



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

NOVEMBER, 2010

From the Pastor

My question last month was "What marks a disciple of Jesus Christ?" And I wrote that the ELCA came up with seven marks of a disciple. Last month, I wrote about prayer. This month's mark is study.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to study. Here in our Faith family, we have a number of people who have been involved in education. Some are actively teaching and some have retired. They understand the importance of study. They have staked their livelihoods on helping us understand the world we live in and the people with whom we relate.

We study everything in order to know the world God created for us to live in. We study the people that live in the world with us. We study the sun and moon and stars, the rain and the winds, the plants and animals of God's creation in order to get a picture in our minds of who God is and how God wants us to live in harmony with God's creation. We study the people who live with us, the people that we came from i.e. the history of human beings, in order that we might learn about our relationship with and to one another. We study law so that we might govern ourselves, medicine that we might find health and wholeness, economics so that we might provide for our basic needs. As followers, as students, as disciples, we are constantly studying ourselves, those around us, and the world in order to understand better the God who created it all.

A lot of what we study is found in books. As disciples of Jesus Christ, God has given us a special book for our study. Lutherans have often been called "the people of the Book." In the ELCA, we confess that the Bible is the rule and norm of our faith. That means that the Bible is the final authority of our faith, not the pastor or the Sunday School teacher or the bishop. Through the study of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit reveals to our minds the God who created us and this world, the God who loves us so much that God sent Jesus into the world so that we might know of God's great love for us, and the Spirit who guides and sustains us our whole life long. In those 66 books, God becomes real for us. We learn of the history of God's relationship with us; his special relationship with the children of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob; the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the beginning of the community of faith that was formed from the followers of Jesus. We learn the songs of faith in the Psalms, the songs of Mary and Zechariah and Miriam. Holy Scripture is the keystone of our study and the foundation of our understanding of God.

There are lots of ways to study the Scripture. Open to a book of the Bible and read it to yourself. Then read it aloud. Make notes of the words and phrases you don't understand and then seek out a fellow disciple and discover their meaning. Get involved in a group study where there is an exchange of ideas among those participating. Read a good Bible commentary. Listen carefully to the sermon during worship. Ask your question online... there is a wealth of good resources on the Internet (it's not all evil). Studying the word of God takes discipline; it takes a commitment of time and energy. That is why it is a mark of a disciple. Make some time in your life to study the word of God, so that your relationship with God will be strengthened and your understanding of God's will for your life will be made clear.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Scott

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special care for:

Illness

- *Naomi Crawford, cancer
- *Trish Ferrill, cancer
- *Dava Haire, cancer
- *Lu Wright, cancer
- *Layne Short, cancer
- *Melanie Sherrad, cancer
- *Mildred Shroeder, brain aneurysm
- *Gina Robinson, breast cancer
- *Owen Clive, treatment for leukemia
- *Jim Swetnam, cancer
- *Shelly Marble, inoperable brain tumor
- *Patti Boesche, blood disorder
- *Doug Mattingly, in rehab after a serious injury
- *Ken Steward, recovering at home
- *Mark Anderson, recovering from bone marrow transplant
- *Benjamin Mitchell, recovering from surgery
- *Betty Roethe, hospitalized for tests
- *Edwina Andregg, So. IN Rehab



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in November

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| Kris & Roy Searcy | 11/7 |
| Art & Edwina Andregg | 11/19 |
| Chuck & Beth Landis | 11/19 |
| Janet & Matt Kulaga | 11/24 |
| Edie & Don Maas | 11/28 |

Shut-in:

- Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
- *Betty McLaughlin, at home
- *Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
- *Billie Williams, Autumn Woods
- *Bertha Blanchard, at home
- *Isabell Steaban, at home
- *Sally Meyer- recovering from a stroke
- *Catherine Pittman, recovering at home from a fall

Service agencies/programs/special needs:

- *CLM
- *Eric Hall Foundation
- *Service men and women stationed at home and abroad
- *Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment
- *Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home.

