



Fruits Of The Spirit

**loving service,
unselfish devotion,
courageous loyalty,
sincere fairness,
enlightened honesty,
undying hope,
confiding trust,
merciful ministry,
unfailing goodness,
forgiving tolerance,
and enduring peace.**

THE CARLOCK CHRISTIAN

JUNE 2015



Carlock
Christian
Church
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Mission Statement:

"Carlock Christian Church is God's family gathered to welcome and lift each other up through worship, study, and fellowship in order to minister to all."

Editor's Note:

The Carlock Christian encourages its readers to share news, joys, concerns and God's word through this publication.

If you have something to share please submit your news no later than the 2nd Wednesday of each month to the Church address.

Articles may be submitted electronically to the church at cccdocl@hotmail.com or to the editor at metrph@gmail.com.

Statement of Hope

We of the Carlock Christian Church welcome all to a community of believers built on a spiritual heritage, striving to continue a Christ-centered relationship, cooperating with respect and patience, trusting God to guide us daily.



KATHY'S KORNER



But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand . . .

Psalm 31:14-15b, NRSV

Times of rest are a wonderful thing. The body's strength and endurance is restored while the soul is refreshed and invigorated. The view from a rested mind is peaceful and steady as well as encouraged and energized for the busyness the days ahead will bring.

And we are busy, aren't we. Individually, our calendars seem to be full of "stuff." Families, including Grandparents, find themselves going in many different directions as they try to cover all activities, especially as we approach the end of the school year and begin summer recreation programs. Have you noticed the church is not slowing down either? Already, just a few weeks past Easter, we are planning for Pentecost, Graduation Sunday, and VBS. In addition, we soon expect ministerial candidates from which to select a new settled minister. Calling a minister to Carlock Christian Church will bring new times to the congregation.

In the midst of this busyness, we each handle it with different emotions: anxiety, eagerness, complacency, anger, hope, etc. We never know what is coming our way. As Christians we celebrate life one day at a time and are thankful for each day of life. And, for some of us, each day is truly another gift of life. For others of us, we deal with the loss of a loved one and remember a different time. Some others of us are frustrated with transition and wonder why change is necessary for spiritual growth. In all of these times, God extends His gracious care to us. Through our worship of God, we respond to God's call and enter into His shelter. May we forever praise and thank the One whose hand cares for all our different "times."

Kathy

Carlock Christian Church Board Highlights
May 11, 2015

***The worship committee** gave a sweet gift of cookies to all the mothers on Mother's Day.

***A church "picnic in the park"** is planned for Sunday June 14th at the park pavilion from 12:30 pm to ? Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and drinks along with grills will be provided and the congregation is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. In case of rain, we will "picnic" in the church and grill in the garage.

***The GLAPS graduation** is on May 15th at 6:30 pm with 11 children graduating. Refreshments will be served after the program.

***Food Pantry**—For the month of April CCC collected 70 baking supply items for the Carlock/Danvers Food Pantry. Thank you for your continuous support. For May we will be collecting creamy or chunky peanut butter and peanut butter crackers. The Back Pack program has 2 more weekly deliveries. The supporting churches of the Pantry would like to thank the "baggers" for the past year and also to principal, Alison Hampton and Rita Garrison for their assistance in getting the weekend meals home to those students in need. Over 400 Back Pack bags were provided to Carlock students for the 2014-15 school year. The program will start back up again in the fall when school is back in session.

***Red Cross Blood Drive** June 13th

***Work is coming along in the parsonage.** Cleaning has begun and kitchen and bath remodel are underway.

***Search and Call** has sent the church profile to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and they hope to be hearing from some applicants soon. If you did not get a copy of the "Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct" please contact Sue Larkin.

***The Nominating Committee** of Pat Larkin, chairman, Dorothy Lilienthal and Marsha Funk submitted the following slate that will be voted on at a Congregational Meeting after worship on June 7th. It is as follows:

Elders 3 year term: Marshall Elkin, Sue Larkin, Linda Wilson

Deacons 3 year term: Doug Geshiwl, Syl Keller, Diane Stauffer, Nancy Bohannon, Christie Mueller, Cindy Gilmore

