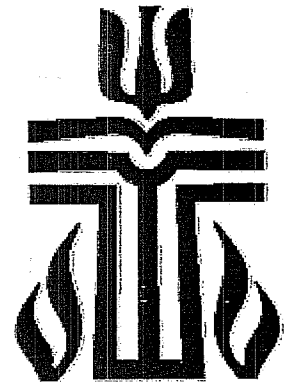


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JUNE 2009

## Good-bye?

Yes, I'm going to assume that your hearing of a candidate for pastor on May 31 will result in my leaving Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church soon.

The wonderful ways of God's moving mean that I'll be leading worship at HHPC on June 7<sup>th</sup> for the last time, a guest preacher will be with us on June 14<sup>th</sup>, and the new pastor will lead worship for the first time on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Just as my first sermon here was "Hello," so my last is "Goodbye." Because the scripture reading for June 7 will be Micah 6, my taking leave will be colored by all the prophet has to say about our purpose in life and how we conduct ourselves.



It is a staple of ministerial ethics that once a pastor leaves a congregation, there is no future contact. I know how harsh that seems in the moment of parting, but I've lived through enough 'violations' to know that it is a wise and helpful practice.

But for now, I invite you to practice a four-fold formula for goodbye that I learned many years ago.

It's honesty and simplicity makes it easy for me to remember as I (and hopefully you) end this relationship: own up, celebrate, let go, restore.

**OWN UP** – this is simply adding up, making lists, checking off items, clearly toting up all the goods and bads, the positives and negatives, the helps and the hindrances that have come with my interim pastorate in this congregation.

**CELEBRATE** – (I like this part!) Sing and dance, shout and party for all the good things in our

relationship. What's 'false' is going right to this stage 2 without making a careful listing of all the negatives in stage 1.

**LET GO** – Hard as it is in the moment, stage 3 asks me to open my grasp, fling wide my arms, puff gently and send all the goods and bads, negatives and positives, connections and hard feelings away. I can't say that I'm good at this, but I've learned over and over the wisdom of this choice and behavior.

**RESTORE** – This is a little like the admonition for trail hiking – whatever you take in, bring it all out. For me it means clearing out everything that gives a sign, a token, a reminder of my presence. It means wiping the slate clean so that you can give your hearts and minds fully into the relationship with a new pastor.

I invite you to practice this practice of saying goodbye over the next few days.

Peace,  
Rev. Warren Wiggins, Interim Pastor

To my HHPC family:

By the time you read this, I will have left HHPC and will be settling down to my new home in Michigan. For those that are hearing this for the first time (I'm sure that's not too many by this point), I do apologize. Sometimes it's hard to share such big things with limited contact.

Writing this is very difficult for me; HHPC has been my "home away from home" for nearly 10 tumultuous and challenging, yet formative and rewarding years. It certainly is the people I will miss the most. Don't ever underestimate or fail to use the power of the human connection that you, as a congregation, possess.

My time here has been at times frustrating, but the experiences and the knowledge taken away will stay with me for life.... Mission Committee, Personnel Committee, Mission Study Report Committee, Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee, Outreach Committee, PNC, Session, and most of all, Junior High Youth Group.

Many positive changes will be coming your way; embrace them with open arms, they are for the good of this congregation, now and for future generations.

I wish I could pick up the entire church with everyone inside and put it in my U-Haul. Physically impossible, yes.... but the U-Haul in my body, brain and soul is packed full of Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church and all the cherished memories I will never forget.

**Lastly, to my Junior Highs (past and current):** Please, please, please...never forget that you are loved by so many. Do not ever forget that your role in the church is so important, one we CANNOT live without. Do not stray from what you have learned...it's the basis for a faith and purpose driven life. **I WILL MISS YOU ALL TERRIBLY, AND THURSDAY NIGHTS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.**

So that's it folks. It's not goodbye, it's "I'll see 'ya later!"

Adam Schwake  
(708) 269-6102  
[aschwake@yahoo.com](mailto:aschwake@yahoo.com)

## PRAYER & CARE

There is no vacation time granted on Wednesdays.  
We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Library.  
See ya there!

