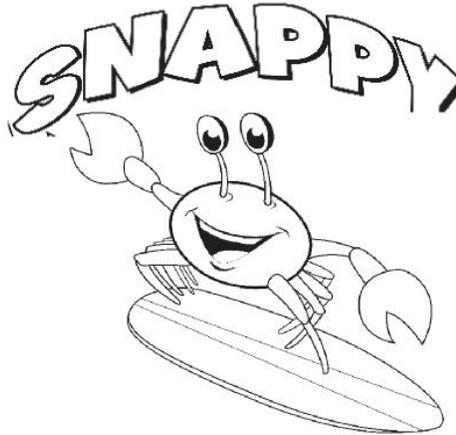


United in Faith News

JUNE 2016

*Why are we Here? ~
We are to be God's hands, feet and voice in the world.*



At
United in Faith,
The Guiding
Principles are:

Jesus is
Lord and
Savior

Reflect
God's love

Pray and
Listen for God's
guidance

Continue to
strengthen
faith

Include All
In God's
work

Meet people
where they
are

VACATION SCHOOL BIBLE **August 15-19, 2016** **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Are you ready to splash into fun this summer? Join us August 15-19 for Surf Shack VBS! From 9-1 each day, there will be Bible stories, music, crafts, science experiments, and a chance to help out families and children in need in Chicago!

Last year UIF and the children of VBS worked together to pack 15 Welcome Home Baby kits for the Night Ministry. This year we are working with Crossroads to help those in shelters. A list and sign up clipboard with needed items will be available in early June so you can contribute as you see fit.

We need your help! Please consider how you can help this year's VBS be a success. Some possibilities include spreading the word to neighbors, friends, and family and encouraging their children to attend, you could volunteer to help (even for just a day or a few hours is helpful!) during VBS week or with set up or tear down the weekends before and after. Of course, we also need your support through donations. Please watch for the upcoming list and clipboard or consider making a financial donation to offset the cost of needed items.

Thank you for your support! We are getting geared up and excited to "Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!"

From the desk of ...

Pastor Carla

"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."—Deuteronomy 6:6-9

So much of our life is focused on making it through each day. Busy families with children are no exception. So when a pastor starts encouraging people to add faith routines, people sometimes start panicking. How could I ADD ANYTHING???! This month, I was introduced to a new (and very easy) format of home devotions that can be used every day called Faith5.

Although this description of Faith5 uses families with young children as a reference point, they are not the only ones who might choose to share some form of Faith5 at the end of the day. We even used this format for a council devotion in May. You could use this format for your own personal daily devotions (writing in a prayer journal perhaps) – or include it in your next committee or ministry meeting.

Faith 5 is a simple set of conversational activities that can be implemented in just 5-15 minutes a night (may take longer in a larger group), and can develop faith habits (for kids and adults) that may last a lifetime.

Simply, Faith 5 includes:

SHARE your highs and lows

READ a Bible verse or story

TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

PRAY for one another's highs and lows

BLESS one another

Check out faith5.org to see one family sharing Faith5 at home. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." – Deuteronomy 6:5

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2016...Evan Powell, Zachary LaCour and Owen Devine were confirmed on Sunday, May 15 and are our newest members of the congregation. Way to go boys!!! Many thanks to Pastor Carla and Kim Childress for leading the boys in their confirmation studies.



Welcome

Hospitality Corner

Thanks to all who come early to welcome our friends to church on Sunday morning. It is great to see each of you on Sunday.

**Greeters for JUNE 2016 we will be seeing:
9:30 AM**

- June 5 Dawk Kuswik
- June 12 Dawn Kuswik
- June 19 Terrie Miller
- June 26 Doris Hemple

Thanks for all your smiling faces.
Lois & Annette

Swing Choir Concert at United in Faith ~ Tuesday, July 26

On Tuesday, July 26th (in the evening), United in Faith will host a concert of the 2016 LOMC Swing Choir. These high school aged Swing Choir campers learn and practice their choreography and songs at LOMC for a week. Then they travel around Illinois performing at local congregations. Eventually, you will be able to find their full travel schedule at www.lomc.org.