Deacon 1 year term: Lil Elkin

Trustee 3 year term: Syl Keller

Chairperson: Lou Daniel

Vice Chairperson: Dorothy Lilienthal

Clerk: Cyndi Dunmire

Co Treasurers: Dorothy Lilienthal/Kim
Geshiwl

Historians: Owen Arvin/Dave Stauffer

Advocate BroMenn

Rep: Dorothy Lilienthal

*Submitted by Cyndi Dunmire
Board Clerk*

CARLOCK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Vote for Slate
June 7, 2015
After Worship

Officers for 2015 - 2016

Chair	Lou Daniel
Vice Chair	Dorothy Lilienthal
Clerk	Cyndi Dunmire
Co-Treasurers	Dorothy Lilienthal & Kim Geshiwlm
Co- Historians	Owen Arvin & David Stauffer
Advoc/BroMenn Rep:	Dorothy Lilienthal

Nominees for Three-Year Term: 2014 – 2017

Elders

Marshall Elkin
Linda Wilson
Sue Larkin

Deacons: 3-year term

Doug Geshiwlm
Syl Keller
Nancy Bohannon
Christie Mueller
Cindy Gilmore
Diane Stauffer

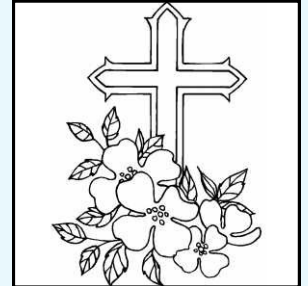
Deacon: 1-year term

Lil Elkin

Trustee

Syl Keller

We offer our sympathy to
the Family of Carol
Swearingen, who passed
Tuesday, May 5, 2015, in
Ohio.



We congratulate Aaron
Jones on his graduation
May 9, 2015 from Murray
State University with a
degree of Bachelor of Arts in
Music Education



Theme of VBS – EVEREST, Conquering Challenges with God's Power

MONDAY GOD PROVIDES FOR ELIJAH

TUESDAY GOD SPEAKS TO ELIJAH

WEDNESDAY GOD HEALS NAAMAN

THURSDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS TO TAKE AWAY OUR SINS,
THEN COMES BACK TO LIFE.

FRIDAY JESUS PROMISES US AN ETERNAL HOME

June 15-19 8:45 am–noon





The children and families of Pat and Sue Larkin invite the congregation to a 40th wedding anniversary open house on Sunday , June 7, 2015 between 1:00 -4:00 pm. The open house will be held at the Davis Lodge (lake Bloomington) 25449 Davis Lodge Road, Hudson, Il. The couple requests no gifts please



JUNE 13TH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



AT THE CARLOCK COMMUNITY BUILDING 8 AM TO NOON.

SEE DAWN NEBLOCK FOR HELPING WITH FOOD OR VOLUNTEERING TO ASSIST WITH THE DRIVE IN OTHER WAYS.



JUNE 21ST IS FATHER'S DAY

**June 28th Farwell to the Jones Family
Aaron, Ali and Kaleb**

FOOD PANTRY

For the month of April, the Carlock Christian Church donated 70 baking supply items to the Carlock/ Danvers Food Pantry. For May the CCC will be collecting peanut butter (creamy, chunky, or crackers).

On May 6 a number of volunteers met in Danvers to plant the food pantry garden. This will provide fresh vegetables for the Carlock/Danvers patrons. A big **THANK YOU** for the donated labor and to all who give their continuous support for this ministry.

BACK PACK PROGRAM

There are only 2 more weekly deliveries of the Back Pack Program remaining for the Carlock Elementary School. The community churches of the Carlock/Danvers Food Pantry would like to thank all the "baggers" for the past year. We would also like to thank principal Alison Hampton and Rita Garrison for their assistance in getting the weekend meals into the homes of those students in need. The food pantry provided over 400 back pack bags to Carlock students for the 2014-15 school year. We will start back up again in the fall when the new school session begins,

“What We’ve Been Doing”

Congregational Potluck and Search & Call Presentation

Sunday, April 26, 2015

We put our heads together and prayed, brainstormed, and pondered what goals would produce a strong, vital congregation in the next five years. In the end, we took our cue from the Board members who agreed to put all of Carlock Christian Church’s resources on the line, agreeing to a generous financial package for the new settled minister. In addition, the Board talked about changes coming. But what exact changes none of us know. The Board does know that we need to grow in numbers, be flexible, and open to new ideas. In addition, we agreed the most important goal for Carlock Christian Church is to tell the story of Jesus and invite others into a relationship with the Risen Christ.

