



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

FEBRUARY, 2011

From the Pastor

The fifth mark of a disciple is encouraging. As followers of Christ, we are to encourage one another as we share this life together. Remember when your mother advised you as a youngster, "If you can't say anything nice....don't say anything at all." That is a small part of encouraging one another. As followers of Christ, we try to be sensitive to the egos that surround us so as not to be demeaning or denigrating in our words about one another. Sometimes it is better to say nothing than to speak negatively about another person or their ideas. Even better, the follower of Christ is to encourage another person even though you might think their ideas are less than ideal.

In Confirmation class, we are studying the Prodigal Son story in connection with the 4th Commandment. (if you don't know which is the fourth...ask a confirmand.) One of the subtle nuances in this story is that as Christians, we are given the freedom to make mistakes and to ask for forgiveness. Disciples encourage one another to take risks for the sake of the gospel, to sin boldly for the sake of sharing Christ's story with the world, to support the efforts of those whose ideas we find unappealing and forgive them when they fail in such a way that they are encouraged to try, try again.

Disciples encourage others with both words and with actions. This is the hard part of living out this mark of discipleship. Encouragement means to support those events and activities that are a part of our faith community, even when we are not interested or do not feel it would benefit us personally, think it is a bad idea or think we are not wanted there. Support can come in many forms. You can physically show up for congregational events. You can pray for the efforts of others when you cannot be there. You can give financial support to the efforts of others. You can say an encouraging word to someone who has a thankless task to do but does that work out of a sense of God's call in their life. Words of encouragement go a long way with the acolyte who is nervous about their duties, to a choir member who questions their ability to sing, to a worship assistant who is fearful of saying or doing the wrong thing, to a Sunday School teacher who is less than confident about their abilities with teaching children, to a team leader or Council member who is questioning their gifts of leadership, to an older person and their caregivers who are facing end of life issues, to a child just beginning to understand the importance of faith in their life.

Disciples live in a community where forgiveness is the norm and encouragement is shared. Practice encouraging each other this Sunday and every day.

Your fellow disciple 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
- *Melanie Sherrad, cancer
- *Gina Robinson, in remission
- *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, at home
- *Mark Anderson, recurring cancer
- *Edwina Andregg, Hillcrest
- *Lori Sorenson, shoulder surgery
- *Gina Barr, in remission
- *Don Heuton, pacemaker implant
- *Sharon Rayborn, pancreatic cancer
- *Theresa Sizen, testing
- *Peggy Sue Bachor, breast cancer
- *Marijean, breast cancer
- *Roseanne Bachor, cancer
- *Family of Sharon Meneou, her mother is battling pancreatic cancer
- *Voyles Family, Mervie & Micki Kosolt-Terri Barr's brother-in-laws who were killed in car accident
- *Dorothy Sheckles, Sellersburg Rehab



Shut-in:

- Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
- *Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
- *Bertha Blanchard, at home
- *Isabell Steaban, at home
- *Sally Meyer- recovering from a stroke
- *Catherine Pittman, at home

Service agencies/programs/special needs:

- *Adam Smith, personal issues
- *Amy Robinson, personal issues
- *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)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in February

- Lyle & Peg Gernand 2/7
- Eric & Lisa Peter 2/13
- Dick & Virginia Klemens 2/15
- Ed & Fammie Peter 2/28

God's blessings to these February birthdays

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| Virginia Klemens 2/1 | Norma Boehme 2/20 |
| Max Zimmerman 2/1 | Sandra Neathamer 2/14 |
| Barb Fitzpatrick 2/2 | Will Czerwonka 2/21 |
| Barb Brewster 2/5 | Sammy McCoy 2/21 |
| Blake Finchum 2/5 | |
| Mike Baugh 2/8 | Josh Emily 2/24 |
| Jim Hegenbarth 2/14 | Art Andregg 2/25 |
| Sue Neathamer 2/14 | Kathy Hayes 2/27 |
| Crista Hodge 2/16 | Terry Schoen 2/28 |
| John Taylor 2/19 | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NEWS & NOTES



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SOUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 6—5:00 pm

Bring a snack to share

Games, fellowship and Big Screen TV

Bring a can of soup and \$1 to

Worship on Sunday, Feb. 6—help our Youth

Win the contest with the South Central

Conference

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 need-

PRESIDENT'S LETTER**LYLE GERNAND**

Greetings!