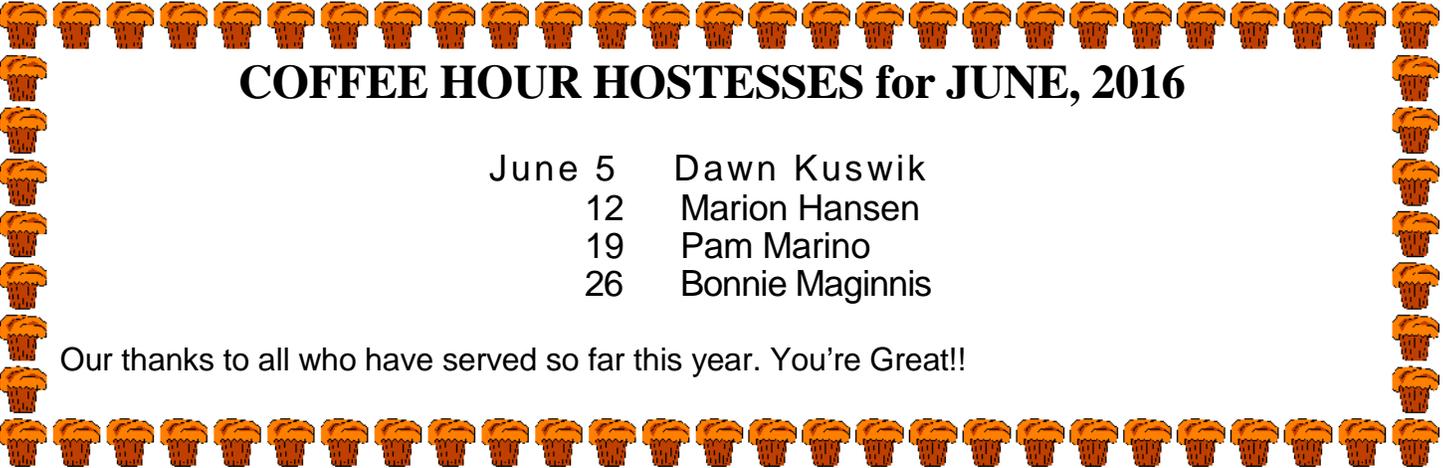
United in Faith will provide a meal for 15 or so people (Swing Choir campers and staff) on Tuesday night before the concert. We will provide the physical space for the concert (and it'll be a great performance, so you'll probably want to invite your friends too!). And then UIF members will host 1 to 3 young people at their houses overnight – if you have a couch, futon, air mattress, or extra bed, we're hoping you will be willing to let a swing choir camper or two stay with you (and perhaps feed them breakfast on Wednesday morning before they meet at UIF and leave our site).

LOMC (Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center) is a Lutheran camp in Oregon, IL—and the 9 - 12th grade campers usually come from IL and WI. LOMC's mission is "to connect the Word of God with the World of God"! LOMC has had a Swing Choir program for over thirty years. Many of the Swing Choir campers return for year after year, so some have been performing together for a while. This year's music director is Chris Parkinson from Freeport, IL, and the choreographer is Catherine Nelson from Geneseo, IL.

What we need from you, members of UIF:

- * People willing to provide food (and serve food) to 15 or so people on Tuesday early evening.
- * Plan to attend the concert on Tuesday evening – invite a friend or three!
- * "Host families" willing to house our visitors—we could have approximately 15 visitors (10 or so high schoolers, 2 counselors, music director, choreographer, & camp director).

Contact the church office or Pastor Carla for more information.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES for JUNE, 2016

June 5	Dawn Kuswik
12	Marion Hansen
19	Pam Marino
26	Bonnie Maginnis

Our thanks to all who have served so far this year. You're Great!!

Let Your Light Shine by Carolyn Doughty

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

I have always loved this line from the baptismal service. It appears after the Pastor has asked our Creator God to bestow the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the person being baptized, and after the child is "sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." At this point, a lighted candle is given to the person being baptized, or to the child's sponsor, and this verse from Matthew is said.

I understand this verse to mean that we are now the light in the world. The light that people see is the good works that we do. The good works are the works that are done in obedience to our Creator God. That includes our character, our conduct, our actions, and our spoken testimony. When Justin Dombrowski was baptized recently, did you wonder what gifts God has blessed this new, awesome creation with? Remember, Justin is a light in this world. It won't matter if he becomes the president of the United States, a janitor, or anything in between, he too can let his light shine to glorify God in Heaven through using his gifts he has been blessed with. We, along with his parents, will teach Justin how to use his talents to glorify God through our example when we glorify God with our actions!

