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MAY-2013

A MUSICAL TREAT – FRIESLAND COMMUNITY MEN’S CHORUS

Many of you recall the special concert given last year by the Friesland Community Men’s Chorus. They are scheduled to again share God’s message of salvation through gospel songs on Sunday, May 19, at our regular 9 a.m. worship time.

This 50 member chorus is an ecumenical group coming from 33 different churches representing 13 denominations. They truly love to sing God’s praises and many of them have been a part of the chorus for 30 years.

Invite your neighbors and friends to this special worship service. The Evangelism and Worship committees are working together to make this a special event for our church and community. We will be hosting a fellowship brunch following the service. Look for more information to follow and a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall for items needed for the brunch. Let’s fill the church and enjoy the harmony!!

Marcia Brown



DON SWIETLIK TO SHARE WITNESS TO GOD IN CHRIST

Church member Don Swietlik is going to step up to the pulpit on May 26 to share his “testimony” to how God, Christ and the Holy Spirit have been at work in his life.

Don has a really interesting life history (way beyond his recent challenges with cancer). This should be a “can’t miss” Sunday worship service.

Please join Don to hear what he has to say and see how it might challenge you in your own life as a Christian.

BAKE SALE SUCCESS!

A big thank you to all of you who contributed to the all-church bake sale held at the Associated Bank on April 13. We had a great variety of wonderful baked goods and people just couldn’t resist. We sold nearly all of it by noon, and then the rest was soon purchased after church on Sunday morning. The final tally was \$435.25 which went in to the operating fund, but the real bonus was the fun and the fellowship and putting our best foot forward in our community. Thank you, one and all. We may just repeat it in the future.

Marcia Brown

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May 2013



On a recent trip back “home” to St. Joseph, Mo., to visit my brother, I had the opportunity to visit the one-time home of Westminster Presbyterian, the church where I was baptized, confirmed, and was taught and found the love of God.

A few years ago, that church was supposed to merge with another Presbyterian church in the city and, on paper, it did. Plans for the two congregations to construct a mutually agreed new place of worship never panned out and it doesn't sound like they will. Many of Westminster's remaining members have fled to other churches, even other denominations.

A non-denominational new church development purchased the old Westminster building and those folks were kind enough to give me access and a tour of the place. It warmed my heart that they are being protective of the sanctuary, in particular, but of the classrooms as well. It is a burgeoning and young congregation and I ask God's blessings on them as they seek to reach out to young people.

But the main reason I wanted to get back into the building was to gaze upon the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. They were installed when I was a child and in memory of a beloved pastor. At no small cost, the windows were designed and constructed in Italy and shipped to St. Joseph for installation. They are among the most beautiful stained glass windows in the city.

But I had forgotten that the two windows each of three sections, or lancets, had individual names. The one at the front of the church, overlooking the chancel, the pulpit, the lectern, and the communion table is called The Christ Window. And the one on the south side of the cross-shaped sanctuary is called The Trinity Window.

As I gazed upon the latter, I was reminded that Trinity Sunday is coming up the last Sunday of May. On that day in particular in the church, we take a moment to take particular note of the One God, Three Persons composition called the Trinity.

