

September Calendar of Events



- Board of Elders**
September 8, 7:00 p.m.
- Craft Night**
September 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Children's Education Ministry Team**
September 11, Noon
- Worship Planners**
September 11, 5:00 p.m.
- Missions Ministry Team**
September 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Financial Resources Committee**
September 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Dudes' Night (Youth Group)**
September 17, 5:30 p.m.
- All-Church Fall Kick-Off Luncheon**
September 18, Noon
*(see below for more details)**
- Concert of Prayer**
September 18, 6:30 p.m.
- Caregiving Ministry Team**
September 19, 7:00 p.m.

- Weekly Dates:**
- Ignite (Sr. High Youth) & Club 180 (Middle School Youth)**
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 - Ladies Daytime Bible Study (begins Sept. 15)**
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

***Fall Fellowship Event**

Fall is a great time to reconnect as everyone shifts gears from their summer schedule. Whether you are a newcomer to VCL, a new or returning Trinity student, or a regular attendee, plan to attend the **All-Church Fall Kick-Off Luncheon Sunday, Sept. 18**, immediately after the service. It will be a great opportunity for fellowship and sharing your summer experiences. Singles, couples, families... everyone is welcome.

**Save the Date
Friday December 9,
Christmas Dinner**

It's not too early to save the date for the annual Christmas Dinner at VCL. Come for an enjoyable evening with delicious food, beautifully decorated tables and wonderful music.

VCL IS GROWING

Seeing lots of new faces at VCL? Please make these newcomers feel at home and part of the VCL family.

- ◆ Mike and Bev Adonna
- ◆ Jim and Anne Baker
- ◆ Kyle and Amy Berry
- ◆ Kim and Scott Cordes
- ◆ Dennis and Debbie Criser
- ◆ Clare Deeves
- ◆ Nels and Karen Flatebo
- ◆ Ann Forman
- ◆ Rebecca Gonzalez
- ◆ Sally Gonzalez
- ◆ Amy Grost
- ◆ Barbara Hause
- ◆ Clifford and Wynn Hulings
- ◆ Colby and Sarah Jones
- ◆ Russ and Jiwon McCartney
- ◆ Babs Myers
- ◆ Kathy Nalker
- ◆ Daniel Ofori
- ◆ Dave & Lea Papritz
- ◆ Ken and Sue Ryl

Babysitting Resource List - Sign Up

Are you someone who enjoys spending time with children (and wouldn't mind earning an extra buck at the same time)? Then keep reading. ...

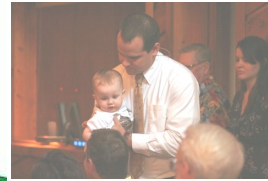
VCL and VCL families often need childcare and don't know who to call - whether it's to attend VCL events (such as congregational meetings, Growth Groups) or for non-VCL events.

If you are someone who would like some occasional babysitting income (students and retired members of our congregation might fit this bill) then sign-up to be on the VCL Babysitting Resource List.



If you are interested in being included on this list, please write "Babysitting" in the Friendship Register and include your email and phone number. Any questions, please see Jenn Uren or email her at jennuren@yahoo.com.

Celebrating Together



Welcome Anatasia May, daughter of David and Libby Hooper, born July 8, 2010, and dedicated August 7, 2011.



Welcome Wyatt Gonzalez, born August 15, 2011.

Congratulations to Dr. Robert Fischer on the successful defense of his dissertation.

Congratulations to our students who are graduating from Children's Ministry into the Middle School Ministry: Emma Hedges, Sophia McConchie and Elyse Rumley. These young ladies have been involved with



CE for a long time and served as Jr. Leaders this past summer. We will miss them but wish them well as they move into the youth group.

Directory Changes/Updates

- ✓ Randy Schlosser - email rschlosser@comcast.net
- ✓ John Stromberg - phone correction 615.233.3488
- ✓ Carol Christiansen - address/phone 34429 N. Sunshine Lane Ingleside, IL 60041 847.740.0227
- ✓ Daniel Sjogren - email sjogren@gmail.com and cell phone 812.606.9136
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Office Manager	Susan Beck
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Elders: Warren Anderson (chair), Carl Johnson, Chris McNiven and Jim Stamoolis

September, 2011

"Let's Put Our Heads Together" : New Sermon Series from 1 Corinthians

By Pastor Lee Eclow

This summer, we learned about wisdom from Proverbs. Now, in 1 Corinthians we continue on that theme, but from a new perspective. The gospel turns the world's wisdom on its ear. "The message of the cross," wrote Paul, "is foolishness to those who are perishing." And later he says, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom..." Our common bond in the church is this "foolishness of God" - the message of Jesus' death and resurrection.

While I was initially drawn to 1 Corinthians for its emphasis on God's wisdom, I quickly saw that church unity is another important message. That's perfect for us because our church is constantly changing. There are always new people becoming part of our congregation. These sermons and the worship services that enfold them

Our Website, www.eVCL.org, Gets a New Face

By Pastor Lee Eclow

Over ten years ago we launched our VCL website. The first job was grabbing a domain name. The obvious ones were already taken. In the spirit of email and ezines, we settled on eVCL.org. For all these years, our website has been managed by Faye Hansen, who attends another church in the area. She has done it as a labor of love to our congregation.

