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# The Waltham Courier

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A Family Journal

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## *From the Pastor's Desk ...*

Well, we've made it through the summer and here we go again! It's amazing how fast the summer sped by. Before the Backus family knew it, Grace and I were waiting for the school bus while Ann watched on the front porch. Then, Jane Wilson drove up, and we greeted one another. She explained that school didn't start until the next day! Sure enough we checked the ol' calendar, and we were a day early! It was a little disappointing to Grace, but we lived through the entire experience and were *really ready* on Thursday morning!

The more I think about it, we all believe that we know what day and time it is. We figure we understand and know what the coming day, week, month and sometimes even year might bring. We have the notion that we control our personal plans and our own lives. But do we really know what time it is? Many changes happened in our community over the summer months. Some were imperceptible. Some were addressed loudly and were of little ultimate importance. Others passed without notice. Only time will tell which were the big changes and which were the small ones. And whether we admit it or not, time passes. and it brings changes and new responsibilities.

In conversations with the Session, your elected elders and representatives, we've discussed very honestly the present time and the immediate future of the Waltham Church. Now we don't have all the answers--nor do we even have all the

right questions yet--but we do know two areas of clear need. They are Stewardship and Evangelism.

Blackhawk Presbytery is closing three churches in the months of August and September, there are several other churches whose life expectancy is quickly reaching a critical point of no return. The closing churches held on as long as they could, but there was a breakdown in their vision for ministry and commitment to it. It only takes one generation to leave a church without trained, committed leaders for the next period in the church's life.

We all know the truth. Our present senior generation has carried the ball in giving at the Waltham Church. They've done so, because they believe in what the Lord is doing through this fellowship. But we, the younger generations, need to be faithful in what God wants us to give. This is how we can best honor the legacy of those who have led us in faith.

It is essential in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ that we are honest to him and one another. All of us need to take a little time to pray and reflect on what the Lord is doing through us, and what we need to be doing for Him. Jesus called this Stewardship. It reflects on how our hearts and minds regard the blessings and opportunities that the Lord gives us daily.

What time is it in the life of Waltham Church? It's never too early to look, pray and act on the leadership of the Lord for the next period of ministry in His church. It's our corporate job.

The Lord bless you all,  
Pastor Roy C. Backus

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women invite all women to join us as we begin meeting this fall. **We will meet in fellowship hall Thursday,**



**Sept. 22nd at 9 a.m.** Our hostesses will be Janet Small and Linda Chalus. Lois Edgcomb will lead our first lesson from our Bible Study this year, "For Everything A Season, A Study of the Liturgical Calendar." We will continue this study on Oct. 27th and Nov. 17th at 9 a.m.

The Fall Gathering for the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 24th at Shannon Prairie Dell. Registration is at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for any or all of these dates.

Thanks to all who participated in bringing school supplies for those children in need in LaSalle County schools. We pray all students will have a successful year!!

## ATTENTION

There has been a child's size 12 winter jacket hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex for many weeks!!

Could it be yours???

## THANK YOU'S

We thank all who have shared food with our church family these past weeks - *Please check the kitchen counter - there are many serving dishes and baking pans for you to pick up!!*

I want to Thank You for the opportunity to again attend Stronghold. It was an awesome time to be with friends, many new. We shared a lot of adventures and learning.

John Walsh

Thanks to Waltham Presbyterian Church

This year's Treasure of Life Camp had 16 campers ranging in age from 8-14 years. They came from eight different communities.

The Joliet Community Hospice provided two (2) grief counselors who were in charge of the group therapy sessions each morning. During the week they met with each camper for a one-on-one session.

The Stronghold counselors planned and supervised the physical activities during the day and evening. Each morning group had an art project to work on that reinforced the group activity.

At the beginning of the week's sessions there is a lot of sadness and tears as the children share their losses and feelings. This turns to happier feelings as they progress through the week.

