

College Hill Crier

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A Message from Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of College Hill Lutheran Church and Brammer Student Center,

Recently in Bible Study we discussed how the Christian Church is like a ship in the water. Such stories as the Flood with Noah's ark, Jonah's wild ride on his attempt to run away from God, Jesus' stilling the storm, and others all depict the water as a treacherous place. It's full of chaos and uncertainty.

The ships stand in contrast to the troubled waters. They are places of safety. Sure, they get rocked and thrown about. Yet, when we are out in the sea, the one place of refuge is that space which holds us aloft, protecting us from sure and certain death.

Historically, Christians have called the space in the church building where the people fill the pews, the *nave*. Nave is Latin for "ship." By referring to this space as *nave*, we are reminded that the Christian Church is like a ship. It protects us from the stormy sea of life, bearing us aloft and bringing us safely to the shores of the Promised Land. It is here in this ship, College Hill Lutheran Church, where many saints have been carried along in safety through the Word (faithful preaching, liturgy, and hymnody) and the Sacraments (Holy Baptism/Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion). Their chaotic and uncertain lives found peace and certainty in the *nave*—the peace of being forgiven and the certainty of salvation through Jesus Christ and His Word of forgiveness. So we too, along with all of those saints who have gone before us, find peace and safety in the *nave*. There is nothing more peaceful and certain than God's Word declaring us "not guilty" of our sins, no matter how great and no matter how frequent they might be. The contrite and fearful heart (which may be likened to being cast into the depths of the sea) is swiftly changed into the joyful and cheerful heart as Jesus reaches down His hand to pull us to safety. Remember St. Peter's attempt at walking on water where he doubted and began to sink, but our Lord brought him once again to safety aboard the ship? Jesus does the same for you and me. Although we may be sinking, He pulls us aboard the ship where we join many others journeying through life protected from the stormy seas.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John Wegener

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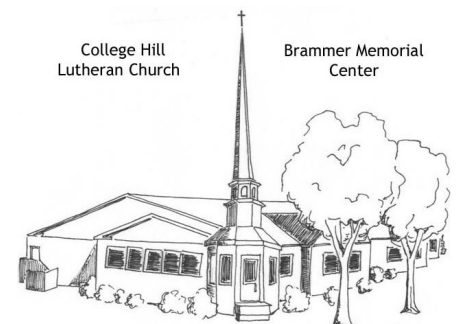
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WHAT IS LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP?

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.

In addition to worship and Bible study, there will be social opportunities as well as service activities. In addition to offering fellowship, we strive to provide you the opportunity to grow in your faith and put it into action in the community and world around you.

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. You may stop in to play pool, darts, ping pong, or air hockey. You may watch TV or view a video (VHS or DVD). There are classrooms and meeting rooms that you may use

and even reserve for group use if needed. In short, the facility is here for you to use. It is open 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week 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 other get together, you may do so by contacting the church office (266-1274).

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.

Bible Study

Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

Van Stops

Towers 7:35 p.m.

Horseshoe 7:40 p.m.

Quad 7:45 p.m.

Horseshoe (between Lawther and Bartlett) and Quad (between Rider and Shull)

COMPANY IS COMING

Rev. Jerome Terry and his wife, Dora, will be in Cedar Falls on September 9. Pastor Terry is the minister at Bethel Lutheran Church in the New Orleans area. This was the church we went to help while on our spring break trip this last year. He will be our guest preacher at the 10:00 a.m. divine service. Following worship you are invited to be our guests at the potluck honoring Pastor Terry.

We are also planning on having dinner with the Terrys that night at the Brammer Student

Center. Supper will start at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Terry and Dora will share stories about the continued effects of Hurricane Katrina. This will be a night where we can show them our Midwest hospitality.

Pastor Terry will also be speaking at UNI on that Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Ballroom B at Maucker Union.

Invite your friends to join you at these events.

CAMPUS MINISTRY VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RETURNS

The campus ministry volleyball league will be playing again this year. Games will be played on Mondays, starting September 10. Games will begin either at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., and will be played at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center located next to University Book and Supply. Our first game is 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10. See the calendar for the rest of

September's schedule.

No prior volleyball experience is necessary. This league is more about fun and fellowship—although we won't complain if we win a few games, as well. If you are interested in playing, or even just cheering the team on, come on over to St. Stephen's. If you can't play every week, that is fine. Join us when you are able.

