



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

MARCH, 2008

PASTOR’S LETTER

As I write this, the temperature is hovering at 16 degrees and I am to put my mind on things of Spring. If this weather holds, March will indeed come in like a lion and hopefully will go out like a lamb.

This year, Easter comes in the month of March. It is almost as early as Easter can ever be. Like Christmas, Easter comes whether we are ready for it or not. It comes whether we are prepared for it or not. And with Easter comes resurrection and new life.

Resurrection and new life come to us in various forms. When we are very young, new life comes in baskets filled with eggs and chocolates. They remind us at that age that we are beloved children of a God who wants to share with us the goodness of the new life that Christ’s raising from the dead provides. As we grow older, new life comes in the form of relationships that help us see the love of God in the eyes of those we call brothers and sisters in Christ. As we worship together and work together to spread the kingdom of God and the good news of Christ, we give hope and receive hope from each other; a hope that God will continue to loves us in the future as God has loved us in the past and continues to love us today.

Finally, the good news of the resurrection of Christ emboldens us to share this good news with our neighbors and with the world. The joy that comes to us because God has raised Christ from the tomb and has conquered death for us cannot be contained within the walls of our church building. It is meant to be shared with the world so that everyone may know what we already know. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Scott

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Dear Faith Family,
Thank you for the devotional book, "Devotions from Favorite Hymns." The readings have proven interesting.

Growing up at Faith, I've seen many people come and go, but have always considered this as an extended family, and its always a special honor to be recognized by your family.

Thanks again,
Barb Brewster

OWLS



OWLS don't normally hibernate during the winter, but many of our OWLS have flown south for the winter and others are recuperating. Therefore, *our*

OWLS have hibernated and hope to reorganize and rejuvenate come spring! Stay tuned for OWLS activities in the April newsletter.

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THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR

LUTHERANS

CARE IN CONGREGATIONS -- UPCOMING EVENT

Just a reminder that a Thrivent Yard Sale is set for Saturday, May 31! If you're spring cleaning and re-organizing, just remember, "One person's junk may be another person's treasure!" Your donations are greatly appreciated. (Again, we don't have storage space at church, but if you have some things you can hold onto until May 30 (set up date), we'll be glad to have them.) Thrivent provides supplemental funds for Care in Congregation fundraising events, to benefit our congregation.

Thank you for your support of this event.

Kathy Hayes, Congregational Coordinator
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YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

This month for the youth is again very busy. We will have our monthly meeting on March 2nd, an following that, we will be playing bingo at Cedar Lake Lodge. Make sure to bring money for lunch, and we also need everyone to bring some type of prizes. They don't have to be big, but make sure you don't bring any candy. Some prizes to consider are, teddy bears, stickers, bath products, and little nick knacks. Mr. Landis and Mr. Czerwonka will be in charge of this event.

In February the youth served a Pork Roast Dinner and made a total of \$240. Thanks to everyone that came and ate the food we prepared and served.

March 22nd is our annual busy Saturday for the youth who need to plan to come to church at 1:00 pm. The Easter Breakfast will be March 23rd; tickets will be on sale soon for people to buy. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Whitney and Mrs. Taylor recently attended a Peer Ministry program along with 18 other teens from six area churches. Our church will be holding the March meeting on the 16th for the program to attend. If there are any youth that are still interested in being involved with this, you need to talk to Mrs. Taylor as soon as possible.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

Bliss, Blossoms & Butterflies

The Fourth Annual Dinner and Auction to benefit Bliss House will be held Friday, April 4, 2008 at 6pm, at Kye's 11. This event is open to the public and our main fundraiser for the year. Tickets are \$50 per person. RSVP by March, 24th.

We are looking for items for the auction. If you have something you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Any questions call Bliss House at 280-7533.

A special thank you to all the Faith and Thrivent

volunteers that helped address invitations to this event here at Faith last month.

**CLM NEEDS
FOR MARCH
Breakfast cereals
Thanks for your continued support
of the food pantry.**



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:

Natalie Lane Clark	Dorothy McCall
Eric Hall	Gina Barr
Makayla Mengen	Bob Dietrich
Buddy Hustedt	Fran Heuton
Betty Roethe	Patsy Heck
Davia Cranshaw	Lindsay Barr

Our prayers of condolence are with Windy Yellina and her family at the passing of her mother, Yvonne Ganser, on January 27.

