

Congratulations to Nathaniel and Julianne Olson



Congratulations to Nathaniel and Julianne on their wedding in Bellingham, Washington, on Sunday, August 10th!

There will be a cake reception for

them at the church on September 20, 2014 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Kay Olson, 847-955-1070 or 74kgwo@gmail.com by September 15th.

All Church "Welcome Back" Salad Luncheon

Now that summer is pretty much behind us, school is starting and vacations are ending we want to start the fall season with a time of fellowship and lunch. Whether you are a new-comer to VCL, a new or returning Trinity student or a regular attender, we hope you will plan to attend the **All Church "Welcome Back" Salad Luncheon** on Sunday, September 7, immediately after the service. All food is provided and this is a great time to renew friendships and welcome someone new. Please write "lunch" on the Friendship Register if you plan to attend.

Young Adult Lunches Start Up Again

Our Young Adult Group, led by Scott and Kim Cordes, Jim and Ann Baker, Mike and Bev Addona, and Pastor Michael, meets after church every other week for food, fellowship, and some great discussion. This group is for any students who are college age, for those working on Masters degrees, or recent graduates looking for a place to belong. The leaders provide a free, hot lunch, and the young adults help provide leadership for the discussion time and interaction. We start about 12:15 and try to wrap up about 1:30. The first two lunches of the fall are September 14 and September 28.

"Thank You" from the Caregiving Committee

The following people stepped up to visit Pat Feinberg this summer while John was away. **THANK YOU!** Your compassion is showing and it looks very good on you! God bless you.

Sara Esau, Jessica Kloss, Wendy Miller, Cheryl Taylor, Betty Stice, Joyce Knudson, Jenny Stanonik, Chrissi, Rebecka and Zack Wall.

Parking Lot to be Repaved

By Building and Ground Committee

Late in August or early September, our parking lot will undergo repairs that have been made necessary by age and last year's difficult winter. We have noticed that there has been some deterioration of the surface in a few areas and decided to get opinions from three paving contractors as to what needed to be done, short term and long term. We felt it was very important to make repairs now and avoid much more costly repairs in the near future.

The consensus was that there are several areas of asphalt that need to be sawcut and removed down to the subsurface (about 700 square feet). These areas will be repaved with the proper compaction of the subsurface. The other cracks in the surface that are 3/8" or larger (about 4000 linear feet) will be routed out, cleaned and filled with hot rubberized crack sealer. The entire lot (72,900 SF) will be cleaned of all loose dirt and debris and coated with two coats of sealer. After the sealer dries, the lot will be re-stripped as a part of this work.

VCL Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Bible study will resume again on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars for this exciting date! We will begin our fall studies with the seven week DVD and book series, *Gideon, Your Weakness, God's Strength*, by Priscilla Shirer. Please see Judy DeBaets or Traci Crowley to let them know of your interest and book order. The cost is \$15.50.



Growth Groups Gearing Up *By Pastor Michael Mauriello*

Starting Sunday, September 7th, and continuing September 14th and 21st, we'll be giving you the opportunity to sign up for Growth Groups. Here are interesting facts about VCL Growth Groups:

- The current number of Growth Groups sponsored by Village Church9
- The number of communities in Lake County that have at least one Village Church Growth Group.....6
- The number of different nights that Growth Groups meet....4
- The number of brand new Growth Groups....2
- The number of Sundays that you can sign up for Growth Groups after the service at VCL....3

Some of our Growth Groups are full, some are filling up already, but still have spaces available. Growth Groups are places for fellowship, prayer and care, and studying God's word together. Here's a list of the offerings. Some of the information may change prior to September 7.

