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*“Faithful Lutherans sent by Christ to
serve God’s children”*

OCTOBER, 2007



PJ'S JOTS

PASTOR JOHN HAWKINS

Hi friends! Once again Alban Institute provides a fantastic article that I believe we should all read. It is entitled:

Ministering to Our Missing Generation and it is written by Carol Howard Merritt.

In my bedroom, I have a Gabbeh rug, woven in deep browns and greens. Not the typical elegant Persian rug, this one has thick choppy wool, rough edges, and crooked lines. Made with vegetable dyes, each row changes colors, leaving a wonderful earthy richness. In a region known for its fine and intricate carpets, these rugs are bottom of the line because they are constructed and carried by nomadic tribes who pack them on animals until they set down a temporary home, then unfold them onto the ground, where their family can gather on that four by six-foot area.

While preparing to put our house on the market before our move from Rhode Island to Washington, D.C., I realized I needed a carpet to cover the shiny wood flooring my husband and I had recently installed. I also imagined it would be comforting to have a bit of familiar space to unpack upon reaching a strange land. So as I got ready to move for the seventh time in sixteen years, I bought the carpet and packed it into the trunk of my car. I needed a familiar space that I could take with me, something that was sturdy, warm, and not likely to wear out anytime soon.

I don't travel with a caravan of extended family and friends, but like many in my generation of thirty-somethings, I move often with my spouse and daughter, increasingly away from my family of origin. When I unpacked my boxes in Arlington, Virginia, I rolled out the rug in my bedroom. My daughter and I sat down on the thick pile as we listened to books on tape and admired the brown and green diamond shapes. The soft itchiness tickled my hands, connecting me to my history in Rhode Island, as well as its own years of tradition tightly wound up into its threads.

Urban Tribes

The carpet reminds me that each place I find myself, I try to quickly set up a little area where I can meet friends and gather a makeshift family. Evidently, even though I feel dreadfully alone sometimes, I'm not alone. Ethan Watters wrote an article about meeting his young unmarried friends every Tuesday night at a particular restaurant and labeled them an "urban tribe." From the outpouring of mail the little piece received, he realized that the sociological trend was widespread, so he wrote a book on this development.

The term "urban tribe" strikes a chord with me too, although I'm married and have a child. Away from my family of origin, I long for community. As a pastor, I see that the best work of our church springs up when these groups begin to form: small, cohesive parties who can depend on each other for interesting friendships, pet sitting, and meaningful holidays.

Forming Tribal Churches

When I began as a twenty-seven-year-old pastor of a small rural church, ministering to young adults seemed like an impossible task, especially when I looked at newspapers, philosophy, and church growth trends. Newspapers and magazines often dressed young adults up as greedy slackers, ever-sponging off our parents and never assuming responsible roles in society.

I often did not recognize the people our popular culture described. No matter what cause united moms, how much volunteering dads engaged in, or what trends twenty-year-olds began, they were inevitably compared disparagingly to Baby Boomers, the civil rights movements of the sixties, and were eternally dwarfed in that Boomer-looming shadow. How

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

**CLM NEEDS FOR
OCTOBER**

Canned Tuna

Peanut Butter

All other nonperishable items are appreciated as well!

Food Pantry

This fall we have had a shortage of food coming in. Summer was an extremely busy one and any reserves were used back in June and July. Please continue to bring food for the pantry to Faith.

For October, we are concentrating on collecting canned tuna and peanut butter.

Bliss House

The Bliss House and Administrator, Sue LaRue, received an Award of Excellence from the Women's Foundation of Southern Indiana on September 17, 2007, at their Inaugural Dinner.

Bliss House and Bliss Too continue to run at capacity and have a lengthy waiting list.

Kids Café

Faithful volunteers continue to make and serve meals at the children at the Boys and Girls Club in Jeffersonville twice a week. Dare to Care has donated a new stove and freezer to for this program.

A total of 2467 meals have been served in 2007.

OWLS

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

OWLS are, as always, busy this fall! We had a lovely cook-out on September 21, at the home of Dan and Judy Diekhoff- lots of good food, good friends, and good conversation.! We talked about fall projects and activities.

Dorothy McCall has taken on our Shut-In Adoption project. She has enlisted the help of several OWLS to see that these folks are visited or called on a regular basis. Bless you, Dorothy, and those who are participating in this important project.

