



NEWSLETTER



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Church Service & Picnic

Come Join the Fun

Sunday, July 20th, behind the church under the big tent! Everyone is welcome & wanted! Sign up for attending (headcount), helping or donating is at the display in the Atrium. Questions? CALL Eileen Maxwell at 661-0547. Too worn out to bring a dish to the picnic? NO PROBLEM - just come anyway or if you would rather, give a small monetary donation. NO MATTER WHAT - PLEASE COME!!! **Lunch will be served no later than 12:30 PM**, hopefully earlier, depending on how quickly all the potluck dishes are brought in and placed on the serving tables. Church will supply the main meat dish, lemonade & iced tea, but all other goodies are up to you.

LOTS OF HELP IS NEEDED FOR:

- 1. Set-up** - beginning right after the 8:00 AM Services - lugging tables/chairs out to the tent;
- 2. Games** - planning, manning, and starting all the fun (water balloons a must), bean bag & ladderball games, horseshoes;
- 3. Supplies** - (Qty. of 300-500) plates, silverware & napkins, (we have cups), borrow coolers & children's snow sleds (holds ice to keep food cold & fresh);
- 4. Ice Runner** - take all borrowed coolers to fire station to get ice;
- 5. Fill-Ins** - anybody willing to help where needed for whatever.

Thanks for everything, and we'll see you there!

From Your Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

At one of our recent Call Committee meetings, a question surfaced that really is something for us to consider as we look to the future. The word discussed was "comfortable." As we looked at candidates, we began to think about whether we want a candidate who is "comfortable" to lead our Youth Ministry and Contemporary Worship or if we wanted a worker who might gently help nudge us out of our comfort zones for the sake of the kingdom. So the thoughts for this month focus on the word "comfortable." Comfortable!.

What does God promise to us when we serve Him faithfully? Jesus said, "***if anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.***" (Matthew 16:24) He also said, "***Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of***

Man has no place to lay His head." (Luke 9:58) He also said, "***For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.***" (Matthew 16:25)

In May, on confirmation Sunday, a group of young men and ladies said that they were not satisfied with "comfortable." They declared that their faith was so precious that they would remain faithful to Jesus even to the point of death. They obviously were not speaking of "comfortable." In fact, the word for disciples in the original language is the word "martyr."

One of the risks any congregation faces is a willingness to settle for "comfortable." The Pastor preaches sermons that reach into my heart. The worship service builds and strengthens me. The heating and cooling makes me "comfortable" in church, especially when compared to the early days of the congregation 140 years ago. But the problem with "comfortable" is a double problem. There is no growth in faith when things are "comfortable," and there is reduced growth in God's kingdom.

Some of the most amazing times in the history of the church have been during times of persecution, especially during the Jewish diaspora, the persecution and displacement of Jewish Christians into new areas. In their "uncomfortable" situations, they found a God who provided **great comfort** and they started new churches in new locations. If we look closely, we begin to see a God who can accomplish a great work through that which is "uncomfortable." The Israelites became "comfortable" in Egypt, but it was only when God made the situation "uncomfortable," that they could be directed to the promised land.

As I draw near to completing one year as your Pastor, and as Pastor Kipp completes his eleventh year here, it is wonderful to have a "comfortable" relationship with each other. I rejoice in that and it is God's plan that we have relationships like this. But to settle for only "comfortable," may leave us far short of God's plan for the future of this congregation and the ministry ahead for us.

As we consider the great plans God has for us, we may face “uncomfortable” challenges in ministry, but we do it with great comfort found in Jesus. He leads us in and through challenges and new opportunities that we may grow in our trust in Him and in our work for His kingdom! He takes us into the “uncomfortable” so that He may bring us the greatest gift of all, great comfort Him alone.

As we look ahead, may we focus less on being “comfortable,” and instead focus on the great comfort found in serving Jesus in new and challenging ways!

Pastor Easterday

Worship Services- July

July 5-7

As our country celebrates another year of freedom, we will focus on the freedom won for us in Christ. Come prepared for a patriotic weekend and a focus on freedom!

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12, Romans 7:14-25a, Matthew 11:25-30

July 12-14

Jesus is the sower and we are the seed. He sows us in fertile soil that we may take root in Him!!