Hosts /Teacher	Place	Day	Time	Open or Full
Mauriello	Mundelein	2 nd and 4 th Sunday	5:00-7:30 PM	Open to new people
Baker	Hawthorn Woods	Every other Friday	6:30-8:30 PM	Full
Drew Younger	Village Church	Fridays	7:00 -9:00 PM	Brand New! - Open to new people
Johnson / Sweetser	Sedgebrook	Every other Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Open to new people
Miller/Moser	Lincolnshire	Every other Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Full
Stamoolis	Kildeer	1 st and 3 rd Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Full
Lyons	Deerfield	Tuesdays	7:00-9:00 PM	Open to new people
Uren/Hughes	Gurnee	2 nd and 4 th Sun	5:00 PM	Open to new people
Johnson	Gurnee	Two Sun./month	7:00-9:00 PM	Full

Fall First Hour Connections Beginning September 7th :

Now that Community Bible Experience is over, don't feel like you have to stay at home at the 9:00 hour. Village Church has three great groups that will begin meeting on September 7. Mornings with Michael will be led by Michael Mauriello, David Moser, Aaron Adams, and Anna Rask. We'll be tackling the last five chapters of Romans (12-16), and asking how Paul's letter might help us understand how to live life in the church as a family. This class meets in the Great Room.

Abundant Life, led by Raymond Wunderlich and Jim Stamoolis, will be slowly working their way through the book of Ecclesiastes. This class is noted for its warm community and great group discussions. This class meets in Room 104.

The Life Together class, led by Nels and Karen Flatebo and by Steve and Traci Crowley, will be having discussion about the life of the church by utilizing Ray Vander Laan's *That the World May Know: The Early Church*. This class is particularly for adults with children, and utilizes a video curriculum with discussion and dialogue afterward. This class meets in Room 102.

Special Thanks!

Thank you to the following folks who made Community Bible Experience work! Eric and Bethany Hughes, Nels Flatebo, James Stamoolis, Carl Johnson, Abigail Haugen, Anna Rask, Sarah Esau, Lyle Enright, Jasmine Grady, Justin Hanberry, David Hooper, Judy and Bob DeBaets, Jim Uren, Michael Wall, Kirsten Sittler, Michael Bowman, and Aaron Adams. And a very special thank you to Traci Crowley!

Preaching & Worship Sermons

SEPTEMBER 7—OCTOBER 12, 2014



WHEN THE PRESSURE IS ON:
The Wisdom of James

Date	Text	Sermon Title
9/7/14	James 1:1-12	What Good Is Trouble? Communion
9/14/14	James 1:13-18	Who's to Blame?
9/21/14	James 1:19-27	What's the Good Word?
9/28/14	James 2:1-13	Status Quo
10/5/14	James 2:14-26	Show Me Your Faith Communion
10/12/14	James 3:1-12	Tongue Tied

Pray for VCL in September

- That our sermons from James would help those who feel "harassed and helpless"
- How can we more effectively reach out with the gospel
- Several people are unemployed or under-employed
- Guidance in foyer remodeling decisions
- Trinity students whom we can love and mentor



Calendar of Events

"Welcome Back" Salad Luncheon
Sunday, Sept. 7, 12:00 noon

"Old McWrinkles' Farm"
Friday, Sept. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Nathaniel and Julianne Olson Reception
Saturday, Sept. 20, 2-4 p.m.

Concert of Prayer
Sunday, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Guys and Gals
Friday, Sept. 26

Recurring Events

Middle and High School Youth
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.
(begins Sept. 11)

Men's Prayer Breakfast
1st and 3rd Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. (9/6 & 20)

Young Adult Group Lunch
Every other Sunday - Sept. 14 and 28, Noon

The LOVE INC Team could always use a few more helpers! We meet every second Saturday of the month at Love INC's headquarters at 7:45 a.m. to help distribute furniture to families in need. We'll be heading out on September 13 at their new location at 339 N. Lakewood Avenue, Waukegan, IL 60085. Hope to see you there!

Children's News *By Susan Eclov*

This summer we have learned so much from the video series entitled "Buck Denver asks... What's in the Bible". This age-appropriate series gave a comprehensive overview of the entire New Testament; including historical context, authorship, and content of each book. Parents took turns facilitating the classes and the kids became well acquainted with the major characters in the videos.