It seems as though all I have been doing lately is writing articles. I have put this one off until the last minute and the editor is really getting on my case—so here goes!

One good thing about delaying the writing of this article is that I can now talk about the Annual Congregational Meeting. Thank you so much to all who attended. The food was great as usual and the fellowship was even better. The meeting went smoothly, except for me forgetting a few things and many hands made light the work of cleaning up afterwards.

Part of the business of the day was to elect four new council members. I am very excited to announce that those four are: Nancy Arbuckle, Arlys Johnson, Sandy Neathamer and Ed Peter. Thank you all for accepting the responsibility of serving on our Church Council. I would also like to thank the departing members for their service and commitment. They are, Stephanie Andrews, Matt McCoy and Eric Peter. Thanks again.

The new Council also elected officers for 2011 during the meeting. I am the president, Kate Scott is vice president, Ed Peter is financial secretary and Sandy Neathamer is the secretary. Another thank you to them for accepting those positions.

Rounding out the Council are Barb Brewster, Jim Hegenbarth and Veronica Rife. How exciting to contemplate working with this great group for the next year. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention our very competent treasurer, Bill Holman and our Spiritual leader, Pastor Scott. I am truly looking forward to serving with these folks for the coming year. Please keep your Council in your prayers throughout the next year.

With that, I will close for this month, but next month a certain editor will again be after me to take pen in hand earlier so I am not the last to submit an article. Until then, may God be with you all.

Lyle

FINANCE**ERIC PETER**

Dear Faith family,

It has been my honor to serve on the council for the past two years and as the finance secretary for 2010. It continually amazes me to see what we can accomplish as a community together. 2010 was a year of financial struggle for many members of our Faith Family, but with God's help, we always seemed to get that little bit extra just when it was needed most.

Despite these struggles, our congregation always seems willing to help out when there is some special need or group that needs support, and I am proud to be a part of such a loving and caring Church Family.

I wish each and every one of you the very best in the coming year.

In His Service

Eric Peter

Summary of Contributions for the Period of

Jan. 1, 2011 thru Jan. 23, 2011

Jan 2011 Giving

01/02/11 \$9,391.50

01/09/11 \$5,514.50

01/16/11 \$8,539.86

01/23/11 \$2,761.50

For a total of \$26,207.36 or \$6,551.84 per week

We need to average \$3,588.29 per week to meet our Budgeted Expenses

GREETINGS FROM ISRAEL**ANDREA VOGLER**

Dear Faith Lutheran Family,

Shalom and Salam to you all! Hoping all is well with each of you and your families. I hold each of you close to my heart, remembering you in my prayers.

It has been exactly three months since my arrival here to The Holy Land. For nearly four years I read, studied, and learned so much about this Land, the cultures, religions, the “conflict,” geography and *everything* I could find to learn, in order that I might be knowledgeably ‘covered’ or somewhat prepared, before my arrival. Since I’ve touched ground in Israel, there have been far more lessons learned by simply sitting and listening to the people versus assuming my studies alone to be facts. What I have learned is the most important of lessons; Love is Love and Hatred is Hatred, no matter our education or point of view. I realize people are just trying to have their families, pursue a career and live in peace. This “dream” is heard out on both sides of the wall.