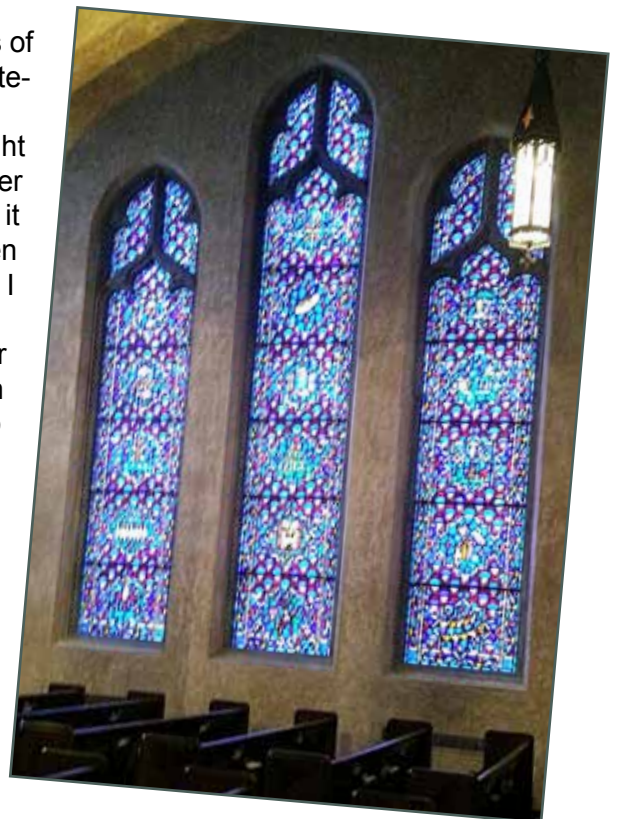
In my home church building, the Trinity Window's three sections start with symbols of God the Father on the left, God the Son in the middle, and God the Holy Spirit on the right. The immense sections display such notable symbols as the hand of God, Creation, the Ten Commandments, and the sun; the Nativity, the Chi Rho (an ancient monogram using the letters of the Greek word for Christ), the cross of the crucifixion (including the letters INRI that refer to the title Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews), the phoenix which represents the resurrection, and Christ enthroned in glory; finally, representing the Holy Spirit, the third section's symbols include the descending dove, the sacraments of communion and baptism, the seven-tongued flame found at Pentecost (which is the Sunday before Trinity Sunday).

No individual congregation lives forever, as much as we might want it to be so. Westminster Presbyterian Church lived for over 150 years, first at a small building in the downtown area where it was one of the first places of worship in a frontier town, and then in a newer building that burned and the most recent one that I knew as child and which was constructed in 1934.

I wonder when it was that the congregation at Westminster took its eyes off of the Trinity and began to center on its own wants and desires. Whenever it was, that's when it began to die, leaving only a building with beautiful stained glass windows behind to remind a few of us of what it once was.

Are we keeping our eyes on the Trinity?
Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gretchen



WORSHIP LEADERS

May 5 Diane Lukins
May 12
May 19 Greg Manning
May 26 Gretchen Lord Anderson

SONG LEADERS

May 5 DeAnn Richards and Cassy VanFossen
May 12 Richard and Vonda Lee Schmidt
May 19 Friesland Men's Chorus
May 26 Dorothy Richards and Beanie Ludlum

OFFERTORIES

May 5 "I Love You Lord" The Choir
May 12 "I Have Felt the Hand of God" The Choir
May 19 Friesland Men's Chorus
May 26 "Halle, Halle, Halle" the Choir

KIDDIE KEEP

May 5 Kristie Tobin, Mae Stocks; Back-up: Cindy Leckwee
May 12 Kris Morgan, Chase or Chance Richards;
Back-up: Adrienne Tritt
May 19 Cassie Leckwee, Allie Gorton; Back-up: Kristie Tobin
May 26 Kris Morgan, Rose Heins; Back-up: Amy Klann

USHERS

May 5 Dave Heebner and Greg Manning
May 12 Ron and Gale Nelson
May 19 Sandy DeSelle and Pam Odorizzi
May 26 Dawn and Jim Salzman

GREETERS

May 5 Dennis and Sandy Stendler
May 12 Audrey Kohn
May 19 Becky McIntyre and Shane Kozakiewicz
May 26 Beth Sokol

ACCOMPANISTS

May 5 Rana Hughey
May 12 Rana Hughey
May 19 Audrey Kohn
May 26 Jean Mulcahy

COUNTERS

May 5 Dawn Salzman and Paul Ammann
May 12 Dorothy Richards and Paul Ammann
May 19 Beanie Ludlum and Dorothy Richards
May 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday. If your birthday is in May and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

5/2 SUSIE JACKSON
5/5 VONDA SCHMIDT
5/6 LINDA JACOBSON
5/7 TERRY ANDERSON
5/10 CHUCK KLANN
5/11 JEFF LECKWEE
5/13 CODY MULCAHY
EVAN STEVENSON
5/14 JUSTIN GORTON
5/16 CONNOR MULCAHY
5/19 MICHAEL MORGAN
5/26 LORI HARRENSTEIN
5/28 BETH SOKOL
KARISSA BALLWEG
5/30 LAURYN HUSTON



SERMONS AVAILABLE

Written and audio versions of Pastor Gretchen's sermons are now available on the church website: www.lodipresbyterianchurch.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for all newsletter articles for the June newsletter will be Thursday, May 23, 9 a.m.. If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.

