



# THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

SEPTEMBER, 2007



## PJ'S JOTS

PASTOR JOHN HAWKINS

September greetings sisters and brothers,

Well I have been reading again and once again I have found parts of an article from an email newsletter that I receive to be right on target for where I believe we are journeying together as Interim Pastor and congregation. One of the major tasks before me when Bishop Stuck asked me to complete the interim process here at Faith was to continue to build a strong sense of community and connection to ministry. I believe we have been faithfully moving along that path as I see strong ties to ministry to each other.

The article I read was again from Alban Institute, a church consultation organization, entitled: **What Makes a Congregation a Real Faith Community** written by Israel Galindo.

He writes as adapted:

Congregations must approach their ministry, decision-making process, and institutional management with the understanding that a congregation is, at heart, more community than organization in nature. The congregation’s primary enterprise is the shaping of the faith of its members and of those whom it reaches out to in witness and ministry; the ways that congregations do that are primarily through communal, not administrative or programmatic, means.

Because members of a congregation center their life together on rituals of meaning and confession, they are not just communities, but communities of faith. As in all communities, practices and values in congregations are negotiated, shared, modified over time, and inculcated into the life structure of the participants. The reasons why individuals join a congregation are varied, but common, having everything to do with meeting the needs—actual or perceived—people believe can be provided only through the shared, grounding religious experiences that a congregation as a faith community offers. Congregations are genuine faith communities because they are places where people come together to participate in and practice their shared religious values that inform both corporate and individual identity.

### Shared Language

In a faith community, language serves a formative function and is one indicator that a congregation is a genuine community of faith. That is, the community’s idiom—consisting of its vocabulary, patterns of speech, spoken rituals and rites (like blessings and prayers)—functions in ways that shape the faith of its members. For idiom to be formative, the language that is used by a local congregation must have two components: (1) it must be grounded in shared experiences; and (2) it must remain sufficiently religiously distinctive as to express the community’s peculiar identity.

The shared experiences of the congregation may include part of the language of a larger denomination or faith tradition; more important, however, they must include the localized story of the particular faith tradition. The local stories that arise out of the members’ shared experiences are what carry their interpretation of the meaning of God’s activity in the life of the community and of its members. Furthermore, these stories are localized in part because they are told in the idiom of the local congregation.

Giving attention to and shaping its own language is one of the primary ways that a congregation acquires an identity. Creating opportunities for congregational members to do this by “telling our story” must be both valued and implemented as a critical educational function, which means that leaders must program and schedule regular and frequent opportunities for the community members to hear and tell their stories of interpretive meaning.

## CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

### HELP WANTED:

SOMEONE TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER TO HELP COORDINATE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION  
PLEASE CONTACT SUE NEATHAMER

### BREAKFAST CEREAL

IS THE ITEM OF THE MONTH FOR DONATIONS OF FOOD TO THE CLM  
AS ALWAYS, YOUR ASSISTANCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

## OWLS

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

Do OWLS swim? Some of them must, because a goodly number of OWLS attended a pool party at the home of Jim and Nancy Falkenstein on Wednesday, August 22. Good food and a good time were enjoyed by all. Not only did we have fun, but we also discussed upcoming plans for the fall.

Sometime in the near future (we have had some glitches), we are going to entertain the folks of the Ken Ellis Center with a party. Dan Diekhoff has agreed to play the part of Pastor Muehlenberg. He will give a talk, and we other OWLS will have some games, songs, and food - we think an ice cream social!

We are adopting our elderly shut-ins, to take taped church services and our

good will at least twice a month. We have seven people on our list and several volunteers thus far.

On September 14, at noon, we are having a barbecue at the home of Dan and Judy Diekhoff. We will also enjoy cards, games, and talk.

And on October 26 Art and Edwina Anderegg are once again entertaining us at their home for a Halloween party. We feel sure that more than two of the OWLS will wear costumes this time! We have faith!

Near our home, on Blackiston Mill Road, is a small church. Their message board currently reads, as follows:

"Your life may be the only Bible some people read! " This really speaks to me. It means to me that wherever I am, whatever I am doing,



I may be the only way some people can see the love of Christ. What an awesome responsibility and what an opportunity!

