



# In the Loop

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. *Acts 2:1-4*

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## Listening and Talking . . .

The Gospel of John encourages us to experience the risen Jesus Christ for ourselves, and then, “know that this is truly the Savior of the world” (John 4:42). Jesus much preferred to call himself the *Son of Man* (or *son of humanity*). There are many layers of meaning to this term. But the simplest is this: The term “*son of*” means *the essence of* or perhaps *a new generation of*. Jesus is saying that he represents the essence of humanity, a new kind of human being. In this light, his constant invitation, “*follow me,*” means *imitate me* and *join me on my journey toward a new way of being human*.

The journey itself has led me to a deepening sense of holiness, freedom, and wholeness. God is for everybody (that is, all people), and the divine DNA is somehow in all creatures. Somehow, I am staying in Christ, remaining with and through Christ, who is united to God and the Spirit. The good news is that the Communion of God, Spirit and Christ embraces (loves) each one of us, and calls us to be in that Communion.

How do we follow Jesus in the resurrection during this lifetime? Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are shown that Jesus is humble, and Jesus shows us that God is all forgiving, all loving, and all life-giving. I hope you will follow Jesus in at least being a humble human being. I hope you will desire to be a kind human being, because that person you call your enemy, that person is part of your family, part of your species, part of your story, part of your culture, and kindness is teachable.

And in addition to being a humble and kind human being, I hope you will aspire to being a righteous human being. By righteous, I mean don’t seek power over others to control or exploit them or harm them. Instead, use whatever power that comes your way to love the common good, so that all people everywhere can share equal justice and equal dignity. Jesus’ message is simple: Love God, love neighbor, love self – Love period.

Because we are a religious family of human beings living in God with the Risen Christ, we are to *intentionally* seek out practices that promote justice, kindness, and humility. We need to *collaboratively* join or build communities or networks that promote these practices. We are to *reverently* see each person *with a sense of sacredness and re-consecrate each person*.

We live in union with God who helps us practice humility, kindness and justice. I have great faith in God and I have great faith in you – together we can listen for God’s voice and follow God’s lead. I know there are wonderful adventures ahead for us as the Centennial church family, and I thank God that you remain part of it.

Blessings on all as we Journey together,

Pastor Tom Cici



**JUNE 5, 2021**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

TO VOTE ON THE SLATE OF COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

AND PASTOR OPTIONS

After worship on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Congregational meeting. At this meeting we will vote on the slate of board officers, elders, deacons and trustees that the nominating committee has presented and the board has approved. In addition, we will vote on our next steps regarding our minister. During the informational meetings last month, we discussed the current activities of our church, our financial situation and options for our minister. During the congregational meeting, we will ask you to indicate your preference between the following two options:

Continue with Pastor Tom Cici as our Interim Pastor and place the search and call process on hold. During the hold (with the assistance of Pastor Tom), we would re-establish church programs, determine goals for our church ministry and seek to bring in additional worshippers and funds to improve our financial situation. The length of this hold is unknown and would end on the recommendation of the Elders.

Continue with Pastor Tom Cici as our Interim Pastor and immediately form a search and call committee to seek our next permanent, full-time pastor. We would be seeking a pastor based on our current finances with a maximum salary of \$45K/annually which is below what we have previously paid permanent, full-time pastors and below the recommended level for our church size and location.

We understand that there are many people who may still be unable to attend in-person meetings due to CoVid-19 or other circumstances. To give everyone a chance to vote on the candidates and the pastor decision, we are also offering an option for mail-in ballots. If you would like a mail-in ballot, please request a ballot from the church office and return it by June 12th. The combined results of the in-person and mail-in vote will be announced in worship on June 19th.

Mail-In ballots may be requested by:

Email: [people@centennialcc.org](mailto:people@centennialcc.org)

Phone: 309-828-2185

In Person during Office hours M-TH 8AM-2PM

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Todd, Congregation Chair, via email ([srupe\\_78@yahoo.com](mailto:srupe_78@yahoo.com)) or phone (309-242-4519).

## Planned Summer Activities

We encourage all youth, children and their families to plan on attending these activities and enjoy the fun. Invite your friends!

- June 5            “Sunday Night Out” (5pm – 7pm) at St. Luke Union Church – includes Fun-filled worship, food and games with First Christian Church.
- June 18           Watch Michael Giese play baseball (Pony Field, 1:00 p.m.) and then Trampoline and Pool party at Chloe and Emi Todd’s home.
- July 30            Knight Action Party (Springfield, IL)
- Aug 13            Drive-In Movie (Gibson City, IL)
- September ??   Peoria Glen Oak Park
- October ??        Wildlife Safari Park (Peoria, IL) when the scary stuff comes out.

