

The Churchman

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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.



Blue Grass Mass On the Blue Grass

Open air worship, followed by the annual picnic, September 8th.

In the mid 1940s Bill Monroe began playing a style of music that came to be known as “bluegrass.” By the mid 1950s bluegrass was established as a recognizable genre, combining influences from American and Celtic folk music, blues, jazz, shape-note singing, and southern hymnody. Bluegrass is primarily an

acoustic music and the instruments most associated with it are banjo, mandolin, guitar, fiddle, bass fiddle and dobro.

The Bluegrass Mass, a setting of the liturgy which will be used during the open air worship service on Sunday, September 8th, was created by Jim Baseler, Terry Edwards, and Jeff Marble who have attempted to achieve in this liturgy nothing less than what Martin Luther presented with his *Deutsche Messe* (German Mass)—matching the liturgy with popular tunes. In Luther’s case, it was medieval chant and popular folk tunes of his time. In our case, the composers write, we matched parts of the liturgy with four familiar songs: “In the Pines,” “Will the Circle Be Unbroken,” “This Little Light of Mine” and “Wayfaring Stranger.”

Plan now to worship on the blue grass at Sts. Peter and Paul when we will sing to God with what has been described as the “high lonesome sound” of blue grass music.

The service begins at 10:15 a.m., marking the beginning of the regular Sunday worship, education and choir rehearsal schedule, and will be followed by the annual picnic.



Sunday, September 8th, 10:15 a.m.

Open Air Worship followed by the Annual Picnic

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Also, please bring a side dish to share.
Salads - Fruit - Desserts

A sign-up sheet is available on the west bulletin board in the dining hall.

Sausage and hot dogs will be provided.

Adult beverages will be available for purchase.

Blessing of Teachers and Students

Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight, and students the gift of diligence and openness, that all may grow in what is good and honest and true. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Fourth of July Parade Patriots in the Riverside Independence Day Parade



Parade walkers from left to right: Charles Matthies, Dale Hawes, Tom Michaels, John Kostelny, Shirley Kostelny, Tim Forney and Fred Kuzel.

News from the Riverside Preschool at Sts. Peter and Paul

We are delighted to be starting our sixth year of preschool at Sts. Peter and Paul and are in the final stretch of opening our second classroom. We hope all of you have had a great summer!

Preschool begins on Tuesday, September 3rd and our theme this year will be "Easy as 1-2-3" with our mascot Penny the Penguin. We will be learning all about her and focusing on different numbers and math concepts each month.

We're in store for a HAPPY school year!

—Lisa Manganiello, Preschool Director



Fall Festival Rummage and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 12th, 2019

9:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

(Half-price rummage from 2 to 3 p.m.)

Home Baked Goods

Rummage Tables

Taffy Apples (with and without nuts)

Used Toys

Raffle

Kitchen opens at 9 a.m.

Lunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donations are still being accepted for the Annual Fall Festival Rummage and Bake Sale. These items need to be clean and in good working condition; and we kindly ask that no clothing, computers, TVs, or software be donated. Items may be brought to the church on Sunday mornings or during the week when the church office is open. A classroom in the lower hallway is posted for donations. For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Vera Borysek at (708) 562-2307.

A Note from Vera:

Past volunteers will be scheduled in their usual places for the Fall Fest. If you are unable to volunteer this year please let me know. New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. A group of 32-36 workers are needed to cover all the areas, keeping the Fall Fest running smoothly. Contact Vera Borysek at (708) 562-2307 for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

Altar Flowers

July 28th: In memory of +Anne+ and +Jacob Drahos+ from their loving family.

Aug. 11th: In memory of dear husband and father +Emil Mendel+ on the second anniversary of his passing by remembering wife Mildred and family.

In loving memory of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother +Shirley Wood+ on the anniversary of her birth on August 11th by remember children Deb and Dave Bark, Ken and Pam Wood, Mike and Tam Wood, and Sue and Larry Kusch and their families.

Aug. 18th: In memory of loving mother and grandmother +Irene Boor+ on the 99th anniversary of her birth on August 16th by remembering sons William R. and Richard T. and Debbie, and grandsons Brian and Hope, and Michael.

In loving memory of +Ann Kurhayez+ on the anniversary of her passing on August 15th by remembering family.



