construction. (This should come early in October.)

GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE SET On Sunday, the 24th of September a Service of Blessing of a Church Site and Ground-Breaking will be held at 4:00 pm at the church site. This will be a thrilling day for all who have prayed, labored, dreamed, planned and given that a house may be erected to God's glory. Nobody will want to miss this exciting Service.

NEXT BUILDING FUND CANVASS, under the professional guidance of the James W. Shaver Co., will begin in early September. It looks like visitation Sunday will be September 17th with the Service of Thanksgiving on September 24th.

SUMMER HOLY COMMUNION will be administered at both Services on Sunday August 27th. Of the 178 Confirmed (adult) members on our roll, 13 have failed to receive the Sacrament of the Altar thus far this year. This is our highest privilege as Christians, one that we dare not neglect if we are to grow in grace. Sermon title will be "The Contract Renewed." Come and renew your contract with your Lord at His altar.

YOUTH SUNDAY will be observed at both Services on Sunday, September 10. Young people will share in the Services by ushering, reading the lessons and the prayers. In the evening the adults will be invited to attend the Luther League meeting at which time a skit will be presented by our young people. We have a fine group of young people. Let's support them with our interest and our prayers.

DISTRICT MEETINGS will be held throughout the Synod simultaneously on Sunday, September 10 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The meeting for our District will be in Trinity Lutheran Church, Valparaiso.

Who should attend? All council members, the members of the Evangelism, Parish Education, and Stewardship committees of the congregation are expected to attend the District meeting to gain new insights into more effective work in these specific areas. We hope that Gloria Dei will have full representation. Much work has been expended to make these meetings profitable for participating congregations.

MASS MEETING FOR ALL LUTHERANS IN CHICAGOLAND at McCormick Place, the magnificent new lake front Exposition Center, will take place Sunday, September 10 at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church and Lutheran World Federation will be the speaker. The Edgebrook Festival Choir, one of Chicagoland's great choirs will sing. Let's have Gloria Dei well represented. Plenty of seats. Plenty of parking. (Sorry about the conflict with the above meeting.)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin on Saturday, October 7. The evening before we would like to invite all seventh- and eighth-graders to meet in the parsonage with their parents for a get-together.

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST (and early Sept.)

- August 2 - Janet Bakker  
 2 - Jayne Bakker  
 4 - Adeline Heichel  
 7 - Gordon A. Dorschel  
 7 - William John James  
 7 - Glen Mick  
 11 - Ben Bakken Jr.  
 11 - Carol Brodin  
 11 - Judith Rausch  
 13 - Myrtle Robinette  
 14 - Christine Sikes  
 18 - Donald Meek  
 19 - John Nelson  
 21 - Lois Korn  
 22 - Rex Bennett  
 22 - Sharon Biesen  
 22 - Terence Biesen  
 24 - LeRoy Dearth  
 24 - John Wilson  
 26 - Irene Silverman  
 27 - Mark Schaller  
 27 - Eleanor Sell  
 29 - Marylou Enright  
 29 - LaVerne O'Reel  
 29 - Duane Sieb  
 30 - Susan Bakker  
 30 - Yvonne Biesen  
 Sept. 2 - Sally Bakker  
 2 - Garry Kirk  
 3 - Sandra Nelson  
 3 - Fred Sell  
 4 - Patricia Tiffany  
 5 - Thomas Bakken  
 5 - Jane Meek  
 6 - Daniel Street  
 7 - Frances Achor  
 9 - Irene Cross  
 9 - Pauline Dorschel  
 9 - Willard Schulz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALL! Sorry we're late with some of the greetings.

HAVE YOU MARKED THESE DATES: Aug. 27-----  
 Sept 10 - Sept. 17 - Sept 24 - ? Thanks!  
SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

ATTENDANCES AND OFFERINGS IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Date	Att.	Offerings	
7/2	69	\$ 12.05	(We
7/9	58	8.81	hope
7/16	87	14.00	vacations
7/23	80	12.94	are
7/30	69	10.96	soon
8/6	107	14.10	over.)
8/13	82	11.66	

ATTENDANCES AND OFFERINGS AT THE SERVICES

Date	8:00	10:45	Ben & Cur.	Bldg. Fund	Organ
7/2	52	83	\$ 254.76	\$ 269.40	\$4.00
7/9	47	79	181.65	149.05	
7/16	73	87	238.43	216.10	3.00
7/23	38	94	291.30	224.45	
7/30	37	79	201.81	191.00	2.00
8/6	31	110	305.30	247.75	.50
8/13	41	103	239.00	209.95	1.00

VACATIONERS Here's the latest: Browns to the Wisc. Dells; the Al Dorschels to New York City Washington, Baltimore and Grand Rapids; the Bill Dorschels to Maryland; the Domvejs to Denver; the Humphreys to Kansas City; the Johnsons to Michigan's Upper Peninsula; the Kochs to Ohio and Wisconsin; the Korns to Pennsylvania; the Kurics to Texas, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Montana; the Molines 'around home'; the Aaron Nelsons to Minnesota and Michigan; Doug Ripley Sr. "vacationed?" at Great Lakes; Doug Jr. and John to Minnesota; the Don Schallers to Dowagiac, Michigan; the Sells to Pennsylvania; Mrs. Terry "jetted" to Maine; the Tiffanys back home to Iowa; the Torkelsons to northern Wisconsin; the Wilsons are driving around Lake Superior. Hope you all had a good vacation and are refreshed enough to get thru until next summer. Any more vacationers?

CONGRATULATIONS to Gene Achor who was promoted recently to manager of classified ads department of Hammond Times; to Alan Dieball on landing a new job with R. H. Donnelly and Sons in Chicago; to Gary Torkelson for having pitched his Little League team to the championship in Highland.

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Church School - 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship - 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.  
 (Nursery provided during the  
 10:45 Service each Sunday)

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Shall we continue with the  
 8:00 a.m. Service this fall?