## Camp Walter Scott Commissioning

On Sunday, June 5, 2022 during our 10:15 a.m. worship service, we are commissioning all our campers attending **Camp Walter Scott** this summer. Please come and help bless our campers:

**Joe and Gwen Peebles** counseling CYF Camp (June 12-18)

**Emi Todd** and **Mark Rupe** attending Grandparents and Me (June 26-29);

**Will Dawson** attending Chi Rho Camp (July 10-16);

**Chloe Todd** attending JYF Camp (July 17-23);

**Gwen Peebles** Co-Directing JYF Camp (July 17-23)

—————→ Send them a postcard or letter while they are at camp! ←————

Address:

Camp Walter Scott  
15290 E 300th Avenue  
Dietrich, Il 62424



# **“Sunday Night Out”**

**Food, Games & Fun-filled Worship**  
**Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Centennial Christian Church**  
**First Christian Church**  
**St. Luke Union Church**

**Sunday, June 5 5:00–7:00**  
**at St. Luke Union Church**  
**2101 E. Washington St. Bloomington**

**Plan now to join us!**



# June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>June 1</b> Adult Bible Study 10:30A-Isaiah Bridge 12P-GH	<b>2</b> Outreach 5P-FH TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bridge 12P-GH
<b>5</b> Adult Bible Study 9A-Isaiah Worship *10:15A  *see below	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> CWF Crafts 9:30A-FH	<b>8</b> Adult Bible Study 10:30A-Isaiah Bridge 12P-GH	<b>9</b> TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> FGNA 8A East Lawn Bridge 12P-GH
<b>12 —Note*</b> Adult Bible Study 9A-Isaiah Worship *10:15A  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Food pantry</b>	<b>13</b> Trustees 11A-FH	<b>14</b> CWF Crafts 9:30A-FH	<b>15</b> Adult Bible Study 10:30A-Isaiah Bridge 12P-GH	<b>16</b> TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bridge 12P-GH
<b>19</b> Adult Bible Study 9A-Isaiah Worship *10:15A	<b>20</b> Property 11A-FH	<b>21</b> CWF Crafts 9:30A-FH	<b>22</b> Adult Bible Study 10:30A-Isaiah Bridge 12P-GH	<b>23</b> Ladies Lunch- 11:30A TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah Men's Dinner 6P	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bridge 12P-GH
<b>26-Note*</b> Adult Bible Study 9A-Isaiah Worship *10:15A	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Primary Election</b> CWF Crafts 9:30A-FH Elders 6:30P-FH	<b>29</b> Adult Bible Study 10:30A-Isaiah Bridge 12P-GH	<b>30</b> TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	<b>July 1</b>	<b>2</b> Bridge 12P-GH

FH-Fellowship Hall GH-Great Hall

\*Online worship

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**Sunday June 5**

**Camp Commissioning  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday Night Out  
5P @ St. Luke**

**Note\*** June 12-18-Camp Walter Scott CYF  
June 26-29-Camp Walter Scott Grandparents and Me



### **Prayer Request**

Prayers are needed for the families and community dealing with the deaths of nineteen children and two teachers in Uvalde Texas.

**Greg**, friend of Tim Larkin, had heart surgery and needs prayers for a good recovery.

**Barbara**, niece of Time Larkin, is having her first baby and needs prayers for a complication free pregnancy.

### **Continuing Prayers**

Diane Armstrong, Calista, Cole, Dana, Muriel Dawson, Brenda Foland, Terry Foland, Ron and Rae Geske, Scott Griffith, Janet Keefe, Tammy Leonard, Marilyn, Lexi Peterson, Mary Margaret Poston, Pete Rasmussen, Fern Scaggs, Cindy Schroeder, Joe Schroeder, Kathy Scott, Marian Wrinkle

### **At Home/Assisted Living**

Anita Poling (Westminster)

### **Nursing Home**

Heritage Manor-Tom (Billy) Robey, Rev. Barbara Short, Don Short; Martin Health -Earl McIntyre

### **Military**

Mark Brienen, Keyla Folsom, Troy Guyran, Benjamin Horn, Michael Iverson, Adam and Angie Lienhop, Clay Short, John Thomas, Darrell Walton, Glen Whitecotton, Christopher Wilson-Poston

**Prayers for CCIW congregations and ministries:** Pentecost for New Church Ministry: Gilead Chicago, Root and Branch CC, Global Community Fellowship, ANEW Church

<b>June Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>	
Darla Hummel	06/05
Gwen Peebles	06/07
<b>Julie and Jeff Hatten</b>	<b>06/10</b>
Peg Hayden	06/19
Doris Miller	06/22
Barb Leach	06/30