Camp Fire is thankful for the support that you give to the Treasure of Life Camp. It is very much appreciated and you can be certain that the boys and girls appreciate the opportunity to be at Stronghold.

Thanks so much for your loyal support.

Esther Funk, Exec. Director

**YOU'RE INVITED**

Open House to celebrate Ava Anderson's  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at  
Stonecroft Village in Mendota.

The adult choir members have truly enjoyed  
singing this past year and we hope tat we have  
helped in supporting a spiritual meaning to our  
Sunday services.  
Anyone who would like to participate in this joy is  
invite to sing with us this coming church year.  
Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 -  
8:00 pm and, for those who cannot come on  
Wednesdays, we meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00  
am.

Alan Peters, Director

For the past 16 months, we have been making  
repairs to our house, buildings, flowers,  
landscaping, fences, and almost everything on the  
farm.  
We would like to take this opportunity to extend an  
invitation to all of our fellow members and friends  
at the Waltham Presbyterian Church who have  
supported us with your labor, donations, and  
prayers to help us rebuild.  
Please join us Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> as we  
celebrate with casual open (farm) house on the  
farm.

Location      Ron & Linda Chalus'  
Date            Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
Time            3:00 - 7:00 pm  
Food & beverage served from 4:30 pm on  
Lots of parking - drive in off U.S.6 and  
bring a lawn chair!

**LABOR OF LOVE**

**September 10, 2005**

This year we have a house in LaSalle that  
needs some plumbing repair and painting. A  
single lady occupies the home, located at 112  
Second Street.  
Please join us Saturday morning in the church  
parking lot at 7:30. There will be donuts, juice  
and coffee while we sign our waivers and  
Reverend Backus starts us off with prayer.

**RALLY SUNDAY**

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. There  
will be a potluck after the 10:00 am Worship  
service.  
The committee are \*Bob & Rita Van Drimmelen,  
Tony & Phyllis Mertes, Steve & Chris Finley, Tim  
& Mikki Mertes, Ross & Ellen Wilson, Dave &  
Mary Small, and Rick & Debbie Hayne. Please  
contact your \*chair-couple for more information.

**Land of Oz Corn Maze**

Visit the Land of Oz Corn Maze weekends -  
Friday 5:00 pm until dusk; Saturday & Sunday  
12:00 pm - dusk. Other times by appointment. Fun  
for the entire family. Fund-raiser for Camp Fire.  
Call 815-488-5000 for more information.

**MEETING REPORTS**

**Session**

July – August Session Report

The Session met July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

The minutes of the June 15, 2005 meeting were approved as corrected.

The treasurer's report was accepted as given.

The Christian Ed. committee reported that they would be using the "Seasons of the Spirit" for the curriculum for the 2006 year.

A motion was made and seconded to provide Bibles to couples that are being married in the Church with the funds to come from the Memorial Fund.

It was reported by the Mission Committee that \$8700.00 has been wired to the Githiga Destitute Children's Home in Kenya.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Clerk of Session to send a letter to Blackhawk Presbytery requesting them to release any funds that they might be holding for former pastor Rev. Ellsworth Young on our behalf to him.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:00 p.m.

The Session met August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 p.m. with all members present, also present was Bev Scharlau to report to the Session on behalf of the Trustees. Bev reported the Trustee's activities and requested that the Church purchase 2 window air conditioning units, which was approved by the Session with the funds coming from the Memorial Fund.

A discussion about the use and allocation of the interest that has been accumulating in the invested benevolence fund was held.

There was also a discussion started by the Stewardship and Finance comm. about the use of the "Consecration Sunday" materials to raise the Congregation's awareness about stewardship for the Church.

Rev. Backus' employee business expenses of \$131.97 and mileage of \$383.94 for the period 6/16 - 8/16 were approved. Also under his continuing education expenses mileage of \$396.50 and education expense of \$699.18 less the \$400.00 advance was also approved for the same time period.