September

Sept. 3	Martin Pennino	Sept. 17	Maycee Gillund
Sept. 5	Ezekiel Wilson		Benjamin Smith
Sept. 7	Nathan Byrne	Sept. 18	Isabella Myers
Sept. 9	Julie Barcik		Sebastian Myers
Sept. 10	John Jakubec	Sept. 22	Angeline Gomez
Sept. 11	Janice Decosola	Sept. 23	Devin Cathey
	Jon Hapgood		Ella Cathey
	Dennis Horacek	Sept. 24	Betty Bagel
	Alexandra Miller		John Broussard
Sept. 15	Deborah Jech	Sept. 27	James Gaydusek
Sept. 16	Linda McShane		Charles Matthies
		Sept. 30	Mildred Cipar
			Beverly Podzamsky

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 5, 1998: Thomas and Lavinia Myers
 September 6, 1997: Matthew and Janice Decosola
 September 8, 1990: Mary Jo and Scott Meyers
 September 19, 2009: Christopher and Laura Teter
 September 24, 2000: James and Sandra Gaydusek
 September 30, 1995: Adriana and Branislav Kubo

September Happenings

**Open Air Worship
 and Congregational Picnic**
 Sunday, September 8th, 10:15 a.m.

Congregation Council Meeting
 Thursday, September 19th, 7:30 p.m.

"Legends of the Game" Volleyball meets
 every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. beginning
 September 9th through November 18th.

Overeaters Anonymous meets weekly on
 Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Co-Dependents Anonymous meets weekly on
 Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study Group meets weekly on
 Saturday mornings at 11 a.m.

"Keep It Simple" AA Group meets weekly on
 Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.

*All groups meet in the large classroom on the lower level
 (first classroom on the right off the dining hall).*

Annual Spruce-Up of the Hedges



Vera Borysek and George Valek tackle the trimming of the hedges in preparation for the summer open air worship service which was held on Sunday, July 14th. Joining Vera and George in the effort were Tom Michaels and Pastor Dennis.

Memorials and Honorariums

❖ For the Church ❖

Deb and Dave Bark, Ken and Pam Wood, Mike and Tam Wood, and Sue and Larry Kusch and their families, in memory of beloved mother and grandmother +Shirley Wood+ on the anniversary of her birth on August 11th.

John and Joanne Slahor, in memory of +Robert Babyar+.

Edward and Ann Borsuk and family, in memory of dearest parents and grandparents +John+ and +Zuzanna Kubecka+.

Darina "Dee" Miko and Ivan Durkovic, in honor of mother Darina Durkovic's 92nd birthday on August 2nd.

❖ Special Appeal for Replacements and Repairs ❖

Wally Kessler, in memory of +Mildred Kessler+.

Betty Jane Licko-Keel, in memory of husband +William Jerry Keel+.

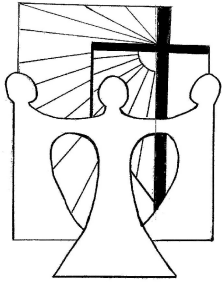
Joe and Carol Kubala Ruiz, in memory of mother +Vera S. Kubala+.



From the Parish Register

Marriage:

Jessica Lynne Byrne and David Barajas were united in marriage on July 20th at Sts. Peter and Paul. Jessica is the daughter of Matthew and Leslie Byrne, the granddaughter of Anita and Lester Henley, and the great-granddaughter of the late John and Anna Kapusta. She is the fourth generation to be married at Sts. Peter and Paul. Matron of Honor and Best Man were Viviana Carcamo and Alex Reveles.



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Dennis J. Lauritsen, pastor

Season of Pentecost
Summer, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

...We extend thanks to you on behalf of the congregation and everyone who benefits from the ministries of the church made possible through the Holy Spirit's power and guidance in the sharing of the gifts God has given you. We pray that the use of these offerings will be pleasing to our Lord Jesus and responsible to the contributions you have made for the up-building of his church.

It has already been over two years since we gathered in June 2017 for a celebration commemorating the organization of this congregation, formally chartered on October 20th, 1901, in the Pilsen Neighborhood of Chicago, along with the Diamond Jubilee of the dedication of the "new" facility in Riverside on May 12th, 1957. You may recall that this event marked the kick-off of a special in-gathering of offerings to raise \$1,000 for each of the 60 years, a fund-raising effort for the purpose of tuck-pointing, window glazing, and refinishing some of the exterior walls of the church facility that were most in need of repair.