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:12-17, Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

July 19-21 (Church Picnic Weekend)

The 10:45 a.m. Sunday service will once again be under the tent outside (weather permitting) as we worship God in the intimacy of creation and as we join in fellowship with each other at the picnic!

Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:18-27, Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

July 26-28

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure in a field. We are that treasure! Our worship will focus on the One who has sold or given up everything for us!

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-13, Matthew 14:13-21

Looking Ahead

August 2-4

This will be our farewell weekend for the three Mosaic workers (Richard, Emily, and Laura).

August 9-11

This is fair weekend. Trinity will be hosting the morning service at the fairgrounds this weekend.

Pastor

From the Music Director ...

God's Mission is Our Mission

When God's Church is in mission she will not only confront the enemy but will invade the enemy's territory and invoke his opposition and ridicule. But the Church

also knows that “where Christ is not preached” (Large Catechism II, 45)—there is no salvation. For the sake of the unsaved (we need to love them as God does—John 3:16), because of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), and from Christ's many admonitions (i.e. Matthew 25:31-46), the Church knows she must face the enemy. And the Church knows that God's Holy Spirit arms and supports His Church in mission. How does God strengthen His Church for His mission?

Last month I wrote about the importance of confessing our common faith together. This is one way the Holy Spirit nourishes us for mission. The Holy Spirit, secondly, “enables us to encourage each other to persevere in the faith”. From 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Encouragement is vitally important to all of us in many areas of life but especially as we work together in God's mission field. Someone once said that it takes at least one positive comment to undue the effects of 10 negative comments. Encouragement can be considered a gift of the Holy Spirit. Some of us are gifted by God to be encouragers but even if it's not a natural gift of the Spirit it's an attribute that can be cultivated in all of us. The gift of encouragement is described as “a multifaceted gift involving a variety of means of encouragement. It includes both gentleness and firmness, as well as all types of encouragement that build up other persons.”

Using encouragement for the sake of others involved with us in God's mission means avoiding gossip and focusing on the positive. It means helping others see how they can serve God in the ways they are gifted by Him to serve. Sometimes it means applying the Law with firmness but with love such as when a person shows she is unaware of sin in her life or accepting too much of what Satan, the world and our flesh have to offer. Sometimes it means applying the Gospel such as when a person is overwhelmed and discouraged by his sin or can't, for whatever reason, find the hope that faith in Christ secures. When Satan lies, when the world ridicules, when our own flesh lets us down, we will get discouraged and need each other's encouragement (and forgiveness) to persevere in God's mission field.

Encouraging each other to persevere in the faith is one way God enables and nourishes us to be in mission together with Him. Encouragement helps binds us together as His people and provides strength for service.

I encourage you to find in yourselves, and help others discover in themselves, the ways you are all gifted for service in God's mission field. Focus on the saints for encouragement. Most of all, focus on Jesus Christ, the Author and Perfecter of our faith for encouragement. You'll need that bit of armor when you confront the enemy. **Then, of course, be sure to use your gifts!**

Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;

Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.

Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:

“Well done, My servant!”

*Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—
With grace precede us.*

*You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
You fail us never!*

Karol Ketcher

LSB, 667

From the Executive Director ...

We all react differently when we hear about budgets and finances. Christians are no different. In our ministry at Trinity, our financial planning is the place we often see tension between where we are and where we hope to be, where we see ourselves headed and how far it is to get there.

There are 2 very important keys for our church in the next 12 months and beyond.

Key # 1 - Expense Control – We are on track to have our second consecutive year of spending more than we collected. During this time we have passed through many changes and I believe more are yet ahead of us. This budget process and its recommendations call for the reduction of services in order to achieve savings. We are also committed to living within the budget, which after this budget is approved, becomes the next challenge.

Key #2 - Revenue Generation – The more revenue we have, the more ministry we can undertake. Just the opposite is true as well, if revenues fail to grow, even existing ministries may not have adequate funds. How do we intend to generate additional revenues?

1) Tithes and Offerings. Increased income comes from both greater giving per giver and in growing the number of givers.

