



# College Hill Crier

Newsletter of  
College Hill Lutheran Church  
and Brammer Student Center

Dear Family in Christ,

The end is upon us!!! The end of the school year, that is. That means final exams, late night studying, graduating seniors, and farewells. In the midst of all the chaos, we rejoice as a congregation that we have been blessed with an opportunity to share God's love with not only the youth of our own congregation, but also the college students who come from many different places.

You have to admit that it is a remarkable thing that we do—or better—that we *have* here at College Hill. A faithful Lutheran congregation, with her pastor, joyfully welcomes college students into the household of faith to receive the gifts of forgiveness and life that our Triune God brings through His means of Grace. Many of the students who come here have spent their entire life in the church, attending the Divine Service on a regular basis from diapers and thumb sucking to jeans and braces. Others may be stepping foot into a Lutheran church for the first time ever! Either way, these students will always find Christ in this place as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. This is the place where faith in Christ is nurtured and sustained unto eternal life.

As the Rev. Prof. John T. Pless (a long-time campus pastor at the Univ. of Minnesota and current seminary professor) puts it, we are a "maintenance ministry": *"In the best sense of the term, campus ministries are maintenance ministries and should make no apology for being known as such. Campus ministries exist to maintain young Christians 'in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace' -Eph. 4:3" (For the Life of the World, Oct. 2007, Vol. 11, No. 4; p. 7).* Campus ministry is intended to "maintain" the faith that has already been established in the hearts of Christians who are currently away from their church homes.

The spiritual discipline of attending the Divine Service can quickly fall to the way side when the busyness of college life seemingly becomes more important than Christ and His Word. For this reason we rejoice and say, "Thanks be to God" that we have students who attend church on a regular basis. At the same time, because of the temptations that college students face, we as a congregation constantly remember them in our prayers. Rev. Pless adds, *"Given the pressures of campus culture, this [campus ministry] is no small task. Certainly there are secular ideologies and religious systems that may lure Lutheran students into false belief, despair, and other shame and vice. But perhaps more are lost to apathy or busyness than these more evident dangers. Centered in the proclamation of the saving Word and the giving out of the Lord's body and blood, LCMS campus ministries serve to keep faith alive through God's own means."*

It truly is remarkable that we gather together with students from many different places as people with a common confession and faith in the Triune God who comes to save us from our sin. Thanks be to God for all of you congregation members who have shown such hospitality to our guests this school year. I remember as a student how nice it was to be in a congregation that was so welcoming to us and that so boldly proclaimed the pure Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor John Wegener*

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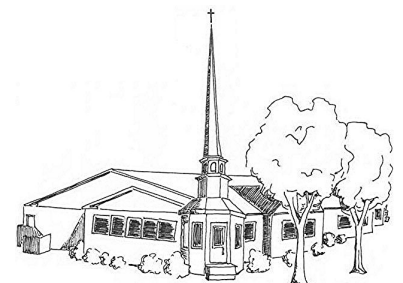
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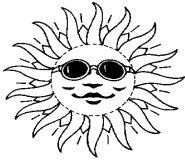
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## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

Best wishes to our graduating seniors and to those who will be student teaching or on internships in the fall.  
And we look forward to everyone else's return in August!

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### Students, will you be around this summer?

If so, please let Tim Gamble (amlman@mchsi.com) or Pastor Wegener [prwegener@cfu.net] know. We want to include you in whatever activities might end up happening over the summer months. Just because school is out doesn't mean the fellowship has to stop.

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### Be the Guests of the Congregation

It's time to say goodbye again to the congregation and they would like you to do that at the annual Farewell Potluck on Sunday, May 4, following the morning service. So plan on being the guests of the congregation and spending sometime with your friends that day.

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### Ice Cream Social

Students, join LSF at College Hill on Sunday May 4 at 9:00 p.m. for ice cream sundaes, good fellowship time, and a chance for de-stressing before finals.

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### Thrivent Builds Habitat for Humanity House

A **BIG** thank you to all the LSF students and congregation members who went to work on the house at 834 W. Third Street, Cedar Falls on Saturday, April 5. We had a great crew and they accomplished placing the joists and the deck in the morning sunshine.

When the lunch arrived, also served by CHLC, the work was nearly done and the workers ready to go home after eating.

College Hill also has an obligation to help fund a share of the cost of the house. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans funds 65% of the cost, Habitat for Humanity 25% of the cost and the Lutheran churches in Black Hawk County are to fund 10% of the cost of the house. Since the house will cost \$77,000.00 our share is only \$7,700.00. To add another piece of the puzzle, the two bedroom house will be 1100 square feet in size. So that makes the cost of \$70.00 per square foot.

Can you help fund the house by buying a square foot?

Find a friend or two and buy a square foot together.

A check made out to Thrivent Builds can be given to Doris Mauer or placed in the offering plate. Habitat for Humanity donations are tax deductible.

Let's go the next step in the Thrivent Builds project.

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### Summer Schedule Begins June 1

We will be switching to our summer schedule on Sunday, June 1. Worship will be at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will end on May 18 and resume in September. The After Church Fellowship will continue to follow worship during the summer months. Pastor will lead adult Bible study after the fellowship.

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## Commemorate The Ascension With Worship.

“Up through endless ranks of angels” is how one hymn writer described Jesus’ ascent into heaven. Join us for worship Thursday, May 1, as we rejoice with the heavenly host our Lord’s triumphant return to his place in heaven. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m.



