



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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serve God's children"*

APRIL, 2007



PJ'S JOTS

PASTOR JOHN HAWKINS

Hi y'all,

How are we engaged in ministry? This month I would like to examine that question. The "we" is not about corporate ministry, but about how "we" individually are involved in ministry in every day life. Well Patricia Hayes from Alban institute offers the following four strategies to help every member engage in ministry.

Articulate the deep "why" of every ministry: People standing at the door of the church or synagogue saying hello are doing more than filling in a slot on a duty chart. They are extending a welcome and a ministry of hospitality to the stranger. They are welcoming back the lost; they are greeting the leas;, they are connecting the congregation with God's love. Training for ministry tasks needs to name boldly its theological, mission, and vision components.

Provide forums in a wide range of formats (workshops, retreats, reading lists, mentors, small groups, tests) for people to find where they sense God's pull on their life. It may be an area of gift and strength, or it may be an area that moves them out of their comfort zone. People's approach to identifying their ministry is as diverse as the people themselves. Some may take a six-week course. Some will go away on a weekend or come one Saturday morning. Some will need "independent study" models or ministry mentors.

Create ongoing monthly ministry "mutual supervision" groups where lay ministers can reflect on their ministry, how it is working in their life, what they need to learn, and how they can share their learnings with others.

Recommend annual spiritual checkups. We go to the doctor every year and the dentist probably more often than that. But too often we never stop to ask how our spiritual life is going.

She offers ten questions that could help with this type of annual review.

Prayer How has your prayer life been this year? Blossoming? Fading? Faltering? Open? Routine? Is this an area that needs more focus for you?

Learning What have you studied this year (formally or informally)? What have you learned?

Worship Are you worshipping at least weekly? How has that time been? Highs? Lows? Are you taking time to prepare or "just showing up"?

Leader Skills Do you sense that your capacity to lead has increased? Are you observing the leadership of others? What are you learning?

Holy Week and Easter Activities:

Palm Sunday (April 1)

9:15 AM - Sunday Church School
10:30 PM - Worship with Holy Communion

The Worship Center will be open every day Holy Week from 8:30 am to 3:00 PM for prayer time - guided devotionals will be available for those that wish to use them.

Maundy Thursday (April 5)

6:00 PM - Seder Supper

Good Friday (April 6)

A day of Prayer and Devotion
6:00 am - 6:00 pm Prayer Vigil - WELCA
7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday (April 7)

A day of Prayer and Devotion

Easter Sunday (April 8)

8:00 AM - Resurrection Celebration
Service with Holy Communion
8:30 AM - Easter Breakfast
9:15 AM - Sunday Church School
10:30 AM - Resurrection Celebration
Service with Holy Communion
12:00 PM - Easter Egg Hunt

PJ'S JOTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Community Building How are you helping your congregation to thrive, formally and informally?

Action Where have you been visible in your faith? What blocks you from action?

Serving Others Where have you served God this year?

Sense of Growth Where do you feel you have grown this year-spiritually, emotionally, in terms of relationships, or in terms of knowledge?

Balance How is your sense of living a balanced life? Do you keep sabbath?

Growing Edge - Stretching Beyond the Comfort Zone If we accept that we are not living in the fullness of the kingdom, where are you called to focus in the coming year?

We all are challenged to be engaged in the ministry of the church. That is to be about sharing the love of God as found in Jesus Christ. Ministry is not a one size fits all or something that only the "professional" does. It is, however, the calling of each of us to do with the gifts God has equipped us with as His children.

Shalom

PJ

Call Committee

Update

The call committee is still awaiting a candidate's name from Synod. Synod is waiting for names to be submitted from parties interested in relocating.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MOLLY HEGENBARTH

We are a small congregation. Our giving units are limited; however, we have financial obligations to meet. How do we tackle those obligations?

We are the little congregation that could! Remember the little engine that could? We are faced with that same dilemma. We have commitments that are looming larger than what it appears we can reach. How do we meet our financial obligations on the limited numbers we face? Our Faith Family steps up!

It doesn't matter if you are on a fixed income and can only increase your giving

by a dollar or two a week or have the ability to give much more. We currently have about 130 giving units. What if each unit gave \$1.00 more a week? That totals \$130.00 a week or \$520 for an average month. Think if that amount were increased to \$5.00 week. That increases to \$650.00 a week or \$2,600 a month. We can cover our monthly bills and

possibly even work towards getting ahead.

Now multiply the number of giving units by the number of hours dedicated towards helping in our church or community! What difference can that make? Whose life can we touch? How can we impact those around us and show them what difference Christ has made in our life?