2) Tuition and other fees for service. Similar to tithes and offerings, to generating more of this type of income we will need to increase the number of students. Additional income in this area will also come from taking appropriate annual steps to reflect the current cost and the future investment that today's world of education requires by increasing these fees.

3) Other sources, sometimes called Third Source funds. These other sources can come from matching funds from Thrivent, Employers or Foundations. They can also come from comprehensive, consistent high revenue programs that allow us to tell our church mission to others and provide and over and above source of funds.

What is the key to drive revenue growth? It will be **ALL** of the above. My personal goal is to see revenue growth of 10-20% year over year. This can only come from all elements of our revenue plan, as briefly described above, being achieved. It is a great challenge, but critical in the year ahead.

Rob Gardiner

Board of Church Properties

The Board continues to have a steady diet of projects or future plans to consider. Our volunteer mowing crew is hard at work keeping our grounds looking good. We hope to re-stripe the parking lot this summer. If you have experience with such things, let us know. We have a few volunteers who would appreciate some help.

We will be installing an electric opener on the exterior doors by the elevator lobby. This will allow easier wheelchair and handicap access at that entry. We plan to label the exterior doors to help members and visitors know which entrance best serves their needs. Congratulations to the Contemporary Worship Task Force for equipping the gym for worship services. This was done with very limited involvement from the Board. Extra storage had to be created and some rearrangements were made to find space to store the chairs and supplies. The air conditioner is being put to use in the gym. A big thanks to Chuck Thompson for re-directing three of our downspouts and sealing ductwork. This seems to have eliminated the water seepage in the building.

Mr. Lehman has agreed to be Technology Director for Trinity. He will be the local staff contact concerning anything involving personal computers, servers, sound equipment, etc.

The existing service contract we have will be ended and Mr. Lehman has arranged an agreement with McShanes. They will be available to make repairs and upgrades to our hardware/software as needed.

We are working with the school staff to relocate the Extended Care space into the second Kindergarten room. We will be moving Lisa Cizmar's office to the current Extended Care room. This room will also be used as a sick room and for storage.

This rearrangement will require a second monitor for the camera at the south school entry.

To help hold to our budget, we will be closely reviewing every expense during the next fiscal year.

Gary Diekelmann

THANK YOU to everyone who donated goods and money to send care packages to the Persian Gulf. We especially thank our anonymous donor who so generously paid for postage to send more than 19 packages this time. Our son Cyril on the USS Mobile Bay also sends his deep gratitude for the love shown by his home congregation. We will do this again in mid August through mid September. So if you missed out this time around you will have another chance.

THANK YOU.

Robert and Judy Duffala

Educators of the Year Award

Congratulations to Mrs. Kathy Ickstadt, our 4th grade teacher, who was selected as the District winner of the Indiana American Legion Educators of the Year. Kathy will be presented with her award in Indianapolis on July 12th.



LOOKING AHEAD

Rebuilding the Breach Ministries/ Bakery House will hold another garage sale on **Aug. 7, 8 & 9** at the Manning home, 824 W. Joliet St. Crown Point. Donations can be dropped off there at any time; we accept clothing, household items, furniture and mattresses. Please consider helping us sort beginning Aug. 4 or sell during the sale. Also, come shop the sale. Call Marianne Manning 663-3504 or Elaine Edwards 374-7382

Happy Anniversary!

7/1	Gary & Paulette Urbanchock, David & Jane Long, David & Denise Herkey
7/3	Doug & Becky Bergner
7/5	Brett & Christine Miller
7/7	David & Sue Kipp, Richard & Lisa Anderson
7/8	Matt & Tracy Franklin
7/11	Ken & Rhonda Pape
7/12	Myles & Diane Horst, Thomas & Lori Bagnara
7/14	Joe & Donna Witham, Jerry & Pamela Moyer
7/16	John & Nancy Mauman, Bob & Nikki Wise
7/17	Timothy & Deborah Malott
7/18	Jerry & Terri Schoonover
7/21	Robert & Pamela Castner, Fred & Mary Klepsch
7/22	Charles & Susan Kerr
7/23	Michael & Terry Chelap
7/24	Lothar & Traude Thoelke
7/26	Everett & Marilyn Gudenschwager, Bud & Marilyn Bowman
7/27	Ed & Christine Dixon
7/28	Ken & Sue Board, Greg & Sandy Peyovich
7/29	Bernard & Barbara Orelup
7/30	Garry & Laura Vajda

Happy Birthday!

