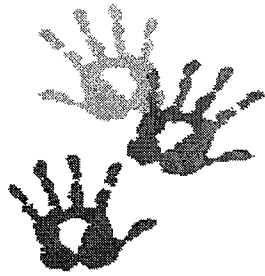


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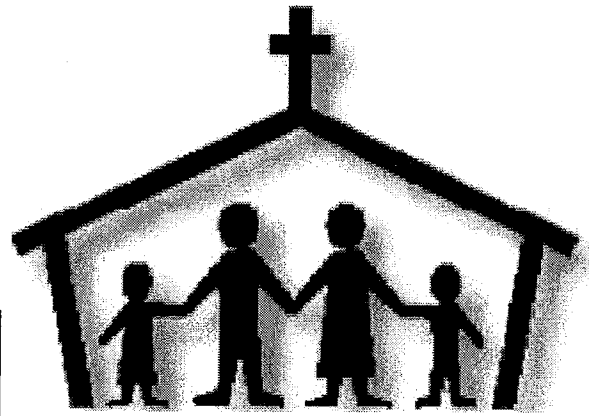


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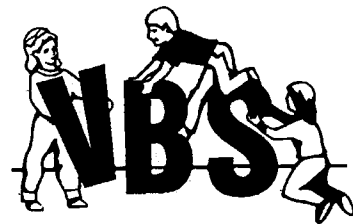
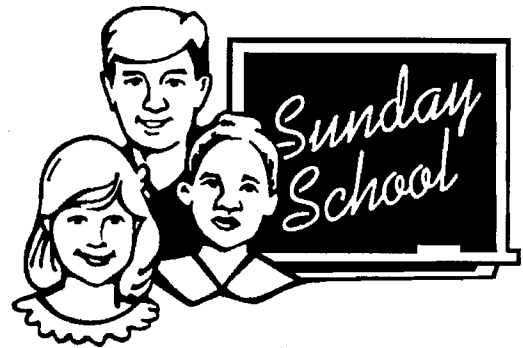
*Commissioning of our
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*Mark your Calendar
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*Everyone is invited
to our special
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Creation Ministries
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10:30 a.m.*



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LWML NEWS

In the midst of God's gift of summer leisure, we are already planning for fall. We pray you are having a blessed summer time!

A special outing is being planned by the Toronto Zone LWML for Saturday, September 15th. We will carpool to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton where we will enjoy a wonderful stroll through the gardens, followed by lunch. There will be more details in the bulletin as the time gets closer.

Our regular September meeting will be on Monday, September 17th at 7:30 p.m. We will have a topic Bible study and look at our year's plans for 2007-2008.

Because Thanksgiving Sunday falls on October 7th, we will move our LWML Sunday to October 14th. That will be our next mite box collection and dedication day.

Mark your calendar now for the LWML Fall Rally which we will be hosting on Sunday, October 14th. As the host congregation, we would love to have a big turnout from COK!

Summer 2007

Teresa and her daughter Emily are relaxing on the porch in the midst of a hot summer day. Their Popsicles are the perfect mid-afternoon treat. As Emily's begins to melt, she begins to walk, thinking that she can escape the dripping stickiness.

Mom's not too concerned about her daughter wandering too far away. On the sidewalk she can see a Popsicle-stained trail of red dots that marks her way. It's a bit like the bread-crumbs trail Hansel and Gretel left behind to find their way home through the woods. By connecting the dots, mother and daughter can easily find each other again.

Teresa closes her eyes for a few moments and feels the sun's hot rays soak into her skin. Around the corner of the house, she hears Emily carrying on a conversation with an imaginary friend. *What is she up to?* Mom wonders. It isn't long before she has her answer. Emily heads toward her with a small bouquet of flowers clutched in her hand.

"These flowers are for you," she announces as she holds out her arm.

Her fingers are still so sticky from the Popsicle that mom will have to peel the stems from her daughter's hand. "They're lovely," mom says at the same time she notices that her daughter has raided her flower beds to present her with this token of love.

"Can we put these in water?" Emily asks.