We've known for quite awhile that we needed a remake of the site, and gave it a great deal of thought and work. Finally, in August, Andrew Seaman and Dennis Snell dove into this complicated project. On Friday, August 26, it was launched.

Check it out. You'll see it looks dramatically different. Our primary audience is people looking for information about our church so we put that front and center. We also know that many people come to the site to hear or read sermons. Thirdly, it is important to you who attend VCL regularly to have a source for information you need at your fingertips.

will remind us of the gospel center that binds us together as believers, and of how crucial it is for us to love and serve one another.

With these two entwined themes in mind, I titled the series, "Let's Put Our Heads Together," with the subtitle "Bound together in heart and mind." We will study 1 Corinthians 1-3, then jump to chapters 12-13. I look forward to preaching on that great 'love chapter.' The series will take us up to Thanksgiving Sunday.

Remember that you can always read or hear any of our sermons at our website. You can also get a free CD of every sermon at the Information Desk. Feel free to pass them on to others. We can always make more! The schedule for the first part of this series is on the *Vine* flap.

Did you know that you can see recent bulletins on the website so you can check the time for that meeting or catch up on what you missed when you were out-of-town? Soon we hope to have the church directory available, with pictures. (password protected). You can also find the church master calendar, resources like our booklet of 'no fear' verses, *Whistling in the Dark*, our collection of people's favorite Bible verses, *The Family Book of Encouragement*, and much more.

The website tells how to join a Growth Group, become a church member, or how to reserve the church for a wedding. You can read about the current sermon series and check out archived sermons. You can keep current on our missionaries and our compassion ministries. There is special information for our children and youth ministries and for Trinity students.

We will continue to fiddle with the details of the website for awhile and, while we do, check it out. We welcome your feedback.

Fall Schedule for Children's Education

By Susan Eclov

Beginning Sunday, September 4, we will re-open the infant nursery in Room A-101 for infant-12 month olds. Nursery care continues for 12-24 months in B-102. Our pre-school class for 2 & 3 year olds will be learning about God's creation this quarter. New toys and books are waiting to be explored!

Our grade school kids (age 4-5th grade) will return to Children's Church. When dismissed from the worship service, please go directly to your classrooms. The only exception is Sunday, September 11. There will be a dramatic presentation in the Great Room

Youth Help Love INC with "Slumber Party for Jesus!"

By Pastor Michael Mauriello

Did you see *The Blindside* with Sandra Bullock? There's a moment in the movie where Sandra's character is making up the bed for a homeless teenager she has taken into her home. "I've never had one of these before?" he says to her. "What? Your own room?" Sandra replies. "No, a bed," he says.

It's hard to believe that anyone would be without a bed in Lake County. Yet our friends at Love INC often receive requests for beds, especially for young children. Recently, Marquette University donated a huge quantity of bunk beds and single beds to Love INC. During the week of August 15, Love Inc. organized "Slumber Party with Jesus," partnering with several Lake County churches to distribute the nearly 150 beds to area families.

On Wednesday, August 17th, our youth group traveled to Zion, IL and delivered five of these beds to two area families. Our group was so large we couldn't all be

Compassion Ministries

By Pastor Michael Mauriello

PADS lunches renewed: This summer's PADS lunches were a huge success, and we are so grateful that so many of you chose to help serve the homeless by providing them with lunches. We have "re-upped" with PADS to continue making bag lunches once a month. We are now making lunches on the fourth Sunday of every month.

Our new intern, David Hooper, as well as John Stromberg, who is doing a field-ed in compassion, will be helping Pastor Michael as the church continues to thoughtfully discern a way forward in compassion. As a teaser, you can expect new opportunities to be

Need Help in Helping Elderly Parents?

By Pastor Lee Eclov

Once, our parents poured their lives into raising us. Now as they get older they sometimes need us to help care for them. But this is a daunting and confusing time for both adult children and their aging parents. Medical issues, housing and care, financial matters—all these things can be difficult for the whole family.

We have people at VCL who are skilled in guiding people through some of these decisions, but we're not sure how much information you need or even which

from the summer "First Hour Connections" led by Ms. Stephanie that you will not want to miss. Following the play, you will go to your regular classes.

If you are not aware, there are two options for children at "First Hour Connections" every Sunday: Supervised Care for children up through Kindergarten, and a class for children in grades 1-5. Middle School and High School classes are offered in the youth rooms as well as multiple classes for adults.

involved with the deliveries. So, about half of our students stayed behind at Love INC and helped their volunteers get their warehouse ready for a delivery of forty beds the following day. Those who volunteered included Blair Hedges, Craig Koman, Caleb and Ezra Viti, Amy Grost, Beth Brebner, Tyler Ingersoll, Andrew Hartel, Andrea Wilber, Erin Steele, Zach Rumley, Terry LaForge, and Rebecca Jungerich. Our adult volunteers included Brandon Boulias, Rebecca Spellman, Guy Viti, Maureen Brebner, and John Ingersoll.