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 March birthdays:

Bill Holman	3/1
Michelle Mitchell	3/3
Veronica Rife	3/10
Megan Holman	3/11
Sara Cooke	3/13
Jordan Emily	3/13
Al Thompson	3/14
Mike Smith	3/16
Josie Durham	3/19
Mary Ellen Zimmerman	3/20
Lindsey Barr	3/22
Anne Steaban	3/26
Brittany Searcy	3/28
Greg Maas	3/30

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in March

Mike and Linda Woehrle	3/3
Mary Ellen and Max Zimmerman	3/16
Nancy and Al Thompson	3/26



Helping the Halls

A fund has been established to help the Halls defray the cost of searching for Eric. Recent fundraising efforts have garnered \$1,610, plus a \$1,000 of matching funds for a total of \$2,610 as of press time.

Contributions can be made directly to:

**Eric Hall Fund
c/o Your Community Bank
2917 Hwy. 62
Jeffersonville, IN**

Faithful Quilters

The Faithful Quilters want to thank the donor of three large bags of cotton material. I assure you it will be put to good use on our quilts.

We continue to meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 10 am. Please join us if you can. You do not need to be able to sew.

Again, thanks to the little elf that brought us material!

FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH



I personally believe during this year, we will see our Faith family continue to embrace the sharing of those gifts in our personal treasure chests to enrich the life of our church and those around us. We will find new ways under the guidance of our council and Pastor Scott to reach out to each other and our community to be a living example of how Christ can enrich our lives. We can begin to embrace First Fruits giving as a congregation and share upfront what our Faith family has shared with us.

Our Faith family has stepped up and made the commitment to solidly support our church financially. We were truly blessed in January. We exceed our budgeted giving by just over \$1,000. This is an increase of just over \$2,200 from last year in January. Part of this increase is due to some of our Faith family giving their entire year pledge up front and others stepping up their personal giving. During our annual meeting it was expressed that many of you want more in-

formation of how we are doing financially. As you know, we in a transition period. With Edie stepping down as our treasurer and our new treasurer just getting his feet wet, our expenses from January have not been tallied. Please bear with us – I promise that next month we will be able to provide you a clear picture of where we stand. We will share not only what our giving for the month has been, but also what that looks like against our expenses. We will keep you informed of where we are at year to date.

We have had a great start to the year. We need to keep up this commitment. Just think were we could be at the end of the year if we continue to exceed our budgeted giving. If we all individually focus on First Fruits giving and then as a church also step out on faith and give our budgeted benevolence on this same principal, I truly believe that God will bless our Faith Family. Share of your treasure chest and you will find it overflowing. Our congregation was founded on Faith – Look at how we have grown.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Please plan to join us for the annual Easter breakfast prepared and served by the Youth of Faith.

Sunday, March 23

8:45 am

Adults \$5.00, Children \$2.50

Menu:

Egg Casserole

Breakfast Meats

Pancakes



WELCA NOTES

March Meeting Schedule:

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

SonShine Circle Bible study's next scheduled meeting is March 12.

Wheadon Friendship Circle Bible study will meet March 11 at 7 pm at the home of Barb Morris-Nix.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

Please plan to join us for our quarterly meeting Saturday, March 1 at 10 am. Following a brief business meeting, we will hear from Marta Anderson of Floyd Memorial Hospital about heart health.

If you would like to bring a heart healthy dish to share for brunch that morning, please feel free, but come join us with or without a dish!

The Wheadon Circle Bible Study is 0 for 2 so far this year for successful meetings, thanks to Mother Nature. Our March Bible Study will be Tuesday, March 11 at 7 pm at the home of Barb Morris-Nix, 3613 Nickolas Trail in Jeffersonville. Call Barb at 502-645-5360 for directions. Hope to see you there!

The SonShine Bible Study in February was postponed until the 20th, because of icy roads. We didn't want to miss this exciting Secret on the Prayer Life of Daniel.

Our March study will be on the prayer Life of Jonah, Secret # 12. We will be using the Book of Jonah along with Books from the New Testament. as well as the Old.

Our April study really looks Exciting and Interesting as study Secret #13, 'Look at Prayer With New Eyes.' "The Prayer Life of Christ"!!!

We meet at the Church 10 AM the 2nd Wed. of each month through June.

Please join us as we continue to learn the Secrets of Prayer life.

The Lenten dinners are progressing well. As of this writing, there are still opportunities to sign up to prepare a meal. Please check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office. Thanks to all those who prepare the meal for this fellowship event.

There are also open slots for Altar Guild. If you would like to participate in this ministry and are uncertain about the details of preparing the altar for worship, please call Marsha Woods at 502-645-4725. She is happy to assist you.

An update from Nicole Parish with regard to the Women's and Children's Shelter shares that the shelter is in need of pillows (regular sized), full sized bath towels, wash cloths, blankets and full sized bottles of hair conditioner. The shelter is able to house a maximum of 12 women and 16 children at any given time.