"Sure, let's go inside and find a vase."



As Teresa gets up from her seat, she is stopped by the sight of Emily standing there with her bouquet held tightly in her hand. In her mind Teresa sees a picture of herself holding up an offering to her heavenly Father.

How true it is ... all that we have to give our Lord - our love, our life, our service - are offered in response to his great love for us. Scripture says, "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). His love has been shown to us in so many, many ways, but never more wonderfully than in the gift of his Son to be our Saviour.

Emily's gift has helped Teresa to understand what John wrote a little better. Emily's gift of flowers that her mom had planted in the first place has helped Teresa see that there is nothing she can give to God that God - in his great love - hasn't already given to her.

What bouquet of love will you offer to the Lord today?

Peace and Joy in Jesus,
Pastor Larry Flohr

Outreach Workshops Engaged the Laity

In addition to the time provided for worship, fellowship, and Bible studies, one of this year's highlights was a set of empowering outreach workshops led by prominent church and lay leaders in three subject areas: leadership development, global outreach, and community outreach. Workshops addressed a variety of topics, including forming a church ministry action team, global mission partnerships, effective outreach, sharing LHM's message, and communicating electronically. Workshops were conducted by professionals, experienced volunteers, staff members and other organizations.

Fellowship Night

Hundreds attended one of several options for fellowship Friday night. "Cats" was being performed by the Duluth Little Theatre, attracting 99 registrants; a cruise on Lake Superior involved 259 registrants; a scenic train ride through Duluth included 300 registrants; a Rootbeer float fellowship highlighting the Tournament of Roses and the Lutheran Hour Float entry was attended by 164 registrants.

Pastor Klaus Closes the Int'l LLL Convention with a Stirring Message

Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour, delivered an inspiring message about the Light of Christ during The Lutheran Hour Rally July 28. The rally was the closing event for the 90th international convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. "The Love of God, the living Light of God, goes into hearts of those who believe that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Light," said Pastor Klaus. "That is the message The Lutheran Hour has proclaimed for 77 years. It is the message for this day. It is God's message of love which sent His Son to be our Light." Pastor Klaus told the story of a pioneering family in Minnesota in the mid-1800s that was being destroyed by typhoid fever. The mother and father had already buried the body of a loved one on their farm and it appeared they would soon be burying their son, too. "The doctor told them, 'If we had ice, we might save him but he'll be dead before we can get any from the nearest ice house,'" said Pastor Klaus. "The boy's mother wandered out to the farmyard whose darkness was matched by the dark dread in her mind. There she prayed. If you had been there that night, you would have heard her pour out her heart as she said, 'Lord, if You wish to take my son home, I will place him into Your hands. Jesus is His Savior, and my boy will be all right. But, if it be possible, I would keep him for a while. ...'" Pastor Klaus continued, "Those who were there that night report although no clouds were visible, as soon as the mother finished her prayer, they heard thunder. In a few moments the heavens were black and rain began to fall. The rain turned to sleet, and the sleet turned to hail ... they grabbed pitcher, pail, and pot, scooped up the hail and packed it around the boy. To you who doubt and question God's great grace, I will reply, 'It shows God cares, but God's love is not limited to one pioneer family ... will you live in the light or in the darkness?'"

Closing Comments

Attending a Int'l LLL convention is a very enjoyable and Spiritually uplifting experience. Listening to and talking to Lutheran Hour Speaker, Pastor Klaus, was definitely again the highlight of the Convention for me. The District is presently working on getting Pastor Klaus to come to Stratford for a Lutheran Hour Rally in September of 2008. Please contact me if you would like a detailed explanation of any of the activities at our Int'l convention. I encourage all to attend our District Convention on Sept.22/07 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waterloo for a similar enjoyable and uplifting experience. Come and be energized for Christ. Come and hear how you too can be a "Light" for this ministry.

