



The monthly newsletter of The Community Church of Issaquah August 2011

Shining Our Light

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

-Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

Some of you may not have taken the opportunity yet to view the “who we are” video on our church website (www.commchurchiss.org), but if you haven’t done so, you should. It calls us all to “shine with our life” because we are “made in the image of the everlasting loving God, and he made [us] well.” That is really what Jesus is saying in the above passage from Matthew. When we let our light shine before people, then it reflects the love of the God who made us, and it gives him glory.

The Community Church of Issaquah is doing a number of things to let our light shine throughout this part of Washington and the world:

- **Our Intergenerational Sunday School.** This new ministry which starts

September 11th will help us reach out to the families of our community and shine the light of Jesus Christ on them by providing a unique opportunity to learn about the Bible together as a family. *You can shine* through this ministry by helping us to promote it – by sharing brochures with people who might have an interest, or by putting up a sandwich board advertising it in your yard.

Our Evergreen Association Mission Trip to Haiti. Members of Evergreen Association churches, including some from our own congregation, are going to Cap Haitien, Haiti on April 20-29th, 2012, to be part of our American Baptist Mission work there. We’re going there to learn about and be part of the mission’s work battling the cholera outbreak that occurred after the earthquake. We’re going there to build and repair their buildings, as well as building relationships with these people in the poorest country of the Western Hemisphere. *You can shine* through this ministry, by being a participant or by praying and helping us raise funds. The Community Church of Issaquah is planning a Dinner/Talent Show on

Saturday, September 24th. Talk to me about how you can be part of this!

• **Our Hosting of Tent City IV.** Once again this year we are hosting Tent City IV for the homeless (October 21st). Jesus says of the times we help people in need, “just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). By giving people a home and showing them love and hospitality, we are shining the light of God in our world. ***You can shine*** through this ministry by helping provide meals and or by helping with transportation when it’s time for tent city to move here.

Our Regular Worship Service. I believe that when we care for others, that is an important part of our worship (see Isaiah 1: 12-18). But there is no doubt that our weekly time to praise God and restore ourselves spiritually is an important part of shining our light in this community. ***You can shine*** through this ministry by helping with worship as an usher, by sharing your musical talent, or by helping with child care (when we have our Intergenerational Sunday School going, we are going to really need it!) And you can also invite people to worship or share a church brochure with them.

And so it’s Summer in the Northwest. Our sun might peek in and out of clouds, but there is no reason why we cannot be shining for Jesus Christ each and every day!

-Pastor Keith Madsen

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Perhaps you would like to add these church family members to your prayer concerns:

1. Marge Armstrong, Lake Hills Family Home
2. Faye Cooper, at Marionwood
3. Rose Matthai, Aegis Assisted Living
4. Robert (Bob) Pusch, Group Home, Burien
5. Ken Schmelzer, at home
6. Dorothy Swearson, Issaquah Care Center
7. Sylvia Olsson, living with daughter in Maple Valley
8. Florence Watkins, 240 S Silke Rd Apt 105 Colville, WA 99114
9. Martha Nordhagen Adams House, Oregon
10. Geri Hardesty
11. Roger Frye, 6200 123rd Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98006

August 2011 at CCI:

- Deacons Meeting - Thursday 8/5 -----at 10:30 am
- Trustees Meeting– Sunday 8/7 ----- at 12:30 pm
- Council Meeting - Sunday 8/14----- at 12:30 pm
- Bell Deadline - Wednesday 8/24

Happy August Birthday to.....



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

- 10 Geri Anderson
- 13 Dick Birdsall
- 16 Elizabeth Maupin
- 16 Jacquie Powell
- 28 Dody Tweeddale
- 28 Neil Butchart
- 30 Vernon Rogers
- 31 Talyn Little



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