7/1	Linda Borsits, Lori Bagnara, Michelle Sangkaratana, Steven Evans, Joseph Riffle, Lee Stephen III, Alexa Stefanovich
7/2	Gray McClintic, Daniel Stinson, Ethan Knopf, Kolleen Whitaker
7/3	Sharon Dix, Marina Klepsch, Vicki Mowery, Amy Zimmerman
7/4	Kirsten Schuster, Emily Rowland
7/5	Julie Boettger, Mark Schoenbeck, Michelle Birmingham, Tasha Curley
7/6	Billie Evans, Connie Snow, Lori Guritz, Kathy Rayonec, Daniel Kvachkoff, Samantha Mora, Bridget Rayonec, Owen Pace
7/7	Carl Sapper, Asya Wright
7/8	Cheryl Demmon, Amanda Slusser, Kindrah Walker
8/9	Nathaniel Wendt, Derek Yakimow
7/10	Kimberly O'Connor, Amanda Moor, Savana Asche
7/11	Judith Wynn, Kris Bikoff, Misty Watland, Amy Engel, Ethan Kvachkoff, Emily Gardiner, Lillian Stadnik
7/12	Kathleen Scheub, Larry Nimetz, Darren Klockenga, Kate Gardiner, Alec Matalin
7/13	Anne Luebcke, Brenda Fiegler, Marge Brauer, Laura Vajda, Chris Boettger, Emily Campbell
7/14	Patricia Zimmerman, Corey Swanson
7/15	Lillian Feder, Dorothy Russel, Dennis Lunkes, Kaitlyn McClintic, Anna Gardiner
7/16	Jerry Wirick, Melissa Sacha
7/17	Donald Fronek, Monika Bengel, Laurie Hamilton, Christina Fieldhouse, Kara Whitaker
7/18	Eric Neff, Chelsea Viers, Edward Culver
7/19	Kent Gardin, Karin Becker, Roland Brauer III, Kameron Dixon
7/20	Dorothy Shreve, Donna Bartnik, Shyanna Moyer
7/21	Dorothy Teer, Donald Biester, Amanda McClanahan, Melissa Borner, Cyril Duffala
7/22	Elaine Einsele, Charles Kerr, Jacob Carey, Mark Goldstine, Jacob Patchin
7/23	James Warner, Marilyn McConnell, Ken Manning, Lisa Engel
7/24	Bart Rashin, Erica Myers, Meghan Mauman, Jami Pryde
7/25	Jeanne Strunk
7/26	Mary Stoltenberg, Amy Cunningham, Adam Miller, Emily Hubacek, Brooke Hiestand, Anthony Sirico Jr.
7/27	Paul Coomer, Terri Parker, David Rosenwinkel, Devin Mueller
7/28	Everett Gudenschwager, Barbara Wigley, Steve Courtney, Jennifer Kulak, Ogochukwu Anokwute
7/29	Troy Stovall, Denise Herkey, Deidra Felder, Tyler Argullin, Morgan Olson
7/30	Chad Borner
7/31	Martha Diekelmann, David Hart

Weddings

Congratulations and God's blessings to Aubrey Keodyker and James Nelson who were married on June 7th.



Wednesday, July 23rd for article submission to the August newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to newsletter@trinitycp.org.

Annual Report Highlights from DCE Wendt – Praising God for All He is Doing!

Here are a few highlights from the June Report to the Voter's Assembly.....

Sunday Morning Bible Study

We are blessed to have concluded an active year for Sunday Morning Adult Bible study including: The Best is Yet to Come and Consecrated Stewards. We continue to grow as God's people through His Word. I am thankful for the many servants of Jesus who make this possible through teaching preparations. We are blessed to continue to offer a number of adult classes this summer on Sunday morning.

Watch for a variety of Sunday morning offerings beginning in September!

1 on 2 Bible Study

1 on 2 Bible Study is an intentional discipleship Bible study utilizing material that focuses on an intimate relationship with God – knowing God, not simply knowing about God.