Please join us as the **Women of the ELCA** throughout Southern Indiana and Central Kentucky gather for our annual Spring Cluster. The event will be held from 9am to 1:15 pm, Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Christ Lutheran Church, 9212 Taylorsville Rd., Louisville. All ladies, including those new to WELCA, are encouraged to attend.

Registration and coffee fel-

lowship will begin at 9am.

Pam Thorson, a seminary student who attends House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Elizabethtown, Ky., will lead morning Bible study. Lunch, provided by Christ Lutheran, will follow.

Betty Kassulke, a member of Christ Lutheran, will be the guest speaker after lunch. Now retired, she will share experiences about her career as a women's prison warden. This should be an informative and enlightening discussion, as we Women of the ELCA continue to follow the mission to "Act Boldly."

Cost is \$5, payable at the door. Free childcare will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. in advance – both for lunch and for childcare reservations -- so that we may plan ahead. Contact Linda Romine at 812-948-1727; www.lindaromine@yahoo.com.

All women are asked to bring personal care items to donate to Jeffersontown Area Ministries, a non-profit, ecumenical outreach helping families and individuals in crisis.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 29!

LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

Have you seen the movies, THE NOTEBOOK, MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE and A WALK TO REMEMBER? If you have, you're familiar with the author, Nicholas Sparks. Each of these are based on his fiction books. THREE WEEKS WITH MY BROTHER is another one of his but is different in that it's true. It's his story of a trip that both he and his brother took around the world. At the time, Nicholas and Micah were two very busy, successful men in their thirties who decided to drop everything and go on the trip of a lifetime. They left their young wives at home to tend to a total of six children, three of whom were less than 6 months of

age. Now that seems to be a pretty selfish and irresponsible thing to do, and I believe at least half of the people I know would agree with me! But as I read through the book, which goes back and forth between the trip and memories from their shared pasts, I understood why it was something they both had to do.

THREE WEEKS WITH MY BROTHER is a book that's suitable for both teens and adults. It's true, contemporary and easy to read. You'll find it in the biography section of our library sandwiched between reference and juvenile a-v.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

The Christian education team met on February 4th. Attending were Kathleen Johnson, Pastor Scott, and Carol Taylor. Discussion centered around the lack of students in age 3 years to 4th grade Sunday School classes and the reasons for this poor attendance. After considerable discussion, it was decided to have Sunday School for children in these age groups during the church hour. They would leave after the children's sermon and return at the start of the communion liturgy. The team discussed the fact that this does take children out of the worship service, and would require an adult to also miss worship. The way it is now, we have only had children in these classes at best once a month. There is no ground work laid for future Christian education when they have not attended classes at the lower age levels. This lack of basic education in the stories of the Bible is already showing up in the confirmation class this year. Therefore, this plan for Sunday School is the best option we can see for the younger members of Faith. It will enable parents to cover both Sunday School and church in the same time, and to put it at a later time in the morning to enable families to have family time before they come to church. The children in 5th – 12th grade will continue to have class at 9:15. Also the adult class will continue to meet at 9:15. Sarah Young will be in the nursery every Sunday from 9:00 to 12:00noon. She has material titled One Room Sunday School. If she has children ages 3yrs to 4th grade, she will present lessons using this material for these children during the Sunday school time period. Lesson material will not double or repeat the Sunday

School lesson in the church hour. Both sessions will be completely different, with different teachers, and so it will not be a problem for children to be in class from 9:15 to 12:00 noon.

The plan to start next September includes:

- A. Hold Sunday School classes from September 1st to December 15th. Break from December 15 – January 15. Resume classes January 15 to the end of April.
- B. Recruit 4 teachers for the 3 yrs to 1st grade class and 4 teachers for 2nd grade – 4th grade. Each teacher would teach one Sunday a month and be free to go to church the other 3 Sundays of the month. We would need a set of 4 teachers for the younger class and another set of four teachers for the older class. Teachers could trade with other teachers if they need to be out of town on their Sunday.
- C. We hope that teachers will be more willing to volunteer if it is not an every week assignment.

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

Registration for the year 2008-2009

There are 26 signed up for the pre-K class next year. This is a full class. Any new names will go onto the waiting list. Usually we lose 4 or 5 to the pre-k class at the area school so this list is important and several people will get into the class for next year.

There are 19 signed up for the two first year classes. We will take 10 for the youngest class and 12 in the older first year class. Classroom space is the determining factor in this split. The ten youngest children will be in the younger class.

We will lose Debbie Lake and Toni Hedrick from the younger three year old class. They will be replaced by Monica Hawkins and her mother Betty Hawkins. Monica has taught in the program 3 or 4 years. And has

assumed responsibility for the skills program in the pre k class and created material to be used in this class.