Jim Lang



**Hallelujah ...
the Bible and Handel's Messiah**

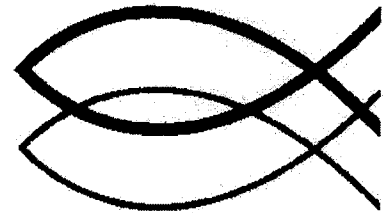
In our Wednesday Morning Bible Class in September we will explore the Scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah*.

We meet every other Wednesday from 10:00 am – noon beginning September 12th.

Come and join us for this truly moving experience!

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In our Thursday morning Moms and Tots Bible Study we will continue our study of the book of Acts from the New Testament. We meet every other Thursday from 9:30 – 11:00 am starting September 13th. Child care is provided.



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Youth News

Several youth enjoyed a sunny hot afternoon of swimming and barbeque at the Schmidt's house at the end of July. Thanks to Bernie and Siggie for their hospitality!

Remember to mark our September events on your calendar:

September 9: Games and hockey and or soccer

September 21 – 23: Youth retreat at Pastor's cottage. This year's theme is "Welcome to Possum Lodge." Watch for your info package, with all the details, in the mail.



Don't forget youth Bible Study every Sunday morning from 9:45 – 10:45. Look for details about our new study theme in the September newsletter.

We look forward to hearing all about your summer!

Int'l LLL Convention "Shines a Light" in Duluth, Minnesota

The 90th annual international convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League kicked off July 26 in Duluth, Minnesota. This year's convention, entitled "Let Your Light Shine" (Matthew 5:16), shows the nearly 1,000 attendees the ways that Lutheran Hour Ministries is spreading the rays of Gospel hope by God's grace to countless souls throughout North America and around the world.

"It is our hope that you will dedicate yourself in the coming year to seeing how you can 'Let Your Light Shine' for the Lord in your daily walk with Him," says Int'l LLL President Jack Kidwell.

LHM Executive Director Greg Lewis thanked attendees for their continued support during one of the opening day's general sessions and shared the ministry's challenge of finding more ministry friends in the future. "Today's challenge is not much different from what the founders of the Lutheran Laymen's League faced," says Lewis. "The LLL was born and supported by committed laypeople of vision who shared their vision with friends to help carry it out. I encourage you to help us invite new people to join us in sharing the hope that only comes through Christ with all people."

Outstanding Ambassadors Recognized During Int'l LLL Convention

Lutheran Hour Ministries honored 37 outstanding Ambassadors during its Ambassador workshop and a special "Bringing Christ to the Nations" ceremony at the international convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. The Ambassadors were nominated by their district leadership because of their tireless work to promote Lutheran Hour Ministries' programs and to cultivate relationships with current donors and prospective donors. "Each of these outstanding congregational Ambassadors has worked hard to build awareness of LHM, thank donors, and recruit new donors," says LHM Ambassador Consultant Roy Schmidt. "We appreciate their dedication to the Lord's work through Lutheran Hour Ministries." Each Ambassador received a Lutheran Hour Ministries briefcase and a certificate. This year's Ambassador of the Year from our District was Robert Hallman from Faith Lutheran Church in Kitchener.

New Officers Elected to Int'l Board of Governors

Bob Felstead of Canmore, Alberta, was elected as governor for Region 15. The East District is part of Region 15. Retired, he had been in automotive-related work. He has served on the international level as a member-at-large and on committees for resolutions and elections and at the district level as president in two LLL districts. He is a former board member for LLL-Canada.

NASA Astronaut Addresses Int'l LLL Convention Attendees

NASA astronaut and LCMS member Jeffrey Williams served as the keynote speaker during Friday's sold-out fellowship luncheon at the international convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. Williams offered insightful comments and large-screen visuals relating to his experiences on Expedition 13, a six-month involvement aboard the International Space Station. His experiences included three and a half years training for the mission, a visit by the spaceship Discovery, six months in space with a Russian and a German, and numerous trips to Russia for preparations. He explained how the images from space illustrate "how we can see the glory of the Creator through His creation, but we cannot tell exactly who He is. That comes through Christ." Williams worked on the International Space Station from March to September 2006, during which time he was traveling 17,500 miles per hour, 90 minutes per orbit, and 68 times a day around the globe. His workdays often stretched as long as 14 hours per day. Much of the effort was centered on preparing the station to become a work and living space for six people, in anticipation for a future NASA mission to Mars. "Christians know they live life day by day, the Lord giving provision - so it is important to shine our light to others and, with it, the hope of eternity and the righteousness of Christ," says Williams. "I applaud the International LLL for its efforts to serve the Lord by proclaiming the Gospel."

