



Chapel Call

July/August 2012

The Pastor's Corner

Let Hobgoblins Whisper — Only One Thing Is Needed

Dear Friends,

The theme for my devotions this week in *Disciplines for the Inner Life* is “Anxiety.” It’s a timely theme because I have been plagued this week with worry. I wake in the mornings, thinking of seemingly 10,000 things I need to tend to. I lie down at night, and hear whispers of all that did not get done in the day. I call these voices, “hobgoblins.” These anxious thoughts are followed by guilty ones. “How dare I be anxious, with so many blessings and so easy a life, compared to most people in the world!” Such worry and guilt then become paralyzing. They drain the energy that might have flowed outward. They rob me of joy. Do you ever feel this way?

Jesus had much to say about anxiety. One reading in *Disciplines* is from the gospel of Matthew, chapter 6, verses 25-34. “Don’t worry about things,” Jesus says. “Your heavenly Father knows what you need. Seek first his kingdom, and what he requires of you. Then, you will be fine.”

Another reading comes from Mark, chapter 4. It is the familiar “Parable of the Sower.” The sower in Jesus’ story scattered some of his seed among the thorns. The seeds sprouted, and

grew, but were choked out by the deeply-rooted thorns. Jesus said that this represents “those who hear the message, but the worries of this life, the love for riches, and all other kinds of desires crowd in and choke the message, and they don’t bear fruit.”

My favorite is found in the 10th chapter of the gospel of Luke, verses 38-42. Luke tells about Jesus’ visit to the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Jesus sits down and begins talking. Mary plops herself in front of him, taking in every word. Martha rushes off to the kitchen to scramble up some dinner. In her well-meaning service, she becomes angry at her sister for not doing her part. She interrupts Jesus, saying: “Tell my sister to get off her duff and help me out!”

Jesus’ response keeps resonating in my mind. “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things. Only one thing is needed.”

In the 4th century, a young man named Basil gave up a life of power and riches to serve the church. He became a powerful champion of the Christian faith, rising to become Archbishop of Caesarea, on the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea. He loved his calling, as he loved the sea. Yet his peaceful seaside calling was plagued by

anxiety. The church was threatened from within by heresy and schism, and from outside by Roman persecution.



One day, a powerful official from the Roman Emperor, Julian, came to threaten Basil. “I have the power to make you wince,” he said. “I can take your property. I can banish you to exile. I can take your life.”

Basil replied, “All you can take from me is the wretched garment I wear and the few books which are my only wealth. As to exile, the whole earth is the Lord’s. As to death, that would be mercy; it would admit me to life.”

My worries pale in comparison to Basil’s, and to many of yours. But great or few, the secret to overcoming them is the same: “Seek first God’s kingdom,” Jesus said. “Only one thing is necessary.” Basil found this teaching true. I want to, too. Thank you for praying for me, as I do for you.

Warmly,

Bob



Chapel Is Alive with Sound of Music *By Jeff Quinto*

There is no getting around it, I am excited that we are producing *The Sound of Music* this summer, and I cannot help myself in singing over and over again (to myself) that “the Chapel on the Hill is alive with *The Sound of Music*.” Our Christian Arts Centre is, indeed, alive with the sound of the amazing music of the *Sound of Music*. I have heard the rehearsals on several occasions, as I am related to one of the singing nuns, and the music is amazing. The show is being directed by our own Denise Olson and the musical direction is ably handled by Jim Larsen. Rex Wilkinson is Captain Von Trapp and Colleen Walker is Maria. Of the cast and crew of 60 talented people, at least a third are part of our Chapel family. The show will be presented on the last weekend in July (July 27, 28 and 29) and the first weekend in August (August 3, 4 and 5) with Friday and Saturday evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinee performances at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are sure to go fast, so call the office at 262-245-9122 and get your tickets to this wonderful show.

George Holmes Returns! – Saturday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the CAC – George Holmes will be making his fourth annual appearance at the Christian Arts Centre, this summer. George’s opera-quality voice will again fill the Christian Arts Centre with Pavarotti, Sinatra and, who knew, the king himself – Elvis. Tickets for the August 25th performance are only \$10 — so you had better get yours early. Call the Chapel office (262-245-9122) or see Jeri Genz or me while tickets are still available. It is going to be a great evening!

Curious Vigil at the CAC in September – Curious Vigil is an imaginative play about the statue outside a church that seems to weep in the night. Several teams of parishioners stand vigil during the night to see how and when the statue weeps, hence the name, Curious Vigil.