Amy Holiday has agreed to replace Terri Barr in the art class for next year. Donna Baugh plans on helping her along with Demarris Scott who has been with us for 5 years and can do the art program alone except for her age.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

Vacation Bible School

- A. Dates will be June 16-20.
- B. Theme Heroes of the Bible
- C. Invitations Heroes Wanted

Daily plans

Monday	David and Goliath Word of the day: courage Practical lesson: How to respond to a bully
Tuesday	Gideon Word of the day: Trust Practical lesson: Obey parents, try new things, you can make a difference
Wednesday	Sampson Word of the day: Strength Practical lesson Ways to keep our strength, exercise, nutrition, education

Thursday

Mary

Word of the day: Humility

Practical lesson: Think of others first, golden rule, service to others serviced tickets, clean the ditch 3rd-6th

Friday

Paul

Word of the day: Love to share God's word.

Practical lesson: Using roll play practice telling others about God, send post cards to seniors

Kitchen Inventory – I am trying to keep our kitchen supplies stocked, and I would appreciate your help. If you notice we need something (i.e., paper towels, napkins, paper plates, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, coffee and condiments, etc.), please mark it on the list that is posted on the refrigerator, facing you when you walk in the kitchen door. I'll do my best to watch for things that I notice we need, and watch the list, purchase needed items, and put them in their spot in the kitchen or pantry. Thank you for your help.—Kathy Hayes

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

All right, March is here! Spring is in the air. As they say, let the madness begin! The snow will soon stay away for a while. The grass can start growing again. I know it will be toward the end of the month and I remember what I wrote last month about waiting, and I will. But, it's close. The temperature will rise, and it won't be freezing anymore. The motorcycles will be in bloom, so watch out. Spring training will be in effect for you baseball nuts. Go Cubbies and Yankees and the Reds. What a great time of year it is. Most importantly, it's Easter. The real reason for the season, the season of hope. To me, it's the most significant religious celebration of them all, even more important than Christmas. It's why Christmas was to be in the first place. It's why we have Lent and why we give up part of ourselves in a token sacrifice of a pleasure. I'm not trying to knock anyone – but am I really giving up anything of importance or value to me? If I give up my ice cream, that I really enjoy, how is that a sacrifice? The same with chocolate, or sodas or McDonald's. I don't save anyone's life or bring him or her or myself closer to

Christ. Do I? What gives me hope, in this season of hope, is knowing God sent his only son to die for me, to take away my sins and at least give me a chance to get into Heaven. If I had to go on works alone you might as well bury me with a glass in my hand so I could beg for water in Hell.

How can I repay that debt? Nothing I could do can repay His sacrifice. I'd like to say that I would trade places with Him but that's just a token saying. After watching the Passion movie I know I couldn't do it. Nor could I send my son to do it.

I heard a speaker say once that he was, "so glad that David and Moses screwed up because that means there's a chance for a loser like me." I feel the same way! It just shows that even great men have weaknesses and faults. Because if these men of God can fall from grace, even after talking with God, and still be forgiven, then maybe I can too. I wonder what time of year David went to battle. I would guess March. So is March a noun or a verb? Let's see, it's a month, an order, and an action. We can rest assured that when we march

along with Jesus we will always be victorious, and nothing we do in His name is merely a token offering or sacrifice. And if God has the compassion and the will to send Jesus to die for us He will know that whatever we do in His son's name will be for the right reason and help make us children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom. 1 John 2-v17 says, "The world and its desires are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever." If He has the compassion, knowledge and will to do all that, I know I can be comforted

with the fact that there is hope for me. I don't believe Jesus died to make us religious. Jesus died to make us real. To show us what can be accomplished if we do all things for the glory of God, if only we sacrifice ourselves and put others first, and then everything will be fine. This I know because the Bible tells me so.

Have a blessed Easter and celebrate your hope of a new life in Christ with others.

God's Peace,
Tom

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NEWSLETTER

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SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

USHERS: DAVE LINDEMAN, GORDON MCCALL, JIM AND MOLLY HEGENBARTH

ALTAR GUILD: BARB BREWSTER & MARSHA WOODS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: BARB BREWSTER

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSIST</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
2	V. RIFE	?	?	PETER	PETER	L. GERNAND
9	T. HAYES	C. FOX	JORDAN E.	HAYES	STEABAN	L. GERNAND
16	C. TAYLOR	J. HAYES	K. PETER	ARBUCKLE	HOLMAN	JIM H.
23	M. WOODS	C. FOX	?	N/A	HEGENBARTH	JIM H.
30	V. KLEMENS	S. FOX	?	BAUGH	?	B. HOLMAN