GAME NIGHT

CHLC is involved in an outreach opportunity with international students. Students from the Cultural and Intensive English Program (CIEP) at UNI are coming to the Brammer Center on Friday, September 21 to spend an evening playing board games and enjoying our game room. This is a grand opportunity to as-

sist a student with his/her English and provide cultural experiences, and for you to gain cultural information from the student about his/her homeland. They invite you to join them at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of games and fun.

LOOKING FOR HELP

The annual Thrivent dinner will be held at College Hill Lutheran Church on September 30 at 1:00 p.m. Thrivent is a supporter of CHLC and the LSF. They give us matching funds for spring break. This is a good time to show how much we appreciate them. We are looking for people to help serve the food but will take any

help that you are willing to offer (set up, prepare food, serve the food and clean up). We are looking for as many people that we can get. If you are interested, please let Pastor Wegener or Tim Gamble know.

GETTING INVOLVED AT COLLEGE HILL

We want you to get involved at College Hill, utilizing your God-given gifts and talents in service to Him. Let us know how you would like to get involved by filling out a Student Interest

Survey and returning it to Pastor Wegener. We encourage you to be good stewards of the gifts and talents with which the Lord has blessed you.

KEEP POSTED WITH LSF LISTSERV

If you want to be kept up to date on everything happening with LSF, be sure to subscribe to our listserv. You may sign up by sending an email with the following information, or let the church office (266-1274) know you would like to be added to the list.

To: MAILSERV@uni.edu

Subject: (none)

Body: SUB COLLEGE-HILL-CHURCH-NEWS

END

Go to <http://www.college-hill.org/lsf/listserv.cfm> to see how the e-mail should look.

MEET PASTOR WEGENER AND FAMILY

Rev. John Herman Wegener, the son of Thomas & Ruby Wegener, was born in Ames, Iowa on September 22, 1974 and spent his first years living in Hubbard, IA and then moved to Waterloo with his family in 1979. He attended Immanuel Lutheran School, Waterloo for his elementary education. He graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1993; attended the University of Northern Iowa 1993-1997 graduating in December 1997 with a B.A. in Graphic Design. During his years at UNI he and his twin brother, Jim, were actively involved in the student ministry at College Hill Lutheran Church. After working at Champion Screen Print and Design in Waterloo, IA he attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN 2000-2004. He served a year of vicarage at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Fort, Wayne, IN 2002-2003. He was ordained and installed as Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Readlyn, Iowa and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Readlyn (Klinger) on June 13, 2004.

He married Heidi Johnson of Shellsburg, IA on August 8, 1998. They have three children: Andrew John (AJ) born December 2, 2002; Aleah born February 25, 2004; and Javan born November 28, 2005.

Pastor Wegener and Heidi and their children are living at 119 Cedar Crest in Cedar Falls, IA. Telephone 319-553-0222.

Pastor's Office Hours: Generally, I will be in my study Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Afternoons will often be dedicated to visits and social activities. Fridays will be my normal day off. You may call me

anytime (office 266-1274 or home 553-0222) or send me an email message (johnwegener@yahoo.com) if you wish to set up a time to meet.

REV. JEROME TERRY AND HIS WIFE, DORA, WILL BE THE GUESTS OF COLLEGE HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

When the students went to New Orleans for their Spring Break Trip in March, they worked with Pastor Terry and his wife, Dora, in helping his congregation members in clean-up and some painting. He is pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church whose building was deemed unsalvageable following Katrina. At that time we talked with Pastor Terry about coming to Iowa to tell the story of what is happening following Katrina. He will speak about the recovery efforts throughout the area and the needs of Bethel congregation. Events for the day are:

10:00 a.m. worship service. Pastor Terry will be the guest preacher

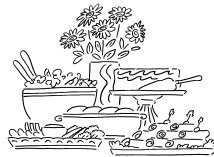
11:15 a.m. Potluck

12:30 p.m. PowerPoint presentation on the work in New Orleans.

6:00 p.m. Pastor Terry and Dora are the guests of LSF

On Monday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Terry will speak in Ballroom B at Maucker Union at UNI.

Plan to attend these events and bring your friends along.



In honor of Pastor Terry's visit, September 9 is the date for us to enjoy food, fun and fellowship with a potluck in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship.

Drinks and table service will be provided. College Hill family members are asked to bring two dishes to share. Single members are asked to bring one dish.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Calling all children and students, from three years old to 12th grade.

Our activities for Sunday mornings begin on September 9th, the Sunday after Labor Day. We will have opening activities with Pastor Wegener at 9 a.m. and then have classes until 9:50 a.m. We dismiss in time to move upstairs for worship service.

