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Christ Church, Ottawa

Christmas Family Adoption – Thank you to everyone who gave money or gifts for the Christmas adoption. Fran went shopping, wrapped and then delivered all of the gifts and food basket to the Salvation Army on December 18 & 19. The Outreach Fund paid for the Christmas food basket.

Sunday School Christmas Program – Today is our Christmas Program during the 10:30am service. You will notice that we are using a special bulletin for this service. The service will still begin at the Advent Wreath using the green Advent 4 insert and then continues with the special bulletin. Please follow along as our children tell the Christmas story in a new way. The Prayer for the Day on page 1 is today's Collect found on the purple headlined Advent 4 insert. Then please refer to the other insert for the balance of the service at the Offertory. We hope you enjoy our program.

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Christ Church, Streator

Condolences – Our sincere condolences to Doc Branz, family and friends on the passing of Edie Branz on Monday, November 19. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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ECW Thank You – Thank you for the Episcopal Church Women "voluntary financial commitment" from the Women of Christ Church, Ottawa. Your contribution will allow the ECW to continue its ministry in our Diocese of Chicago. Blessings, Susie Meehen, Diocesan ECW Treasurer.

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Soup 'n Sandwich Thank You – Receipts from the Soup 'n Sandwich Lunch on November 3 totaled \$2165.65, all profit due to the generosity of many people from St. Paul's and elsewhere in the LCEM. Thank you to all who donated food and supplies for the lunch, baked goods, raffle prizes, sold tickets, helped set up and clean up, and/or worked at the lunch. A suggestion for next year is to have more baked goods to sell!! Thank you!!!

Bishop's Committee – The next meeting of the LaSalle Bishop's committee is Sunday, November 18 after the Sunday service. Please plan on attending.

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Christ Church, Ottawa

Ottawa Vestry – The next meeting of the Vestry is Wednesday, November 14 at 7pm due to the regular meeting day falling on Thanksgiving Eve. Please plan on attending.

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Farewell to the Persells – You're invited to bid farewell to the Persells with Evensong and a reception at St. James Cathedral, Chicago on November 4 at 4pm. For information or directions & parking please contact the Cathedral office at 312-787-7360.

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Coordinators & Raffle Items Needed for Soup 'n Sandwich – Coordinators are needed for the kitchen, raffle, dining room, decorations, and publicity, for our annual fund-raising Soup 'n Sandwich Luncheon, to be held on Sat., Nov. 3 from 11 am – 2 pm in the parish hall. This is St. Paul's one annual fund-raiser. Raffle prizes are also needed. Please let Julie Peterson (815-223-6682, juliep79@insightbb.com) know if you can take charge of one of the above areas or donate a raffle prize. We need to know by October 1 or as soon after as possible, so the items can be listed on the raffle tickets. The actual item will not be needed till November. (We can add extra items later, but it's good to list as many as possible.) Food and workers signup sheets and tickets will be available at the back of the church in October. All help is appreciated. For more info, speak to Julie Peterson.

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Project Updates - The organ work, ramp construction and landscaping are complete. All bills have been paid using gifts received, and funds from our investment, building and memorial fund accounts. The UTO Grant of \$14,000 for the Ramp work was received last Friday, but additional gifts to help replenish the funds depleted to pay the balance of the bills would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Condolences – Sincere condolences to Fran & Ralph Gibson, their family and friends on the death of Ralph's dad, Gene Gibson, who passed away September 16. May he rest in peace.

The Good News- September 16, 2007

You're Invited to participate in the next Chicago Episcopal Cursillo weekend to be held on October 25 to October 28. For more information and an application please call Fr. Crist, 815-672-4311 or Shanon Edwards, 815-223-1551. Everyone is welcome to attend Cursillo.

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What are the 12 Keys? – Packets are at the back of the church, the book is also available to borrow at each church. You can also find the 12 Keys on our website. There is a meeting of the 12 Keys Planning committee on Wed, Sept 19 at 7pm at Christ, Ottawa. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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St. Paul's Church, LaSalle

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St. Paul's Church, LaSalle

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The Good News – July 29, 2007

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July Foyer – Today John & Julie Dominis will host Foyer at their house, 1108 Chicory Ln, Ott. after the 10:30 mass for burgers and swimming. Bring a dish to pass, we will have hamburgers and hot dogs. For questions & directions contact Julie 815-434-5028. Hope to see you there. If you wish to host a Foyer contact Buffy at 815-667-4835 or buffy81673@sbcglobal.net Thanks.

