

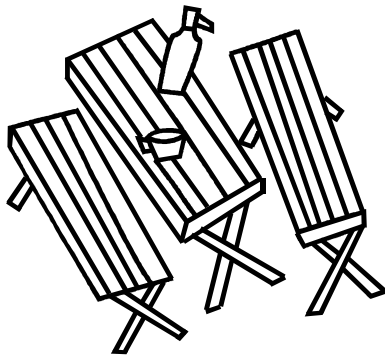


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2nd Sunday Brunch

*** August 8th ***

**Congregational
Potluck Picnic**

(see page 2 for details)

Dates for Photo Directory Sessions:
Wednesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 14
Sign up now at stjohnsri.org!

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ ELCA

*St. John's, a place for all people, where we experience
and share God's love with the world*

Photo Directory Registration Online

Go to www.stjohnsri.org to sign up for your photo session for the upcoming congregational directory.

Relay for Life

The dates for this event at Black Hawk College are July 30th and 31st; contact Gretchen O'Brien at (309) 235-4758 if you are interested in participating on the St John's team.

Congregational Potluck August 8

Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring food to share. During the month of August, the Stewardship Committee will be focusing the fellowship of St. Johns. The picnic is a part of that focus. In "Stories of Faith in Action," the story of Nicole (Xiao) Zhang is told. Seven years after Nicole met a volunteer Jeanne Mueller in China, Nicole was baptized in Park Ridge, IL. At her baptism, Nicole said, "I'm glad I've become a member of God's big family." The Stewardship Committee wants to celebrate that joy—being a member of God's big family. Come join us. If you would like to run a grill that day, please let the church office know!

Funeral Planning Kits Available

Pastor Stacie has put together a packet for anyone interested in pre-planning their funeral services. It includes a list of hymns and readings, and well as places to record any wishes you want to convey regarding services. If you would like a copy of this packet, please contact the church office. We will keep completed copies in a locked file in the church office.

WOW Returns!!!

Planning for the fall WOW schedule has begun! If you would like more information on tutoring, volunteering, or being part of a meal team, please contact the church office. We are also seeking ideas for enrichment activities - if you know anyone with special, engaging, or unique skills, let us know so that we can schedule them to delight our youth as well!

School Kits

We are collecting items for school kits. Please watch for the sales—we need 25 rulers and many 70-sheet spiral-bound notebooks. Any extra items will be donated to Winnie's Place for the children there.

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Readings for August 1, 2010	Readings for August 8, 2010
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23 Psalm 49:1–12 Colossians 3:1–11 Luke 12:13–21	Genesis 15:1–6 Psalm 33:12–22 Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 Luke 12:32–40

Case of Disappearing Dishtowels

Neither Nancy Drew nor Miss Marple nor Jessica Fletcher can determine why the dishtowel drawers in the parish hall kitchen are empty. Can anyone out there help us solve this mystery?

East End Fair Approaches

The 18th Annual East End Neighborhood Fair is scheduled for September 11th, Noon-5PM, Rain OR Shine!!! Keep your eyes on the upcoming newsletters and bulletins to see how you can help to make this fair as successful as the previous 17!! If you're interested in assisting Jennifer McKean as the Ice Cream Social chairperson, contact Pat O'Brien at 309-716-1236 or pat.obrien1971@gmail.com

Food for Thought

The next Food For Thought will be on Saturday, September 18 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The book we will be discussing is *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Read the book, and join us for the discussion.

Longfellow Playground Fundraiser

ComedySportz is staging a benefit to support Longfellow Liberal Arts Elementary School's playground fund. The show is on Friday, July 30th and Saturday July 31st, at 7:00 p.m. in Wallenberg Hall on the 2nd floor of Denkmann (3520 7th Ave) on Augustana's campus. Suggested donation: \$10

Jenny Lind Chapel Summer Vespers

Sundays through August 29th ~ 7:00 p.m.

Andover, Illinois

August 1 - Pr. Greg Mayer, First, Rock Island

August 8 - Pr. Janet Lepp, St. James, Rock Island

August 15 - Pr. Michel Clark, Grace, Knoxville



FREE TRIP TO BOTSWANA! Wednesday, August 25

Botswana is a small country in central Africa. It's not often in the news because it has a stable government, little corruption, a well managed economy and a proud people. These things seldom make the news, so most of us don't know much about this country and its people. Scottish author Alexander McCall Smith grew up in neighboring Zimbabwe, became a law professor in Scotland, and returned to Africa to help set up a law school at the University of Botswana. He has written a best selling series of delightful novels set in Botswana called "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency." His stories give interesting insights into the people, the culture, the landscape and the problems of Botswana.



If you would like to take a trip to Botswana with us, plan to come to St. John's Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. We will take a video tour of the country led by Alexander McCall Smith, peruse some of his novels, and have a taste of bush tea, the favorite drink and inspiration of the No. 1 Lady Detective Mma Ramotswa. Please let us know if you plan to join us so we can have enough bush tea for all. Call 797-1189.

~Donna and Frank Samuelson

Large-print bulletins and newsletters are available—contact the church office to reserve one!

C o o l I t !

If you live in Rock Island and participate in their curbside recycling program, you've probably heard about a new opportunity to support the RI Hydroelectric Plant, now classified as a renewable energy resource. Customers now have the opportunity to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates or RECs to support the cost of operating the plant and support a renewable energy source.

What exactly is a REC? According to the RI Green Power Team, the environmental attributes of the renewable energy produced by the Hydroelectric plant are packaged into RECs or Green Tags. A REC is a certificate that represents proof that one megawatt-hour of electricity was generated from a renewable energy resource. The owner of a REC is entitled to claim to have purchased renewable energy. Individuals and businesses interested in purchasing RECs are committed to supporting renewable energy. You can buy one REC for \$15.00 or buy enough to equal the cost of the non-renewable energy consumed by your household over the course of a year - or any amount in between. When you purchase a REC, you will receive a certificate with a unique serial number on it for each megawatt-hour produced.

You can join the RI Green Power Team by contacting the Public Works Department at 732-2200 or visit the City's website at www.rigov.org to receive an application. Applications should be returned to the Public Works Department at 1309 Mill Street, RI. What a great opportunity to support the community AND renewable energy!



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Join Us For Worship

Bring a friend or neighbor. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, August 1

9:30 a.m. ~ Service of the Word

Sunday, August 8

9:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion

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