Love 'N' Hugs,  
Arlene

## TWILIGHT PRAYER

Father, thank you for all you have done for me. But what about my neighbor? I bring to you my neighbor, Father, because he is in need. Yes, he can read me as a Christian, but many times he gets lost in definitions.

Help me to be humble, merciful, and just in my daily walk and as I bring to you those in need. I pray you will touch their life in a special way.

Join us as we reach out to our neighbors in a special way. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Regards,  
C. Lou Pearson

## DIRECTORY UPDATES



**Marge Hayes**  
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630-495-0064

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Hickory Hills, IL 60457

**Janet Cescato-Webber**  
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## APRIL 2009 Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS  
\$13,257.00

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS  
\$18,555.00

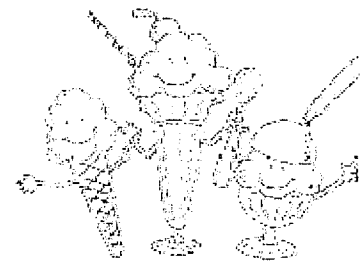
Due to the incident on Easter Sunday our disbursements for the month of April exceeded our income by \$5,298.00 causing us to have a deficit balance in our General Fund Account of \$3,594.00. If those of you that wrote checks for the offering for April 12th could find it in your hearts to write a replacement check it would greatly help our financial situation.

## ARE YOU 18-29?



If so, come join our new Young Adult Group on Friday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. for Laser Tag!

See Katie Treccani for more information.  
708-650-6618

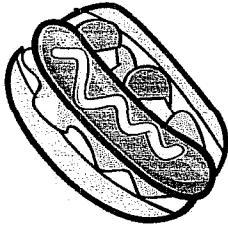


## Ice Cream Social

Come join the Senior Choir, Handbell Choir & Youth Choir for our Annual Ice Cream Social, an evening of Music, Fellowship, and Ice Cream!

**Sunday, June 14, 2009-  
6:30 p.m.** (immediately following REV service)

## HELP BUILD A CHURCH IN HONDURAS



Building a church in Honduras is part of our Mission Trip in December 2009. We are working to help make that happen with our summer time fundraisers.

We hope you will join us and support our hot dog lunch cookouts after Sunday morning fellowship. We are targeting one or two Sundays a month, when the weather cooperates. You can stay and enjoy your lunch out on the picnic table or take it and eat on the go if you choose. More details later.

### HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS

#### *Please Pray For:*

- The family of Ron Robison, in his loss
- Dave Flegel at home with hospice care
- Safe travels to his new home in Michigan for Adam Schwake
- Kim Ambrosat's co-worker, Yvette, for health concerns
- Darlene Kibort's step son, Tom, for strength to move forward
- Melanie Swindle & family in the loss of her grandmother
- Grace Muszynski's daughter in law's mother, Nancy Eklund for healing & selling her property in Michigan
- Grace Muszynski's neighbor, Robert Kurecki, for healing
- Donna Bredlau & family in the loss of her mom
- Gerald & Joyce Waller for health concerns
- Barb Brown's friend, Kurt Sklenar, for health concerns
- Carol Sack's sister, Ruth, for health concerns
- Dorothy Scholefield for healing
- Mary Tarter for health concerns
- Helen Recktenwald for healing
- Dorothy Allen for health concerns
- Scott Gehle for healing & Jackie Gehle for strength
- Joe Costello for strength

- Christine Fox's mother for health concerns
- Frank Esparza's sister & brother in law, Ruth & Joe-Joe for health concerns
- Jim Kupka, for healing
- Tasha Swindle's friend, Josh Crosby, for strength while battling leukemia
- People experiencing hard times/ job loss
- Our service men and women and their families
- DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during Jen's battle



## MAY 2009 SESSION NOTES

At its regular meeting May 11, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., the Session of Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church (HHPC):