What can you do to help the little church that could

Finance Recap Year to Date February, 2007

Receipts (less designated)	\$ 27,140.51
Income required to meet budget	<u>29,824.00</u>
Total year to date income to budget	(2,683.49)

YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

Is it really April already? It just seemed like it was February last week. Once again, this is another busy month for the youth; we have our Easter breakfast and retreat to Lutheran Hills.

April 7th is busy Saturday for all the youth; EVERYONE is expected to come, unless they have talked to Mrs.T. Everyone needs to be at church at 10:00am, and they need to bring 2 hard boiled eggs, 2 pieces of fruit, small candy or teddy grahams that can fit in plastic Easter eggs, and a type of coffee cake or doughnuts. Mrs.T would ask that NO one bring any baskets or plastic eggs, because we already have enough.

April 8th, the youth will serve their annual Easter breakfast, we will start serving breakfast at 8:30am, and all the youth need to be at church at 7:00am. The cost for tickets is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids. The menu for the breakfast include, egg casserole, ham, fruit, biscuits and gravy, and coffee cake and doughnuts. The following families need to bring casseroles to the breakfast: Landis (2), Searcy, Czerwonka, Rife, Peter, Emily, McCoy, Barr, and Rayborn.

April 15th we will have a youth meeting. Everyone should attend this meeting.

April 27th-29th, the youth group will have their retreat

up at Lutheran Hills. This is mandatory for all confirmation youth. Youth that are attending will leave at 6:30pm. The topic of the retreat this year is prayer, and will look at prayer through different angles.

The past youth meeting, the youth discussed and decided on some activities for the summer. On June 13th, the youth

will be traveling up to Holiday World, and July 6th- 8th, the youth will be going White Water rafting. We also decided that we will continue to cook bake goods, and sell them at the Concerts in the Park; all these dates will be Friday evenings from May 11th- September 21st.

Youth Schedule for April

- 7 10 am set up for Easter Breakfast
- 8 7 am prepare and serve Easter Breakfast
- 15 Youth meet following worship
- 27-29 Confirmation retreat to Lutheran Hills

OWLS (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SOCIETY)

VIRGINIA KLEMENS

Hoot Scoop

Thanks to Ed Peter for hosting the February sweetheart brunch. A small but cozy group enjoyed good food and fellowship on February 24.

On March 31 we'll meet at church at 3:30 pm to putty the stained glass windows and then we'll meet again

to clean and hang the windows on April 7 at 3:30. Please come and participate in this service project coordinated by Elaine Thoms.

Several of our members have been clipped in the wing recently. Best wishes for continued strength and improved to health Gordon McCall and Nancy Vogt.

Patty Cress made available

an invitation to Chili Con Caesar after the March newsletter was published. A flyer inviting OWLS to the March 29 fundraiser for Meals on Wheels was posted in the Narthex.

Please see Arlys Johnson or Virginia Klemens if you have a fellowship or service project in mind for the OWLS.



Looking forward to having Jim and Nancy Falckenstein return to the nest in April.

Council Members

Tom Hayes, President

Bill Holman, Vice President

Scott Rife, Secretary

Molly Hegenbarth, Financial Secretary

Rick Barr

Tami Czerwonka

Chuck Landis

Patti Smith

Don Walker

PRAYER REQUESTS, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

We ask God's special healing for:

- Dot Clerici**
- Betty Condra**
- Hallie Kusch**
- Don Smith**
- Mike Woehrle**
- Linda Woehrle**
- Gordon McCall**
- Nancy Vogt**
- Kay Winn**
- Roger Rice**
- Rick Barr**
- Walter Clive**
- Ron and Marilyn Thoreson**

- Betty McLaughlin**
- Ron Barr**
- Bob Dietrich**
- Natalie Lane Clark**
- Mikayla Mengen**
- Buddy Hustedt**

Our prayers of congratulations and blessings go to Jim Campbell and Michelle Baird, who were married at Faith on March 17.

Our prayers for support and guidance continue for the call process as we

continue the search for our new pastor.

If you are in need of the comfort of 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).



