

September 2011



# The Messenger

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## “What is Rally Day?”

What is Rally Day? What does it mean? The original term Rally Day came about as a result of people gathering for a special cause they wanted to promote. They met for the whole day to emphasize the significance of their cause. When we rally children or adults together it means that we are embarking on a specific mission.

In the church, Rally Day is usually the time in the fall when we gather the children back to Sunday School and adults back to Biblical studies after a sabbatical during the summer months. It is a time of celebration. We celebrate by worshiping and then we have a picnic to enjoy the fellowship of other believers who also have come back after their family summer retreats.

In the Old and New Testament there were many celebrations. Every time God provided a victory or saved his people from destruction there was a time of celebration. When Saul was made king there was a celebration, when David was declared king there was a celebration. When God’s people were spared from annihilation because of Esther’s bravery as she went before King Xerxes there was a celebration.

Rally Day is significant because it has a rippling effect on the classes and events that follow. It sets up a momentum to launch us into the ministry of the church which is ahead of us. It creates excitement and enthusiasm which keeps the vitality of the church alive and well throughout the year.

We celebrate the faithfulness of God as he brings us back together after our summer get-a-ways with our families. This is a time of thanksgiving because we return with anticipation to learn new revelations about God and also to fellowship with the family of God.

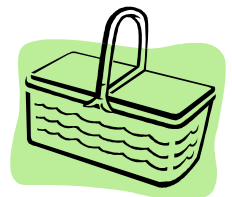
Rally Day 2011 will encompass a worship time change. Sunday School will begin at 9:00am and worship will begin at 10:15am. Then we will have a picnic celebration at Bauman Park in Cherry Valley at 1:00pm. Meat will be provided and you will be asked to bring a dish to pass. Sign up on the communication card or call the office (815)399-9296.

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in the alcove and Wednesday night Bible study at 6:15 in the library will feature Jim’s Cymbala’s powerful and dynamic study “When God’s People Pray”. All are welcome.

## Church Picnic

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Our annual church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 o’clock. Please sign up on the communication card or call the church office with the number of people from your family who will be attending. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. You are asked to bring a lawn chair or a blanket and a dish to pass. If your last name begins with A-M please bring a side dish or salad and if your name begins with N-Z bring a dessert. We look forward to seeing you there!



# BCC Student Ministries

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Changes...Changes...Changes... :) This fall we're seeing some changes in current stuff, the creation of new stuff, and a launch into yet another stellar fall season and a new academic year! We're glad you're joining us! So here's the scoop:

Our **JR High** youth group (**Roots**) will continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:30 down in the youth room. If you or someone you know is in grades 6 – 8, then we want you to join us each week! When you blend together music, games, talkback, prayer, food, dodgeball, and comfy couches you get Roots! Dan Schweitzer, Mike Parlapiano, Cheryl Ecklund, and myself would love to see you here with us so turn Call of Duty off and get over here! Fall starts up on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**!

Our **SR High** youth group (**Overhaul**) is shifting nights. After much thought, prayer, and logistical needs, we decided to make the shift from Sunday nights to **TUESDAY NIGHTS!!** Being sensitive to extracurricular schedules, we will meet each week from 7PM to 9PM in the youth room! As with any change, we'll evaluate our decision throughout the fall. Our students will still enjoy the staples of our time together as we connect, play, enjoy, eat, pray, and work to reflect Christ! Plan to join myself, Kristi Holstein, and Jason Holmertz and invite a friend or two to our fall kick-off on **September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Hope to see you all there!

## Other Wednesday Night Scheduling for the Kiddos:

**Crosswalk JR** is for our little ones Pre-K n younger. Bring your little tykes each Wednesday night from 6 to 7:30PM in the **nursery**. Christi Melin and Kari Whitney will lead our kids in song time, Bible story time from the Old Testament, snack and playtime. There will be castles built, slides slid, toy cars vroomed, babies rocked, messes made, and little friendships begun. Plan to join in on this great ministry upon its launch on **September 21<sup>st</sup>**! Cya then!!

**Crosswalk** will meet **upstairs** beginning on **September 21<sup>st</sup>** as well. We'll be working through "God's Promises" as Jamise Retzlaff, Shelby Holmertz, Anne Chapetta, Becky Bamberger, and Stacey Parlapiano bring the message and example to our kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Songs, crafts, snacks, games, laughs, prayers, friends, challenges...what can top that?? Plan to join us and bring a friend or two. See that kid at the desk next to you?...yeah, bring that kid!

