



## THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

APRIL, 2011

### From the Pastor

The seventh and final mark of a disciple is giving. A follower of our Lord Jesus Christ gives in three main ways as our offering prayer says....our selves, our time, and our possessions. And it is my opinion that these ways are ordered from hardest to easiest.

A disciple gives of him or herself. When we are baptized into the body of Christ, we offer our whole selves to the service of God's kingdom and in service to our neighbors. To paraphrase Martin Luther: In Christ, I am free, slave to no one; and yet enslaved to everyone. To follow Christ is to devote our whole selves to God and to serving the best interest of our neighbor. We are no longer our own...we have been bought with a price. We give our whole selves to God's mission...just as God gave himself to us, to die on the cross, so that we might have eternal life with God.

The disciple gives the gift of time and often time is our most treasured possession. I believe time is most valuable because all of us get the same amount. Each new day brings a fresh 24 hours to each of us, no more and no less. So how we spend that time says something about what we value. For most of us, our time is committed to work, to sleep, to self care (eating, shopping, cleaning, etc.) and to child care or education. Somehow, we offer to God the time that is not committed, a few hours on Sunday mornings, perhaps some personal devotional time each day, some time spent in prayer. Any time left over is usually spent in time with the family and in service to our neighbor. When we retire from the workforce, we gain a little more time in our daily bank for God and neighbor. That is why you so often see retired people giving their time to the work of the Church and to service in God's kingdom. They have it to give and most are generous with their time.

Finally, a follower of Christ offers their possessions. Usually this comes in the form of money donated to the work of congregations and other worthy causes. This is the easiest form of giving because it requires so little of our time and even less of ourselves. It is also the only renewable resource we can offer to God and neighbor. There can never be more than one of us and there are never more than 24 hours in a day, but more money can be earned at anytime, usually at a sacrifice of our time and ourselves.

So there are the marks of a disciple of Christ, a life of prayer, study, worship, invitation, encouragement, service and offering. I hope over these last seven months this lifestyle has become more understandable for you and has increased your desire to become more of a disciple for Christ. This is the life to which Christ invites us to share with him and to share with each other. So go into all the world and make disciples.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

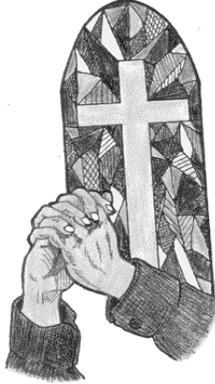
Pastor Scott

**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
- \*Mark Anderson, recurring cancer
- \*Gina Barr, in remission
- \*Don Heuton, pacemaker implant
- \*Sharon Rayborn, pancreatic cancer
- \*Peggy Sue Bachor, breast cancer
- \*Marijean, breast cancer
- \*Roseanne Bachor, cancer
- \*Dorothy Sheckles, Sellersburg Rehab
- \*Catherine Pittman, Clark Rehab
- \*Linda Hayen, Heart problems
- \*Nancy Vogt, Clark Co. Hosp



**Shut-in:**

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

**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 April*

- Jane Lakes 4/1
- Amy & Mike Holaday 4/7
- Angela & Mark Higginbotham 4/9
- Cherie & Dana Glaab 4/18
- Karen & Mike Vescelus 4/19
- Cathy & Bill Holman 4/20
- Karen & Bob Lane 4/20
- Trisha & Ed Perry 4/30

***God's blessings to these April birthdays***

- Kyle Czerwonka 4/1
- Debbie Lang 4/5
- Barbara Campbell 4/6
- Ron Woodward 4/8
- Dorothy McCall 4/10
- Mark Higginbotham 4/12
- Donna Baugh 4/16
- Beth Landis 4/17
- Justin Romine-Wykoff 4/17
- Scott Meier 4/18
- Sue Michael 4/22
- Cheyenne Peter 4/23
- Lyle Gernand 4/24
- Barbara Morris-Nix 4/30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



# NEWS & NOTES



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*60th Anniversary Celebration*

*Sunday, May 1, 2011*

*Complete Pitch-In Dinner*

*Look for Details in the Future*

*PLOT Committee Meeting*

*April 10—after Worship*

## *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**

Spring Greetings!

What a beautiful time of the year. Spring flowers, spring birds, spring fishing and of course, spring cleaning. Speaking of cleaning, the Property Team has set Saturday, April 2, at 900 am for spring cleaning at the church. This is always a tough time of the year to schedule things because of all the spring activities, but it is important to have the church looking good for Easter. Please put the date on your calendar and come join in on the fun and fellowship.

We will observe Easter on April 24 this year. Maundy Thursday is the 21st and Good Friday is on the 22nd. I would urge everyone to participate in the Services and prayer vigil during this, the Holiest of weeks. Easter is such a joyous time in the church year as we celebrate our Risen Lord. Let us join with Christians all over the world in remembering how Jesus rose from the dead and by doing so defeated sin and the power of the devil for us.

