



THE SPENCER CHRISTIAN

Dan's Wonderfulness

August 2010

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of traveling with a group of our young people to Kansas City, Missouri for our youth summer mission trip. We set out on July 20 on what would be an excellent opportunity for mission and ministry, and a growing experience for everyone. The trip consisted of 8 youth and 3 adults. Myself, Michele Mayes, and Chris Otaniyi served as chaperones. Shelby McCord, Ashley & Tyler Lair, Libby Hare, Sean Hollander, Christopher Anderson, and James & Brook Brockhaus were the youth participants.

We were graciously hosted by Lee's Summit Christian Church, who welcomed us with pleasant rooms to sleep in complete with futons, showers, a kitchen, and even snacks. While we were there we enjoyed a cookout and Frisbee golf outing with the youth of LSCC.

Our first mission project was to Mother's Refuge in Independence, MO. Mother's Refuge is a shelter house for girls and women up to age 19 who are pregnant. They can stay in the shelter until their baby is 1 year old. While there, they are assisted with job skills and placement, as well as educational goals. The girls group did some deep cleaning on the inside of the house while the boys cleaned up the yard and their vehicles.

Our second project was to the family shelter of the City Union Mission. This is a shelter that provides temporary housing to families and mothers with children who are homeless. Two days there we painted some of the housing rooms. One group also worked with children for a day in the daycamp.

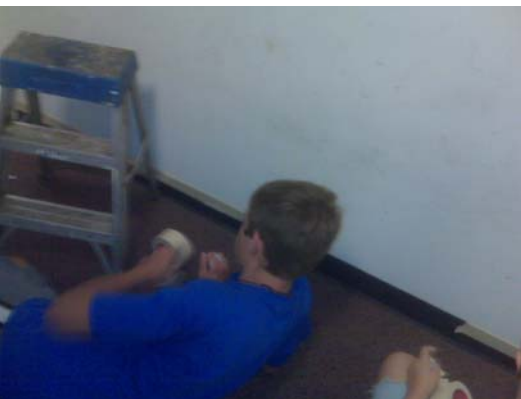
We also had a group do some gardening work in the prayer garden for our host church. All of our work sites and mission partners were very gracious to us and asked us if we would consider returning again.

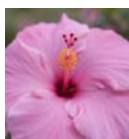
After our work was completed we had some time to play. First we went to a Kansas City T-Bones game. The T-Bones play in the independent Northern League in a brand new stadium next to the Kansas Motor Speedway. The stadium is also home to the Kansas City Wizards, their Major League Soccer team.

Then we spent a day at Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun, where we enjoyed

everything from wave pools to roller coasters, and topped our day off with dinner together at Tomfooleries restaurant.

On our final day, July 25, we worshipped with the congregation of Lee's Summit Christian Church, where we were welcomed with open arms.





LANDSCAPE BEATIFICATION

All the monies needed for the Landscape Beautification Project has been raised. Thanks to all who made this possible.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members!
Sarah & Mike Frederick and their children Lane and Erin joined our church by transfer of membership on Sunday, July 18, 2010.

YOUTH ROOM REMODEL

The Youth Room remodel project is half way there. They just need \$500.00 more.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The sound system loan is all paid off!! There is \$1100.00 remaining in the fund. This money is expected to cover our remaining expenses. Thank you!!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

What looks like purple gum & vegetable oil?? Hmm... what makes for a good prank on one of the sponsors? If you are interested in finding out please ask Dan Mayes. ☺ Sorry Dan, sounds like the kids gotcha!! You can find the answer somewhere in this newsletter.

THANK YOU

Dear First Christian Church,
We are grateful for the time we spent visiting you and your church family. Your vibrancy is wonderful and your sense of mission encouraged us as well. Since our visit, we had our first preview gathering. Seventeen people were present and the worship was wonderful. Celebrating communion for the first time as a community was special. Your prayers, support, and encouragement enable this ministry to make a difference in Rochester, MN. We thank you and pray that God richly bless you!
Sincerely,
Stephen & Rebecca Haney

Dear Pastor Dan

Enclosed is a small memorial from the family of John Knode. We just want your members to know how much we appreciated all the visits to dad by the pastors and members when he was at St. Lukes and unable to attend church. Nearly every time we visited him he would say that someone had brought him communion or visited him after church. That meant a lot to him! Please convey a special greeting to Bob Roti, who came all the way to Estherville for the visitation. Please use the memorial money any way you would like. Perhaps help with camp expenses for some child who cannot afford it. Blessings as you continue your ministry to others!

