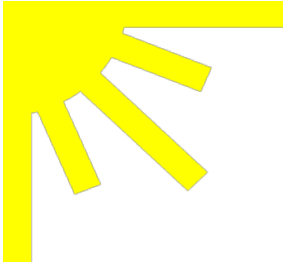


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**Carl's Corner....**

It's hard to believe it has almost been a whole year that I have been here. June marks the 11<sup>th</sup> month. To celebrate the first year- the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) has decided to have one combined service on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 in Hopedale. We will have a concert for our worship time and a potluck to follow. I had heard such great stories of the farewell you gave to Pastor Deepak and our former DS, Leah Pogemiller. To have an annual celebration of the completion of each year seems like a good tradition whether the minister is leaving or not.

Ebenezer hosted our first parish wide Ash Wednesday Service. Atlanta was the site for the Maundy Thursday Service for the parish. Now Hopedale will be the location for the Celebration of the Appointment. Expect the services to be similar but the locations will change.

In this first year, I had the joy of working with Gaurav Holkar and my wife as they explored going into the ministry. It was fascinating to watch them grow and develop in their preaching. I suspect they will soon be getting appointments of their own. Maybe someone else is being called to ministry. Maybe someone else has a desire to fill the pulpit. I believe God is not done with the church.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, my second year begins. I hope you are as excited about this next year as I am. May God bless us as we face the future together.

Blessings,  
Pastor Carl

**Ebenezer Church Council**

The next meeting for Ebenezer Church Council is **Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 7 p.m. Church Council is open to all who would like to attend.

**The Commands of Christ Sermon Series**

**June 2** - Matthew 26:17-30, Title: "Communion Commands"

**June 9** - Matthew 6:25-34, Title: "Remedy for Worry"

**June 16** - Matthew 15:1-9, Title: "Lessons from Dad"

**June 23** - Matthew 11:25-30, Title: "Power to Cope"

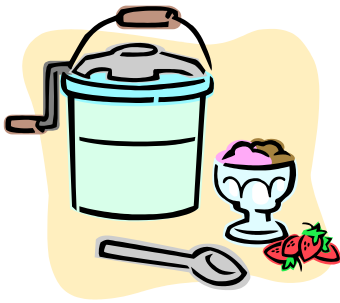
**June 30** - Special offering: Atlanta for Lincoln Logan Food Pantry. Last Sunday of Pastor Carl's first year at the Prairie Winds Parish. Concert/potluck at Hopedale. The only service for the Parish is at Hopedale at 10:45 a.m. Offering plates for all three churches will be available at Hopedale.

**Ebenezer Ladies Lunch**

All ladies of Ebenezer are invited to enjoy lunch and conversation on **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** – at a location TBD. Please let Linda Bristow know if you plan to attend. Future lunches will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. For more information talk with Christy or Linda.

## Father's Day Sunday

On Sunday, **June 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate Father's Day in a unique way. We are asking men to speak for 4-5 minutes on a lesson they learned from Dad. We need 4-5 men. I am hoping for uplifting and inspirational lessons that have stuck throughout their lives. Contact Pastor Carl if you would like to speak.



**\*\*Save the Date\*\***  
**Ebenezer Ice Cream Social**

Ebenezer will hold their annual **Ice Cream Social** on **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this event.



## 2019 Annual Conference

The 2019 Annual Conference will be **June 6-8** at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria.

The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church. The annual conference consists of clergy and lay members.

## Annual Conference Collection – Tornado Totes

Attendees to the 2019 Annual Conference are urged to have their congregations collect items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. A truck will be located at the Peoria Civic Center to accept those donations during the Annual Conference.

Tornado totes include the basic necessities for persons whose homes have been affected by tornados or floods. The items needed for each tote include the following:

- \$9 Donation for 2 Totes
- 2 pairs of work gloves
- 24 - one gallon-size resealable bags
- 2 permanent markers (i.e. Sharpie)
- 1 roll of duct tape (prefer colored) (to label household items)
- 2 dust masks (no surgical)
- 24 heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- 24 clear/white trash bags (20-33 gallon)
- 1 canister disinfectant wipes

Supplies can be collected and brought to Annual Conference and/or contribute to Advance Special #6620 and indicate "Tornado Tote". See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

## Ebenezer's Weekly Attendance

### May 2019

Date	Adults	Children
5	34	1
12	33	0
19	31	0
26	30	1

## Upcoming Events in the area.....



### Independence Day Celebration

The Mt. Hope- Funks Grove Park District will hold their annual Independence Day Celebration on **Saturday, June 22, 2019**. The park district will host a dinner starting at 4:30 p.m. Concessions, games, inflatables, face painting and music will be available from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. Fireworks will begin at dusk.