



OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

From Pastor Zina Jacque

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

Madeleine L'Engle's body of work refers often to "the butterfly effect." In her book, [A Stone for a Pillow](#) (1986) she writes,

In a recent article on astrophysics I came across the beautiful and imaginative concept known as 'the butterfly effect.' If a butterfly winging over the fields around Crosswicks should be hurt, the effect would be felt in galaxies thousands of light years away. The interrelationship of all Creation is sensitive in a way we are just beginning to understand. If a butterfly is hurt, we are hurt. If the bell tolls, it tolls for us. We can no longer even think of saying, 'In the name of the Lord will I destroy them.' No wonder Jesus could say that not one sparrow could fall to the ground without the Father's knowledge.

What would happen if we each assented to L'Engle's proposition that all creation is inextricably linked in a web of sensitive mutuality? What would happen if I believed my actions affected you *and* the sparrows that fill the London trees? What if you believed that the grandeur or the French Alps depended on your willingness to buy soda in a glass bottle instead of a plastic container? If one assents to L'Engle's proposition that we are connected to all creation, then it is reasonable to ask, how do we walk in the world aware that our actions, our words and even our very breath affect the health of others and of the earth? How might we take seriously the responsibility to live as if the lives of many others depend on us?

How would it change me if I considered the effect of my actions on the planet, my enemies, those on the other side of the world, my family and myself? Would a disposable Starbucks cup be sitting on my desk? Would I be interested in the Christian Science Monitor story that sits open on a bench, a story about the death of monkeys from a strange disease in a nation about which I know little? Would I be a stranger to public transportation or a less regular rider, alone, in my car? What about you, beloved of God?

If we believe we are linked to all people on the planet *and* the planet, how might we live differently? And what changes could help to get us "there"? No simple answer will do, but one unknown author offered this:

Love is the passionate and abiding desire on the part of two or more people to produce together conditions under which each can be, and spontaneously express, his REAL self; to produce together an intellectual soil and an emotional climate in which each can flourish, far superior to what either could achieve alone. . . . Love, when present among a community of people, is a force for positive change that little, if anything, can halt.

Maybe if we understood the power of love and God's desire that we wear it as both our outer and inner garments, we would be different. Maybe if we grasped the essential meaning of love as unconditional, our own regard for the world in which we live would be different. When we recognize the essential nature of the love of God, neighbor, self, and the planet in and for our lives the butterflies have a chance to lead us to live more lightly, walk more humbly, and knowing that we might be deeply changed. Now, somewhere in the world a butterfly has taken flight. What shall we do?

Practicing Prayer: Creating Community

By: Ashley Prescott Barlow-Thompson



At the beginning of each month for the 2009-2010 school year, Children's Church kids are creating a prayer calendar for themselves and for our church. This calendar begins as a game, each child throws a button onto the calendar and the date that they land on is their Prayer Day. After each child has put their name on the calendar, the real fun begins. They get to choose who to pray for. Buttons are thrown until each date has a name on it. In September, the children prayed for their teachers. This month, they will choose another group of people who are on their hearts.

Afterwards, the children are able to express any prayer requests or concerns they have on their hearts. We write them down next to the calendar so that they can continue to pray throughout the month. Our children pray for the earth, they pray for their families, they pray for people who don't have food or water. In writing out their prayer concerns our children pray for what is deep within them, what they know they need to share, and what is speaking to their hearts.

The Calendar "Button Toss" game is not only fun, it is important. Our children are creating a resource for themselves that will remind them to pray, help them to pray for others and themselves, and allow them to hear the prayer concerns of their community and honor those prayers. They are practicing one of the most essential Christian disciplines in our tradition. Prayer, or conversation with God, allows us to think beyond ourselves about the needs of others, it allows us to be honest about our own needs and desires, and it gives us an opportunity to speak and to listen to God. In other words, prayer creates and strengthens our relationships; prayer creates community.

