



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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serve God's children"*

FEBRUARY, 2008

PASTOR'S LETTER

The season of Lent begins early this year. Not too long after you receive this newsletter, we will begin Lent with our Ash Wednesday liturgy. At that liturgy, we will remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Lent is a season to reflect on our relationship with God. Most of the church year, we spend time reflecting on Jesus, his life and his ministry. Lent takes the focus off of Jesus for a time and puts the focus on us and our relationship with God. It is a time to take stock, to ask the hard questions of ourselves. How have I nurtured my relationship with God? In what ways has my life reflected the love of God in the world in which I live? What kind of disciple have I been over the past year? Traditionally, Lent is a time of self-sacrifice, a time to give up something that distracts us from loving God or to put into practice something that helps deepen our relationship with God.

Lent is a time of discipline. Traditionally, that means that we practice fasting, we increase the time we spend in prayer with God, and we give generously, especially to those who have little in this life. We might skip a meal so that we might feel the hunger of those who have no food. We might set aside an additional time for prayer, remembering that our relationship with God requires listening for God's answer to our prayers and not just constantly requesting God's blessing. We might donate the money we save from skipping that meal to a shelter or food bank or clothing closet and thereby do something tangible for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. However we choose to discipline ourselves, it should be for the purpose of deepening our relationship with God.

Take time during this season of Lent to reflect on your relationship with God. Commit to worshiping on Sunday and taking the opportunity to increase your prayer time with God by joining us on Wednesdays. Use this time that God has given us to deepen your relationship with God. It will make your Easter celebration all the more joyful.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Scott

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this moment to say thank you all for the gifts you gave to me during my time as your Interim Pastor. There is really no way I can express enough gratitude. Not only did you share with me gifts on special occasions such as my ordination anniversary and Christmas, but also daily your gifts of ministry and love to me kept me in awe. I will get many years of use out of the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal that was given to me as a parting gift. The Louisville slugger will always hold a honored place in my home. There are way too many people who gave of themselves to make our time together full of growth and purpose for me to list them all here in the thank you. I will instead just say: Thank you all!

Shalom,
Pastor John



OWLS

The OWLS again want to thank Arlys and Dennis Johnson for their gracious hospitality on December 28th. Eighteen adults enjoyed the warmth of fellowship and the taste of delicious appetizers in the comfort of the Johnson's home.

Dennis Johnson reported that the final gift to CLM for Christmas baskets was \$295. Thanks to all who made that gift possible with your donations.

Art Anderegg has won again! He recently received a gold medal skiing with the Louisville Ski Club in Vermont. And in February he'll be celebrating a special birthday, which makes

these skiing accomplishments even more noteworthy!

Plans to visit the Ken Ellis Center are pending contact with the new contact person assigned by the Jeff Parks Dept.

As of this printing, phone calls have been unsuccessful in making that connection.

Please remember on the first Sunday of the month to meet after church in the fellowship hall to update visits and calls to shut-ins. Dorothy McCall is coordinating this ministry and will appreciate your report on the first Sunday of the month.

Don Smith is still recovering at home and he and

VIRGINIA KLEMENS

Vivian are hopeful that healing is taking place and that they will be out and about again soon. We have been glad to see them in church recently.

Don Maas has been recovering from knee surgery and our prayers for healing go to Bill Winn after his recent surgery. Hopefully, Nancy Vogt is improving and will be back with us soon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike and Amy Holaday on the birth of their granddaughter, Payton, on January 13th.

Let us know if you have an idea for fellowship or service. Contact Arlys Johnson or Virginia Klemens.



Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm

Wednesdays, Feb. 13 through March 12

6 pm Lenten Dinner

7 pm Lenten Service

7:30 pm Choir and Catechism

YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

In February, the youth will host a Pork Roast dinner on the 1st. The dinner will be at 6:00pm, and tickets will be sold before and after church, or at the door. Every youth is asked to bring a dessert to share. On the 3rd, the youth will have their annual super bowl party at the Taylor's. We will leave after church, and will be back at the church at 6:30pm for parents to pick us up. We will eat lunch there, and we will have yummy taco chili.

