

August 2005 Student Newsletter of College Hill Lutheran Church & Brammer Memorial Center

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College Hill Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Campus!

Welcome to campus! You will hear that many times in the coming days, I am sure. But allow me to add words of welcome to you from College Hill Lutheran Church (**CHLC**) and Brammer Student Center (**BSC**). We all hope and pray that this school year will be a blessing for all of you, and we hope that we at CHLC can be of service to you throughout the year.

This looks to be a wonderful year. You will, of course, be spending many hours in academic study to expand your mind. This is, in itself, a work of God that you may grow in your understanding of the world and skills in special areas that you may be of service to others using the gifts God has given you. One thing you will be wise to do is also take care of yourself—physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

I hope that we at CHLC will be able to be of service to you in the spiritual well-being realm. We hope to see all of you at worship on Sundays and Bible study on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. There will also be opportunities for small group Bible study and faith sharing groups. If we can be of service to you in any way, be sure to let us know.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

In Christ,

Pastor Ogilvie

WHAT IS THE BRAMMER STUDENT CENTER?

The Brammer Student Center (BSC) is the portion of the facilities at College Hill Lutheran Church (CHLC) set aside for student use—whether it be formal activities, study groups, Bible study or just getting away to relax. The space is here for you.

The student space is primarily found on the lower level. There is a pool table, dart board, ping pong table, TV, DVD & VCR, laundry facilities, classrooms/meeting rooms—all of which are here for you to use. The facility is generally open 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday while school is in session. We hope you will feel at home, and enjoy the BSC while you are on campus.

If you would like to reserve a space in the BSC for a study group or another get together, you may do so by contacting the church office.

Meet at the Brammer Student Center Saturday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m. We will walk together to the BBQ at Maucker Union, then on to see the hypnotist, Jim Wand, at the Performing Arts Center, then back to the Brammer Student Center to round off the evening.

WHAT IS LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP?

College Hill Lutheran Student Fellowship (**LSF**) is the student organization at CHLC. It helps to provide spiritual growth, social and service opportunities for you while you are on campus. It is student organized and student run. There are no membership fees—just come and join in. All input is welcome as we look at activities going on with LSF.

This year, regular LSF meetings will be held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 p.m., following Bible study. These meetings are held to get the word out about what is going on with LSF and to get events and activities organized. Don't feel you have to attend these meetings to come to activities, because that is not the case. If you would like to get involved, however, your presence is more than welcome.

This year's LSF leadership team consists of Nick Anderson, Heather Birk, Mike Busch and Matt Neilson. If you have suggestions for or questions about anything going on with LSF this year, they welcome your input.



FOOD FOR THE SOUL, FOOD FOR THE STOMACH

We hope you will join us for our opening week worship this Sunday, August 21. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m., as it does each week. Following worship, join us as a guest of the congregation for one of CHLC's famous potlucks. The congregation will provide a wonderful spread of food for you to enjoy. The meal will certainly satisfy you and send you off strengthened to start the semester.

WELCOME WEEK HAS FUN FOR ALL

Lutheran Student Fellowship invites you to a special "Fun for All" Welcome Week activity. The festivities will begin Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know people, find out more about CHLC & BSC, enjoy some good food and have some good ol' fashion fun. Activities will last until at least 10:00 p.m., and you may come and go as you please. Plan to come and bring a friend.



LIFE'S A PICNIC

The congregation at CHLC invites all of you to join them for a picnic—free of charge—at Seerley Park, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 27. Seerley Park is located two blocks east of the church building on Seerley Boulevard. Come, bring an appetite, and enjoy the fellowship. You are welcome to bring your friends.



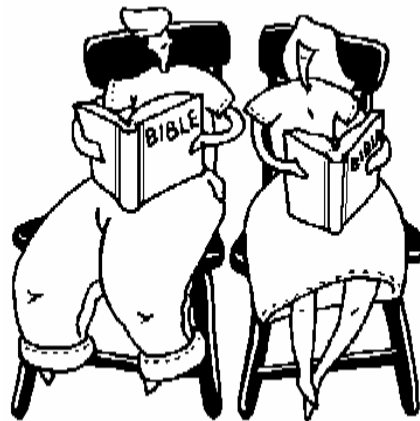
PUTT A DAY AWAY WITH LSF

LSF is planning a mini-golf outing on Sunday, August 28. We will leave the church at 3:00 p.m., heading out for an afternoon of fun on the "mini-links." We will then head back to the church for a meal at 5:30. The cost of the mini-golf and the meal will be picked up by LSF. Come and enjoy the fun, and bring a friend.

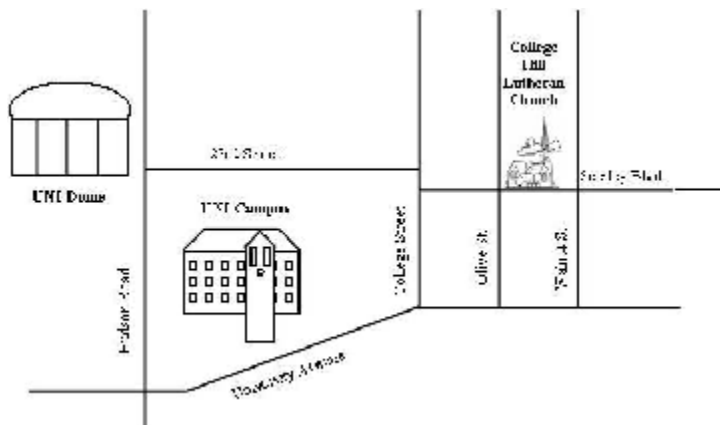
LSF BIBLE STUDY BEGINS AUGUST 31

Every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., we gather together in the Brammer Student Center to fellowship and study God’s Word. So often the rest of our week is spent in studies of other kinds. It is good to spend time in study of God’s Word, as well.

