

PENTECOST: THE SEASON OF “ORDINARY LIVING”

Our days are starting to feel like Summer—we’ve already had a couple of “hot ones”—and soon it will be Summer officially. “Officially” in this case means according to the laws of nature, the astronomical position of the Sun and Earth, the Summer solstice in late June till the Autumn Equinox in late September. We’ll see whether it will be a long, hot summer.

But even more surely we live in an eternally longer and wonderfully less predictable season, if we want to: the season of God’s Son, the season of living by the energy of the power of God’s love, the season when the Holy Spirit blows not only refreshing, but healing, actually restoring to us our souls, our very selves, so that we might experience life in its overflowing fullness just as God has always intended.

Christians humorously call this miraculous season of salvation “ordinary time.” Wondrous, beyond our most optimistic human hope or dream or plan, this season of living by God’s design, Jesus’ demonstration, and our own participation becomes in God’s hands just “ordinary.” Love one another. Let your love be authentic. Laugh with those who laugh; weep with those who weep. Show your hope and gentleness to everyone! Heal the sick and raise the dead! Share the friendship of Jesus in Jesus’ way. “Love one another in the very same way you have always seen me love you,” Jesus commissioned us. “Overcome evil with good.”

By God’s great act of love that heavenly way, the way of God’s idealism, CAN become our way, just our ordinary, habitual, regular way of living in communion with God in Christ and with each other right down here on earth—today and tomorrow and forever! Ordinary! Just one of God’s ordinary miracles, which God performs through the energy of Love, which, as Dante Aligheri said, “moves the sun and all the other stars.” May it move us, too! Thanks be to God!

----Pastor Bill

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

To start the **Prayer Chain** for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 462-0677 ext. 2835 or Marj Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005.

ESPC Web Site

<http://espcalton.tripod.com>

<http://espc.weebly.com>

LITURGISTS

June

- 16- **Father's Day** – Michael Stolze
- 23 – Chance Shewmake
- 30 – Marj Bryant

Liturgists are needed to fill in the open dates. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary.

USHERS

Please volunteer to usher. It takes more than one, the same ones are doing it over and over, let's everyone take a turn if you are able. A Sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary.

COMMUNION SERVERS

July 7

Tom Wyatt, Chr., Chance Shewmake, John Kennedy, Pam Stolze (Set-up & Serve)

August 4

Kathy Steinmann, Chr., Marj Bryant, Richard Hetge, Ann McLaughlin (Set-up & Serve)

ATTENDANCE

3/24-11 (snow), 3/31-71, 4/7-31, 4/14-32
4/21-40, 4/28-26, 5/5-30, 5/12-36, 5/19-34,
5/26-27, 6/2-57, 6/9-23

THANK YOU'S

Thanks for remembering me on Administrative Professionals Day in April. I enjoyed my St. Louis Bread Company and Appleby's gift cards.
Thanks so much. *Marj Bryant*

THANK YOU

WE HAVE JUST WRAPPED UP A COUPLE OF E.S.P.C. ANNUAL EVENTS. THEY ARE THE SPAGHETTI DINNER AND THE BUCKET BRIGADE. I WILL START OFF WITH THE SPAGHETTI DINNER, SINCE IT CAME FIRST. AGAIN, IT COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE EXTRA EFFORT PUT FORTH BY ALL WHOM WERE INVOLVED. TAKE A GOOD RECIPE, GOOD HARD WORKING COOKS, WORKS, GREAT DESSERTS, THOSE THAT SOLD TICKETS AND ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT BROUGHT TICKETS AND ATTENDED. YES, IT TAKES IT ALL, FROM THE PLANNING, THE TICKET SELLS, THE SET UP, THE NIGHT OF AND THE CLEAN UP AND TAKE DOWN. I WOULD LIKE TO NAME ALL THAT TOOK PART, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THEM, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE GETTING SMALLER IN NUMBERS, MAYBE ONE DAY. ALSO, A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH MEMBER THAT HELPED US TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, BECAUSE WE TRULY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WORKS TO DO IT WITH OUT THEIR HELP. IT WAS NICE TO SEE PASTOR BILL WORKING THE PATRONS, HE WOULD GO FROM TABLE TO TABLE AND INTRODUCE HIMSELF. AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO PASTOR BILL'S WIFE KAREN, WHO HELPED SERVE UP THE SPAGHETTI, FROM START TO FINISH, TAKING TIME OUT ONLY TO EAT. THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU FOR TAKING PART. WE HAD MAYBE OUR BEST YEAR YET, WE SERVED RIGHT AT 270 AND MADE 1600 SOMETHING. THIS IS THE LARGEST FUNDRAISER THAT THE DEACONS' HAVE. SO, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE DEACONS' MY HEART FELT THANKS TO ALL, FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE. I'VE SAID THIS PROBABLY A 100 TIME AND I'LL KEEP REPEATING IT, AS LONG AS IT IS SO, AS A CHURCH WE ARE SMALL IN SIZE, BUT BIG IN HEART AND WHEN IT COMES TO A COMMON CAUSE WE PUT A SIDE OUR DIFFERENCES AND PULL TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON

GOOD OF THE CAUSE. YES, SMALL, BUT MIGHTY! THANKS SO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SECONDLY, WE JUST FINISHED THE BUCKET BRIGADE FOR 2013. IT WAS A REWARDING DAY, AS ALWAYS. HOWEVER, WITH SADNESS THIS YEAR. THE HUSBAND (MARK) PASSED AWAY ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE WE PAINTED HIS HOME. IN MY 25 YEARS OF PAINTING WITH THE BUCKET BRIGADE, THIS WAS A FIRST. IT HAS BEEN SAD SOMETIMES, BECAUSE MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE ALONE AND WE ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT SHOW THEM ANY ATTENTION, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE SOME FAMILY. THE PAINTING WENT WELL AND FAST. IT WENT FAST, BECAUSE DAN AND JULIE FRAZIER (THE COUPLE WE PAINTED WITH) HAD A PAINT SPRAYER. THE REST OF US TOOK CARE OF THE THINGS THAT NEEDED REPAIR OR HAND PAINTING. WE WORKED TOGETHER AS A FINE OILED MACHINE AND TURNED OUT A NICE FINISHED PRODUCT FOR CAROL (MARK'S WIFE). SHE WAS VERY PLEASED AND THANKFUL FOR WHAT WE HAD DONE FOR HER. SAD TO SAY, THAT THE HOUSE HAS A BAD ROOF ON IT, THAT IS LEAKING INTO THE KITCHEN. SHE HAS NO MONEY TO REPLACE IT AND IN FACT, SHE MAY LOSE THE HOUSE NOW, BECAUSE SHE JUST DOESN'T HAVE THE INCOME. JULIE AND I ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO TRY TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND A WAY TO HELP HER OUT WITH THE ROOF. I MAY HAVE SOMEONE WILLING TO DO THE WORK. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON COMING UP WITH THE MATERIALS. SO, BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS LETTER, HOPEFULLY WE HAVE FOUND A WAY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, IF NOT, KEEP IT IN YOUR PRAYERS. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY THANKS TO THOSE THAT HELPED THIS YEAR FROM E.S.P.C.. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: JEAN BRYANT, KATHY STEINMANN AND LYNDAL COLBURN. BESIDES, DAN AND JULIE FRAZIER, THERE WERE THREE OTHERS THAT HELPED, GLENNDA

(KATHY'S SUPERVISOR) GLENNDA'S MOTHER AND ANOTHER LADY THAT KATHY KNEW (SORRY I DON'T REMEMBER THE CONNECTION). AS ALWAYS A HUGE THANKS YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT MADE IT HAPPEN.

JOHN KENNEDY

To the Elm Street Presbyterian Church Family, Bill and I are so grateful for the many well-wishes, thoughtful cards and notes, and beautiful flowers all sent in memory of my mom. We deeply appreciate your thoughts, prayers and support during this time. *Karen Veith*

Congratulations

To our 2013 graduates from High School:
 Hannah Auston, Jenny Huber,
 Jamie McLaughlin and Jessica Schultz.
 They were acknowledged at the worship service on Sunday June 2, 2013 and honored with a special coffee hour afterwards. They are all planning on attending college.