Kathy Anderson
And other Knode relatives



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August Anniversaries

Jacob & Chelsea	Juza	8
Glen & Marcia	Petersen	12
Don & Doris	Nissen	15
Amber & Andy	Elliott	19
Angie & Casey	Lawson	23
Dan & Connie	Hollander	24
Missy & Matt	Lair	25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August Birthdays

		Day
Connie	Hollander	1
Marcia	Clarke	3
Phyllis	Hurdle	9
Dan	Mayes	10
Rebecca	Sturdevant	11
Lanny	De Young	12
Haley	Folsom	14
Makenzie	Folsom	14
Marv	Harris	18
Roger	Mann	18
Dan	Hollander	20
Pat	Stockwell	20
JoAnn	De Young	22
Amy	McKoy	22
Darlene	Griffiths	23
Pat	Vanderheiden	24
Diamond*	Hollander	25
Kim	Gaston	29
Kris	Windy	29
Dawson	Rigby	30
Isaiah	Gray	31



First Christian Church...

...A community journeying together in faith, seeking God's will and being transformed into committed Disciples of Jesus Christ.

As a community journeying together in faith, we covenant to:
 gather around Christ's table,
 listen to the Holy Spirit,
 seek God in prayer,
 compassionately and lovingly serve others,
 live out and share the gospel,
 turn our lives and our church over to the lordship of Christ Jesus.

2010 SCHOOL FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

Saturday, August 28th –West Des Moines Christian Church.

KIDS FIRST

Kids First is a ministry of First Christian Church dedicated to helping meet the needs of infants and children in Spencer and the surrounding communities. Through FCC local outreach fund, donations, and help from local businesses, Kids 1st offers baby needs (diapers, wipes, diaper creams, baby wash/lotion, etc) for a reduced cost to families once a month. Everyone qualifies (Limit per family) to purchase diapers, wipes and other supplies. Prices are subject to change. The next date is **August 14** from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Proceeds and donations will go to replenish the baby items for the next month.

Prayers and Concerns

Prayers: Doris Camp, Bonita Speight, Denise Salton, Niles Swancutt, John Gran, Barbara Brownmiller, Harland Brownmiller, Beryl Moser, Ken Hicks, Jerry Groenewold, Linda Moore, Ron Klinsky, Andy Kimbell, Tyson Zellaha, Roger Rigby, Adam Norgaard, Brian Randolph, Open Source(New Church Start in Rochester, MN)

Celebrations: Upper Midwest Region is debt free, Jim & Harriet Johannson's grandson was married.

August Lectionary Readings

Week of				
August 8	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
August 15	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 22	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 29	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sept 5	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33

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When you or a family member is hospitalized, please let the church office know at 262-2945, so we can have the opportunity to minister to you. The hospital is not allowed to tell us of patient admissions.

Office Hours: Financial and Membership Secretary Mary Schomaker will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-12 and 1-5, However, those times may be somewhat flexible, so call first if you need to see her. Custodian's Hours Dana Galm's day off is Saturday. If you need him to do something, please call ahead of time. His hours are flexible, but if he is not at the church, you may leave a message for him with someone else or on the answering machine.



Newsletter Deadline will be the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month with the exception of some months due to the holidays. **Sept deadline is Aug 24.** Send Article information to news@spencerdisciples.org.

Contact information: Please tell the church office about any e-mail changes, additions and/or deletions. By having your current e-mail address, it will save the church money by reducing paper, printing and postage costs. Plus the addresses will only be used for church purposes. Thanks!

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August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Every Sunday 9:30 Worship	2	3	4 7 pm Prayer and Bible Study	5	6	7 5:30 pm Worship
8 Comm to Shut-ins	9	10	11 7 pm Ministry 7:30 Board 6-8 PM Angel Food	12	13	14 8 am CMF meet 5:30 pm Worship 5-7 pm Kids First 5-7 pm Angel Food
15 4:45 pm Long- house/Northshire Service JYF	16	17	18 7 pm Prayer and Bible Study	19 DW Groups	20	21 8-9 am Angel Food Distribution 5:30 pm Worship
22	23	24	25 7 pm Elders	26 DW Calling Day	27	28 5:30 pm Worship
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