### Worship Time Change

We move to regular hours beginning September 2!

Worship is at 10:30 am

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The Call Committee has received another name from Synod. An interview will take place shortly after Labor Day.

## YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

This month the only thing we have right now, is the youth meeting/pool party at the Taylors, on September 9th. EVERYONE needs to attend and one or

both parents from a household. While we are at the Taylor's, we will plan all of this year's activities, so be sure to bring a calendar and dates that you know won't

work. We will arrive at the Taylors after church and we will leave the Taylors at 7:00 pm and will be back at the church at 7:30 pm. The pool party at the

McCoy's was a blast. We had a lot to eat and a very nice day to swim, thank you McCoy's for having everyone over.

## PJ'S JOTS...CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

### Being Together

A second indication that a congregation is a real community is that it facilitates ways for its members to be together. Congregations provide spaces and places to gather around activities, programs, and events that allow people to spend time together doing things they find meaningful.

The dilemma faced by contemporary American congregations, however, is the tension between the separateness and togetherness forces so prevalent in the culture. People yearn after and seek out groups that will make them feel at home in a complex and confusing world. At the same time, they resist any group that makes demands or attempts to impose group ethical norms or makes prophetic calls to accountability. Congregations live in this cultural tension and spend a lot of time attempting to be genuine communities of faith while juggling these contradictory forces of togetherness and separateness.

A community creates opportunities for being together where the possibilities of shared values can move members to action in the public square, undertaken in a context of mutual concern and inspired by a congregational vision of the Church's mission in the world.

Creating a shared life together requires that leaders address some fundamental questions about the congregation as community. During the course of a congregation's lifespan and of its development, these fundamental questions need to be revisited:

- What is the major purpose of this group? What is its mission and vision?
- How fully are members involved in the life of the church community?
- Is intimacy encouraged?
- Is the leadership function shared or is it delegated to one person or position?
- How effective is the community in teaching, sharing, and perpetuating its values and

beliefs?

- How are group behavior and norms regulated?
- How obligated do members feel to each other and to the group?
- How are group members evaluated as to their Christian discipleship, growth, and participation?
- How effective is the community in inviting and assimilating new members?
- What does it mean to belong to this community? How does it happen and what is assumed and expected?

The answers to these questions hint at the ways that the hidden lives of congregations are actively operating under the surface. Therefore, if leaders fail to understand how these questions are manifested in the congregation, they will also lack understanding as to how well their congregation is functioning as an authentic Christian community.

The congregation as a church is a local body of believers whose religious hope is expressed in their life together and in their ministries of service and worship. Because the mission of a congregation includes both a movement inward and a movement outward, the church must organize and develop the social forms of a faith community. Congregations must nourish and express the communion that exists among its members: from the shared meaning and identity that make them a distinctive group, to participation in the common mission that moves their members into the world. Ultimately, the congregation's mission is that of the Church: to witness to the world the saving presence of God among us. There is no greater vehicle for that than a community.

Shalom

PJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

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

Shirley Mayne  
Sophie Quayle

Our prayers for support and guidance continue for the call process as they interview a new candidate.

Our prayers of thanksgiving are with Craig and Cindy Warren at the birth of Nicholas Craig Warren August 16. Both mom and baby are doing well!

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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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

*God's blessings to these September birthdays:*

- Kathy Farmer 9-2
- Linda Woehrle 9-2
- Bev Haire 9-4
- Megan Fitzpatrick 9-5
- Patti Smith 9-6
- Dylan Neathamer 9-8
- Nick Cooke 9-9
- Dennis Yellina 9-12
- Kristina Peter 9-17
- Sarah Lang 9-18
- Susan Lang 9-18
- Fred Steaban 9-18
- Karen Vecelus 9-20
- Stephen Fox 9-24
- Shawn Glaab 9-26
- Scott Rife 9-27

*We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in September:*

- Linda Romine & Scott Wykoff 9-4
- Greg & Sandy Maas 9-18
- Anne & Fred Steaban 9-19



### What were you doing 43 years ago?

The first Sunday of August marked 43 years that Barb Brewster has been organist at Faith. (She started when she was just an infant!).