He is Risen—He is Risen indeed!

Happy Easter  
Lyle

**Maundy Thursday—6:00pm—Seder Meal****Good Friday—6:00 am—7:00 pm—Prayer Vigil—7:00pm—Worship****Easter—9:00 am—Easter Breakfast—10:30 am—Easter Worship****FINANCE****ED PETER**

We are eleven weeks into 2011. Giving levels dropped significantly during February. I wish to thank all individuals who are meeting their stewardship pledges for the year and I pray that everyone will consider giving at levels that will allow us to meet budgeted expenses. The following is a summary of contributions for the period of January 1, 2011 thru March 16, 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	02/20/11	\$2,166.00
01/23/11	\$2,761.50	02/27/11	\$2,382.42
01/30/11	\$3,472.60		
Mar 2011 Giving			
03/06/11	\$3,630.01		
03/09/11	\$ 313.00		
03/13/11	\$2,605.87		
03/16/11	\$ 112.00		

Total giving to date for 2011 is \$46,737.50 or \$4,248.86 per week. We need to average \$3,588.29 per week to meet our budgeted expenses.

**LIBRARY NEWS****TRISHA PERRY**

Did you see the library display out in the narthex? Well it seems that Nancy and Lyle had this idea to help show the adults what the library has to offer (sorry, but the children already know what kind of cool stuff we have in the library, even the brownies). So Lyle asked if I would be willing to put together some books on the cart to display, so I said, “sure, why not, it can’t hurt”. Because let’s face the facts the library is not utilized as much as we would like it to be, especially by the adults. Soooo, here we are, and what better time to start this journey than Lent, and what better theme to use than “Take a Journey with the Library”. I have picked out several books, a few CD’s and a DVD, to showcase. The books all have some kind of journey in them, some serious “The last Lecture”, and some funny a Miss Julia book, but all are really good (come to find out, I have read a lot of them already). The CD’s are just fun seasonal music for kids, and the DVD, what else but “The Passion” (we have 2 copies available for checkout, so save your Netflix queue for something else). Don’t forget the library also has CD’s of past Lent and Easter services. Please, also, do not hesitate to ask for something especially if you don’t see it on the self, as I will try my best to get it in for you.

*Seder Meal—April 21, Maundy Thursday*

*Faith will be serving a Seder meal, Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 6pm. This traditional Jewish meal commemorates Passover, which Jesus and His disciples celebrated in the upper room before His crucifixion. The sharing of bread and wine after dinner is the origin of Christian Holy Communion.*

*Please plan to join us at this meal, and look for a sign up sheet in the narthex soon. A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses for a regular dinner of lamb, chicken, vegetables, salad and dessert, during the Seder celebration.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION****CAROL TAYLOR****Christian Education Committee**

The Christian education committee met on March 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the results of the Sunday School attendance survey. Because the attendance has been so good, 15 plus each Sunday morning, at Pastor's "What is a Lutheran" class, it was decided to wait to begin two new classes on Rally day, September 11. The Lutheran study should finish up before the end of May unless the class decides to go deeper into the study and meet before church during the summer. Pastor will let this summer session be a class decision.

Two class ideas received equal votes on the survey. We plan to offer both a class called "Faith in My Life". It will ask and hope to answer the question, "What difference does my Faith make in how I live my life"? The second class will be a Bible history class that will involve both a study of how and where we got the Bible and a summery of Biblical history. We will begin with the Old Testament, and if the class desires, move on to a study of the life of Jesus in the gospels and a history of the early church. This course was written to cover a nine month period from Sept – May, but can be broken into three sections at the class group's desecration.

Kate Scott is planning to be the leader in the "Faith in My Life" class. Carol Taylor will be teaching the Bible history summery class. These classes will both meet at the regular Sunday school time, 9:15, beginning Sept. 11.

Several people have expressed an interest in the "What is a Lutheran?" study currently being taught at 9:15 on Sunday morning. They have said they would come to class, but have grade school children and don't know how they can come with the children. I guess the following fact is one of our best kept secrets. Did you not know that Lisa Peter has Sunday school material that she is using with Jessie several Sunday's a month? I am sure both Jessie and Lisa would welcome those children if they would come and join in the class. This material is entirely different from the One Room Sunday School lessons that are used during Children's Sunday school that is held during the sermon, anthem, and prayers of the church. If you bring the children into the building, we will provide educational opportunities for them. We are so excited to have children to teach. Just watch us grow!!!