MAY 2013 YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Hello fellow Christ-Lovers!

The kids and I have been crazy busy the last month getting ready for our mission trip coming up in June. We have been occupied with fundraising planning, garage sales, and "kidnapping" the pastor, with good cause of course. The best part about working with these kids is the fact that they support without being personally involved with a certain event or activity.

The best example of this is the fundraising for the mission trip. Because of the age restraints being high school only, there are just certain kids eligible for the trip. With that aside those kids who are younger still want to participate in fundraising. The kidnapping is the first thing that comes to mind. The kids of our church were all involved in the videotaping and excitement.

I love how much these kids have bonded since I have been here. Over the past year, I have seen youth who don't really know each other become the best of friends. To them, the age, gender, doesn't matter when finding someone new to bond with. I am so proud of the kids and how enjoyable they make every weekend, event, or fundraiser. I am proud to call them my youth group.

God Bless!
Cassy VanFossen, Youth Director

Upcoming Youth Events

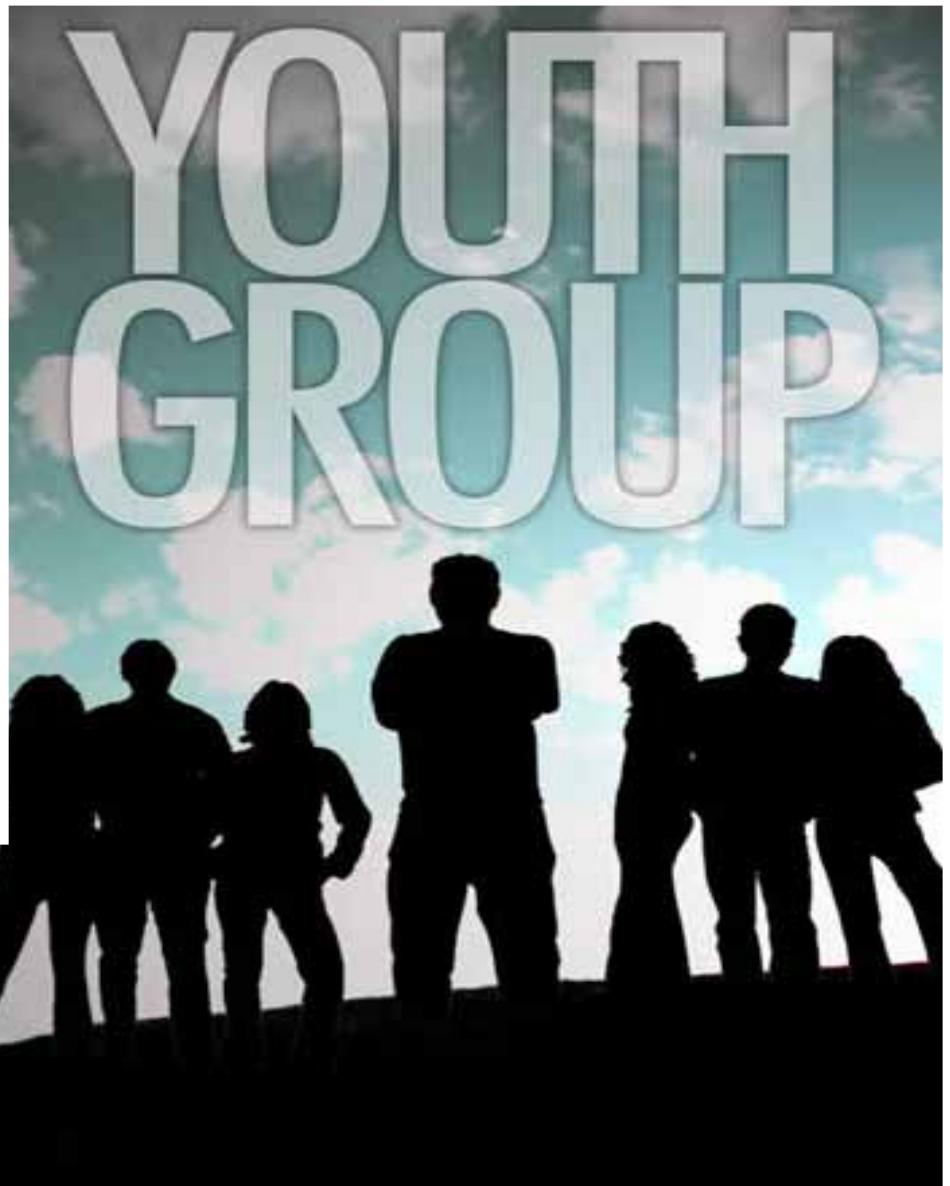


DINNER HOSTS

I have a sign-up sheet for dinner hosts so please keep your eye on the bulletin board, and please sign up! Just remember this is never limited to just youth group parents; anyone is welcome to be a part of our Sunday night craziness!!

SHANTYTOWN

Shantytown is back again this year! The night is going to be full of games, music, and testimony. The youth directors in town and I have been hard at work to plan this event. There will be music provided by Danen Kane and Mike Howard! This event isn't just about the fun. We are there to raise money for the homeless. The kids will be pledging for donations. So please keep watch! Along with that, Jim and Marcia Brown will match whatever our youth raise! So donate whatever you can, please don't hesitate. Find that kid and pledge!



MAY 2013

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SCRIP REALLY WORKS

