



# The Churchman

Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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*“Together in Worship and Serving in Faith”*

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*“We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.”*

## Put Down Your Feet

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

“ . . . Thus says the LORD: . . .  
If you utter what is precious, and not what  
is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.  
They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the Lord.”

Several years ago I came across a little saying that I thought was worth posting on my study door just inside the church office. Right next to a rather forlorn looking Snoopy from the *Peanuts* cartoon strip, who’s wearing a headdress with hatchet in hand, is a caption about leadership that reads, “The trouble with being a leader these days is that you can’t be sure whether people are following you or chasing you.”

It seems like a question that may have been on Jesus’ mind last Sunday when he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” and then again, “Who do you say that I am?”

“Are they following me, or are they chasing me?”

*“The trouble with being a leader these days is that you can’t be sure whether people are following you or chasing you.”*

We’ve known from the beginning of Matthew’s Gospel that there are people who are definitely chasing Jesus, or as the LORD says to Jeremiah, “fighting against him.” At Christmas we heard that, together with the Pharisees and scribes, King Herod went so far as to commit infanticide in order to chase down “the newborn

king” of the Jews who had to flee with his parents to Egypt.

Along the way, we’ve seen that opposition to Jesus has been building ever since John the Baptist called the Pharisees and scribes a “brood of vipers.” A few chapters ago, earlier this summer, Jesus was charged by the authorities with blasphemy and collusion with

Beelzebul, the prince of demons. So, when Jesus predicts that “he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed . . . ,” well, we’ve seen it coming.

However, the people in the story, especially Jesus’ disciples, have not seen it coming, nor do they understand what it means for Jesus to be “the Messiah, [the anointed One], the Son of the living God.” In fact, Peter’s confession of the Messiah is so different from Jesus’ prediction for the Messiah that last week he called Simon “Rock” and this week he calls him *scandalon* (literally “a scandal”), a “stumbling block.” “Peter the Rock” quickly becomes “Peter the Block.” And we hear that Peter has his mind set not on divine things but on human things.

Jesus concludes that the way to life goes straight through death: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

“ . . . They will fight against you,” the LORD tells Jeremiah, “but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you. . . .”

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### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:15 a.m. - Service of the Word (in Slovak)

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School, Children’s Choir,  
Confirmation, Drama Group

9:45 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:15 a.m. - Liturgy of Holy Communion (in  
English)

### Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30  
p.m.

### CROP Walk

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. registration  
at. Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church

### 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition

Reformation Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m.

When you think about it, so much of our lives are devoted to saving them, hanging on to them, ensuring them, keeping them for ourselves, making sure that nothing goes wrong. We regret so much of the past. We worry so much about the future. Rarely, if ever, do we experience the moment, living in “the now,” which is really all we have. Think what great freedom there would be in losing our lives in Jesus, commending everything into the hands of the Almighty God, hitting bottom where so many others have finally found abundant life.

I was listening to *The Tavis Smiley Show* the other night when he had as his guest the daughter of Rabbi Abraham Heschel who was a close friend to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and walked with King on many of the Civil Rights marches. The conversation that evening wasn't focused so much on the Civil Rights Movement as it was on King's Vietnam speech at Riverside Church in New York City not long before his assassination.

As I listened to the conversation, I learned that the speech was very carefully crafted and one of the few speeches which King delivered word-for-word from his manuscript. He was especially concerned not to ally himself with the more radical anti-war elements, but he felt strongly that he had to say something because of the devastating impact of the war on the people he had struggled so valiantly to liberate.

The thing that struck me again during the conversation was how alive was the nation during those years and how so many people were called to “lose their lives” in causes so much greater than living for themselves, even members and especially leadership of the northern mainline churches and other religious communities. And even though I attended college and then seminary years after these movements had crested, many of us who eventually would be ordained were drawn by those powerful waves to “lose ourselves” to urban ministries in some of the poorest, toughest neighborhoods of the nation's cities.

