



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

JUNE-JULY, 2006



PJ'S JOTS

PASTOR JOHN HAWKINS

I received this e-mail from a friend just recently and I decided to share it in our newsletter this month.

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed upon a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger.

"God, how could you do this to me!" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him.

"How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer.

You say: "It's impossible." God says: All things are possible. (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired." God says: I will give you rest. (Matt 11:28-29)

You say: "Nobody really loves me." God says: I love you. (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: "I can't go on." God says: My grace is sufficient for you. (II Cor. 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out." God says: I will direct your steps. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it." God says: You can do all things. (Phil 4:13)

You say: "It's not worth it." God says: It will be worth it. (Romans 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself." God says: I forgive you. (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage." God says: I will supply all your needs. (Phil 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid." God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear. (II Tim. 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated." God says: Cast all your cares on ME. (I Peter 5:7)

You say: "I don't have enough faith." God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

You say: "I'm not smart enough." God says: I give you wisdom. (I Cor. 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone." God says: I will never leave you or forsake you. (Heb. 13:5)

My e-mail friend added this: Pass this on. You may not know who may need this today.

I know that we all have times when we feel that "Our hut is burning."

Worship Time Change

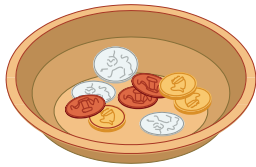
We move to summer hours
beginning June 4!

Adult and High School Sunday
School will study Revelations
at 8:45 am

(Activities are planned for
young people during this time)

Worship is at 10:00 am

FINANCE MATTERS



God's promise of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is adequate motivation for anyone calling himself or herself a Christian. At times we are moved to give but too often we are unmoved and disconnected.

What motivates people to give? There seem to be five internal motivations for giving that are a part of our personhood. 1) Compassion: sharing, caring, giving, loving, serving and supporting. 2) Community: good fun, good times, fellowship, affiliation, belonging, and a sense of family and home. 3) Challenge: accomplishment, attainment and achievement. 4) Reasonability: data, analyze, logic and thinking that it makes good sense. 5) Commitment: dedication, faithfulness, duty, obligation, vows, and loyalty.

All five motivations are gifts of grace. It is thought that two of these motivational resources are generally predominant at any given time during a person's life pilgrimage, no one is locked into the same two resources forever. Our motivations may change as our circumstances change and our journey progresses.

It is our responsibility as Christians to daily respond to God's generosity by being: grateful, generous, mindful of the poor, give cheerfully, be proportionate givers, be faithful stewards and carefully plan our giving.

Edie Maas, our financial secretary has informed me that she has had to transfer some of our CD earnings into our checking account to continue to keep our bills current. We've done a good job so far in the Month of May – contri-

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butions for the first two Sundays amounted to \$8,553.17 – if that trend continues, we will more than meet our monthly goal of \$14,885. However, there are several designated amounts in the monies given so far in May; in other words, we should not be using that entire amount to pay our current bills.

Thanks to all of you who have faithfully honored your commitment pledge or have contributed beyond your promise. As we approach the summer months, please try to remember that the work of the church continues. We also need to keep in mind as our Call Committee continues in their mission to find a permanent pastor, one of things that will be looked at is the financial condition of Faith Lutheran.

The Call Committee has received the name of another candidate and is reviewing the paperwork to prepare for the interview. After careful consideration and an interview, first candidate and the committee mutually agreed that it was not a good match for us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

The 50/50 Campaign is continuing through June 4! You still have time to bring in nonperishable items. The program goal is 50,000 pounds. Faith's quota is 1,000 pounds, and we are better than half way at press time.

Besides canned goods, we are in need of laundry detergent (powdered so we can split up into several packages) and toilet paper.

Anyone taking food to the Center will have it weighed and recorded.

This campaign will hopefully give the Center enough food to get through the summer months when children are not getting lunches at school.

Thank you for your support!

SUE NEATHAMER



**50,000
pounds
in 50
days**

We can do it!

Bring nonperishables, canned goods, powdered laundry detergent, toilet paper or money between Easter and Pentecost (June 4) to help CLM fill their shelves for the summer demand.

YOUTH NEWS

Old News: On May 7th, the youth had an important meeting discussing the rest of the summer's plans. We decided to take a job raising money by selling deserts at the Friday night "Concerts in the Park" series in downtown Jeff at Warder Park.

We would like to thank Barb and Sonny Brewster for giving us this opportunity to help. We started Friday, May 19th, and end mid-September.