This enjoyable, funny and touching play will be directed by Donna Badtke and is set to be performed on September 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23.



Season tickets to the CAC – save money and do a good thing

– You can save money and help the Christian Arts Centre at the same time. For only \$40, you can buy season tickets to our four-show 2012-2013 theatrical season, plus the Singing Men of Oakbrook. Five shows for \$40, which saves you \$10 off the per-ticket price and supports the CAC.

Advertise in the CAC Program — build your business and take a stand for quality Christian entertainment — Businesses of all sizes and shapes will benefit from advertising in the CAC program which will be available at all CAC events during the 2012-2013 season reaching thousands of potential customers. Advertising opportunities go all the way from full pages to inexpensive listings. Call Mark Badtke (262-581-6730) or Pete Thompson (262-949-0851) to find out how you can build your business and take a stand for quality Christian entertainment in Walworth County.

Become a member of the Christian Arts Center! – You can become a member of the Christian Arts Centre and help us continue to bring quality Christian entertainment to our area and improve the theater. In exchange, receive name recognition, season tickets and premium seating. Just pick the right level for you:

Saints - \$500 and greater — receive four season tickets.

Archangels - \$250-\$500 — receive three season tickets.

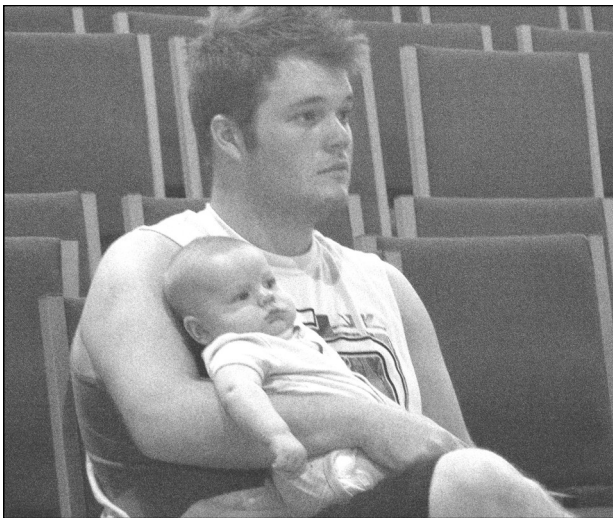
Angels - \$100-\$250 — receive two season tickets.

Cherubs - under \$100.

For further information on becoming a member of the Christian Arts Centre, call the Chapel office (262-245-9122) or me (262-245-9997).

See you at the show.

Sneak Peak at Sound of Music Rehearsal *Photos by Pete Thompson*



Save the Date for Small Groups *By Kathy Ferguson*

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any of our small groups take a break for the summer, although some are still meeting regularly. Now is the time to start thinking about which small group you would like to join in the fall.

Our leaders take time over the summer to pray about the themes and topics they would like to study with their small groups. They read about new Bible studies, and try to get their materials prepared.

Since our small group leaders met in June, we decided to continue the tradition of having a Small Group Kickoff, which will be on Sunday, September 9. At the Kickoff, leaders will have information about their small group studies available for everyone.

Please save the date of September 9 and come to church to find out which small group would be a good fit for you. If you feel called to start a new small group, contact me at kafergson@charter.net or 262.203.1730.



It Was Graduation Sunday for Chapel's First Bethel Class



The Chapel's first Bethel class was honored at graduation ceremonies during Sunday Service on June 3. "Blessed to be a blessing" (Genesis 12) was the theme of the course, which required extensive reading, study and memorization of the Bible and its story. Graduates, from left, are George Hach, Vicki Ryan, Karen Lego, Kathy Ferguson, Jeannie Licary, Cheri Bartz, Jeff Quinto, Toni Quinto, Janet Nettekoven and Jennifer Vavroch.

Don't Miss VBS Sonrise National Park Adventure

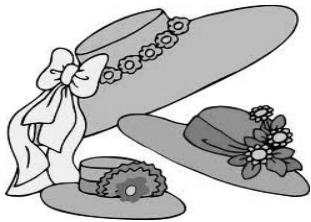


All children, from preschool to middle school, and their parents are invited to an adventure camp like no other — and it's coming right here to Chapel on the Hill this summer!

The theme of the 2012 Vacation Bible School (VBS) is Sonrise National Park. There will be many fun-filled activities, lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, Bible stories, tasty snacks and a light dinner each evening.

Sonrise National Park VBS begins August 6 and runs through August 10 at the Parish Hall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register for VBS, visit or call the Chapel office (262-245-9122).