**Confirmation**, or **Journey** as we call it, will begin on **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30PM to 5:30PM in Derek's office**. If you or your child will be entering **7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade** this year, they're eligible to join us and Marcia Johnson, Sylvia Bowman, and I would love to have them. Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders get a chance to immerse in the JR High life for a year before they embark on their Confirmation Journey! This year we'll be digging into the **New Testament**. This a great tool designed to give our kids a solid platform on Biblical knowledge and the **corresponding application to life**. So go get that homework done...you've got a **busy Wednesday night!**

## Sunday Morning Scheduling for the Youth sector:

Sunday **Crosswalk JR** will meet in the **Nursery** again this year with **Sue Warren** and **Anne Chapetta** leading our Pre-K and younger. They'll enjoy a dynamic curriculum by **David C Cook** and will learn the stories of the **Bible** and continue to **build those relationships** that can continue for years to come. Drop off your little one and then head into the various adult offerings!

Sunday **Crosswalk** will meet **upstairs** at **9AM to 10ish**. As of this writing, we are in the final stages of planning and placing teachers and leaders for our kids. **Please be in prayer** for those considering serving upstairs this year to our **grade schoolers**. However it comes together in the next week or so, please make your child a part of this vital ministry. **Thanks to all** who serve, have served, and will serve our God by leading our young ones in the ways they should go! Stay tuned... :)

**Youth Movie Ministry** will meet in **Derek's office** with **Dan Schweitzer!** Who doesn't like movies? Well, this will be unique in that we'll watch movies, then **dissect, analyze, and apply** the lessons we learn from the **movie plots!** Make sure you're there and let's challenge each other to do the things we should, even if they're difficult! Plan on meeting from **9 to 10:15ish!**

Whew...there ya go! Exciting times! By the way, for all you adults, there's an exciting opportunity for a sweet financial-based class unlike what you're probably thinking! Stay tuned for details on that!

Peace,

**Derek**

# September

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4 9:15 Worship	5	6 8:30 Morning Prayer Meeting  7:00 Overhaul	7 12:00 Prayer  6:00 Roots 6:30 Choir 7:30 Band	8 6:30 Homeless Breakfast Program	9	10
11 9:00 Rally Day 10:30 Worship  1:00 Picnic @ Baumann	12	13 8:30 Morning Prayer Meeting  6:30 Leadership Team Mtg. 7:00 Overhaul	14 12:00 Prayer  4:30 Journey 6:00 Roots 6:30 Choir 7:30 Band	15	16	17
18 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	19 9:00 Patchwork Quilters	20 8:30 Morning Prayer Meeting  7:00 Overhaul	21 12:00 Prayer  4:30 Journey 5:30 Supper 6:00 Roots Crosswalk Adults 6:30 Choir 7:30 Band	22 6:30 Homeless Breakfast Program	23	24
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## Serving in September

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Head Usher: Keith Holmertz

Counters: Dan Hitchcock & Sue Warren

### Nursery Workers:

9/4 Cheryl & Carl Ecklund & Mary Beth Adams

9/11 Jon Brown, Kathy Melin & Kim Lape

9/18 Ann & Jeff Chapetta & Stacey Parlapiano

9/25 Colleen Felts, Kari Whitney & Kevin McCulloch

### Coffee Schedule

9/4 Nancy Ilgen

9/11 Marcia Johnson

9/18 Arlene Schweiger

9/25 Gary & Lois Ecklund



- 4 Gordon Wienke
- 5 Arline Gredenius
- 10 Kathy Almond
- 11 Rikki Bickford
- 12 Anders Gredenius  
Kurt Miericke
- 14 Marcia Johnson  
Doris Dahlgren  
Wesley Hardin
- 16 Ron Miller  
Linda Evans
- 17 Wally Sorensen  
David Knight  
Don Leather
- 18 Louise Larson  
Emmet Swanson
- 21 Mayford Engstrom  
Jennifer O'Marrah  
Bob Schweiger  
Erica Schweiger
- 23 Louise Peterson
- 24 Ruth Hopkins  
Jean Drews  
Annette Retzlaff
- 25 Kevin McCulloch
- 27 Deloris Whitsel

## Thank You

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Dear Broadway Family, Our overwhelming thanks to each of you for your continued prayers, visits, calls and cards during Doug's recent injury. The recovery will be slow but we feel extremely blessed by Gods protection and only resulting in two broken heals. Our appreciation for the support of our church family is hard to express since you faithfully continue to be there for our family with each and every event that has taken place. God bless you as you care for others. Doug, Kristi, Tyler and Karlee Swanson

Many thanks to everyone who helped and attended dad's memorial service and for the lovely plant. Nancy & Dennis Norman, Ginny, Mike & Megan Woodrow and Ryan & Kara Woodrow

## Remember in Prayer

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**The family of Werner Hoffman** who passed away on August 8th.

**The family of Althea Myers**, who passed away in Minnesota.

**The family of Ruth Miller Kay** who passed away on July 24th.

**Doug Swanson** home recovering from two broken heels.

**Eleanor Anderson** at Rosewood.

## 60 Plus

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After taking the months of July and August off, 60 Plus starts up in September. Plan now to join 60 Plus, Tuesday, September 20th, 11:30 AM for lunch at the Capri Restaurant, 313 E. State Street. Remember to enter from the back parking lot and the doors don't open until 11:30.

