

## VCL Family News

### Changes in Village Church Leadership

by Pastor Lee Eclon

Our Board of Elders has recently lost two key members to moves—Andrew Seaman in March and Chris McNiven in June. In accordance with the Bylaws, the Elders have appointed Nels Flatebo to the board. He will stand for congregational approval at our November meeting.



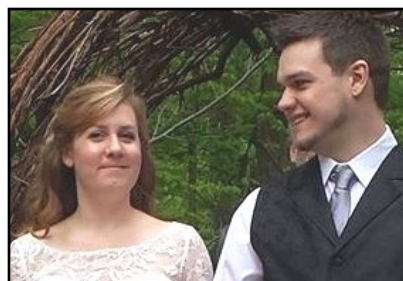
When Nels became a member of VCL he wrote, “I was born in Norway and as a young boy moved with my parents to Madison, WI. I grew up in a loving home. Soon after Karen and I met I realized I needed to ask Jesus to be my Savior and Lord. I cannot imagine living life without Him. Karen and I are so blessed to call VCL our church home.” Nels has served in key church leadership roles elsewhere before coming to VCL. He is an Executive Coach and Facilitator at The Leaders Forum.



Another change in leadership has occurred on our Missions Ministry Team. Dave Hooper has led this team, but he and Libby are planning a move to Wisconsin in September so we began seeking a new chair.

Barb Vietmeier, who has been serving on the committee, agreed to take over leadership. Others on the team are Kelvin Tohme, Connie Compton, Lynn Gabalec, and Jim Stamoolis (Elder representative).

**Congratulations to Lyle Enright and Jenna Dailey** who were wed on May 17 out of state.



**Congratulations to Dan North and Amy Shoemyer** who were wed on June 6 out of state. Pastor Michael officiated.



**Missionary News: Shawn & Sara Bawulski** and their 2 girls will be visiting with us on Sunday, June 22. They are on leave from Lithuania. They will be attending the church picnic on June 22 and you can catch up with them at that event.

The following Sunday, June 29, we will have the **Todd Patterson family** (pictured below) with us. They are on leave from the mission field in The Slovak Republic. The Pattersons are in need of housing in the area for June 26-July 1, July 19-20, and August 11-15. If you can host them, please call David Hooper at 608.215.2208 or the church office.

We will be having a light lunch immediately after the service on Sunday, June 29 in the Great Room to welcome Todd and his family. Please sign the Friendship Register by writing **LUNCH** if you plan to attend.



**Summer Sunday Schedule Please Note**

There will be no Children’s Church on June 1-June 15. Kids will sit with parents during the entire adult service. Busy Bags are available at the Welcome Center.

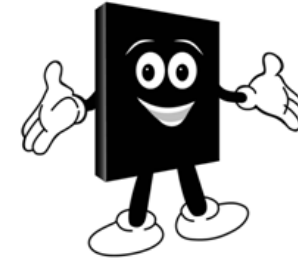
There will be no 9:00 AM classes for adults or children on July 6.

Care for newborn – 3 years will be available all summer at the 10:30 hour.

## VCL Happenings

### VCL's Read to Rescue Summer Program

Read to Rescue is a summer project for all of us at VCL. It's designed for kids and teens to read books and for adults to pledge and sponsor them. It is a giving campaign to support the ministry of She Is Safe and goes from June 1 to July 20.



Read to Rescue is designed specifically to engage children and teens, on an appropriate level, so they can learn about the issues of suffering kids and adults around the world and can do something to be an active part of the solutions. It is one of the official fundraisers for She Is Safe and our community-based SIS Chicago Advocacy Group.

This VCL program will be a collective fundraiser, with kids and teens joining to read as many books as possible and with adults and families combining their pledged sponsorship for all the books read. None of the kids or youth will ask VCL adults to sponsor them personally, but they can invite their families, relatives and friends outside of VCL to join our sponsorship program.

So kids and teens, please join Read to Rescue. Sign up at the Information Center and start reading. Ask your family, relatives, and friends to sponsor your reading to join the other VCL sponsors. You can choose any books you want to read or follow a suggested reading list. You can even get credit for each book of the Bible you and your family read during our all-church New Testament Reading Campaign. Younger kids can join, too. Three picture books that are read with the help of an adult or older sibling will equal one chapter book read by older kids. But wait! There's more. Prizes will also be awarded to the kids and teens who read the most books in their age categories!

