



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

God is good all time. Now is a good time to travel around the country, especially in the northeast, as long as someone else is buying the gas of course. The leaves will start to change colors, and it will get cool enough to sleep with my truck turned off. The colors up in Maine are just incredible; it can be like driving in a post card sometimes. The kids are settling into their routine in school. The teachers are in full swing and probably very busy. Church will come back to full operational capacity, with Weekday Church School kicking off, the choir will be singing again, Confirmation class is back, and last but not least, Sunday School will be meeting. It's a great time of the year for the Church as a whole.

I would like to thank everyone for their praise, worship, and attendance at church over the summer months, and for keeping your contributions coming in. That makes things easier to deal with as far as paying the bills and building on the outreach programs and such. We're going to advertise in some of the local papers this year, so hopefully this outreach will bring some new faces to our church to hear God's message. So look for us in the Courier Journal and other publications. If you like it tell Chuck thanks, if you don't, still tell Chuck. Just kidding. It will be a useful tool to let people know where we are and what we are doing. There is a factor of time and ad space so if you want to try to put something in there you would have to let our advertising agent [Chuck for now] know well ahead of time. That's only if he can do something like that. Watch for more info on what we can put in there and what we can't. Hopefully this will make our church family grow and change somewhat. I thank Chuck for his leadership and effort with this.

And speaking of changing our church family, we would like to congratulate the newlyweds of the church Mr. and Mrs. Roger Emily. We pray that your life be filled with happiness and joy as you have filled us with yours. God Bless You, and God be with you.

Change is all around us. We can't help it. We can't stop it. Why would we want to stop it? If nothing changes then nothing changes. It's like working out in the yard. We move logs and stumps and rocks, making room for a nice garden. And sometimes we get sore and our backs and necks will stiffen up, but it's worth a little discomfort. Then you're sitting there after you have labored for so long and you think to yourself, "It doesn't look that much different to me." But you still keep at it, turning the soil, moving things, adding things to the ground to make things grow. And my how your garden grows. You have delicious fruit and beautiful flowers and trees and a nice stream running through watering everything. But since you're so close to it you don't notice much change.

It's not until you stop for the day and go into the house and get a big glass of sweet tea, look out the window and since your perspective has changed you notice that the garden is bigger and better than you thought. And you still have more room to grow. Before you know it, friends and neighbors are coming over to help out and share in your joy.

The work may at times be hard and somewhat difficult but it will be worth it. It's no different at church; we should be willing to do whatever it takes to help bring people to know Christ. He doesn't want us to start getting comfortable and just going through the motions. If that means trying new things we should try. I've prayed about the Contemporary Service we want to try for a while, and I believe this would be a good thing. I know Pastor has been praying about this. So I ask you to pray on it also. Don't be afraid to try, we are still keeping the Traditional Service no matter what. As long as we are doing it for the glory of God, then I'm sure God will give us the right answer we seek. Because; All the time, God is good.

God's Peace to You, Tom

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

- WC Clark*
- Gina Barr*
- Bill Winn*
- Jim Vogt, III*
- Roger Rice*
- Betty Condra*
- Janet Hill*
- Gordon McCall*
- Patti Smith*

Bill Rose
Barb Fitzpatrick
Tony Wimsatt
John Smith
Prayers and sympathy go out to Arlys Johnson and family at the passing of her sister-in-law, Marilyn Thoreson, after a long battle with cancer.

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 September birthdays:

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



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



Congratulations to Kyle Thoms who recently graduated with a master's degree from Ball State University. He has moved to Chicago, and his new address is:

Kyle Thoms
850 N. State Street
Chicago, IL 60610

Thank you to the VBS for donating their collection to the Eric Hall Memorial Fund. The kindness that has been extended is greatly appreciated.

Becky & Kevin Hall

Kevin and I would like to thank all of our Faith family that donated food/drink items and their time to help make the Eric Hall Memorial Ride a great success. Everything went off without a hitch and we have all of you to thank. We made a grand total of \$8200.00 on this run and hope to make this an annual event.

Becky & Kevin Hall



OWLS - Our Faithful Flock continues to reach out helping hands (wings?) and to enjoy each other's company in a variety of activities. You should come; we know you would like us, and we do need you.!