Many of you are aware that our church uses the SCRIP fundraising program to help earn money for our church operating budget. The way it works is that our church families plan ahead and earn money by making their regular household purchases using prepaid gift cards from America's favorite and most trusted retailers.

They choose retailers like Piggly Wiggly and Kwik Trip, for instance, and write a check to the church for what they think they will be spending at these stores in the next two weeks. They give the check to Beanie Ludlum one Sunday and she gives them the gift cards the next Sunday. A percentage of the cost (Kwik Trip is 9 percent, for instance) is given back to church by these retailers for being a part of this program, yet you get the full amount in gift cards that you ordered.

When people hear about SCRIP, many ask, "what's the catch?" The catch – if there is one – is that families need to plan ahead a little and do their normal shopping with gift cards. And when they do, our church wins in the process.

So it's time to give this program a try

if you have not already been using it. From January 1, 2013 to April 7, 2013 our church has earned \$730.21, but we could be earning much more if more of you would participate.

An order form is almost always a part of this newsletter. Look it over. SCRIP orders are taken the first and third Sundays each month, and they are delivered the second and fourth Sundays. If you have questions or do not see a retailer on the list, please ask Beanie or Marcia to help you out.

Please consider using the SCRIP program. It benefits all of us.

MISSION NEWS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you for supporting the special PC(USA) offering called One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering supports three missions: Hunger, Disaster Assistance and Self Development of People. The offering of \$644 was combined with mission budgeted money of \$1,200 and sent through John Knox Presbytery to the national church in Louisville, Ky.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Check the bulletin board for the thank you note from Habitat for Humanity of Sauk-Columbia Area for a mission budget pledge of \$600. A house will be built in Rio this spring/summer.

Can you swing a hammer, or use a circular saw or paint? Volunteers are always needed.

