



# THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

SEPTEMBER, 2006



## PJ'S JOTS

PASTOR JOHN HAWKINS

*Okay!* I don't know about you, but it doesn't seem possible that September is upon us. And on top of that, most of the schools, and I mean all types of schools, have already been in session for weeks. And just around the corner is the beginning of the Sunday Church School Program, here at Faith Church.

There are other articles about what that program will entail and who will be doing what in our Sunday School. September is a very busy month. New things will be happening. And now is the time for us here at Faith to renew our commitment to one another and to being disciples of Jesus. Now is the time for us here at Faith to take advantage of the opportunities to share in learning and time together. Now is the time to do a "NEW THING" in following Jesus.

Following Jesus, now that is not a new phrase for many. Every Sunday for the past several weeks in August part of that phrase has been in the hands of all attending worship. **Akaloo**, comes from the Greek word "*akalouthein*" which means "to follow." **Akaloo** is not just a word but an action, a way of life, a "NEW THING". It is a "NEW THING" that we here at Faith church will be trying in addition to our Sunday Church School program. There are five **Akaloo** lifelong goals. They are:

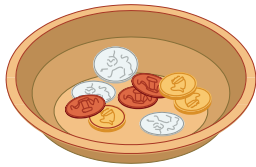
1. Discover more fully what the Bible says and what it means for my life.
2. Experience God as a gracious God, who is actively working to save and bless the world.
3. Become a disciple who lives more fully into the life that Jesus called his people to live.
4. Celebrate more fully in the life and mission of the people of God, who are blessed to be a blessing.
5. Embrace God's world and fully share in the life of that world, which Christ died to save.

### Worship Time Change

Worship begins at 10:30 am  
September 3  
Sunday Church School begins  
September 10  
9:15 am

**Akaloo** is a family-oriented program, not just limited to one age group or another. It is a supplement to the Sunday Church School program, not a replacement for it. **Akaloo**, will be held on a weeknight, Wednesday nights, here at Faith church. It will include the use of computers, written materials and activities for all ages. I will be teaching the adult segment of the **Akaloo** program, and we will be recruiting others to do the segments for the different age groups. Just like Sunday School, it can be broken down into age groups or study groups. There will be opportunities for families to do things together, both here in the church and at home. It has a lot of Internet web-based activities and information that we are able to access both here at the church and in individual homes if you have an Internet connection. It looks like an exciting time, and I, along with the Christian Education Ministry Team want to invite everyone to come and join us. We will be meeting for our first gathering and informational session on Wednesday evening. September 20, 2006 at 7 p.m.. So, are you ready to **Akaloo**?

## FINANCE MATTERS



We're in the beginning of "back to school" days. Administrators, teachers, parents and students are doing those things needed for a productive and enjoyable year.

The prophet Malachi would understand the "back to school" feeling. He called Israel back, not to school, but to God; but there were important truths he wanted them to remember and practice. The truths were not new. The people had forgotten them or put them aside, thinking they were unimportant. Malachi knew they were essential in relating to God.

One of these truths focused on giving. "I the Lord do not change....Return to me, and I will return to you...Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...Test me in this...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Mal. 3:6-7, 10-11. NIV).

WELCA has been using a series of devotions found in Lutheran Woman Today and the theme for this year has been "Acting Boldly." In the July/August issue, there was a section entitled "The Real Deal." It talked about the ambivalence in

the church concerning setting goals. This article suggested some people feel we are infringing on the work of the Holy Spirit, or maybe we don't want to set goals for fear of being disappointed. If we don't have goals, we set ourselves up for a lack of participation, support and energy in our church family. Not setting goals leads to poor stewardship and we're not clear about what we are trying to achieve.

This article reinforces the attitudes and concepts in the stewardship program we are about to launch. If you remember the process from last year, you will be familiar with what will happen this year. Our Consecration Stewardship Program emphasizes spiritual growth by giving a percentage of income to the Lord's work according to the blessings you have received. Jesus summed up the spiritual connection between money and God this way: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) Financial stewardship is treasure management that helps us to es-

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cape the trap of selfishness by keeping ourselves spiritually focused on God. We can either become emotionally attached to our money, or we can become emotionally attached to the God who gives us our money. The emphasis of this program is to become the latter.