May 21st the youth going to Texas had an LYO meeting in Corydon from 4:30-6 to continue meeting other youth near us also going to Texas. May 31st

was the last day of confirmation before next fall.

New News: Summer is here!! Congratulations to Katie Rife! She is being confirmed June 4th. The week of June 18th, Will Czerwonka will be attending Lutheran Hills Summer Church Camp. On June 25th the youth going to Texas be hosting a meeting for others going to the LYO Convention in this area. After this, the youth going to Texas have a mandatory meeting to make the covenant for the trip. July 4-10th the high school youth is going to San Antonio, TX for a tri-annual LYO Convention. The week of July 16th more

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children from Faith will also be going to Lutheran Hills Summer Church Camp. July 24th to the 28th is VBS!

Important dates for Faith Youth in June/July

June 25 2-3 pm Faith will host the last get together with area churches attending the Texas Youth Gathering. Following that (3-5? Pm) Youth attending the Youth Gathering in Texas will draft the Covenant. *All Youth attending the Gathering are required to attend this important work session.* Dinner will be provided.

July 4 Youth leave for San Antonio Cruzando conference.

July 10 Youth return from San Antonio

July 24-28 VBS

OWLS

OWLS on the Move!! Seventeen OWLS enjoyed an inspirational trip to St. Meinrad Archabbey and to Ferdinand Monastery, on Saturday, May 20. We toured both the magnificent Archabbey and the exquisite Monastery. We ladies managed two ten-minute shopping "sprees" into For Heavens Sake, the Monastery gift shop and Abbey Press. We all attended vespers service at St. Meinrad, then ate a delicious dinner at Newman Hall, reminiscent of college dining halls. Then back to

church by 9:00. It was a lovely and rewarding day! Thanks to Arlys for arranging our tours!

OWLS are sponsoring First Sunday visitation to our aged and infirmed members and to our fellow members whom we haven't seen for a while. Please join us on June 4 for our next visit. We need you to help us let our shut-ins know that we, as their Faith family, care for them. And, guess what - a few minutes of our time means so much to them and a blessing to

us. I PROMISE! See Arlys for details.

Upcoming activities and adventures!

July 15 - OWLS cookout at the home of Nancy and Jim Vogt. Spend a lazy Saturday afternoon with your OWL friends, visiting and, of course, eating. (OWLS always include food!) Bring a dish and we'll grill out. Show up at 3:00 or thereabouts and we'll eat around 4:30. Call Nancy Falkenstein (944-9408), Nancy Vogt(282-2014) or Arlys Johnson

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

(944-2219) for more information. Sign up at church or call us.

September 10 - Clarksville Little Theater - matinee presentation of Oklahoma at 2:00 p.m. We'll eat lunch before or dinner after, depending upon majority wishes. More details later!

We hope all of our 40's upward members and friends will join us in OWL activities. We need you! We promise fun, fellowship, food,

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

Dot Clerici Barr's mother)
Irma Mishler (Sharon Fox's mother)
Kay Winn **Chuck Dolejs** (Debbie Lang's father)
Anne Steaban **Ron Barr** (Rick's brother)
Fammie Peter **Debby Vance** (Sue Neathamer's stepdaughter)
Eric Hall **John Ohlendorf** (Sue Neathamer's brother)
Walter Clive **Howard Czerwonka**
Betty Trusner
Dennis Yellina
Val Polk
Fran Heuton (Terri

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rick Barr and his family at the passing of his father, Bob Barr, on May 9.

For the members of the Call Committee as they continue the search for our new pastor.

If you are in need of aid, comfort or prayer please contact Pastor Hawkins at 812-282-6993 or one of the prayer chain leaders: Betty Condra (282-2102), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these birthdays:

June

Scott Wykoff 6/7
 Karli Neathamer 6/9
 Faith Taylor 6/12
 Mike Vecelius 6/12
 Courtney Warren 6/12
 Carol Sosnicki 6/13
 Nancy Arbuckle 6/19
 Jordan Searcy 6/20
 Lisa Peter 6/21
 Edith Woodward 6/22
 Sarah Rife 6/23
 Josh Landis 6/25
 Stan Sosnicki 6/25
 John Campbell 6/30

July

Travis Arbuckle 7/1
 Jack Hayes 7/5
 Tyler Landis 7/5
 Nancy Thompson 7/6
 Kyle Thoms 7/6
 Steve Vogt 7/6

