



## September 2009

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### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 03 ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7 p.m.
- 05 ..... Labyrinth Walk, Noon
- 07 ..... Labor Day, Office Closed
- 10 ..... Vestry, 7 p.m.
- 13 ..... Annual Pig Roast, Noon
- 15 ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m.
- 15 ..... Keeping God's People Safe, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
- 17 ..... Women's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.
- 18-19 ..... Hesus House
- 20 ..... Youth Group, 7 p.m.
- 23 ..... Soup Kitchen Precook, 7 p.m.
- 24 ..... Soup Kitchen, 10 a.m.
- 26 ..... All Parish Potluck, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 ..... Hymn Sing, 3:30 p.m.
- 27 ..... Free Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m.

*Please submit articles to [scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net)  
 before September 15 for inclusion in October's  
 newsletter. Note that articles may be edited to fit.*

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>01</b> 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>02</b> 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>03</b> 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>04</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>05</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service / Noon Labyrinth Walk
<b>06</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Eucharist / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist	<b>07</b> <b>LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM	<b>08</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>09</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 11 a.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>10</b> 7 p.m. Vestry	<b>11</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>12</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
<b>13</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Eucharist / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / Noon Annual Pig Roast	<b>14</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	<b>15</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA / 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Keeping God's People Safe	<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 11 a.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Network Mtg. / 7:30 p.m. Women's Book Club	<b>18</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA / 11 p.m. Hessed House	<b>19</b> 3 a.m. Hessed House / 8 a.m. AA / 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Formation Leaders Retreat / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
<b>20</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Eucharist / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 7 p.m. Youth Group	<b>21</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM	<b>22</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>23</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 11 a.m. Eucharist / 7 p.m. Soup Kitchen Precook / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>24</b> 10 a.m. Soup Kitchen	<b>25</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>26</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5:30 p.m. All Parish Potluck
<b>27</b> 7:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Eucharist / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 3:30 Hymn Sing / 5 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner	<b>28</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	<b>29</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>30</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 11 a.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir			

# SERVER SCHEDULE

September 06    September 13    September 20    September 27    October 04

## Eucharistic Ministers

7:30 a.m.	Diana Brown Doug Brown	Kathy Mertes Michelle Moore	Jerry Mertes Carol Paschal	Michelle Moore Gib Moore	Kathy Mertes Jerry Mertes
10:45 a.m.	Katie Thomson Gary Meade	Holly Parks Jim Bachman	Becky Kruse Joe Ryan	Dick Hattan Beverly Nesbit	Katie Thomson Gary Meade

## Lector

7:30 a.m.	Alan Wolff	Mary Kerr	Henry Mora	Jack Kerr	Alan Wolff
10:45 a.m. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Senior High	Joe Ryan	Sharon Miller	Bo Smith	Jr. High
10:45 a.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior High	Annie Hollis	Tom Miller	Carolyn Campbell	Jr. High

## Ushers

7:30 a.m.	Jack Benning	Marina Morrow Gerry Miles	Kathy Mertes Larry Engel	Jack Kerr Bill Johnson	Gary Miles Larry Engel
10:45 a.m.	Senior High Senior High	Jan Bach Katie Thomson	Tom Flood John Hollis	Wink Bangs Jeff Burnett	Jr. High Jr. High

## Acolyte

Eoin Cottrell    Sam Nesbit    Andrew Schuetz    Sarah Ditch    Dillon Mugge

## Intercessor

Senior High    Kathy Heikkinen    Bo Smith    Dalia Bach    Jr. High

## Altar Bread

Lisa-Ann Barnes    Katie Thomson    Jane Van Nortwick    Beverly Nesbit    Dalia Bach

## Greeters

7:30 a.m.	Diana Brown	Dorothy Payleitner	Jody Rullman	Diana Brown	Dorothy Payleitner
9 a.m.	Kerri Hildebrand	Janet Craft	Kathy Hari	Kerri Hildebrand	Janet Craft
10:45 a.m.	Senior High	Wendy Bangs	Beverly Nesbit	Jean Phipps	Jr. High

