



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

MARCH, 2011

From the Pastor

The sixth mark of a disciple is serving. To be a disciple of Christ, we are to serve others. Christ himself told us that he has come among us as one who serves. This idea of service is fundamental to our Christian faith. If we are to follow Christ, we should follow his example and be among one another as one who serves.

So, what does it mean to serve? We serve God through our worship. Each time we gather to hear God's word and to share in God's meal, we offer ourselves for God's service. We hear what God would have us do in the pages of Scripture and in the interpretation of those words in the sermon. We are strengthened by the prayers and the fellowship we share and by the meal that God gives us. We honor the Holy Spirit's work by gathering together to sing and praise, to pray and to eat, to listen and to share in God's peace. The liturgy is often referred to as a service of worship, as we serve the will and purpose of God when we gather to hear God's words and share in God's supper.

Service does not stop with worship. We serve each other when we share fellowship together, when we eat together, when we work together. We serve our community through the pre-school ministry and yet it seems amazing to me that those members of the congregation who serve in that ministry receive service through their participation. Their lives have been deeply affected by their service in our pre-school ministry. But that is how Christian service seems to work.

To follow Christ is to serve God and our neighbor. This discipleship mark is the response that we make to God when we realize what God has done for us. To serve others is to love others and when we love God and our neighbor we fulfill all the commandments and we take the will of God as our own. When we respect one another as children of God, despite our personal feelings, we are following the example of Christ. When we serve those who are on the margins of our society, those who are hurting physically, mentally or emotionally, we are serving our neighbor in the love that Christ would show them. And when we grow to the point where we physically can no longer serve in that area, we can pray that others might be lifted up in the strength of Christ to serve in our place.

We have been baptized as disciples of Christ into a life of service that does not end. Each week, the Holy Spirit gathers us together as a congregation of disciples to hear God's word and share in God's supper so that we might receive the strength and the will to go out into the world to serve the will of God in the very place where we live and move and have our being. To be a disciple is to serve God and each other.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

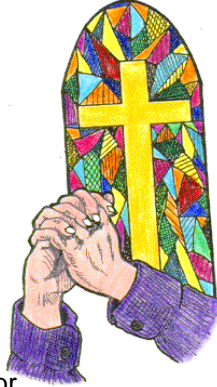
Pastor Scott

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special care for:

Illness

- *Naomi Crawford, cancer
- *Trish Ferrill, cancer
- *Dava Haire, cancer
- *Melanie Sherrad, cancer
- *Gina Robinson, in remission
- *Owen Clive, treatment for leukemia
- *Shelly Marble, inoperable brain tumor
- *Doug Mattingly, in rehab after a serious injury
- *Ken Steward, at home
- *Mark Anderson, recurring cancer
- *Edwina Andregg, recovering at home
- *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
- *Dorothy Sheckles, Sellersburg Rehab
- *Gordon McCall, recovering at home from heart procedure
- *Sylvia Scott, recovering at home
- *Catherine Pittman, Clark Rehab
- *Linda,



Shut-in:

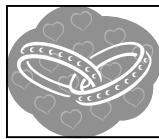
- *Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
- *Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
- *Bertha Blanchard, at home
- *Isabell Steaban, at home
- *Sally Meyer- recovering from a stroke

Service agencies/programs/special needs:

- *Adam Smith, personal issues
- *Amy Robinson, personal issues
- *RoseElla Englert, lost everything in home fire
- *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 March

- Mike & Linda Woehrl 3/3
- Mary Ellen & Max Zimmerman 3/16
- Jim & Michelle Campbell 3/17

God's blessings to these March birthdays

- Bill Holman 3/1
- Ken Hawkins 3/5
- Veronica Rife 3/10
- Megan Holman 3/11
- Jane Lakes 3/12
- Mike Smith 3/16
- Josie Durham 3/19
- Mary Ellen Zimmerman 3/20
- Lindsey Barr 3/22
- Anne Steaban 3/26
- Brittany Searcy 3/28
- Greg Maas 3/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NEWS & NOTES



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ASH WEDNESDAY—March 9—7:00 pm