Join us for two highly visual presentations with

Calvin Smith of *CMI-Canada*

10:30am Evolution: What are the Facts?

11:30am BBQ Lunch

1:00pm Living in the 'Real' World

Saturday 29 September 2007

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Evolution. What are the 'Facts'?

Most people are presented with the 'Theory of Evolution' as if it was irrefutable, based solely on facts by unbiased scientists. Learn the history of this theory, the anti-Christian foundation it was based upon, and the presuppositions it holds that are never talked about. In this session you will learn how generations of people have been duped by the Humanist agenda and the solid evidence that shows how the 'Theory of Evolution' can't stand the test of modern science.

Living in the 'Real' World... (General Introduction Session for Youth)

This talk explains the key controversies surrounding the creation/evolution issue and shows how it affects your entire World View. Many topics relevant to youth (media, science, ethics, evangelism, morality) are explored. It demonstrates the foundational cause of the culture wars that rage in our society and how young people are affected. Shows young people that there is no controversy between 'real science' and the Bible.

Calvin Smith

Calvin's interest in creation ministry, particularly as a speaker, arose primarily because of seeing its effectiveness in strengthening the faith and evangelistic efforts of those exposed to the truth of God's Word through this type of work.

Calvin was formerly on the pastoral staff of a church in Guelph, ON, overseeing the youth and small group ministries. Through working with young people, both inside the church and with a small group at the University of Guelph, Calvin personally witnessed the devastation brought to our youth by the teaching of evolutionary rationalism. But he also saw the life-transforming effect of biblical answers that encourage people to know that God's Word can be trusted from the very first verse.

He says, "I grew up in an un-churched home. I can honestly say I was an atheist and accepted the humanist/naturalistic viewpoint that I was taught through the public school system and my environment (media, friends, siblings). I became involved in many negative behaviours and suffered from the effects of them. Looking back I can see key encounters with people that contributed to my conversion. However, it was not until I attended a few church services and had some specific stumbling blocks related to evolutionary theory removed that I was able to answer God's call."

Calvin has spoken on creation topics since 2001 at youth groups, Christian schools, churches and small groups. He has also appeared on the CTS live call-in television program 'Nite Lite Live' several times, speaking about the creation/evolution issue.

Through lots of reading, Calvin has become well equipped to talk about many aspects of science and history that relate to the creation/evolution controversy. He has consistently immersed himself in creation apologetics through seminars, classes, scientific papers and hands-on opportunities to study. When asked what formal science background he has, Calvin responds, "*the same as Charles Darwin. His only formal training was in Theology!*"

Calvin's hobbies include music and wrestling. He lives in Guelph, Ontario with his wife and 3 children.

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
Let us be thankful, and so worship God
Acceptably with reverence and awe.

-Hebrews 12: 28



Sunday School is over for another year and once again we look forward to the long-awaited summer holidays. Our children have grown another year older and soon will be going into a higher grade come the fall. This past year in Sunday School has also been a busy one for our children, and as we look back on the months together, we give praise and thanks to our faithful Lord for guiding us, teaching us and being our constant companion. Our last Sunday School time together was on June 3rd, and at that time we acknowledged our children for their faithful and dedicated work. The following children received their MEMORY WORK CERTIFICATE for a job well done in their class:

Samuel, Benjamin and Matthew Kriwetz, Asher Mayan, Christina Vernon, Allison McCann and Jessica Chant.

Below are the recipients of the highest ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE for the past academic year. They are to be commended for their faithfulness and dedication to coming the most often to Sunday School.