## Coffee Hosts

7:30 a.m.	Men's Cursillo
9 a.m.	Men's Cursillo
10:45 a.m.	Men's Cursillo

## Home Eucharist

Rullman (Meade)    Wolff (Craft)    Rixleben (Brown)    Craft (Rixleben)    Brown (Rullman)

## Closing

Gregg Steamer    Dick Hattan    Karen Flood    Katie Ditch    Mike Custer

## Altar Guild

Rullman Mora	Paschal Travis Hollis	Payleitner, Bachman Brown Owen	Ludtke DeVore Haase Parsons	Rullman Mora
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## Flower Guild

Liz Benning  
Jody Rullman    Carol Paschal  
Sarah Travis    Carol Paschal  
Sarah Travis    Dottie Finatri    Liz Benning  
Jody Rullman

## Flower Dedication

The Landers    The Engels    The Johnsons, Bill & Liz

## 9 a.m. Hosts

Needed    The Mannings    The Mugges    Needed    The Victors

# Does God Still Heal?

October 14 and 28, 7 p.m.

Contact Father Bill Kruse @ 630-208-6405 @ [bandbkkruse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bandbkkruse@sbcglobal.net) or Dick Hattan @ 630-208-1978 or [richardhattan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardhattan@sbcglobal.net).

Is there such a thing today as healing through prayer? The healing of body and mind by the Grace of God is in accord with the teaching or scripture. Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me will do the same works I do" (John 14:12 RSV), but do we believe that?

## A Little History Of The Order Of St. Luke

In 1928, bishops at the Lambeth Conference were studying the Letter of James. Studying that document, the bishops realized that the church had lost that kind of simple faith; The faith that prayer can heal. The Bishops sent a pastoral letter suggesting that parishes around the world study the Letter of James (and other healing scripture) with the goal of establishing healing prayer services in every parish.

In 1933, the Order of Saint Luke the Physician was founded to facilitate that study and help laity and clergy establish healing prayer ministry. A few years ago, TIME Magazine reported that the Episcopal Church in the United States has more healing services than all the other Christian churches combined.

A beginning chapter of the Order of Saint Luke is studying and practicing healing prayer in our parish. Starting in October, healing prayer and laying-on-of-hands and anointing will be

offered on the last Sunday of each month at the 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Eucharists.

## But Does It Work?

Doctor Larry Dossey, M. D., among many authors in recent years, has written a number of books on the power of prayer and the practice of medicine and has published some fascinating reports on hundreds of controlled scientific experiments on healing prayer. These experiments demonstrate statistical evidence of the effectiveness of prayer. Nevertheless, the most persuasive argument is experience. "Go back and tell John (the Baptize) what you have seen and heard: the blind see again, the lame, . . . and happy is the one who does not lose faith in me." Luke 7:22-23

After the resurrection of Jesus, the apostles continued the healing ministry of Jesus (See the Book of Acts.), which was then passed on to other disciples. Abundant historical evidence indicates that the church was a healing fellowship for the first 300 years of its ministry. Even an Emperor, Marcus Aurelius, wrote to his governors that if he were sick and the physicians were not helping, they should seek out the Christian fellowship. "Their prayers are effective."

Please let us know if you will join the Order of St. Luke on September 14 and 28.

# Study The Best Stories In The Bible

October 1, 8, 15, 29 & November 5, 12, 18, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Contact Deacon Liz Meade @ [scedeacon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scedeacon@sbcglobal.net) or 630-584-2596.

Did you ever wonder how to study the Bible and how to make its stories relevant to your life? Are you a Bible novice, feeling like you can't quite jump into an existing study? Then, this is the group for you!

Come for small group fellowship, prayer, and bible study on Thursday evenings this Fall beginning October 1. Discover why the stories are important, how they affect your life, and how they've affected others' lives.

Deacon Liz will welcome us into the joys and teachings contained in Scripture. Sign up in Ludtke Hall or contact Deacon Liz.



Please update your directory. Carolyn Campbell's new address and phone number is 200 N. Second Street #414, St. Charles 60174, 630-377-2075.

## Bigger Bang For Your Contribution Dollar

Contact Gregg Steamer @ 630-587-3848 or [gsteamer@comcast.net](mailto:gsteamer@comcast.net).

