



Engaged Encounter Notes



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A Love Letter From Our Leaders

Dear Lovers,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for a busy fall.

We had a wonderful beach party. It was so great to see everyone. It was wonderful to see new and long lost faces. Of course we need to give a HUGE thank you to Anne Storch for providing our wonderful location again this year. She is such a wonderful hostess. Be sure to take a look at the pictures on the next page.

From one great party to another. We need to set a date and location for our annual commu-

nity Christmas party. Any volunteers or ideas would be gladly accepted.

Convention is now less than a year away. We need to make some concrete plans. We hope that our fearless convention leaders Bill and Chris will lead us in setting up our committees with in the next month or so.

As always we are looking for new couples to add to our community. If you know a couple that would enjoy preparing couples for marriage we would love to have them join our community.

We had our annual meeting with Marywood this week to set the dates for the next 2 years so we have lots to talk about at the meeting. We hope to have everyone who can make it to the meeting so we can share your ideas and thoughts.

Speaking of the schedule, there are still some couples needed to finish out 2008 and it is time to start thinking about which weekends in 2009 you want to sign up for.

Love to all,
Jamie ♥ Dawn

2009 Weekends

January 9-11

February 6-8

March 13-15

April 24-26

May 29-31

August 7-9

October 16-18

November 13-15

Prayer Requests

- ♥ For the Pendleton's.
- ♥ For the Widener's.
- ♥ For the Preston family.
- ♥ For all of our priests.
- ♥ For all vocations.
- ♥ For families in the foster and adoption processes.
- ♥ For the Engaged.
- ♥ For all our couples in the Community.
- ♥ For all the other Communities in our Unit and district.
- ♥ For the Hutchinson's enjoy the thrill of first time parenting.

Contact Info

Thanks to those who have given me your updated info. If you notice anything that still needs to be corrected or need a new copy of the roster, please let me know.

Thanks,

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May Meeting Minutes

Our May meeting began with great fellowship and much laughter. We began with prayer then sat down to enjoy fine food and fellowship. Somewhere in the midst of our community bonding time, Jamie and Dawn threw in a short business meeting. During our business portion we discussed:

April EE Weekend - We sent more prayers to the Schretzmann's. They were unable to participate in the weekend because Marie's father passed away. The weekend was another good one, but the presenting teams discussed some issues that developed due to disruption caused by several couples who got together. Not a big deal and the weekend gave Christ the opportunity to build His church!

Upcoming Convention - No report since the Kelly's were unable to attend this meeting.

International EE - donation request. We agreed to donate the same amount as we donated last year. We all agreed that we are blessed to be financially able to assist them in their efforts to bring EE to the world!

2008 Weekends - A reminder to sign up - there are still positions available! Priests, Lay Presenters, Registration and Behind the Scenes are all needed. Pick your slot and fill it!!!!

Hurricane Back up of Talks - Reminder to e-mail or send copies of your talks to Jamie and Dawn. They will keep the copies safe, so that in the event of a hurricane we will not be a speechless community!

Beach Party - was still being planned - but as we know Anne hosted on one of our best parties yet! Thanks Anne!

Congratulations to William and Judy - a new grandson named Dylan Thomas Joyce and to Erin and Bryan for their new son Jack Gordon Hutchinson!

While we were on children, Andrew and Julia Klusman announced that they were making efforts to adopt more children. A fund raiser was discussed, planned and held - from the attendance it appears to have been very successful.

Next meeting will be August 22 at St Josephs - start promptly at 6:45.

Before closing our meeting we closed our "Cup of our Story" sharing with "The Honeymoon". The honeymoons were great to hear about. The adventures included Brian and Erin traipsing around Ireland, Denver and Camille struggling to stay on horses in the mountains of Georgia, William and Judy popping the clutch to get their car started and rolling to the Jersey Shore, Andrew and Julia going to Jamaica, Ron and Patty along with Jamie and Dawn tried to out Cheap each other by sharing their free accommodations in the Florida Keys - Jamie and Dawn won. But the most fun was had listening to Harry and Norma's exploits in every bedroom in their three bedroom Cap Cod house - which was interrupted by a neighbor who insisted on their taking a break and join her in playing canasta!

What's next? Join us at our next meeting on August 22. Mark your calendar now!

Beach Party Pictures



Love Taps

Ask not what tomorrow may bring, but count as blessings every day that Fate allows you.—Horace

Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you've lounged around doing nothing. It's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it.—Lord Acton

Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.—Carl Sandberg

August Meeting

The August meeting will be Friday, August 22nd at St. Joseph's in the Cody Center at 6:45pm. The community will provide the main dish —please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Feel free to invite a couple to join us if you know someone who might be interested. See you there. Watch your e-mail for more information and reminders.

Excerpts of Love

Thanks to all of you, our eyes were opened to the importance of having Christ as a part of our marriage. After this weekend's discussions with you all and each other, we really feel that we have filled an open gap.

Frank ♥ Megan—June 2008

The Chapel experience was one we will never forget. It opened our eyes to the importance and power that saying our vows will have. The Hands Prayer really touched us and brought us close together. We learned a lot about ourselves and our love and feel more confident than ever for our upcoming marriage.

Mike ♥ Katie—June 2008

We have had quite an experience during our 1st year of marriage; after 2.5 months of marriage I was activated with the Army and we have been apart ever since. The importance of our experience has been instrumental in our ability to get through these tough times.

Robert ♥ Nadine—February 2007 (this note came from a prayer letter requested for the June weekend)

Weekend Schedule 2008

Weekend	Priest	Senior	Junior	BTS	Registration	NFP	Prayer Coordinator	Follow Up Mtg
January 11 - 13	Fr. Donal	Pendleton	Oehmann	Anderson	Klusman	Schretzmann	Graves	1/18/2008
February 15 - 17	Fr. Murphy	Kelly	Anderson	Granados	Hutchinson	Schretzmann	Graves	2/29/2008
March 28 - 30		Pendleton	Oehmann	Wilkey	Hutchinson	Schretzmann	Graves	4/4/2008
April 25 - 27	Fr. O'Flynn	Joyce	Klusman	Graves	Oehmann	Schretzmann	Graves	5/30/2008
June 27-29	Fr. Bernie	Joyce	Kelly		Anderson	Schretzmann	Klusman	
July 13	Beach Party - Anne Storch's							
August 8 - 10	Fr. Lozier	Gibson	Oehmann	Granados	Anderson	Schretzmann	Klusman	8/22/2008
October 17 - 19			Klusman	Hutchinson		Schretzmann		10/24/2008
November 14 - 16	Fr. Donal	Pendleton	Schretzmann	Graves		Schretzmann		11/21/2008
December	Christmas Party - TBD							