

# Third Word News & Notes



AUGUST 2012

## *Pastor's Message*

### **THANK GOD FOR THE OLYMPICS**

The summer Olympic Games in London have captured the attention of the world since the opening festivities began on July 27. Since then 10,000 of the world's best athletes have been competing in their chosen sports against others from almost 200 countries. You don't have to be a sports fan to get caught up in the drama and excitement of the Games, which began in 1896 as a revival of the ancient Olympics. The excitement of athletic competition at a world class level has always captured the imagination and inspired people everywhere to excel in their own endeavors.

There is a lot to be learned from watching the Olympics. Where else can we see a gathering of people from nearly every nation on this planet fiercely competing against one another to be the best in the world in their sport, yet in a spirit of friendship and mutual respect? The hostilities that normally exist between nations are set aside because all nations believe in and respect the ideals that the Olympics represent. I not only enjoy watching the Olympics, but I thank God for them, because they demonstrate that a better world is possible if we truly believe in the principles that will make it possible.

I believe that the spiritual and moral principles of the Christian faith are the building blocks of world peace. These are the lessons we teach our children in Sunday school. The peace we experience in our lives and in our relations with our neighbors is real. There is no reason why it cannot become real everywhere in the world. Like Olympic athletes, we just have to desire it, practice it, and compete for it with every ounce of our being. Let's go for the gold in the struggle for peace and justice everywhere.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Norm*

### **RALLY BBQ PLANS UNDERWAY FOR SEPTEMBER 9TH**



The Rally Sunday and Community BBQ is fast approaching. We have asked each committee to take part in the activities of the day. We have PFS cooking burgers and hot dogs for all of the guests, Reception committee will coordinate the side dishes and desserts. Missions and Deacons will take care of set up and clean up. The Board of Music is going to put together some great music and the BCE will be in charge of games and activities during the picnic. It will be a great event once again to welcome every back from the summer and kick off a new year.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR APPROACHES

The curriculum has been ordered and the nursery has been cleaned. We are getting ready to prepare our classrooms with a good cleaning and restocking of the supplies. We are welcoming back many of our veteran teachers: Leslie Hassman in our PreK to 1st grade class, Ellie Hojda in our 2nd to 4th grade class, Do-reen Rodo and Patty Casey in our 5th and 6th grade class and Corrine Sternberg in our High School class. We are welcoming two new teachers to our staff: Alberina Fletcher will be helping Ellie Hojda in the 2nd through 4th grade and Janice Drescher will be teaching our Junior High Students. We are so excited to welcome these new teachers. We are still looking for some co-teachers for our PreK to 1st grade, Junior High and High School classrooms. We are going to also welcome back Tricia and Abby D'Onofrio who have watched over our youngest students in the nursery. They can always use some additional help. We look forward to a new year of fun, learning and sharing God's Love.



## GREAT MUSIC GARDENSIDE

We have two garden side services this year. On July 22nd we were treated to beautiful weather and a song from Sharon Maloney, Barbara & Norm Erlendson and Dean Coutsouridis. On August 19th we will be treated to music by Dean Coutsouridis and Dayton and Andrew Rich. There will also be a baptism. We are hoping for wonderful weather and great fellowship under the canopy.

## ICE CREAM SOCIALS

PFS put on two Ice Cream Socials this summer. The first on July 12 and the second on August 9th. There were about a dozen toppings to choose from along with all you can eat ice cream and whipped cream. It is a great way to fellowship and cool down from a hot day.



## Upcoming Events

9/9	Rally Sunday and Church Community BBQ
9/23	Guest Speaker, Rick Odess
10/13	PFS Harvest Dinner
10/18	Missions Military Whist