Growing up, I heard the adults in my life say things like, "Prayer works" and "I have to pray to make it through the day" and I never really understood what they meant. When I was taught to pray, I was taught to ask God for anything I wanted; God became like a heavenly Santa Clause who wrote down my list and would give me the things I asked for if I was nice instead of naughty. Our children in Children's Church are learning that prayer makes a difference in our own lives and the lives of others. They are learning that talking to God is one way to meet the needs of their community. They are allowing themselves to be prayed for and being accountable for praying for others.

This practice reminds me of "Joys and Concerns" in adult worship. Like the "Button Toss" game, sometimes this moment is fun, we share stories of grandchildren and friendship and laughter. But when we go deeper, when we bare our hearts and hold one another up as they do the same, we understand that God is present, moving and acting. We are able to be more authentically ourselves and love our co-Christians who are becoming more authentic alongside of us.

This month, might we pick up our Children's Prayer Calendar and honor their prayer requests for October? Might we consider sharing what is deep within our hearts and asking for prayer? What would happen if we all took prayed for one another outside of Sunday Worship? What would happen if we asked our community to hold us in prayer?

Then we would be creating community through prayer. Then we could really say "Prayer works".

November Newsletter submissions deadline is October 19th.



Members and Friends,

The Stewardship Team thanks all those who have pledged or provided special financial support for 2009. Expenses are under control, but the bills never stop coming in. Because of this, we appreciate any steps you can take to keep your pledge up to date. For those of you who have given without a formal pledge commitment, please continue your generous ways – and seriously consider supporting God’s mission with a pledge next year.

October 1st we will be launching a new pledge drive for 2010. In addition to the need to support many ongoing and new programs and activities, we are also planning a full-time addition to staff to replace Ashley. We are anxious to continue feeding the momentum we have going at Community Church, and we look forward to your continued generous support. Soon you will receive a letter formally announcing the kick-off of our 2010 Pledge Drive.

The Stewardship Team – Tom Benjamin, Zina Jacque, Sandy Schroeder, and Phil Tardrew



On September 16, Community Church hosted its first Community Meal and it was a rousing success. From 5 to 7 pm, we served approximately 110 dinners, mostly in person with a few takeouts to those who were unable to stay or attend in person. Participants included a number of people from the surrounding area, as well as good representation by our congregation. The Community Meal, a monthly event initiated by Lutheran Church of the Atonement, is designed to offer friendship, a free meal and fellowship to anyone in the surrounding community who wants to attend. Mary Hasse who initiated the Community Meal program at Lutheran Church of the Atonement was our special guest. Mary's passion for the program was evident from my first meeting with her to plan our program all the way through her attendance and assistance cleaning up at our Community Meal.

This event also provided an opportunity for over 20 volunteers to participate in a meaningful way with setup, cooking, serving, greeting, and/or cleanup. The volunteers and their contributions included: salads by Joanne Jacobsen, Ryan Overby, Bonnie Stevens and Jenifer Whitaker; noodles by Steve Jahnke; sauce by Stu Overby; meatballs by Jayne Majzan; desserts by Cindy Alton, Marge Boynton, Heather Mclean, and Brenda Overby; serving by Jean Capellos, Lauren Davis, Hannah Hornig, Alissa Lederer, Andrew Majzan, Ellie Menso, Brenda Overby, Ryan Overby, Connor Simmons, Kyleigh Simmons, Meg Simmons, Todd Simmons and Bonnie Stevens; setup and cleanup by Marge Boynton, John Grom, Mary Hasse and her friend Jeff, Kim McLean, Sandy Schroeder, Gary Sheridan, and the Majzan, Overby and the Simmons families; music during dining, courtesy of Sandy Schroeder; and prayers for a successful fellowship by Reverend Zina and Minister Ashley. Panera Bread in Deer Park donated bread for the event.

This was a great opportunity to show the community the friendliness and generosity at the corner of the small church with the big heart at Lincoln and Grove. We all look forward to the next chance to host the Community Meal. Please feel free to attend the October meal at St. Paul UCC on October 21st.

