



**Illowa Lutheran
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of the
Quad Cities Area**

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM ILLOWA, JUNE 2007

From the Director

The Director is absent! Not really, but Pastor Kurt Nordby is out of the office on a sabbatical until the 15th of September. During this time, he is researching stewardship programs and congregations that are working effectively within the ELCA. The word “sabbatical” according to the dictionary means “a leave for rest, travel, or research” and “a break or change from normal routine.” Kurt hopes to enjoy all of those things during this period.

While all of us might enjoy a sabbatical at this time of the year, perhaps we can each incorporate a “mini-sabbatical” into our routine—a slight change in our daily patterns to find a way to rest, rejuvenate, and invigorate ourselves. Responsibilities continue, but with a little change in routine, perhaps we can feel prepared to take them on with fresh zeal.

The pace may be a bit quieter here at the Illowa office, but that does not mean we have stopped planning and preparing events throughout the summer. Many of you may have already received a brochure which announces our *Teaching the Bible* workshop which will take place at Augustana College on Saturday, the 25th of August from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The focus is primarily on teachers for Sunday School and Confirmation classes, but anyone with an interest in Bible study and teaching is welcome to attend. A copy of the brochure is also on our Web site to make it easy for you to register for this event: illowa.home.mchsi.com

Rostered leaders should also be looking for forthcoming information about our fourth series of continuing education events beginning this fall. This year the monthly gatherings will take place on the **second** Thursday of the month and will feature presenters such as Dr. Esther Menn, Dr. Ken Jones, President Steven Bahls, Pastor Mike Stadie, and Pastor Charles Lane among others, each with a unique topic of interest. The complete listing will appear in your mailbox and on the Web site shortly.

May you have a summer filled with joy and an opportunity to re-create in mind, body, and spirit!

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Notices

Blessed Beginnings Preschool, a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline, has openings for their fall semester. Please contact Tina Hayz, director, for further information (309) 764-7220 or www.trinitylutheranmoline.org

First Lutheran Church, 1600 20th Street, Rock Island, is sponsoring a church basement sale on Friday and Saturday, the 13th and 14th of July, beginning at 8 a.m. both days. Included in the offerings are baby item and children's clothing, housewares and appliances, tools, toys and games, dishes and glassware, linens and many other miscellaneous items. Profits will aid the project to make the Parish House handicap accessible.

Calendar of Events

JULY

- 3 NO Professional Leaders Luncheon this month. See you in August!
- 13-14 Church basement sale, First, Rock Island

AUGUST

- 6 – 11 Tenth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL
Further information is on the Web site for the ELCA: www.elca.org
- 7 12 noon, monthly Illowa Professional Leaders luncheon at the College Center Board Room, Augustana College. Special guest speaker this month is Chaplain Michael Elmore of the Clarissa Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf.
- 25 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Teaching the Bible*, a special workshop for teachers and students of the Bible, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL. Featured are members of Augustana's Religion Department and others with expertise in teaching and inspiring learners to more deeply understand and appreciate the Bible. Also included are introductions for *Akaloo* and *Here We Stand*, materials for Sunday School and Confirmation classes presented by Augsburg Fortress Press. Please register with LaVonne at (309) 794-4000. See printable brochure on our Web site: illowa.home.mchsi.com

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Illowa Professional Leaders luncheon at the Augustana College Center Board Room beginning at 12 noon. Special speaker for this event is Pastor Jane McChesney of the Calvary Lutheran Church in New Windsor, IL and interim pastor for the Edwards River Ministry.
- 13 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Illowa Lutheran Coalition Continuing Education Forum begins its 4th series of learning opportunities with Dr. Esther Menn, Professor of Old Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Her topic is *David in the Christian Imagination: War, Worship, and God's Promises*. Special host for this event is Rev. Phil Hougen, Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod.

Please remember our Partner Ministries in prayer

Sunday, July 1	Faith, Moline	Pastor Mark Gehrke
Sunday, July 8	St. Mark, Davenport	Pastor Paul Tweeten
Sunday, July 15	First, Moline	Pastor Dan Witkowski
Sunday, July 22	St. Matthew, Davenport	Pastor Todd Hunter
Sunday, July 29	Salem, Moline	Pastor Tim Willers
Sunday, August 5	St. Paul, Davenport	Pastors Peter Marty, Ron Huber, Lorin Darst, Lowell Michelson, & Elisabeth Lerohl
Sunday, August 12	Trinity, Moline	Pastors Larry Conway & Laura Koppenhoefer
Sunday, August 19	Zion, Davenport	Pastor Del Preston
Sunday, August 26	Calvary, New Windsor	Pastor Jane McChesney
Sunday, September 2	Hope, Dixon	Pastor Shelley Nelson
Sunday, September 9	Grace, Ophiem	Pastor Jane McChesney & Dr. Robert Haak, Interims
Sunday, September 16	Gloria Dei, Durant	Pastor Rodney Underwood, Interim
Sunday, September 23	St. Paul, Orion	Pastor Michael Lawyer
Sunday, September 30	Faith, Eldridge	Pastors Dan Mixdorf & Jodi Hinrichs