Although I am unable to speak in full detail on the exacts of what we do here, our ministering is to all; the fatherless, the widows, the foreigners, the hopeless and the everyday “Joe.” This land has ‘leaders’ who do not want us here at this time. Most of them want ALL of The West Bank to be Muslim as they are slowly forcing Gaza to be. I know they will not be successful at this, as there are many Arab Christian families living in both areas as they have been for centuries. I just love and pray for them anyway. I and the team ARE NOT here to convert ANYONE. We do not evangelize. We do not go around passing out Bibles to all of the people. We are here to be available to those who are in need. We are DRIVEN by God’s Spirit, the Holy Spirit, to show each individual The Love Christ Has Shown each of us in our lives. Sometimes this means volunteering at the local school for Christian children, providing dental care assistance for a refugee, taking food and prayer to the needy, or walking and talking for hours with one who feels unheard. May God Guide us all today, as we Serve Him.

I am here because God placed a calling in my life to prepare and then come here in Faith. He has provided the Ministry and my Faith Lutheran Family who are led to support me in this Mission. To those of you who have supported me in financial giving, you have my sincere thanks. Giving of their own personal finances to help make the time God has sent for me here as a time of dedication to the cause completely – thank you. Thank you for your seed offering. For your sacrificial giving, you will always be remembered. Thank you to all of you who have contacted me or my dad inquiring on my well-being. To the prayerful, Thank You! THIS is what is vital for the survival of the ministries here.

May God bless EACH of you and your families. I love you all dearly. You are my family. You are in our prayers here in this Land and abroad. I shall place my contact information below for all those wishing to say “Hello” and who would like to donate. Thank you so much.

Here is a beautiful and inspiring Word I would like to share with you:

Romans 12:3 – 8 reads “For the grace given me I say to everyone one of you: Do not think of ourselves more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance of the measure of Faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the Grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his Faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

This Word is encouraging to me. Hoping it is a blessing to you! Thank you to you all. May God Bless you! With Love in Christ Andrea—**More info to contact Andrea found on Page 6**

OWLS**VIRGINIA KLEMENS****VISITATION TEAM**

The Visitation Team met at Faith on January 13th. Thanks to Pastor and Laura Meier, Lyle Germand, Dan Diekhoff, Carol and John Taylor and Virginia Klemens for their participation.

Carol Taylor introduced training for Meeting and Greeting visitors to our congregation. She will continue with the introduction of this program at our March meeting. At that time, the committee will decide how to implement the program at Faith.

Also in March, we will receive feedback from Pastor, Lyle, Carol and Jim Hegenbarth on workshops they attended in Seymour last fall.

Discussion about the Guest Register and pew registers as a means of contacting visitors, as well as a visitor packet to give to visitors, will continue at our March meeting.

The next meeting of the Visitation Team will be on March 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at church. Members of the council and congregation who are available to support the work of the Visitation Team are encouraged to attend.

Please contact Virginia Klemens with ideas, questions or concerns. (288-8809/
VKlem@insightbb.com)

Service Men and Women

During this Holiday Season—please remember our service men and women who serve to help keep all of us safe. If anyone has addresses of friends or relatives you would like to receive cards over the holidays—just let us know and we will publish their addresses:
Adam Smith

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Cont. from Page 5—Contact Info for Andrea Vogler:

You may e-mail me at thanksmuch78@yahoo.com or Facebook under Andrea Pauline. My bank is US Bank. You may donate any amount you feel lead to by taking it to my branch located in the Clarksville Kroger. Thank you and Many Blessings to you all for your giving. Address: The Father's House (Attn: Andrea), PO Box 31420, Jaffa Street 23, Jerusalem 91320, ISRAEL.

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

Sunday Church School

The young children continue to support the Sunday school classes held during the sermon, prayers, and another part of the service. We have an average of 1 to 8 children on any particular Sunday.