You will begin to hear in the coming weeks from members of our congregation about the benefits of being good stewards of the blessings we have received from our loving and generous God, including monetary blessings. You will learn how you can help and the decision you make will be between you and the One who loves us unconditionally. We are looking for help in planning the next few weeks; we have a need for speakers and callers. If you would like to help, please give me a call! You will be invited to a celebration dinner on October 29 – one of the best ways you can help is to fill out your reservation card indicating you will be present and support the work and mission of Faith Lutheran Church.

The Call Committee is awaiting another name from Synod.

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

### Finance Recap as of July 31, 2006

Receipts (less designated)	\$101,362
Income required to meet budget	<u>106,485</u>
Total year to date income to budget	(\$ 5,123)
Interest from CD	<u>1,198</u>
Total above (below) budget	(\$ 3,925)

**YOUTH NEWS**

SARAH RIFE

On August 13th, the youth held their annual pool party at the Taylors. Thanks, Mr. and Mrs. T, for having us out and for the great food! There the youth discussed plans for the year ahead, and held elections for officers. This year Sarah Rife is president, while Kirsten McCoy is vice-president, Brittany Searcy treasurer, Kyle Czerwonka assistant treasurer, and Katie Rife secretary.

We welcome Steven Fox, Tara Miller and Tyler Landis to the youth group this year!

The youth would like to let the congregation know that we aren't going to ask for your money until November! We decided to give everyone a break for helping us fund raise all the money for Texas. In September the youth will be going to Kart Kountry on the 10th, there is a parent meeting on the 13th for all kids that will be in this years confirmation class, and the youth will be making lunch and serving it at Loaves and Fishes on the 16th from 9am until 2pm. So far the year is going well, and should be a lot of fun.

**Youth Officers for Upcoming Year**

President	Sarah Rife
Vice President	Kirsten McCoy
Treasurer	Brittany Searcy
Asst. Treasurer	Kyle Czerwonka
Secretary	Katie Rife

**Youth Activities for September**

- 10 Kart Kountry Outing
- 13 Parent meeting for youths entering confirmation
- 16 Loaves and Fishes

**OWLS (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SOCIETY)**

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

OWLS are planning several activities and projects this fall.

On Sunday, September 10, a number of us plan to attend the Clarksville Little Theater performance of Oklahoma. After the performance we are going to dinner together. If you have not signed up, call Nancy 944-9408 and we'll see what we can do!

In October we are having two Halloween parties! Dates are not yet set. One party will be for elderly residents of a nursing home (Patty Cress has two

groups from which we might choose, for our opportunity to bring a little fall fun to our older friends.) Our other Halloween party will be for OWLS and is being hosted by the Andereggs. Costumes? S'mores? Hot dogs? You'll learn more in the October newsletter.

OWLS are involved in several projects. Aside from the nursing home Halloween party, our ongoing project is visiting and contacting our Faith family who cannot come to church. This is our First Sunday visitation pro-

gram. Please help us by choosing one or more persons on our list to contact, either by a visit, a phone call, or a card during that month. On Sunday, September 3, we will have a list in the Fellowship Hall from which to choose that name. Help!!

Another project is that of nametags. We have talked with Council and will begin something this fall. These will help our congregation to reach out to each other during worship. It's nice to know with whom you are sharing the peace!



And finally, we are looking into some kind of stained glass project. This project is in its infancy. We are researching now and getting input from as many of our Faith family as possible. Let us know what you think of our purchasing stained glass hangings for some of the windows of our church! Remember - all our 45 and older members are welcome at all OWLS activities!! Hope to see you there!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

We ask God's special healing for:

**Dot Clerici**

**Hallie Kusch**

**Kay Winn**

**Bill Winn**

**Roger and Louise Rice**

**Daniel Farmer**

**Fammie Peter**

**Lisa Peter**

**Walter Clive**

**Betty Trusner**

**Dennis Yellina**

**Val Polk**

**Marilyn Thoreson**

**Fran Heuton**

**Irma Mishler**

**Chuck Dolejs**

**Ron Barr**

**Howard and Dorothy Czerwonka**

Our prayers of celebration and congratulations are with Karen Clive and Justin Husband, who were

married at Faith on August 18.