Nursery 3 and 4: Samuel, Benjamin and Matthew Kriwetz

Grades 1 and 2: Asher Mayan and Eric Agnew

Grades 3 and 4: Jessica Chant and Christina Vernon

Grades 5 and 6: Andrea Vacl and Vanessa McCann

Grades 7 and 8: Joshua Vernon and Braden Chant

Please take a moment to congratulate these children and to commend them for a job well done. Many thanks, also, to their parents for bringing these precious children to Sunday School and for keeping Christian education a priority in their family.

As we break for the summer, we ask for your continued prayers for the children as they travel, go to camp and enjoy their well deserved holidays. It is also our wish for the members of our congregation to have a happy and safe summer holiday, as well.

In His service,
Donna Prusha



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A Great Place To Grow in Knowledge & Grace

*Our New Initiative is a success!
Christ Our King Nursery School and Kindergarten is now offering
program options.*

*Call for an information package or visit us for a tour of our
facility.*

Registrations are now being accepted for September 2007

Our Programs:

*Preschool: 2-1/2 to 4 years; ratio 1 : 8
2 days, \$135/month
3 days, \$170/month
5 days, \$240/month*

*Junior/Senior Kindergarten: 4 to 5 years; ratio 1 : 10
5 half days \$250/month
full day option \$500/month*

*We also offer lunch hour supervision at an additional charge.
\$30 non refundable registration fee.*



Our Preschool program focuses on social skills such as sharing and co-operation. Activities are presented that complement an increasing attention span in preparation for the Kindergarten years.

Our Kindergarten program expands on the skills already learned and provides an atmosphere that stimulates the children cognitively. A low teacher/child ratio allows staff to work closely with the children to provide them with a good foundation for the many school years ahead.

Christ Our King Nursery School and Kindergarten is licensed by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services under the Day Nurseries Act. To that end we strive to provide the best possible childcare in a loving, safe, nurturing environment that meets the individual needs of each child, and allows them to grow spiritually, cognitively and physically.

As a ministry of Christ Our King Lutheran Church, we are committed to building a strong spiritual foundation in the lives of young children. Providing children with a loving, safe, Christ-centred environment filled with activities where they can explore and learn is very important to us. It is our prayer that God's love will fill the hearts of all who enter our doors.

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New Kids Activities Debut on 'JCPlayZone'

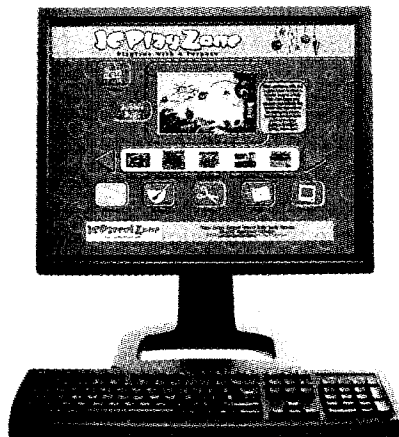
This summer, children can have a new pastime by going to www.jcplayzone.com, thanks to Lutheran Hour Ministries.

JCPlayZone is a Web site designed to engage children through various interactive online activities in a safe, Christian environment. Fun, new games, crafts, recipes, activities, coloring pages, and e-cards that focus on summer are now available on the site. Music will be added. While the site was targeted for ages 2-6, parents say the crafts and recipes appeal to older children as well.

**"This is cool!"
That's a
resounding
endorsement.**

"After my daughter spent a record 20 minutes exploring the site, she declared: 'This is cool!'" says Diane Strzelecki from northern Illinois. "Trust me ... that's a resounding endorsement from an 8-year-old whose cyberspace choices usually range from PBS's *Arthur* to the *American Girl* Web site."

Jeni Walker, director of Children's Ministry at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Palatine, Ill., passed the link to other families. "We have been publicizing the site in our parent newsletter since December and we have bookmarks on our Web site as well," she says. "It is a cool site!"



A companion Web site called **JCParentZone** offers parents access to relevant information on parenting from a Christian perspective. The articles and spiritual questions are updated regularly to provide the most up-to-date information.