Just a year later, the congregation had raised sufficient funds to complete the east face of the building at the Woodside entrance and the south wall of the west wing which houses the parish apartment, preschool classrooms, gym, church kitchen and dining hall. Later in 2018, the congregation surpassed the anniversary goal, enabling us to look forward to continuing the masonry and refinishing work of the weather-beaten northside of the church building. We continue to be ever so grateful for your generous support and firm confidence in the ministries of the congregation and the many ways that we share this facility with others in our communities. This is faithful stewardship of the space we have been given to share.

In the meantime, additional, unforeseen structural and maintenance needs have continued to arise for the now 62 year-old building as well as the parsonage which was presumably built in the 1920s. Among the special replacement projects which now will require our attention very soon are the following: 1) replacement of the third and final section of the septic line at the parsonage south foundation; 2) replacement of at least one of the parsonage air conditioning units (installed around 1981) with the possibility of needing to replace the second adjacent unit before the close of the summer season; 3) replacement of a boiler pump on one of the church units; and 4) repair and resurfacing of the parking lots. A list of this kind continually expands and contracts with every season, however, these appear to be most urgent needs at the moment.

The summer season also brings with it the additional challenge of meeting operational costs during months when worship attendance is lower than usual and consequently monetary offerings are not as generous as in other months of the year. While the Finance Committee does a fantastic job of managing the assets of the congregation, general operational expenses like utilities, cleaning service, general maintenance, insurance coverage, inspections, supplies, etc. can only be paid based upon the regular offerings that are received weekly...

We hope that you will... consider again the concept of regular percentage giving and even "adopting-a-bill" or "adopting-a-project"—for a one-time occasion or as an ongoing gift—in order to help cover these special and regular expenses. We want to make certain that our church facility, parsonage and grounds are in good condition going into the fall and winter seasons.

Thank you again for your confidence in the life and ministries of the congregation and all the varied and generous offerings you make for the love of our Lord Jesus, the up-building of his church, and to the glory of God. As the Holy Spirit has guided and blessed this congregation for nearly 118 years, may we live our lives as individuals, households and church to be a blessing to others.

God bless you to be a blessing,

Tom Michaels,
Stewardship Committee

Carrie Watkiss,
Council President

Dennis Lauritsen,
Pastor

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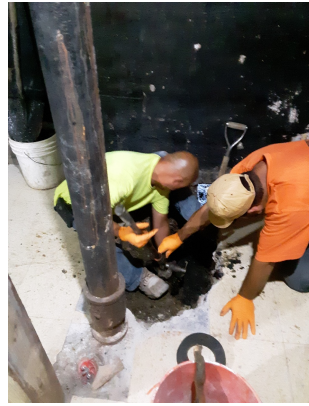
Church Home Improvements Summer 2019



A diseased crab apple tree on the church grounds was removed in June and the surrounding area reseeded.



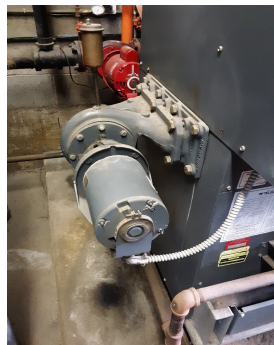
Parsonage air conditioners, which were installed around 1981, were replaced in July.



The parsonage septic line at the south foundation and under the basement floor was replaced on July 23rd.



Parsonage carpet was cleaned and basement floors polished.



Original boiler pump to be replaced before the heating season.



Repair and resurfacing of parking lots before winter contingent upon funding.

Missionaries Steven and Bethany Friberg Update from Tanzania, June 2019

One of my roles as a doctor working in isolated areas is to channel patients to medical centers that specialize in their specific problem. We send cataract patients to a different hospital from those needing plastic or orthopedic surgery. Bone infections are best treated at a mission hospital two days journey away.

