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Extra-Ordinary in the Ordinary

Several of you have wondered, "What on earth does Pastor Ross mean by calling these Sundays 'Ordinary Time'?" I'm SO glad you asked!

Ordinary Time (as opposed to sacred time) refers to two specific periods in the Christian Church calendar. It refers to those Sundays which are not directly related to the Christmas or Easter holidays. Rather than referring to something everyday or common, "ordinary" in this usage comes from the word "ordinal" (meaning numbered). The Sundays in these periods are numbered. This practice was begun by the Second Vatican Council after the Season of Advent in 1969 c.e.

The first period of Ordinary Time in the Church calendar falls between the first Sunday after Epiphany (on or around January 6th) and ends before Ash Wednesday. It can be between four to nine weeks. The second period of Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after Pentecost and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. These two periods are depicted in the liturgical color of green which signifies the time of growth, rebirth, and nurture in the life of the church and it's members. Therefore, as much as you may be tempted to consider these days of summer as mundane, unexciting weekly observances — They really are meant to be extra-ordinary opportunities to become more like the persons God intends us to be.

See you in church THIS Ordinary Sunday!

Pastor Ross

Special points of interest:

- *Rev's Ramblin's*
- *Legacy Fund*
- *Indianapolis 500 Booth Report*
- *Youth News*



St. John's UCC—
Thank you for all
the kindness at
the passing of my
brother-in-law
Steven Mendel.

Martha Minks
and Family

Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Friends in Christ—

Thank you for your gift of \$367.50 for our seminaries received during the months of January through March, 2009. Through this gift you are providing critical support for Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries. Thank you for making this support a priority in your church and a reality for our seminaries! With deep gratitude, Ann S. Moyer, Executive Director.

Dear Emmaus Homes Friends—

On behalf of the entire Emmaus Homes family—our clients, staff, Board of Directors and volunteers—thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00. Your gift will be used to continue the support and services Emmaus provides for the more than 300 adults with developmental disabilities we serve. Lisa A. Drier, Executive Director

Dear Sir or Madam, Thank you so much for your generous donation of Campbell's Labels and/or Box Tops for Education. With the points you have helped us collect, we are able to buy much needed school supplies and educational tools for our campus school who teaches children ages 6 and up. We

couldn't do it without your labels! Thanks again for all you do to help Crossroad. Warm Regards,
Amanda Brunson, Crossroad Donor & Community Relations.

Dear St. John's— First of all I would like to thank Carolyn Hayes, my mom and all of the other moms and grandmothers who put together the wonderful survival kits for us college students these past couple of years. They really pick us up and remind us that there are many back home thinking about us. I have really enjoyed receiving them. Secondly, I would like to let my St. John's family know about my job for this summer. I have been hired by Youth Works Mission Program as a supervisor of the mission site in Marvell, Arkansas. I will be supervising painting projects and fix up jobs. Part of my job is mixing donated gallons of paint in 30 gallon trash cans. Most homes in Marvell will end up some shade of tan, I am sure. Marvell is a very poor community and is still experiencing some racial tension. Please keep me and the community in your prayers. I love mail and can have visitors on Saturdays. So if you are in the neighborhood of where TN, MS, and Arkansas come together near the Mississippi River, please stop by. We are sleeping and working out of the local school. I am sure I will have many stories to share when I return home in August.

Sincerely, Amy LaGrange,

Youth Works, PO Box 4,

Marvel, Arkansas 72366

Thanks to those who participated in the College Student Ministry this past school year. This program is solely supported by the parents, grandparents and friends of St. John's college students. This continued support is greatly appreciated as our goal is to let our college students know that St. John's continues to pray and support them as they study away from home. New participants are always welcomed as we start up our ministry again in August. Carolyn Hayes

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New Addresses—

David Reed
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Ms. Amy Wilczek
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Deaths—

Pauline Fox 3-30-2009
Helmut Yauk 5-10-2009
Marge Hodder 5-16-2009

Weddings—

Megan Vassar/Barry Osborne
June 13, 2009

Tabitha Fleming/Luke Schwyn
June 20, 2009

**RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS**

Are you downsizing or becoming an empty-nester or know someone who is? Do you have items that you haven't used in a few years? Please consider donating these items to St. John's Rummage Sale.

We would be glad to have donations of any furniture, household items, clothing, or leisure items that you no longer need. We take most usable items, whether large or small. The last day to drop off your donations will be Monday, July 13th. If you have a question about an item you want to donate, please call Louise Plummer at 535-8253.

LEGACY FUND—the Legacy Fund was established to support St. John's for the future. A committee watches over the fund to insure growth of the gifts given to St. John's. A gift of \$120,000 was invested in April 2009 and as of June 2009 it has increased an additional \$17,400 in value. The financial goal of the Legacy Fund is to establish \$1,000,000 in our portfolio. At this time our investments are in the Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund, the Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, and in Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral Shares. Our portfolio as of June 5, 2009 was worth \$231,704.61. Quarterly reports will be reported in The Herald to inform the congregation of the status of our portfolio.