Thanks, Barb, for your dedication and the gift of music that you share with us each week!

### Worship Time Change

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## WELCA NOTES

### September Meeting Schedule:

**The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 am. A presentation will be given about Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.**

**Sunshine Circle** will resume their Bible study Monday, September 10 at 10 am.

**Wheadon Friendship Circle** continues the Bible study on Friendship September 18 at 7 pm.

## Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

The joint WELCA quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8, at 10 am. One of the agenda items is to decide how to disburse the proceeds from this year's Lenten dinners. If you have other items for the agenda, please let Marsha Woods know.

Barb Brewster will present information about Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and some of the programs they offer through summer camps and other activities. Please plan to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. WELCA leadership will change at the end of 2007. Please begin prayerfully considering your role and how you can serve.

WELCA will continue to offer monthly Bible stud-

ies. Please see the schedule to the left for details.

Women of all ages are welcome to join these Bible studies. It is a great opportunity to study and grow in our faith and share fellowship with other women in the church.

The morning "Sunshine" Bible study resumes September 10. We will continue with Secrets from the Prayer Life of Bible Heroes, Secret # 6, The Prayer Life of Samuel. He was a prophet according to Acts 3:24 and the last judge of Israel Acts 13:20. We find his life's story in the book of 1 Samuel, but two other books mention his prayer life Psalm 99:6 and Jeremiah 15:1. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

This study is led by Dorothy McCall.

The Wheadon Circle will continue the series on Friendship. The September 18 study topic is "Putting Your Feet to the Fire."

### Center for Women and Children

WELCA is continuing their support of this center for abused women and children. The Center provides shelter, education and employment guidance for women seeking to escape abusive situations and begin a new life. The large yellow barrel is the receptacle for personal care items, sheets (twin size), etc. (Please, no clothing)

**Reading the Psalms with Luther** is a new devotional book being printed by Concordia Press. I have looked at the sample provided and think it is a wonderful devotional and one I would like to see many in the congregation using and discussing. Concordia has taken all the Psalms and provided with them the introduction for each by Martin Luther as he saw them for his daily prayer life. In the narthex of the church is a poster for any who would like to order a copy of this devotional. The cost of each copy if we order ten (10) or more will only be \$10.99 and the shipping will be free. I have recommended that each member of the Congregation Council purchase a copy so we may go on a spiritual journey together. I would be like to include on this journey any who would want to travel this path with me. I currently read a psalm every day as part of my personal devotional life and find them to be uplifting and expressive of where I am and what I feel. I commend this book to you. I would like to place the order for the books following Sunday, September 17, 2007.

Shalom, Pastor John

## LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

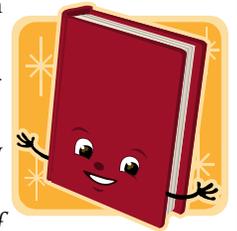
I would like to thank Kathy Hayes for sharing her thoughts on one of our books last month and extend an invitation to anyone who would like to do the same. Your thoughts and comments are always welcome.

While traveling the road between our house and our youngest daughter's, Al & I discovered a gem of a bookstore. In the heart of Berea, Kentucky, is a small bookstore called Robie & Robie. It has the best selection of new and used children's books I have come across and at remarkably low cost. Needless to say, many of them are now in our library. The timing couldn't have been better because beginning this school year, our Faith preschoolers will be visiting the library for the very first time. Until recently, our collection of picture books hasn't been large enough to support this, but it is now. I find it rather meaningful, too, that these most recent additions have come by way of Riverside Elementary School's former principal, Cyndi Emily.

Here are some of the newest picture book additions:

1. *In the Fiddle is a Song: A Lift-the-Flap Book of Hidden Potential*, by Durga Bernhard.
2. *The Big Shiny Sparkly First Words Book*.
3. *My World of Color*, by Margaret Wise Brown.
4. *Don't Be Silly, Mrs. Millie!* By Judy Cox.
5. *Good Dog, Carl*, by Alexandra Day.