You might be eligible to get a bigger bang for your contribution buck. Many employers offer matching grant programs. That means that your employer might match your donation to SCEC. Some employers will make donations on behalf of employees who volunteer their time for non-profit organizations. Since a substantial number of our parishioners volunteer their time to assist with church-related activities, we could conceivably benefit from this program too. Please contact your Human Resources Department to see if your company has a matching grant program or a program that provides a donation for your volunteer work.



Thank you to Tom and Karen Flood for their generous donation of a Story and Clark piano which was recently moved into the sanctuary. The Floods also provided an initial maintenance so that the instrument will compliment our choir for years to come. Thank you again for your generous donation.

## Adult Choir To Sponsor Bake Sale And Hymn Sing

**September 27, 3:30 p.m.**

Contact Dan Williams @ [scecmusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecmusic@sbcglobal.net) or 630-584-2596.

The Adult Choir will sponsor Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 27th beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All summer, we have been singing the hymns you chose from the "Songs of Summer" survey. Perhaps, the hymn you picked was sung on a week you were not in church; Here's your chance to join the choir and sing it again. We will accept a donation of \$10 if you would like to have a hymn sung in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special person or event.

Before the hymn sing, the choir will host a Bake Sale to raise money for this year's music programs and a humidity control for the new piano in the sanctuary. The humidity control will save the parish maintenance costs by requiring less frequent instrument tunings. The cost of purchasing a humidity control and having it installed will be at least \$350.

Please join us in celebrating some of our favorite hymns, eating some baked goods, and raising some money to keep the music playing at SCEC. Then, stick around for the FREE Spaghetti Dinner.

## Marriage & Parenting

Contact Katie Ditch @ 630-584-6015 or [kmditch@aol.com](mailto:kmditch@aol.com).

School will be back in session for the kids. Why not update some of your knowledge and get some answers to some of your questions regarding parenting and marriage. Watch this newsletter and The Pulse for more information on these two upcoming events.

**Parenting - October 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Here's your chance to get the answers for all the parenting questions you were afraid to ask. Childcare will be available upon request. This session will be facilitated by Liz Ryan and Katie Ditch.

**Marriage - November 7, 10 a.m. to noon**

Marriage and Family Therapist Paul Weiss of the Couples Clinic in Geneva will facilitate this couples seminar. Come and see what builds strong and lasting relationships. Childcare will be available upon request.

# What The Heck Is Cursillo?

(pronounced Cur-see-oh)

## October 25-27

Contact Liz Ryan @ [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net) or 630-584-2596.

Actually, you may have heard of Cursillo. Cursillo is a three-day, weekend retreat that gives men and women who are active in their churches the tools to strengthen their faith and grow in Christ on the “4<sup>th</sup> day” (the rest of their lives)—not to mention have a great time doing it! Basically, the weekend consists of:

- 15 talks given by lay people and clergy with titles like Ideals, Grace, Faith, Sacraments, and Environment (to name a few)
- Small group time to discuss the talks
- Eucharist each day
- Spiritual meditations and time for quiet reflection
- Uplifting music
- Great food
- Wonderful fellowship with others from around our Diocese

After the weekend Cursillistas (those who have attended a Cursillo weekend) are supported by small groups and these small groups meet together in larger groups to further the members’ faith journey.

Our diocesan movement is called “CHEC” (CHicago EPiscopal Cursillo), and there have been 77 weekends held. Each weekend is co-ed and husbands and wives are encouraged to attend together, although it is not required.

To attend a weekend, you must be sponsored by a Cursillista—someone who has been active in the movement and can provide you with information and models the group reunion experience in their own lives. In our parish, active Cursillistas include:

Carolyn Campbell ■ Margo and Bill Churchwell ■ Mike and Katie Ditch ■ Tom and Karen Flood ■ Henry and Ann Mora ■ Marina Morrow ■ Gary and the Rev. Liz Meade ■ The Rev. Bill and Beverly Nesbit, Jr. ■ Matt Rhead ■ Joe and Liz Ryan ■ Katie Thomson ■ Sarah Travis

Any of these Cursillistas can answer questions about the retreat. Application forms can be found on the bulletin board in Ludtke Hall or downloaded at [www.chicagocursillo.com](http://www.chicagocursillo.com).