- Opened with prayer by interim pastor, Warren Wiggins
- Approved minutes of Session Mar 9 & Apr 13 with a few changes
- Received clerk's report:
  - communion 3/1 & 4/5 & 5/3 at all 3 services, communion at 9 weekly, communion 4/9 Maundy with Savior Divine, combined Good Friday 4/10 at Savior Divine with no communion
  - Pulpit supply 4/19 Rev. Emily Rosencrans, 4/26 Rev Andrew Rosencrans, 5/3 Rev Linda Wygant
  - Moved Pat Brady to the inactive roll
  - Transferred Mark & Sara Eldridge Esquivel to First Presbyterian Church, Libertyville
  - Received resignation of Adam Schwake as Ruling Elder 5/11
  - Received resignation of Lisa Radetski as chair of Stewardship – Budget – Finance Committee
- Received Treasurer's Report from Karen Hoffman – April giving continued slightly behind expenses for the year (\$-3,594 to date); approved combining Easter offering with One Great Hour of Sharing to make \$2,298 total given to OGHS; assume break-in 4/12 probably brought a loss of \$5,500-6,000 for all funds.
- Received the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and
  - approved terms of call to recommend to the congregation,
  - set May 31 at 10:30 to hear candidate Derek Morrison during worship and vote in a meeting to follow (secret ballot)
  - moved all worship 5/31 to 10:30 only (no 9am or 5pm worship)
  - if the call is extended to Rev. Derek Morrison, to vote as a congregation to dismiss the PNC with thanks.
  - if called, set 6/17 as Rev. Morrison's first day, first Sun. 6/21, & 6/7 as Pastor Warren's last Sun. & 6/16 as his last day of employment.
- Board of Deacons: updated cluster lists; decided not to offer rides formally, do as individuals; completed Christian



## STAY "REV'D" UP FOR THE SUMMER

The REV worship service will be continuing through the summer months.

Come join us on Sundays at 5 PM in the Sanctuary.

Experience worship in a casual setting, with praise music from our Praise Band and great fellowship. Bring a friend! See ya there!

## BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

**Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009**

**After REV**

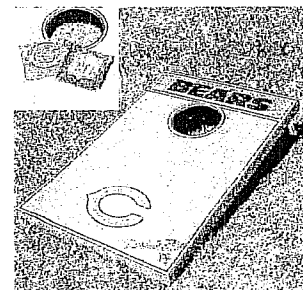
**Church Parking Lot**

Help raise funds to build a church in Honduras!

\$20.00 Entry Donation- Cash prizes!

We are seeking participants as teams of 2 and donations for raffle prizes.

Can you help or know someone who can?  
Contact Debbie Zimmerman (708) 458-1662 or  
Angie Simone (708) 638-1054



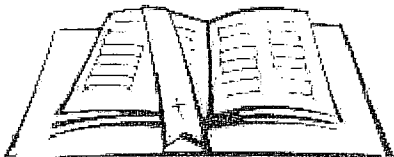
Caregiving study; talking about Stephen Ministry training with Thursday group, set 5/4 to finish mission-vision-goals

- Committee Reports:
  - Stewardship/Finance/Endowment: changed counting process following break-in; approved receiving 1 gift of a safe
  - Nominating – will nominate replacement for Adam on Session
  - Outreach – Alissa Raschke Janchenko new chair; Gordon Home or Terry Brock new session link; met twice; using ideas from First Pres Chicago; adapted “How to Welcome Visitors;” trimmed 10 goals to 4 SMART goals; defer some ideas to Worship & Music; used “ONE” list from last fall to start inviting participation; have each of 10 members on 2 of 4 goal teams; set chart of 4 goals for teams to report monthly on objectives/tasks; plan nametags for officers (Gordon Home donated cost); reviewed guest information cards; Approved their request of c. \$310 for Street Fair 6/28; Approved \$45 for signs at entry doors.
  - Christian Education – cookie sale netted \$470, Recognition Sunday coming 5/17, fall teachers being received, Scot Orsic doing spaghetti packages to replace lost camp money (getting HHPC publicity), Saugatuck up to 17 campers + 2 at mini-camp; no Sunday School during summer but activity packets provided; Rick & Jeni Vogl lead High School Youth in the fall; Junior High potluck with parents 5/21, Arlene Pearson will lead

Women’s Bible Study; Young Adults consistent; set goals; exploring tutoring program for fall; Vacation Bible School 6/15-19; making changes in Kids’ Club for fall; 2 displays of Knitting Squares; 2 new Prayer Shawls delivered; Family Night great