In August, the OWLS' largest project was to help Becky and Kevin Hall with the Inaugural Eric Hall Memorial Motorcycle Ride. We had numerous donations of food from the church, and there were at least 18 Faith members who helped with registration and food. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. It was a great beginning! Next year maybe we'll know what we are doing!

We also continued to visit or contact our shut-ins. If you know of anyone who would like to be driven to and from church, please let us know, and we will do our best to provide transportation.

We are hoping to help the younger youth with projects this fall - for example, making new Chrismons for the Faith Christmas tree.

OWLS

The Faith Youth Group generously agreed to share their profits from the summer Warder Park Concert bake sales. They gave us \$200 for future projects. We will have our own account, maybe to jump-start us on a large mission. Thanks, Kids! You're the best!

Our August adventure was to the Forest Discovery Center, where our friend and fellow Faith member Dan Diekhoff showed his wonderful handiwork and told about the Discovery Center and his role there. We are fortunate to have such a talented artisan in our midst! After our visit there, we traveled a short distance to Huber's Orchard and Winery, where we enjoyed a delicious lunch and did a little shopping in the Farm Market. Several of us also enjoyed homemade ice cream there.

Now, for future activities:

On Sunday, September 7, OWLS are attending the Clarksville Little Theatre play "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." We will also enjoy lunch or dinner at Bristol Bar and Grill, on the river. More details are available in the church narthex, where a sign-up sheet will be posted or from Nancy 944-9408. We hope quite a few of us can go to this entertaining event: we can get a group rate if we have 15 or more!

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

Edwina and Art Anderegg are once again hosting the OWLS Halloween party, hopefully this time at their log cabin. Maybe we'll all dress up like pioneers and go back a century or so (for a little while!). Date and time to be announced, but the party will probably be in the afternoon of the Saturday before Halloween.

All mature adults (or all grown-ups, if you don't think of yourself as mature) are invited to any and all of our activities. If you need transportation, call one of us and we will find you a ride! We love you and would enjoy your company - and we think that you would enjoy ours, as well! God bless!

Yours,
Nancy

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

CLM NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:

canned fruit

Thanks to all who donated last month!





FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH

What makes a strong family? It is one that works together. Everyone within the family brings their own special talents. All of the individuals together make the family what it is.

The same is true with our church family. Everyone has something to offer to make our family well rounded. Nothing is too small to make our family special. It may be your ability to reach out to visitors at the church. It may be your interest in the physical well being of the property. It may be teaching or mentoring other family members. It may be just to provide moral support to others in our family. Whatever your gift is – let it shine. Use the gifts or treasures you have been given to add to our family life – whatever they may be.

As we head into fall we will be focusing on our Annual Stewardship program. We will again look at treasures we have to share and what treasure we need to fill our personal treasure chest. I am looking for those hidden diamonds out there that want to assist. Maybe you have a story to tell about what the church means to you and how it has impacted you. Maybe you have a special talent in reaching others. If you are interested in taking part in our Stewardship program, please let me know.

Now an update on where we stand. Our sharing of treasures over the past year has been wonderful. Several months ago as a council we made the determination that we would take the first 10% of all offerings given during the month and give them to benevolence. There was concern that we would not be able to meet our expenses. How would we survive? We as a congregation have found that God is taking care of us. The necessary funds are always there. He has blessed us fully.

Our overall expenses are down year to date, which is great, however what is more exciting our average giving per week for July is up by \$329. Our family has stepped forward and is supporting the family. We are being blessed and we will see our small family grow. We will touch more lives, enrich more lives and spread God's Love.

May God continue to bless you.

Molly

MUSIC & WORSHIP NEWS

BARB BREWSTER

Introducing a Contemporary Service in September and October

Faith will introduce a contemporary service September 28 and October 19, to possibly meet the worship preference of some of our congregation and as an outreach to the unchurched of our community. If implemented, this would become an additional service and will not replace our traditional worship. However, the contemporary service will be the only one on these two dates.

In the bulletin each of these two Sundays, will be a simple survey for you to give the Worship and Music committee your feedback. Please take time to give us your thoughts.

This fall, we will also introduce a new bulletin format to facilitate the use of liturgy in the ELW.



HELP WANTED – Men and women needed to aid in the enrichment of Sunday services. No experience necessary. Hours – 2 per week, one each Wednesday and Sunday.