Elizabeth Ruehrschneck
By: Bruce & Lori Houston

David Sexton
by: Margie Potter
Ruth Schnell
Art & Luann Miner & Family

Christine Hampton

By: Jean Bailey
Dick & Pat Schneider
Margie Potter
M/M Dave Ruehrschneck

Marge Hodder

By: Ann Thomason Art, Luann Miner & Family Gwen Hamilton
Norena Niles Joan & Doug Davidson M/M Dave Ruehrschneck
Ed & Millie McClain Jane & Jerry Kreiger M/M Lynn Wehner
Ken & Doris Dobbs Dorcas Circle
Shirley DeVasher George Hamrick



Please mark your calendars for **“Take me out to the Ballgame”** on Sunday, July 19 immediately after the second service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn and cracker jacks and the baseball move *“The Sandlot”*. It is rated PG. Wear your favorite team’s t-shirt and baseball hat. Bring your baseball glove; you might catch a foul ball. Tickets are being sold on the following Sundays:

June 28, July 5, July 12 and at the door. Adult tickets are \$4.00 and tickets for children 12 and under are \$2.00. Your ticket will also enter into a raffle drawing that day. Rain or shine, see you at the “ballgame”.



Indianapolis 500 Booth Report

We would like to report that our souvenir booth at the 500 track was a winner for sure. After 14 long day and many willing volunteers we should receive a check for approximately \$4,847.00. WOW! What a difference from the \$900 that we made the last two years in two smaller booths. One-thousand dollars will go to the international mission group. Five-hundred to Sounds of Praise, and the remainder will go into the bell choir account for future conferences, robe cleaning and other hand bell supplies. Thank you to those who gave their time, energy, and days off to help make this project a success.

Those who worked (many of them 3 & 4 days) were: Don Good, Larry States, Bob Kleeman, Tom Brink, Kathy Harris, Susie Smale, Phil Harris, Andrew Harris, Amber Surface, Katrena Richards, Mike Richards, Rosemary Thomas, Scott Jacobson, Kay LaGrange, Mike Sanders, Kristy Sanders, Bob LaGrange, Dave Ruer-schneck, Jennifer Plummer, Donna Fak, Donna’s Mom, Ed McClain, Milly McClain, Larry States’ sister Sue, Bill Fak, Bill’s brother, Andy Fak, Carolyn Hayes, Mark Schneider, Dave Sowder, JoAnn Sowder, Amy LaGrange, Seth Good, Cheryl Carlson, Suzanne Crosby, Mary Carter, Toni Marbach, Alex Good, Mike Mansfield, Ashley Shadday, Andy Cravens, and Rachel Cravens. Wow! What a great team effort.

The Brickyard is just around the corner. Days we will be covering and numbers of workers are as follows: July 24th — 3 workers, July 25th — 4 workers, and July 26th — 6 workers. If you are interested, please call Scott Jacobson or Kay LaGrange. The international mission group will be manning Saturday and Sunday, but will be looking for additional help. A Joyful Noise will be responsible for Friday. Last year we received \$1,100.00 from this event. Join us for some real fun and fellowship.

Kay LaGrange 989-8337

Scott Jacobson 752-6174



Youth and Family News

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2009 VBS: BOOMERANG EXPRESS

As I am writing this we are in the middle of our Boomerang Express adventure. What a joy it is to see the halls filled with children and youth excited about being at church to worship with their friends. There have been several people who have helped to make this happen. On behalf of BCE, but more importantly the children who are participating in this week full of fun, thank you for being a part of this wonderful opportunity. Without you Vacation Bible School would not be possible. Watch next month's Herald for a complete wrap-up of this year's program!



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Upcoming Dates:

- 6/28 VBS kids to sing in both services meet at 9:00 and 10:15 in the
- 7/8 Jr. & Sr. Youth Lock-in @ church 7:30 pm
- 7/12 Recycle Sunday, Sr. Youth Mission Trip Commissioning
- 7/18 Sr. Youth Mission Trip to
- 7/24 Taylorsville, North Carolina

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Can you believe that summer is almost over??? It doesn't seem right, summer just started! BCE is busy preparing for some exciting changes to happen on Kick-off Sunday, September 13th. We will be using a new curriculum, starting new classes and have some fun youth events planned, but your help is needed. It takes many people to have a successful Sunday School program. If you are interested in helping, please see Jenny Zotz or any member of BCE.



See you in Sunday School!



YOUTH MISSION UPDATES:

The youth will be selling postcards the next three Sundays (6/28, 7/5, 7/12) for \$1. This is a great way for all of our church family back home to find out about all that the youth are doing while on our trip. The extra funds will be used to send postcards to our homebound church family. Be sure to find a youth one of these Sundays to purchase your postcards!!

Please pray for those attending the Sr. Youth Mission Trip to North Carolina from July 18th - the 24th. Andrew Carlson, Connor Fak, Cara Ford, Emily Houston, Art Miner and Jenny Zotz

ATTENTION!

ALL JR. & Sr. YOUTH LOCK-IN

OK all 6-th graders through those who just graduated are invited to a mid-summer lock-in. We will meet at the church at 7:30 on Wednesday, July 8th. A youth group from New Hampshire will be staying here on there way back home from a trip Texas. We will serve as their host for the evening and in the morning. There are also several other things that I have planned before they arrive. We will be do some pre-planning for next year. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more info!!!