- Fellowship – no meeting
- Fundraising – Yard Sale May 29-30
- Worship & Music – Communion servers 6/7 – Rick Raschke, Terry Brock, Shirley Brunell, Cheryl Huenecke
- Mission – Kentucky trip 7/11-18 has 42/44 signed up, Honduras doing summer fundraising – Perennials, Hot Dogs, Bean Bag
- NLAAC Oversight – will change form to new format from Presbytery of Chicago for all leases
- New Business
  - Annual Statistics – need help for Shirley – Karen Hoffman
  - “Green” focus starting – recycle bins, less trash
  - Bylaws – still in draft form, but being updated
  - Inquire from family of Summer Del Prete on gym rental
- Pastor Warren: noted work to be done on History, Goals, Good-bye

Closed with group prayers and Lord’s Prayer



# Young Adult Dust Devotions starting Friday 5/22



**“May you be covered in the dust of your Rabbi”**

As believers in Christ we are called to walk so closely to Jesus Christ that we should be “Covered in the dust of our Rabbi”. This six week study will be leading us through the life of Christ and events that happened during his time on this earth. We are going to be challenged as well as informed each week.

Come out and join us any Friday that you can. We are also starting to plan summer activities/outings.

We meet every Friday at 6:30 in the library at Hickory Hills Pres. Church.

Any questions please call or ask me at church. We’re looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

Katie Treccani 708-650-6618

**Sacrament of Holy Communion- June 7, 2009**

SUNDAY	USHERS	FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	LAY READER
June 7, 2009	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Pearson, Hill, Vickers	Dave Delaney
June 14, 2009	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman	Sack, Fogg	Rick Vogl
June 21, 2009	F. Esparza, C. Maranto, M. Murray	Wiggins, Prunty	Scott Zimmerman
June 28, 2009	D. Barker, D. Ciamenti, T. Morrell	Maryanne, Lane	Terry Brock
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	NURSERY	GREETERS
June 7, 2009	Susan Frangella	Sarah Adams	Gordon Home
June 14, 2009	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	Beth Kommenich, Linda Rys	Carol Sack
June 21, 2009	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	Beth Kommenich, Linda Rys	C. Sack, R. Raschke, D. Kibort
June 28, 2009	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	Lori Haack, Carri McKinney	Carol Sack

**Communion Servers: Terry Brock, Shirley Brunell, Charley Huenecke, Cheryl Huenecke,  
Katie Treccani, Rick Raschke, Harry Zimmerman**

*Love Prayer & Care  
of Church family*

*It is because of the kindness  
you so freely give,  
that makes the world a  
nicer place to live.*

*Thank You*

*for all your prayers  
and cards. I really  
appreciate it more than  
I can stay sincerely:*

*Nicole M. K. or K. or K. or K.*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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First on the agenda was the Cookie Monster Bake Sale, May 10th. The variety of cookies made your head swim in anticipation of what choices to make. Thanks to Jean, Cheryl and Patt for working behind the tables with weighing the cookies and collecting the profits. Thanks to the Jr. High students who volunteered to fill the containers with the homemade goodies after the worship service. A very special thanks to those people who volunteered to set up and take down all the tables. This money will be added to the Saugatuk Camp Scholarships. Thank you to everyone who baked and especially to those who purchased the delicious cookies.

While we were preparing for the Recognition Sunday, we were amazed at how many graduates we will have this year. Congratulations to all those who succeeded to graduate this year. May God bless your next step in life and give you confidence to keep learning. On Recognition Sunday, May 17, we will not only recognize those students who are graduated but recognize those who have perfect attendance for the entire 2008-2009 Sunday School year. We will recognize those who have been diligent in attending the Youth Choir, too. We thank Stacy Flynn, for the fantastic slide show presentation. It is so nice to have the entire congregation see all the wonderful smiling faces of those who participate in the variety of programs we sponsor throughout the year. I hope you had an opportunity to see and hear the children sing. Children from the community joined the Youth Choir to sing one more time for the 10:30 AM worship service.

