



NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY

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AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL WEST-SIDE BLOCK PARTY

NCC will participate a little differently in the Block Party this year. This year's event will take place in the parking lot of First Christian Church on August 11. We are one of 14 churches that combine to make this a day geared toward families getting children ready to return to school. The focus is free school kits for K-8th grades. There will also be health screenings, games, food, entertainment, and social service agency representatives available. More information will be on the back table. Volunteer signup sheets were out in July for you to sign up to help at the event.

Instead of collecting school supplies for the event we will be collecting supplies for Bloomington Junior High School. Suzie Hutton has informed us of great needs there and we decided to focus our donations to those needs. There is a list and a basket on the back table for you to place your supplies or monetary donations. The youth in our Sunday School classes are participating in the collection of supplies. Here is what we need:

1. For families who want to put together "kits" these are the most-needed items:

24 count colored pencils, 1 black or blue pen, 1 red, green, or purple pen, pencils, lined paper (college or wide ruled), binder (1-1 1/2 inch), dividers for binder (five-pack is fine), 5 pocket folders

2. For families who would like to donate supplies that teachers will hold onto to pass out as needed throughout the year, we need: pencils, pencils, and paper - (high priority), colored pencils

NCC SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH NEWS

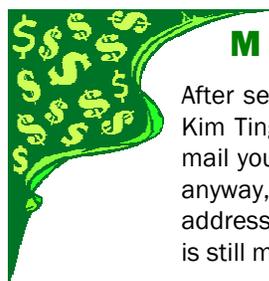
Suzie Hutton is the current director of children's programming. Nikki Brauer will be taking over this role by the end of summer. Thanks, Nikki! Our current teachers include: Early elementary - Matthew and Tory Dahmm; Upper elementary - Peg Kirk, Suzie Hutton, Devon Lovell, and Heidi Bowman

The current staff needs for the NCC Children's Program include:

1. Nursery (generally we look for a college student)
2. Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: We could use at least 2 teachers (this would give all teachers just one Sunday a month)

As we begin this fall, we will look at our numbers of children in the nursery, early elementary and upper elementary to best meet our children's needs. If you are interested in more information, please contact Nikki Brauer or Suzie Hutton.

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MESSAGE FROM NCC TREASURER

After several mail mishaps at the CRC involving bills and checks, our treasurer Kim Tingley would like everyone to know that it is absolutely fine if you want to mail your checks or receipts to her home address. Some people have done this anyway, and others have asked if it would be okay. YES! It would be great! Her address is "106 Nottingham Chase, Normal, IL 61761." Just be sure your check is still made out to NCC!



August Birthdays

- 8 Gavin Sheridan
- 10 Caroline Fox & Julie Sullivan
- 11 Susan Ryder
- 15 Rhys Lovell
- 22 Mark Austill
- 25 Kathy Vitek
- 26 Elizabeth Anvick & William Lovell
- 29 Sandy Bush
- 30 Ellen Miller-MacCannell
- 31 Carys Lovell

If we don't have your birthday, please let Susan Ryder know so that we can include you next year!



PARTNERS IN HEALING

NCC is a delegate congregation to the Advocate BroMenn Medical Center. As part of that delegation, we participate in a project of intentional prayer for specific medical units associated with the Medical Center on a rotating basis with other local congregations.



Each congregation is asked to pray for patients receiving medical care in a specific unit, as well as for the staff who are treating them and/or for their families for a month. NCC will be praying for the patients, families, and staff of the Emergency Department (ED) at Advocate Eureka Hospital. The Eureka ED has 3 rooms, with overflow to a connecting clinic with and additional 3 rooms. There is 24x7 physician coverage, which include Urgent Care Services. Urgent Care and College Health Services for Eureka College Students are also provided in this area.

POETRY CORNER ...

I'd like to say

thank you for reading this far.
I'll do my best to keep you engaged
but I see I'll need to get on with it
soon or you'll stop reading.

I saw this firefly the other night
blinking away, searching
for true love in all its luminous
splendor. Then another

and another. Wait. Were they
hes or shes? Or both? Maybe
gays. What do I know about
fireflies? Do you even care?

The trouble with being a poet
is that the impulse of the moment
lights you up with energy
then peters out into gloom.

Peg Kirk

A lawn revitalization project was begun last fall under the leadership and sponsorship of Pam and Mark Lewis. They and the Ryders have made contributions so that the lawn can be treated professionally. As a result, the condition of the grass is much better this year, spite of the heat and drought. The garden group is hoping that other church members might be interested in contributing a treatment (\$40). This would be an opportunity for those outside of the garden group to help beautify our property.



NEWSLETTER CALL FOR NEWS

Please share reports and announcements, what you are reading and poetry you've written, or let us know of a news story we could mention.

Please email articles to Susan Ryder at normal sue@aol.com by August 20 for the September newsletter.

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