

Reflections

VBS News

Hey! We're all having a great time here in
God's Big Backyard!

Wish you were here!

Thanks to all of our volunteers!

Stay tuned for the details coming next

Quote of the Month

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• "Every generation stands on the shoulders of the generation that came before. Jealously guard the values and principles of our heritage; they did not come easy."

Margaret Sewell's address has changed:

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Previous Spring/Summer Happenings
not recorded in the Potwin Post:

April – Vivian McCormick was the proud grandmother of a new baby girl. Congratulations!

May – Kim Strobel and Jacob Kingery exchanged wedding vows on May 23rd. A reception followed at Ag Hall at the ExpoCenter. They also had another reception in Jacob's hometown on May 31st. We wish you both the very best!

Families to Pray for this Month...

August 3rd – Steve & Joyce Black
Clarence & Dorothy Dahlstrom

August 10th – Jim & Mary Charity and family
Larry & Beth Fenske

August 17th – Steven & Rebecca Chermok and family
Stephen & Tina Fenske and family

August 24th – Harley & Marilyn Clark
Jean Feyh and family

August 31st – Roger & Beth Currier and family



Our prayers and sympathies go out to Bill & Mel James and family. Mel's sister, Janet L. Terrell passed away on June 25th in Topeka. Funeral services were held at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel in North Topeka on June 30th.

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Sharon Bayless, Organist
Linda Tuller, Treasurer
Janet Lafferty, Financial Secretary

SESSION

Ross Freeman, Moderator

<u>2008</u> Gwen Jones Hervey Wright	<u>2009</u> Gary Baker Joyce Black Bob Fincham	<u>2010</u> Don Wright
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DEACONS

<u>2008</u> Janet Halloran Belva Sandmeyer Brenda Strobel	<u>2009</u> Libby Peters Jane Sewell Kim Strobel	<u>2010</u> Nellis Shaw
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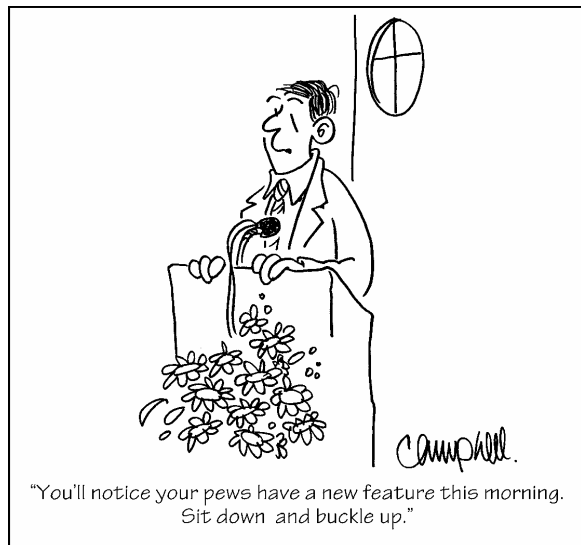
SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

Superintendent	- Gwen Jones
Nursery Attendant	- Betty Bass
Preschool/Grade School	- Gwen Jones
Middle/High School	-
Adults	-
Jr/Sr Hi Youth Group	- Gwen Jones
Substitutes	- Jane Sewell, Ann Fincham
Attendance Clerk	- Janet Halloran, Jane Sewell

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Stewardship & Finance – Gary Baker
Church Life/Worship – Gwen Jones/Hervey Wright
Mission Outreach – Joyce Black
Properties – Bob Fincham/Bob Wright
Christian Education – Gwen Jones
Personnel – Gary Baker

This Month's Chuckle



The Deadline for the September Potwin Post is Sunday, August 27th.

Those serving in the month of August:

Ushers: Janet Halloran and Libby Peters

Communion servers: Debi Harvey and Libby Peters

Children's Sermons: Mary Charity (10th) Gwen Jones (17th) Linda Tuller (24th)

REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.