May 17th is the official end of Sunday classes. Children who attend worship during the summer should stay with their family in worship. May 18th is the last official meeting of the Kids Club. Both activities are scheduled to resume in September at Rally Day.

Scott Orsic and his family have volunteered to make spaghetti dinner for an extra Camp Scholarship fund raiser. Thanks to Scott and his delicious spaghetti sauce, we now have a little extra money to offer the children who are interested in going to camp this summer. See any of the Orsic family if you want to thank them for this act of pure love.

Thank you to Beth Kommenich and Linda Rys for staffing the nursery for most of this month. If there are any children under the age of 3 years, our committee will be willing to stay with them in the nursery while the parents have a time of quiet and peace in the worship service at 10:30 AM. this summer.

There will be a small change in the leadership roles at the Sr.High Youth Group. Hanna Huenecke and Josh Treccani will become the support staff while Jenni and Rick Vogel will be the leaders. The group enjoyed a roller skating party to say good-bye to Kaela and Kara. They played kickball in the park. They viewed the "Passion of Christ" and held a lively discussion afterwards. They attended the "Feed My Starving Children" with the Jr. High Group and they are scheduled to attend the AWOL weekend. Last meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

The Jr. High Youth Group is also having a change in leadership. Adam Schwake is moving to Michigan. Everyone will miss his energy and talents. The group is currently looking for another leader who can be as dynamic and giving as Adam. The group played shoe golf. There has been a large turn-out of 10-20 students at the meetings. The group had a scavenger hunt which took them to all kinds of locations in and around Hickory Hills.

The Women's Bible Study had it's last meeting for this year on May 4th. They had a luncheon

to say THANK YOU to Pat Brady who has served as the discussion leader for the past 5 years. Arlene Pearson has agreed to be the new discussion leader for the 2009-2010 year.

We are making plans to offer tutoring to school age children. Patt Pilgrim is doing some of the ground work to help make this happen. She will be talking to various sources to find out the best way to get this dream off the ground. Hopefully, there will be a program in place for the 2009-2010 school year. Keep watching for additional information as it becomes available.

Planning is underway for the Vacation Bible School. You may notice changes in the decor as we prepare the hallways and rooms for this event. Volunteers to help decorate are always welcome. Talk to Dianne if you wish to help decorate. Vacation Bible School will travel to Australia this year. We welcome Trisha and company to help us learn new songs and teach us lessons designed for this year. Be prepared for a new adventure the week of June 15-19. All children from ages 4 to grade 6 are welcome. There will be a \$6.00 fee at registration and you will need to donate one big bag of cookies which we use at snacktime during the week. We begin at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Parents are welcome come back at the closing around 8:15 PM. We will be in the sanctuary again singing and praising God for his many blessings. Children who are too old to participate in the actual activities are welcome to contact Dianne about being a guide or helper in the craft rooms. We will need adults to act as guides and help with registration, too. Please contact Dianne if you feel you can help in some way. This is one event that your child will be talking about all year long. Don't miss the fun. Join us for the "Boomerang Express", June 15-19, 2009.

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## KIDS CLUB

KIDS CLUB has ended for another year, but the memories remain as a part of the joy of this school year.

Mark your calendars now - we will be back Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> with a new look and new activities. Join us, invite a friend and make a commitment to share Monday afternoons at KIDS CLUB.

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## Last Minute Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The last-minute spaghetti dinner fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who purchased dinners. We sold 58 dinners netting a profit of \$580.00 that will go directly to our children for Champ Saugatuck scholarships. The following local area businesses also donated, so please frequent these stores as you can.

Jewel (95<sup>th</sup> & Roberts Road) - \$25.00 gift card

Tony's Finer Foods (87<sup>th</sup> and Harlem) -

\$20.00 gift card

Brookhaven Marketpleace (County Line Road & I-55) - \$30.00 in meat products

Labriola Bakery - donated all of the bread

Scot Orsic - Prepared the spaghetti sauce

(6 double batches)



## Junior High Youth Group

What a wonderful mission day we spent at Feed My Starving children!