PERSONAL ESSENTIALS CENTER

Thank you for responding to the special request for laundry and kitchen items for the Lodi Valley Personal Essentials Center. Paper towels, dish cloths, pot holders, laundry soap, bleach, dish soap, disinfectants, were some of the items given. Thank you.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

Psalms 116:12-17
Dorothy Richards

STEWARDSHIP REPORT RICK VAN FOSSEN - APRIL 14, 2013 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET: \$173,938

DATE	OFFERING	WKLY OVER/ UNDER BUDGET	WKLY % OF BUDGET	YTD OVER/ UNDER BUDGET	YTD % OF BUDGET	YTD OFFERING	PRIOR YEAR
January 6, 2013	\$2,933.84	(\$411.12)	88%	(\$411.12)	88%	\$2,933.84	\$2,573.26
January 13, 2013	\$3,178.60	(\$166.36)	95%	(\$577.48)	91%	\$6,112.44	\$6,474.86
January 20, 2013	\$2,440.36	(\$904.60)	73%	(\$1,482.08)	85%	\$8,552.80	\$9,318.64
January 27, 2013	\$1,681.12	(\$1,663.84)	50%	(\$3,145.93)	76%	\$10,233.92	\$11,580.79
February 3, 2013	\$3,245.99	(\$98.97)	97%	(\$3,244.90)	81%	\$13,479.91	\$13,801.42
February 10, 2013	\$1,244.00	(\$2,100.96)	37%	(\$5,345.86)	73%	\$14,723.91	\$17,306.66
February 17, 2013	\$2,197.00	(\$1,147.96)	66%	(\$6,493.82)	72%	\$16,920.91	\$21,066.60
February 24, 2013	\$2,669.00	(\$675.96)	80%	(\$7,169.78)	73%	\$19,589.91	\$24,063.52
March 3, 2013	\$3,725.35	\$380.39	111%	(\$6,789.39)	77%	\$23,315.26	\$26,164.02
March 10, 2013	\$2,692.96	(\$652.00)	81%	(\$7,441.40)	78%	\$26,008.22	\$28,286.15
March 17, 2013	\$2,331.50	(\$1,013.46)	70%	(\$8,454.86)	77%	\$28,339.72	\$31,929.88
March 24, 2013	\$3,124.93	(\$220.03)	93%	(\$8,674.89)	78%	\$31,464.65	\$34,736.88
March 31, 2013	\$2,899.00	(\$445.96)	87%	(\$9,120.85)	79%	\$34,363.65	\$36,745.88
April 7, 2013	\$2,740.00	(\$604.96)	82%	(\$9,725.81)	79%	\$37,103.65	\$41,303.38
April 14, 2013	\$2,495.00	(\$849.96)	75%	(\$10,575.77)	79%	\$39,598.65	\$44,281.20

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More cards available. Please ask if there is something you don't see. Thanks Beanie

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Disney \$25.00	2.00%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8.00%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Dressbarn \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Payless Shoes \$20.00	13.00%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Family Christian Stores \$25.00	9.00%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$
American Airlines \$100.00	8.00%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4.00%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8.00%		\$	GNC \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Home Depot \$100.00	**5.00%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Home Depot \$25.00	**5.00%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$25.00	9.00%		\$	iTunes® \$15.00	5.00%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9.00%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	5.00%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	**18.00%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	**11.00%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7.00%		\$	KFC \$5.00	8.00%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.00%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	3.00%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.00%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Sears \$100.00	4.00%		\$
Boston Store \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4.00%		\$
BP \$100.00	1.50%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	**9.00%		\$	Sentry \$10.00	3.00%		\$
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Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8.00%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	**17.00%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3.00%		\$
Burlington Coat Factory \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	16.00%		\$	Shopko \$50.00	3.00%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Six Flags One-Day Admission Ticket \$32.00	8.00%		\$
Carnival Cruise Lines \$100.00	8.00%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5.00%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7.00%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Menards \$100.00	3.00%		\$	Subway \$10.00	3.00%		\$
Chuck E. Cheese \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5.00%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1.50%		\$	Target \$100.00	2.00%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Office Depot \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.00%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4.00%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6.00%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Old Country Buffet \$25.00	5.00%		\$	TGI Friday's \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14.00%		\$	Toys-R-Us \$20.00	1.50%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	6.00%		\$
Disney \$100.00	2.00%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.00%		\$
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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

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Class of 2013

Marcia Brown
Sandy DeSelle
Greg Manning

Class of 2014

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Paul Ammann

Class of 2015

Beanie Ludlum
Dawn Salzman
Dorothy Richards

Dawn Salzman, Clerk of Session

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