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: Virginia Klemens (288-8809), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)

God's blessings to these November birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Daniel Maas | 11/1 |
| Cathy Holman | 11/5 |
| Piper Jaeger | 11/10 |
| Nancy Falkenstein | 11/15 |
| Kevin Hall | 11/16 |
| Fammie Peter | 11/16 |
| Chuck Landis | 11/18 |
| Edie Maas | 11/27 |
| Natalie Lane | 11/28 |
| Julie Rayborn | 11/30 |
| Jim Vogt | 11/30 |





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Annual Youth Turkey & All the Trimmings Dinner

Friday, November 5—6:00 pm

Early Bird Tickets—Adults \$8

5th Grade and Under Children \$4

At the Door: Adults \$10.00 or 2 for \$18.00



Men's Club

The newly formed Men's Club would like to volunteer to help any of our members who might have "light" outside or inside fall cleanup activities needing to be done!! Contact Fred Czerwonka, Scott Rife or Lyle Gernand.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER**LYLE GERNAND**

God's Blessings to all this Thanksgiving month—

I sit down to write this article the morning after a most pleasant evening spent at Faith's "Fall Festival." Thirty-eight of us came and went during the course of this wonderful event. We enjoyed great food, a great fire, a great movie and a great trail through the woods lit by glow sticks. We also had an evening (Vesper) service written by Pastor Scott and led by Pastor Dan. Thanks to everyone that made this event possible and rest assured that it will be done again.

I would like to remind everyone about our Stewardship program this year. November 7 has been designated as "Appreciation Sunday. We would invite everyone to bring a dish to share and the Council will provide the meat. After the meal, pledge cards and a Time and Talent Survey will be handed out. We will have a few people speaking about the use of their time and talents and also about their personal stewardship and what it means to them. We will then ask that the pledge cards and surveys be filled out and handed in. The Council will use the pledge cards as a basis for setting next year's budget. They will use the survey to match people with activities that fit their interests. Both of these functions are very important to the life of Faith Lutheran Church. Please try to attend this important event if at all possible. If you know that you will not be able to be in church on November 7, there will be pledge cards and surveys available in the Narthex to be filled out and put into a locked box. Thank you all in advance for your prayerful consideration in dealing with these two items.

Let us all use this month to be especially thankful for all that God has given us as individuals, as a church, as a community and as a Nation.

Together in His Service,

Lyle

FINANCE**ERIC PETER**

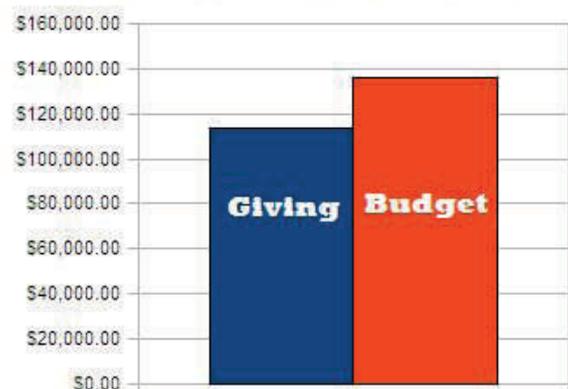
Hello once again from the Finance Secretary!

Fall is definitely here, and as the leaves change and we look forward to the new year it is time to reflect and consider what we each have to offer.

If you have not received your financial statement for the third quarter, be sure to look for it in your mailbox in the narthex. (Thanks, Patti!)

The finance committee met on October 25th to go over the proposed budget for 2011, and we will be working to have the new budget ready before the annual meeting.