Our prayers for support and guidance continue for the members of the Call Committee as they 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 September birthdays:*

Kathy Farmer	9/2
Linda Woehrl	9/2
Bev Haire	9/4
Megan Fitzpatrick	9/5
Patti Smith	9/6
Dylan Neathamer	9/8
Nick Cooke	9/9
Dennis Yellina	9/12
Kristina Peter	9/17
Sarah Lang	9/18
Susan Lang	9/18
Fred Steaban	9/18
Karen Vescelus	9/20
Shawn Glaab	9/26
Scott Rife	9/27

Anne & Fred Steaban 9/19

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



*We celebrate with these couples having September anniversaries:*

Linda Romine & Scott Wykoff	9/4
Greg & Sandy Maas	9/18

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*Thanks!*

*Thanks to everyone who sent cards and good wishes for my retirement. I really appreciate your kind thoughts.*

*Amy Holaday*

A big thank you to the members (over 30) who donated snack items for VBS! Thanks to the generosity of our Faith family, we had plenty of everything for the children to enjoy!

The Falkensteins

Thanks to Jim and Nancy Vogt, Jim and Nancy Falkenstein, Donna and Mike Baugh, Tom, Kathy and Jack Hayes, Sandy Neathamer, and Dick and Virginia Klemens for working "the Lutheran booth" at the Kentucky State Fair!

## WELCA NOTES

### “Hope in God in Times of Suffering”

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 how Christians deal with suffering.

### September Meeting Schedule:

**Joint Quarterly Meeting** 10:00 AM  
**Saturday, September 9.**

**Sunshine Circle** will meet **Wednesday, September 13** at 10:00 am

**Wheadon Friendship Circle** meets at 7 pm **Tuesday, September 19** at church.

### Loaves and Fishes Serving Dates:

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 <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

Summer is coming to a close and a lot of us are getting back into our normal routines of school and work. The ladies in the Sunshine Circle will resume their meetings, the Wheadon Friendship circle will continue their meetings, and we have our joint quarterly meeting this month as well. There are a lot of opportunities to get involved with WELCA and we would love to have you there. September will be the beginning of a new Bible study found in Lutheran Woman Today magazine titled *Hope in God in Times of Suffering*. This appears to be an interesting study that deals with many questions we have about living in the

world today. To check out an overview of the upcoming lessons, see the box information below. Please 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.

The next joint quarterly WELCA meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a brief business meeting followed by a guest speaker. We plan to have Mark Porter, director of CLM come and speak to our group. This should be a great opportunity to learn more about CLM. We also have

CARRIE MCCOY

important business topics to discuss as well. We need to discuss what projects we want to support with funds that we have available. It would be great to have as many ladies as possible there so we can have a productive meeting.

WELCA continues to support the Loaves and Fishes project. This is a terrific project that fulfills a great need for the hungry in our community by preparing and serving a meal on Saturday afternoons. The youth will work the next date as a service project. We will need volunteers to work the December date. We would not be able to commit to this project without your support.

### Beginning in September: *Hope in God in Times of Suffering*

(excerpted from *Lutheran Woman Today* website)

Christians, like all people, often struggle to make sense of suffering. Beginning with the September 2006 issue of *Lutheran Woman Today* and continuing through May of 2007, Faith and Terence Fretheim explore suffering, a word they claim we use too freely. “We use it to refer to everything from a headache to the holocaust.”

Suffering is a fact of life; nearly everyone suffers at some time, and not all of us suffer equally, the writers posit. Why is that? Suffering can be personal, as in a serious illness or an accident, or it can be communal, such as this nation experienced after Hurricane Katrina or the attacks of September 11.

Our Bible study writers make distinctions among types of suffering, causes of suffering, and the ways we can respond to it. The key question they will explore is, “What will we do with our suffering?”

Each session is filled with information, probing questions, and Bible passages. We hope the sessions will spark reflection, conversation and prayer. Join in the journey as we explore the different realities of suffering, the relationship to God and suffering, and the hope that emerges from suffering.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Would you give a stranger your most precious possession? My guess is that you wouldn't and neither would most people. But if you give it some serious thought, you would realize our faith is built on just such a gift. That brings me to the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, written by Greg Mortenson. This true story began with a 1993 mountain climbing adventure that went awry when Mortenson realized he was lost. His life was saved by strangers who gave him tea sweetened by the giver's most precious possession, sugar. While recovering, Mortenson witnessed what the people of that remote village wanted most – a school, so their children could be educated. He vowed to somehow provide it for them, and he did. Not only did he keep his promise, but he continued building school after school throughout Pakistan and Afghanistan, all the while subjecting himself to tremendous danger and personal sacrifice. Because of the dogged determination of one man, nations are being built slowly, peacefully, and with good will toward all people.