I often wonder these days where in our land is there anything remotely similar that could potentially inspire such vitality, such “losing one's life” in something beyond ourselves. Somewhere along the way our souls have died in the trough of self-protection and self-consumption.

There once was a seeker who tried to find himself but was never successful. Then he tried to find God but could not find God. Finally, the seeker pursued the good of his neighbor and there, in his neighbor, he found all three: himself, his neighbor and God. “And Jesus answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’”

Twenty-eight years ago on another Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1983, on the cover of an ordination worship folder, appeared the words of a prayer ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi:

*O Lord, grant that I may not  
so much seek to be consoled but to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that I receive;  
It is in pardoning that I am pardoned;  
And it is in dying that I am born to eternal  
life. Amen.*

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Jesus says in John 12 that “unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

“. . . It is in dying that I am born to eternal life.”

Some of you know what it means to “walk through the valley of the shadow of death.” The psalmist says that in that valley, “I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.”

“. . . They will fight against you,” Jeremiah is told, “but they shall not prevail over you, for *I am with you* to save you and deliver you. . . .”

There's an Appalachian mountain tale in which an old, wizened man is fishing on the bank of a mossy pond when a young child suddenly falls into the water not far from the old man. The child immediately begins to thrash about, screaming for help, panicking that he is about to drown. The old man continues undisturbed, sitting quietly on the bank, watching his fishing line bob up and down in the wake of the boy's thrashing.

As the little boy continues flailing and crying for help, finally the old man looks away from his fishing pole and gruffly says to the child, “Quit your splashing around, boy; just relax and put down your feet for a second.” The boy manages to let go, puts down his feet, and since the pond is only three or four feet deep, he touches the bottom and madly dashes to the shore.

Some of the mystics have compared humans beings to waves upon an ocean which is God. Sometimes, when we hit bottom, when we quit thrashing about and let down, that is precisely where we learn to “fear no evil,” where we discover, maybe for the first time in our lives, the ocean which is God.

Most days of our lives, we experience smooth sailing, but then there are storms, the sky turns dark, and the sea threatens. It is there, Matthew says, that

Jesus comes to us, calls to us, and says to us, “Don't be afraid, it is I.”

Like many of you, I receive my share of “forwarded” email messages of various sorts ranging from the comic, to the sentimental, to the nostalgic, to the mind-bending, to the political, and, of course, especially the religious. This past week, I received one which, for me, was surprisingly moving. Maybe some of you have seen it:

“A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert-like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God; but in order to find out whose prayer was more effective, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

“The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the island, and he was able to eat his fill. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

“After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. Sure enough, the next day . . . a woman swam to his side of the island; but on the other side of the island, there was no one.

“Soon the first man prayed for a house, some clothes, more food; and the next day, all these were given to him, but the second man still had nothing.

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“Finally, the first man prayed for a ship so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a cruise-liner docked at his side of the island.

“The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God’s blessings, since none of the second man’s prayers had been answered.

“As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice whispering, ‘Why are you leaving your friend on the island?’

“‘My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them,’ the first man answered. ‘None of his prayers were answered, and so he doesn’t deserve anything.’

“‘You’re mistaken!’ the voice answered. ‘He had only one prayer, which I answered. And, if not for that prayer, you would not have received anything.’

“‘Tell me,’ the first man asked, ‘what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?’

“The voice answered, ‘He prayed that all of *your* prayers would be answered.’”