Good job to the youth on Youth Sunday, January 27.

Our next event is March 2nd, and we will be playing bingo at Cedar Lake Lodge. Please plan to participate in this service event.

Pork Roast Dinner

Friday, February 1, 2008 6:00 pm

Adults \$6—Children \$3

- Pork Roast
- Mashed Potatoes
- Corn
- Applesauce
- Sauerkraut
- Various desserts

Proceeds fund youth activities



CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

Help Wanted

The 4th Annual Bliss, Blossoms, and Butterflies Dinner/ Auction will be Friday, April 4th at 6pm.

Our Thrivent Chapter has agreed to help us again this year. On Tuesday February 5th at 1:30pm, Thrivent members and anyone else that wishes to help will gather here at Faith to address invitations for this event. If enough volunteers come to help, it should take about 1 hour.

CLM NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

Red canned goods

For example, Tomato paste, Spaghetti Sauce, or canned cherries



Easter Lilies

Lilies will grace the altar again this Easter Sunday. The cost is \$15 per plant. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or in memory of someone, please complete this form (or the insert in the bulletin) and return it along with your payment by March 9.

Name _____

of lilies @ \$15 each _____ = \$ _____ total

In honor of/memory of _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

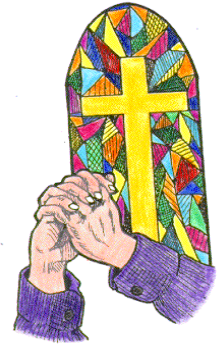
We ask God's special healing for:

Dot Clerici
 Betty Condra
 Hallie Kusch
 Don Smith
 Roger Rice
 Bill Winn
 Nancy Vogt
 Walter Clive
 Ron and Marilyn Thorenson
 Betty McLaughlin
 Ron Barr

Natalie Lane Clark
 Dorothy McCall
 Eric Hall
 Gina Barr
 Makayla Mengen
 Bob Dietrich
 Buddy Husted
 Fran Heuton
 Betty Roethe
 Patsy Heck
 Congratulations to new parents Sarah (Holaday) and Donnie Bozman on the birth

of baby Payton on January 13. Payton debuted at 5 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents Mike and Amy Holaday are no doubt bursting with pride!

If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Meier at 812-282-6993 or on his cell phone (260-273-1250) 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 February birthdays:

Virginia Klemens 2-1
 Max Zimmerman 2-1
 Barb Fitzpatrick 2-2
 Barb Brewster 2-5
 Mike Baugh 2-8
 Sue Neathamer 2-14
 Christa Hodge 2-16
 Patti Cooke 2-19
 John Taylor 2-19
 Norma Boehme 2-20
 Sandra Neathamer 2-20
 Will Czerwonka 2-21
 Samantha McCoy 2-21
 Josh Emily 2-24
 Art Andregg 2-25
 Kathy Hayes 2-27
 Terry Cherry 2-28

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in February:

Lyle & Peg Gernand 2-7
 Eric & Lisa Peter 2-13
 Dick & Virginia Klemens 2-15
 David & Michelle Mitchell 2-27
 Ed & Fammie Peter 2-28

We welcome Piper Stone Jaeger into our church family through her baptism January 20. Piper's sponsors are Josh Emily and Emily and Jason Williams. Her paternal grandfather, Rev. Nick Jaeger (retired Episcopal priest) assisted with her baptism.



Faithful Quilters

We are meeting on the first and third Mondays at the church at 10 am.

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

WELCA NOTES

February Meeting Schedule:

SonShine Circle
Bible study's next
scheduled meeting is
February 13.

**Wheadon Friend-
ship Circle** Bible
study will meet Febru-
ary 12 at 7 pm at the
home of Bev Haire.

**The next quarterly
meeting will be
Saturday, March 1
at 10:00 am . Our
guest speaker will
be Marta Anderson
from Floyd Memo-
rial Hospital, who
will address heart
health.**

Women ^{of the} ELCA

The best made plans can certainly be changed in a hurry by good old Mother Nature. I am sorry that we were not able to meet at my home in January but the weather was telling us to all stay home. I will get to have you all over in one of the upcoming months. Bev Haire has invited the ladies to come to her home on Tuesday February the 12th.