VCL Adults and families, please be a sponsor and make a monetary pledge for Read to Rescue. See the chart below to choose the size of your pledge. We have more than 50 kids that may join the reading challenge, but there will only be a maximum of 200 books for you to sponsor. At the end of the Read to Rescue program on July 20, you will pay your pledge by check, written to She Is Safe, or by giving it in cash. VCL will combine all the cash and issue one VCL check to She Is Safe. (Note: She Is Safe is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and will send you a tax deductible receipt as a charity donation, but a pledge paid in cash cannot receive a deductible receipt.)

**Please choose the pledge level you want to give at as a collective sponsor and sign up at the Information Center:**

- 10 cents per book = maximum of \$20 donation**
- 25 cents per book = maximum of \$50 donation**
- 50 cents per book = maximum of \$100 donation**
- \$ 1.00 per book = maximum of \$200 donation**

### Mercy Fund Helps Our Former Missionaries

VCL supported Scott and Carol Kling-smith who were working in Austria until a few years ago when Carol’s struggles with MS brought them back home. Scott currently teaches at Denver Seminary in Colorado.

Last April we received word that Carol needed to be hospitalized for eight weeks. In the process, they realized that she would need a new wheelchair with sophisticated options to keep her healthy. VCL’s Mercy Fund contributed \$500 to assist in this purchase. Scott wrote, “The chair is allowing [Carol] to shift her weight around by tilting and adjusting her sitting angles. I cannot express strongly enough how moved we’ve been through the prayers and gifts and concern for us. In this very hard time it’s been incredible to experience God’s love for us through his people. You have encouraged and sustained us in ways we didn’t know were possible.”



## Preaching & Worship

### Sermons

JUNE 15 — JULY 6, 2014



#### CHURCHHOME:

Why Our Church Is Our First Family

| Date    | Text          | Sermon Title         |
|---------|---------------|----------------------|
| 6/15/14 | John 14:1-6   | The Way Home         |
| 6/22/14 | Luke 10:38-42 | Open Your Home       |
| 6/29/14 | Luke 14:1-14  | Guest List Communion |
| 7/6/14  | Luke 19:1-10  | Grown Up So Fast     |

JULY 13 — AUGUST 3

WHAT’S NEW: Cardinal Doctrines from the New Testament

| Date    | Text           | Sermon Title                       |
|---------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 7/13/14 | Luke 4:1-30    | “For It Is Written...”             |
| 7/20/14 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | The Trumpet Call of God            |
| 7/27/14 | Rom 8:1-11     | Power and Control                  |
| 8/3/14  | Phil 2:5-11    | The Humble & the Exalted Communion |

### Pray for VCL in June & July

Our Community Bible Experience— Full Participation and great delight in reading the New Testament together.

Learning how we can please Christ by being a church that is home.

The youth and sponsors going to Challenge in early July.

Open doors for the good news of Jesus; our List of 5.

Our church finances.





## Calendar of Events

### Sweetser Baby Shower

Saturday, June 21, 2-4 p.m.  
at the home of Katerina Taktikos, 1309 Andover Drive, Mundelein, IL 60060.  
It's a boy! Décor for the baby's room — nature's

colors: soft greens, yellows and brown. Krista and Daniel are registered at *Babies R Us*. Please RSVP to Jane Niederbrach, 847.367.4680/djnbrach@comcast.net or Beverly Addona, 847.253.7638.

### Annual VCL Church Picnic

Sunday, June 22, Noon  
Whytegate Park  
Bring your favorite meat to BBQ and if your last name begins with A-M, a side dish to pass, or if N-Z, then a dessert to pass. Everything else will be provided. Also remember to bring your own lawn chairs. There will be games for the children. RSVP by writing *PICNIC* on the Friendship Register and the **number** attending.

### Patterson Welcome Luncheon

Sunday, June 29, Noon

### Community Bible Experience

Sunday, July 13  
(Running thru Sunday, August 31)

### Concert of Prayer

Sunday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.

### Caregiving Ministry

Monday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.

### Ravinia Outing

Sunday, July 27, 3 p.m.  
Join us on the lawn to hear the Chicago Symphony perform "All Tchaikovsky." This is always a summer highlight for those who love good music and good fellowship. We will gather on the lawn to hear the Chicago Symphony under the direction of Denis Matsuev. Lawn tickets—\$10 (\$8 for those 65 & older). Gates open at 3 p.m., but space can only be held for you until 4 p.m. The performance begins at 5. Consult [ravinia.com](http://ravinia.com) for transportation options. RSVP *Ravinia* on the Friendship Register.

