

# The Voice

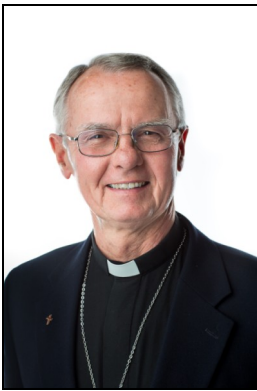
Voice of Care — In Christ with Persons Developmentally Challenged

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## Mission Statement

To enable the church in serving Christ to do ministry with persons developmentally challenged and those who care for them within congregations, homes, residential facilities, and communities, seeking with them our Lord's good plan for them and enabling their full participation in the Body of Christ.

## From the retiring Executive Director — Rev. Donald Kretzschmar



### Core Value #6: FORGIVENESS

This core value of Voice of Care is at the heart of our life, message and mission. We carry this in the precious Word of our Lord Jesus the Christ. His is the Voice of Care we bring to our people, including those who are very disabled, a Voice giving the forgiveness care that each person desperately needs. Each of us was born trapped in deadly trouble with God, the deadly trouble called sin. Each person, including the “innocent” infant or person with profound mental limitations, has this deadly sin trouble with God in life and often knows it. Trapped in deadly trouble! The Voice of Christ in John 8: “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin....So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Because of the work of Christ, God's Son, you are forgiven, restored to being a valuable child of God, free indeed!

## Our New Chaplain — Pastor Paul Klopke

Hello everyone! My name is Pastor Paul Klopke. Most people call me: “Pastor Paul”. I am eager and thrilled to be the new chaplain for Voice of Care.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I am married to a wonderful wife Julie Klopke who serves as the pre-school director and assistant principle at St. Peter, Arlington Heights, IL. I have two awesome children, Philip 26 who is married (Kyrie) and lives in St. Louis and Jillian 22 a recent graduate of Concordia University, Mequon.



I am a college graduate of Concordia University Chicago, and I have received my Masters of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. I have experience in teaching religion and confirmation classes to grade school children in Lutheran churches. Moreover, I have ministered spiritual care to people in nursing homes, hospitals and disability centers for over the past twenty years. In the last two years I have served as a volunteer for Voice of Care at Meadows and Clearbrook developmental centers in Rolling Meadows, IL. By the way, I enjoy playing my guitar and singing at the devotional times at these facilities.

While serving as chaplain for Voice of Care (30 hours per week), I will also be an elderly care and special needs pastor at St. Peter, Arlington Heights, IL. This position I believe dovetails beautifully with what I will be doing for Voice of Care. God is good! I am grateful for the chance to assume Pastor Don's chaplain position. Again, I am excited about this new call God has given me, and I hope to further the ministry here in our District for Voice of Care with God's help and provision.

In Jesus Who loves us the most,  
Pastor Paul



## From Deaconess Jana Peters

### Special Needs Camp at Walcamp Kingston Illinois David Brinker- prayer leader and preacher

“God, He is a good God. You are always good. Jesus is the Savior. Jesus is the King. I know Jesus. He is our friend Jesus. Jesus is power. Jesus is our great God. Jesus is the Lord. Jesus not dead! No, No! Jesus helps us. Jesus is God.”

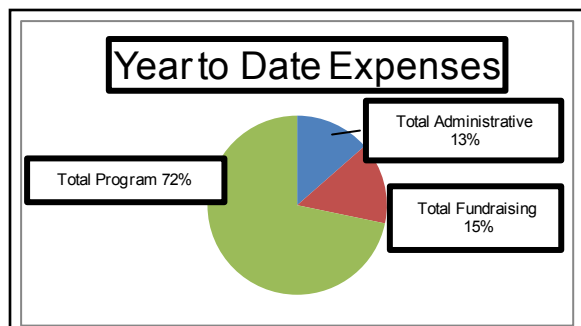
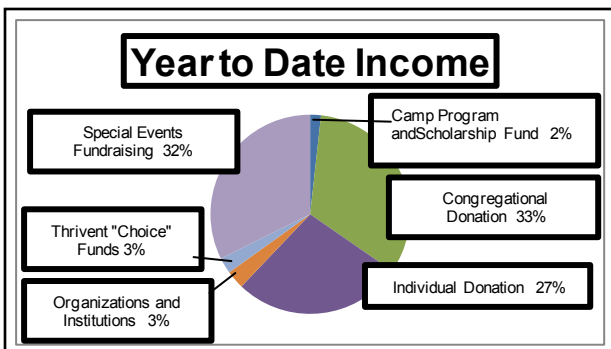


This prayer was said on a daily basis by our prayer leader David. Deaconess Jana would ask David to open their Bible study in prayer and David would speak about our God. David knows our Lord and he is always ready to witness about him. David is a true disciple of Christ.

One of our camp lessons was about serving like the Good Samaritan. David and many of the campers were good examples of this story. David even helped the children’s campers play some of their games. One of the counselors said, “David helps keep the kids in line.” Anytime David was asked to help clean, carry props, or help some of his fellow campers he was always ready to serve.

### “Mile for Mileage” Pledge Walk June 8, 2013

Voice of Care and its donors were joined by people from Aspire and Ray Graham for a wonderful morning walk and a picnic lunch. Our sponsors were Anderson Shumaker, Aspire, Quality Machinery Corporation, and West Chicago Printing. The Kane—DuPage and Central DuPage chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matched some of the funds raised. We raised \$6125.92 which will cover the mileage cost for our chaplains for 6 months!



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