There are classes for preschool and kindergartners, first and second graders, third and fourth graders, fifth and sixth graders, and junior-high-schoolers. On the Rally Day we will officially register for classes and meet our teachers.

Students in 9th through 12th grade will attend Lutheran Youth Fellowship group that meets at 9:00 a.m. for their Bible Study and activities in the fireside lounge of the lower level.

The Board of Education is recruiting staff members and would welcome volunteers.

Please invite children to attend our Sunday School to learn about Jesus and His love for us all.

EVANGELISM NOTE

It's that time of the year . . . school starts . . . new faces and new opportunities to make someone feel welcome to College Hill. Take the time to introduce yourself to students and new potential members. Treat them as you would expect to be treated if you were a new face. Let them be a stranger only once.

LWML ZONE RALLY

Ladies, we have a big task ahead of us this month. On Saturday, September 15 we are scheduled to host the Fall Rally of the Waterloo Zone LWML. We are pleased that is a morning meeting. We will begin serving our brunch at 9 a.m. followed by opening devotions led by Rev. John Wegener at 9:45. The speaker is Rev. Terry Small from Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Following his presentation there will be a short business meeting before Rev. Jerry Markel, LWML zone counselor, leads a Bible study and closing devotions. The intended adjournment time is 11:45 a.m.

There will be 75 to 90 people in attendance. We will be needing help for setting up on Friday, serving the brunch and for cleanup. Please plan now to assist at one or all of the appointed times. It will take a goodly number of us to “pull this off” as a special event for those attending. We don’t want to risk our reputation as a “great place to go to an activity”.

Please contact Doris Mauer or Marcia Stirler to volunteer to help. “Pretty Please” don’t wait to be called. Thanks.

EVENING GUILD—SEPTEMBER 6TH

The first meeting of the 2007-2008 Evening Guild programming will be devoted to finalizing plans for the Fall Waterloo Zone LWML Rally on September 15th. It is good that we have a meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 6th to make certain we have “all our ducks in a

row” for this event.

Marcia Stirler is our hostess for the evening and is also leading devotions.

We encourage all women of the congregation to attend.

See you there.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Do you find yourself hurrying here and there since school has started again? Is it hard to find quiet time to spend with God in His Word? Would you like to have a few minutes each month to spend in fellowship with other women? Join us for evening Bible study once a month! Bring a friend you would like to share the Word with or who feels the need to study God’s Word. We will be meeting at the church

on the third Thursday of each month. We will be studying a different woman of the Bible each month.

Mark the calendar now for Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. to come and take a look at “The Samaritan Woman: Finding the Water of Life” and what we can learn from her. Take time in your busy schedule to study the Bible and refresh yourself.

SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!

We are still collecting! Save Box Tops for Education from General Mills products. They are found on cereals but also on other products such as Cottonelle toilet paper. Be on the lookout for the box tops and bring them to the church.

Only BAR CODES are now needed from Campbell’s products. Labels are welcome but

be careful not to tear the barcodes!

Used postage stamps, especially foreign and commemorative, are wanted.

New this year, we are collecting HyVee grocery receipts for Immanuel Lutheran School.

Labeled boxes for receiving these items are found on the counter in the kitchen.

ON THE LIBRARY CART

Whatever you do don't miss the last and best trip to Mitford. Jan Karan's "Light from Heaven" ends the Mitford series. All five earlier books in the series are also available. Karan's books tell us that the real issues in life are the ones in our small, personal spheres of life. Give the series a try. You will like them.

Also new is "Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul—101 Stories. Read a few and add joy to your life.

How about reading the autobiography of Oswald Hoffman who said, "The book isn't

about me. It's about Him, my Savior."

How did the LLL get started? The introduction to "75 Years of Blessings" (now 90 years) is an interesting read.

Oswald Hoffmann's "There is Hope" motivates God's people in a darkening world. Let him brighten yours.

By readers' request the Brides of Lancaster County series by Wanda Brunsetter has been returned to print. If you like novels about the Amish these books are for you.

A GREAT BIBLE REEF THANK YOU

What a great Vacation Bible School experience we all had. There were twenty-five children who attended and, at least, fifteen volunteers who served as staff. An extra thanks goes to Beth Ackles and Nancy Neesen for chairing this activity. It was a special responsibility to tell children that we listen to information about Jesus so that we come to believe in him and trust his love for us. Because we believe and

trust we follow Jesus' model and care for and serve others.

Thank you, children for coming to VBS.

Thank you, parents for bringing your children to VBS.

Thank you to staff and volunteers for serving in VBS.

It was an exciting experience and lived up to CHLC's reputation of having awesome VBS.

LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

On July 26-29th sixteen laymen and Reverend R. McHone, representing Iowa District East, attended the International Lutheran Laymen's League Convention in Duluth, Minnesota. Eight of the attendees were from Zone 2. The theme was Matthew 5:14, "Let Your Light Shine" and the logo highlighted the lighthouses on the Great Lakes.

International President Jack Kidwell was reelected. However, Region VII now has a new governor: Charles (Chuck) Groth of Minnesota South District.

A program highlight was the Lutheran Hour Rally held in the Duluth Civic Center Auditorium with the parade of flags of the nations in which the Lutheran Hour is broadcast. Reverend Ken Klaus presented an inspiring message calling for LLL members to be actively witnessing for Jesus all the time in all aspects of their lives.

Next year's convention will be held in Lexington, KY. in July. Consider attending this inspiring, joyous celebration of sharing God's Word throughout the world.

BRAINSTORMING

The Ice Cream Social-Brainstorming session was held on August 12th at 1:00 p.m. Nineteen members of CHLC enjoyed great ice cream sundaes. Following refreshments a meeting was held to discuss improvements for communication between members and college students and to set up plans for events in our new school year. Some of the highlights are:

A Block Party for early October

The Welcome table will be staffed

Name tags being used

A Homecoming Float

In person greetings to new UNI students with welcome baskets

Picture Board for members and students including their interests and home towns etc.

Visitor follow-ups by lay persons

Continuing contact with the Cultural Intense English Program (CIEP) and involving them more with church activities

Letting the Community know that Pastor John is a UNI alumni

Keeping the front signs up-to-date with current events

A new electronic sign is also being investigated

As always, lots of members are needed to follow through with great ideas. Make sure the stewardship director, Nick Anderson, knows your talents and times you may be available!

ALERT ALERT ASSISTANCE NEEDED SEPTEMBER 29 & 30 ALERT ALERT

As you are aware at the July Voters' meeting the congregation agreed to provide the site and cater the annual Thrivent Financial for Lutherans annual dinner meeting on Sunday, September 30, at 1:00 p.m. Thrivent has been a great financial support for College Hill and Brammer Student Center because we are a campus ministry. This is our opportunity to return the favor, so to speak. It is also an opportunity to earn financial gain from hosting the event.

On Saturday, September 29, workers will be needed in the kitchen to do preliminary cooking and baking. Workers will be needed in the fellowship hall to set up for the meeting. Please reserve time on your calendar to

assist. Keith and Carolyn Macomber are chairing the event and will appreciate volunteers, so calls need not be made.

On Sunday, September 30, many workers will be needed to do lots of tasks, from early set up, serving, and cleanup. Just as the workers set up the fellowship hall, it will need to be returned to usual placement. There will be plenty of work for many helpers. Please, once again, reserve time on your schedule to assist. Why not volunteer so you don't have to be contacted?

Everyone will need to help carry out this task and create a successful event.

September 2007 Volunteers

GREETERS

- 2 Brewster Family
- 9 Brad Brons & Lawrell Birk
- 16 Bolte Family
- 23 Blankenhagen Family
- 30 Christensen Family

USHERS

- 2 Bob Bolte & Dennis Adolphs
- 9 Tim Gamble & Brent Gernant
- 16 Virgil Mauer & Keith Macomber
- 23 Richard McBurney & Marvin Brewster
- 30 Kevin DeVries & Nick Anderson

FINANCIAL RECORDERS

- 2 Keith Macomber & Virgil Mauer
- 9 Suzanne Riehl & Keith Macomber
- 16 Carla Christensen & Nellie Peterman
- 23 Suzanne Riehl &
Eric & Stephanie Schumacher
- 30 Jo Baedke & Virgil Mauer

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

2, 16 & 30 Richard McBurney

ALTAR GUILD

2—9 Flora Brewster & Dorothea Berning
16—30 Carolyn Macomber & Charla DeVries


FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

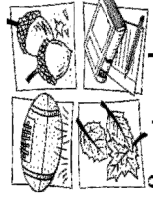
2 Mauer Family
9 Potluck—Evening Guild
16 Coulthard Family & Paul Schmellik
23 Macomber Family & Nellie Peterman
30 TBA

Thank you for your help in serving the Lord and College Hill Lutheran Church

September Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

17 Brent Gernant	20 Heidi Wegener	23 Clint Orth
20 Beth Christensen	22 Pastor Wegener	26 Daniel Coulthard Jr.
	11 Lori & Don Dove	25 years
	14 Nancy & Tom Neessen	33 years

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