When Nganini was four years old, he developed a weakness of his legs and stopped walking. An X-ray showed a collapsed cervical vertebral body consistent with Tb of the spine. This caused compression of his spinal cord. At Gelai Clinic he was started on Tb therapy and quickly regained his ability to walk. Over a few years the neck deformity disappeared as his bones grew. Normally this treatment gives a complete cure in children.



However, this year at age 14 Nganini again gradually lost function of his legs, lost bladder control, and developed arm weakness. Out in the bush we lifted him into our rough 4-WD vehicle and took him four hours to a center with neurosurgery. His CT scan showed recurrence of Tb of the spine. He underwent risky

surgery to release the pressure on his spinal cord. Two months later, Nganini had regained normal arm strength and control of his bladder. He can now stand on his feet again. Pray that Nganini will regain full use of his legs over the next few months of physiotherapy.

Ikayo came to us as an infant. His mother noticed his head was disproportionately large for his body. His head circumference was well above the normal range. An ultrasound study here at Ketumbeine showed he had hydrocephalus. His neurological exam was fortunately still normal because he was brought in early. He had a VP shunt placed by neurosurgeons to release fluid putting high pressure on his brain.

Now 6 years old, Ikayo is a normal child with normal mental status. He has no complications except very slight weakness of his left arm and left leg. Had Ikayo come to us a few months later, he would have been left blind and with severe mental retardation. Treatment for hydrocephalus is still quite recent here, so we thank God that kids like Ikayo can go on to have normal lives.

Thank you for partnering with us. Without your involvement, Nganini and Ikayo would not have received specialized care. Jesus came that all may have life abundant (John 10:10).

Blessings,
Steve and Bethany

The Travelers Give Their Side of the Story

Based upon the Story of the Good Samaritan
in the Gospel of Luke (10:25-37)

THE PRIEST:

The sun was cruelly hot that day,
it lay like weight on the skin;
and yes, I saw where the body lay,
naked and bloody and thin.
But my robes are long, I might have tripped
if I had bent to lend a hand,
and so I passed by. But I said a prayer –
I'm sure God had a plan.

THE LEVITE:

You know how rough the road is there;
the robbers could have been near.
His condition for certain delivered a scare –
there's a lot of crime around here.
I lead an upright life, you know; it's why
God has blessed me with being rich.
So I hurried past, giving thanks to God
that it's not me in that ditch.

THE PRIEST:

I'm a busy man, I've many tasks
that occupy my mind.
My day is full from first to last,
there's never enough of time.
I might have stopped, but my schedule
has to keep me rushing on.
Since it's God's work that I do, you know,
I don't think I was wrong.

THE LEVITE:

Perhaps we should question why this man
was chosen for being robbed –
could it be that he was a sinner, and
that this was the will of God?
And if it was indeed the man
himself who was to blame,
then I do not think by passing by
I've cause to be ashamed.

THE SAMARITAN:

The sun was cruelly hot that day,
lying like weight on the skin,
and yes, I saw where the body lay,
naked and bloody and thin.
My heart was moved within me;
I felt pity for his pain.
So I stopped on the road to help him,
what more need I explain?

I don't think I was being heroic
when I offered merciful aid.
And I'm not just being stoic
when I say I've been repaid.
The humble thanks he's given
for having his life restored
is the blessing of God's own heaven.
And kindness is its own reward.



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVERS

September 1st:

Greeters: Fred Kuzel and Charles Matthies
 Acolyte: Aidan Altavilla
 Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
 Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino
 Lectors: Keith Altavilla and Dale Hawes
 Ushers: Gregg Valek and Paul Watkiss

September 8th (*Outdoor Worship*):

Acolyte: Sebastian Myers
 Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
 Comm. Minister: Charles Matthies
 Lectors: J. T. and Beverly Tarbox
 Ushers: Dale Hawes and John Kostelny

September 15th:

Greeters: Karyn Bute and Sandy Garvey
 Acolyte: Bryan Galdun
 Assisting Minister: John Broussard
 Comm. Minister: Vicki Michaels
 Lectors: Paul and Carrie Watkiss
 Ushers: Janet Broussard and Gregg Valek

September 22nd:

Greeters: Carole Pollitz and Carl Busch
 Acolyte: Abby Tarbox
 Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
 Comm. Minister: Beverly Tarbox
 Lectors: Tom and Vicki Michaels
 Ushers: Gregg Valek and Walter Cudecki

September 29th:

Greeters: Donald and Elaine Haase
 Acolyte: Ben Myers
 Assisting Minister: Tom Michaels
 Comm. Minister: John Broussard
 Lectors: Gary and Jocelyn Drahos
 Ushers: Donald Haase and Johnathan Haase

Sacristan and Altar Care

Edward and Joanne Sefara

We are in need of members and friends to serve as Communion ministers and nursery attendants. If interested, please speak with Pastor Dennis or a member of the Worship and Music Committee.