"As the parent of a young child, I know the resources I'm trying to find when I search a parenting Web site," says Lorri Hackett, LHM's Marketing

Manager for U.S. Ministries. "That's why our **JCParentZone** articles offer real substance for parents who are struggling to raise their children well." ■

For the tenth time in 10 years, *The Canadian Lutheran* recently received an award from Canadian Church Press. The organization recognized the article *Biblical Reconciliation in Context* by Dr. Stephen Chambers with a second place Award of Merit.





The Deep End of Sunday School

We're really going to go off the deep end this fall in our Sunday Morning Bible Class!

On September 9th we are going to start in on a five week study called "**Friendship Ablaze.**" This series of five Bible studies shares a practical, step-by-step way God's people can grow in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in their daily lives and friendships. We believe the Holy Spirit wants to set our friendships **Ablaze!** with the power of His presence and the love and hope of Jesus.

These **Friendship Ablaze!** Bible studies are adapted from studies written by Pastor Stephen Wagner for a Friendship Celebration packet produced by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Evangelism department. We thank Pastor Wagner for graciously allowing us to continue to use this study to equip God's people to set their friendships **Ablaze!** with Gospel power.

The five Bible studies are:

1. Sept. 9 - Getting Ready for **Friendship Ablaze!**
2. Sept. 16 - **Friendship Ablaze!** Prays
3. Sept. 23 - **Friendship Ablaze!** Reaches Out
4. Sept. 30 - **Friendship Ablaze!** has a Message
5. Oct. 7 - **Friendship Ablaze!** Does Unsolicited Acts of Kindness

On October 14th we will come back to part 2 of "Echo God's Love" with a four part study of Romans 12. It is designed to encourage faith's response to the grace and mercy of God.





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July 16, 2007

Dear Sharyn;

I would like to thank you, your staff and the children who contributed books and cash toward our Books for Africa campaign.



Your support means we will be able to provide more classrooms with children's books and school

supplies. This means more children in Liberia having the chance to learn to read and explore the wonders of good literature.

Please also thank your pastor for the truck he donated with our Logo on the side. It looks great when we set up our display in the park.

Thank you for being a part of a miracle that unlocks the mystery of the printed word to so many little minds.

I will send you some pictures after we visit Liberia in March.

*Sincerely,
Art*

Vacation Bible School

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4



98 children were **MAKING TRACKS** to our VBS during the week of July 9 – 13th. Different types of train cars were used to introduce each day's Bible story to help children learn:

- That Jesus has all power and helps them physically and spiritually.
Train Car – Engine
Bible Story – Jesus Helps a Man Who Cannot Walk
- That God's Word is the spiritual food they need daily to grow in faith.
Train Car – Hopper
Bible Story – Jesus Visits Mary and Martha
- That all people are precious to God
Train Car – Car Carrier
Bible Story – The Lost Sheep
- That they can show their love and kindness to others
Train Car – Box Car
Bible Story – The Good Samaritan
- That God wants them to tell others about the Saviour so that they believe in Him and arrive safely home in heaven.
Train Car – Caboose
Bible Story – Philip and the Ethiopian

It was a very busy and exciting week for everyone; children, youth and adults. 35 volunteers willingly gave their time and talents to provide the children with all the activities for the children to grow in God's Word.

Every year we choose 2 mission projects to support through the children's offerings, the offering at the Celebration Night and the cupcake sales. This year's projects were The Bible League for the purchase of Romanian children's Bibles and AK BOB (Active Kids Beyond Our Borders) to provide books and school supplies to children in Liberia. The response was truly amazing. \$973.50 was collected in the offerings and cupcakes sales. A member of our congregation added \$1000.00 more to make the total **\$1973.50**. \$1578.80 is for The Bible League. That will buy 526 children's Romanian Bibles. \$394.70 and at least 4 boxes of books go to AK BOB. A cheque from a friend of AK BOB has added an additional \$405.30. God has provided us with so many blessings. We give thanks and praise to our Lord for giving us the opportunity to share our blessings with others.



We still have 2 more boxes to fill with gently used books. You can drop off your books at the church during the month of September.