



Beacon of Hope . . .

Light of Christ

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WE'RE HAVING A PICNIC

The Beacon of Hope-Light of Christ community invites all who read this newsletter to a PICNIC! This gathering will occur at Homestead Meadows on **SUNDAY - June 26, 2005.**

Directions: Hwy 76 west of the airport to Spencer; west to the end of Spencer.

The picnic begins at 2:00 with supper between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. and a bonfire at nightfall.

Plans are still being refined but this much we can announce:

- Hayrides available
- Games for young and old including volleyball, scavenger hunts, softball, relay races, water balloon toss, walks around the beautiful property, card games and any other games you might want to bring

along which can be played outside. Here's the plan:

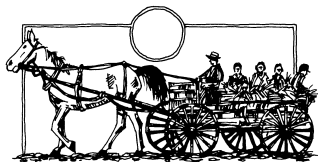
- Bonfire
- Food and drink... Hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and buns PROVIDED
- Plates, cups and plastic silverware PROVIDED
- Bring your own soda or water to drink.
- Bring your own lawn chairs
- Bring a dish to pass according to alphabet (last name)

A-H Dessert

I-S Hors d'oeuvres (chips & dips, cheese tray, etc.)

T-Z Salads (lettuce, tuna, taco, potato, baked beans, etc.) Jello molds or gelatin squares

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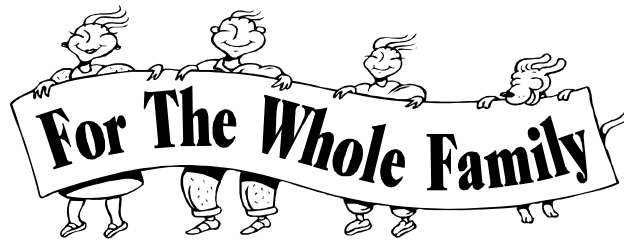
HAYRIDE



SCAVENGER HUNT

To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them. -

Ralph Waldo Emerson



RSVP in one of the following ways on or before WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005:

- 1) Call or e-mail - be sure to provide your name and phone number along with number of adults, young adults/teens and children.

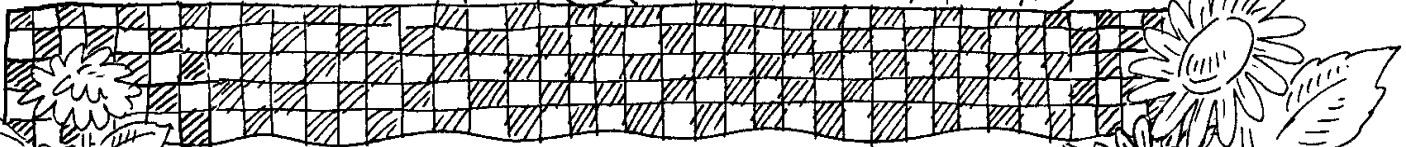
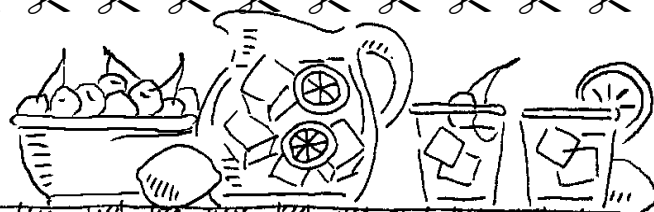
Call Cherie Miller at 738-0298 or e-mail gggcher@aol.com or

Call Peter Bekkers 757-9027 or e-mail at taxmannatp@aol.com or

Call Deb Whittenberger 757-0754 or e-mail northford@aol.com

OR

- 2) Send in the form to BOH Picnic, Box 2524, Appleton, WI 54912 (form below)



Thank you for the invitation to the BOH Picnic.

I/we plan to Attend:

Name _____

Phone _____

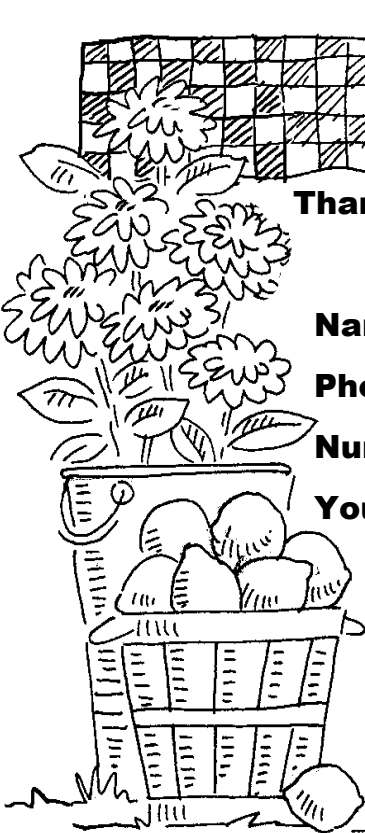
Number of adults _____

Young adults/teens _____

Children _____

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How's Fr. John after surgery?

For those who do not know, Fr. John had a kidney removed on April 5, 2005. He believes it was a miracle that led to Dr. Fischer examining a CT scan which revealed the need for surgery. The kidney was found to have a tumor which was cancerous. However, Dr. Fischer was able to remove everything of concern. Fr John thanks you for your prayers and expressions of concern received verbally, through notes and by email. The recovery period has been steady with signs of progress each day.

He asks for our continued prayers and is very grateful to God for all the support which has been given.



Voice of the Faithful

This emerging national organization of baptized Catholics is holding their Convocation of Catholic Laity in Indianapolis, Indiana July 8th thru July

10th. Titled *The Laity Speak: Accountability Now*, the conference will have dynamic speakers, outstanding breakouts, a whole menu of training options and a chance

to make history. More information is available at www.votf.org.



Ours is not, in any sense, a Church of the past. Ours is always the Church of the present moment. Thus, we move with the "rhythm of the times." We welcome the fresh insights of theologians, indeed of all God's people, as they confront the Mystery of the Church. We profit most of all from those members of the Church whose prayer and spiritual sensitivity have given them a pre-eminent title to speak in the community of faith and worship.

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CATCHING SOME WISDOM

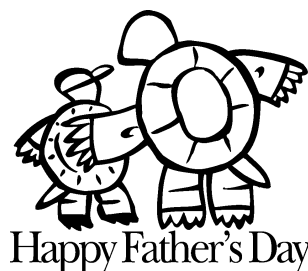
June 19: Father's Day

My father used to take my brother and me fishing along the Fox River. In the years we went there to fish, there were never many to catch. My dad would tell us stories about when he was young his dad and brothers used to come out there for the weekend. They would catch so many fish that they would get all the farmers from around the area to come for

dinner on a Saturday night. There would be a party until early in the morning. On the Saturdays we went, my brother and I would be lucky to go home with a dozen small blue gills. Now that I look back on those days, it wasn't that catch of fish that was so important. It was that we "went fishing" with dad that mattered, and what we caught from those days was a

wisdom that no amount of brain food - fish - would give us.

- Paul Michaels



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