Roy Searcy 7/8
 Will Holder 7/11
 Katarina Riekhof 7/12
 Vivian Smith 7/14
 Eric Peter 7/16
 Ashley Thoms 7/16
 Jim Wheat 7/16
 Tom Hayes 7/18
 Jim Falkenstein 7/18
 Mike Woehrle 7/18
 Peg Gernand 7/24

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries:

June

Bill & Mary Winn 6/2
 Bev & Brent Haire 6/10
 Patti & Mike Smith 6/13
 Veronica & Scott Rife 6/18
 Amy & Corey Durham 6/27
 Ellen & Greg Linker 6/30

July

Carol & Stan Sosnicki 7/5
 Carol & John Taylor 7/9
 Dorothy & Gordon McCall 7/27

If information is missing or incorrect on this list, please let Patti Smith know.



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WELCA NOTES

“Act Boldly With Love”

Remember to join us for our monthly Bible studies. Both circles are continuing to use the Bible studies found in the Lutheran Woman Today magazine that focus on bold women in the Bible.

June/July Meeting Schedule:

Saturday, June 3, 10 am — WELCA Joint Quarterly Meeting

Sunshine Circle will not meet during the summer months, and will resume their meetings in September.

Wheadon Friendship Circle meets at 7 pm **Tuesday, June 20 and Tuesday, July 18** at church.

Loaves and Fishes Serving Dates:

Saturday, July 8

Saturday, September 16
(youth will prepare and serve this date)

Saturday, December 9

Please mark your calendar to help support this important community service project.

Women of the ELCA

The joint WELCA quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. We will have a brief business meeting that will begin at 10:00 am. After the meeting, at approximately 11:00 am, there will be a self-defense presentation by Gary Woods, retired Jeffersonville police officer. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to learn to be more aware of the dangers in your surroundings and how to better protect yourself. We believe that this will be of great interest to women of all ages. Please feel free to invite the women you care about to this informative presentation.

WELCA will continue to offer Bible studies during the summer months. The Wheadon Friendship Circle has decided to continue to meet during the summer months at the regularly scheduled time. The Sunshine Circle will take a break over the summer and resume their Bible studies in September. Women of all ages are welcome to join these Bible studies. It is a great opportunity to study

and grow in our faith and share fellowship with other women in the church. The Bible studies are about bold women in the Bible as published in Lutheran Woman Today magazine. Do not worry if you do not have a subscription, there are always enough copies to share. If you are interested in a subscription, please feel free to ask Carrie McCoy how to go about subscribing.

WELCA is continuing their support of the **Loaves and Fishes** project. Please keep the following dates in mind if you are interested in helping with this project. This is a wonderful project that fulfills a great need for the hungry in our community. The remaining dates for this year are as follows:

Saturday, July 8th

Saturday, September 16th -
This date is being covered by the youth group

Saturday, December, 9th

Center for Women and Children

WELCA is continuing their support of this center for abused women and chil-

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dren. The Center provides shelter, education and employment guidance for women seeking to escape abusive situations and begin a new life. The large yellow barrel is the receptacle for personal care items, sheets (twin size), etc. (Please, no clothing)

We are still in need of people to sign up for altar guild for the remainder of the year. If you cannot be there every Sunday in the month, sign up to share the responsibility with someone that month. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have questions or want training on duties of the altar guild, please contact Marsha Woods at 502-645-4725.



LIBRARY NEWS

All of these books for children have been donated to our library in memory of Irene Clive, my mother who passed away a year ago on May 28th. I hope to put them into the hands of our pre-schoolers and young church members. The next newsletter will highlight the new adult books and audio-visual materials.

PICTURE BOOKS

BEARS IN THE NIGHT by Stan Berenstain.

MY VERY FIRST BOOK OF WORDS, a board book by Eric Carle.

BIG AL AND SHRIMPY by Andrew Clements. A very small shrimp learns that even though he is small he can make a big difference to his friend, Big Al.

FREIGHT TRAIN, a board book about colors by Donald Crews.

I'M GONNA LIKE ME : LETTING OFF A LITTLE SELF-ESTEEM by Jamie Lee Curtis.

THE PARABLE OF THE LILY, a board book by Liz Curtis Higgs. This is a simple story about a girl and a mysterious gift that is really about the true meaning of Easter.

THE PUMPKIN PATCH PARABLE, by Liz Curtis Higgs.

CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM, a rhyming, alphabet book by Bill Martin that's a lot of fun to read

out loud.

TEN LITTLE EGGS, a counting and color board book by Jean Marzollo.