- We saw a movie about the poverty in countries in the world that this Christian organization services.
- We packed Chicken, Vegetables, Soy and Rice in packets and sealed them and packed them.
- We went into the warehouse and saw the pallet of food ready for delivery to a country like Haiti to feed children for months.
- We tasted the food and thought it was good.
- We prayed for all who would receive the food.

On May 21 we will have our end of the year family pot luck and say good bye to Adam Schwake. Adam is one of our junior high leaders and he is moving to Farmington Michigan. We will miss him so much. Adam is JH coordinator working with Katie and myself to plan the year's activities. He loves working in the gym and has a million games up his sleeve. Adam is loved by all and has a special gift for leading and relating to the Junior High Group. His enthusiasm and creativity will be missed. He worked hard to increase our group attendance and under his direction our junior high group grew to over 20 junior highs attending on Thursday evenings.

We had a great year with three special events, a retreat in Bloomington, Illinois, a Lock in at the church and a mission day. We played many games made many new friends and discussed Christian ways to deal with real life concerns and problems.

We hope in September all junior Highs will return for another great year. There will be new outings, repeat outings, new games and lessons on life. We pray everyone has a save and fun

summer. See you in September.

God bless you,  
Adam, Katie and Patt

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## Junior High Sunday School

This quarter we concentrated reading and talking about the parables Jesus told and the miracles Jesus performed. We read from Matthew, Mark and Luke in the New Testament of our bibles.

The junior highs made a banner to bring stories from the bible to you. On the banner you will find the following as illustrated by the Junior High class:

- Faith of a Mustard Seed by Natalie
- Calming the Sea by Brittany, Sarah and Leslie
- The Good Samaritan by Emily
- Feeding the 5000 by Halimah
- The Lost or Prodigal son by Kyle
- The Lost Coin by Natasha
- Curing the Leper by Ashley
- The Paraplegic by Alyssia
- The Lost sheep by Stephanie and John
- The Blind man by Tristan and Kaylee

Thank you and God bless all my junior high friends. I have so enjoyed my time with you. Have a wonderful summer. See you in September.

Patt Pilgrim

**YOUTH  
TALK**

# Music Page



## Youth Choir News

The end of winter and view of spring leads us to the end of another Youth Choir Season. We have worked hard and learned a lot of music again this year. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group of kids. Busy high school schedules keep some of them from being with us each and every week, but they are still a regular part of our group that brings in special harmonies and variety that we all can learn from.

Springtime gives us a lot of rain, but out of that comes great beauty in green grass, healthy trees, colorful flowers and sometimes a rainbow.

In our lives, we often times have some tough stuff to deal with. Our Faith in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit gives us hope of a new beginning.

The words of our Anthem this month remind us of that hope. They are here for you to read and enjoy.

### The Rainbow of Life

By: Sandy Wilkinson

The rainbow of life will bring sunshine, child of joy, child of joy.

The rainbow of life will bring sunshine, child of joy, child of joy.

Roses bloom, the bluebirds sing; celebrate the gifts of spring.

Praise God for the rainbow of life; Praise God for the rainbow of life.

The rain of the rainbow brings sorrow, child of faith, child of faith.

The rain of the rainbow brings sorrow, child of faith, child of faith.

Grow in faith, grow strong and true; Angel wings will shelter you.

Praise God for the rainbow of life. Praise God for the rainbow of life.

The rainbow of life is before you child of God, child of God.

The rainbow of life is before you, child of God, child of God.

Love and peace be yours, we pray; grow in wisdom day by day.

Praise God for the rainbow of life. Praise God for the rainbow of life.



## *Congratulations To Our Graduates*

*Rachel Brown  
 Adam Fox  
 Jessica Grisko  
 John Kemp  
 Brittany Maranto  
 Emily Raschke  
 Megan Waller  
 Kyle Wheeler  
 Sarah Swearingen  
 Gina Ciametti  
 Bryan Ambrosat  
 Courtney Freiberg  
 Alyssa Gambla  
 Amanda Gulotta  
 David Hall  
 Sam Swearingen  
 Mike Swearingen  
 Christopher Witek*

*Conrady Junior High  
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## *2009 CHURCH SCHOOL PROMOTIONS*