Why 1 on 2? Because 1 facilitator meets with 2 other people (for a group of 3) as a means of nurturing close personal relationships through which Jesus works to demonstrate His love.

Participants agree to read a chapter in the book The Intimate Journey and complete 5 exercises in the accompanying journal for each of the sessions. (18 total – 1 introductory session ~ *no homework* ~ and 17 sessions to correspond to the 17 chapters in the book.

We praise God for the 11 people currently in this year's set of groups. (1 leader is leading two groups).

I am praying for 22 people to join these 11 In mid-September to mid-October (Lord willing) for the 2008-09 session.

Small Groups

The **watch** Groups Team continues to meet and we continue to seek to build small groups at Trinity, 1 person at a time, 1 group at a time. We realize that small groups are not yet really part of the culture here. We praise God for the 20+ groups that did meet this past program year (a few are still meeting over the summer), and look forward to adding 2 - 4 new groups in the coming year. To that end, the Team has planned:

• Training sessions for leaders in the fall.

• Support times for current leaders, beginning in the fall.

• A recruitment effort for new small group leaders.

The **watch** Groups Team realizes this effort will take multiple years, yet is convinced that small groups lead to individual and corporate growth for God's Kingdom.

Watch for the small group listing in mid-August!

Sunday School

I thank God as we enjoyed the blessings of another active Sunday School year. Many thanks to Superintendent Eileen Maxwell and the Sunday School staff. The blessings of the Christian faith are being shared with a new generation.

Summer Sunday School does continue for all ages!

Thanks to all the volunteers who were willing to teach 1 week of the summer with the smallest children.

Discipleship

I thank the Lord Jesus that He continues to change lives through the Gospel. The adult educational offerings are being evaluated to provide classes and experiences that lead to life transformation. While only the Holy Spirit can change hearts....we are invited by the Lord to offer places where that can occur.

Thanks to all who assisted at various times with the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. We have taken several teams to the Food Bank to sort food or help provide a mobile food bank. Service in Jesus' Name is also used by the Lord Jesus to transform our lives. Look for more opportunities to serve in this way.

Faith Stepping Stones is a discipleship strategy that nurtures family devotional time and provides parents with accurate information for nurturing faith in their child. Look for a full set of offerings this coming year.

Youth

I praise God for the work the Mosaic team is continuing to accomplish

An overview of the impact Mosaic has had and is still having.....

Many relationships have been built with youth here. Through this personal interaction and care, we encourage one another in the faith. Mosaic has excelled beyond expectations in this regard.

A core set of youth is now engaged and involved. This core group is larger and more connected than was the case before Mosaic. I have concerns about how to maintain these connections once Mosaic leaves.

Open Youth Room Hours — providing a safe location for youth a couple days a week has proved to be an excellent way to build relationship with younger youth and with those in the core group. Staffing this opportunity will require caring individuals to step forward.

Different Venues of Service and Growth Now Exist:

- WASJIK (We Are Sinners, Jesus Is King) – our drama ministry
- P.I.E.R.R.E. for Sunday School – puppet ministry
- Contemporary Worship Teams
- Small Groups (B.A.S.I.C. & KHKO)
- Monthly Coffee Houses
- Be Excellent! – Open Gym ministry in the fledgling stages of growth.

A reminder on some basic facts about Mosaic:

~ Costs paid to Youth Encounter for the Mosaic Team (\$37,000) came from growth fund – a specific fund given to help grow ministry and not available for ‘day-to-day’ expenses.

~ Transportation costs (reimbursement for gas) and local program costs (items purchased or used to work with our youth) came from our general budget.

~ The Mosaic Team **is not paid** – serving as volunteers among us.

The challenge of people to stand in the gap

Looking forward, many volunteers will be needed to pick up separate pieces of this work in order to maintain what has been developed and grow from here. Is the Spirit inviting you to serve? Contact DCE Paul R. Wendt.

I do thank and praise God for all He continues to do among us as we seek Him in His Word and work with our children and youth. – Paul

P.I.E.R.R.E. @ the Fair – P.I.E.R.R.E. will again be part of the Lake County Fair in August. It is sad that it appears that the Calumet Missions booth will be present for the final time in 2008. The booth has been a great place to share the Gospel with puppets for the past 11 years and we look forward to this year.