Worship Servers Please Note...

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

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVERS

October 6th:

Greeters: John & Juanita & Cristina Jakubec
 Acolyte: Aidan Altavilla
 Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
 Comm. Minister: Brandon Michaels
 Lectors: John Broussard and Joanne Sefara
 Ushers: Gregg Valek and Edward Sefara

October 13th:

Greeters: John Galdun and Bryan Galdun
 Acolyte: Sebastian Myers
 Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
 Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino
 Lectors: Charles Matthies Robert Melnyk
 Ushers: John Kostelny and Fred Kuzel

October 20th:

Greeters: Karen Kubik and Larry Crachy
 Acolyte: Abby Tarbox
 Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
 Comm. Minister: Charles Matthies
 Lectors: Tom and Vicki Michaels
 Ushers: Gregg Valek and Paul Watkiss

October 27th:

Greeters: Walter and Judith Cudecki
 Acolyte: Ben Myers
 Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
 Comm. Minister: Carrie Watkiss
 Lectors: Matt Decosola and George Valek
 Ushers: Walter Cudecki and Gregg Valek

Sacristan and Altar Care

Janice Hapgood

June and July 2019	
Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offerings	
<i>Budgeted Offering: \$2,597.00</i>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering</u>
6/2	\$4,068.00
6/9	\$1,748.00
6/16	\$2,648.00
6/23	\$3,362.00
6/30	\$2,225.32
7/7	\$1,168.00
7/14	\$2,354.50
7/21	\$2,842.00
7/28	\$2,470.13



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DATED MATERIAL

“Peace Be with You”

“Peace be with you” when you are living in fear. “Peace be with you” behind the locked doors of your insecurities. “Peace be with you” in your confrontation with foes. “Peace be with you” in your pain and wounds. “Peace be with you” in your doubts and misgivings. “Peace be with you” in your greatest challenge. “Peace be with you” in your darkest moments. “Peace be with you” in your resistance. “Peace be with you” in your humiliation. “Peace be with you” in your bewilderment.

“Peace be with you.” These are the gospel words if ever there were any. The cadence of that greeting from Jesus strikes a note of paradoxical calm in trembling hearts and anxious minds. Peace resides with us when we come to believe, however our believing comes about—in seeing or not seeing, in touching or not touching, in hearing or not hearing. Peace resides with us when the risen Jesus Christ, who defied the powers of death and tomb, defies the powers of our own defiance and demands for proof.

Peace is the plan and promise of God for you. Peace was the Christmas song of angels over Bethlehem when Jesus was born, it was the Easter resurrection greeting of Jesus among terrified followers, and it is our eternal word of reassurance today.

“Peace be with you”—peace from Jesus Christ when we find peace nowhere else. Peace is the blessing we receive when we dare to risk believing that Jesus has indeed risen from death so that we too might rise from our death. Peace is the blessing we receive when we dare to risk believing that in the gifts of bread and wine the horrors of crucifixion and the glory of resurrection work to transform our moments of fear into eternities of joy.

“Peace be with you” wherever you need it now in your life.

—submitted by Carol Kubala Ruiz



Summer Worship Schedule through September 1st 9:15 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Sunday Worship Schedule beginning September 8th

10:15 a.m. Open Air Worship
followed by the Congregational Picnic.
9:15 a.m. Kids' Class and Confirmation Instruction

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, September 4th, 11th, 19th,
and 25th, 7:30 p.m.



A sign-up page is now available at the west entrance to the dining hall for hosting Sunday morning coffee hours. Hands-on orientation for hosting these events will be provided by Janet Broussard, Ann Head or Sue Skudrna. Please speak with any of the three for further information



Rose of Sharon in blossom. A favorite playground for neighborhood hummingbirds.