I have been having a very hard time reaching the folks of the Ken Ellis Center. When we find out more from them, we will finish our plans for a fall party for these folks. Dan Diekhoff is going to portray Pastor Muehlenberg, and other OWLS will join in

with songs, games, and refreshments. Check the church bulletin for further information or call Nancy 944-9408.

We are in the process of taking on other projects. A list of these projects is posted in the church narthex, with space for other ideas to be added. We will continue to discuss these projects and enact those our OWLS want to take "under their wings."

This month, on October 26, the Andereggs are hosting a Halloween party.

Don't look for spooks; we are meeting at 2:00 P.M. in hopes that the afternoon sun will keep us warm for our wiener roast and pitch-in. However, it is more than all right that you wear a costume. Edwina assures me that there will be prizes! We have faith that



our OWLS will come in full regalia!

On December 1, the OWLS are meeting for dinner (place to be announced) and we are going to a concert performed by Louisville's famous Thoroughbred Chorus and the Doo-Wops! Be there or be square! More details later! Dick Klemens has taken on the plans for this activity. Thanks, Dick!

A footnote: The OWLS have a great time! It would be even better if YOU joined us! Yes, some of you are a little young; but many of you are eligible for the OWLS. WE NEED YOU!

The Call Committee is pleased to announce that they have recommended a candidate to Council.

The council will establish a date when the candidate can conduct a service at Faith and interview with the council.

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could the church understand young adults if it continually looked at them through the tinted spectacles of older adults?

Then I read church growth material, which thoughtfully categorized younger generations. I loved studying books like *Soul Tsunami*, but when I tried to put some ideas into practice in my elderly congregation (like the instructions to “get glocal”), I realized the great gulf between where we were as a church and where we needed to be to implement the suggested ideas. I began swimming and swirling, feeling hopeless, like I had to reinvent two thousand years of solid traditions and practice to reach out to my generation.

Visiting contemporary worship services particularly designed for young adults made me feel irritated and empty. I was a part of a large, growing segment of spiritual young adults who wanted nothing to do with contemporary worship. As soon as I saw that white screen slither down from the ceiling, I knew that I was going to have a difficult time stomaching the next twenty-five minutes. Someone was trying too hard to be hip. Like my high school English teacher’s attempts to be fashionable and cool, it just seemed *wrong*.

I was being unfair. Actually I think that I was just jealous. Obviously, there was a place in our society for slick worship, but I was like most pastors. I could never be hip, even when I tried really, really hard. I could buy a pair of designer jeans to wear on a Sunday morning and use the word “awesome” a lot, but I was still perfectly square.

My rural church was far from cool too. It was small, ancient, and full of people over sixty—and the perfect place to effectively care for young adults. Like those nomadic tribes, our church needed a rug—a comforting space for young adults, a place where years of tradition formed something beautiful. And they came, and they began to join. Over time, we began to weave a rich tapestry of diverse, intergenerational people. We did not discover the formula for a booming Gen X megachurch in just three years; instead, we reversed the trend of lost membership, kept the original members, and had a consistent ten percent growth made up of individuals of various ages. Our congregation became an intergenerational meeting grouShalomnd, a place for supportive tribes to form, and I began to realize that our mainline denominational church has great assets for reaching out to young adults. When I moved to Rhode Island, I noticed the same thing happened in that bayside New England town of Barrington. Then I joined the staff of Western Pres-

byterian Church, an urban church in Washington, D.C., where the flow of young members seemed to rise every week.

Weaving Connections

Though young adults came, we realized how easy it was for them not to. It’s no longer important for someone in their twenties or thirties to go to church. Denominational affiliation has very little power in our politics or workplaces. The societal expectation to attend worship is gone, the blue laws faded a long time ago, and now children have plenty of sporting and scouting opportunities during those once-sacred hours.

When a young person walks into a church, it’s a significant moment, because no one expects her to go and nothing pressures her to attend; instead, she enters the church looking for something. She searches for connection in her displacement: connection with God through spiritual practices, connection with her neighbors through an intergenerational community, and connection with the world through social justice outreach.

The church has been making these vital connections for thousands of years, and we can easily respond to the young, weary travelers in our midst, letting them know that they can find a spiritual home within our worshiping communities and that we will provide a supportive space for them so that they can form their tribe.

Our churches can weave a source of connection. I have seen tribes gather in a variety of settings: in a college town, the rural countryside, a New England community, and an urban setting. Watching relations and groups develop in a church, creating and maintaining space for them, is a vital part of what I do as a pastor.