Dorothy McCall would like everyone to know that the SonShine Circle (note the name change) meets at 10 am at Faith, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, which in February is the 13th. Please feel free to join us anytime you can. In January the focus was on Secret # 10, The Prayer Life of Nehemiah. Nehemiah used the dart method to pray. He sent up a short prayer anytime of the day or night. We found it interesting that most of us did the same. He also spent hours praying.

In February we will be learning to 'Give God your Best', Secret # 11 'The Prayer Life of Daniel'. Readings are from the book of Daniel as well as references to Romans, Rev., Chron., Acts, etc.

In March we will cover 'Don't Give Up on God',

The Prayer Life of Jonah.

Lent will soon be here and with it comes our Lenten dinners at 6:00 followed by our 7:00 Wednesday evening services. Bev Haire has agreed to chair this for us again this year. She has put up a sign up sheet so that those preparing the meals will have an idea of how many to prepare for. Please make every effort to sign up each Sunday. There will be a free will offering taken at each dinner to defray the cost of the meal. We are encouraging people to put in a little extra so that we may make a donation to the Loaves and Fishes Project. The first dinner will be on Wednesday, February 13.

The next quarterly meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday March 1st at the church and hope to see many of you there. We will have a brunch before our meeting starts so you all come and enjoy each other's company, coffee and some goodies! I'm pleased to report that our speaker for our March 1 meeting will be Marta Anderson from Floyd Memorial Hospital. She will speak on heart health. It would be nice if we could all bring a heart healthy dish for the brunch to share

ARLYS JOHNSON

during our meeting, and then we will enjoy listening to her advice on how to stay healthier.

Linda Romine has served as Cluster representative for the conference and on the planning committee for the Spring Cluster. This is her final year in that role. If any of you have suggestions or ideas for the cluster, please let Linda know. Also, please let Linda know if any of you want to receive the Kinswoman newsletter. Bonnie Kroening from Christ Lutheran wants an update on who would like to receive this newsletter.

And, from Cathie Wheat, who along with Nicole is coordinating the effort for the Women's and Children's Shelter, "Hi everybody, Cathie here. Could you all please make an extra effort to bring small toiletries, candles, candy, books or anything else you can think of for our Valentine baskets for the Moms at the Women's and Children's Shelter? Also, look around your home and see if you have a basket hiding in your storage area that would be perfect to give away. If you would like to participate with Nicole and me to decorate and lovingly create these gifts, just let me know.

LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

Do you remember how much you enjoyed being read to as a young child? I still remember the stories my mother read to me. I also remember a fifth grade teacher who had the wisdom to know that his students weren't too old to listen to a good book. My classmates and I couldn't wait to hear what came next in the real life adventures of Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to climb to the top of Mount Everest.

We hope to kindle this same joy of reading in Faith's preschoolers. In a previous newsletter, Arlys Johnson told you about the library program that both she and Virginia Klemens began last fall. They will expand the library experience even further by enabling the 4 year olds to choose a

book to take home with them every other Thursday. A note has been sent home to the parents explaining the program and encouraging them to spend time reading together with their child. I know of nothing else that creates a more loving bond between parent and child or that sets a more positive foundation for later success.

Faith Church is so fortunate to have two such dedicated and talented teachers to lead this program. If you would like to help, we could always use more children's books to add to our small but growing collection. Now that we have added a second juvenile bookcase, there is plenty of room to grow.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