We would also like to welcome Rebecca Spellman and

Drew Younger to the youth ministry team. Rebecca and Drew are both undergraduates at Trinity International University. Rebecca will be helping out with our girls in Middle School, and Drew will be helping us with worship.



Dave Hooper, Our New Intern

By Pastor Lee Eclov

Dave and Libby Hooper have been with us at VCL for two years. Their daughter, Anastasia, turned 1 in July. Dave graduated from the University of Sydney in Australia and became a high school history teacher. That led him to Kyrgystan to teach missionary kids. There he met Libby who was teaching in English day camps during a summer break. Libby, who is from Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, is a doctor, and a pediatric critical care fellow at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

After getting his M.Div. degree at TEDS, Dave hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in historical theology and teach in a

Trinity Students, Have We Got a Deal for You!

As the closest church to Trinity, we have been a church home for hundreds of undergrad and graduate students over the last four decades. We delight in the Christian vitality students bring.

Our entire congregation is committed to being a church home for Trinity students. We often say that we want to leave our fingerprints on the students who come through our church. We love the idea of extending our ministry all over the world through the students who have been part of our fellowship.

Our ministry staff all graduated from Trinity and Pastor Lee Eclov is an adjunct instructor at the seminary (CM5000 - Introduction to Counseling Ministries). Our pastors are often on campus and delight in meeting with students. Each Wednesday at 11 a.m. at least one of our pastors meets with ministry students to "talk shop" about all kinds of ministry related experiences and ideas.

Bible school, perhaps in a missions setting. They are open to serving in any country right now.

Dave is a big-picture guy. He's intrigued with central ideas of theology, as well as with strategic planning. He has been VCL's key transitional leader in compassion ministries as Pastor Jared Smith left and Pastor Michael Mauriello assumed this new responsibility. In his internship he is especially looking forward to integrating his theoretical knowledge into practical ministry.



One of our core values as a church says, "Because God has entrusted us with students from Trinity International University, we are committed to being a Mentoring Church in order to do our part in shaping the Christian leaders of the future."

Village church offers a unique training opportunity to undergrad ministry students and to M.Div. students who commit to us for the duration of their time at Trinity. We offer a plan where you can fulfill all your field education requirements (with the exception of the cross-cultural requirement) and your internship here at VCL. You will become like a favorite son or daughter to our church, gain valuable real-life ministry experience, and enjoy close mentoring relationships with our pastors.

Interested? Contact Pastor Lee at byeglad@evcl.org or Pastor Michael Mauriello at pastormike@evcl.org.

New Name for Adult Education

By Pastor Michael Mauriello

What's in a name? Would a rose by any other name smell as sweet? Yes, but it helps to call things by a name everyone understands. The name "ABF" stands for "Adult Bible Fellowship", a meeting of 60-90 people gathered into a mini-congregation in a larger church. That just didn't seem to fit our gatherings very well on Sunday mornings.

We enjoyed our pecha-kucha hour this summer. Many of you joined us for the first time in a gathering before worship. It was especially a good way for us to meet new people and hear stories. It was a "connecting" time. As we wound down this summer activity, we figured this was a good time for a new name for our early hour, a name that fits both the time and what we hope happens during that time.

Growth Groups Get Going

Signed up for a Growth group yet? There are still opportunities to get connected and plugged into a regular gathering of prayer and fellowship. Spaces are filling up in the Growth Groups, but don't let that stop you if you want to be involved. Contact either Pastor Michael or Londa Mauriello, and we'll do our best to place you in a convenient group. New groups will most likely be starting in January as well. Growth Groups are an important part of the life of Village Church, and we want to make participation possible for all who would like to join a group.

Preaching & Worship Series



Let's Put Our Heads Together:

1 Corinthians 1-3, 12-13

August 28 – November 20, 2011

Date	Text	Sermon Title
8/28/11	1 Cor 1:1-18	Putting Our Heads Together (Communion)
9/4/11	1 Cor 1:18-25	The Foolishness of God
9/11/11	1 Cor 1:26-31	Bragging Rights
9/18/11	1 Cor 2:1-5	A Way with Words
9/25/11	1 Cor 2:6-16	Inside Information (Communion)
10/2/11	1 Cor 3:1-9	Field Workers
10/9/11	1 Cor. 3:10-17	Fire Tested
10/16/11	1 Cor 3:18-23	Have It All

Prayer for This Month

The launch of Growth Groups this fall.

God's help to warmly receive the many new friends who are coming to VCL.

Many newer people want to find places to serve Jesus here. It takes time and discernment to find the right places for them.

For our Elders and other leaders to wisely adjust to our growth, especially the consideration of two services.

Sermons from 1 Cor. 1-3 to help us think and love one another as Gospel-wise believers in Christ.