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Dorcas Society  
Craft & Pantry Fair

Saturday, October 15, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free admission

Lunch 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Adults: \$5.50  
Children 12 and under: \$3.50

Toys, Crafts, Bakery,  
Preserves, Boutique,  
Raffle and  
White Elephant  
Treasures



## WELCOME KATARINA ŠOLTÉSOVÁ

*Katarina Šoltéssová is a graduate student in Old Testament from the Slovak Republic who will be visiting Sts. Peter and Paul during the autumn months and residing in the church apartment while studying at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). During her stay, she will be providing ministry especially to the Czech and Slovak-speaking members of congregation. She is also interested in working with the youth group and singing with the choir while she is here. Katarina will be with us until December 20th when she returns to Slovakia. The following is an introduction from her.*

My name is Katarína Šoltéssová and I am from Slovakia from a small village called Hontianske Moravce which is located in the middle part of the country and is very close to the Hungarian border. My family moved there when I was ten years old. I was born in Rožnava which is a city in the eastern part of Slovakia. My father was a pastor; he died five years ago. Now I live with my mother and grandmother along with my younger brother. My older brother is already married and is not living with us any longer.

I am a Ph.D. student at the Evangelical Theological Faculty (Department of Old Testament) of Comenius University in the Slovak Republic working on the theme of “Vicarious Suffering in the Old Testament.” I am here in the U.S. to receive more experiences of the life in your church and congregation and to research and gather material for my doctoral dissertation at LSTC. I am not yet decided whether or not I will become an ordained minister. I am still praying to God to show me the way I am created to follow. I love music, kids, nature and many other things. I am looking forward to meeting you, and I would like to express my great thanks to your pastor, Dennis Lauritsen, and also to all of you for this opportunity to be with your congregation during these four months. Thank you very much, and God bless you.

—Katarína Šoltéssová

**Holy Communion in Slovak**  
Sunday, October 9th, 2011 - 8:15 a.m.

### *From Missions and Outreach . .*

The Riverside-North Riverside Covenant CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. This year the walk begins here at Sts. Peter and Paul and winds through the streets of Riverside. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. step-off. If interested, please contact Ramona Suffern after church services. Each person walking must receive a CROP walker envelope which has an assigned number. This envelope will be turned in to me the day of the walk.

—Ramona Suffern, CROP Walk Coordinator

The deadline for articles for the November, 2011 issue of the congregational newsletter is Sunday,

Dear Friends,

Fall has arrived and that means the Dorcas ladies are busy getting organized for our Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mark your calendars!

As this will be our last announcement in *The Churchman* before the Craft Fair, we hope to see you all with your family and friends. Do some early Christmas shopping, chose from delicious baked goods, pick bargains at the white elephant section, and enjoy a delicious lunch. Raffle tickets and lunch tickets can be purchased from Dorcas members.

Once again, we call on you for your delicious bakery items. They can be dropped off on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Set-up for the Fair will be October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Helping hands will be needed. Contact Emily Kostelancik if you can help.

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to the white elephant. Every item helps. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. See you all at the Fair.

*Emily Kostelancik*  
President



**October Happenings**

**Dorcas Table Set-Up**  
Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

**Slovak Athletic Association Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.

**Dorcas Craft Fair**  
Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Myjavsky Group Meeting**  
Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 12-3 p.m.

**Church Council Meeting**  
Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

**Dorcas Society Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m.

**Co-Dependents Anonymous** meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room.  
**AA Group** meets weekly on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Friendship Room.  
**RCA** (Recovering Couples Anonymous) meets weekly on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Friendship Room.



The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated for

Johnathan Haase  
Rachel Michaels  
Sara Watkiss

on All Saints Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
at the 10:15 a.m. liturgy  
(no 8:15 a.m. service)

Please be present for worship  
as these young persons affirm the promises  
of God made to them in Holy Baptism.