SLIDE 'N' SEEK OPPOSITES, a board book about opposites by Chuck Murphy.

THE KISSING HAND, a New York Times #1 bestseller by Audrey Penn, shows how love can reassure us and give us strength when we're afraid.

A POCKET FULL OF KISSES, sequel of the above. Here, the author shows how there's plenty of love to go around, even after a new baby joins the family.

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD, the classic story about perseverance by Watty Piper.

HOP ON POP, an early vocabulary book by Dr. Seuss.

DR. SEUSS'S ABC, a rhyming alphabet book.

ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY, by Judith Viorst. This funny favorite unites us by reminding us that we all make mistakes and we all have bad days.

BIBLE STORIES & CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

DEAR GOD, IT'S ME! by Lynn Hodges. This is a child's prayer, a real conversation with God. A song on compact disc is included.

NANCY THOMPSON

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP, a visual feast of prayers for children as young as 18 months.

LIFT THE FLAP BIBLE, an interactive introduction to Bible stories by Reader's Digest Children's Books.

A IS FOR ARK : NOAH'S JOURNEY, a beautifully illustrated alphabet book by Colleen Monroe.

BOOKS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENS

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE, by Kate DiCamillo. A movie was made from this Newberry Honor Book about a girl's determination to help a stray dog and the change it caused to the people around her.

JULIE OF THE WOLVES, an adventure story by Newberry medal winner, Jean Craighead George, about surviving and growing up in the Alaskan wilderness.

LAFCADIO, THE LION WHO SHOT BACK, by Shel Silverstein. This is one of my favorite books for young readers, no matter what age you may be. It's about being true to yourself.

Worship Time Change

We move to summer hours beginning June 4!

Adult and High School Sunday School will study Revelations at 8:45 am

(Activities are planned for young people during this time)

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Weekday Church School completed the it's 22nd year on May 25th with a trip to the Conner Dairy Farm in Shelbyville, Ky. A good time was had by all. The children enjoyed riding the big school bus, seeing the cows being milked, and a picnic of homemade cookies, their own work, and ice cream. This year we even made butter by shaking cream in a jar all the way to the farm. What a surprise to see the butter begin to form!

We want to thank all the staff who made this year a success. A BIG thanks to Don Maas who is retiring

this year! We will miss him, and greatly appreciate his help the past few years! Weekday will be donating \$1000 to Faith to help pay our share of the insurance bill, heat and light, and toward Patti's secretarial salary for her help. We have done this every year and this cost is covered in the \$75.00 donation we ask from each student.

Great News! Faith Weekday has been chosen by the Jeffersonville Fraternal Order of Police to receive a grant of \$2000 to be placed in a certificate of deposit . The interest from this C.D. will

be used for partial scholarships for needy children in this community or church. Pastor and the First Step organization will help to decide who is to receive this aid for a pre-school education. The CD has been set up at Community Bank in Jeffersonville. Only the interest is to be used so that the program may continue on from year to year. We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to whoever recommended this school for this gift. We hope to use it as a blessing from God to enable us to do His work at this time and in this place.

CAROL TAYLOR



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On May 21st Pastor John began a study of the Book of Revelations. The class chose to meet each Sun. morning at 8:45 am. Beginning June 4 when worship time moves to 10:00 am. in the Emma Schoen Hall. Pastor says to bring a Bible and an open mind to join in the discussions. Running concurrently with this Sr. High/Adult class is a class for children. It will be taught by a different volunteer each Sunday. The class will consist of a Bible story and a craft. All children are welcome to join in the fun. One of the projects will be

to make blankets for some very special sheep. If need be we will split this into pre school and older children depending on the number who attend . This class will continue through the month of July. It will be up to the class if it continues after the children go back to school in August.

Parents should be receiving letters telling them of the Christian Education committee meeting held in May. We discussed some new formats for Sunday school and created a questionnaire that will be passed out dur-

ing church in June. Several ideas were proposed, among them were having a class on Wed. nights in addition to Sunday morning. Changing the time of Sunday School to after the worship service, letting it stand as it is now. When you get your questionnaire, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE FILL IT OUT AND RETURN IT SO THAT THE COMMITTEE CAN LEARN HOW BEST TO SERVE AND PROVIDE THE BEST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR FAITH'S CHILDREN. You will be hearing more from this committee when the

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results are in and counted.