Use of the Church facilities by the Hughes family November 11, 2005 for the purpose of the wedding of Ryan Hughes and Emily Harris was approved.

Wesley Freebairn who passed away August 4, 2005 was removed from the rolls of the church. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Albert Hagenbuch, Clerk of Session

### **Christian Education**

No report received for this publication.

### **Decorating Committee**

No report received for this publication.

### **Stewardship & Finance**

No report received for this publication.

### **Trustees**

\*Trustees met on all committee night with 5 members attending and one excused.

\*We reviewed the custodian's position description.

\*Thanks to Tony & Norm for getting the plumbing hooked up in the ladies bathrooms new sinks. We will remove the baseboard in the lower level ladies bathroom and replace it with new.

\*Thanks to Jean Jones for her help trimming the bushes around the church building July 11<sup>th</sup>!!

\*We reviewed our project list and checked the manse basement stairs and walked the grounds - will plan to trim trees when the weather cools down. We are checking into what to do with the large elm trees in front of the church.

\*We checked the kitchen air conditioner, cleaned

the filter and hope oil will solve the noise problem!

\*The panels in the outdoor sign need to be changed for the fall schedule.

Next meeting Sept. 13th at 7 p.m.  
Trustee for the month of Sept. is Norm Videgar

**\*\* NOTICE \*\***

We ask your help in taking care of our new ladies washroom sinks and counter-tops. If paintbrushes or other items need to be washed, PLEASE use the slop sink in the custodians closet or the kitchen sinks. Thank you.  
The Trustees

**Deacons**

No meetings for July, August.  
We will meet September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Summer schedule was shared by the deacons, and all went well.  
Coffee hour will resume in September 18th ... Any worshiper may volunteer to assist with this...Contact the deacon of the month if interested.  
Any help from you will be greatly appreciated.

**Mission Committee**

July Meeting:

\*All members were present.  
\*We were informed that the money was wired to Africa with a wire fee of \$50.00  
\$7000.00 yearly commitment  
1250.00 special offering  
75.00 personal giving

435.00	Tuition for Simon
\$8750.00	minus wire fee
Total sent to Africa (Gethega)	

\*We discussed possible dates for the 2006 Work Camp to be held at Sunset Gap. I will submit an application with our first choice July 23-29, second choice July 30-Aug 5 and third choice Aug 6-12. So far no family has volunteered to be leaders for this camp.  
\*We discussed the Ecumenical dinner, October 2<sup>nd</sup> with Pastor Backus and he will confer with the appointed committee. A speaker from Food Resource Bank has been contacted.  
\*We hope that many families will be interested in the Work Camp and help to make the mission of Sunset Gap go forward.

August Meeting:

\*Five members were present.  
\*We planned for the food on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> when Labor of Love will be held.  
\*The week for the work camp of 2006 will be July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006. We will work on getting the word out to any families who might be interested in this Mission opportunity.  
\*At our next meeting we will discuss the contract with Githiga to review the terms of the contract and make recommendations to the Session for their action. Monica will do some ground work on this project prior to our next meeting.  
\*We discussed the possibility of sponsoring someone from Africa to make the trip to the states in 2006 or possibly 2007.  
\*We have heard from PADS that they would like to have the giving tree again this year for their needy clients and also have many who can use Bibles again.

**Treasurer's Report**

As of July 30, 2005

General Account: \$10,979.05  
 Special Building: \$ 5,913.63  
 Youth Work Trip: \$ 441.60  
 Sunday School Savings: \$ 1,576.34

Diana Deutsch, Treasurer

## Nursery Workers

### September

Sept 04	Dena Ficek Nick Moshage
Sept 11	Amy Ploch Alexis Ferracuti
Sept 18	Beth Hahne Paige Hahne
Sept 25	Dave Deutsch Diana Deutsch

## Benevolence Fund

Balance \$ 7,465.25

Linda Chalus, Treasurer

Remember, if you need to change a date try to swap with someone or call one of the substitutes and make the appropriate arrangements. *Please make sure that there is at least one adult in the nursery.*

## Scout Master Bob's Corner

### Scout Master Bob

Summer has come and gone and Troop 97 has returned to normal after many adventures. The first adventure was to the Appalachian Trail. The second adventure was to Ingersall Scout Reservation near London Mills, IL. The third adventure was to the National Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia. We also had a Family Campout Recently and we are in the process of preparing to host an Emergency Preparedness Camporee in October. The Troop has written about their adventures.