6. *Spot Loves His Mommy*, by Eric Hill.
7. *I Hunter*, by Pat Hutchins.
8. *Claude and Pepper*, by Dick Gackenbach.
9. *Claude the Dog: A Christmas Story*, by Dick Gackenbach.
10. *What Do You Do, Dear?* By Sesyle Joslin.
11. *The Carrot Seed*, by Ruth Krauss.
12. *My Good Night Book*, by Mary Morgan.
13. *Good Night, God Bless*, by Susan O'Keefe.
14. *Truck Song*, by Diane Siebert
15. *Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler*, by Esphyr Slobodkina.
16. *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?* and *There's a Wocket in my Pocket!*, by Dr. Seuss.
17. *Can You See What I See? Once Upon a Time: Picture Puzzles to Search and Solve*, by Walter Wick.
18. *The Beginner's Bible for Toddlers*, Zonderkidz Publisher.
19. *The Beginner's Bible: Timeless Children's Stories*, Zonderkidz Publisher.
20. *On Noah's Ark*, by Jan Brett.
21. *This Is the Stable*, by Cynthia Cotton.
22. *Mr. and Mrs. Noah*, by Lois Lenski.
23. *Joshua and the Battle of Jericho*, by Bill Yenne.



## PARISH LIFE AND OUTREACH TEAM

PATTI SMITH

Parish Life and Outreach Team, Wow that is a mouthful! I think, being the Mom of a military guy, I will do what the military do and assign an acronym for it. Parish Life and Outreach Team also known as PLOT is a team that encompasses a lot within the church. A few of the active groups that fall under the umbrella of this team are OWLS, WELCA, CLM, Loaves & Fishes, Social/Fellowship ministry, Visitor/membership outreach, and the church website. As you can see there are lots of areas to get involved. This team will meet for a get acquainted and who's who meeting on September 23 following our Sunday Worship service. There are two Council Liaisons for this team, Don Walker and myself. We would like to ask that each group mentioned above please send at least one representative to this meeting. In addition to this, we would like to see anyone who is interested in any of these outreach programs or has any ideas for additional outreach programs to come to the meeting. Remember together we can make a difference in our congregation, our community and in our world. Hope to see many of you at our meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> following our worship service.

God's Peace to you all

## WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

Weekday Church School will begin the year with a parents meeting on September 6 at 7:00pm in the church. There will be a break out time after the general meeting for the parents to meet their child's teacher, sign up for their turns to bring snacks, and to see some of the curriculum we will be using during the coming school year. It is hoped that all parents will attend this informative meeting that will tell what to do on snow days, what to wear to school, and general information about the schedule the children will follow each day.

School will begin on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing, there are four people who have not finished paying tuition in the first year class. We are assuming that they do not plan to send their child to our program. That means that there are four openings in the first year program. If you know anyone who would like to join us please call Carol Taylor on her cell phone 502-645-4982 to secure a spot. The second year class is full and has 4 children left on the waiting

list who we could not take because of space available in our building.

Most of the staff plans to return this year. We are anxious to welcome them back and are looking for two new persons to join us to help with the pre-kindergarten recreation.

When school starts, the little ones will be spending time getting used to being away from Mom and learning to be a part of a group. Both groups will start out the year with stories about Jesus and how he loves each and every one of them. The older class will be up to their elbows (literally) in paint as they mix red and yellow to make orange, blue and red to make purple, and blue and yellow to make green. It is really neat to watch the smiles that come on their faces as they watch the color change in their paper cup from a drop of red and a drop of yellow to ORANGE.

We are looking forward to a productive, fun filled, educationally challenging, year of growth

for each and every child in this church school program.



## FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH

Summer is behind us and we are all heading back into the full swings of what many refer to a “normal life.” The vacations are soon to be over, kids are back in school and we return to our “normal schedules and routines.”

With fall comes our Stewardship program. While I am not going to let the cat out of the bag just let – expect something different. In anticipation of this annual fall program, go back to my early articles. Stewardship is more than a fall program and much more than finances.

Ask yourself – what can I give back to the church? Instead of referring to the word “Church” let’s change

that to “family.” Our church is really an extended family. What does my church family need to help spread God’s word? How can I help with that endeavor? How can I help those family members around me to lead a more enriched life? Financial support is great, but there is so much more. Really look at what you can offer.