After lunch at 1:00 PM we will tour the Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum located at 411 Kent Street. Admission is \$5. If you can't take the stairs to the second floor you can go outside and around to the lower level and view a presentation. Please call your reservations in to Peggy, 282-0640, by Sunday, September 18th. Let her know if you will be attending one or both events and let her know if you need a ride.



- 2 Doug & Joan Boettcher  
Wesley & Colleen Straley  
Randall & Laura Ann Price
- 3 Dr. Martin & Robin Plotkin
- 5 Todd & Susan Johnson
- 8 Dan & Laura Schweitzer
- 11 Robert & Barbara Rehnberg
- 14 Thomas & Sandy Anderson  
John & Kimberly Haase
- 15 James & Jill Page
- 16 Wayne & Carolyn Augenson
- 17 Karl & Crystal Burdick  
Kendall & Nancy Dahlstrom
- 26 Maynard & Barbara Carlson
- 27 Keith & Kathryn Holmertz

# News from the Leadership Team

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In the Messenger last month, we introduced you to the Leadership Team members. One of their responsibilities is to direct and oversee the seven specific Ministry Areas described in our Bylaws. This month we would like to provide an overview of those ministries and the person to contact with questions about that particular area.

## 1. Worship Ministries

*Leaders:* Candice McCulloch, Arlene Schweiger and Kent Drews

*Purpose:* Planning, developing and conducting regular and special worship services and music programs.

*Programs:* Choir, Praise Band, Greeters, Ushers, Audio/Visual, Communion, Decorating

## 2. Missions and Outreach Ministries

*Leaders:* Gary Ecklund and Derek Melin

*Purpose:* Providing opportunities for outreach and compassion, both local and global.

*Programs:* Missions Committee, Fun Fest, Love Tree, Mission Trips, Thanksgiving Baskets, Homeless Breakfasts

## 3. Children's Ministries

*Leader:* Carl Ecklund

*Purpose:* Planning, developing and coordinating Christian education for children from birth through fifth grade.

*Programs:* Sunday School, Crosswalk, Children's Worship, Nursery, Skills Camp, Covenant Camps

## 4. Student Ministries

*Leader:* Derek Melin

*Purpose:* Planning, developing and coordinating Christian education and discipleship programs and ministries designed for middle school, high school and college age students.

*Programs:* Sunday School, Confirmation, Roots, Overhaul

## 5. Adult Ministries

*Leader:* Joyce Cosman and Roy Leidahl (temporarily)

*Purpose:* Planning, developing and implementing education and discipleship ministries for adults, including spiritual nurture and fellowship.

*Programs:* Sunday School, Alpha, Picnics, Covenant Women, Small Groups, 60+

## 6. Care Ministries

*Leaders:* Marcia Johnson and Joyce Cosman

*Purpose:* Providing care, benevolence and hospitality to those within and outside the congregation, including all church social events and visitation, grief and recovery ministries and temporary assistance during illness for those with special needs.

*Programs:* Prayer Chain, Sunday Coffee, Wednesday Suppers, Care Facilitators, Visitation

## 7. Communication Ministries

*Leaders:* Roy Leidahl and Sue Ippolito

*Purpose:* Seeking and implementing effective means of communicating our ministry opportunities within the church and to the world.

*Programs:* Website, Messenger, Directories, Outdoor Sign, Community Events, Broadway Covenant Historical Records, Library

## Ministry Opportunities

Please prayerfully consider these opportunities to serve.

Worship Audio/Visual assistance is needed: If you have computer skills or are able to connect your surround sound system and big screen TV, you have the ability. Contact Kent Drews at 815-399-6290.

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## Pastoral Search Committee

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A Pastoral Search Committee has been formed and consists of Ron Miller (Chair), Kent Drews (Vice Chair), Carolyn Augenson (Secretary), Kathi Engstrom (Communications Liaison), Bob Schweiger, Kari Whitney and Carl Ecklund (ex-officio). We began meeting on August 15th and, generally, plan to meet Mondays at 6:30 pm. We were pleased to have our Conference Superintendent, Jerome Nelson, join us at our first meeting to help us get organized and to inform us of how the Central Conference will help us in our search. We were encouraged at the amount of help that is available from the conference

Our first major task is to create a congregational survey to get input regarding what qualities are desired in a pastor, where we are as a church today and what direction we want to head in the future. This is an extremely important part of the process and we value the congregation's input. Look for the survey sometime near the end of September in the mail and at church. It will also be in the October issue of the Messenger.

What can you do to help? First, and foremost, you can pray for the committee and for the process. Pray specifically that we create a good survey that will give us the appropriate information. Secondly, you can complete your survey and return it to church by the deadline which will be communicated at a later date.