The big news from the Christian Education Committee is that we have been successful in finding a nursery attendant for the Sunday school and Worship times. Sarah Young has been chosen to fill this job. She has renewed her pediatric CPR and First Aid Red Cross certification and began work on January 20th. She will be in the nursery room from 9:00 to 12:00 noon each Sunday. The nursery is open to children from birth to three years of age during the Sunday school time. There are Sunday school classes for children ages 3 years and older. During the worship time children from birth to second grade are welcome for part or all of this time period. If we have several babies, or more than 5 children at a time, we will still need a volunteer to help Sarah. A series from Augsburg Fortress called One Room Sunday School has been purchased. Sarah can use this with older children during this time if they are not in church for the whole hour. This material includes a story, and craft for each week. It is not intended to replace, nor will it be the same material that is used in the Sunday school classrooms. Children should plan to attend both Sunday school classes, and if necessary, the church nursery time. If by 10:40 Sarah has no one in the nursery, she may attend the worship service, and she will be sitting in the last row so that parents can get to her if children become restless during the service and need to go to the nursery. Parents, please feel free to ask her to take your child to the nursery. This is a paid position on the church staff and she wants to be doing her job.

The first time a child attends nursery parents will fill out a form with pertinent information, including allergies. This will be kept on file in the nursery, with a list of allergies posted on the sign in chart for each Sunday. Parents are asked to keep their cell phones on vibrate so that Sarah is able to call them to the nursery if they are needed. Parents

are asked to bring a simple snack like goldfish, crackers, grapes etc. for their own children. If parents bring the snack for their own child, we have eliminated all food allergy problems. Please label your child's food so we are sure the food goes to the proper child. Young children should also come with a complete diaper bag

Vacation Bible School

There was a vacation Bible school writers and teachers meeting discussing various ways of presenting the stories by the different age level teachers. We now have outlines of where we want to go with the stories, and how we plan to get these messages across to the children. Dates will be announced in the March newsletter, because staff people are still setting their summer schedules. The decorators have some great ideas and the snacks are coming along in their planning. It will be great to have Pastor Scott and his guitar in the music area this year. As this program grows we will keep you posted of needs from the congregation. We will still need help with food for the snacks. We will meet again March 24 and any and all volunteers are welcome. If you have even a tiny interest come see what we are doing.

Sunday Church School

Now that Sarah is on board, we hope to see the parents of some of our youngest children in classes. Would there be any interest in a parenting class during this hour??? There is some great material available. At the next Christian education meeting we will discuss some new ways to draw people into the Sunday school hour. The attendance problem is the item highest on the Christian education team agenda for 2008. We hope to see anyone interested in the education of our members to come and help us with solving this problem. Many heads make a creative force.

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

Weekday church school has no days off during February. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th as a day to know that God loves us and that we should share that love with our families. We ask that the children do NOT bring Valentine cards to class. If every child brought for every child in the class the teachers would have to spend a huge amount of time sorting the "Mail" on that day. Giving and receiving Valentines is something that they can do all through elementary school. Please wait until they can read their friends names and deliver the mail themselves in "big" school Thank –you for understanding.

All classes will spend the first Tuesday and Thursday of February talking about community helpers, and visiting with our guests the policeman and the fireman when they come to visit our classes on Feb. 5th and 7th. The firemen will demonstrate Stop Drop and Roll, talk about fire safety, what to do if there is a fire in their home, and how to call 911 and report a fire or medical emergency, If we are lucky and the firemen don't get called out, they may get to climb onto the big fire truck. The policeman will discuss why it is important to stay close to Mom while they are shopping, what to do if they get separated from Mom, never to go with strangers, and to scream , and kick if someone tries to get them to go with them. We will also practice calling 911 and reporting a medical emergency by giving their name, address, and phone number to the person who answers the phone. Needless to say is the fact that we will also stress that it is very wrong to call 911 just for fun or to see the fire truck or police car. We hope the parents will reinforce these lessons, including being able to give their name, address, and phone number on the phone. The life they save may be their parents in an emergency. Many a four year old has made such a difference in the life of an adult.

The rest of the month will be a study of our emotions. The name of this unit is "Happy or Sad God Loves Me". We will be talking about the fact that we all have emotions, and it is OK to feel Sad, Angry, Scared, Embarrassed, or Jealous of the new baby. Everybody has all

of these feelings because God planned that we will be happy or sad. It makes life more interesting. It makes us more sympathetic to others if we understand how they feel. We will also discuss the fact that we should not laugh at others because that hurts their feelings. With Valentine's Day in the middle of this unit, it gives us a great opportunity to teach that we are to love others, just like God loves each of us.