Now look at the reverse side of this. What can my church family do to help enrich my life. What can those family members do to fill the voids that I encounter in my daily life? What can I not do for myself that I could reach out and have someone else help me with? Money here is not the issue – what ser-

vices can you use. Start thinking about this.

Stop thinking of stewardship as just a money issue – it is serving other – how can we serve others and let others serve us? How do we reach out into the community and serve them? What are the avenues are out there that we are not utilizing to reach those who need God’s word.

Begin today to think about these questions – then you will find when we come to our Fall Stewardship Program – you will have the answers you need to plan for your “Pledge” to supporting our growing year round Stewardship endeavors.

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## *Calling All Youngsters Grades K-5*

New activity planned for grades K-5th!

If you are the parent of a child in this age group, please join us after worship on Sunday, September 9 for an organizational meeting.

We are looking to have activities, a Junior Youth Group, for the children of Faith in grades K - 5th . There will be activities like going to Mr. Gatti’s as a

group, doing a simple service project like making cookies for a nursing home as a group at church, or going to a movie and Ice cream afterward.

We are hoping to build a group feeling among the younger children at Faith in the hope of increasing their Sunday School and Church attendance. We can teach them if we can get them in the door of the church. If they make friends at church the hope is that they will

then want to come to church to be with these friends. Chuck Landis and Sandy Neatham have agreed to be the planners and organizers for this group.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

The first day of Sunday School will be September 9<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Pre-School - Marsha Woods has six students potentially
- ◆ Elementary— Peg Gernand and Famie Peter have three students potentially
- ◆ 5th – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades— Carol Taylor has seven students
- ◆ 8th – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lyle Gernand
- ◆ Adults - John Taylor

We will order Witness 2 from Augsburg Fortress for our Sunday School Classes this year.

- A. Pre-School 6 pupil 1 leaders guide 2-3 yr olds 1 guide 4-5 yr olds
- B. Elem. 3 pupil 1 leaders guide
- C. Jr. High no material needed. Teaching Heroes of the Church This is a study of church history from Pentecost to present day that includes Polycarp to Martin Luther King Jr.
- D. High School To be decided by Lyle and Carol and Pastor
- E. Adult Book 3 of No Experience Necessary. Student books are here from last year.

The children's church program has no teachers at present. We want this ministry to continue, but we need two or, better, three volunteers so that the teachers would only miss the sermon part of church every third week. Sandy Neathamer has volunteered to be one of the three, but because of her work schedule she cannot do it every Sunday. Can anyone else see their way clear to take a part in this ministry to our little ones? There is material available for this group to use that follows the gospel lessons at age appropriate levels. It is to be copied and handed out leaflet style each week. There are leaders' suggestions that come with the material so you do not have to create your own lesson, but can follow the planned curriculum we have purchased from Augsburg Fortress. If you would like to help please talk to Pastor John.

VBS The material that Faith teachers created was well received. The plan is to write our own material again for next year. The first planning meeting will be on Monday evening, September 17 at 7:00. Anyone interested in VBS is invited to attend. that night. We hope to set the theme and the stories that will center around that theme at this first meeting. Thanks again for all who helped with this years program.

Confirmation will have 6 students, Stephen and Caitlynne Fox, Tara and Eric Miller, Tyler Landis, and Jack Hayes.

A parents and students meeting is to be held Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm. and the First class will be Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

1. There will be discussion of the three fold program and attendance expectations for confirmands The youth's

attendance at 1. Conf. Class and Sunday school class, 2. Service projects sponsored by youth group, 3. Fun events held by the youth group, will be required. The youth will also be expected to attend area youth events (service projects, learning events, and the fun events) scheduled by the Lou. Conference. Attendance at these events helps to build an understanding that the church is much bigger than our 4 walls here at Faith. It also emphasizes that there are more Lutherans than they thought in this area of I K Synod.

2. This class will be co-taught by Carol Taylor and Pastor John.

Weekday Church School is full as of now. We are still getting calls and questions. Classes will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.