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

- 1.....Kirk Phelps
- 7.....Nellie Smithee
- 8.....Hannah Auston
 Lyndal Colburn
- 11.....Grace Williams
- 12.....Jordan Bryant
- 21.....Terry Shewmake
- 22.....Sue Bryant
- 23.....Lois Mitchell
- 27.....Tom Wyatt
- 29.....Richard Sisk

JULY

- 1.....Patrick Thatcher
 Bobbi Wray
- 13.....Terri Darr
- 19.....Belinda Gunning
- 21.....Steve Springgate
- 22.....Chance Shewmake
- 24.....Janice Gremaud
- 28.....Cathy Bryant
- 30.....Ann McLaughlin

AUGUST

- 3.....Zachary Bryant
Sandy Krug
 - 6.....Sara Keene
 - 7.....Timothy Shewmake
Rev. Ken DeWall
 - 9.....Maggie Paddock
 - 10.....Mike Wyatt
 - 11.....Mary Cordes
 - 14.....Carol Jo Domescik
 - 15.....Mark Springgate
 - 16.....Willanette Ball
 - 28.....Kayla Wray
 - 30.....Sarah Wyatt Kirkpatrick
- If I have missed your birthday, I'm truly sorry. I hope it was a good one. Please, let me know when it was.
Marj Bryant

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons will not be meeting during the summer. They are still **collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads.**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The committee is planning a **SPRING CLEANING DAY** in the C. E. Building on **Saturday, June 22, 2013 at 9:00 am.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A Sunday school class for the preschoolers is being held during the Worship Service. A Bible Study is being held on Wednesdays at 700 pm. They are studying the last chapters of Isaiah. Everyone is invited.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Per Capita for 2013 is **\$28.25**
Per church member.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The ivy was removed from the west side of the C. E. Building. The committee has many other projects going.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee met made plans for Father's Day and chose a gift for the graduates.

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session has met several times since the last Elm Leaf. The Session approved the following:

1. The minutes of all Session meetings.
2. All treasurer's and committee reports.
3. Cheryl Trusty's nomination for the Mildred Hagedorn Award and Jenny Wyatt for the Celebration of Aging Award.
4. To change the name of the Housing CD to the Liberty Bank CD.
5. Hiring Rev. William Veith as Temporary Pulpit Supply from April 1 thru December 31, 2013.
6. The baptism of Charlie Warren Manker, son of Amy and Justin Manker, grandson of Kathy Steinmann on April 21, 2013.
7. Use of the CE Building Fellowship Hall and church basement for baby showers.
8. Audit committee of Lyndal Colburn and Audrey Stewart.
9. Move the Youth Group money from the Altonized Federal Credit Union to the church checking account for C.E. Committee use.
10. For Rev. George Humbert to preside at the wedding of Emily Paddock and to ask Rev. Veith to assist.
11. To not having a meeting in June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ENCOUNTER SCHEDULE 2013

- June 23 – 6:30 pm.
St. Matthew's UMC – Belleville
- June 30 – 6:00 pm.
Bethalto Church of God
- July 7 – 6:00 pm
St. John's UMC – Edwardsville
- July 14 – 6:00 pm
Vaughn Hill Church of Christ
- July 21 – 6:00 pm
St. Ambrose Catholic Church
- July 27-August 4 – Encounter Tour
Wisconsin/Chicago
- August 11 – Final Performances Main Street
UMC 4:30 & 7:00 pm

A Tea for Ched and Mika and Baby makes three. Janet Riley wishes to invite you to a baby shower for her son Ched Ian and daughter-in-law Mika Reanna Lersch who are expecting baby girl, Heidi Elizabeth in August. It will be held at ESPC in the church basement Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 2:00-4:00 pm. They are registered at Target and Kohls. RSVP –Janet Riley 618-610-7946.

Vacation Bible School – Sunday, June 23 thru Thursday June 27 with a potluck on Friday the 28th. The Theme is “Everywhere Fun Fair For All” “Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself” Luke 10:27. On Sunday we share our love with Japan and the color of the day will be orange, Monday the country will be Zimbabwe and the color red, Tuesday the country will be The United Kingdom and the color blue, Wednesday the country is Australia and the color purple and Thursday the country is Mexico and the color green. It will be held at the Nature Institute. ESPC will again be in charge of Registration and Attendance and on the first few nights we need at least three to do this. See Marj Bryant if you can help in any way. We also need toilet paper and paper towel rolls. We are to furnish graham crackers for approximately 60 on Monday and on Wednesday cups of ice cream and Mandarin oranges for 60. A registration form is included with this Elm Leaf to pre-register. Ages 3 -11.