## Memorial Fund

Memorials have been received for Dorine Young, Marjorie Crane, and Wesley Freebairn.

Joyce Anderson, Treasurer

### *Deacon of the Month*

September ~ Marilyn Laatz

### *Trustee of the Month*

September ~ Norm Videgar

### *Ushering Group*

September ~ Presbyterian Women

**Adventure 1**

Fourteen people went on the Appalachian Trail. We left June 18<sup>th</sup> to go to the train station. We took a 17-hour ride to Harpers Ferry. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we started on our hike. The first few days were the worst. After a few days it got easier. We got use to the pain and using muscles we didn't always use. The food on the trail wasn't that good. The worst part of the food was the fruit and the dry oatmeal. We saw other hikers on the trail. A big trend on the trail was men wearing kilts instead of pants or shorts. The water that we drank had to be filtered so we didn't get sick. When we finally had put 80 miles behind us we were all looking forward to a spaghetti dinner at a restaurant in Harpers Ferry. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> day off the trail we ventured around Harpers Ferry. The 3<sup>rd</sup> day off the trail we went to Washington D.C. In Washington we saw the Lincoln Memorial and also the Arlington Cemetery. The last day we were headed home. It was nice to see family waiting for me. This trip was fun and I know I really liked it.

**Submitted by Jeremy Larabee**

This summer Troop 0797 participated in a high adventure-backpacking trip. Their trip consisted of an 80mile stretch of the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia. They started in Pine Grove Furnace State Park in Pennsylvania and ended in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The hike lasted 10 days and during the rest of the two weeks the scouts and adults spent time sight seeing in Harpers Ferry and Washington D.C. A fun time was had by all. Troop 0797 would like to thank the following people, businesses and organizations for their assistance in this trip: Larry Entas, Bruce Hucker, Sam and Millie Hall, Wayne Burhman, Amtrak, Logan Lodge #23 AF & AM, Camp Hill-Wesley United Methodist Church, Waltham Presbyterian Church, and Handy Foods of Ottawa.

**Submitted by Ben Hucker**

This summer I had the opportunity to go on the Appalachian Trail. It was a great experience. At times it was hard and at other times really fun. I would not trade my A.T. Adventure memories for

anything. By far it was one of my most fond scouting adventures. To sum it all up, it was a great way to spend a summer.

**Submitted by Nick Moshage**

I, Nathan Entas, went to West Virginia to hike the Appalachian Trail. We hiked 80+ miles. We stayed at Pine Grove Furnace State Park and ended up at Harpers Ferry. Harpers Ferry is a really neat place and has a lot of history about it. The trip was really fun.

**Submitted by Nathan Entas**

This summer I took part in the Appalachian Trail hike. Our group consisted of member from our troop as well as members from our sister troop; Troop 13 from Champaign. This trip was the result of many months of planning and lots of hard work. In total, we hiked about 80 miles along the central section of the historic trail. The hike was followed up with some time in Harpers Ferry and Washington D. C. It was a great trip that would not have been possible without a lot of hard work from many adults.

