

# **The Friendly Communicator**

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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Lorna Stoecker
2	Ed Kohler
3	Richard Stathus
4	Mollye Barrett
4	Curtis Thayer
9	Alex Moreno
10	Jon Gage
11	Lynn Schmitt
17	Gloria Davey
18	John Jones IV
22	Steve Brown
22	Richard Murdock
22	Jill Moss
23	Anita Walsh
28	Linda Bolda
30	Robert Kelly

### Sunday School Birthdays

8	Samantha Kelly
30	Casey Brophay



### ANNIVERSARIES

10	Drew & Tara Hettich	18 years
11	Henry & Arlene Canitz	63 years
15	John & Linda House	15 years
16	Peter & Sue Moreno	28 years
24	Rev. Charles & Brenda Graves	51 years
28	Rob & Sarah Smith	5 years

If we have inadvertently missed your special day, please accept our apologies, and let the office know so we can change our records.

### Prayer Concerns



Arlene Canitz, Lynn Schmitt, Elaine Pagel, Chad Beutin, Ritch Neill (friend of the Moreno's), Diane Paprocki.

### Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of John Van Tha Len Sang, who passed away at age 14 on July 19, and to the entire MCBC congregation. John was one of our Sunday School students.

### Weird Animals Wild Success!

Weird Animals VBS was a wild success! Each night we had between 9 and 10 children who had a really wonderful time learning new songs, Bible verses, playing games and doing crafts. Many thanks to Lynn Stoecker, Lorna Stoecker, Karl Byleen, Elizabeth Tangen, Sue Moreno, Barb Winski, Virginia Jinwright, Christine Leitner, Cal Stanke, Karrie Napier, Becky Holl, Carol Kosobucki, BarbaraJean Sanger, and Rev. Jane Matheson for making it all possible!!!!  
Nancy Byleen

The Communion Offering for the month of August is designated for the Milwaukee Christian Center.

The Musician's Picnic is at Mary's house on August 24th at 3 PM. 7156 W Wedgewood. Bring a lawn chair.

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### June 2014 Financial Income Report

#### General Receipts

Envelopes	\$	12,773.70
Loose Offerings		101.62
Church School		73.05
Birthday		10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,958.37</b>

#### Miscellaneous Receipts

Organ Fund	\$	10.00
Stained Glass Restoration		1,210.00
Communicator Postage		8.00
Pow Wow		50.00
Chin Church		1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,278.00</b>

#### Communion Offering

Grand Avenue Club	\$	352.00
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#### Memorial Fund

Dick Brown	\$	60.00
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#### Mission Offering

OGHS	\$	618.80
Love Gift		159.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>777.80</b>

<b>Deposited Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,426.17</b>
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## Corn Roast



Plan to enjoy the **Annual Corn Roast** after worship on Sunday, Aug 17th. A hearty lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and corn on the cob will be served on the church lawn by AB Men. Purchase tickets at the door: \$7 adults, \$4 children under 12.

## 3Gs

The **3Gs Annual Picnic** will be held on Wednesday, August 13, at Phantom Lake, Mukwonago. Meet at church at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Bring a dish to pass and your own meat to grill. Soda, ice, plates, cups, silverware and napkins will be furnished. Sign up sheet in Education Wing foyer. Please indicate if you will drive and can take someone with you, as well as what dish you will bring; a map is provided in the back of the sign up sheet packet. Our thanks to Debb and Jeff Jaeck for hosting this year's picnic again.

### Third Sunday Food & Hygiene Needs for Milwaukee Christian Center

The "third Sunday" (August 17) suggested non-perishable food item is "rice-a-roni" and the hygiene item is shampoo. Thank you.

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### Musical Notes FROM THE DIREKTR



Christians have been singing their faith since the beginnings of the church. Whether it was the chant of the Catholic Church, the psalms of the Reformed Church or the hymns of the Protestant churches, singing has been a predominant part of our worship. One of my professors said that we are "still being inspired, **instructed**, spiritually delighted and **strengthened** by corporate song."

The hymns we sing provide a fascinating source of information about what we believe and how we experience God. If you read the text like a poem (which it is!) you can follow the thoughts of the author. For instance, read the words of "Trust and Obey" and see what ideas it presents to you about following Christ.

In the future (Nov. 30 - Jan 6), I am going to teach an adult class based on the hymns of Advent and Christmas. These hymns are full of wonderful imagery, metaphors and teachings. When we sing the hymn, everything goes by so quickly that it is sometimes hard to hear the whole thought. When we look closely at familiar hymns, we sometimes find new ideas, or as William Cowper (pronounced "Cooper") wrote, "Sometimes a light surprises a Christian while he sings."

So, plan on being inspired, instructed, delighted, strengthened and SURPRISED!!!!

Mary Schecher