Stu Overby Team Leader, Community Meal



Liz Chase Announces Her Retirement

Liz has informed us that she plans to retire next Valentine's Day—February 14, 2010—which will mark the end of her 18th year as organist and pianist at CCB. When she first started, Glenn Loafmann was our minister, Betty McLean was Director of Music, and I was Chair of Music and Worship. After Betty's retirement, she accompanied the choir under the leadership of Scott Laudick. Since Scott's departure four years ago, she has supported the choir as it has sung in ensemble style.

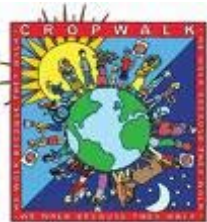
As the current Chair of Music and Worship, I have been in a position to appreciate many of Liz's invaluable skills. For example, I am keenly aware of an attribute of Liz which is rarely found among church organists: her rock-solid reliability. In 18 years, I can't ever remember her taking a sick day. When she plans a vacation day, it is usually with at least four weeks' notice.

Another notable strength has become apparent since we began the ensemble style of singing: Liz has a remarkable sense of tempo. To someone sitting in the congregation, this might seem a small issue. However, without a director, it is all too easy for the pianist (who often can't hear the choir) and the choir (who often can't hear the piano) to get out of sync with one another. Among musicians, this is known as a "train wreck" (for reasons not apparent). Liz's consistency during rehearsals and through to performance has allowed us to avoid any such embarrassment.

Replacing Liz will be a challenge. We would like to find a candidate who comes from a strong religious tradition. But those people are usually connected (along with their families) to another church. We would like to find a candidate with strong credentials, including many years of experience. But those people are usually looking for an assignment at a larger church with more responsibilities and greater compensation.

We are currently in the early stages of forming a search committee, and we will announce the members of that committee as soon as it is finalized. Please don't hesitate to offer comments and suggestions. Finding just the right organist is of vital importance to the future of CCB.

Bill Akerstrom, Chair, Music and Worship Committee



Representatives of area churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations are preparing for the 27th annual Barrington Area **CROP Hunger Walk**, determined to improve upon last year's performance of 442 walkers and more than \$65,000 in receipts.

Twenty-five percent of funds raised in Barrington is kept in the area for the Barrington Giving Day, Barrington Meals With Wheels, Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank, People in Need program of the Barrington Area Ministerial Association, Project HOPE and the FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville.

This is an annual community hunger education and fundraising event sponsored by Church World Service, an international ecumenical relief, development and refugee resettlement agency providing assistance in the U.S. and around the world. The walk takes place Sunday, Oct. 18th. See John Grom for details.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

October 4th	Glenna Gilleland Birthday	October 18th	Lynn Schreiner Birthday
October 10th	Todd Simmons Birthday	October 22nd	Jennifer Bibbings Birthday
October 11th	Katie Hannahs Birthday	October 22nd	Mike & Cindy Jahnke Anniversary
October 12th	Wayne Jacobsen Birthday	October 27th	Alexandra Palomo's Birthday
October 13th	Kevin Eiring Birthday	October 30th	Pastor Zina's Birthday
		October 30th	Jake Davis' Birthday



Prayers and Personals

Beloved, let us stop and pray for the families, and remember the lives of :

- Gene Nyman, who led this church and blessed our lives for over 4 decades.
- Lottie Hembrey, who will be remembered always with grace and love.
- Irene Stevens, who loved our community and gave it much.
- Rick Tourville, whose heart and soul are now at rest.
- Conrad Campe, whose presence and smile always brightened our church.



And let us celebrate with:

- Jenny Vickery whose daughter Hannah Marie was born healthy and is thriving.
- Our own church for the hosting a marvelous September Community Meal.
- Our new Journey to Adulthood students and mentors
 - Hannah Hornig/Glenna Gilleland
 - Kevin Eiring/Ted Newman
 - Jacob Bulandr/Pam Andruss
 - Jason Alton/Jeff Andruss
 - Levi Palomo/Jim Majzan
 - Hailey Bulandr/Brenda Overby
- The teachers and volunteers who have helped us begin a brand new year of Sunday School.