**Submitted by Scott Moshage**

The Appalachian Trail was a great adventure. The first couple of days were tuff going. Then things smoothed out after that. We had great weather and good luck. We met a lot of interesting people. We saw a lot of beautiful scenery. The trip was very rewarding. Harpers Ferry was a real interesting place with a lot of history. All in all the entire trip was very nice. A great time. I am glad that I went. **Submitted by Dana Provance**

For our high adventure trip 2005, Troop 97 hiked 80 miles of the Appalachian Trail. We traveled by train, Amtrak, to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. We met a Reverend of a church that we were staying with after we finished the hike. We were shuttled north by bus from Harpers Ferry by 2

ladies that were very funny. We started hiking south from Pine Grove Furnace State Park the next morning. We met two hikers that were hiking the entire 2,160 miles of the Appalachian Trail. They were not feeling well because they had just finished a half-gallon of ice cream. Everybody got a half-gallon because Pine Grove is the half waypoint. The trail was really interesting terrain wise. It had such things as large rocks, loose gravel, dirt, and grass to name a few. We met a lot of nice people along the trail. There were some older people, young people and single hikers. They all had nicknames such as sky walker which was the biker hiker. We ate well with food that was sent from home. We had a great time. I plan on hiking more of the trail some day.

**Submitted by Larry Entas**

The Appalachian Trail hike was an awesome experience. The Appalachian Mountains are very wooded and the trail itself was extremely rugged in many areas. It was a real challenge to hike and climb. The overlook views were not often but was breath taking when we got to them. It is certainly incredible to witness Gods wonders and he surely blessed our trip. While everyone blistered in the heat here, we enjoyed cooler temperatures, sunshine (1 rain day only) and very few bugs. The whole experience was truly unforgettable. It was challenging at time but one I am truly grateful for having experienced. I have never been to Washington D.C. and now I have that to add to my traveling experiences. The train ride was pretty cool too but hard to sleep on. Glad I went!

**Submitted by Ron Larabee**

On June 18, fourteen members of Troop 0797 left Aurora on a train to Union Station in Chicago. Then, we met three people from Troop 14 and got on another train to Harpers Ferry. We rented a bus to take us eighty miles north to Pine Grove Furnace where we started our trip.

I won't lie but the first day was miserable. The rest of the days were better though. The food wasn't bad except the dry oatmeal every morning.

We made friends with a lot of through hikers. Everyone is nice there if your nice to them.

We took the train home too. By the time we got back I was ready to be back. It was a good challenge.

**Submitted by Dolton Provance**

### Adventure 2

I Ben Ficek went to summer camp. I had a lot of fun. We did a mudslide that was fun but not very muddy. We also went kayaking and canoeing. The food was good too. Summer Camp was awesome!

**Submitted by Ben Ficek**

I took Environmental Science Merit Badge and I earned it on my first year. I took canoeing Merit Badge too. It was a hard test and I had a lot of trouble with the wind along with everybody else. Leatherwork Merit Badge was easy and I almost got Reptile Mammal Study. It was a lot of fun. We all managed without the older scouts. It was fun because I didn't have to rely on the older scouts telling me what to do. It was awesome!

**Submitted by Nicholas Klein**

I went to summer camp. I worked on Environmental Science, Canoeing, Weather, and Reptile and Amphibian Study. In my spare time, I went to try extra things such as rifle shooting and crawl daddy. We often used the extra time for free swim.

**Submitted by Stephen Halm**

Summer Camp at Ingersall was a fantastic experience. We had 5 young scouts and 2 leaders. There were many fun and educational opportunities for everyone. The boys met scouts and staff from all over Illinois. Swimming and mealtime were favorite activities. On Wednesday night 2 scouts from Troop 797 were called out to become members of the Order of the Arrow. It was a memorable ceremony for the young scouts.

**Submitted by Jeff Ficek**

During the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, five scouts from Troop 797 attended Ingersall Scout Reservation. Those attending were: Ben Ficek, Stephen Halm, Clay Wimmer, Nick Klein, and Nate Adcock. Adults that attended were: Ross Wilson, Phil Klein, Jeff Ficek, Ray Adcock, and Linda Moyer-Halm. The Scouts earned a total of 17 merit badges during the week and also completed part of 7 other merit badges. This was the first summer camp experience for all of us. (Boys as well as adults.) The week was concluded with an awards ceremony where Troop 97 was presented with the Baden Powel Award.