Envisioning what the church will look like in the next twenty years, I imagine a body that gathers together to worship God, strives for social justice, and cultivates tribes. Even the smallest churches—*especially* the smallest churches—have the resources to respond to young adults in meaningful ways when they understand their contexts and make a place for them. These relationships take shape when our intergenerational groups of displaced families and single people begin to weave a rich tapestry of familiar space.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

- Dot Clerici
- Betty Condra
- Hallie Kusch
- Kay Winn
- Roger Rice
- Walter Clive
- Ron and Marilyn Thorenson
- Betty McLaughlin
- Ron Barr
- Natalie Lane Clark

Shirley Mayne
Sophie Quayle

Our prayers for support and guidance continue for the call process and the interview with the prospective candidate.

If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Hawkins at 812-282-6993 or one of the prayer chain leaders: Betty Condra (282-2102), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)



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Faithful Quilters

We are meeting the 1st and 3rd Mondays of October and November at 10:00 AM, at the church.

Please join us for fellowship and hand work for those who use our warm, cuddly quilts. Also, remember to bring your lunch.

Nancy Vogt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these October birthdays:

- Walter Clive 10/1
- Carrie McCoy 10/2
- Elaine Thoms 10/4
- Ed Perry 10/6
- Craig Warren 10/7
- Cherie Glaab 10/11
- Becky Henault 10/14
- Severin Johnson 10/16
- Catherine Pittman 10/17
- Arllys Johnson 10/17
- Mary Winn 10/19
- Brent Haire 10/20
- Ken Steward 10/23
- Alex Maas 10/25
- Michael Holaday 10/28
- Linda Romine 10/28
- Cathie Wheat 10/28
- Bob Lane 10/29
- Jason Woodward 10/29

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in October:

- Barb & Sonny Brewster 10/26
- Jim & Cathie Wheat 10/28



Address Change:

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Virginia and Dick Klemens are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son Scott to Renee Mazzell of Atlanta, GA. Scott and Renee will be married on November 3, 2007 in Atlanta. The Rev. Dr. James Arne Nestingen will be the officiant. Your prayers for Scott and Renee as they begin their life together would be a wonderful gift from our family at Faith.

Thank You,

Dear friends at Faith, I would like to thank you for the wonderful way you celebrated my 30th Anniversary of Ordination. It was a wonderful reception, following worship. Also, Cathy and I will surely enjoy the gift card to St. Elmo's in Indianapolis. Again, thank you. Pastor John

Congratulations to Kirsten McCoy, who was crowned queen at Jeffersonville's High School Homecoming September 14.

WELCA NOTES

October Meeting Schedule:

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 am at the home of Marsha Woods. This is our annual cookie exchange.

Sunshine Circle Bible study Monday, October 8 at 10 am.

Wheadon Friendship Circle Bible study Tuesday, October 16 at 7 pm.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

Sunshine Circle

The morning Sunshine Bible Study meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 am. We have learned:

There's a holy high vocation needing workers everywhere. It's the highest form of service, it's the ministry of prayer. No need to stand idle, longing for a place in which to share. Active service for the Master, there is always room for prayer.

In these days of tribulation, wickedness pervades the air; The battles we're engage in must be won through fervent prayer.

There's no weapon half as mighty as the intercessors bear, Nor a broader field of service than the ministry of prayer. Do you long to see the millions, who are perishing today, Snatched as brands plucked from the burning? Do you long, yet seldom pray? Come and join the intercessors! Laurels, then, someday you'll wear; For there is no higher service than the ministry of prayer.

By Annie Lind Woodworth, a missionary to India

We will continue with Secrets of the Prayer Life of Bible Heroes.

Secret # 7, Surrender Unconditionally To God. The Prayer Life of David.

More of David's prayers are recorded in the Bible than those of anyone else. Most of the psalms that he penned are personal conversations with his Lord.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

Wheadon Circle

The Wheadon Friendship Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month. At our Bible study October 16 we will begin Lesson Four, "Putting Your Feet to the Fire," in the Celebrating Friendship Series. This lesson explores commitments in friendships and we'll study examples of committed friends in the Bible. Come join us!

Joint Meeting Minutes

The joint WELCA quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, September 8, at 10 am. :

Attending were Vivian Smith, Sue Neathamer, Beth Landis, Barb Brewster, Billie Williams, Betty Condra, Edie Maas, Nancy Vogt, Judy Diekhoff, Veronica Rife and Marsha Woods.

Following an opening prayer and devotions, Beth presented the Treasurer's Report, which showed a current checking account balance of \$1,167.37. Of this, some funds will be needed to pay for the Bible Study Guides being used by the Wheadon Circle (which had been paid for by participants). Barb Brewster moved to accept the report, Sue Neathamer seconded, motion approved.