OVER 55 MINISTRY –

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, August 28th - a 2½ hour boat trip out of Grafton with lunch at Pere Marquette Lodge.

Wednesday, October 16th - The Sheldon to hear Miss Jubilee and The Humdingers.

Friday, December 20th – St. Louis Symphony for their Christmas Concert.

Spring Cleaning in the CE Building on Saturday June 22, 2013 at 9:00 am

OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECT
Please help the Outreach Committee in an effort to support First Fruits Mission (Jerseyville). During the month of July we will be collecting the following items:

- Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- Laundry detergent (high efficiency)
- Trash Bags (13 and 55 gallon size)
- Cereal
- Sugar, Self-rising flour, Oil
- Breakfast meats
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Coffee
- Salt/Pepper
- Ketchup/Mustard
- Pancake mix, Syrup
- Jelly
- Household cleaners
- Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.)

Bulletin Bloopers

Join us in the Prayer of Congression.

Low Self-Esteem Group will meet at 7p.m. Please use the rear entrance.

It is good to give our banks and praise.

We are always happy to have you sue our facility.

Mark your calendars not to attend the church retreat.

Let your light scatter the darkness and illusion your church.



VBS Registration Form

The Nature Institute

2121 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL
June 23-28; 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Ages 3 – 11 yrs.

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts (if parents cannot be reached)

Name/Relationship _____ Phone _____

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Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Other Information

Does your child have a friend they would like to be in their group, if possible?

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June 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Worship - 10:00am	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion - Honor the Graduates- Coffee Hour	8:00 pm AA/Anon		7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 pm VBS mtg.		
9	10	11	12 9am Over 55 trip 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	13	14	15
Worship 10:00 am	8:00 pm AA/Anon					Presbytery mtg.
16	17 6:30 pm Outreach	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 10:00 am Honor the Fathers	Committee meets 8:00 pm AA/Anon		7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 pm VBS mtg.		2-4 pm Baby Shower
23	24	25	26 5:30-8 pm VBS	27	28	29
Worship 10:00 am 5:30-8 pm VBS	8:00 pm AA/Anon 5:30-8 pm VBS	5:30-8 pm VBS	7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	5:30-8 pm VBS	5:30 pm VBS potluck	
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Worship 10:00 am						

July 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:00 pm AA/Anon	2	3 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	4	5	6
7	8 8:00 pm AA/Anon	9	10 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	11	12	13
14	15 6:30 pm Outreach comm. Meets 8:00 pm AA/Anon	16	17 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	18	19	20
21	22 8:00 pm AA/Anon	23 7 pm Session meets	24 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	25	26	27 Shewmakes CE Bldg LL pm
28	29 8:00 pm AA/Anon	30	31 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts			

Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns –June & July 2013

“Members”

Esther & Bill Bott
Nellie Smithee
Lois Mitchell
Brent Phelps
Elaine & Buck Hamer
Ron & Jo Lee
Dorothy Waggoner
June Justice
Richard Hetge

“In The Nursing Home”

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Willanette Ball.....Eunice Smith Nsg. Home
Jeannette Greene.....Warrenton

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Carol Jo & Don Domescik.....Carole Springgate
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty’s Family
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance’s daughter

Mary Brown	Bill Oertle	Bill McClintock
Dave Cordes	Chuck Gable	Gary Ralston
Mary Brinkley	Andy Torrez	Terry Barton
Carol Bryant	Heather Baker	Les Harrawood
Marcie Fagilia	Megan Lawrence	Melanie Welch
Trish & Jerry Stolze	Jack Pinkstaff	Phil Stewart
Dale Bailey	Janet Vandegriff	Kay Spees
Vicky & Bernard Dechman.....		Ann McLaughlin’s co-worker

All who need prayers not mentioned but are in our hearts.

For ESPC: Courage, Unfailing Strength, Wisdom, Patience and Reinforced Faith

*If you know of anyone that can be taken off of the prayer list,
please call the church office and let us know.*