Seasons of the Heart Volume Two

We are beginning the process of putting our church prayer book together and have received writings and photographs from the following people:

Bill Akerstrom, Jean Capellos, Lauren Davis, Hannah Hornig, Sharon Hornig, Zina Jacque, Steve Jahnke, Sandy Mytys, Carl Newman, Ginny Newman, Ted Newman, Elaine Ott, Rev. Robert Reekie, Lillian Riddell, Lucia Beth Robinson, Sandy Schroeder, Bonnie Stevens, Ashley Prescott Barlow Thompson, Jennifer Whitaker., Brenda Overby.

We are concerned that we may have accidentally misplaced or omitted someone's writings and want to make sure all are included. Please let us know as soon as possible if we have omitted your submission.

Jean Capellos & Bonnie Stevens

SOCIAL ADVOCACY

On Sunday September 20th two dozen men and women gathered to learn how we might move into the world as the hands and feet of Christ. Laura Dean Friedrich, Director of Education and Advocacy of the Protestants for the Common Good presented a way to think about advocacy that spanned a continuum of activities. The continuum was depicted by Laura Dean as follows:

Education	Programs/ Direct Service	Legislative Action	Coalition Activities
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In the education phase groups gather, as we did on the 20th, to raise awareness, ask questions and build their individual knowledge base. In the program phase direct service is offered to individuals, groups, or organizations. Legislative action is action that might be taken by an individual to monitor legislation, speak to legislative officials, and represent his or her point of view to an elected official or legislative body. Coalition activities occur when like-minded groups focus on particular issues and work together to solve problems. Ms. Friedrich noted that churches tend not to be coalition bodies because within most churches there are many, and often varied points of view.

Beyond this helpful explanation presenting the various components of social advocacy, the evening's presentation included an opportunity to define and discuss definitions of social advocacy. These definitions helped clarify that anyone can participate in social advocacy somewhere along the continuum and assisted all in attendance to imagine what role each individual may take up in this area and how Community Church specifically might embark on a program of social advocacy.

Focusing on the definition of social advocacy, Ms. Friedrich noted the text from Micah 6:8; that social advocates love mercy, do justice and in all circumstances walk humbly with their God. As it relates to the way a church might begin a program of social advocacy we were encouraged to determine some of the areas where we are already engaged (i.e. issues of hunger and children, issues of education) and move along the continuum, honoring our unique community and the diversity of opinions that may exist. In particular Ms. Friedrich reminded us, as a church, we must always present both sides of an issue so that members might consider multiple options and arrive at their own position.

The evening began and ended with a textual study of Mark 9:17-29. From this scripture we heard that our task as Christians, called to be God's hands at work in the world, is to listen, pray, learn and intervene as God would lead.

Living the Question: A Course on Contemporary Issues for the Progressive Church

Beginning October 25th at Noon

We will share this course with members of St. Paul. Join us for the first joint session on September 25th at St. Paul. The course will cost \$10.00 and run one Sunday per month, after worship for 90 minutes.

October 2009

Monthly Planner

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Barrington Area Ministerial Association (BAMA) is hosting a mega food drive this Fall. We want to raise 50,000 pounds of food. Grocery bags are available in the Narthex for you to fill and return to church. Items such as dry cereals, canned goods, powdered milks and juices, etc. are some of the **non-perishable** items suggested. A more detailed list is attached to the bag for your convenience. The deadline for the food drive is October 11th.

Women Who Breakfast will meet on Wednesday, October 28th. Join us for good food, stimulating conversation, ideas and some giggles! The time is 7:30 a.m.—the place is the Bread Basket in Barrington. See you there!



Wonderful Wednesday is October 7th & 21st. Don't miss the fun!

Potluck is Wednesday, October 14th. Come one, come all for a great meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass and your own dishware and enjoy a terrific evening! Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