We begin our fall quarter on September 7 using our regular D.C. Cook and Group curriculum. We welcome some new teachers to our program:



Emily Bowman and Micaiah Burnett. Returning will be Jessica Kloss, Brennan Bowman, Ann Baker, Jennie

Stanonik and Susan Eclov. Our youth group members have also been a great help serving one Sunday a month as teacher assistants. Thanks to: Suzanne Forman, Chatham & Emma Hedges, Laura Harjanto, Gina Liu, Andrew Miller, Laurie Niederbrach, Jacqueline Schlosser, Emma Uren and Hanako Walrath.

Mr. Wrinkles took a long vacation this summer but he is back to welcome our kids to "Old McWrinkles' Farm" on September 12. Please RSVP by September 7th.

Children's Ministries is a great place to serve. We have a variety of opportunities for those interested in impacting the lives of children for Jesus. Please contact Susan Eclov if you are interested in getting involved in our Children's Ministry.

September is Trinity Food Drive Month

The TIU Clothes Horse Food Drive is coming in September! Every Sunday we will be gathering food for Master's level students who need some basic staples for their cabinets and cupboards. This food really helps many families have a manageable budget while studying at TIU. Please bring in normal size portions of the following: pasta of all kinds, oatmeal, cereal, rice, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned tuna, pasta sauce, and soup cans. Please do not donate condiments or outdated items.



Children's Church Partners with the Pattersons

by Jennie Stanonik

Recently Village Church had a visit from Todd, Jana, Elisabeth, and Max Patterson, our missionaries serving in Slovakia. Among the many activities they are involved in, their desire is to build strong relationships with the people of their community in Banska` Bysria. One way Jana accomplishes this is through outreach programs for children. Through December the weekly offering that our VCL boys and girls bring in will be designated toward an after-school project that will have an impact on families in that area. Sports equipment is one of the things they need. More information will be sent home with the children in September



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Elders: Lee Eclov, Nels Flatebo, Carl Johnson, Michael Mauriello, Jim Stamooolis, Jim Uren, and Raymond Wunderlich (chair)

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Following Jesus When the Pressure is On The Wisdom of James

By Pastor Lee Eclov

A few months ago we administered a simple survey which revealed dozens of ways in which people in our congregation feel harassed and helpless. One way we can help is to study again what the Bible says to Christians under pressure, and the epistle of James is perfect for that assignment.

James, who was Jesus' brother, was one of the leaders of the Jerusalem church which quickly came under fierce pressure. Later he wrote to believers "scattered among the nations." In blunt and practical terms he instructs us in pressurized living—how to see the benefit in trials, how to manage our anger and our words, how to regard poverty, the anatomy of quarrels, and how to seek healing when you're sick. James often makes us squirm but he also teaches us how to put our faith into action.

You can see the specific texts for each week on the Vine flap. Sermons in print, MP3 and podcasts are always available at evcl.org/sermons.

New Look Coming

Early in September we will complete our switch to our new VCL Logo. Things like letterhead, promotional pieces, business cards and the website are all getting a make-over. Our bulletin will also take on a new look, with the order of service on the cover, and a new format inside. Part of this change will be new fonts in all our publications (Minion Pro for most text, Myriad Pro for headings). New mugs are also in the works.

We've also begun plans to **remodel our foyer**. A small team has met with two interior designers from Interior Design Concepts, who specialize in churches. A substantial designated gift makes it possible for us to begin this project.

I asked the team to pursue two goals: 1) create foyer space that enables us to 'do' home more effectively (*function*), and 2) create foyer space that gives the sense of home (*feeling*).

We talked about a wide range of things—color and lighting, use of tables and other furniture, coffee centers (and better coffee), more wood surfaces, the use of screens for photos and notices, and more. Within the next month we expect a preliminary plan from the designers and then we can weigh our options and costs.