Skills needed – A willingness to make a “joyful noise to the Lord.”

Clothing allowance – robes provided.

Benefits – Eternal!

Come and join us. Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday Sept 3, 7pm in the Choir room.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR



Confirmation class

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. This will be an orientation meeting for students AND their parents. We will introduce the new material we will be using this year. We will set up the expectations for the students, and answer questions from the group. The class will meet each Wednesday that school is in session in Greater Clark Co. If school is out for a snow day and the roads have cleared since early that morning we will have class that evening. Confirmation day will be May 31. This is not Memorial Day weekend. As of this writing the following will be enrolled in this class:

Second year students include Jack Hayes, Whitney Hayes, Caitlynne Fox, Eric Miller, and Tyler Thompson. New first year students include Isaiah Young, Cheyanne Peter, and Miranda Mumaw. We welcome any other youth who have finished the 5th grade to join us on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. These three new youth will also be joining the youth group activities. The class will be co-taught by Carol Taylor and Pastor Scott.

Vacation Bible School Report

The group decided to write our own material again for next summer. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 13th at 7:00pm. All are welcome to help with this project. Last year we had 26 adults who played one or several roles in making the 2008 VBS successful. Bring ideas for a theme, and come help us get the wheels working toward a wonderful 2009 VBS program.

Sunday Church School

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 14TH. Children in the 5th grade and younger will attend Sunday school during part of the worship service. Children who are in 6th and 7th grade, 8th-high school, and the adult class will meet from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Emma Schoen Hall. Younger children will be with Sarah Young in the nursery area.

What will happen at 9:15???

Sarah Young will have material called One Room Sunday School. She will also be showing Christian videos at this time. Parents can feel free to come to Sunday school and know that their child will have care and something constructive to do during this time period.

Carol Taylor will be teaching Old Testament history with children in the 6th and 7th grade. This class is a part of their confirmation education and attendance is required for all confirmation students. This class will supplement the Wednesday evening study of the Ten Commandments. This year we will be using new Augsburg/Fortress material in both of these classes. This class will meet in the center section of the Emma Schoen Hall.

Pastor Scott will be teaching the 8th grade and high school students. He is planning on starting the class with a discussion of events in the lives of the students. These could be current, personal, or whatever they want to bring to the table for discussion. Pastor will then relate this discussion to the scripture lessons for the week. Hopefully this will help the teens better understand what is going on in their world, and help them to relate to it from a Christian perspective. If some major topic comes up, discussion could continue on the same topic over several weeks.

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John Taylor and about 20 adults will continue the study the adult class began last spring. They are working with a discussion and video of the book What's So Amazing about Grace by John Yancy. Each chapter stands alone, so do not feel that you would be left out of the discussion if you did not attend this group last year. All are welcome and coffee is served.

What Happens at 10:30 ????

The weekly church service and communion for all the Faith Family will begin at 10:30. Children three years of age through the 5th grade will leave after the children's sermon to attend their Sunday school classes. Children will be returned to their parents as the communion part of the service begins. There will be two separate classes for these children. Children three years old, four years old, in kindergarten or first grade will meet in the pre-school area. They will be dismissed by Pastor, after the children's sermon, into the care of their teacher. Four teachers will share the responsibility for teaching this class. This class will be called Group I. By sharing the teaching no teacher has to miss the sermon more than once a month.

Group I Teachers

1st Sun. Carrie McCoy

2nd Sun. Kate Scott

3rd Sun. Nicole Parish

4th Sun. Nancy Arbuckle

Group II Teachers

1st Sun. Donna Bough

2nd Sun. Sandy Neathamer

3rd Sun. Peg Germand .

4th Sun. Sharon Fox

The Group II students are made up of children in grades 2-5. They will meet in the back part of the Emma Schoen Hall.

We will be using material from Augsburg /Fortress Press titled Seasons of the Spirit in these classes. This material will follow the lessons that they will have heard read in the church service. Pastor will have talked about this in his children's sermon. Then they will hear it at their age appropriate level and do an art project in their class while the adults hear Pastor's sermon, the choir anthem, receive the offering, and pray the Prayer of the Church. All of the children will then return to the nave for the communion service and benediction.