This year, our Bible study will start on Wednesday, August 31. We will start the year with a study of “My Life and Christ.” We will examine how faith fits into every aspect of our lives. We hope to see all of you in the lower level of the BSC every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.



**Where is College Hill Lutheran Church & Brammer Memorial Student Center Located?
Between Olive and Walnut on Seerley Blvd.**



NEED A RIDE? WE’LL GIVE YOU ONE

If you need a ride to worship, Bible study or any activity, you can catch one in the CHLC van. It will make the rounds before most activities, and always before worship and Bible study. The scheduled stops for worship and Bible study are listed below:

Worship

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Van Stops

Towers 9:35 a.m.
Horseshoe 9:40 a.m.
Quad 9:45 a.m.
ROTH 9:50 a.m.

Bible Study

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

Van Stops

Towers 8:35 a.m.
Horseshoe 8:40 a.m.
Quad 8:45 a.m.
ROTH 8:50 a.m.

Van Stops

Towers 7:35 p.m.
Horseshoe 7:40 p.m.
Quad 7:45 p.m.
ROTH 7:50 p.m.

UNIVERSITIES AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

I've been in the Holy Ministry since 1981 and have served a number of different congregations in different settings. With all the love and respect given to all the congregations I've served, it was the 9 years I spent as a Campus Pastor at the University of Northern Iowa (*Go, Panthers!*) that I enjoyed the best. As state universities goes, it is a small campus with some 13K students.

Reading the various weblogs, online articles and so on, one gets the impression that universities are the source of all the evil in the world. The authors give the strong impression that the campus is a nest of anti-Christian plots. They are plotting to destroy the faith and to impose a godless worldview. Yes, the typical university is an artificial environment, filled with enthusiastic and idealistic young adults. I was both a "townie" and a part of the university community, so I know that the concerns of the university community are not the concerns of the "townies." There are times when the local community doesn't get along with the campus, times when the university community indulges in riots, drunkenness and debauchery. But that is not what a campus is all about.

The campus is also a place of growth, a place where young people struggle with the questions of life, where they need campus workers, campus pastors and people who care for them very much. The students need adults who can understand their lives and are willing to struggle with the students as they deal with the hard questions.

My campus congregation was a "gown-town" church whose ministry was to the campus. Our small congregation knew the importance of its ministry and loved the students. Our district—that's the regional church in my denomination—generously supported us. They knew the need and were willing to financially support us. The congregation and the district knew the ministry challenges and the opportunities to work with students and to bring them the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is why it is so important that we put resources—that means money and people—onto the campuses of our nation. Looking at it from a missiological approach the typical campus has to be seen as a group of people who are 70% unchurched. To put it in more technical terms, a campus is a people group that is 70% without Christ. It is a mistake to see the campus as a place of evil and debauchery. The campus is a place to be reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The campus is a cross-cultural ministry, just as cross-cultural as a village in Africa or a city in China is a cross-cultural ministry. Read Acts 17 to see how Paul shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with a pagan community (Athens) .

Acts 17:17 GW He held discussions in the synagogue with Jews and converts to Judaism. He also held discussions every day in the public square with anyone who happened to be there.

This is the model we can use to reach the campus. It takes time to reach the students, it takes time to be where they are and to talk with them. Sure, there are lots of weird stuff happening on your local campus. But it is a place where God is also at work! I hope that you are a part of the fun.

Doc Steve

p.s. Please pray that I can get back into serving students. Even with my illness I would love to be back on campus. This is the fire in my belly. SME

Reprinted from the May 18, 2005 weblog of Rev. Steve Eggers (drsteveacts.blogspot.com) former pastor of College Hill Lutheran Church now serving at Hosanna—Tabor Lutheran Church, Redford, MI.

PEER MINISTERS AND RESIDENT CARETAKERS HERE TO SERVE YOU

In addition to the LSF Leadership Team, CHLC has two other groups of student leaders. The Peer Ministers of CHLC are here to be of service to you. They are people you can contact if you have questions about CHLC or if you need someone to talk to. They will be leading small group Bible studies, as well as doing their part to make you feel welcome at CHLC and help you to integrate into life here. This semester, our Peer Ministers are Jill Bollinger and Kendra Meyer. They will both be posting hours that they will be present at the church. Jill lives off-campus, but Kendra will be residing in the apartment in the lower level of the BSC.

Two other individuals will also be residing in the BSC apartment. Bethany and Katelyn Madsen will be serving as Resident Caretakers for CHLC this year. They assist with keeping the facilities in order and sparkling clean. They can also help you with facility related questions you may have.

Be watching for these fine young women as you are at CHLC this year.

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