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 27-30 9:00am through noon.**  
**Hot Dog cook out and community pitch-in dinner**  
**Thurs June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

The Theme and daily outlines have been established by the writers for this summer's program at Vacation Bible School. The Theme will be "Global God". This theme will involve the children in a study of how God loves all of the people on this planet. He is father to all of us. He has made a covenant with all of his people stating that he wants us to worship, praise, love, and serve him as our one and only God. In return he will provide for our needs and love all us.

We will take up a challenge of helping to provide clean drinking water for a village in a third world country by working with information from the Louisville Water Co. Virginia Klemens will be leading this part of the program. CLM will also benefit from the children's daily offering of canned food for the food panty shelves.

We have gone to having VBS four days instead of five days for several reasons. The many snow days and late final day of school has limited the weeks in June that we could plan to hold VBS. Over the past few years the attendance at the Friday classes has been less than half of the children that are there Mon. –Thursday. We decided that the program on Thursday evening, after the pitch in dinner, would be the last event of this years VBS schedule.

Writers are to have their four days of lesson plans ready to present to the entire teaching staff on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This will be a meeting for all those who plan to teach in classroom areas as well as those who will teach music, art, recreation, or science. Supply lists will be due to Carol Taylor on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and supplies will be available for pick up on Thurs., June 9.

**Youth Financial Report**  
**Noisy Offering**

Balance 02-16-11		\$	875.03
03-07-11	Offering Deposit	33.21	908.24
Balance			908.24

**Youth Account**

Balance 2-1-11		\$	5,466.86
2-8-11—T-shirt sales	66.00		5,532.85
2-15-11—T-shirt sales	160.00		5,692.85
2-11-11—Chili Lunch	366.00		6,058.85
3-15-11	48.00		6,106.85

**YOUTH NEWS**

**KRISTINA PETER**

Last month, the month of March, we had a few things planned but they fell through the cracks. The youth did help with the clean up around the church and helped at Loaves and Fishes. People were appreciative of our help.

This month, the month of April, we have a busy schedule as well as a few possibilities. On the 12<sup>th</sup> we will have our youth meeting and possibly do Random Acts of Kindness. The 17<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday and the youth might be going to Cedar Lake Lodge to play BINGO. On Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the youth are to be at church at 10am to help prepare for Easter breakfast the next day. This puts Easter on the 24<sup>th</sup>, more details about times for Easter Sunday will be announced closer to then. South Central Conference will possibly be having our Famine, which is now called Hunger Awareness. This is planned to be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of service projects and a location to host this event. If you have any ideas, please let a youth member know or Mrs. T. We need at least 20 youth for this to be a success.

**MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM**

**DICK KLEMENS**

*Reminder: If you know of someone you would like Pastor to visit, please write their name on the White Board in Pastor's Office!!*

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

During the month of April the children will be learning about the Christian Easter story. They will hear about the parade on Palm Sunday to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. On Tuesday of holy week, each of the classes will have their own parade to praise Jesus as they wave the palm branches they have made from construction paper. This activity is a good way to teach the little ones the meaning of the word praise, and that God wants us to praise him for all that he has done for us. On Thursday the younger class will hear that Jesus has come back to be with his friends and that his return made everybody very happy. We do not talk death or resurrection to these small ones because, they are not old enough to understand what happened on Good Friday, but they can catch the spirit of joy and happiness of Easter, because their friend Jesus came back. From where? It doesn't matter to them where he was. They just get the idea that Easter is a very happy day. They can understand that everybody is happy, not just because a bunny brought them candy in a basket, but that something very special happened to Jesus.

There is a lot of mental growth between 3 and 4 years of age. The ability to understand abstract ideas develops between three years and four years of age. Therefore Pre-K's are able to understand the finality of death, the death of a pet, a bird in the back yard, or the death of a grandparent. They can understand that the person or animal will not return. With this understanding of death, they are ready for the wonderful, good news of the resurrection. This is the news that because Jesus rose from the dead and went to live with God, this means that now, Grandma is also living with God. They are ready to hear and learn that some day they also will go to live with God and be able to see Grandma again. If there has been a death in their family, and we seem to have had more deaths than is usual this past year, the children are ready and need to hear the good, exciting news of Jesus resurrection.

We will also be talking about God's plan for spring and the renewal of life in all of the classes. Seeds will be planted. We will talk about birds and eggs, baby sheep, cows and kittens. We will look inside a lima bean and see that God put a tiny plant in the seed so, that we can have beans to eat forever. Such an exciting discovery!!! God is sooooo smart.

Thank you God for the renewal Spring brings to all of us.

*Easter Lilies*

*Lilies will grace the altar again this Easter Sunday. The cost is \$15 per plant. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or in memory of someone, please complete this form (or the insert in the bulletin) and return it along with your payment by April 10.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

#of lilies \_\_\_\_\_ @A \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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

## CLM News

The food pantry continues to show an increase from the prior year for both food and financial assistance with utilities and rent. We have expanded our hours to include being open every third Wednesday evening until 7pm.