**Submitted by Ross Wilson**

Every morning we would wake up and go to breakfast. Then after breakfast we went to Environmental Science. In Environmental Science, we made a terrarium and learned about pollution. Then we went to canoeing and learned about the different strokes. Then we went to lunch and after sometime we had crawdad. Next we had leatherworking where we made a knife holder and a lanyard. Then I had brake while Ben and Clay were at wood carving. Later I had sculpture. The last thing we did was eat dinner. I had fun at Ingersall Scout Camp.

**Submitted by Nate Adcock**

Summer Camp at Ingersall was fun. My favorite part was kayaking and environmental science. We got a lot of exercise walking from place to place. The councilors made it fun. It was a lot of fun and I plan to go next year.

**Submitted by Clay Wimmer**

I went to Ingersall with Troop 44 from Ottawa. I did Cooking, Communications, and Camping Merit Badges. I got partials on all of them and have finished Communications and Camping since

returning from camp. On Friday the cooking class went to the Paul Bunyan Outpost.

**Submitted by Will Nelson****Adventure 3**

I attended the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. It was held from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. I had a great time. I traded patches, repelled, kayaked, canoed, swam, and had a great time. I was able to get the BSA Scuba Patch too.

I met a lot of scouts from other states and countries. On our way out to Jamboree we stopped in Washington D.C. What a great adventure to see our Nations Capital. It was a wonderful experience that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. I am glad that I had the opportunity to attend National Jamboree.

**Submitted by Josh Papineau****Family Campout**

The family campout on August 12-14 was fun and relaxing. We had some rain off and on, but the fishing was good. The camp area was wonderful with plenty of nature and COWS! This would be a great place to go back to for many campouts. The scouts cooked for their parents. As a mother who had never been on a Boy Scout campout, I was very impressed with the cooking, clean up and campfire building. Many Scouts and their families came on Saturday for the day or the Court of Honor. I am very proud of my son (Clay Wimmer) and all that he has learned and experienced in the short time he has been with Troop 97.

**Submitted by Waynette Wimmer****Emergency Preparedness Public Awareness**

Each year, the Lowaneu District of the WD Boyce Council of the Boy Scouts of America in LaSalle County holds a Fall Camporee. The Theme for this year's Camporee is Emergency Preparedness. The goals of this Camporee are to provide Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and the general public with

the opportunity to learn about the extensive infrastructure devoted to being prepared for and responding to emergencies – from vehicle accidents to severe weather to industrial incidents to a terrorist threat. Participants will have the chance to learn specific skills such as Family Disaster Planning, the chance to learn how local hospitals are organized to respond to an emergency situation, witness a MABIS unit training for a tanker truck incident or become a “victim” in a simulated school bus/car accident.

The Camporee program is organized around demonstrations, short courses, participative learning, responder training and information booths. Visitors will be able to focus on the activities that they are interested in – there will be more activities than there is time to see them all. In conjunction with the Camporee, IEMA will present the 8-hour Unified Command Training course for LaSalle County first responders, public officials, law enforcement personnel, and EMS personnel.

The Camporee will be held at the Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) Campus the weekend of October 14-16, 2005. Boy Scouts will camp at the College for the weekend and the Emergency Preparedness Activities will take place during the day on Saturday. The public is invited. Boy Scout Troop 797, IVCC and local emergency response and public health organizations are organizing the Camporee.