There are so many opportunities at United in Faith to let our light shine for others to see, and point to our God—through working with the many ministries, greeting visitors who come to our worship service, being a reader in the worship service, by being a voice for the less fortunate, etc. How are you letting our light shine and point to God in Heaven?

Creator God, thank you for blessing us with this wonderful world, and the many people—our brothers and sisters in Christ—that surround us. Help us to always seek and find Christ in others. Help us all to reflect our light in this world through our actions, and through our love and compassion for others.

Amen

Senior Club of UIF

Since there is so few of us left we just keep going out for lunch and talking. We do learn alot as we eat. Muriel Clauson is in the Norridge Nursing home, here on Cullom Ave. She went in about the 8th of May. We pray that she gets stronger. She needs to get her strength back. Fred is hanging in there. We wish better health for both of them.

Our next outing will be on June 15th. Where? Why Bakers Square, of course. We will meet at 11;30am.

See you there.

Love, Annette

United in Faith Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report-April, 2016

	Four Months Ended April 30, 2016
<u>Unrestricted:</u>	
Income (excluding investment activity)	\$103,593
Expenditures	76,287
Income over (under) expenditures	27,306
Investment income and changes in market value	3,536
Increase (Decrease) in unrestricted net assets	\$30,842
 <u>Educational Endowment</u>	
Investment income and changes in market value	\$2,876
Scholarships paid out	0
Increase (Decrease) in Educational net assets	\$2,876
Increase (Decrease) in total net assets	\$33,718

Comments

YTD income is higher than spending by \$27,306. This is due to insurance proceeds from the Dorothy Goos estate of \$31,194 in February and an estate gift of \$14,804 from Anita Perske. Regular weekly giving is down \$1,178 for the year to date.

2. Total expense is favorable to budget by \$10,997. Maintenance of \$2,301 includes \$1,550 for waterproofing in the sanctuary. Further expense is expected for electrical work and tuckpointing.

St. Cyprian's Food Pantry

St. Cyprian's Food Pantry would like to send their thanks to all of you who regularly support the pantry, including those who participate in the quarterly Brown Bag Sunday. Thanks in part to your generosity the pantry was able to assist 421 families and 1,296 individuals in May.

Another way to help the pantry is to take part in the Greater Chicago Food Depository's 31st Annual Hunter Walk on June 25, 2016. This year the walk will be held in Jackson Park. For each person that registers for the walk in the St. Cyprian Food Pantry group the pantry receives a \$12.00 credit toward the purchase of food from the Food Depository. If you are interested in participating, the food pantry will have a bus available to take walkers to and from Jackson Park on the morning of the walk. You can find a registration form on the table outside of the sanctuary and please let the pantry know if you would like to ride the bus.

The pantry will also sponsor several fund raising events at some of our neighborhood restaurants this summer, please watch your bulletin and July newsletter for further information. Also, watch the July newsletter for information on this year's School Supply collection.

CHRISTMAS 2016 – Decorative Arts

In less than 6 months UIF will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas season. The chrismons that have been on our tree for the past 10 years, or more, have passed their prime and are looking rather dismal. Most of them are broken and rather dingy.

A new set of 90 has been completed and will replace the current Styrofoam ones. If these have sentimental value to you, please notify Lys and we can make arrangements for you to take them. If no one claims the old ones by Thanksgiving weekend they will be disposed of. I'm sure someone lovingly made these, perhaps Sunday School children. I would like to treat them with respect if anyone would like to save them, I will gladly help you pack them up. Decorative Arts is working to change the theme of our sanctuary every couple months with new items hanging or being displayed. If you have suggestions, please contact me.

Lys Shradeja
Decorative Arts Ministry

Bread for the World's Offering of Letters —June 5, 2016— After the 9:30 Worship Service

Isn't contacting our elected officials urging them to pass The Global Food Security Act mixing Church and State?

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, we reach out to our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state, or on the next continent. We experience God's grace and love through our faith in the saving power of Jesus' death and resurrection. "***We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another***" (1 John 3:16).

Throughout Scripture, God calls people into community and sets the expectation that leaders (whether they are kings, pharaohs, or elected officials) should care for their people. Therefore, we also reflect God's love by challenging individuals and institutions that have the power to change laws and structures that keep people vulnerable. As God's hands and feet [and voice] in the world, we work toward a beloved community in which every person has an equal opportunity to thrive. The Offering of Letters is one opportunity for Christians to live out this commitment. It invites us to be good stewards, using our voices to encourage our elected representatives to take the necessary steps to end hunger.