Another book I'd like to share with you is called *Night Comes to the Cumber-*

*lands*. It was written by Harry Caudill in 1963 in an effort to inform and hopefully change what was happening to the land and people of Appalachia. This classic did have an impact on Kentucky history. The problem is that the battle is still being waged today. In his book, Caudill explains how this most beautiful land covered with magnificent, old growth trees, was being destroyed with no concern for the effect it had on its rugged, hard-working people. Coal was and continues to be taken from these mountains, but at a huge cost to its people. It doesn't stop here, either. Just like a pebble in a stream, the consequences affect all of us.

Both of these two books share a couple themes. The first is that one person can make a difference. The second one is the importance of education. Harry Caudill first knew he had to do something when he was invited to speak at an eighth grade graduation ceremony in a coal camp school in 1960. After seeing the awful condition of the school and listening, ironically, to the singing of "America, the Beautiful", he knew he had to do something. That was what started Caudill on his life-long crusade, just as the

precious gift of sugar was what started Mortenson on his.

Neither book is in our church library now, but you can find them in our local libraries. Anyone wanting to read *Two Cups of Tea* is also welcome to borrow my copy.



NANCY THOMPSON



**Worship time  
changes to 10:30  
on Sunday,  
September 3**

## CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday September 13th. This first session is for both parents and students. We will discuss material, show the new Lutheran Student Handbook, and talk of the expectations for the class. The three new students, Tara Miller, Tyler Landis, and Stephen Fox will receive training to be new acolytes after the parents meeting. The four returning students are Will Czerwonka, Samantha McCoy, Kristina Peter, and Jordan Searcy. By confirmation on Pentecost Sunday these children should be able to tell the Exodus story, write the Ten Commandments from memory, and be able to give Luther's explanation of what they should and should not do in their own words, and be able to write the books of the old testament from memory. We look forward to a great learning experience with these children.

## WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

Weekday Church school will begin on September 12. There will be two first year classes and one Pre-K class. The teachers for the first year class are Charlotte Davis and Peg Gernand. Edie Maas will be Charlotte's assistant and Debbie Lake will be the helper in Peg's class. Both classes will have 13 children in them. There are six left on the waiting list for the first year class and ten left waiting in the pre-k class.

The pre K staff will include Carol Taylor and Barbara Brewster teach-

ing Story time, Music, and Academics. Terri Barr and Edith Woodward will teach art Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. Damarris Scott will be helping in art both days. Skills will be taught by Toni Hedrich, Recreation will be led by Michelle Thomas. We are still looking for a helper for her class. This class will have 28 children in it, but is broken into 4 sections of 7 children each. With 2 teachers for a section this gives us a 3 1/2 children to one teacher ratio.

There will be a parent orientation meeting on Thursday August 31 at 7:00 pm. We hope all parents will be able to attend this meeting so they can sign up for snacks, learn our schedule and expectations, and see some of the materials we will be using during the school year. The meeting should be over by 8:30. This meeting will take place at Faith Lutheran church.



### **Weekday Church School Parent Meeting**

Thursday, August 31

7:00 pm

At church

### **Shopping with Stewardship Meijers and Kroger Rewards Programs**

Did you know that Faith participates in rewards programs at both Meijers and Kroger? Those members who purchase from these stores can help raise funds for Faith by signing up for the programs.

The programs work differently, so please take time to inquire about them the next time you visit these stores.

It can really help!





## FAITH FAMILY NIGHT SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

We're kicking off the Sunday Church School season a bit differently this year.

Saturday, September 9 we will hold a cookout at 6 pm followed by outdoor vespers. Members are asked to bring dishes to

compliment the meal of brats and hot dogs. It's a good time to bring a comfortable lawn chair and a friend, too!

Sunday Church School begins the following morn-

ing, September 10, at 9:15 am. Classes are available for all ages. Explore the roots of our beliefs, deepen your faith, and offer these same basics to your children by coming to Sunday School together.

The June Synod Assembly theme for 2006 was "Gathered by God's Grace for the Sake of the World"

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

VIRGINIA KLEMENS

Pastor John Hawkins and Virginia and Dick Klemens represented Faith at the Indiana/Kentucky Synod Assembly in Indianapolis.

Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell was the keynote speaker and inspired the assembly to be Christ's witness in the world today.

"A Bunch of Guys" from New England provided music for the assembly with proceeds from their

performance and sale of CDs donated to World Hunger.

Grace and Glory Lutheran Church in Goshen, KY, received the offering from the gathering worship in Thursday.