Participants and programs included in this Camporee are:  
 LaSalle County Red Cross  
 CERT Program Training (Citizen Emergency Response Training)  
 LaSalle County Health Department  
 Red Cross Blood Mobile  
 IVCC Nursing Students  
 HAZMAT Team, MABAS  
 Mendota, IVCH, St. Margaret's, Ottawa and Streator Hospitals

Starved Rock Radio Club – Emergency Communications  
 Life Flight Helicopter  
 IEMA Communications Center  
 IEMA Unified Command Training Class  
 School bus accident simulation/vehicle extraction simulations  
 Local fire and ambulance services  
 LaSalle County Generating Station – Exelon Corporation  
 LaSalle County Sheriff  
 NOAA Severe Weather Spotting Class  
 CAP Members (Carus Chemical, Huntsman Chemical, Air Products, PQ Corporation)

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### **Upcoming Events**

Aug. 23 – 7:00 P.M. Troop Meeting  
 Aug. 28 – 2:00 P.M. Scott Moshage's Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony at Waltham Presbyterian Church  
 Aug. 30 – 7:00 P.M. Troop Meeting  
 Sept. 6 – 7:00 P.M. Troop Meeting  
 Sept. 7 – 7:00 P.M. TLC Meeting  
 Sept. 9-11 – Illini Jamboree at Rantoul  
 Sept. 13 – 7:00 P.M. Troop Meeting  
 Sept. 16-18 – O.A. Conclave at Ingersall  
 Sept. 20 – 7:00 P.M. Troop Meeting  
 Sept. 27 – 7:00 P.M. Troop Meeting  
 Sept. 30-Oct. 2 – O.A. Section Conclave

Troop 97 meets every Tuesday night at the Waltham Presbyterian Church.  
 Contact Ralph Moshage at 667-4511 or Ross Wilson at 434-1469 for information about the troop.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Matthew 18:12-35  
 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31  
 Sermon: "When God Covers Our Backs"

## NOTE TO ANY & ALL

**There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for those who would have several hours in the morning (9-Noon) to spend in the church office beginning Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**We are in need of someone to be here on a regular basis to answer the phone and just be a presence in this place.**

**If you are not here to sign up, please call 815-667-4611 and leave a message as to when you are available.**

*This is an easy way to provide ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus.*

### SEPTEMBER 18

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Theological Education Sunday: International Peace Week)

Psalm 195:1-6, 37-45: Philippians 1:21-30

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

Sermon: "Grace Undeserved, But Given"

### SEPTEMBER 25

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16: Philippians 2:1-13

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon: "Who Really Has the Faith?"

## **Texts and Sermons**

September 2005

### SEPTEMBER 4

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Labor Day Weekend, Last Summer 2005, 8 a.m. Service.)

Psalm 149: Romans 13:8-14

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Exodus 12:1-12

Sermon: "Who Straightens the Table Cloth?"

### SEPTEMBER 11

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Christian Ed. Week Begins, Sunday School Begins, Return to Regular Church Schedule with only one service)

Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21: Romans 14:1-12

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Pastor & Mrs. Glen Hallead
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kinzer
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Feuerborn
- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Small\*
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Kiner
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Freebain\*
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Hayne
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Robinson\*
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Monty Wipple
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Freebairn
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Don Croisant
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Durant

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Dan Schweers  
Ginny Whipple
- 3 Beverly Scharlau  
Dalton Wensel
- 4 Kenneth Finley
- 5 Larry Wilson
- 6 Everett Christopher  
Bruce Funk  
Robert Funk\*  
Kaitlyn Small
- 7 Nick Moshage  
Melissa Taylor
- 8 Debra Hayne
- 9 Paul Athorn  
J.Davis Small\*
- 10 Heather Robinson  
Carol Shaver
- 11 Shane Veit
- 13 Caleb Davis Hallead
- 14 Tommy Wilson
- 15 Tim Kinzer  
Dean Robinson
- 17 Tom Freebairn\*
- 19 Linda Murfey
- 24 Tahnee Hagenbuch  
Diane Kinzer
- 25 Pat Fox
- 26 Shawn Robinson
- 27 Florence Setchell\*
- 28 Theresa Awwad  
Rachel VanDrimmelen  
Ann Backus
- 30 Robert Anderson Jr.  
Veronica Blue  
Mark Klinefelter  
Rhonda Veit