A brief overview was given of the Bible Studies currently offered. Attendance has been steady at both the morning and evening circles.

The next Loaves and Fishes event for Faith is October 20. It has been suggested that Council members might take the lead on serving this one. It was decided to continue to support this ministry. It was also agreed that WELCA

would continue to support the Center for Women and Children. Discussion turned to CLM and their holiday needs. It was agreed that WELCA would sponsor 6 food baskets at \$50 each for a total of \$300 given to CLM designated for holiday food baskets. It was also agreed to get the "Angels" from CLM. Sue will coordinate this for us.

Discussion then turned to distribution of the receipts from the 2007 Lenten dinners, which raised a total of \$385. Sue Neathamer moved to donate \$700 to the Reading Camp at Lutheran Hills, Veronica seconded, motion approved. Nancy Vogt moved to designate the receipts of the 2008 Lenten dinners to Loaves and Fishes. Betty Condra seconded, motion passed with one opposing vote.

The Annual Cookie Exchange and next Joint Meeting will be held at Marsha Woods' home at 10 am on Saturday, December 1. Ladies are asked to bring two dozen cookies: one to share and one to distribute to Faith's homebound members. At that meeting leadership for the coming year will be decided.

There being no further old or new business, following a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 10:50. Barb Brewster then presented a program about the Reading Camp at Lutheran Hills. This is part of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and are not supported by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Woods

LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

Plans are now being made to enable Faith's preschool students to visit the library every other Thursday. Children will come in groups of 7 or 8 to have stories read to them and give them time to enjoy books on their own. When they learn how to take proper care of the materials, they may be able to check them out as a class, but this will be decided later on. Meanwhile, if the parent of a preschooler would like to take advantage of what we have here, they may do so with the help of one of our library volunteers.

Arlys Johnson and Virginia Klemens have offered to make this happen. Nancy Falkenstein, Donna

Baugh and Vivian Smith plan on assisting. If you remember how much you enjoyed being read to as a child and would like to share that same joy with others, come join us. We plan on having fun as well as introducing young minds to the wonders that can be found between the covers of books.



PROPERTY

BILL HOLMAN

The Property Team has been very busy during the summer months here at Faith. Many projects have been completed, and as with any property there are many more to be done.

The installation of the sound system has enhanced our worship service and could not have been accomplished without the many hours of work by Faith members. It is now fully operational, and our learning curve is leveling out. We are manning the "sound board" every Sunday, and have been recording the worship service on CD and cassette tape weekly for distribution to those who cannot be with us on Sunday mornings.

The grounds were cleaned up after the hailstorm a month ago. Many limbs and leaves scattered the parking lot, roof and property. We did sustain hail damage to the shingled roof and are in the process of obtaining bids to replace the roof. Insurance will cover all but our \$500 deductible. Earlier this summer the shed was painted and a large dead branch on the tree at the corner of the parking lot and driveway was cut off and removed.

Regular mowing has been faithfully carried out each week.

The latest project was the replacement of the floor tiles under and around the lavatories in the men and

women's rest rooms. After the work was completed the floors were stripped and waxed.

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time, talent, sweat and hard work taking care of the church property.

Projects on tap include, removal of the dead tree in front of the parking lot and the tree at the church entranceway. Also, one of the boiler pumps will be sent out for a seal replacement prior to the heating season.

The Property Team meets the first Sunday of every month, after church in the kitchen, please join us.

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

Weekday church School is in full swing for the school year 2007-2008. The pre-Kindergarten class settled out with 29 students with 2 left on a waiting list. The older first year class is full with 12 students enrolled. The younger class (consisting of those children with birthdays from mid January to July 31, 2004) has two openings. If anyone knows anyone interested in these spots have them call Carol Taylor 228-1329.