A big thank you is in order for those who taught this past year. Dick and Virginia Klemens, Meredith Riekhof, Barb Brewster, John and Carol Taylor, and Lyle and Peg Gernand. We really appreciate the time you have given to the education at Faith. We know many hours have been spent in preparation as well as the weekends you gave up what you want to be doing to further the education here at church. The dedication, commitment and attendance of the people has been wonderful. THANKS!

YARD SALE!

KATHY HAYES

Saturday, June 24 – YARD SALE! Thrivent Care in Congregations Event – 8 am to 1 pm. Please bring any donated items to the church fellowship hall on Friday, June 23, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Thank you for donations and for any time you can volunteer!

to set up, receive items, and price items on Friday, June 23, from 6 pm to 8 pm and to work the yard sale and to help take down and clean up on Saturday, June 24, from 8 am to close (hopefully done by 2 pm). Many thanks for donations and volunteers! Any questions, call Kathy Hayes at 967-5959.

If you can donate any volunteer time, we need help

Did we mention that worship time changes June 4?

See you at 8:45 for the Bible Study on Revelations and 10 am for worship!

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◆ Congratulations to **Katie Rife** on her confirmation June 4.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Matt McCoy**, who ran this year's Derby Mini-Marathon in under 2 hours!
- ◆ Congratulations to **Carrie McCoy**, who recently was graduated Magna Cum Laude from IUS with a degree in education! Carrie completed her studies with a 3.95 GPA...awesome!
- ◆ Congratulations to **Virginia Klemens** as she retires from teaching this year.
- ◆ Congratulations, too, to **Amy Holaday**, who retires after 34 years of teaching.
- ◆ **Arlys Johnson** lost a silver earring Easter morning at church. If anyone found it, please return it to Arlys.
- ◆ **Dawn Bye** is transferring her membership to Faith from Florida. Welcome to our family, Dawn!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION



One of the offerings during our Vacation Bible School here at Faith in July will be First Communion Instruction led by PJ. This class is offer to any child whom the parents believe is ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For a child to be admitted into the class the parents should contact PJ for a brief meet-

ing to discuss what the expectations of the parents are and what the expectations of the church are as to a level of understanding concerning the meaning of the Sacrament of the Altar. The arrangements for this meeting should be made with pastor no later than June 18th. It will be between that date and the

date of the first night of Vacation Bible School that meeting dates and times will be set up. If you have any question to have answered in your decision process please contact PJ and he will gladly provide what information he has available.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible school will be held **July 24-28**, 9:00-12:00 am. There will be classes for children entering the first year weekday program [3yrs. old by Aug. 1st] The oldest class will be for children entering the 7th grade. All of the classes are staffed. Thanks to all who have volunteered your time to help with this educational and evangelical project. To staff a whole VBS without making a single pleading phone call is truly remarkable and truly to be commended. Arlys has worked out a new one using the new format of having the children in their classroom for one hour each day. Art, music, recreation, and snack are the only classes taught outside the classroom. All stories and discussions will be with their own teacher. On the last day of class last year it was decided to try this format, because so much time seemed to be lost in moving from place to place. We keep fine tuning the product to enable us to give the children the best program we can.

This year's Staff

Art: Terri Barr, Maria Begin, Edie Maas
 Music: Meredith Riekof,

Marsha Woods, Sarah Rife, Kirsten McCoy

Recreation: Katie Rife, Alex Taylor

Snacks: Nancy and Jim Falkenstein

Nursery I : Peg Gernand

Nursery II: Charlotte Davis, Debbie Lake

Kindergarten I: Arlys

Johnson, Demarris Scott

Kindergarten II: Carol Taylor, Barbara Brewster

1st and 2nd grade: Joshua Emily

3rd and 4th grade: Carrie McCoy

5th and 6th: Sharon Fox

1st communion class: Pastor John Hawkins

The theme this year is Gospel Express, the Augsburg V.B.S. material for this year. The stories include Jesus birth, the wedding feast at Cana, a banquet with Simon, the parable of the lost sheep, and Jesus blesses the children. All of the stories this year are from the Gospels. Jesus leads the way. Each day at Gospel Express everyone hears a kid-friendly Bible story that celebrates Jesus' active presence in our lives. Everything from worship to games to songs to drama connects the daily Bible story and theme in fun and memorable ways. Climb aboard the Gospel Express and join in the fun! Registration forms will be

mailed to each child member of Faith and to anyone who has been enrolled in the Weekday program.

Please return them as soon as possible so we can be sure to have enough material for Monday morning July 24th. We'll see you at V.B.S.!



