



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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*"Faithful Lutherans sent by Christ to
serve God's children"*

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Question: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Answer: Pilgrims!!!

We are in the final season of our pilgrimage through the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Easter season and it lasts for 50 days. All of April this year will be a part of the Easter season. It is not enough that we, as the church, celebrate the resurrection of Christ for only one day. It will take us a full seven weeks to celebrate his glorious resurrection.

We are pilgrims, walking in this time and in this space, trusting that Jesus is with us even until the end of the age. Our walk is not always an easy one. There are tragedies and hardships that plague our journey. But the reality for us as pilgrims of Christ is that Christ is alive, that Christ was raised by God on the third day and with that resurrection comes our hope that the tragedies and hardships of this world are not the final answer. We trust in the miracle of God that because Jesus was raised from the dead, we will also be raised with him on the last day.

Until that day, we are called to be pilgrims of Christ, called to walk on this earth in this time and be bearers of the good news that Christ is alive and to be servants to those who need to hear this good news. Ahead of us lies the long season of Pentecost, the season of the church year where the focus is on the Church and the teaching and healing ministry of Christ. The focus will be on us and our pilgrimage, how we are to serve the world, how we are to share the good news of Christ's resurrection with those who have not yet heard. We will need strength for the journey. We will need to lean on each other. We will need the nourishment that comes from the sharing of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist. We will need the fellowship that comes with worshipping with one another. We will need the strength we draw from one another as we work and play together as the people of God.

Join us for worship as we experience the risen Christ among us. Join us as we fellowship with each other. Renew your spirits as you work and play together to further God's kingdom.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Scott

OWLS

The OWLS celebrated Art's 80th birthday with Art and Edwina Anderegg on Sunday, February 24th. Thanks to Edwina for the delicious sandwiches, cake and punch!

We celebrated another milestone in the congregation as Hallie Kusch celebrated her 90th birthday on March 9th. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to celebrate with Hallie before she passed into eternal life March 19. May she rest in peace.

Donna Baugh invited members of the congregation to the Charlestown senior citizens group where the Derby City LIFE Club presented a music program on March 6th. Pastor and Laura Meier, Mike and



Amy Holaday and Edwina Anderegg enjoyed the musical entertainment.

Pastor Meier and Virginia Klemens began visiting shut-ins on Thursday, March 6th. Pastor would like the OWLS to accompany him on these visits as he meets and provides pastoral care to these Faith members. Pastor suggested Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of the 3rd week of the month would be a good time to schedule these visits. Please let Pastor know when you can join him in this important ministry.

Also, remember to meet after church on the first Sunday of the month to update visits and calls to shut-ins. Call Dorothy McCall if you want to

VIRGINIA KLEMENS

know who needs a call or visit. We are trying to revise the congregational roll to include inactive and new members that we can visit as well.

Congratulations to Marsha Woods and Roger Emily on their recent engagement and plans to be married over Labor Day Weekend. Here's to "happily ever after"!

We are all happy to see Ed Peter back in church as he continues to recover from heart surgery. Bill Winn is undergoing chemotherapy and we continue to remember him in prayer.

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

God bless you, Eric.

Eric Hall had a contagious smile with a hint of mischief that made him all the more engaging to be around. Many of us here at Faith were blessed to watch him grow from childhood into manhood, and as we did we knew he would give his best to whatever he decided to do.

He took his commitment to the United States Marine Corps very seriously, and was obviously proud to be part of that elite group. You could see the confidence he gained. When he returned from Iraq, the discipline he learned in the Corps helped him focus on healing his injuries. Eric was blessed with a dedicated family who would (and did) go to the ends of the Earth to support and help him. He sometimes found support within his Faith family. Sometimes he kept his pain to himself.

He will certainly be missed, not only by Becky, Kevin, Justin and the rest of his family, but by his Faith family as well. A testament to the impact he has had on others was obvious at the memorial service in his honor on March 17.