We want to give a big Thank-You to all who have volunteered to help with the Christian education at Faith for the coming year. May God bless your work as you help others grow in faith as they travel on their individual faith journeys...

Every one is welcome at Sunday school.

Every one is needed at Sunday school.

Come and join us each Sunday, but especially on Sunday, September 14, 21, and 28. If everyone comes and gives it a try there will be no classes with only one student. Please come and do your part to make this work.

There will be NO Sunday school Sunday Nov. 30th. Thanksgiving weekend

Classes will not be held Dec. 21 or 28 or January 4 or 11.

There will be no class March 22, Spring Break weekend.

Weekday Church School

Weekday church school will begin classes for its 26th year on September 9th. All three classes are full as of this writing. We have cleared off the pre-K waiting list since two people have moved to Georgetown and don't want to pay the gas to get to Faith. There are still two names on the first year waiting list. There will be 53 pre-schoolers in our building every Tues and Thurs. morning. THE PARENT MEETING FOR THESE LITTLE ONES IS SCHEDULED FOR Thursday evening, Sept 4th at 7:00 PM.

All staff positions are filled with the exception of an assistant for Terri Barr in art on Tuesday morning. Terri takes a great lead, but she really needs another set of hands so that the children don't have to wait so long for help. Does this sound like fun for anyone? Call Carol Taylor 228-1329 or Terri Barr 246-4056 to learn more details.

The 2008-09 Weekday Staff

Director Carol Taylor

Youngest first Year Students

Monica Hawkins

Anne Steaban

Older first year teachers

Charlotte Davis

Edie Maas

Pre- Kindergarten Teachers

Special education student helper Linda Woehrle

Music Barb Brewster and Pastor Scott

Registration and Treasurer John Taylor

Secretary Barb Brewster

Academics Carol Taylor and Barb Brewster

Art Terri Barr and ????? Tues. Edith Woodward and Demarris Scott Thursday

Recreation John Taylor and Al Thompson

Skills Kate Scott and Anne Steaban

This is an all volunteer staff!! We thank each and every one of you for making it possible for these children to hear about the love God has for each and every one of them. Some of them are from active church families, but some have never heard about Jesus and his plans for their lives. Thank you for your time and talents to make it possible for these little ones to learn about their friend Jesus.

Weekday will be closed October 7 and 9—Fall Break

November 4 Election Day November 27 Thanksgiving Day

December 23-January 1 Christmas Break

February 10-12 Winter Break

March 24-26 Spring Break

The last day of school will be the farm trip on May 14,2009

YOUTH NEWS

The youth and their parents met on Aug. 17 and made plans for the school year 2008-2009. Our meeting date has been set for after church on the first Sunday of every month. Following this plan the youth will meet after church on Sunday, September 7. During this meeting youth will sign up to acolyte and crucifer for both the months of September and October. This way the next month will be scheduled before newsletter deadlines. This meeting will also be the time we elect new officers for this coming year. We will choose a President, Vice president, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, a Secretary, and a representative to church council. Money and registration has to be turned in at this meeting for New Orleans. Those going to New Orleans need to choose the service project they will work on while there. After the meeting we plan to go to Kart Kountry in Mt Washington for fun and fellowship. Be sure and sign up on "the door" by Sunday, Aug. 31, so we can know if we can get group rates at Kart Kountry.

Four youth, Whitney Hayes, Kristina Peter, Stephen Fox, and Tara Miller, have said they plan to go to the National Lutheran Youth convention in New Orleans next summer. Faith will send Eric and Lisa Peter as their chaperones. The \$125 non-refundable deposit is due on September 7th along with their registration form. It will cost around \$850.00 per youth for this trip. We have been earning and saving money and receiving matching funds from Thrivent for the past three years to cover these expenses. The youth treasury should be able to cover all but the deposit for all four youth and advisors. This includes travel by

a Toby Tours bus, meals on the trip, hotel costs, and the registration fee to help pay for the Superdome, speakers and bands, police and medical personal, as well as general convention expenses. All of the churches in the South Central conference are planning to register, travel on the same bus, and stay in the same hotel. The youth from all of the churches will be registered as one group. This will help us to get to know the other Lutheran youth in the area, help us by being able to share chaperones, and build friendships outside of our own church walls. The entire group of 55 youth plus or minus a few, will get together for pre-trip Bible study, discussion of a behavior code and the making of a covenant to follow the agreed upon rules. There will be a meeting on the average of once a month at the various churches in our conference.