The Junior Youth Group is well on its way. Sandy Neathamer gave us a summery of ideas and plans for this year. There is a parents/students meeting to be held after church on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The first event will be a picnic at Perrin Park for the children in grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The date will be set at the parents meeting. Here is an idea for a name for the group borrowed from the Lutheran Church in Hilton Head, NC. JAM It stands for Jesus and Me.

We are placing an advertisement in the Evening News to hire a church nursery worker. **THIS NEEDS PRIORITY SO WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE IN THE NURSERY EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY.** This ad will run two weeks and will cost \$100.00. We hope to find someone during this two week period that will help us have a consistent, full time nursery worker in our church.

The ad will read:

Creative Church Nursery Worker  
Must be 21 years of age and able to care for children ages  
0 to 5 years of age.  
Must be able to legally work in the United States and  
pass a background check.  
Send resume to Faith Lutheran Church, 2014 Allison  
Lane, Jeffersonville, IN 47130

In addition to this ad, Sandy Neathamer volunteered to make signs for college bulletin boards and to put the signs on the boards at IUS, Ottawa, Ivy Tech, U of L, Bellermine, Spalding, and J.C.C.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

Boy, is September here already? August sure went by fast, didn't it? Just seems like yesterday we had our church picnic. Wasn't that a fun time? I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks go out to Patti Smith for putting together the event. I also thought it was nice to use the church grounds that God has blessed us with, instead of going to Perrin Park. It made us more visible to the immediate community. People could see that it's not just a building sitting there. It's alive!

Congratulations to Pastor on his 30th anniversary of his ordination. What a way to enjoy your life...in dedication and service to the Lord. Doesn't get any better than that, now does it? Also, I'd like to thank Cathy and Jess for sacrificing their time with Pastor so he can give us our Pastoral Care.

Another anniversary that slipped by the first Sunday of August was Barb Brewster's service as our organist. Can you believe it's been 43 (yep, count'em!) years that she has shared her musical gifts and spectacular talent with us?

Thank you, Barb, for your wonderful dedication to our Faith family.

Yet another anniversary

this year is Mrs. Taylor and her staff celebrating 24 years of Weekday Church School. That is a great outreach program for us and our local community. By the way, Weekday Church School starts September 11. Sunday School starts on the 9th of September at (set your alarm clocks) 9:15 am. Hope to see you there!

Chuck Landis and Sandy Neathamer are sowing mustard seeds of faith with the youth that are in Kindergarten through fifth grade. See more information about this somewhere in the newsletter. Thanks to them for fulfilling this need and God bless.

Since we're talking about dedication, service and sacrifice, let's don't forget September 11, 2001. Say a prayer for the American men and women who have served or are still serving our country with honor.

Say a prayer for the policemen and firefighters who protect our communities and lives, especially Det. David Mitchell, Eric Hall, Justin Hall, Adam Smith and Michael Fitzpatrick. I pray that God keeps you safe and well; that he gives you courage and strength. God be with you.

The Call Committee has just received a name from

Synod of another pastoral candidate. The interview will take place shortly after Labor Day. I know this process can be frustrating and is testing our patience. Let's not get so anxious that we jump on any name they send to us. Instead of jumping, I suggest we PUSH... Pray Until Something Happens! If we are patient and pray, just know that God will send us the right person at the right time. (Philippians 4:6-7) Don't worry about anything but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.

So hang in there. The church is still alive and well. It will be for a long time to come. So remember to PUSH.

God's peace to you,

Tom



# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER

2007

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH IN AMERICA

## SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

USHERS: BILL AND CATHY HOLMAN, JIM AND MOLLY HEGENBARTH  
ALTAR GUILD: LINDA WOEHRLE  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: RICK BARR

## WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
2	VOLUNTEER		VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	MAAS
9	V. KLEMENS		TERRI BARR	VOLUNTEER	CRESS
16	D. KLEMENS		E. WOODWARD	MCCOYS	HAIRE
23	BEV HAIRE		C. HOLMAN	ARBUCKLE	KLEMENS
30	VOLUNTEER		VOLUNTEER	KLEMENS	VOLUNTEER

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