Lenten Dinners begin March 16—6:00 pm

Please volunteer to provide Lenten Dinners—

Sign up sheet in Narthex

Confirmation begins 7:30 pm during Lent

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 spring cleanup activities needing to be done!! Contact Fred Czerwonka, Scott Rife or Lyle Gernand.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER**LYLE GERNAND**

Greetings

I start this article with some sad news. Jim and Molly Hegenbarth are leaving us. Molly has taken a position in Pittsburg, PA and starts that job on March 7. Jim may be with us a little longer depending on the sale of their house. We will indeed miss them. Molly served on the Council a few years ago and Jim is currently serving. They both have also been active in many other functions around the church. Jim has been especially valuable this last year as the head of the Property Committee. He was able to bring to completion many of the tasks on the never ending "to do" list. Regarding Jim's Council seat, I have asked Dan Diekhoff to fill out his term and Dan has accepted. He will need to be ratified by vote at the next Council meeting. Thank you, Dan, for stepping up and taking on this new challenge.

Let us thank the Hegenbarths for their service to Faith Lutheran and keep them in our prayers as they go through the arduous task of making a move.

March signals the beginning of our Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is on the 9th and starts our evening services. The service begins at 7:00 pm. Beginning March 16, there will be a light meal served at 6:00 pm with services beginning at 7:00 pm. Beginning March 16, Confirmation will follow at 7:30pm. Please try to attend as many of these services as possible during this most sacred time of the Church calendar.

I would also like to remind you to check the mailboxes for a build-up of contents that you could possibly deliver to the owner of that box. It is important that we let people that have been absent know that they are missed.

I would also like to update you on the status of our wandering air conditioners. Our insurance company has accepted a bid of \$17,300 from Ware Heating and Cooling to replace all the equipment affected by our loss. Ware is the company that has helped us with our boiler problems in the past, so we are quite familiar with them. The replacement process will probably take the better part of a week to complete, so we will have a bit of a mess to deal with during that time. We will keep you apprised as to the time table as it is revealed to us.

Thank you everybody for all that you do and may God bless and keep you.

Lyle

FINANCE**ED PETER**

We are seven weeks into 2011 and I wish to thank all individuals who are meeting their stewardship pledges for the year. Giving levels were great for the first three weeks of the year but have fallen behind for the last four weeks. The following is a summary of contributions for the period of January 1, 2011 thru February 13, 2011. The amounts received during January include giving by individuals who paid their entire 2011 pledge in one payment.

Jan 2011 Giving		Feb 2011 Giving	
01/02/11	\$9,391.50	02/06/11	\$2,851.24
01/09/11	\$5,514.50	02/13/11	\$3,109.00
01/16/11	\$8,539.86		
01/23/11	\$2,761.50		
01/30/11	\$3,472.60		

Total giving to date for 2011 is \$35,640.20 or \$5,091.46 per week. We need to average \$3,588.29 per week to meet our budgeted expenses.

Respectively submitted by Ed Peter, Financial Secretary

LIBRARY NEWS**TRISHA PERRY**

As some of you might or might not know Nancy Thompson has asked me to take over the church library for her. I have told her I would try very hard to fill her shoes, but I will say now that I cannot do that, especially without the help of the library elves (you all know who you are, and maybe someday we will give up the secret and name you all, but for now let me say you do all the hard work; I am just along for the ride).

As for me, I am the Tween Librarian, and IT Coordinator/Manager at the Oldham County Public Library in Kentucky. I am also a student working on my paraprofessional librarian's certificate and renewal points, yep; school is never done for us librarians. That doesn't leave me much time for anything else especially reading all the donated items so I can write synopsis' from you, but, I will work hard for you and the church library, and for now leave the synopsis writing to the professionals at Amazon and Barnes and Nobles. Thanks and here are some recently added items, enjoy.

Let's Roll! By Lisa Beamer, Ken Abraham—"Lisa Beamer was thrust into the national spotlight after her husband, Todd, led a counterattack against terrorists on United Flight 93. He -- and all the other passenger heroes -- lost their lives in a Pennsylvania field."