The Global Food Security Act aims to address these problems of women and children in poverty head on. The bill is a "comprehensive strategic approach for U.S. foreign assistance to developing countries" according to the text of the bill and hopes 'to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes" among other objectives. This is why we will be writing letters to our elected officials.

So, to answer the original question, **NO, it is actually our responsibility** as followers of Christ, to be the hands, voice and feet of God in this world by strongly urging our elected officials the need to pass legislation that are **just for all of God's children.** On Sunday, June 5, there will be a table set aside in the fellowship hall for those of you who would like to write a letter to your elected officials. There will be writing paper and pens available. There will be a sample letter to offer guidance if you would like it. Please plan on saying to write a letter!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AnD ANNIVERSARYS



June 2	Andy Witt
June 6	Brenda Chobot
June 11	<u>Robert Denz, Jr.</u>
June 14	Ann Lozich
June 15	Jeanne Schira
June 17	Lylas Wollenzien
June 27	Joe Beckie
June 28	Jane Schira

GIRL SCOUT NEWS



We are all done for the summer. Can you believe that 37 weeks of scouting and it is over for a few months. We still can't figure out where the year went. Waiting for warmer weather to hit the scene, but all in due time.

Our ceremony was great. We had 6 Daisy's bridge up to Brownies, 13 Brownies bridge up to Juniors, 9 Juniors went up to Cadettes, One Cadette to Senior and 2 Seniors up to Ambassadors. What a large group of girls moving up this year. All girls moving up received a carnation plus all of their badges, pins, and cookie awards. The girls served refreshments following the program.

We took early bird registration that night and took in about 25 girls or more.

Thanks for all you do for us and just keep saving ink cartridges, cans, health supplies for our kits, and the girls and adults appreciate all you help.

Happy Summer

Annette, Robin, Karen, Janeen, Sharon, Dana, Cathy, Kathy, Deanna, Crystal, Becky, Gina, Janet, Sharon, Catherine, Karine, Dawn and all the girls.

ONE NEWSLETTER FOR JULY and AUGUST

The will be one edition of the Newsletter for July and August. Anything you would like to include in the July/August newsletter needs to be emailed to the church office by Wed., June 15. *This is a drop dead deadline.* Make sure to include any "heads up" information for what is happening in September. The deadline for the September newsletter will be August 17 and will include all September programming information.

UNBINDING THE GOSPEL

Beginning on June 2 and going to July 31, Pastor Carla will be conducting a Book Study called **Unbinding the Gospel**. This book teaches about evangelism from a person and prayer based approach. This is not about knocking on doors or forcing people to become Christian! This is about opening ourselves up to the Holy Spirit as God works in our lives. There will be two different groups. One group will meet on Thursdays evenings at 7:30 pm beginning on June 2 and the second group will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am beginning on June 5. Neither group will meet on July 3 or 7. The cost of the book is \$15 and can be purchase in the church office or on-line at smile.amazon.com; cokebury.com or chalicepress.com. The ISB # is 9780827238084 (be sure to buy the second edition).

If you have to miss some classes due to summer travel plans, please come to as many sessions as possible.

Assisting Minister/Communion Assistants/Usher List Starting As of June 5, 2016

	9:30 Assisting Minister	9:30 Communion Assistants	9:30 Ushers
June 5	Mary Hass	Mary Haas and Dawn Kuswik	Stan Kuswik and Joe Childress
June 12	Dian Hoyem	Dian Hoyem	Gretchen Quillin
June 19	Denise Boyer	Fran Johnston and Judi Shira	Joe Childress
June 26	Pete Herberg	Bonnie Maginnis	Marion Hansen

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS FOR THE SUMMER
Please remember that the church office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. The summer office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Please conduct all church business during those hours. Thank you for your cooperation. It is very much appreciated.



Boy Scout Troop 166

Monthly Report to the Congregation

Hello again from your Boy Scout Troop, 166.

Well, as promised, it's been a light month, at least as far as fun activities. After the arcade, bowling and tent-wrecking weather challenging, we needed some time for rest and reorganization. Some of you may have noticed that our old white trailer is missing from it's corner of the parking lot.