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2008 Calendars – We are again collecting any extra 2008 calendars to be sent to the Seaman's Institute for our men and women at sea. Last year our efforts netted over 160.

St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

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Bishop's Committee – The next meeting is Sunday, June 10 after the service. Please plan on attending. All are welcome to sit in.

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Christ Church, Ottawa

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Ramp Update – Work should be starting soon on the north side of the building for the handicap ramp. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to every one who has already contributed.

The Good News – May 27, 2007

A Prayer Chain (paper) – In your bulletin today you will find a colored slip of paper. The churches of the LCEM are banding together to make a real prayer chain for our Bishop William Persell. Please write a caring thought or prayer or even just your name and take it to the back of the church and staple it to the others. We will gather all of the chains and send them to our Bishop to let him know that the thoughts and prayers of the LCEM are truly with him at this time.

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Relay for Life Information Update – Please see the special insert for all the details on the upcoming Relay.

12 Keys Study Sessions – Last Date for Ottawa is Saturday June 2 from 9-10:30am. Any Questions? Contact Steve Grzywa at 815-357-5500.

Sunday School – Ottawa will present awards on June 3 and celebrate with cake and punch after the 10:30 am service. Thank you to everyone who helped make this another wonderful year for our children.

Graduates – Congratulations to all of our graduates throughout the LCEM as you celebrate this milestone in your education. Best Wishes for a bright future.

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St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

Summerfest is Coming – Look for more details soon.

Christ Church, Streator

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St. Paul's Church, LaSalle

Ecumenical Pentecost Celebration – Today 3-4pm at First Congregation Church, 1431 Fourth St., Peru there is a Celebration of worship in Song & Scripture for Pentecost. Everyone is welcome to attend. (parking is available in adjacent IVCH lot)

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St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

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Foyer Gathering – The next Foyer will be hosted by Sally & Paul Salt at their home on May 19 at 6pm. For more info or directions please contact Sally Salt at 815-795-5014. All are welcome to Foyer.

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The Good News April 29, 2007

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Christ Church, Ottawa

Music for Today – Today is Julie Martin appreciation day. She went to her Senoir Prom last evening and so is taking this morning off from the 10:30 am service. We are pleased to be treated to music by Jan Martin and John Dominis. Thank you Julie, Jan, and John.

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Relay for Life & Alzheimer's Walk Concert for the Cures – Today at 2 pm is the Concert for the Cures at Christ, Streator where Fr. Robert S. Bates, organist, will perform a wide range of music. The cost is \$5 for the concert & refreshments and all proceeds will be split between Relay for Life and Alzheimer's Memory Walk. Volunteers are needed to provide and serve refreshments (desserts, snacks, etc.) after the concert. We could also use packaged homemade goods to sell. Please let Maryfran Crist, Jane Hart or Julie Peterson know if you can help. Thanks.

ECW/UTO – Today is UTO Sunday at all LCEM churches. If you gave to UTO before the Quiet Day in March, thank you. If you can give now all donations to UTO will be greatly appreciated. There are envelopes on the back table for your donations. Maryfran Crist and Jane Hart will take all donations received up to the ECW Convention on April 27/28 at Lisle. Remember the United Thank Offering is way for all Episcopalians to give back a little of what we have so it may be used for mission and ministry both in the U.S. and around the world. Thank you for your support.

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Special Thanks – Greg Dean and FAMILY cooked for the luncheon following Bishop Scantlebury's visit to Christ, Streator on March 25. Greg was the chief chef. His mom and dad, brother and sister, wife and a friend of the family also helped. We actually had 95 people attend the church service with 79 staying for the luncheon. Also, 50 blankets were blessed for the camp in Michigan. And don't forget that Audra Mills was the confirmand. Thanks to all for a great showing of the LCEM.

St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

Annual Meeting – Our Annual meeting is today after the service. Please attend, we have much to plan for 2007.

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10:30 am Service Note – Our late service today may begin without Fr. Crist. He is at the Annual Meeting at St. Andrew's and will arrive as soon as possible.

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Acolyte Training – It's been noted that our acolytes would benefit from some additional training. Today after the service Chris Henry will have a training session for all acolytes, old and new. We are planning to then have a full compliment of acolytes at the service on the last Sunday of each month to practice this training. This way when special services come along during the year our acolytes will be prepared for all aspects of the service from crucifer to torches. Thanks for your cooperation and interest in acolyting.