I would like to wish everyone a fun and colorful Fall, and I pray that you all have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

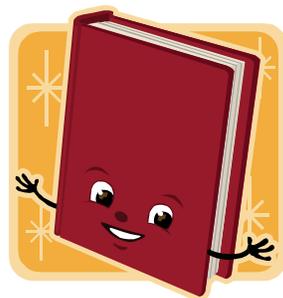
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LIBRARY NEWS**NANCY THOMPSON****LIBRARY NEWS**

November, 2010

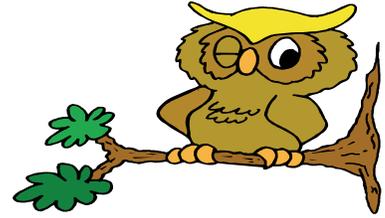
While rummaging through a closet at home recently, I came across one of those projects started with good intentions that was never finished. This project was to be a Clive family history album. Included in the collection of artifacts, were several sets of original artwork done by my paternal grandfather during the 1970's. Wherever my grandparents lived, whether it was in Niagara Falls, St. Matthews, or Florida, you could count on them being active members of a nearby Lutheran church. Grandma sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, gave talks at the women's meetings, and Grandpa joined her when he could. After retiring Grandpa took up calligraphy, and consequently, donated a set of Lutheran symbols to their congregation. Inside my closet, were originals just like those that may still be hanging in a church in St. Matthews. Treasures such as these shouldn't be hidden in a dark, seldom visited closet.

By November 1st on All Saints Day, seven framed designs of Lutheran symbols should line the walls of Faith Lutheran. They are dedicated in memory of family members who taught me and those who knew them, by the lives they led. My father and I find it most fitting that some of my mother's memorial funds should be used to make this happen. So take a stroll down the hall past the kitchen and see what I'm talking about. And while you're there, take a few more steps past "heaven" into the library, and see what's new there, too!



OWLS**NANCY FALKENSTEIN****OWLS Have Had a Quiet Fall!**

There has not been much activity in the OWLS camp this fall, except for our October 25 outing.



We had planned our 4th?5th? annual Halloween party at the Andereggs, but our dear Edwina has had some health problems. Fortunately, she seems to be on the mend, but we decided to change our plans this year and combine November's activity with our October get-together. So on Monday, October 25, we gathered some of our shut-ins and other OWLS we see infrequently because of health problems and treated them to dinner at the Overlook at Leavenworth. It was a nice fall drive, good food, and great company. Quite a number of us were present.

With the money we earned selling baked goods at the Warder Park concerts this fall, we paid for our guests' dinners and are donating hams for CLM baskets this fall. Also, we will continue to try to help the women of Bliss House.

On December 18, the OWLS will gather for a Christmas social at the home of Nancy and Jim Vogt. Mark it on your calendar. More details later!

Jim and I leave early this month for Florida. We will miss all of our church friends and our wonderful church very much. We would love to have visitors. Our phone number in Florida is (727)394-2019. Give us a call if you get to St. Petersburg. We would welcome you with open arms.! Till spring, then,

God Bless and Keep All of You,

Yours, Nancy

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee has had another busy month! Some of the projects that have kept this group busy include:

Taking out the old doors entering the Emma Schoen Hall

Putting in a new wall, including space for new doors and a window

For the opening into Emma Schoen Hall

This group always welcomes time and help from anyone who is interested in completing our "honey do" list.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**CAROL TAYLOR****Sunday School**

The Children's Sunday school class, that is held during the worship service, is buzzing with activity. Our teachers are Sandy Neathamer, Beth Haire, and Whitney Hayes with Kristina Peter as her helper, and Megan Holman. We have had as many as 7 children on a Sunday and as few as 1, but no Sundays without any children. Several of the families involved have children in their homes every other weekend because of visitation arrangements. This makes it hard to get any consistency, but the children come back into church excited and eager to show their parents what they have been doing during the sermon, anthem, and prayers of the church. These young women are working hard to present a fun and educational program using Augsburg Fortress material as their basic guide. We give a big thanks to all five of you and keep up the great enthusiasm.