No, it's not been stolen. Sorry. Rather it currently reposes in temporary quarters in the driveway of our Trailer-Master, Mr. Schroeter. Last weekend it was stripped of it's hull of rotten wood, and reduced to its steel frame. This coming weekend we will be cleaning up that frame in preparation for rebuilding it from the frame up. With luck and a good deal of hard work, we expect it to be in top form for our trip to Owasippe Scout Reservation. Can you imagine, two solid weeks without a single political ad? Sure you don't want to come along?

Aside from that, and the other tasks required for us to prepare for our two weeks in the untamed wilds of Michigan, Our Senior Patrol Leader, Quinn, has been attending the New Life for Old Bags Saturdays at U.I.F. Always nice to get a little community service in from time to time.

From here til Owasippe, (June 25 – July 9), we'll be prepping gear, tuning up our camping and hiking skills, and doing a couple of swim outings to freshen up our swimming skills. Every Scout a Swimmer, is just one of our troop goals.

Til then, enjoy the spring weather, and let's all be careful out there.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Friedl
Scoutmaster, Troop 166

Sunday School

Sunday School wrapped up for the year with the last class on May 22 and will kick off the summer worship schedule with a Youth and Children Service on May 29 at 9:30! It has been a fun and exciting year with new teachers and assistants.

I'd like to send my sincere thanks to Denise, Julie, Dennis, Dawn, and Ann for keeping the classes going throughout the year and keeping our children engaged as they hear God's word each week. Also, a huge thanks to Tricia for all the planning and preparation of materials to make the teaching much easier!

Next year promises to be just as much fun, with even more changes in store! Watch the summer newsletter for more information on kicking off Sunday School in the Fall with Rally Day on September 11.

Happy

Summer! Katie



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

If you use our kitchen for parties, meetings, and other activities, please take all used dish towels, wash clothes, hot pads (soiled) and place mats for hot plates home to be washed and returned to our kitchen. **Please clean up after yourself. Thank you!**

Worship and Music Notes



Summertime has arrived and so has our summer worship schedule. We will have one combined worship service at 9:30 until September. Like last summer, we will have a blended service with a keyboard player and a guitarist plus volunteers on bass, vocals, and drums depending on the songs chosen. While planning the songs for June we purposefully chose music with a variety of music styles throughout the various parts of each service. Denise Boyer will be leading the hand bell choir again, and they will ring once a month. Choir members have been invited to sing periodically in the spots in which we usually have special music.

Many thanks to those who volunteer in worship. Your participation is greatly appreciated. More volunteers are always welcome. Dawn Kuswik is the coordinator of worship service volunteers, so please be sure to look for the sign-up sheets beneath the bulletin board; and speak to Dawn if you are interested in volunteering. Many thanks also go out to the altar guild and the decorative arts volunteers for their dedication in preparing the worship space for every Sunday.

If you have any constructive feedback regarding worship and music; please feel free to speak to Jane Schira, Dave Quillan, Lois Cornils, or any of the other the worship planners. The worship planners also include Denise Boyer, Janeen Devine, Katie Jewell, and Elisabeth Wittman, and Richard Trost. Many thanks to our planners who all volunteer their time. Any feedback concerning the slide presentations may be addressed to Jane Schira. If you use e-mail, Jane may be reached at janie.yellin@hotmail.com.

Yours in Christ,
Jane Schira



SUMMER HANDBELLS...

Who likes to hear the bell choir? I'm guessing there are a lot of you out there. Well, we need your help. We have a goal to have the bells play at least once a month during the summer, but we can't do it without volunteers. Please consider becoming a bell choir member even if you have never played before. The commitment will be only for the summer. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall or contact Denise Boyer at 773-777-7568 or boyer1946@comcast.net. We guarantee fun will be had by all.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Book Study	6 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9:00 AM Golden Diners 9:30 AM AI Anon	7 Bulletin Announcements Due for Upcoming Sunday 9:00 AM Golden Diners	8 7:30 PM Boy Scouts	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9:00 AM Golden Diners 7:00 PM Community Prayer 7:30 PM Book Study	10 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM Golden Diners 6:30 PM AA	11 9:30 AM Al-Anon 4:00 PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous
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Sunday

Monday

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Saturday

1
7:30 PM Boy Scouts

2
9:00 AM Food Pantry
9:00 AM Golden Diners
9:30 AM Property
Committee
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Book Study

3 OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 AM Golden Diners
6:30 PM AA

4
9:30 AM Al-Anon
10:00 AM NLOB
4:00 PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous

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