Never Forget: An Oral History of September 11, 2001 by Mitchell Fink, Lois Mathais

"On the morning of September 11, 2001, shock waves rippled through the country as the United States came under terrorist attack. In New York, Washington, D.C., and Somerset County, Pennsylvania, four planes piloted by members of the Al Qaeda terrorist organization left death, shattered innocence, and incomprehensible destruction in their wake. While the attacks united all Americans in their shared horror and grief, the actual witnesses to these events often bear the heaviest weight of these painful memories. Never Forget is a collection of unbelievably moving stories of loss, heartache, and survival, as told in the words of those closest to the unfolding tragedy."

102 Minutes: The Untold Story of the Fight to Survive Inside the Twin Towers by Jim Dwyer, Kevin Flynn

"The dramatic and moving account of the struggle for life inside the World Trade Center on the morning of September 11, when every minute counted."

"At 8:46 am on September 11, 2001, 14,000 people were inside the twin towers-reading e-mails, making trades, eating croissants at Windows on the World. Over the next 102 minutes, each would become part of a drama for the ages, one witnessed only by the people who lived it-until now."

Fields of Grace by Kim Vogel Sawyer

"With their eldest son nearly to the age when he will be drafted into military service, Reinhardt and Lillian Vogt decide to immigrate to America, the land of liberty, with their three sons and Reinhardt's adopted brother, Eli. But when tragedy strikes during the voyage, Lillian and Eli are forced into an agreement neither desires. Determined to fulfill his obligation to Reinhardt, Eli plans to see Lillian and her sons safely settled on their Kansas homestead—and he's equally determined that the boys will be reared in the Mennonite faith. What he doesn't expect is his growing affection for Lillian—and the deep desire to be part of a family."

The Spiral Staircase: My Climb out of Darkness by Karen Armstrong (Audio CD)

"In 1962, at age seventeen, Karen Armstrong entered a convent, eager to meet God. After seven brutally unhappy years as a nun, she left her order to pursue English literature at Oxford. But convent life had profoundly altered her, and coping with the outside world and her expiring faith proved to be excruciating. Her deep solitude and a terrifying illness—diagnosed only years later as epilepsy—marked her forever as an outsider. In her own mind she was a complete failure: as a nun, as an academic, and as a normal woman capable of intimacy. Her future seemed very much in question until she stumbled into comparative theology. What she found, in learning, thinking, and writing about other religions, was the ecstasy and transcendence she had never felt as a nun. Gripping, revelatory, and inspirational, **The Spiral Staircase** is an extraordinary account of an astonishing spiritual journey."

OWLS**VIRGINIA KLEMENS**

Welcome home to Fammie Peter as she and Ed and family settle back into their routine. She was missed by all while caring for her sister, Lu, in Oregon.

And special welcome home to Edwina Andregg. She and Art have been waiting for her return to Marysville and it has finally happened! Take care of yourself, Edwina, let us know if we can help in any way.

Barb Brewster has asked if the OWLS would like to continue serving desserts at Concerts in the Park. Several OWLS have offered to continue to support that project, so be on the lookout for dates and times in May with the beginning of the concert season. We will be filling in as needed to help the youth with the long summer series.

Please reference the February issue of The Lutheran for an idea regarding service to our elderly and shut-ins. The article on page 39, "A Circle of Love" suggests Maundy Thursday as a date. This year we will be having a Seder meal, so we would need to choose an alternate date to Maundy Thursday, but the idea of the article is one we'd like to pursue. Contact Virginia Klemens if you are interested in helping bring this to fruition.

Remember to visit shut-ins or send a card or make a phone call. Andrea Vogler has asked for prayers and financial help as she returns to the states for a 3 month hiatus. The "quints of kentuckiana" are still in need of diapers and baby food.

Contact Virginia Klemens with ideas for service or fun. Vklem@insightbb.com/h.288-8809.

Give a "HOOT" for the OWLS.

Virginia Klemens

Spring Break—March 21—25

No Weekday School—March 22 & 24

No confirmation & SS March 23

During Lent, beginning March 16, Confirmation will begin at 7:30 pm.