The Center will be implementing Client Track which will link us with Interfaith, the Salvation Army, and Northside Christian Church. Both the food pantry and Bliss House will use this to track our clients.

We were very fortunate to have a copier donated to the Center by Duplicator Sales. Prior to the donation, we were renting.

We are grateful to have Winn Mc Neil, employed by Experience Works, helping at the food pantry with stocking shelves and cleaning several days a week. For the month of April we will be collecting canned fruit at Faith for the Center's food pantry.

**Bliss House Ministry**

We currently have 13 residents in the Bliss House program. We have an additional six women who have completed the program residing at Bliss Too. All residents, along with alumnae and staff, will attend the Easter Pageant at Southeast Christian Church this spring.

The Seventh Annual Celebration of the Bliss House (Bliss, Blossoms & Bonnets) will be held at 300 Spring on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This fundraiser includes a luncheon, Derby Fashion Show and Derby Hat Auction. If anyone wishes to attend or donate, contact Julie Schwerer, Bliss House Director, at 280-7533.

A WELCA grant has been applied for which would help the women of Bliss House with medical expenses. Julie said we should be notified in June if we are a recipient of the grant.

***Good Friday Prayer Vigil***

*Imagine having the church sanctuary all to yourself for a half hour, or an hour! Just you and a quiet time to reflect, talk to God with no interruptions, and/or read some special readings. That can happen for you on Good Friday—April 22, 2011. There will be a sign-up sheet soon. Hopefully we will fill every hour from 6am—6pm. If you prefer not to be alone, sign up with a friend. Don't miss this special opportunity to have an hour of quiet for yourself, and a visit with God one-on-one.*

**FAITHFUL QUILTERS****NANCY VOGT**

The Faithful Quilters are pleased to say they have completed 5,000 quilts since starting this project in 1989. We started making large ones, but are now doing crib and lap size quilts. We started with 10-12 women. Now we have 5 or 4. Still waiting for a man to volunteer!

We used to mail large boxes out of town. Postage got worse each year. Now we take them to local organizations.

Most of our money has come from Thrivent. We want to thank each of you for encouraging us along the way.

If you ever know of someone who could use a “warm, fuzzy” quilt, let us know. If you ever want to buy a quilt for a gift, we can do that, too.

Oh, yes, our special quilt was made from heart print material for Valentine’s Day and went to one of our church members—Catherine Pittman, at Southern Indiana Rehab.

Thanks again,  
Yours in Faith  
Nancy Vogt

**ARLYS JOHNSON**

The WELCA evening and the morning circles of our church are faithful in the mission of meeting monthly to build relationships in Christ. The evening circle was attended by 6 women and the topic for the lesson was “Encouraging One Another. The study used the bible verses taken from I Thessalonians 5: 11-24. The day circle was attended by 5 women and they continued their study of “Extraordinary Women of the Bible”. The study in March was a very inspirational study of Mary Magdalene and her life, especially because she was the first person that Jesus spoke to after his resurrection. Next month they will conclude this series with the study of Lydia and at the same meeting they will introduce the book “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23. The women of our church are looking forward to hosting the Synodical Spring Cluster meeting that will be held in the social hall. There is an information poster that we would like women to sign indicating they will join us on Saturday, April 9 at 9:30. There is a \$5.00 registration fee that will cover morning coffee, morning refreshments and the lunch. There will be a short bible study, information about WELCA, and a talk from the director of the Bliss House. We have chosen the Bliss House to be the recipient of half of our offerings for the day and we also ask the women who can do so to donate something from the list of needs of the Bliss House residents. Please bring your items on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The items needed for the Bliss House women are as follows: tampons, taro tickets, laundry detergent, dish liquid, cleaning supplies, laundry hampers, writing tablets, stamps, shower curtains, bath towels, copy paper, scrub pads for dishes, socks, bra’s, shampoo, conditioner, body soap, and meat donations.

Thank you in advance for supporting our circles and the upcoming synod event.

Arlys

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL  
2011



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## SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

USHERS: DENNIS JOHNSON, SCOTT RIFE, DAVE LINDEMAN, CINDY HOLLEY

ALTAR GUILD: BEV HAIRE      AUDIO: LYLE GERNAND

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: SANDY NEATHAMER

## WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
April 3	Carol Taylor	Davis Jancosek	George Jancosek	Jancoseks	Cindy Holley
April 10	Patti Smith	Will Czerwonka	Katie Rife	Johnsons	Johnsons
April 17	Virginia Klemens	Raegan Zimmerman	Cheyenne Peter	Gernands	Patti Smith
April 24	Kate Scott	Miranda Mumaw	Whitney Hayes	Easter Breakfast	Fammie Peter