The younger classes will continue their study of Jesus until the end of February. They will hear various stories about Jesus's ministry.

Week-day has said good-bye to two pre-k teachers during the past week. Don Maas has been told to drop out of class so that no child could accidentally bump his new knee and cause a medical problem. Crystal Miller has resigned also from the recreation spot in pre- k because she is returning to work full time. Here is a big Thank-you to both of them for their help. We will miss the both of them. Lori Edwards, a mother, is going to try teaching recreation on both Tuesday and Thursday. She will have her 2 year old son in the room with her. We hope this works out for her and for us. Summer Kimmel is looking at helping Lori on Thursdays in recreation, but she also will have her home schooled daughter with her. We still need someone to help Lori on Tuesdays. It is important that we have two adults in the room at all times, because if some falls and skins a knee, the one can do Band-aid duty without stopping play for the entire group. Is there anyone out there who could help Lori on Tuesday? PLEASE come and give it a try. We don't tie you up for life, we promise.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

The long days of winter are here at last. All the holiday festivities are over unless you count Valentine's Day. Which I say isn't a real holiday. But that's another story. It's a Leap Year this year and I have a question. Why is it called Leap Year instead of Leap Day? It's only one day not a whole year right? And, wouldn't it be nicer to have an extra day of summer instead of an extra day winter? So why can't it be moved to July or August? Shouldn't matter when we add the extra day, should it?

Does winter seem like it lasts as long as spring and summer combined to anyone else besides me? Could it be God's way of making me enjoy the heat? Can it really be cold as Hell as the saying goes? If we say it's hotter than... you know or colder than... you know, we really don't know how the weather is down there, do we? I do know the more I learn about God and His perfect wisdom the more I learn about how much I don't know. For instance: Does God change his mind? If we say God changes His mind does that mean He made a mistake, or does that mean God sees the wisdom in our reasoning? Either way, I don't think so. I don't believe

God changes His mind or sees as much wisdom in our reasoning as we would like to think. And if we have true wisdom doesn't it come from God anyways?

The way I see it is that everything we have is a gift from God. Another for instance: The winter question I asked earlier about being as long as spring and summer combined. If we didn't have winter, Mr. Andregg wouldn't be able to show us that just because we get older doesn't mean we can't win gold medals in skiing or have to give up anything that we did in our younger years. And what a cool guy he is. We wouldn't be able to sing White Christmas. Kids wouldn't have snow days. Bugs would rule the night sky all year long. And the desert states would be without water because there would be no snow to melt in the spring because there would be no spring.

So who am I to question God or complain about the weather? Who am I to say to God, "Why me?" I try not to ask that question too often. Because what if He answers, "I don't know Tom, there's something about you that I just don't like." What would I do then?

The point I'm trying to make is that just because God makes something happen that I don't like doesn't give me the right to complain or question His authority or wisdom. Besides, if I complain too much and pray for the opposite, I just might get what I ask for. I should be trusting God and believing that what He knows is best. Because maybe we need an extra day of winter every four years, and maybe Valentine's Day is an impor-

tant reminder that women were created by God so that us guys wouldn't be all alone, and that wherever two are gathered in His name, there will be a church.

So enjoy the rest of the winter, go skiing, snowboarding, or just sit by the fire and try not to rush spring in just yet. After all, we're all on God's schedule.

God's peace to you.

Tom

Lenten Worship Schedule

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7 pm Lenten Service

7:30 pm Choir and Catechism

Thursday, March 20

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY
2008



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

USHERS:

ALTAR GUILD: PATTI SMITH AND CATHIE WHEAT

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: TBA

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSIST</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
3	B. HOLMAN	WHITNEY	K. PETER	VOGT	MAAS	HOLMAN
10	B. HAIRE	?	S. MCCOY	STEABAN	STEABAN	LANDIS
17	L. GERNAND	?	?	CZERWONKA	CZERWONKA	LANDIS
24	P. SMITH	?	L. RAYBORN	ANDEREGGS	KLEMENS	ARBUCKLE