Now that we had a focus, we asked, “What do we as a congregation need so that we are ready for an unknown new life with a new settled minister?” One of the words that kept staying around on our list was foundation. We have a pretty good foundation here at Carlock Christian Church. However, any church when it is asked to face an unknown future with possible changes needs to shore up that foundation. How do you do that?

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- By asking Jesus to give me the courage to see myself as others see me, or as God sees me.
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- And then setting out to grow and mature spiritually, which means each person courageously evaluates his/her behaviors and the motives behind the behaviors, and what’s in my heart that lets my mouth say some of the words it says.
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- If we find anything lacking, we change it by upgrading what we do and how we do it and what we say so that when we come together as a congregation we all come as our better selves making a stronger and more substantial foundation for Carlock Christian Church.
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Here’s another way to look at it:

- How can I remain an Easter person?
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- What makes me slip from being an Easter person to a crucifixion person?
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- What are the situations in which I feel myself slipping into a crucifixion person, fading out of the Light as I use unsavory actions and ungracious words from my mouth?
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How do I want to leave behind my crucifixion personality and move into the Easter Light and remain there as an Easter person with solid good motives.

We also talked about evangelism, transformation, spirituality, a meaningful relationship with Christ—all of which are based on personal experiences with Jesus. After deciding that a tipping point for a new minister would be his/her ability to share their personal spiritual experiences with Jesus, we decided the congregation needed to be able to do the same. We love Jesus, trust him, receive comfort from him as well as guidance, pray to him. We also need to talk easily about Jesus and what Jesus has done in our lives this week, just as we ask our little children during Children's Time in worship. From our children we learn that sometimes our experiences with Jesus during the week are profound, sometimes Jesus provides a need for that week, and sometimes we are thankful to Jesus for fun in our lives, like Emma's Barbie Dream House.

We truly want to be the Church who is a Light on the corner. We know what Light means to us. Light to a great number of the younger generations does not necessarily mean coming to Sunday morning worship and following a paper bulletin with organ music. Spirituality to them is feeling and doing. They ask themselves: Would I be better off on Sunday morning doing volunteer work, to be the hands of Jesus; Would I better experience Jesus doing mission work somewhere; Do I need to be more active in a worship service to feel Jesus? Do we need to think about programs for younger generations, such as, a Mother to Mother, or a babysitting program for an afternoon or evening, or AA meetings in the Fellowship Hall, or a week-night children's program or a divorce care program, etc. Are any of these programs, which are attractive to the younger generations, part of our unknown future? We don't know the answers to any of these questions. They will be answered with our new minister. We do know that we want to be the Church of Jesus Christ and that as we become aware of needs in the community we want to be the Light on the corner.

Presented by Paul Stauffer

JUNE 14TH CARLOCK PARK PAVILLION

**Congregational picnic from 12:30 pm
Until ?? Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns,
and drinks will be provided. Bring
side dishes or a tasty dessert to
share. In case of rain the picnic
will be held in the fellowship hall and the
grilling will be in the garage.**



June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00-11:00 AM Elder's Mtg.	2 Food Pantry 2:00 PM unload at Danvers Food Pantry	3	4	5	6
7 8:45 AM Adult SS 9 AM Children's SS 10:00 AM Worship <i>Pat/Sue Larkin</i>	8 7:00 PM Board Mtg. <i>Kathryn Frus Owen/Judy Arvin</i>	9	10	11	12	 <small>American Red Cross Together, we can save a life</small> Red Cross Blood Drive Carlock Comm. Bldg. 8:00 AM-Noon
14 Flag Day 8:45 AM Adult SS 9 AM Children's SS 10:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Picnic in the Park <i>Graduation Sunday</i> 	15 	16 Vacation Bible School	17 Vacation Bible School	18 Vacation Bible School	19 Vacation Bible School	20
21 8:45 AM Adult SS 9 AM Children's SS 10:00 AM Worship <i>Father's Day Sunday</i> 	22  <i>Mitch /Diane Mitchell</i>	23 <i>Marshall Elkin Mike/Tiffini Welch Richard/Jimmie Wiley</i>	24 FOOD PANTRY CARLOCK PATRON PICKUP 5:00-7:00 PM Danvers Food Pantry	25	26	27 <i>Owen Arvin</i>
28 8:45 AM Adult SS 9 AM Children's SS 10:00 AM Worship <i>Farewell Send-off for Aaron, Ali and Caleb Jones</i>	29	30				