The next weekend to be held in our diocese is October 25-27 and will be led by our very own Joe Ryan. There is still time to register if you are interested. All weekends are held at Casa Italia in Stone Park, IL.

We hope you will pray about participating in this retreat.



## September Birthdays

- 01 Hannah Koch
- 01 Elizabeth Hattan
- 01 Karlie Custer
- 02 Tina Wicks
- 03 Kate Lander
- 07 Elmer Rullman III
- 08 Kai Godina
- 09 Bo Smith
- 10 Trevor Hari
- 10 Mark Senn
- 11 Gabriel Rhead
- 12 Chris Hansen
- 15 Liz Engel
- 15 Richard Foster
- 15 Charles Dodson
- 17 Mandalee Manning
- 19 Jeff Rixleben
- 20 Colin Campbell
- 21 Gina Ingraham
- 21 Mike Trizzino
- 22 Lisa-Ann Barnes
- 22 Carl Larson
- 23 Maria Owen
- 23 Simon Balisi
- 24 David Miles
- 25 Amy Groskopf
- 26 Jacob Kerr
- 28 Lauren Hollis
- 30 Steve Timm

## September Anniversaries

- 03 Marina Morrow & Robert Hatcher
- 04 Matt & Grace Rhead
- 05 Greg & Sheryl Vitel
- 09 Terry & Phyllis Andrew
- 11 Jon & Jeanne Monken
- 20 Jim & Kathy Hari
- 22 Beverly & Bill Nesbit
- 28 Tom & Regan Jancauskas
- 28 David & Tina Wicks
- 30 John & Carol Paschal
- 30 Jeff Rixleben & Laura Graf



## Join The Prayer Shawl Ministry

**September 3, 7 p.m. & September 15, 10 a.m.**

*Contact Mary Zupke @ 630-208-4666 or [maryzupke@hotmail.com](mailto:maryzupke@hotmail.com) or Christy Becker @ 630-377-4369 or [knitterchristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knitterchristy@sbcglobal.net).*

Hello knitters and want-to-be knitters!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is excited about the coming year—many of the knitters are finishing up projects from the last couple of months and getting started on some new ones. As many of you know, anyone can join this ministry. We have knitting teachers who can start anyone off with their first stitch and fix any type of mistake. Some members have been knitting for years and others have just begun.

Feel free to come anytime to knit or to just sit and enjoy some relaxing conversation. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets to make beautifully knitted pieces for those in need on the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of every month at SCEC. Please come give this ministry a try.

## All Parish Potluck

**September 26, 5:30 p.m.**

*Contact Carol Kampf @ [carolkampf@hotmail.com](mailto:carolkampf@hotmail.com) or 630-513-5773.*

The Stewardship Committee is hosting an all parish potluck on Saturday, September 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Matt Rhead, our chef, is planning a Cajun main dish, and those attending are asked to bring a side dish. After the meal, the Stewardship Committee has a short presentation at which time the church's 2010 Pledge Drive theme and logo will be revealed, the budget will be introduced, and the pledge packets will be distributed. Families are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided during the presentation. Sign up in Ludtke Hall for side dishes, set-up, and clean-up or call Carol Kampf. Food, fun, and fellowship—all for free!

## Financial Planning Session

**October 18, 3 to 4 p.m.**

*Contact Karen Hattan @ [richardhatten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardhatten@sbcglobal.net).*

If you are confused about Trusts, Wills, and other financial planning instruments, then join the Stewardship Committee as we discuss the many different ways we can make a personal financial plan work to benefit our own families as well as our church family. Charles Brown, the church's financial planner, will cover these topics on Sunday, October 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. In addition to introducing you to the language used in financial planning, he will answer any questions specific to your own situation. Questions can be eMailed to Karen Hattan before October 18.