**Climb Aboard the
 Gospel Express!**

VBS

July 24-28

9 am—noon

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Isn't summertime supposed to be lazy? You wouldn't think so, looking at the calendar of events for June and July here at Faith!

In April your council members spent an afternoon in a leadership workshop led by Pastor Hawkins. It was designed to help us focus on better leadership skills and the roles we have accepted. The feedback from members has been very positive. Our goal is to discover and nurture the leadership talent available among members to lead us in the coming years.

Early in May a committee met to review the Congregation Constitution as recommended by the national church, and to update the Bylaws for approval by the congregation at the next congregational meeting. Most of the recommendations of the bylaws will remain the same, but we have decided to propose allowing three consecutive 2-year council terms as opposed to just two consecutive terms. You may recall that before 1994 the council terms were 3 year terms. We are also looking at our present committee structure to see if they meet our current mission and goals as they stand or if they need to be updated. Many congregations are

going to "teams" as opposed to "committees" to foster better results through participation by all team members. One team we are interested in creating is for Mutual Ministry. This team will work closely with the pastor to see that the needs of both the congregation and the pastor are being met. Any issues or concerns by either the congregation or the pastor would go through this committee before being brought to council.

As of press time, the Call Committee had received its second name from Synod and is reviewing the information received about this candidate. We will continue to pray for their wisdom and their success.

The first week of Pastor's Sunday morning bible study on Revelations garnered 30 individuals...I think that may be an unprecedented turnout for a Sunday morning class! It promises to be an active and enlightening experience.

On page 12 of this newsletter is a questionnaire from the Christian Education committee. We continue to struggle to find some way to bring more people, especially children, out for Sunday Church School so they can learn the founda-

tions of our faith to build on for their futures. We are willing to try new formats, but need to know what it will take to get you involved. Please take a moment to share your candid thoughts.

You may have noticed some new worship assistants. It's great to see some new faces helping out with the service! Any confirmed member can assist, and Pastor will gladly guide you through what needs to be done. If you're interested in helping in this role, please let Pastor or me know.

Pastor and some of the young adults (20-somethings) are hatching plans for activities for this age group. If you're in this age group, stay tuned for details. If you have ideas or would like to help organize some activities, please get in touch with Pastor.

The OWLS have been busy and have events planned throughout the summer (see the calendars). I heard good things about their field trip to St. Meinrad. I'm sure they would welcome even more participation. In addition to their fun activities, they are providing an important ministry with their monthly visits to our homebound members. This is a great

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example of our taking responsibility for the mission and ministry of our church and not relying on someone else (Pastor) to do it all. This is not part of the interim process. This is a long term commitment.

The youth are gearing up for their trip to Texas. Let's keep them and their two adult chaperones (Veronica Rife and Chuck Landis) in our prayers for a safe and inspirational experience.

Several of the younger members are off to summer camp! I'm sure they'll have some fun experiences to share as well!

Plans for another successful VBS are well underway. I understand the staff is complete, the curriculum is set, and all we need now are children to complete the mix. Our programs for children are well received in our community and an important ministry.

Whatever your plans might be for the summer, I hope they are restful, relaxing and include some time for giving thanks for the many blessings you enjoy.

God's peace to you.



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SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE AND JULY

USHERS: JUNE—M. WOHRLE, G. MCCALL, D. JOHNSON, A. THOMPSON

JULY—FRED & TAMI CZERWONKA, ED & FANNIE PETER

ALTAR GUILD: JUNE—BEV HAIRE & BARB MORRIS-NIX; JULY—VIVIAN SMITH

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: JUNE-TOM HAYES; JULY—TAMI CZERWONKA

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

| <u>SUN.</u> | <u>ASSISTANT</u> | <u>ACOLYTE</u> | <u>NURSERY</u> | <u>SOCIAL</u> | <u>GREETERS</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 4 | Carol Taylor | Will Czerwonka | ? | n/a | ? |
| 11 | Bev Haire | Kristina Peter | ? | ? | ? |
| 18 | Kristine Young | Jordan Searcy | ? | ? | ? |
| 25 | Lyle Gernand | Samantha McCoy | ? | ? | ? |
| 2 | Meredith Riekhof | Katie Rife | Cathy Holman | ? | ? |
| 9 | Scott Wykoff | Matt Craven | Scott Rife | ? | ? |
| 16 | Lindsey Landis | Sarah Rife | Vivian Smith | ? | ? |
| 23 | Dick Klemens | Josh Landis | ? | ? | ? |
| 30 | Eric Peter | Brittany Searcy | Virginia Klemens | ? | ? |