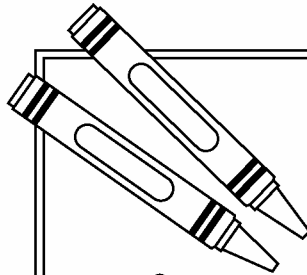
What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or



Just for **KIDS**

The Water of Life

To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

KEY:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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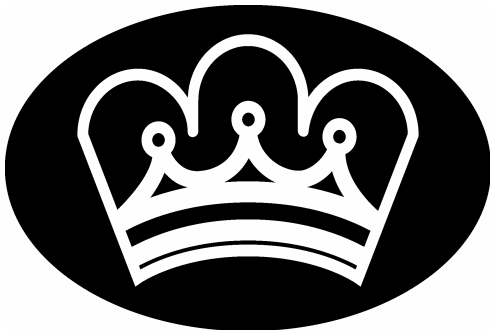
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18+2	1+7	10-1	20-2	18+1	20-0	26-1	6+6	5-0	10+10
4+4	8+1	8+5	1+2	10+5	15-2	1+4	0+1	7+7	1+3
26-3	7+1	20-5	2+3	21+1	6-1	19-1			
21+2	9+0	18+1	10-2	7-2	15+4	10+2	7-2	17+3	
6+2	11-2	11+2	20+0	2-1	9+2	8-3	22-2	11-3	2+3
3+3	22-4	5-0	1+4	3+4	7+2	9-3	9+11	14+1	8-2
23-3	12-4	8-3	21+2	4-3	20-0	10-5	20-2	13+2	4+2
5+7	12-3	9-3	6-1						

Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV

Youth News



Which king wrote a psalm begging God to cleanse him thoroughly after he committed adultery? Choose the correct name below.

- A. Saul
- B. David
- C. Solomon

Messages & Thoughts

The Power of Appreciation

Motivational speaker and author Dale Carnegie once told of a woman who worked with some church friends on a self-improvement program. After one meeting, she went home and asked her husband how she could be a better person, particularly as a wife.

The husband told her he'd think about it and provide an answer the next day. While pondering his wife's request, the man realized he could offer a few suggestions. But he also could think of a thousand self-improvement ideas for himself.

The next morning, the man ordered some roses. He had them sent to his wife with an uplifting note that read, "I love you just the way you are." After that, the couple's personal shortcomings seemed quite small in the face of their steadfast love for one another.

Ten Commandments for Right Living

1. Thou shalt not worry, for by doing so thou shalt suffer the same disaster many times.
2. Thou shalt not try to dominate or possess others, for each person is responsible to God.
3. Thou shalt not desire after fame, for the burdens of greatness are an affliction unto the spirit.
4. Thou shalt not desire after great wealth, for great wealth of itself does not bring peace.
5. Thou shalt relax, for great tension is an abomination unto the flesh.
6. Thou shalt have a sense of humor or thy years will seem much longer and more painful.
7. Thou shalt love the beautiful and serve the good, for this is according to the will of heaven.
8. Thou shalt harm no other person by word, thought or deed, regardless of cause; for to do so is to perpetuate the sorrows of this world.

God's Yearly Gift

Economic times are tough, and everything keeps getting more expensive. But God thoughtfully gives all of us a free yearly trip around the sun.

Enjoy the ride!

Activities & Information

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

3rd – 5th Sunday Parish services at St. Andrews at 11:00am

24th – Central's Annual Neighborhood Ice Cream Social (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

24th – September Potwin Post deadline

The congregation of St. Andrews invites our brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in **worship Sunday, August 3rd at 11:00am. Dawn Strecker will be here to tell us more about Doorstep.** Following worship, the Session and Deacons will host a covered dish luncheon in fellowship hall.

Myrna McKinley

Report from the Treasurer

June receipts-	\$6,441.03
June disbursements -	\$7,430.73
Balance (as of 6/30/08)	\$8,301.25

Reserves

Memorial Fund -	\$1,763.59
Cap Improvement/Reserve Fund -	\$1,750.47
CD (#5762664) -	\$4,389.67
CD (#95658) -	\$16,285.71
CD (#75721) -	\$5,300.29
Educational CU CD -	\$22,143.03

Reserve Total	\$51,632.76
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The Potwin Directory will be available to pick up this week in the library.

As always, please put a check mark or your initials next to your name to show that you have received your copy of the directory. Please notify the office if you need to have a copy sent to you. Thank you!

NEWS & Notes

The Wider Church

Lectionary Readings for August

August 3 – Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-17, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:31-21

August 10 – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 17 – Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 24 – Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

August 31 – Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28



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