The adult class is working on Book Eight of the "No Experience Necessary" series. It is a study of Paul's letters in the New Testament. There are ten to fifteen adults adding to the discussion under the leadership of Lyle Gernand. The first part of the class is a "What's new in your world?" sharing time. This is a wonderful place to get to know your fellow church members as friends and not just a face in a pew. There is always room around the table for several more friends to enjoy a cup of coffee and contribute to the discussion.

The teens with Kathy and Tom Hayes are enjoying their new space in the back of the Emma Schoen Hall. They have been playing Bible games and learning while having fun. The teens are free to bring up subjects they wish to discuss and Tom and Kathy also have topics ready for discussion each week. Most weeks you will find around 5 teens gathered at 9:15. They also would love to have a few more of you come join in their discussions.

One Sunday they went down to the new outside worship center in the woods between the church and the firehouse. Several of the men in our congregation began this chapel space before VBS and it has become a favorite spot for many people. There are benches there and it makes a wonderful place to sit quietly to listen to and observe God's world. If you have not yet found this wonderful spot, follow the trail near the far right side of the building. It is not that far and well worth the walk. Try it as a quiet spot when you want some thinking time, or just time to enjoy God's beautiful world this fall.

The confirmation class also meets at 9:15 on Sunday morning for their study of the Old Testament. So far they have discussed the creation story, Abraham and Sarah and their travels to the promised land. Then they followed the story of Jacob and his sons. They will follow them into Egypt and their eventual freedom. These youth also meet each Wednesday evening for their confirmation study of the Ten Commandments.

There are provisions for children of all ages at 9:15 every Sunday morning so please come join a group of friends.

Weekday Church School

The classes are all looking at God's Plans for Fall. They have made pictures with leaves, fall mobiles, and the yearly batch of apple sauce. The Pre-K's will go to Krogers to learn about all of the many foods God has given us to eat. We will tour behind the store to see the big truck that brings the food and returns to the warehouse for recycling all of the cardboard boxes the food was packed in for shipping. The little ones will begin their study of the family unit. The "BIG" kids will peel, slice, and dice vegetables to make a giant pot of vegetable soup to share with their families. November will come to a close as we learn songs, make place mats, and tell God Thank- You God for food so good and help us do the things we should. The older ones will hear the story of the first Thanksgiving and help make a picture telling God Thank you for His gifts to them.

Vacation Bible School

The writers for VBS 2011 met for their first meeting on October 4th. It was an exciting thought provoking, challenging, evening of working together and sharing ideas. One person would get an idea and the rest of us feed it and watch it grow. Pastor Scott stayed ahead of us feeding us relevant Bible passages for the core of each days study. This group works well together and brings out the best in each of our abilities. The dates for next summers VBS will be June 27, 28, 29, 30. We have gone to a four day plan for next summer because our attendance dropped by one third on Friday after the program that is held on Thursday night. Because of this we have decided to teach just Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The program will be on Thursday evening. We will again offer the option for the older children to spend the night at the church and have breakfast together on Friday morning. The camp-out will depend on how many children choose to do this. The end weekend is also the Fourth of July weekend and many people will be leaving town early that weekend.

The theme for next summer is GLOBAL GOD. Our course outlines are written and the Bible stories picked. We will study several areas in the world that worship in ways different from ours, but still the same God. The older children will also look at other religions and "gods." The children will also look at the fact that we are all Gods Children, brothers and sisters of the same Father, therefore, we are responsible for helping each other. Because God wants us to help one another, our service project will be helping people get drinkable water. We also hope to have a missionary come and speak to the children about their work of telling others about God. The writers for 2011 are, Nancy Falkenstein writing material for those entering 5th and 6th, Virginia Klemens writing for those entering third and fourth grade, Cindy Holly and Arlys Johnson writing entering for first and second grade, and Carol Taylor and Monica Hawkins writing for the little ones entering the pre school three's class through those entering kindergarten. Our next meeting has not been set, but it will be in early March, perhaps March 7th. Our plan is to have each grade level outlined before this meeting. This will be the 5th year this team has written material.