### Recurring Events

#### Middle and High School Youth

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.  
(June 21, July 5 and July 19)

## Summer Children's Church by Susan Eclov

We are happy to let you know that this summer we will be using a very cool video series for Children's Church called *Buck Denver asks... What's in the Bible?* Although a video curriculum was not our first choice, we picked it because it ties in with the CBE (Community Bible Experience) that we are doing together as a church family this summer.



For a fun interview with Phil Vischer on Moody Radio go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NN50zZNjGYg>

*Buck Denver Asks...* is created especially for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have previewed the series and are impressed with the content and think the kids will love it.

This DVD series is from VeggieTales® creator, Phil Vischer. He uses a variety of puppets to help tell the stories of the Bible and how they all fit together to tell one big, redemptive story. We will be using the New Testament series beginning June 22 and running through August 17.

## Three Youth Heading To EFCA Challenge 2014!

Three of our teenagers, Emma Uren, Suzanne Forman, and Jadah AuGuste, will be heading to the EFCA's biannual youth conference CHALLENGE! Pastor Michael and Jessie Harrison will be joining them, leaving early in the morning on July 6 and returning in the evening of July 11. CHALLENGE is being held in Kansas City, MO.

This will be Village Church's first delegation to CHALLENGE! The conference includes two worship sessions every day with thousands of EFCA students from across the United States, all in one room! The girls have already preselected break out sessions they want to attend on womanhood, discipleship, and using technology. Twice in that week we will participate in service projects in the Kansas City area. The group also plans to meet up with Brandon Boulais and his youth group from Riverside EFCA in Mayville, North Dakota, and with our own Becca Spellman, who is volunteering with the conference this summer!

Please pray for safe travels, for God to meet the team while at Kansas City, for meaningful interactions and service in Kansas City, and for infectious energy as we return to Village Church!

## Don't Forget Our Twitter and Facebook Page

You can follow Village Church on Twitter! Search for @\_evcl, and then follow us! You can also follow Pastor Michael by searching for @RevMMMauiello and Pastor Lee by searching @LeEclov. We're on Facebook, too. Just search for Village Church of Lincolnshire, and then like us!



**For more news and information from VCL check our website: [www.evcl.org](http://www.evcl.org).**

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June/July 2014

## Community Bible Study

### Gaining Steam by Pastor Michael Mauiello

Have all the tweets, Facebook posts, emails, and pulpit announcements gotten your attention yet? I hope so, because on June 29, I want every adult in the congregation to plan on participating in Community Bible Experience (CBE). This Study provides a fantastic way to read the Bible. Biblica, formerly the International Bible Society, has test-driven CBE with over 300,000 people, and the results have been overwhelmingly positive.

By taking out all of the verse and chapter numbers, cross references, and notes, removing red letters and putting the text in a single column, they have slimmed down the thickness of the New Testament. And then, by rearranging the order of the books so they are more chronological, the Bible jumps to life! But the best part is the reading plan. By reading twelve pages every

day, five days a week, for eight weeks, you will have read the whole New Testament. But what is the fun of doing that all by yourself? Why not do it with everyone? Reading the Bible alone is difficult for many, many people. But if you read the Bible and then get together to talk about it, isn't that a better way of going through the New Testament in community?

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 29. We will have a special First Hour Connection where we pass out the Bibles and get everyone oriented. I'm excited that Traci Crowley has agreed to emcee our mornings together. We'll take a week off over Fourth of July, but then, we'll start meeting every Sunday from July 13 to August 31.

Sign up in the foyer after church services on June 8, June 15, and June 21. Friends are welcome. We just need to know they plan on participating. For additional information, visit our website at [www.evcl.org/cbe/](http://www.evcl.org/cbe/).



## Preaching and Worship Drawn from Our Community Bible Experience

by Pastor Lee Eclov

As we planned our preaching for July and August we wanted to tie into the weekly reading we will all be doing through the New Testament. Pastor Michael helped me select a text for each Sunday, drawn from that week's reading, which highlights a key doctrine of our faith. We will study, for example, how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament promises, how the Holy Spirit gives us life, Christ's atonement, and several others. (The first part of the series is listed on the *Vine* flap.) Sermons in both print and audio formats are available at [evcl.org/sermons](http://evcl.org/sermons).

As always, our worship services will be developed around themes drawn from each week's preaching texts. In addition, on some Sundays we will feature people telling us about their own Bibles and how they use them. We will have one Sunday featuring the ministry of the Gideons which Village Church has long supported. We'll help everyone learn the books of the New Testament by heart. And we'll hear testimonies of how reading the New Testament together is touching lives in our church.