We have added several new people to our staff and welcome Don Maas back on board as he returns to the recreational area of the Pre- K program along with Crystal Miller, a mother of one of the three year old children, who will be leading the recreation part of the pre- K program. Carol Taylor and Barb Brewster will again teach the academics part of the program. Barb is also playing for all three music classes. Terri Barr, Edith Woodward, and Damarris Scott have returned to Pre-K art, Monica Hawkins and Anne Steaban are working in the Skills area. WE STILL NEED A PERSON TO HELP IN THE

SKILLS AREA ON THURSDAYS. The first year classes are being taught by the same four teachers as last year. Charlotte Davis and Edie Maas are in the older class. Debbie Lake and Toni Hedrick teach in the younger class. Next fall we will need to replace both Debbie and Toni because they do not have children in the program any more and they want to give their time to their own children's schools. We would like to have people in place for this class by next April so that they can work with Debbie and Toni for training. We are looking for two people who love the littlest children and will enjoy helping them separate from Mom for a period of time each week, want to teach them that God loves them and will care for them, and to teach some very basic knowledge about colors, shapes, and following directions while working in a group situation. If you know anybody who might be interested in helping in this class, please have them contact Carol. (phone number above) .

We have a staff of 13 people at present, plus Pastor

and Patti Smith in the office. Of this 13, eight are Faith members and five are from the community with children or a sister in the program. This means that 62% of the volunteer teachers for this program are from the Faith family. There are 5 Faith member children in the program. That is 10% of the classes are our own children, or 90% of these children we are teaching and showing God's love are from our community. I think that both our volunteer teaching record and our percentage of children, our own vs. the community, are really commendable. My one wish is that those of our own children who were not able to be a part of this program could have found a way to participate in it so that they could build friendships within our church.

The younger classes are learning that God loves them and planned for them to live in a family. They will also be talking about God's plans for fall. The Pre-K' will be cooking up a big pot of soup to take home for their lunch, and they will also be making apple sauce from real apples. They too will be talking about God's plan for fall and



that God planned that all plants have seeds so we can have more apples and pumpkins to eat next year. Our academic focus for October will be learning to be able to name the four basic shapes and then looking at numbers as shapes that tell us something.

FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH

The past several months I have focus my financial letters on making Stewardship a year round program and making it more than just dollars. I ask you to think about your personal treasure chest and the treasure chest of our Faith Family.

We are 8 months into the year and after a summer break, we need to seriously look at where we are financially. Last year we set our budget and coming into 2007 we knew as a congregation that we needed roughly \$3805 each and every Sunday to meet our budgeted expenses. Looking at January – August we are currently almost \$20,000 behind that budgeted number in our giving. There is an upside. Our budgeted expenses are down some – but we still have 4 months left which historically have

had larger expenses.

When we look at the same time frame our budgeted expenses against non-designated giving we are about \$10,000 short.

We have what we have because God has taken care of us. He has given us all that we have. This does not mean that we can sit back and just take the attitude that it is in “God’s Hands” God expects us to use those talents and treasures he had given us to glorify him.

We are a struggling congregation that has survived. That has happened because of the dedication of our Faith Family. They have always come through and showed their dedication to this congregation and supporting our Faith Family financially. They have glorified God in sharing in the treasures they

have received.

As we prepare for another Stewardship/Commitment event this fall, I ask you to look at what you have been given. What treasures do you hold that you can commit to the growth of our Church. Have you shared all that you committed to in the beginning of the year? Has God blessed you with more and can you in turn help out more than you originally committed? Is your treasure chest overflowing? If so remember who blessed you with those treasures. Matthew 6:21 says – “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be.” If you are committing your treasures to God and his work – there your heart will be also.

Committed to sharing my treasures with my Faith Family - Molly

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

C. LANDIS & S. NEATHAMER

Calling all youth, grades K through 5!

You are invited to the “kick off” of our new Junior Youth Group. It’s a cook-out!

Come join us at the Landis house October 7 right after church. Hot dogs and ham-

burgers will be provided, so please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Also, bring your favorite game to enjoy with all your new friends!

Parents, you can bring your calendars so we can set up the next activity date!



Now, here’s your first assignment: be thinking of a catchy name we can call our group!

See you October 7!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

Sunday Church School

Sunday school started on Sept. 9th. The teen class with Lyle Gernand as teacher had a large group of youth in attendance. They are working on the first book of "No Experience Necessary". The adult class, led by John Taylor, had 15 adults gathered around the table to continue their study of the same series but continuing from where they stopped last spring in book III of the series. Six of the eight confirmands were in the Middle school classroom where they are learning about the early Christian Church from the time of Peter and Paul to the present. We will make stops along the history of the Christian church while we look at the lives of St. Francis, Polycarp, Martin Luther, and Martin Luther King Jr. Anyone who is interested can follow our journey by checking the time line in the education hall. This class is being taught by Carol Taylor. The younger two classes were very small again. Post cards have been sent to the students in these age groups by Marsha Woods, who teaches the pre-school, and Peg Gernand, the teacher for the elementary students. We hope the response will be great to these personal invitations and that these classes will continue to grow throughout this coming year.

