

A bit of "spiritual stuff" ... on a humble holiday weekend  
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Dear Friends,

The sun is bright ... so is the "son" ... kids from the high school scurry to their cars ...  
hard-working Lutherans putting in a new air conditioner ... garage sale smells filter thru the  
building ... another person is diagnosed with cancer ... 4 o'clock coffee is a lot stronger than the  
fresh-stuff at 7:00 am ... someone drops in to pray in the sanctuary ... a stranger calls: "hey,  
I like your sign!" ... another stranger calls: "will you baptize my son??" ...  
A church. A place. Sacred turf. An oasis. Common ground.

I want Sunday to be special. Memorial Day ... "the troops" ... proud veterans ... the uniform ...  
the memories ... cemeteries and flags ...

I'd like every Thursday nite & Sunday morning to be special. Not fancy ... not too religious ...  
JUST SPIRIT-FILLED. Filling your cup just a bit ... to face whatever meets you, as you leave  
this humble place. All we have to offer this world is our humanity ----- fragile, yet precious ...  
tattered, yet beautiful ... imperfect, yet full of goodness.

I'm hoping beyond hope ... that we won't see the church's so-called "summer season" as a time to  
cut-back. I know ----- you may not be here as much. You need to take time to be with family  
and friends ... to do things you can't do other times of the year.

But ... together ... as a church family ----- let's make this the best summer ever.

Support our humble place ... to the best of your ability.

Don't forget about us ... as you travel and do different things.

Come here during the week ... the Lord's Supper, outdoors on a Thursday night? ... a quiet time  
of reflection out back? ... a cup of good summer coffee on an ordinary day???

And ... most of all ... if you need a place "just to be" ... if you need somewhere to lean ...  
a helping hand? ... a place to unload a bit? ... a moment of gentleness in an often-harsh world? ---  
we are here  
turn left ... turn right ... most of all ----- turn in.

Joy to all ... here's to a good summer ... "rev"

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***A REMINDER ... THIS SUNDAY, MAY 24 ... WE BEGIN OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE.  
8:30 & 10 on Sundays 7:30 on Thursday evenings (outdoors when possible)***

AT WORSHIP ON SUNDAY ... we will remember our service people and veterans who have "gone before." You can stand up and give the name of someone yourself ... or, if you'd rather ... you can write the person's name on a piece of paper ... and we'll say the name for you. It will be a nice morning.

### **A FEW DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER**

*\*\*We award modest \$300 scholarships to our young people ... who have just graduated from high school and will be starting college, junior college, or trade school this summer or fall. The only qualification ---- being moderately involved and committed to our church. Please pick up a form soon ... and have it back to us no later than June 15.*

**FUN-FESTS BEGIN** on Tuesday, June 16, 5:30. These are weekly barbeques for our friends at St. Coletta's. St. Coletta's has 30+ group homes in our area ... providing housing and work opportunities for developmentally disabled adults. They usually bring about 60 clients here each week. It's a wonderful program ... we've been doing these fun-fests for almost 20 years.

### **EVERY MORNING I GET UP ... AND SAY: "I love the garage sale..."**

*It's coming up June 19-20. You can bring "smaller items" anytime. If it's during the week ... just call to make sure someone is here. As far as BIG THINGS ... you can bring them directly into the gym beginning Friday, June 12. It's a great event ... we meet lots of interesting people ... and it's a good cause ---- supporting our ministry.*

### **A FEW NEEDS WE HAVE AROUND THE HUMBLE TEMPLE**

*\*\*We need a few more Sunday School teachers/helpers for the fall. Our teachers bring such love and joy to our kids ... and it makes a difference in the whole tone of our ministry. If you would like to consider this, please call our superintendent ---- Kathy Ruiter, 708-614-8983.*

*\*\*We also need more USHERS ... for early and late services. We'll have a sign-up available. We encourage ladies to be ushers ... father-son and/or father-daughter teams ... wives and husbands ... Ushers set the tone ... and make a difference in the spirit of our Sunday worship.*

*\*\*If you would like to be a reader ... if you'd like to help Don serve Communion ... these opportunities are available, too.*

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

*\*\*We are working on a new home in Riverdale ... and they need adult (age 16 and older) help on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.*

*Also ... we are having a YOUTH MISSION WEEK ... helping with this new home everyday ... the week of July 6 – 10. This is for youth – groupers age 16 and over (we can fudge a little bit on the age). It's a great cause ... also a great chance for community service hours.*

### **THE POWER AND GOODNESS OF PRAYER**

*\*Sue Torsberg is at Lutheran General Hospital ... she is being treated for cancer. \*Lori Gloodt was recently diagnosed with cancer ... her treatments will begin soon. \*Anne Fritz is recovering from surgery, and faces another round of chemo and radiation. \*Megan Wise (a student of Sandy Wcislo) is being treated for leukemia.*

*\*Joe Milianta is having surgery on May 26. \*Gary Edwardsen (Linda Buikema's brother) continues his journey with cancer. \*Dennis Burke was recently diagnosed with cancer ... he is now home.*

*\*Nick and Kelly Campanile have a new little boy --- Anthony James (A.J.) ... they were in church Sunday.*

**\*\*We have two major maintenance/capital projects this summer. We have to repair and re-seal and stripe the parking lot ... this is happening end of June ... it's about \$14,000. We are having new air-conditioning units installed for our sanctuary and Charter Hall ... about \$25,000.**

*We're doing our best to take care of our humble place ... and with your help and support --- we are doing it!!*

**\*\*Questions about anything going on???? ... call anytime ... 708-448-2939\*\***