The teaching schedule for February follows:

February 6 Sandy Neathamer

February 13 Beth Wright

February 20 Whitney Hayes/Kristina Peter

February 27 Megan Holman

March 1 Sandy Neathamer

Tom and Kathy Hayes 9:15 am youth class always has several youth. The confirmation class, has added time to the Wed. evening confirmation class so that they can have Sunday school and confirmation on Wednesday evening. This is working very well. As this is written they have come from the creation stories to the stories of David in their study of the Old Testament.

The adult class has a steady attendance of 8 to 10 very loyal participants. The discussions relate to the readings in first Corinthians. These discussions include a practical application of what has been read. This question has been asked many times, "How does this information and understanding effect how I live my life?" They would like to have others join them, but recently they have not been joined by any others. The Christian Education committee would like to see many more of you involved with other church members studying Gods word during the Sunday school hour. **Therefore there will be a Christian Education Committee meeting Monday, January 31, @ 7:00pm**

In order to help increase the number of adults involved in continuing Christian education, the Christian Education Committee has an idea. It is a known fact that Christian education should not stop with confirmation, high school graduation, marriage, middle age, or even retirement. Christian education should be a life long process. To help encourage you to participate in this life long learning, during February we will be putting a questionnaire into the Sunday bulletin. It will ask what classes would be interesting enough to you, to encourage you to come to the church at 9:15 instead of just to worship at 10:30. If you have any topics you would like to explore, **PLEASE** give your idea to Carol Taylor or Pastor Scott so they can be included in the questionnaire. This will help us to see if there are others who also would like to learn more about your idea. We have been getting an average of 85 people for the church service. Therefore, the 8-10 adults who attend Sunday school equal about 10% of our adult members. Chris Ed would like to see this percentage increase. How can you help???? Please fill out the questionnaire and turn it in so we can make Christian education at Faith more relevant to your needs

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CONT.**CAROL TAYLOR****Weekday Church School**

Registration for school year 2011-2012 will be held on Tuesday morning, February 1. Again this has been written in January, so the results will be in the March Newsletter. If history repeats itself, we expect the school classes will be filled that day or very soon thereafter. Last year we had 12 children on the pre-k waiting list that never got into the school. We can only take a total of 52 children into the program because that is all the room we have for chairs and tables. Competition to get into Faith weekday is very keen.

This January our school has had more days cancelled due to snow than usual. All of the classes are behind their schedules in their Bible stories as well as in academic work. As of now there are no plans for make up days, because by the time spring comes, the little ones want to be anywhere but in a classroom. When the children do get to come to class they so very glad to see each other that it is a great reunion in the classroom. We hope that February will put an early end to this weather, so that we won't have to cut many more of the stories of Jesus from the curriculum.

Youth Financial Report**Noisy Offering**

Balance 12-01-10			\$	823.67
12-06-10	Offering Deposit	37.86		861.53
Check 1010—12-11-10	Iceland Skating	70.00		791.53
01-03-11 Redeposit/Skateland cancelled		70.00		861.53
01-01-11—January Offering		19.98		881.51
Balance—01-03-11				881.51

Youth Account

Balance 10-18-10		\$ 4,872.15
Deposit 11-08-10	Turkey Dinner	562.00
Withdrawal 11-30-10-#277	Czerwonka-Angel Tree	100.00
Withdrawal 11-30-10 #278	Rife-Angel Tree	100.00
Withdrawal 11-30-10 #279	McCoy-Angel Tree	100.00
Deposit 12-14-10	Concert in the Park	45.00
Withdrawal 11-30-10	Carol Taylor	200.00
	(Repay loan for Angel Tree)	
		4,979.15
Balance in account—12-31-10		\$ 4,979.15

Youth of South Central Conference

Broom Ball, a version of hockey played using a broom for a hockey stick, will be played on the ice at Iceland Ice Rink. It will be enjoyed by the youth of the South Central Conference on February 11, 10:00-12:00 pm. @ \$10.00 per youth. Martin Young, youth director at St John Lutheran, will be leading this event. This event has been a regular event for the area youth for the past several years and usually draws more than 60 youth. It is a wonderful way for our small youth groups to get to know the youth from the other area Lutheran churches. It also enables the youth groups to be able to provide activities that would be unavailable to a small group of youth. This is one of the things that the South Central Conference item in the church budget enables us to provide for the Lutherans in this southern Indiana area. The SCC youth leaders meeting scheduled for Jan 12 was cancelled due to snow. It was rescheduled for Tues. evening Jan 25th. This meeting will be after this has been written, so future plans for the 24 Hour Famine and the summer mission/rafting trip will be included in the March Newsletter.