**OCTOBER**

Oct. 1	Katherine Melnyk	Oct. 18	Jonathon Meyers
Oct. 2	Jason Skudrna	Oct. 19	Michael Vercimak
	Lori Trekas		Janina Yezo
Oct. 5	William Bute	Oct. 21	Steve Podzamsky
Oct. 8	Janice Hapgood	Oct. 22	Sophia Boyanchek
Oct. 9	Matthew Bute		Sandi Spilotro
Oct. 11	Charles Haase	Oct. 23	Helena Galdun
	Olivia Lauritsen		Tanya Jech
Oct. 13	Robert Nowak	Oct. 24	Stacey Dabrowski
Oct. 16	Robert Melnyk		Kathy Ganschow
	Mildred Mendel	Oct. 28	George Pagurko
	Earl Mika, Jr.	Oct. 29	Joan Triska
Oct. 17	Bryan Galdun	Oct. 31	Helen Gaydusek
			Betty Ann Mocek



October 1, 1988: Kenneth and Joyce Hurbanis  
October 2, 1954: Lawrence and Ruth Bakalich  
October 6, 2001: John and Janet Broussard  
October 6, 1962: Edward and Joanne Sefara  
October 7, 1995: Mark and Kimberly Shrofe  
October 15, 1988: John and Juanita Jakubec  
October 23, 1954: Edward and Esther Meksto  
October 25, 1958: Emil and Mildred Mendel



Just a reminder. . .

If you will be leaving the Chicago area during the winter months for warmer climates, please notify the church office before then so the monthly newsletter can be forwarded to your temporary residence or cancelled until you return. The congregation incurs a fee for each newsletter that is undeliverable; stopped mail delivery to your permanent residence is considered undeliverable and returned to the church. Thank



Altar Flowers. . .

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>: In memory of husband +John Krc+ on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death by remembering wife Dolores.

In commemoration of the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of +Theodore Matthies+ on August 15<sup>th</sup> by remembering son Charles.

In memory of +Lubomir Takac, Jr.+ , great-nephew of Emil and Helen Galdun, who passed from this life this week in Slovakia.

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>: In loving memory of beloved parents, grandparents and great-grandparents +John+ and +Zuzanna Kubecka+ by remembering son Paul and daughter Ann Borsuk and her family.

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>: In celebration of the 86<sup>th</sup> birthday of Emily Samel on September 1<sup>st</sup> by loving family Judy (Samel) Beto, Cristine (Samel) Wehrli and Karyn Minarcin Bute.

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: In celebration of Nicholas and Mary Sasuta's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

In memory of +Katherine Predny+ on the anniversary of her death.

In loving memory of dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother +Zuzana Hluchy+ on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing on September 5<sup>th</sup> by Anne Gavac and Family.



VOLUNTEER AT THE BRITISH HOME

The British Home is looking for compassionate, cheerful, dependable volunteers. Whether it's helping with arts and crafts, friendly visiting, sharing a special talent, or any kindness that might brighten someone's day, there are many opportunities to share the special gift of volunteerism. Call (708)387-8366 or e-mail [george.columbus@thebritishhome.org](mailto:george.columbus@thebritishhome.org) for details.

1. Philippians 3:4b-14 - Free and clear
2. **Matthew 21:33-46 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
3. Ezekiel 19:10-14 - No pride
4. Isaiah 27:1-6 - Sanctuary
5. Song of Solomon 8:5-14 - The beauty of love
6. Isaiah 25:1-9 - Thanksgiving for hope
7. Psalm 23 - Comfort for the journey
8. Philippians 4:1-9 - Don't worry, be happy!
9. **Matthew 22:1-14 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
10. Jude 17-25 - Inspiration
11. Philippians 3:13—4:1 - A simple thought
12. John 6:25-35 - All we need
13. Isaiah 45:1-7 - A plan for the world
14. Psalm 96:1-13 - A new song
15. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 - Joy in the Spirit
16. **Matthew 22:15-22 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
17. Matthew 17:22-27 - Unexpected places
18. Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53 - Luke Evangelist
19. Daniel 6:1-28 - Insiders and outsiders
20. Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 - Holy people
21. Psalm 1 - Deep roots
22. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 - Never in vain
23. **Matthew 22:34-46 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
24. Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25 - Practice makes perfect
25. James 2:14-26 - Evidence
26. Jeremiah 31:31-34 - New covenant
27. Psalm 46 - Change
28. John 14:21-27 - Simon and Jude, Apostles
29. Romans 3:19-28 - Self-legislation
30. **John 8:31-36 - Reformation Sunday**
31. Micah 3:5-12 - Pretend prophets

PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Lord God, because You have given us  
 The gift of reason to resolve problems,  
 The gift of memory to recall our past,  
 The gift of imagination to be creative:  
 Forgive us  
 For our indifference to thinking,  
 For our refusal to learn from yesteryears,  
 For our failure to use our talents.  
 Help us to cherish  
 The inheritance of great thought,  
 The legacy of history,  
 The treasure of the arts.  
 Bless  
 Our teachers who stimulate thinking,  
 Our teachers who interpret the record,  
 Our teachers who inspire artistry.  
 Strengthen our teachers  
 With joyful zeal for their tasks,  
 With proper rewards for their efforts.  
 Prompt us to see in all their teaching  
 The Christ as the center of our thought,  
 The history of our salvation,  
 The beauty of Your creation.  
 We ask it in the name of Your Son. Amen

An excerpt from Lutheran Book of Prayer, Concordia Publishing 1970, page 98.

## OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### October 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Greeters: Tad and Cathy Dabrowski  
Acolytes: Nina Ritacco and Hannah Boike  
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels  
Comm. Minister: Anne Otjepka  
Lectors: Shirley Wood and Joanne Sefara  
Nursery Attendant: Hannah Boike  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

### October 9<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Steve and Beverly Podzamsky  
Acolytes: Isabelle Boike and Carrie Boike  
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies  
Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino  
Lectors: Charles Matthies and Anne Otjepka  
Nursery Attendant: Katie Melnyk  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Ann Pennino

### October 16<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: John and Annette Kozik  
Acolytes: Abby Collins and Jake Collins  
Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels  
Comm. Minister: Tom Myers  
Lectors: Olivia Lauritsen and Dale Hawes  
Nursery Attendant: Carrie Boike  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and John Broussard

### October 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Greeters: Ramona Suffern and Fred Kuzel  
Acolytes: Rachel Michaels  
Assisting Minister: Lois Mika  
Comm. Minister: Tom Michaels  
Lectors: Martin and Ann Pennino  
Nursery Attendant: Olivia Lauritsen  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

### October 30<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Ed and Joanne Sefara  
Acolytes: Katie Melnyk and Sara Watkiss  
Assisting Minister: Jan Hapgood  
Comm. Minister: Joan Triska  
Lectors: Jan and Janice Hapgood  
Nursery Attendant: Kristine Boike  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

*Sacristan and Altar Care:*  
Rose Tornil

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### November 6<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Jan and Janice Hapgood  
Acolytes: Jonathon Meyers and Amanda Meyers  
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies  
Comm. Minister: Anne Otjepka  
Lectors: Sara Watkiss and Rachel Michaels  
Nursery Attendant: Hannah Boike  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

### November 13<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Charles Matthies and John Kostelny  
Acolytes: Charles Haase and Johnathan Haase  
Assisting Minister: Tom Michaels  
Comm. Minister: Vicki Michaels  
Lectors: Robert Melnyk and Katie Melnyk  
Nursery Attendant: Kristine Boike  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

### November 20<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Emil and Helena Galdun  
Acolytes: Abby Collins and Jake Collins  
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss  
Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino  
Lectors: Karyn Bute and Phil Painter  
Nursery Attendant: Carrie Boike  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Ann Pennino

### Thanksgiving Day, November 24<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Rose Tornil and Dan Tornil  
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers  
Lectors: Keith Altavilla and John Broussard  
Nursery Attendant: No Nursery Coverage  
Usher: Wally Kessler

### November 27<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Tom and Vicki Michaels  
Acolytes: Isabelle Boike and Carrie Boike  
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels  
Comm. Minister: Joan Triska  
Lectors: Kristine Boike and Carrie Boike  
Nursery Attendant: Olivia Lauritsen  
Ushers: Wally Kessler and John Broussard

*Sacristan and Altar Care:*  
Joan Triska

### Remember

If you are unable to keep your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement and call the church office with the change. Thank you.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday evening.