He was too young. We wanted him with us much longer. We wanted more of him and we wanted more for him. That's not ours to decide. We can all find inspiration in this family's dedication to one another. And we, along with Becky, Kevin, and Justin can find comfort in knowing Eric no longer suffers. Go with God, young man.

YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

Yah, the weather finally feels warm outside, and we are finally in spring mode. This month the youth will have their monthly youth meeting on the 6th, followed by laser tag. The 13th we will be hosting a luncheon after church, and will be serving BLTs and soup.

All the kids currently in confirmation class, will be going up to Lutheran Hills on Friday 25th, and will return home on Sunday 27th.

We would like to thank everyone who came to our annual Easter Breakfast, we hope you enjoyed your food and ate a lot.

Junior Youth Group

The JYG went bowling on January 27th at Hoosier Bowl and had a great time.

On the 6th of April we are going to have a planning meeting to schedule fun events like fishing at Andregg's and making markers for the new hymnals. All kids between kindergarten and 5th grade are welcome. God Bless.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

At the March CLM Board meeting Mary Mattingly and Juanita Oster were recognized for their volunteer work with the Kids Café. They have been cooking meals and organizing this ministry for over 2 year. They in return thanked the many volunteers from the board that have helped them. In January and February of 2008 they served 727 meals.

An Open House for both Bliss House and Bliss Too is being planned for May, 2008.

Food for the month of April is any canned green vegetables. Thank you to all who brought cereal or breakfast items in March.

The Center now owns the property at 217 East Maple. This is known as Bliss Too, a residential ¾ house for women in recovery. After completing the program at Bliss House, women are able to move into Bliss Too, if they wish and room is available. The house consists of 3 apartments, which can room up to 8-9 women. This has proven to be an excellent step for long term recovery.

CLM NEEDS**FOR MARCH****Canned Green Vegetables**

**Thanks for your continued support
of the food pantry.**

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS**CARE IN CONGREGATIONS --YARD SALE!**

Another reminder that a Thrivent Yard Sale is set for Saturday, May 31! Please keep us in mind if you have some things to unload from your "stuff accumulation". 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 the yard sale!.

Kathy Hayes, Congregational Coordinator (812) 967-5959; kahayes@localnet.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

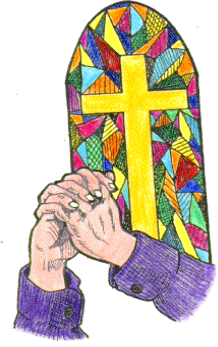
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 Bill Winn
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 Walter Clive
 Ron and Marilyn Thorenson
 Betty McLaughlin
 Ron Barr
 Natalie Lane Clark

Dorothy McCall
 Gina Barr
 Makayla Mengen
 Bob Dietrich
 Buddy Hustedt
 Fran Heuton
 Betty Roethe
 Patsy Heck
 Davia Cranshaw
 Lindsay Barr
 Our prayers of comfort and
 condolence are with the
 family of Hallie Kusch as she

entered eternal life March 19. A funeral service for Hallie was held March 21 at Faith.

Congratulations to Ken Stewart on the birth of Kallie Hamilton, his new great-granddaughter March 19. Kallie is the daughter of Kristy (Haag) and Philip Hamilton.

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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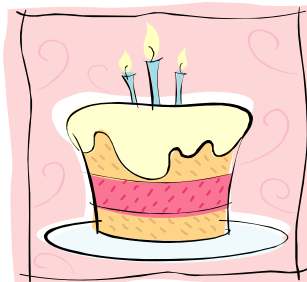
HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these April birthdays:

Kyle Czerwonka 4-1
 Debbie Lang 4-5
 Barbara Campbell 4-6
 Roger Emily 4-7
 Ron Woodward 4-8
 Dorothy McCall 4-10
 Sunny Neathamer 4-10
 Donna Baugh 4-16
 Beth Landis 4-17
 Justin Romine-Wykoff 4-17
 Pastor Scott 4-18
 Sue Michael 4-22
 Cheyanne Peter 4-23
 Lyle Gernand 4-24
 Barbara Morris-Nix 4-30

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in April

Amy & Michael Holaday 4-7
 Dana & Cherie Glaab 4-18
 Mike & Karen Vescelus 4-19
 Bill & Cathy Holman 4-20
 Karen & Bob Lane 4-20
 Ed & Trisha Perry 4-30



Welcome, Whitney!