YOUTH NEWS**KRISTINA PETER**

Last month, the month of January, the youth hosted a chili lunch in and it was a great success. We had a good turn out and plan on keeping that as one of our fundraisers. The youth also have continued selling shirts for super bowl. The youth also participated in Youth Sunday. Cheyanne was unable to attend Quake with Christ Lutheran like planned due to a family emergency.

This month, the month of February, the youth will be handing out shirts, collecting cans, and money for Souper/Super Bowl. This will be on the 6th. On the 12th, the youth will be attending broom ball with SCC. This is from 10pm to midnight at Iceland in Louisville. The cost for this event should be \$10, we'll have more details soon. On the 13th the youth will have a youth meeting. The 25th - 27th the senior high youth are invited to go to Zone. This is in Cincinnati, Ohio like Quake was.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRY**SUE NEATHAMER****Center for Lay Ministries**

CLM News

The Board of Directors for CLM met on January 10th at the CASI building in Jeffersonville. Phil Ellis, the Director of CASI, who also serves on CLM's Board, gave a brief summary of what Community Action of Southern Indiana does in our community.

Matthew Hudson, CLM's Director, gave us the stats on the food pantry for 2010.

The pantry served 6,724 households with a total of 16,838 clients in Clark County. Approximately 309,175 pounds of food were given out this past year. There was once again a significant increase from the prior year.

The Bliss House continues to be at full capacity with a waiting list. Bliss Two has 5 women residing there following their completion of the 6 to 12 month program at the Bliss House. The Bliss House Alumnae attended a workshop on Emotional Support in Sobriety, which was held here at Faith on Jan. 21st and 22nd.

I reported last month that we collected \$395.00. for the Christmas Baskets we gave out here at Faith. More money came in and the total was actually \$625.00. The extra money was given to the Center to help with expenses for the Christmas Baskets they prepared.

We will collect cans of soup for the month of February.

The Center is very grateful for the support and commitment Faith gives to the all their ministries.

**ARLYS JOHNSON**

WELCA is looking forward to meeting at our regular times in February. The morning circle will meet at 10:00 am on the 9th of the month and the evening circle will meet at 7:00 pm on the 8th of the month. Weather prevented the circles from meeting in January at their regular time but the morning circle met on the 26th of the month in order to have a meeting in January. They are truly a dedicated group of women. The Women and Family Center needs bedding, so if you have any new or gently used bedding they would appreciate it. We are looking forward to hosting the women's cluster meeting at our church on Saturday, April 9th. We are hoping for a good turn out from the women of our church. Please plan to attend. We can always use help with setting up and cleaning up communion so if you feel called to serve in this way please see Bev Haire.

In his service,

Arlys

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

2011



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

USHERS: **BILL & CATHY HOLMAN—JIM AND MOLLY HEGENBARTH**

ALTAR GUILD: **BETH LANDIS** AUDIO:

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT:

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Feb. 6	Dan Diekhoff	Zimmerman	Volunteer	Landis	Landis
Feb. 13	Veronica Rife	Jankowski	Volunteer	Hegenbarth	Hegenbarth
Feb. 20	Dan Diekhoff	Zimmerman	Volunteer	Czerwonka/ McCoy	Czerwonka
Feb. 27	Carol Taylor	Jankowski	Volunteer	Gernand	Gernand