We are in need of congregation members to serve as communion ministers. If interested, please speak with Pastor Lauritsen or a member of the Worship and Music Committee. Thank you.

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

Anne Gavac, in loving memory of +Mildred Pesek+.  
 In memory of parents +John+ and +Anna Kolarik+, by daughter Anne Betty Buffa, in memory of son +John Buffa+.  
 Joan Mikulina, in memory of godson and nephew, +John Buffa+.  
 National Slovak Society  
 Charles Matthies, in memory of father +Ted Matthies+ on the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.  
 Ann Skaritka, in celebration of her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
 Ann Skaritka, in loving memory of +Steve Skaritka+ on his birthday.  
 Wally Kessler, in memory of beloved wife +Mildred Kessler+ on the anniversary of her birth on October 12th.  
 Brian Smetana, in celebration of daughter Laura's wedding.  
 George Duczman, in memory of father +Louis Duczman+ on the anniversary of his birth.  
 Slovak Athletic Association Ladies Auxiliary

*Directory changes. . .*

Tom and Lavinia Myers  
 614 N. Stone Avenue  
 LaGrange Park, IL 60526  
  
 MaryJo Meyers  
 630-309-1558



**Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering Recap**

*Budgeted Offering: \$3,219.00*

**August, 2011**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weekly Attendance</u>	<u>Offering Received</u>
8/7	48	\$2,882.00
8/14	66	\$1,997.00
8/21	69	\$2,539.00
8/28	61	\$1,233.00

August, 2011 average attendance: 61

August, 2010 average attendance: 75

**Summer Months Offering Recap**

*(June - July - August)*

*Budgeted Offerings for this Period:* \$41,847.00  
*Actual Offering Received:* \$29,817.00  
*Shortfall:* (-\$12,030.00)



Attendance and Offering Report

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**Council Officers**

President	John Broussard
Vice President	Thomas Myers
Secretary	Fred Kuzel
Treasurer	William Boor
Financial Secretary	Charles Matthies

**Council Members**

Kristine Boike	John Kostelny
Iveta Boyanchek	Charles Matthies
John Broussard	Susan Martinek
Ivan Durkovic	Carol Melynk
Charles Haase	Thomas Michaels
Sheryl Hallmann	Thomas Myers

**Organizations/Committee Chairpersons**

Community Life Committee	Martin and Ann Pennino
Dorcas Society	Emily Kostelancik
Finance Committee	John Kostelny
Ladies' Altar Guild	Susan Hrusik/Vera Borysek
Long Range Planning	Jan Hapgood
Maintenance	Jim Boyanchek
Missions and Outreach	Dan Tornil/Ramona Suffern
Mutual Ministry/Staff Support	Gary Drahos
Nominating Committee	Fred Kuzel
Social Ministry	Nick Sasuta/Joanne Sefara
Stewardship	Thomas Michaels and Thomas Myers
Sunday School	Sheryl Hallmann
Worship and Music	Charles Matthies

**Staff**

Administrative Asst.	Karen Rouleau
Parish Musician	David Richards
Preschool Director	Donna Tuider

**Celebrate the**

**110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church  
(Organized October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1901)  
at**

## *CLC's Harvest Moon Ball*



*Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>*

Cocktails – 6pm (cash bar)

Dinner – 7pm

### **Crystal Sky**

7941 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, McCook

Cost: \$40.00 per person

*Wear your dancing shoes as we  
dance to the Big Bands and to  
Popular Favorites*

*For reservations, call Donna Tuider at 708/442-9517 or Ann Pennino at 630/850-7307.*

*Tickets are limited so make your reservation **and payment by October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.*

*If you have a preference of table mates, please let us know at the time of reservation.*

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