The conference Peer Ministry study program for youth 8th grade and older will be starting up again in late September. Last year Whitney Hayes and Carol Taylor were involved in this training group. This year they will be joined by Tara Miller, Kristina Peter, and Steven Fox. This group meets at various churches in our conference, and is following a sixteen session plan of study to enable the youth to meet and converse with new people, offer a helping, understanding ear, learning how to assimilate new youth into a group, and knowing who and how to contact for help from outside resources if necessary. Those youth returning from last year will continue their program, and there will be a new first year program for those just starting the training. This is being taught by the area Pastors and the youth directors at the Lutheran churches in this South Central district.

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. This will be the fall retreat at the home of Donna Baugh. Please plan to join us!

SonShine Circle Bible study's next scheduled meeting is September 9th at 10 am at church.

Wheadon Friendship Circle September Bible study date and location TBA.

LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

Here is a listing of some of our most recent additions, thanks to the Irene Clive Memorial Fund:

Picture Books

100 Bible Heroes: 100 Bible Songs, by Stephen Elkins

When the Word Was New, by L.J. Sattgast

Leo the Lightning Bug, by Eric Drachman

Do Animals Have Feelings Too?, by David Rice

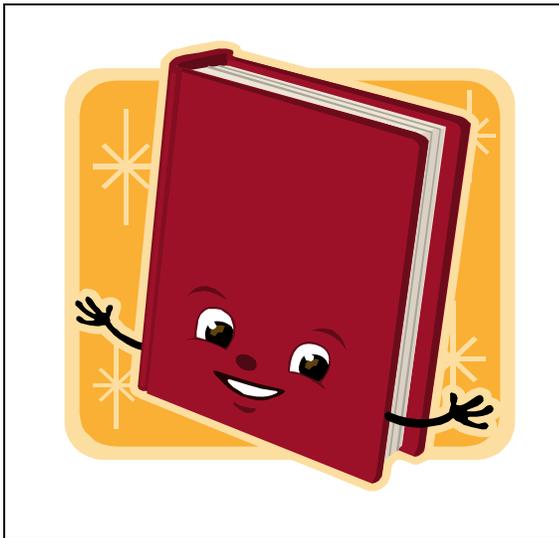
Pass the Fritters, Critters, by Cheryl Chapman

Mamma, Do You Love Me?, by Barbara Jooose

Bear Snores On, by Karma Wilson

I Lost my Kisses, by Trudie Trewin

My First Shapes Book, by Leapfrog Enterprises, Inc.



Beginning Readers

Sleeping Beauty by Sara Baker

The Lion and the Mouse, by Gail Herman

We Love You, Little Critter!, by Mercer Mayer

Cinderella's Countdown to the Ball, by Heidi Kilgras

Mouse Makes Words: a Phonics Reader, by Kathryn Heling

May I Please Have a Cookie?, by J.E. Morris

Friends for a Princess, by Melissa Lagonegro

It's Not Easy Being Big!, by Stephanie St. Pierre

Amelia Bedelia, by Peggy Parish

Juvenile Books

The Value Series: 13 individual biographies that exemplify desirable personal qualities such as kindness, courage, honesty, fairness, respect and love.

Adult Non-Fiction Books

Where to Find it in the Bible, by Ken Anderson

The Seven Storey Mountain. 50th Anniversary Edition., by Thomas Merton

Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith, by Anne Lamott

The Good Life: Seeking Purpose, Meaning, and Truth in Your Life, by Charles Colson

The 36-Hour Day: a Family Guide to Caring for People with Alzheimer's Disease, Other Dementias, and Memory Loss in Later Life, by Nancy Mace

Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential, by Joel Osteen

The DNA of Relationships, by Gary Smalley

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.





NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER

2008



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

USHERS:

ALTAR GUILD: VIVIAN SMITH

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>
7	V. RIFE	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	HAYES	K. SCOTT	B. HOLMAN
14	T. HAYES	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	PETER	D. SMITH	B.HOLMAN
21	C. TAYLOR	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	K. SCOTT	McCOYS	C. LANDIS
28	K. SCOTT	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	BARR		C. LANDIS