We also have back up teachers for all of the classes this year, so that all teachers can teach and still be able to visit grandchildren and family on some weekends. Back up for Marsha is Donna Bough, for Peg is Fammie Peters, for Carol Taylor is Rachael Turner, for Lyle Gernand is Roger Emily, and for John is anyone in the adult class who would like to try their hand at teaching that class.

Confirmation

Confirmation has eight students enrolled. They have been very faithful in their attendance. Pastor and Carol Taylor are co-teaching this class every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30. These youth have been trained to be the acolytes for the coming year and have got their days assigned until 2008. We appreciate your helping with the worship service each Sunday. The topic of study

for this year is the Apostles Creed. At this point in time, the youth are learning about God as our Father and Creator. They are also working on the memorization of the books of the New Testament.

Vacation Bible School

We are at it again!!! Since last year's effort at writing our own material went so well, and taught so well, the VBS group has decided to again produce our own material for the Vacation Church School program next summer. The group of writers and teachers met on September 17th to choose our theme and the stories to be included in the series. They will keep you posted on our progress. Anyone interested in joining this group to help with this project is more than welcome to come and give us a hand, use your creativity, and have a good time as we work together planning for next summer's Vacation Bible School. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 8th at 7:00 at the church.

Sunday Morning Nursery Worker

There were three responses to the advertisement in the Evening News. We are looking for someone at least 21 years of age, able to legally work in the United States, who will enjoy working with the little children of the congregation during the Sunday school hour and the church hour. The person would be employed by the church for \$10.00 per hour from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Two of the people found other employment before we met with them for an interview. The third person did not meet our qualifications. The advertisement appeared again during the last 2 weeks of September, but as of this writing we do not know the results of this search.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

Ahhh!!! October, what a great month it is. The weather is usually superb; not too hot, not too cold. The leaves are changing colors. Football season is upon us. (Go IRISH!!) We get to go to Harvest Homecoming, Trick-or-Treating for the kiddos. Scarecrows are in full bloom. Jack-o-Lanterns illuminate the night sky, doing their best trying to keep evil spirits out of your house.

The youth are having their annual Halloween party/lockin on the 26th and going to a Haunted House. I sure did like going to the Haunted Houses. I loved working them even better. Now I know you're asking yourself, "Why would he work a Haunted House?" Number 1, it was a great way to have a laugh at someone else's expense. I got to play the scariest character, which was the clown. (Imagine me playing a clown.) Some people would turn around and try to go back the way they had just come, take off running, or simply ask where the nearest exit was. Man that was fun. Number 2, it was the annual fundraiser

for the Silvercrest Children's Home and my sister-in-law was in charge of the event. Supposedly the house they had it in was really haunted. I'm not saying I believe in ghosts or anything, but they had this picture of a man floating in the fog and it was a weird thing to see. It was for a good cause and it was fun like I said.

Switching into reverse gear, Mr. and Mrs. Andregg are having a Halloween costume party at their house on the 26th for the OWLS and that sounds like fun. Just imagine OWLS on Halloween night... spooky ain't it. So something for everyone on that day. Hope everyone has fun and is safe.

Shifting gears back to the harvest, I hope everyone has noticed the harvesting of books and videos that Mrs. Thompson is doing for the church. How can you not notice? What a wonderful way to give to the church. It just amazes me what one person can accomplish if they put a little effort into it. I won't forget the Emily's for their

support of the library. So everyone go check out a book or video. Watch out for Slimmer!

Third gear. Still in the harvesting mode. Molly Hegenbarth and Veronica Rife are leading the stewardship program this year. They are prayerful and thoughtful women and have put a lot of both into it. It should prove to be interesting, successful and different. So let us follow their example with thought and prayer and consider this program. As it is written in 2 Corinth.9 v.10, "Now the ONE who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness." May we be blessed with a bountiful harvest this year.

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU,

TOM



NEWSLETTER

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SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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ALTAR GUILD: VIVIAN SMITH

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: CHUCK LANDIS

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| 7 | VERONICA RIFE | T. LANDIS | J. LANDIS | ? | ? | ? |
| 14 | TOM HAYES | T. MILLER | S. RIFE | L. ROMINE | ? | ? |
| 21 | KATE SCOTT | J. HAYES | K. RIFE | LANDIS | ? | ? |
| 28 | M. HEGENBARTH | S. FOX | L. RAYBORN | SANDY NEATHAMER | ? | ? |