## Fourth Annual Craft Fair

**October 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

*Contact Fay Viverito @ [canadafay@comcast.net](mailto:canadafay@comcast.net) or 630-000-0000 or Michelle Moore @ 630-830-5481 or [teecher711@aol.com](mailto:teecher711@aol.com).*

The church will be filled with attractive, useful, and whimsical hand-made items on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for our fourth Annual Craft Fair. A few crafter spots are still open. See the church website or contact Fay Viverito. A Bake Sale will also be held during the craft show. Sign-up in Ludtke Hall to donate. This event typically raises more than \$1000 for the church and its ministries. Please encourage crafters to exhibit and bakers to bake and plan on visiting and spreading the word about this special event.



## So Many Thanks For All You Do!

### Bibletimes Marketplace Volunteers

Twenty-one children of all ages came to SCEC learn, create, sing, dance, and play at Bibletimes Marketplace during the second week of August! This was the first time we've held the Marketplace here at SCEC, and while it was a much smaller version of the program we have enjoyed over the last 17 years at Bethlehem Lutheran, it was every bit as wonderful.

Our volunteer participation was incredible with 35 adults, four college students, six high school students, and eight middle school/junior high volunteers! Many thanks to:

Jan Bach ■ Kristen Balisi ■ Wendy and Wink Bangs ■ Rob, Lisa-Ann, and Hannah Barnes ■ Glorianne Campbell ■ Jess Elfring ■ Erika Englehart ■ Kai and Hunter Godina ■ Kathy Hari ■ Karen Hattan ■ Kathy and Damon Heikkinen ■ Anne and Lauren Hollis ■ Bill Johnson ■ Carol Kampf ■ Liz Lanning ■ Diane Kennedy ■ Emma Larson ■ Chris Lester ■ Ed and Mandalee Manning and friend ■ Deacon Liz Meade ■ Julie, Taushia, Dillon, and Rachel Mugge ■ Fr. Bill and Beverly Nesbit ■ Colleen O'Keeffe ■ Holly Parks ■ Laura, Alex, and Rachel Peyton ■ Tori Ryan ■ Carol Townsend ■ Sarah and Rob Travis ■ Peter Van Nortwick ■ Cynthia Victor ■ Dan Williams ■ Logan Wilson ■ Mary, Anita, and James Wolff ■ Mary, Henry and John Zupke

### Ice Cream Social Volunteers

The Ice Cream Social held on Sunday, August 23 raised more than \$600 and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Darlene Marcusson attended from Lazarus House, and Terri Ann was there from TriCity Family Services. Our ministries—Lazarus House, TriCity Family Services, Habitat for Humanity, and Shelter Assistance Committee—will split more than \$500 after expenses. Thanks to Jeff Rixleben and his helpers:

Wendy Bangs ■ Kathy Heikkinen ■ Marina Morrow ■ Matt Rhead ■ Bo Smith

Also, thanks to all who donated. Special thank yous go to new parishioner Buzz Hayes for her home-baked pies and to Youth Group member Emma Larson for being the top ticket seller. We are grateful to Colonial Ice Cream for donating the ice cream.



Contact Dan Williams @ [scecmusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecmusic@sbcglobal.net) or 630-584-2596.

Music Director Dan Williams will soon start rehearsals for the Children's Choir. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in preparation for a monthly performance at a Sunday service. Children will sing, dance, and play instruments. Contact Dan before September 9 for more information. Regular attendance is crucial for success.

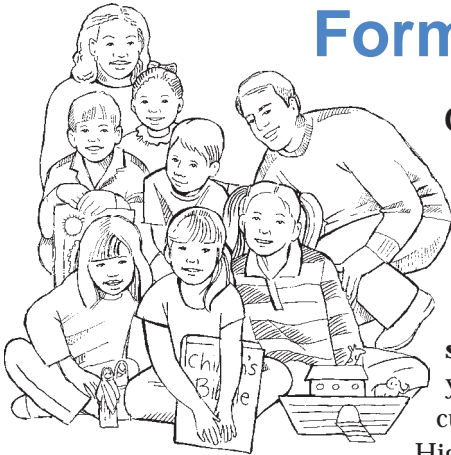


**September 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Contact Dan Williams @ [scecmusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecmusic@sbcglobal.net) or 630-584-2596.