Rehearsal Dates & times: July 9, 23 & 30 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For all youth entering grade 6 and older and any interested adults.

Fair Dates – At the fair, Saturday, August 2nd and 3 more days between August 3rd & August 10th depending on when puppeteers can be present.

Child Protection Policy

A Child Protection Policy for Trinity (covering everyone who works with children in any capacity) has been finalized. This policy has been over 5 years in the making. In our culture, we need to be proactive in this regard. (Although many churches already are functioning under similar policies.) We must do what we are able to do make sure our children and youth are safe.

Copies of the Child Protection Policy are available at the Reception Desk. Congregational forums are planned for August and September. We hope to be operating fully under the policy by sometime in October.

Concert!
Ignite Chicago

Who: Jael 12:00-12:20, John Reuben 12:40-1:20, Red 1:40-2:20, Todd Agnew 2:40-3:20, Superchick 3:40-4:20, Hawk Nelson 4:40-5:20, David Crowder Band 5:40-6:40, Mercy Me 7:00-8:15, Newsboys 8:45-10:00

When: July 20, 2008 (same day as church picnic) Noon – 10 p.m. *Those who want to attend the church picnic are free to come later...you miss the opening band or two. You will need a cell phone for a member of our earlier group to meet you at the gate with your tickets.*

Where: Schaumburg, IL – Alexian Field

Cost: **If we can get commitments from at least 10 people (in the form of \$\$\$)**, tickets are \$37.00 apiece (or about \$ 4.25/band). If not...prices go up to \$ 42/person. Children 12 and under are \$28.00.

Deadline to get in on group tickets from Trinity...Monday, July 7th, 2008

Please make checks payable to LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship)

Turn in at the Reception Desk.

Servant Event Opportunity for High School Youth

Emily's mom (Emily of Mosaic) is bringing a group of Wisconsin youth to Chicago **July 14-17** to do service work with the Urban Mission Experience. Any youth who would like to join in one or more days, contact Emily A.S.A.P. We will also need adults to drive/chaperone to make this work! See Emily if you can help.

Mission Connections ...

News from the Sorges

Check out the most recent letter and photograph sent to us by the Sorges, on the mission board on the west end of the atrium. Please continue to pray for these missionaries and the work that they do sharing the Gospel with the Muslim people of the Islands!

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“Worship for Shut-Ins”

This 30-minute Lutheran television program provides shut-ins and short-term hospitalized children, adults, and seniors, a weekly worship service that includes Hymns, Scripture, Creed, Sermon, Lord's Prayer, and Benediction, with opening and closing comments from our host, Don Luepke. “Worship for Shut-Ins” can be seen on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on **Cable TV TLN (Total Living Network)**.

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July 6, 2008 – Matthew 11:25-30

An Invitation to Babies by Rev. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul, Decatur, IN

Jesus invites, "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Who is He inviting? He says He is inviting babies! We must come to the realization that in spiritual matters we are like babies: helpless and totally dependent. And in Jesus, we will find rest---comforted like well-fed, cuddled babies.

July 13, 2008 – Romans 8:14-17

The Two Spirits by Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
The Holy Spirit is with our spirit. This means blessed results.

July 20, 2008 – Romans 8:18-27

Living in Hope by Rev. Richard S. Radtke, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Hope is more than a wish – it is a reality in Christ.

July 27, 2008 – Romans 8:31-39

Is God for Me? by Rev. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul, Decatur, IN
Saint Paul asked rhetorically, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Is God really for us; is He really on our side? YES, and the evidence is in the saving work of Jesus. But is this simply evidence of God being for us? NO, it is also that by which we are eternally loved and saved. Now, because of the cross and empty tomb, we know that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ.



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<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WKKD	Aurora, IL	1580	AM	Sun	9:30 AM
WGN	Chicago, IL	720	AM	Sun	6:00 AM
WRMN	Elgin, IL	1410	AM	Sun	9:00 AM
WMCW	Harvard, IL	1600	AM	Sun	9:30 AM
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Sat	10:00 AM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun	12:30 PM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun	6:00 PM

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