Christian Education for You

On Sunday, September 26th Pastor Scott called a Worship Assistant training meeting. He explained some new things he wants the assistants to do in the service. If we are wearing a robe, choir or white, he explained that we should lead the prayer for the church from behind the altar. If we are wearing street clothes we are to lead the prayer in the aisle on the main floor of the nave. The reason for this change is as follows.

During the last third of the 20th century the church pulled the altar from against the front wall of the church to a free standing position to enable the Pastor and worship leaders to still be able to face the altar when leading the service but also not have their back to the people. The altar is the center of our worship and Pastor faces it when talking to God. By moving the altar to this new position, Pastor can also face the altar for worship and face the congregation so that he is able to be heard and not have his/her back to the congregation. Pastor Scott has asked the robed worship assistants to also go behind the altar to read the prayer of the church for this same reason. If the assistant is in street clothes they should come down to the floor and be a part of the congregation as they read the prayer.

This little bit of information is offered so you will understand the reason for the change.

MEN'S CLUB**SCOTT RIFE**

On Sunday October 14th several men of Faith met for the second organizational meeting of the newly formed Men's Club. During this meeting several topics were discussed including

Participating in Service projects: around the community, at Lutheran Hills, at Faith, and especially reaching out to those in need from Faith.

Quarterly Brunches: providing "free will" brunches, lunches, and meals with donations going toward a predetermined cause.

Speakers Forum: host meetings with guest speakers who could provide insight into spiritual, financial, and self help topics.

Men's Bible Study:

Hosting Outside Entertainment: including possible concerts from local bands or choral groups.

Fun Activities: Including golf, fishing, game night, corn hole tournaments, etc.

No new date was set for the clubs next meeting.

YOUTH NEWS**KRISTINA PETER -**

The votes are in! The new youth officers are:

President: Kristina Peter

Vice President: Jack Hayes

Treasurer: Miranda Mumaw

Asst. Treasurer: Cheyanne Peter

Secretary: Davis Jancosek

Thank you to all those who served last year.

Last month, October, we had a full schedule. We had our youth meeting and did elections, as seen above. Following our meeting, we went to Kart Kountry and had a great time. Cheyanne signed up to go to Quake in January with a few others from SCC. On Friday, October 22, some of the youth came to the cook-out and had s'mores, hot dogs, chili, cookies, and watched "Up!". The youth went to Montgomery Farms the next day with SCC and had a good time, but I heard from some people that the lack of mud was a disappointment (Cheyanne wasn't deemed 'stuck in the mud' this year). On the 29th the youth held the Halloween Party for the little kids. Following the little kids party, the youth also had their lock in.

This month, November, we have another full schedule. The turkey dinner tickets are on sale. This year we are having an early bird special. If you buy your tickets before the dinner they cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. If you're buying them at the door the cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 or 2 adult tickets for \$18. The dinner will be held on the 5th and the youth need to be here at church right after school until all the dishes are done. The 12th through the 14th some of the younger youth will be at Lutheran Hills for Trailblazer weekend. On the 14th we will be having our youth meeting. On the 28th the money for Zone, the senior high version of Quake, is due.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRY**SUE NEATHAMER**

Center for Lay Ministries**Christmas Basket Project**

This year Faith will be sponsoring five families that interviewed at the Center for a Christmas Basket. The children from these families will make up our Angel Tree.

We will be collecting food for these families the month of November. Anyone wanting to donate staples (canned goods, macaroni & cheese, etc.) please drop them off in the CLM box under the mailboxes. Anyone wanting to make a donation of money is encouraged to do so. Please give monetary gifts for this project to Virginia or Sue. The money will be used to purchase fresh items for the food baskets. We are hoping the Owls will donate or help in purchasing hams. Our families will be called in December to arrange for delivery of their baskets and gifts.

Bliss House

Two women completed the Bliss House program and graduated in October, 2010.

Both decided to take advantage of our Bliss Too House and will be residing there as they continue to grow stronger in sobriety skills and in the development of their family relationships.