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

The 9:15 Sunday adult class has been bulging at the seams since Pastor began his course on “What does it mean to be Lutheran? He is using the Lutheran Book of Concord. That is Luther’s explanation of his ideas that started the Reformation in the mid 1500’s. It is an open forum style of class with many views expressed and discussed. It is interesting to see why we do what we do, why Pastor does what he does, and how it all fits together in our church family.

The little ones continue to have several in their class and they are becoming a group of friends to the point that they are sitting with each others’ families during church. This is the way churches grow. We have had several visitors with children and they are returning to worship again. Our five young women are doing a wonderful job with these little one and they are extremely faithful to their task by trading with each other when one cannot work on their assigned Sunday. Thanks to all of you !!!

The Thursday afternoon Bible study is also growing in members. There are 12-14 adults present for study after some very delicious lunches. The class takes turns bringing lunch for the group. Pastor Scott has a wealth of Bible knowledge and is very good sharing it with us as we are reading straight through the book of Mark. We have been going parable by parable reading, discussing, and figuring out why Mark included this story in his book of the Bible. We can always add another place at the table and the pots of soup are generous so come and see what the Bible Study group is all about.

Our confirmed youth continue to meet each Sunday morning at 9:15 with Tom and Kathy Hayes. They were enjoying a video a couple weeks ago and using it as a discussion starter after the movie. The confirmands continue to meet at 6:30 -8:30 each Wed. evening to do both Sunday school and confirmation study.

The Christian Education team met and created a survey asking what other classes people might consider attending. We hope to begin some of these ideas during the season of Lent this spring. The following is the votes given to the ideas presented.

1. Beginning Bible study- 11
2. Review of confirmation instruction 3
3. A daily walk with faith- 10
4. What does it mean to be Lutheran? 25 and they have all been showing up on Sunday morning.
5. Classes on Parenting or empty nest- 2
6. Someone suggested a class called Financial Peace.

To answer the question “When would you like to meet “the answers were all over the week. Saturday, after church, on line study, a weekday evening, or during the day were all suggested.

The Christian Education curriculum planning committee will meet again on March 7 @ 6:30 to plan how to implement this information.

The VBS writers will also meet on March 7th @ 7:30 to make concrete plans for VBS on June 27th-30th.

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

All of the Weekday Classes will be looking at God's world as it springs back to life. The children will be walking outside to check what is starting to grow. They will plant seeds, dissect a Lima bean seed to see that God put a baby plant inside. The Pre-k class is working on learning their letters and the sound that each letter makes. Some of them are beginning to put letters together and do some beginning reading. There will not be any school on March 22 and 24 because this is the Greater Clark Spring Break vacation.

On February 1 registration was held for the 2011-201 School year. All but one child is planning to be a part of the second year class, 23 children. Therefore we could take 5 new children into the program at the Pre-K level next fall. These spots were very quickly filled and as of now we have 32 signed up for that class. However, history tells us that several of them will move to the 4 day Greater Clark Pre-K program next August when they announce who will be accepted. This movement always leaves us up in the air, but if history repeats itself, as it did this year, we should settle out right on 28 children. The little class has 23 children enrolled at this time, 2-18-11. That means we have room for one more child and then people will have to be placed on the waiting list.

Our reputation continues to grow. As I ask people how they heard about Faith's school, they say we are recommended by Government programs for special needs children, a pediatrician's office, friends, and 3 parents who were in the program when they were little are now bringing their children to the school. Word does get around.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our first year teacher, Linda Hayen, as she faces open heart surgery. We pray for the doctor's skill and God's healing hand so that she may get back to school as soon as possible. We will miss you Linda. Get well quickly.

Youth Financial Report**Noisy Offering**

Balance 01-03-11			\$	881.51
02-11-11	Offering Deposit	23.52		905.03
Check 1011—02-11-11	Broomball	100.00		805.03
01-03-11 Redeposit \$70 of \$100	Broomball	70.00		875.03
Balance				875.03

Youth Account

Balance 12-31-10			\$ 4,979.15
Deposit 11-08-10	Chili Dinner	272.00	5,251.15
Thrivent Care for Communities 1-25-11	Angel Tree	550.00	
T-Shirt Sales		672.00	5,923.15
Check #281—River City Work Ware		456.30	5,466.86