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EASTER FLOWERS

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Missed Donations:

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Donations received after publication:

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Episcopal Church Women – Our Diocese of Chicago's Annual Meeting & Convention, "Make A Joyful Noise", is Friday & Saturday April 27 & 28, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel, Lisle/Naperville. The LCEM will again accept donations for UTO and CPC on Sundays, April 15 & 22 at all churches. See bulletin boards for details on Convention.

Concert for Cures - April 22 at 3:00 pm is the Concert for the Cures at Christ, Streator where Fr. Robert S. Bates, organist, will perform a wide range of music. The cost is \$5 for the concert & refreshments and all proceeds will be split between Relay for Life and Alzheimer's Memory Walk. Volunteers are needed to provide and serve refreshments (desserts, snacks, etc.) after the concert. We could also use packaged homemade goods to sell. Please let Maryfran Crist, Jane Hart or Julie Peterson know if you can help. Thanks.

St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

Welcome Back - Easter Day, April 8, 2007 for the 7:30 am service.

Annual Meeting – Our meeting is Sunday, April 15 after the service. Please attend, we have much to plan for 2007.

Rogation Sunday – Join us for the 2pm Blessing of the Fields Service followed by refreshments. There is no 9 am service that day.

Christ Church, Streator

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St. Paul's Church, LaSalle

Relay & Alzheimer's Fundraiser – Thank you to everyone who helped make yesterday's fundraiser a successful event. See you at the Organ Concert in Streator on April 22.

Servers Schedule – The servers schedule has been updated do to changing membership. Please contact Shanon (815-223-1551) if you note any problems or if you wish to serve and don't see your name. Training is available for anyone interested in serving who has not done so in the past.

Christ Church, Ottawa

Community Meal – Our next meal is Sunday, May 6 from 12-1pm. Look for the sign up sheet on the back table. Thanks.

April 1, 2007

Prayers of the People - Prayers for the Search Committee (in unison)

Almighty God, prosper with your blessing the mission and ministry of our diocese. You have blessed us with the ministry of the Rt. Rev. William Persell. We thank you for his ministry to us as chief pastor and leader in the Church. Stir up in us the grace and power of your Spirit, as we continue the search for our next Bishop. Give to our search committee inquiring and discerning hearts, that they may clearly see your will. Give us all the courage to dream and the will to persevere to make those dreams a reality. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and ground us in the knowledge and love of you. Empower us with the gifts of joy and wonder as we seek out the special ministry you have for us together in our diocese; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Good News

Holy Week & Easter - Please see the bulletin for the schedule of services for the coming week. There are many worship and fellowship opportunities offered throughout the LCEM. Please join us at any or all and bring a friend or neighbor.

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Foyer - Please contact Buffy, 667-4835 or Fran Sires, 795-4540 with any questions or if you wish to host a Foyer. Everyone is welcome at Foyer. Thanks.

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Servers Easter Vigil - We need 4 Readers, Chalice, 2 Torches, Crucifer, and Greeters for the Easter Vigil Service at Christ, Ottawa April 7 at 7 pm. If you can serve please contact Fran 815-220-0238 as soon as possible. Anyone in the LCEM who serves at their church is welcome to serve at this LCEM service. Thanks.

Leadership & Ministry Fair - Vestry School is April 21 from 8 am - 4pm at Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E. 55th St, Chicago. All members of the LCEM Board, Vestries, Bishop & Chapel Committees are encouraged to attend. Contact the LCEM office 220-0238 today. Join in for a day of learning & sharing as a diocesan community living out our baptismal covenant. One workshop is based on the book "12 to Effective Churches" by Kennon Callahan and will explore ways to identify and build on strengths in the life of the congregation.

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March 18, 2007

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NEXT SUNDAY, March 25 Bishop Victor Scantlebury will lead the LCEM in worship with confirmation/reception at Christ Church, Streator at 10am.
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Newsletter Deadline – The next DEADLINE is Monday, March 19. Please email or snail mail Fran with any items for the newsletter by then. If she doesn't have it it won't get in.

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Easter cards for Katrina and Our Soldiers

Thank you to everyone who signed cards.

73 were sent to Katrina and over 100 to our armed forces.