### To 1st/2nd Grade

Hollie Fox  
 Evan Grisko  
 Kevin Lorenz  
 Amani Judeh  
 Kayla Wagner

### To 3rd/4th Grade

Gabriel Meyer  
 Danny Orsic

### To 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Yasmine Fox  
 Joshua Hall  
 Petar Ilic  
 LeAnne  
 Kommenich  
 Stacey Lorenz  
 Riley McKinney  
 Nellie Prunty  
 Ashley Smith  
 Veronica Swindle

### To Junior High

Rebecca Gehle  
 Brian Haack

### To Senior High

Rachel Brown  
 Adam Fox  
 Jessica Grisko  
 John Kemp  
 Brittany Maranto  
 Emily Raschke  
 Megan Waller  
 Kyle Wheeler



It is with pleasure that on this day we give special recognition to the following students. Throughout the year they have made it a priority to be a part of our Sunday morning church school. The consistency and dedication they have shown to this program have helped them grow spiritually as they learned to follow God's way.

We also recognize their parents and give thanks for the assistance they have provided which enabled their child to reach this goal. Children learn from examples. The encouragement and values this group of parents has displayed will help their child set a pattern of life long Christian commitment.

Congratulations to the students receiving this award.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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*PERFECT ATTENDANCE*

*for the*

*2008 - 09 CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR*

*SARAH SWEARINGEN - Junior High*

*ANDREW WITEK - Senior High*

*MIKE SWEARINGEN - Senior High*



*ALMOST PERFECT ATTENDANCE*

*For The*

*2008 -2009 CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR*

*GABRIELLA CIAMETTI - Senior High*

*GINA CIAMETTI - Senior High*

*MATTHEW WITEK - Senior High*

**RECOGNITION SUNDAY**  
**MAY 17, 2009**

**CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS**

*PRESCHOOL*

*KINDERGARTEN*

*Debbie Zimmerman*

*GRADES 1,2*

*Noelle Larsen  
Jeanette Grisko*

*GRADES 3,4*

*Sue Orsic  
Katie Treccani  
Melanie Swindle*

*GRADE 5*

*Linda Lavaretto*

*JUNIOR HIGH*

*Patt Pilgrim  
Cindy Treccani*

*SENIOR HIGH*

*Gordon Home  
Lou Pearson  
Angie Simone*

*ADULT CLASS*

*Tom Lane*

*MUSIC*

*Cheryl Huenecke, Dianne Flynn*

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*SUPERINTENDENTS*

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*Just a Reminder*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday through Friday

June 15 - 19

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Special Guests - Tricia and Company**

**TALK ABOUT ADVENTURE!!!**

Mark your calendars

And tell your kids to invite their friends!!!

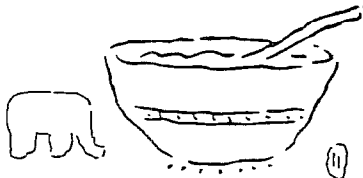
*Vacation Bible School - A Week Not to be Missed!!*

For a week kids from our church and community will join together for "Boomerang Express - It All Comes back to Jesus". Pack your gear, prepare to take a thrilling ride across the land down under. As kids wind their way across Australia, they'll discover the vastness of God's love, and learn that no matter where they go or what they do in life - it all comes back to Jesus. Our five day adventure includes story and discussion time, crafts, recreation, snacks and music.

*This program is open to kids age 4 through grade 6. .*

Cost for this week of fun is \$6.00 and 1 package of cookies for snack time. Call the church office (598-3100) to register.

# Make a "Zoo Treat"



You will need:

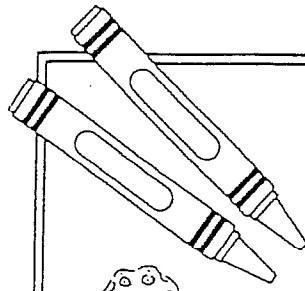
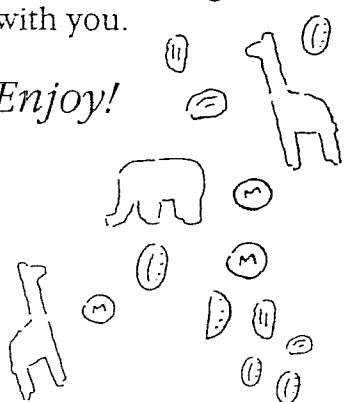
- ⊙ a medium bowl
- ⊙ a mixing spoon
- ⊙ sandwich bags with zip tops
- ⊙ measuring cups

Mix:

- 1/2 C. raisins
- 1/2 C. round candy-coated chocolate candies (M&M's)
- 1 C. peanuts
- 2 C. animal crackers (graham or plain)

Mix all together in a bowl. Put in bags to take with you.