The Adult Choir at SCEC will begin their fall rehearsal schedule Wednesday, September 2 from 7:30 p.m. until about 9 p.m. in preparation for the Fall and Christmas Seasons. In addition to singing each Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service, the choir participates in many other special services. Any adult parishioner is invited to join by coming to the first rehearsal or contacting Music Director Dan Williams.

# Formation Update



**Classes Start September 20,  
10:15 a.m.**

Contact Liz Ryan @  
[scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net) or 630-584-2596.

Mark your calendar! **Formation classes start on September 20.** Don't miss a great year of Christian learning including new curriculums for Middlers and Junior

Highers and game-based learning for High Schoolers. The Atrium classrooms will craft, play, and watch movies while learning about the church and the prayer book.

Registration forms and a brochure about our Formation program are available on the table in front of the prayer board in Ludtke Hall. We'd like to have every child and young person in the church signed up! For those already registered, check out classroom locations below.

High School Gr. 9 -12	Green Atrium Gr. K-1	Blue Atrium Gr. 2-4	Purple Atrium Pre-K	Jr. High Gr. 7 & 8
				Boys' Bathroom
Nursery				Girls' Bathroom

(downstairs)

Middle School  
Gr. 5-6  
(in Library upstairs)



**September 20, 7 p.m.**

Join us for our first **Jr. High Youth Group** meeting! Be in Ludtke Hall at 7 p.m. with a parent to help make plans for the year that are fun for you.



**September 25-27**

**New Beginnings #22!** This is a retreat for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. It's a great time for all. Ask any of the alumni, and they'll tell you all about it: Sarah Ditch, Grace Ditch, Caitlin Johnson, Ian Rhead, and Max Tucker.

For more information or a registration form see Liz Ryan or go to [www.episcopalchicago.org/ministries/youth-ministry/documents/NewBeginnings22registrationforms.pdf](http://www.episcopalchicago.org/ministries/youth-ministry/documents/NewBeginnings22registrationforms.pdf)

**November 13-15**

**Happening #89!** This is a retreat for high schoolers and an experience not to be missed. Fun and faith all rolled into one! Want to know more about it? Talk to Kate Iten, Taushia Mugge, Emily Thomson, Robin Travis, or Mary Wolff! See Liz Ryan for forms or more information.

## Don't Miss The Kid's Activities At The Annual Pig Roast

**September 13  
Noon to 2 p.m.**

Games ■ Raffle ■ Bounce House ■ Music

already working on their proposal for next year and the Stewardship Committee is getting ready to kick-off our 2010 Pledge Drive with a Parish Potluck on September 26 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. Childcare will be available during the presentation. Please take a second right now and put this on your calendar. This event promises to be informative and fun. We're looking forward to seeing you all there on that evening.

### Your Vestry Rolls On

While your Vestry has not had a formal meeting since June, we continue our work for the church. We just attended a

retreat where we worked on improving leadership skills and developing a vision for our church. Our various committees are active and many things, both small and large, have been accomplished. Among the small, but important, is a very low cost, but effective, security system for our building that helps people who are working alone in the building feel a bit safer. We have also hooked up a couple of old, but functional, air conditioners in Ludtke Hall to help with receptions and large gatherings in hot weather. As I write this, we are looking forward to finally getting the dishwasher drain fixed and maybe even completing the painting that was started last year. Lots of little

things, but they all add up to a busy and productive summer here at SCEC.

There are so many other activities that I could mention. I know that I risk offending those whose endeavors have not been specifically recognized. Please forgive me, but I also know that we all do what we do here, not for personal recognition, but to "Grow Our Church, Form Our Faithful, and Change Our Little Corner Of Our World." And, together, we do just that.

**Colin C. Campbell**  
Sr. Warden

## You Are Invited To Join Us For Great Fun At Our Annual Pig Roast

**September 13**  
**Noon to 2 p.m.**

Games ■ Raffle ■ Bounce House  
Musical Entertainment ■ Silent Auction

The main event is the meal itself! Prepared by our own master roaster, Matt Rhead, each delectable spit-roasted pork dinner includes side dishes, a drink, and dessert. For the lighter appetites, a hot dog dinner includes chips, drink, and dessert. Tickets are \$10 per person for the **Pork Dinner**, and \$5 per person for the **Dog Dinner**. **ALL** tickets sold at the door are \$10. Additional desserts will be available for sale. Please invite family and friends.