Whitney Hayes was baptized as the newest member of Faith on March 12. Whitney serves as treasurer of the youth group and is actively participating in this year's catechism class. She is the niece of Tom and Kathy Hayes.

Faithful Quilters

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!

WELCA NOTES

April Meeting Schedule:

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 am at church.

SonShine Circle Bible study's next scheduled meeting is April 9.

Wheadon Friendship Circle Bible study will meet April 8 at 7 pm at the home of Bev Haire.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

March 1st brought WELCA the opportunity to gather for our quarterly meeting. In fact we were blessed with the grand total of 21 women who enjoyed good food, fellowship and a very informative talk from Marta Anderson of Floyd Memorial Hospital.

A business meeting followed the speaker and we received an update from Nicole Parish on the basket making project for the women and children at the Women's and Children's Shelter. The bad weather prevented the Valentine idea so we are now planning on providing Easter baskets. We are planning on supporting this agency throughout the year so stay tuned and find out what the next project will be. If you have items you think would be useful for these women and children please put them in the yellow tub provided for these items. Items could include, pillows, bath towels, wash cloths, blankets, personal items.

We were then given an update from Barb Brewster on the Loaves and Fishes project. Barb is looking for someone to accompany her on Friday mornings to help her plan the meal that will be prepared and served on Saturday morning. The remaining dates for this year are May 3rd, July 19th, and October 4, (youth will be in charge of the October date).

Linda Romine shared information on the Spring Cluster

meeting that will be held at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, March 29, from 9a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Anyone wanting to attend needs to notify Linda Romine or Arlys Johnson. It sounds like an interesting program is planned so we hope we have several ladies that will want to attend. Lunch and daycare will be provided but of course they will need to know how many to plan for so, please let us know as soon as possible. The cost will be \$5.00. There is a IND/KY WELCA newsletter called the Kinswomen and it is free for the asking. Let Linda know if you want this newsletter delivered to your home.

There is an interest in making some new chrismons and Barb Brewster, Donna Baugh and Amy Holaday have volunteered to coordinate this project. Nancy Vogt donated lots of Styrofoam to use for this so we just need to get our creative minds together and have some fun to help make our Christmas tree even more beautiful and special. More information on this will be coming.

There was interest expressed at our March 1st quarterly meeting to have a retreat for the next quarterly meeting. After doing some investigating it was determined that it would be better to have the retreat in September to give us time to adequately plan for this event. Please watch for information about

ARLYS JOHNSON

the possibility of having a retreat on September 6th. We are working on a place to have our retreat and also we have someone that has agreed to prayerfully consider doing the Bible Study for us.

I know many of you are very busy and we understand when you cannot make a meeting but please know also that you are missed. Hopefully we will see more of the ladies of our church get involved in our meeting, our Bible studies and our service projects.

Bev Haire would like to thank everyone who helped prepare and serve the Lenten Dinners. Once again this year, they were a tremendous success and provided an additional opportunity for fellowship. Approximately \$350 was earned and a check has already been issued to Loaves and Fishes, the pre-determined recipient of the proceeds.

Dorothy McCall would like to share that the Son Shine Bible Study had a pretty good turn out for their February Bible Study which was held a week later because of bad weather.

The March study was on the Prayer Life of Jonah. In April the study will be Secret #13, 'Look at Prayer With New Eyes' 'The Prayer Life of Christ'!!!! In May Secret #14 will be, 'Focus on Spiritual Needs', 'The Prayer Life of Paul'.
God Bless!

FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH



It is hard to believe it is already April and we are 4 months into the new year. By the time this letter has been published we will be through Lent and Easter. The newness of life after resurrection and the feeling of new life of spring reflect positively on all of us. I have learned over the past year to take life one day at a time. Enjoy what I have been given. Share what I can. The smallest things become important. Think of the joy you feel when the tulips and crocus peek through. We know that the darkness of winter is past and the sunshine of spring is upon us. The warm of the sun brightens our days and our spirits.

Now is the time to look forward to the entire year. How can we share that warmth of stewardship with those around us? What small gesture that you make will spread God's light to others. As we let our light shine think of how the glow of God's love will warm others. We will not be just that little church on the corner, but a beacon of God's love, reaching out to those who need a family and need to hear God's story of love and forgiveness.

As we look as new beginnings, we as a council have pledge to increase our flow of information. This will help all of our Faith Family to know where we as a congregation financially and what we need to allow us to grow to continue to spread the warmth of God's love.

Our giving year to date through February was up ever so slightly over what we our budgeted giving should be - \$15.50. This is a great start, but we can do better so that we have adequate funds to make it through the summer months.

As we look at expenses and giving, we concentrate on budgeted items only; those items that were reflected in our annual budget. The budgeted expenses paid year to date total \$28,537.95 against giving of \$28,992.50. This shows \$454.55 to the good. This looks good, but remember these numbers represent only the first 2 months of the year. We have 10 more months to go, during many of which the expenses continue but our giving drops off. Remember – only when we share of our personal treasures, will our own treasure chests overflow.

Let the warmth of spring warm your heart. Our little is beginning to shine out in our community, but it will continue to grow and reach many of those around us who need to hear the good word through our ongoing stewardship with our community. Even the smallest amount of giving, the warmth of a single smile, a hand extended in friendship, will help to turn our little light in to the beacon that can be seen through our community.

May God bless your spring and continue to warm your hearts and grow our Faith Family.

WELCA Quarterly Meeting Minutes
March 1st, 2008

Attending: Arlys Johnson, Beth Landis, Nicole Parish, Barb Brewster, Donna Baugh, Vivian Smith, Patti Smith, Linda Woehrl, Dorothy McCall, Bev Haire, Amy Holaday, Barb Campbell, Linda Romine, Laura Meier, Carrie McCoy, Barb Morris-Nix

- **Called to Order by Arlys Johnson, followed by devotions and prayer**
- **Treasurer's Report by Beth Landis**
 - ◆ Discussion – Report handed out stated current balance of \$32.74.
 - ◆ Regular Offerings for Dec. and Jan. totaled \$48.00 (\$24.00 sent to WELCA)
 - ◆ Thank Offerings for Dec. totaled \$37.15 (\$37.15 sent to WELCA)
 - ◆ \$71.00 collected from Lenten Dinners so far

Old Business

Center for Women and Children reported by Nicole Parish

This is a local shelter for victims of domestic violence

There can be up to 28 residents at any one time (12 adults, 16 children).

Items needed are printed in the newsletter

A decision was made to assemble Easter baskets for the residents

WELCA will assemble the baskets on Saturday, March 15th at 10:30 am at church.

Altar Guild – Sign up sheet was passed around, we still need volunteers for the summer months.

Loaves and Fishes reported by Barb Brewster

Brief description of the loves and fishes was given

Leftovers from the meal are taken to Haven House

Barb is looking for someone to accompany her to St. Luke's on Friday morning to help plan the meal to be served

Remaining dates for 2008 are as follows: May 3, July 19, October 4 (youth)

Lenten Dinners- remaining slots are filled, but you may check with the person signed up to see if they need assistance.

New Business

Kinswomen Newsletter reported by Linda Romine

This is a free newsletter printed by IN/KY WELCA group

The church receives one copy and Patti Smith posts it on the bulletin board in the narthex

If you would like to receive a copy, please let Linda Romine know(lindaromine@yahoo.com)

Spring Cluster Meeting to be held Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 9:00 am – 1:15 pm at Christ Lutheran Church

We will meet at church to car pool – departure time 8:30 am.