Chapel Women Take Hats Off to Spring



Chapel women outdid themselves with beautiful table settings at the **Hats Off to Spring Ladies Luncheon**, held June 3 at the Parish Hall. Special thanks to the Hospitality Ministry and the women who served as table hostesses. These black-and-white photos hardly do justice to the colorful annual event.



Our Children Are a Precious Gift *By Anastasia Bouras*



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ecently, I ran across the following poem by Sandra Tolson, and I want to share it with you:

Children Are a Gift from God

God sent me three packages

That needed special care

Take care of these tiny gifts

For they are very rare.

Watch over them with all your love

And let them feel your touch

Take care of their every need

For you are needed very much.

These gifts will grow up very fast

As you soon will see

Love them with all your heart

And let them be what they will be.

When these gifts have fully grown

***Look at Heaven up above
Know they exist because of
God***

And all his precious love.



I love this poem and I fully believe that children are the most spectacular gift from God.

This will be the final *Chapel Call* article that I will write for the children, but I know that our "Speak Out — By the Kids" column will be put into good hands.

The past three years have been amazing, and the children will always hold a special place in my heart. A few things I would like to remind you of are to treasure the little things, praise God with childlike innocence and support the children in everything they do, because they are the future. I hope my articles have touched your heart over the years, and may God continue to bless you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

- 1 Ruth Campshure
Romaine Gregoire
Jeff Quinto
- 2 Colleen Dunford
- 3 Justin Brown
Larry Weddel
- 5 Travis Lucas
Ed Struble



- 7 Martha Harris
- 8 Mary Westberg
- 11 Nancy Waspi
- 12 Jodi Heisz
Brendan Lucas
- 14 Cynthia Hoffman
- 15 Sharon Dexter
- 16 Estelle Belasto
Warren Radtke
- 20 Colleen Walker
- 21 Cindy Brown

- 22 Jennifer Schultz
Sarah Stephens
- 23 Eileen Lucas
Herb Sessner
Elana Walker
- 24 Hannah Hinners
Michael Nordentoft, Jr
- 26 Kathy Ferguson
Victor Wallace
- 27 Billy Johnson
- 29 Hazel Rekenhtaler
- 30 Bren Nimke
- 31 Tanner Duckworth
Derek Nordentoft
Marlene Rydberg

August

- 2 Aaron Nordentoft
- 3 Will Brown
- 4 Gloria Stenberg
- 5 Mike Steen
- 6 Faith Heyl

- 7 Shirley Smith
- 8 Karen Lego
- 9 Mary Suchy
- 10 Ralph Dale
- 11 Bill Noel
Joseph Farence
- 15 Jennifer Littlejohn
Steve St. Clair
- 16 Jim Kaczor
Sheryl Klawes
- 17 Brittany Bloom
- 18 Madelyn Nimke
- 22 Ben Odden
- 24 Richard Vennum
- 25 Denise Basile
- 26 Cindy Thorson
- 27 Vicki Ryan
- 28 Rick Blood
- 29 Nancy Struyk
- 30 Michell Rendo
- 31 Makenzie Ferguson
Ralph Wallace

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

- 9 Al & Sherry Erdmann
Ed & Linda Struble
- 14 Ken & Donna Kueter
- 20 Rick & Cheri Bartz
- 24 Mark & Donna Badtke
- 26 Mike & Pat Carr
- 31 Herb & Juanita Sessner

August

- 5 Rich & Carol Sams
- 14 Darrel & Kelly Burnett
- 15 Matt & Tina Johnson
Dan & Mary Westberg
- 17 Dave & Bonnie Nordentoft
- 18 Scot & Kathy Ferguson
- 19 Bud & JoAnn Krause
- 25 Art & Marie Dumdey
- 28 Rick & Theresa Blood
Dick & Jeri Genz
- 29 Lloyd & Eileen Knutson





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Present

Director
Denise Olson

Music Director
Jim Larson

the Sound of Music

Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**
Book by **HOWARD LINDSAY** and **RUSSEL CROUSE**
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" and Maria Augusta Trapp
Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**

July 27, 28, 29 & Aug. 3, 4, 5, 2012

Fridays: 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 3:00 pm Matinees & 7:30 pm

Sundays: 3:00 pm Matinees

All Tickets: \$10



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2012 Vacation Bible School



**All Kids Welcome —
Preschool to Middle School
August 6-10 at Parish Hall
5 p.m.-8 p.m.
Visit or Call Office to Register
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