South Central Conference Youth

The Souper bowl of caring contest sponsored by SCC gathered many cans of food and cash for the hungry on both sides of the Ohio River. Faith gathered the most cans in all of the churches (371) but we came in way low on the dollars donated. We collected \$106.00. Some of the churches were in the mid \$250's. Well done. The Steelers black and gold basket had the least cans, the not committed group came in second and the Green and Gold had many, many more people rooting for their team. So, they not only won the football game they also won the can contest at Faith. There was **7.5 million dollars** collected by the youth groups in many churches in many denominations across the USA. That really shows how a concerted effort can really make a difference for people in need. The youth will be back next year with the baskets. The other South Central churches plan on besting us.

YOUTH NEWS

KRISTINA PETER

The youth ending January on a good note. We participated in Youth Sunday. It was somewhat unorganized to begin with but was pulled together in the end. Last month, the month of February, the youth came to the Super Bowl party and we won in the can collecting through SCC. We collected the most cans but lacked in the money area. So next years goal is to raise more money. The youth also went to Iceland to play broom ball with SCC.

This month, the month of March, the youth have a busy schedule for a change. On the 6th, the youth will have a meeting followed by BINGO at Cedar Lake Lodge. This means that the youth needs to bring in small prizes for the people to win. On the 11th and 12th, the youth are participating in the 24 hour famine with SCC again. We will meet at Faith Lutheran Church, at 6 pm on Friday. Be sure to eat before you come. We won't be eating until Saturday morning, which is only a cup of rice. The youth will play games, have discussions, work Dare to Care and Loaves and Fishes. Saturday night at 7 pm the parents are invited to bring their child's favorite food and join us for worship. On the 27th, the youth will be going to the Fun Farm in Lanesville, IN. Here the youth can play lazer tag, paintball, or disk golf. The cost for this event is around \$25 a person.

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

CLM News

Since both the Executive Committee and Food Pantry Committee meetings were cancelled this month, there is no new news!

However, I would like to let folks know we are collecting **GREEN BEANS** this month!!

**ARLYS JOHNSON**

Thanks to the weather the two circles of WELCA were able to meet in February. We continue to lift each other up in Christian fellowship and pray that more women of our church would come and join us.

The evening circle will meet again on March 8th and the morning circle will meet on March 9th.

The WELCA will again be providing a light meal before the Lenten Services starting on March 16th. The meals will be served at 6:00 with the service to follow. Please sign up for these meals as it makes it easier for the people preparing the food. Bev Haire and Beth Wright will be looking for people (yes I said people as we all know men can prepare meals also) to prepare these meals. If you work and cannot be here to get things going you can always bring a dessert or prepare something in advance. We do need people to sign up and be in charge each week. Please consider this as a service project for you and your family during Lent. There will be a free will offering to cover expenses and any proceeds from these meals will be donated to a local charity.

Please sign the Altar Guild list to help with setting up and cleaning up communion.

We continue to ask for donations of any new or slightly use bedding for the Women and Family Services Center.

The Spring Cluster is on our minds as it is coming soon. Faith will be hosting the Spring Cluster meeting on Saturday, April the 9th at 10:00 a.m. We encourage the women of Faith to come out and support this event. The planning committee will be meet here at Faith on February 25th. We are hoping for a good turn out from all the WELCA groups in our cluster. There will be a sign up sheet for those that plan on coming to this event as we will need a count for lunch and supplies.

In his service,
Arlys

NEWSLETTER

MARCH

2011



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

USHERS: GORDON MCCALL, SCOTT RIFE, FRED & TAMI CZERWONKA

ALTAR GUILD: BARB BREWSTER AUDIO: JIM HEGENBARTH

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: JIM HEGENBARTH

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
March 6	Bill Holman	Davis Jankowski	George Jankowski	Johnsons Girl Scout Troops	Klemens
March 13	Carol Taylor	Will Czerwonka	Tyler Landis	Klemens	Johnsons
March 20	Lyle Gernand	Cheyenne Peter	Kristina Peter	Vogts	Vogts
March 27	Karen Miller	Reagan Zimmerman	Jack Hayes	Hayes	Smiths