The guest speaker will be the first female prison warden in the state of Kentucky. She is a member of Christ Lutheran.

Lunch and daycare will be provided. Cost is \$5.00

Reservation are needed – please email Linda Romine at lindaromine@yahoo.com

Linda has served as Faith's representative on the committee that plans for the event for 3years years. She is looking for someone that is willing to replace her.

New chrismsons. Nancy Vogt donated styrofoam . Donna Baugh and Barb Brewster will coordinate this project They will compile a list of supplies that we may need to be published in the newsletter. Date and time to work on this project to be announced Discussion on attending the opening worship service for the IN/KY synod assembly to be held in Lexington this year.

Opening worship will be on Thursday, June 5th.

Vivian Smith reminded everyone about the Good Friday Prayer vigil on March 21. Please sign-up if you know when you can be there because we like to keep someone at the altar at all times. You do not have to sign-up to come though; anyone is welcome at any time.

Date for next quarterly meeting Saturday, June 7th. A retreat was discussed and Arlys, Vivian, and Donna will look into some possible choices. Patti Smith can request funds from Thrivent to help offset the costs after a decision is made

LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

Here is a listing of new additions, thanks to contributions from Rick Barr, Donna Baugh, Arlys Johnson, Coleen Bates, and others.

DVDS & CDS

- ◆ *Faith's Cruzando 2006 Slide Show: ELCA Youth Retreat in San Antonio, Texas.*
- ◆ *Faith's Christmas Cantata , December 17, 2006.*
- ◆ *Faith's Christmas Eve Service, 2007.*
- ◆ *Faith's Youth Sunday Worship Service, January 27, 2008.*
- ◆ *Faith's Sunday Worship Service : weekly audio recordings beginning July 1, 2007.*
- ◆ *Amazing Grace.* Twentieth Century Fox, 2007.
- ◆ *God Grew Tired of Us.* National Geographic Films, 2007.
- ◆ *The Life of Apostle Peter.* ELCA, 2007.

ADULT NON-FICTION BOOKS

- ◆ *The Process of Forgiveness,* by William Meninger.
- ◆ *When a Pet Dies,* by Fred Rogers.
- ◆ *Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness,* by John MacArthur.
- ◆ *The Journey: How to Live by Faith in an Uncertain World,* by Billy Graham.
- ◆ *Get Out of That Pit: Straight Talk About God's Deliverance,* by Beth Moore.

ADULT FICTION BOOKS

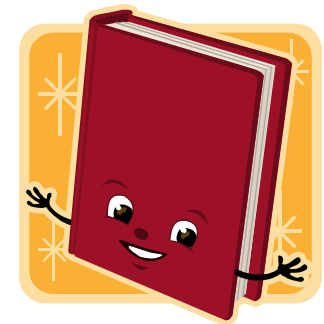
- ◆ *Native Son,* by J.M. Hochstetler.
- ◆ *The Kite Runner,* by Khaled Hosseini.
- ◆ *The Heart's Treasure,* by Catherine Palmer.
- ◆ *Two women of Galilee,* by Mary Rourke.

PICTURE BOOKS

- ◆ *Hickory Dickory Dock,* by Keith Baker
- ◆ *Love Songs of the Little Bear,* by Margaret Wise Brown.
- ◆ *10 Little Rubber Ducks,* by Eric Carl.
- ◆ *The Magical, Mystical, Marvelous Coat,* by Catherine Cullen.
- ◆ *Let's Get a Puppy,* by Caroline Ness.
- ◆ *All Things That Go,* by Cristina Ong.
- ◆ *I Love Trains,* by Philemon Sturges.

TEEN BOOKS

- ◆ *If God Loves Me, Why Can't I Get My Locker Open?* By Lorraine Peterson.



WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

When the children return from spring break all of the classes will be talking about signs of spring. We will look for new growth outside, and we will talk about the fact that God sends the wind and the rain to make things grow. Then the pre-k class will continue to talk about ways to be a friend. Before break we read the story about the Good Samaritan and learned that one way to be a friend is to help other people who need help. Now we will hear the story of Jesus cooking a breakfast of fish for his disciples after he had risen on Easter. Another way to be a friend is to give a friend a gift of something they need, by sharing what we have with them, like Jesus shared his breakfast fish. The third story is saying "I'm sorry" when we do something that makes our

friends upset with us. We should also try to fix what we have broken or lost. . The last part of the month will be spent looking at seeds and talking about the fact that God put a seed in everything that grows so that we can plant them and have more peas, bean, and corn. We can also eat seeds. Even bread comes from wheat seeds. After looking inside a lima bean seed we will discover the baby plant that God hid inside to make more lima bean plants to make more seeds, and on and on and on. Isn't God smart and wonderful!!

A heads up for all parents, The final day of school is May 15th and this will be our annual trip to a dairy farm in Shelby Co. Kentucky. We hope parents will be able to go with us that day so please ask to be off from work on May 15 from 8:30 to 2:00pm. This trip is for the first year and the pre-k classes.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

Vacation Bible School**Heroes of the Bible**

June 16-20

9:00-12:00 noon

There have been no Christian Education or Vacation Bible School Writers meetings in March. The next VBS meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14th. If you plan to have anything to do with VBS this year PLEASE mark this date and plan to be at the church on April 14th at 7:00pm. By then all of our vacationing writers should have returned. This will be a meeting for all writers and all those planning to work in any way during the VBS. Week Our writers will present their work at each grade level, and the teachers of those grades can add or subtract from these plans. We will also discuss the Art projects, the Music, the Recreation plans, and of course the Snacks. The teacher sign- up sheet went up on April 27th. Anyone interested in helping in any way should put their name on the list on the wall next to the youth bulletin board. Many of you have expressed a desire to return to your previous classroom areas. This continuity in teachers is what has made our program so successful. Thanks in advance for all who signed up to help. It takes a staff of 25 adults and 8 to 10 teens to make this program successful. I am sure that Nancy Falkenstein will also be out looking for her cookie bakers to sign up to bring cookies for snacks.

Sunday Church School

The new Sunday school format for the pre-school and elementary children at Faith has been well received. So far I have four of the eight teachers ready to go for next fall. If you can teach, remember it is only one Sunday a month, during church from after the children's sermon until the communion part of the service begins. I agree this is not ideal, and it is not a very long time for study, but if we can get our children into class, it will be much better than it is now, because now we have empty pre-school and elementary classroom more Sundays than we have students in them. If you would like to help with this new plan please contact Carol Taylor to volunteer for one Sunday a month from mid-September to the end of April. We will also have a break from mid-December to mid-January. Let's hope and pray that this will help us educate our younger members in the stories of the Bible.

The other big Sunday school news is that the Adult class has begun a new series of study. Using videos and study guides,

they are exploring the book "What's So Amazing About Grace?". It is a study written by Philip Yancey. They will be looking at how Grace underlies the gospel, not as some abstract theological doctrine, but in very practical ways. Examples of material to be covered are Family Feuds, Marital Spats, and even International Crises. All are welcome to join this discussion group at 9:15 each Sunday morning. .

Confirmation Class

There are eight students in this class that meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The students have completed their study of the Apostles' Creed. They will be working on a study of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Each Wednesday until confirmation on Mother's day May 11th. The three students to be confirmed this year are Tyler Landis, Tara Miller, and Stephen Fox.

There will also be a required Confirmation Retreat at Lutheran Hills on April 25, 26, and 27. The leaders for this weekend are Pastor Scott, Carol, and John Taylor. During this time the students will be studying the Lord's Prayer and the use of prayer in their lives. We will leave Faith at 6:00pm Friday and return late Sunday afternoon. All youth are invited to go on this retreat and a good time is always to be had at Lutheran Hills. We hope many of our confirmed youth will join the confirmands for this weekend retreat. This weekend is totally paid for each who attends by using the money earned at the Easter breakfast.