"Called 2 Lead" represents the Synod's effort to develop new leadership for the emerging ELCA, specifically as regards outdoor camps, campus ministries

and congregations. A meeting on July 25 at Christ Lutheran in Louisville was established for regional focus on this effort.

Benevolence and stewardship are ways in which we are urged to connect with one another, the church and the world.

Materials and music from the assembly are available in the church library.



### "Calling All Singers!"

Faith is looking for additional voices for our choir. If you like to sing, we'd like you to join us to "make a joyful noise"! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7 pm beginning September 13

## CLM

As always, there is a need for food to stock the shelves at CLM. Currently, the most needed items include canned vegetables, shampoo and deodorant. Thanks for your continued support of this important local mission.

CLM is grateful to Faith's VBS for the *several* pounds of food generously donated this year.

## VBS WRAP UP

At our wrap up meeting on the last day of VBS, it was decided that we would try to write our own material for next year's program. Arlys Johnson and Nancy Falkenstein are working at this with great enthusiasm. A meeting has been set for Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30.

Bring a sandwich and join us to put this program together. We need people to

help work on the Art, recreation, the story telling, and the music. Come and help us write our very own VBS for next summer. Then stay for choir, confirmation, or Akaloo.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Church School will resume Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am. We will be using new material and have several new teachers. We hope you will be one of the new students if you haven't tried Sunday School for a while.

The pre school classes, ages 3 years, Pre Kindergarten, and Kindergarten, will be taught by Donna Baugh and Edie Maas. These children will be using the new "Witness" curriculum. They will be meeting with these teachers during the Sunday School time. There is also another great opportunity for these children to be together and learn about God's love for them. We are calling it Children's Church. This class will again be taught by Michelle Mitchell and will leave worship together following the Children's Sermon. Using the "Life Together" Series during this time, this material takes the lessons heard in church and adapts them for the little ones to understand. This class is for children age 3 through Kindergarten. It is intended that the older children will be in church with their parents. There is a nursery available for those little ones under three years of age. It would be wonderful if these children could be in both classes each Sunday. They will not repeat material from one to the other and the teachers are different. We really want to thank these

women for offering to teach these special little people.

Grades one through four will be taught by Fammie Peter. She has many years of teaching under her belt and she is looking forward to meeting these young people. They also will be using the new "Witness" material. The first half of the year all students in Sunday School will be hearing stories from the Old Testament. Attendance has been very sporadic with this age group, and the Christian Education Committee would like to ask a commitment from the parents of any children in this age group. Please, please get them to Sunday School on September 10 and September 17. If all of them show up on the same Sundays I am sure they will have a good time and learn a lot. I really hope that by the third Sunday they will be begging you to come to Sunday School. Christian Education and the lessons of Sunday School really is important, folks. The public schools can't and shouldn't be responsible for this part of the children's education. Fammie is a good teacher and we are really trying to make this a meaningful experience for your child. Please help us !!! Thanks, Fammie, for volunteering to help make this happen.

I will be teaching the children in grades 5, 6, and 7 using a series called "Promises of God". It is an older but ex-

cellent series of lessons on the Old Testament. Pastor and I have chosen this for them because this material will dove tail very well with what they will be learning in confirmation class. No, before you ask, the 5th graders will not be in confirmation class on Wednesday evening. But we felt this material to be more age appropriate for them than keeping them with the 1st -4th graders. There is a potential for eleven students in this class. This should make for a really fun group.

The High School group (grades 8-12) will meet with John Taylor. They also will be using the new "Witness" material. Each week they will be working on developing Faith Traits. The first five lessons stress Obedience (people sin)- Forgiveness, (Cain and Able)- Boldness, (Joseph and his brothers)-- Forgiveness, Joseph Forgives his brothers--Obedience again, The ten commandments.

Again we ask that our youth come and give the new material a good chance. Besides where else can you find such great Christian fellowship? Mr. "T" is looking for a huge turnout on Sun. Sept. 10. We know the hour is early, but you can do it for school five days a week. Surely you can do it to learn about God and how he wants you to live the life he has given you one morning a week. See you

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in Sunday School

Pastor will continue his leadership in the study of the book of Revelation. If you have not tried this class you are really missing a great and informative class. Pastor is a walking fountain of information. If you have not been to any of the earlier class do not worry. He teaches each class (chapter) so that it stands alone. You can plug in anywhere, just like you plug in anywhere when the lessons are read on Sunday morning in church. Come and give this discussion a look see. We bet you'll keep coming back for more just like the rest of us have done. Fifteen to twenty people in an adult class at 8:45 am is remarkable! And to do this all summer long says that something is really happening here. Come and check it out for yourself. Bring your little ones to Sunday school and stay and learn yourself.

WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SEPT. 10TH AT 9:15 AM.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

There's a welcome coolness to the air as I write this note to you. The "dog days" of summer seem to bring lethargy, but once the school calendar kicks in, activities abound.

Summer attendance has been very good this year at Faith, and thanks to all of you, we have had less of a "summer slump" in the finances than in years past.

As you can see from the calendar, activities abound here at Faith as well.

Several members are planning a camping trip to Lutheran Hills for Labor Day weekend. I'm sure there's room for more!

We are offering more study opportunities this year with the addition of "Akaloo" on Wednesday evenings. That, and a new curriculum for Sunday Church School, is our way of encouraging more attendance in these programs. Don't think they're important? You don't know what you're missing.

The first day of Sunday School is usually called "Rally Day", but this year we're rallying on Saturday evening (September 9) in preparation for Sunday morning's activities. There will be brats and hot dogs on the grill and you are asked to bring a favorite

dish to share. We will have firepits and will participate in evening vespers following the meal. It promises to be a fun evening for our Faith family. I hope you can join in the fellowship.

The following day, September 10, is packed! Following Sunday Church School and worship, council meets, the OWLS go to Clarksville Little Theatre and the youth to Kart Kountry.

We've been busy the last couple of years since Pastor Vogler left. We've accomplished a lot, but we still have work to do, and we want to continue to momentum we've gained and grow into a worship center that shines with the word of God's grace to all. We expect to welcome some new members by transfer shortly, and hope to welcome even more in the future.

Something new we will begin in September is nametags during the worship service. Several members who have visited other churches have mentioned the benefit of being able to know each other's names during the passing of the Peace and social times, and we would like to give it a try. Initially, we will put nametags and markers in the pews and ask members

to fill out one color for their nametags and visitors to fill out another color. (I'm trying not to shudder at the thought of markers in the pews with the little people, but I'm sure parents will ensure it will be fine!) If it works well, we'll move to a more permanent solution and provide storage for the nametags from week to week.

We are overdue for a new church directory, but we've been putting that off until our new pastor arrives. Fortunately, our church software program can provide the information and layout and we add the photos, so producing the directory should be easier and less expensive than before.

You'll receive a copy of the proposed bylaws shortly. Most of the changes were outlined in last month's newsletter. Please review them and let council members (Peg Gernand, Scott Wykoff, Kelly Cooke, Craig Warren, Scott Rife, Tami Czerwonka, Bill Holman, Tom Hayes or me) know your thoughts. The congregation will vote on the adoption of these bylaws at our annual meeting in January.

We're thinking of the coming year and the five council members who will need

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to be replaced (Peg Gernand, Kelly Cooke, Craig Warren, Scott Wykoff and me). None are eligible for re-election, which represents a big turnover in council. Hopefully, with the adoption of the new bylaws, we can go back to a rotation of three members being replaced each year, which helps the continuity of the council and its tasks. Serving on council isn't difficult, but it does require a commitment to be involved in the activities of the church and know what's going on within the membership. There are wonderful resources available to help lay leaders in their roles on council.

Now is a good time to be thinking about who you would like to lead Faith in its continuing mission. Who do you think would join the remaining members and represent you well on council? Are you called to serve the mission of Faith in that capacity?

It is inspiring to see how we are filled with the spirit to fulfill our mission. Look at all the activities! If there's some mission or activity you would like to see added to what's already offered, let's talk about it!

God's peace to you all.

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# NEWSLETTER

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## SERVING AT FAITH WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**USHERS: STEVE THOMS, DON SMITH, BEV AND BRENT HAIRE**

**ALTAR GUILD: LINDA WOEHRLE AND BETH LANDIS**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: KELLY COOKE**

### WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
3	Marsha Woods	Tyler Winn	n/a	Anne Steaban	?	Hayes
10	Bev Haire	Jordan Searcy	Brittany Searcy	Christa Hodge	Hayes	Falkenstein
17	Carol Taylor	Tara Miller	Sarah Rife	Virginia Klemens	Thrivent	Nix & Steward
24	Kristine Young	Samantha McCoy	Kirsten McCoy	Bev Haire	Arbuckle	Woods