VISITATION TEAM**VIRGINIA KLEMENS**

The Visitation Team is reminded to follow-up on letters written to perspective members. Brochures to deliver at home visits have been prepared by Patti Smith - thanks, Patti!

Also be reminded to call lapsed members and in-active members. Invite them to come and see the sanctuary re-modeling and worship with us in this season of thanksgiving.

The committee will be meeting on November 16th at 7:00 p.m. at church to follow up on these commitments.

Remember to call and visit shut-ins and anyone you have missed in church during the past few weeks. It's nice to know someone is thinking of you!

Contact Virginia Klemens (288-8809) if you have questions or suggestions for the Visitation Team.

APPRECIATION SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 7, 2011

What is Stewardship?

Most of us think of Stewardship as that time when we pledge our offerings to the annual budget. This is a part of stewardship, but only a small part. Stewardship takes on many forms in the Church. God has given many gifts to us and has entrusted those gifts to our use and our care. The greatest gift is our stewardship over God's creation, to care for the Earth. We help do this when we reduce our waste, when we recycle our used goods, when we reuse items that may have been thrown away. We also have been given the gift of time and our stewardship of that time means giving back to God a part of our time. We do this through worship, through our work around the building to maintain it, serving the congregation on ministry teams and Council, coming to church events, visiting the sick, singing in the choir, and many other uses of our very valuable time. We also have been given talents by God that can be given back to the glory of God. Reading publically, sewing, singing, editing the newsletter, teaching, hosting events, and many other talents have been entrusted by God for us to use for God's glory. We are called through our baptism to be stewards of the gifts God has given us. A percentage of your time, your talents and your income are returned to God's work in thanksgiving for these many gifts that God has given to you. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Scott.

There will be a "Pitch-In" dinner following worship on Sunday, November 7, 2010. Please bring a dish to share—meat will be provided by the Church Council. A short presentation will be made and pledge cards for 2011 completed.



ARLYS JOHNSON

The two circles of WELCA met at the church on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in October. Both groups are enjoying the study and fellowship that is offered and would love for the women of our church to give this opportunity a try. We will be meeting again in November on the second Tuesday evening at 7:00 and the second Wednesday morning at 10:00. We are also looking forward to our annual Christmas Cookie Swap that will be held on Saturday, December the 4th. We ask the women to bring two dozen or so cookies to share with our homebound members. We will need to have a business meeting at this time as we have funds in our treasury that we need to put to good use. After the business meeting we will have our brunch so please bring one item to share for this meal.

We will be the hosts for the annual women's synod meeting. There will be a bible study, an opportunity to meet other women in our synod and a lunch served by the women of our own Faith church. This event will take place next Spring and I will give you the date as soon as it is available. We also have some women in our evening group that would like to have a ladies luncheon here at the church. This too is in the planning stage so please look for news of this event in upcoming newsletter articles. We also have a bulletin board space on the wall outside of the ladies restroom and we will put info on this board about items that are of interest to the women of our church. Please check it and our meetings out as you may find something that is of interest.

God Bless, Arlys

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER

2010



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

USHERS: DENNIS JOHNSON, ED AND FANNIE PETER

ALTAR GUILD: BETH WRIGHT

AUDIO: JIM HEGENBARTH

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: LYLE GERNAND

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Nov. 7	Bill Holman	Reagan Zimmerman	Jake Zimmerman	Appreciation Dinner	Tom & Kathy Hayes
Nov. 14	Carol Taylor	Reagan Zimmerman	Jake Zimmerman	McCoys	Matt & Carrie McCoy
Nov. 21	Virginia Klemens	Davis Jancosek	Katie Rife	Peter	Chuck & Beth Landis
Nov. 28	Robert Parish	Davis Jancosek	Miranda Mumaw	Gernand	Don & Vivian Smith
<u>Thanks to all who volunteer to help make worship at Faith Lutheran more meaningful!!!!</u>					