Enjoy!



# Just for KIDS



## Let's Take a Trip!

Imagine that you are visiting a zoo in biblical times. What kind of animals would you find?

Unscramble the letters below to find some biblical animals. Check the verses to check your answers.

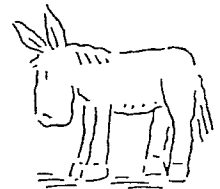


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| _____ whak   | _____ hesep    |
| _____ mra    | _____ iepgno   |
| _____ dveo   | _____ aclett   |



- Deuteronomy 14:3-5
- Deuteronomy 14:15-18
- Genesis 12:16
- Genesis 15:9
- Isaiah 13:22
- Leviticus 11:29-30

- 1 Kings 10:22
- 1 Samuel 17:34
- Genesis 22:3
- Genesis 47:17
- Revelation 13:2
- Exodus 8:3



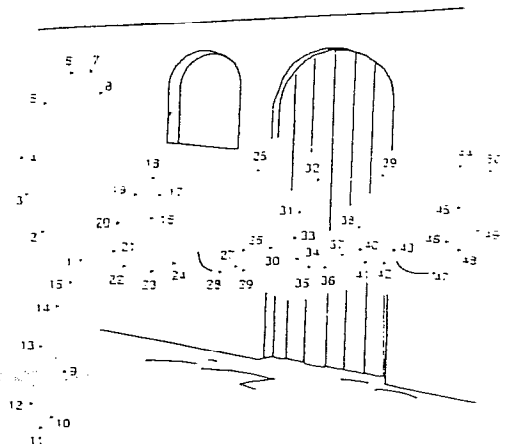
Unscramble the words below. Write the words on the numbered lines.

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| 2. H   | H    |
| 3. EAR | SIP  |
| 4. TH  | EBLS |
| 5. WI  | FO   |
| 6. OGD |      |

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

The disciples were in a room together. The door was locked. Suddenly someone was with them!

### CONNECT THE DOTS



# JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting	3 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 5:00 p.m. TOPS 7:30 p.m. Choir	4 8:00 p.m. Handbells	5 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	6
7 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV	8 7:30 p.m. Session	9 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	10 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 5:00 p.m. TOPS 5:45 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir	11 8:00 p.m. Handbells	12 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	13 8:30 a.m. Building & Grounds
14 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social July Newsletter Articles Due	15 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Outreach	16 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	17 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 5:00 p.m. TOPS Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m.	18 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m.	19 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	20
21 <u>Father's Day</u> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV	22 7:30 p.m. Deacons	23 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care	24 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Care 5:00 p.m. TOPS	25	26 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	27
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# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**June** 1 – Lisa Radetski  
2 – Ed Zabelka  
3 – Ivy Taebel  
3- Mark Gulotta  
4- Trevor Hepburn  
6- Driton Semani  
8 – Barbara Monczynski  
8- Alyssa Gambla  
9 – Kathie Anderson  
11 – Candice Schwake  
11- Katelin Wheeler  
12- Amanda Swindle  
14 – Cheryl Huenecke  
14 – Alvin Swearingen  
15 – Ryan Krueger  
15 – Samuel Shaeffer  
16 – Karen Hoffman  
16 – Joseph Koch  
19 – Bob Nordstrom  
20 – Leonard Van Vossen  
23 – Roger Patterson  
23 – Mary Richer  
23- Megan Zimmerman  
25 – Stephen Matke  
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29 – Hanna Huenecke  
29 - Thomas M. Morrell  
29 – Joe Simone

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