**Evening Guild will not meet in the month of May** due to the conflict with Ascension Service. All ladies are encouraged to attend the Ascension Day Worship Service. Watch for plans for “Ladies Night Out” in June.

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## Recycling for LWML

Remember to bring your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones to the church for recycling. The LWML is collecting these items to raise funds for hosting the National LWML Convention in Des Moines in 2015. We need your help in this project. The collection box is located in the gathering area, under the far table. Thanks for your help.

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## Vacation Bible School is in the Works.

We will be having it August 4-8. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested in helping plan, set up, teach, be a helper, etc. please call or email Nancy Neessen. Phone 266-1936 email 1936tgn@cfu.net . A formal sign up sheet will be posted in May. Watch the bulletins for further details.

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## It’s that time of year again...Spring Cleaning!

Help us start the season off right by participating in Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 17. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. List of jobs to be done will be posted on the bulletin board in the gathering area. Bring your favorite yard tools and cleaning rags. If you have any questions see Scott Ackles.

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## Help Account

The purpose of this article is to remind all of us that our congregation has a HELP account that is ongoing in our church treasury for the benefit of any congregation member or other person needing a financial assist. When approached by persons needing assistance, Pastor Wegener will discuss the need, contact the chairman of the congregation or the chairperson of the Board of Evangelism and the decision will be made as to the extent of assistance available.

Since the HELP account is ongoing, you are encouraged to add to the account if you are financially able to do so. It is simply handled by adding the amount in your offering envelope, marking the “Other” line as HELP and increasing your contribution for that Sunday.

It is appropriate to have money in the account available when the need arises.

Please consider this opportunity to share.

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## Farewell Potluck

With the end of another academic year upon us, the congregation is hosting the annual farewell potluck on Sunday, May 4, following worship. There will be good food, good friends and good fun as we gather for a final meal this academic year. Students are invited as our guests. Congregation families are asked to furnish one hot dish and one side dish (vegetable, salad or dessert). Singles are asked to furnish one dish. Drinks and table service will be provided. Don’t miss the festivities.

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## May 2008 Volunteers

**GREETERS**

- 1 Carolyn & Keith Macomber
- 4 LaDawn & Ivan Hankins
- 11 Juanita Flanscha & Val Wenté
- 18 Miriam Krallman & Becky McBurney
- 25 Erna Blankenhagen & Bev Bolte

**USHERS**

- 1 Tim Gamble
- 4 Marvin Brewster & Kevin DeVries
- 11 Virgil Mauer & Paul Schmellik
- 18 Dennis Adolphs & Richard McBurney
- 25 Delmar Blankenhagen & Bob Bolte

**FINANCIAL RECORDERS**

- 4 Keith Macomber & Suzanne Riehl
- 11 Nellie Peterman & Eric Schumacher
- 18 Virgil Mauer & Stephanie Schumacher
- 25 Val Wenté & Keith Macomber

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

- 1, 4, 11 & 18 Tim Tjarks

**ACOLYTES**

- 1, 4, 11 & 18 CJ Ackles & Brian Coulthard

**ALTAR GUILD**

- 1—11 Carolyn Macomber & Karmyn VanLengen
- 18—25 Madeline Bruce & Lillian Lonergan

*Thank you for your help in serving the Lord and college Hill Lutheran Church.*

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**May**

- 7 Clint & Cindy Korte 14 years
- 10 Delmar & Erna Blankenhagen 61 years
- 20 Dennis & Brenda Adolphs 19 years




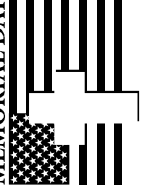
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| 1 Harriet Paulus      | 17 Bev Bolte        | 22 Troy Williams    |
| 3 Delmar Blankenhagen | 18 Ivan Hankins     | 30 Dustin Lilleskov |
| 8 Kaylee DeVries      | 19 Katelyn McBurney |                     |
| 8 Ruth Natvig         | 20 Tim Tjarks       |                     |
| 12 Keith Macomber     | 21 Megan Korte      |                     |

**Evangelism Concerns**

Our Board of Evangelism is actively calling on persons in the congregation, guests and visitors to our church, and other suggested persons.

If you have a concern about a neighbor, family member, or friend that you would like to have the calling committee contact, simply give the name of the family or person to Rev Tom Wegener with data

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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                      | Thursday                                   | Friday    | Saturday                               |
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| <br><b>MAY 2008</b>  |   |  |  |  |           |  |
| <b>4</b><br>9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School<br>9:00 a.m. <b>LYF</b> Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion<br>11:00 a.m. Farewell Potluck<br>9:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Ice Cream Social | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>                                       | <b>8</b><br>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>UNI Graduation            |
| <b>11 Pentecost Sunday</b><br>9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School<br>9:00 a.m. <b>LYF</b> Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion<br>11:00 a.m. Fellowship                              | <b>12</b><br>Newsletter Deadline<br>5:30 p.m. Lay Ministry Meeting  | <b>13</b><br>7:00 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting | <b>14</b>                                      | <b>15</b><br>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>9:00 a.m. Spring Clean Up |
| <b>18 Holy Trinity</b><br>9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School<br>9:00 a.m. <b>LYF</b> Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion<br>11:00 a.m. Fellowship                                  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br>7:00 p.m. Parish Planning Council | <b>22</b><br>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                              |
| <b>25</b><br>9:00 a.m. Bible Study<br>9:00 a.m. <b>LYF</b> Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m. Worship<br>11:00 a.m. Fellowship   | <b>26</b><br>Office Closed<br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>                                      | <b>29</b><br>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                              |