Donations are needed for the food, auction, and raffle. Sign-up sheets are available in Ludtke Hall for food donations.

*Contact Kathy Hari at 630-513-0404 or [jkhari@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkhari@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or have an auction item or service to donate.*



*Contact Beth Burnette @  
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## The Dog Days Are Here

Well, here we are, once again in the dog day's of summer (Although the dogs, and the rest of us, don't seem to be suffering very much this year—so far!).

It's the time when things traditionally tend to slow down as we gather ourselves for the rush of Fall and a new school year.

But, things aren't slowing down very much at SCEC. Our community is as busy as ever as we go about our chosen tasks and endeavors that, in one way or another, carry forward the mission as envisioned by our Bishop: to "Grow The Church, Form The Faithful, and Change The World."

Yes, that sounds like a pretty tall order, but just reflect on a small sample of what we are doing right now.

## Grow The Church

Our Free Community Dinners continue without interruption, and the attendance is growing. In July, we had more people from outside our church join us than ever before. As we settle into Fall, we hope for even more growth. This is a ministry which has gained notoriety throughout our Diocese and our community. Could there be a better way to "Grow the Church?"

## Form The Faithful

Congratulations on a job well done to the 35 adults, four college students, six high school students, and eight middle schoolers who made Bibletimes

Marketplace a special learning experience. You gave 21 children an opportunity to learn more about our faith by "living in" the time of Jesus's birth. What better way to "Form The Faithful" than allowing them to experience the wonders of Bibletimes? I want to thank both the volunteers and the students, but I am sure that the rewards of your efforts already far surpass any thanks that I can offer.

## Change The World

As you know, due to our budget shortfall this year we had to reduce and even cut our traditional funding of some very worthwhile community charities. However, you have not let this simply slide by. Through a number of efforts, members of our Congregation have found ways to raise money to replace our shortfall.

One fundraiser offered to us by the Fundraising Committee is the opportunity to enjoy a night out with all of our friends at a wonderful local restaurant. Our church benefits by earning part of the proceeds from the restaurant for the day. If you've yet to try one of these nights out, please do. They are quite fun!

Plus, it's these types of successful fundraising events that are pushing us towards surpassing our contributions of last year by a comfortable margin. Every dollar earned gives us more power to "Change the World."

## Speaking Of The Budget

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As the calendar rolls around to September, I am struck by the powerful transitions I was a part of during the month of August: the funeral for long-time parishioner Robert "Bully" Bullen, the baptisms of Laine Griswold and Lilly Englehart, and of course—I mustn't forget—the departure of my oldest son to Illinois Wesleyan University (which I am pleased to say was drier than I had expected). All of them had their impact. As with all transitions, there was a profound sense of looking backward at what had been, while at the same time a sense of looking forward in anticipation for what is to come.

September, too, is a month of transition as our children settle in to the "back-to-school" rhythm of life. The loose vacation lifestyle of summer becomes more patterned and regimented as our schedules become more full and regular. Around us fruits, vegetables, and grains come to ripeness. One cycle is coming to an end, while another begins anew. For me, my reading appetite moves away from the more escapist books of summer toward books of an academic nature.

In September, the church also goes back to school, as our program year begins with new opportunities to learn and do. I encourage you to take part in the full life of our church. Take advantage of all we have to offer, and even more, take advantage of the opportunity to share what you have with us. As a community, we grow and thrive when we do things together. As individuals, we grow and thrive when we give of ourselves. Look for ways that we can be better at sharing our gifts with those around us. We want to help you find the way to use your passion to change the world.

When we look back on the history of SCEC, we can see a tradition of people of faith working and praying together to help those in need. As we begin our program year, I want you to look ahead and see where you too can be an ongoing part of that rich tradition. Together we can make a difference. Join us!

See you in Church,