Just a Note for Clarity

I have been asked by several people about the money the youth collected for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. Souper Bowl of caring is a national fundraising group that helps churches with publicity materials and totals national and area giving to LOCAL charities all over the United States. All money raised goes directly to the charity of choice. This choice is made by the group raising the money. Our youth group chose to support the Center for Lay Ministries so all of the money and food donated that Sunday went directly to CLM. The national group does not take any money. Faith sent the check directly to CLM. During the super bowl party at Taylor's Sarah Rife, our youth president, called in the total of canned goods and the total of cash that was raised by Faith Lutheran that day. At the end of the summer we will receive a total of giving in the USA and a total given in each individual state. This was someone's idea of how to help the food banks in this country raise more money and it gives the youth in this nation a way to make a difference. I think it is a great idea and CLM is the

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

Christ is risen!! As April brings the showers to cleanse and water the earth and eventually bring the Mayflowers and the Pilgrims, and sometimes the winds to pick them both up and carry them over the rainbow, we can sit back and be glad that winter is over and spring is in the air!! It's like a new lease on life, a new beginning if you will. We get to rid ourselves of the heavy jackets and boots and gloves and scarves and thermal underwear. If you wear them? It's like walking in new skin. Some of us get to break in new golf clubs and some of us, I'm sorry to say, will just break them. Some of us will have to put up our snow skis and work on the honey-do list. Sorry Mr. Andregg! Besides, I think you've impressed the lovely Mrs. enough. The fish are getting nervous and the worms are practicing holding their breath. I believe Lyle's fryer is tired of being cold and lonely.

It's good to see Ed and Fammie back in church again. Mr. Smith [if that's his real name] is getting around much better. We get to welcome our snowbirds back from Florida. Glad to have you back Jim and Nancy. We should

have saved snowballs for them! I say next year we all stay at their place. A great time of year without a doubt, don't you think? Unless you haven't paid your TAXES to the man yet. But that's a horse of a different color isn't it?

Get to do some spring-cleaning around the house and church. The lawnmowers will be put to good use. The landscaping might even change a little, you never know. I imagine Bill can't wait to tryout his new key to the Ferris. Watch out! Since we are all spring cleaning, don't forget to save the valuables you don't need anymore for the yard sale next month. Just don't start bringing them in yet. Wait for it!!

The farmers will be getting the land ready for this year's harvest. Putting down new seed and throwing manure on it. Then they hope for the best. I wonder if they even use scarecrows anymore. In the parable of the sower, are we the sower, the seed, or the soil? Are we all three at the same time or each one separately? Are we the ones doing the harvesting, being picked or are

we getting the manure thrown at us? Just a thought. If we're not any of the above maybe we're the scarecrow. Scaring off the bad birds to keep the harvest safe.

Since April is the start of the 2nd quarter, let's review how the 1st quarter went. First God blessed us with Pastor and his family. I don't remember the exact number but we moved them for under \$1000. If you remember the "professionals" wanted almost \$10,000. You can say we reverse tithed. Thanks to everyone who helped move and clean their new house. Thanks to the people of St. Stephens for coming to help unload, that was a big help. God has blessed us with a boiler that can be saved [so far]. I don't think we will have to spend \$27,000 on a new one. He has given us new members and kept the old ones. Donations to the church were up, thanks to all for their support of the church. Now let's keep them up!

Does anyone else find it ironic? That the Government does less with the monies it takes from us, which is almost 40% of our

income, than God does while only ASKING for 10%. God only asks for so little because He can carry the whole burden for us anyway. As He showed us on the cross. He just wants us to try to help each other out. Let's be sure and thank Him for what he's done for us by doing what is right in His eyes. We do that with our actions as well as our words. So sing praise for He is risen indeed!

God's Peace to You,

Tom



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