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these April birthdays:

- Kyle Czerwonka 4/1
- Debbie Lang 4/5
- Barbara Campbell 4/6
- Roger Emily 4/7
- Ron Woodward 4/8
- Dorothy McCall 4/10
- Sunny Neathammer 4/10
- Donna Baugh 4/16
- Beth Landis 4/17
- Justin Romine-Wykoff 4/17
- Sue Michael 4/22
- Cheyenne Peter 4/23
- Lyle Gernand 4/24
- Barbara Morris-Nix 4/30

We celebrate with these couples having April anniversaries:

- Mike & Amy Holaday 4/7
- Dana & Cherie Glaab 4/18
- Karen & Mike Vecelus 4/19
- Cathy & Bill Holman 4/20
- Bob & Karen Lane 4/20
- Patti & Kelly Cooke 4/24
- Trisha & Ed Perry 4/30

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

Congratulations
 Congrats to Perry Johnson, who recently defended his dissertation to earn his Doctorate of Psychology

We would like to thank all of our Faith Family for all the cards, flowers, and especially the wonderful meal. What a blessing for us! It gave both of us the rest we needed after the hospital. God has blessed us twice: once with the healing of Brandon's cancer and now, the healing of Mike's valve. God is great and so is our Faith Family.
 Love in Christ,
 Mike, Linda and Brandon Woehrle

Thrivent Join Hands Project will be May 12. We will be working at Noah's Ark and are looking for youth and adults to help us with this project. More information will be announced as soon as it becomes available.

HELP WANTED!
THE EVANGELISM TEAM NEEDS A FEW HELPERS TO BAKE BREAD FOR VISITOR BAGS AND ALSO HELPERS TO PUT TOGETHER AND DELIVER THE BAGS TO THEIR HOMES. IF INTERESTED CALL TAMI CZERWONKA AT 284-5121.

WELCA NOTES

New Bible Study Series

The morning circle will continue a Bible study from the "They Knew How to Pray" led by Dorothy McCall.

The evening circle is beginning a study from The Women of Faith Series. The first study, "Celebrating Friendship" began at the March circle meeting.

April Meeting Schedule:

- ◆ **Sunshine Circle** will meet **Monday, April 9**, at 10:00 am
- ◆ **Wheadon Friendship Circle** meets at 7 pm **Tuesday, April 17**, at church.
- ◆ The next joint quarterly meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, June 2**, at **10 am** at church.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

WELCA's quarterly joint meeting was held Saturday, March 10, at 10 am. The minutes from this meeting are included elsewhere in the newsletter.

The morning circle will continue the Bible Study entitled "They Knew How to Pray: 15 Secrets from the Prayer Lives of Bible Heroes." Dorothy McCall is leading this study. The April 9 meeting will explore secret #3, "Let God Stretch You Out of Your Comfort Zone." The remaining secrets include, "Don't Be quick to Ask God for Signs," "Let God Turn Your Bitterness into Blessings," "Practice the Ministry of Prayer," and "Surrender Unconditionally to God."

The evening circle is continuing a study entitled, "Celebrating Friendship," part of *The Women of Faith* Bible Study Series. Study guides have been ordered. To obtain a copy please contact Marsha Woods. They are \$6 each. This study invites us to experience greater connectedness to our sisters in faith and to the friend who "sticks close like a brother." The lessons within this study include: "Wanted: A Few Good Women;" "Nobody's Just Like You, Thank God!;"

"Hugs and a Good, Swift Kick;" "Putting Your Feet to the Fire;" "Friendship Flops and Fizzles;" and "Come on, Get Happy!"

The Lenten dinners have been delicious and well attended. Over \$320 has been raised as of this writing. No decision has yet been made on how the proceeds will be used.

The next Loaves and Fishes commitment is Saturday, May 19 at St. Luke's. Please mark your calendars to be available and sign up to assist with this important

MARSHA WOODS

community outreach program.

The next quarterly meeting will be at 10 am on Saturday, June 2.

For more information on WELCA events and activities, feel free to contact Patti Smith or Vivian Smith.

WELCA Spring Cluster

9 a.m. to 1:15 a.m.

Saturday, April 14, 2007

First Lutheran Church

417 E. Broadway

Louisville, KY

\$5 for lunch

Free-will offering

Bring goods to donate to The Center for Women and Families

For more information or to make a reservation, call Linda Romine at 812-948-1727

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR



All of the classes in Weekday will be hearing about Holy week and Easter during the first part of April. Children will hear stories about Jesus ride into Jerusalem. They will make palm branches and have their own parade in their classrooms. Then in the younger classes we will talk about how Easter is a happy day because Jesus came back to life and was with his friends. The Pre-K class will talk about Jesus eating the last supper on Thurs. then, because people disliked what he was teaching, they had Him put to death on a cross on Friday. His body was placed in a cave, and on Easter morning he came back to life and was seen and talked to his friends. Pre-K children can realize that death means something that has died is gone forever. We talk about how people go to live with God when they die. That just like Jesus, they have life after death, but that they are in heaven with God. We will also read a book about the Legend of the Easter Egg. The reason the egg is a part of Easter is because new life

comes out of an egg just like Jesus came out of the grave---ALIVE.

The second half of the month we will be talking about spring and all the new life that is in God's world this time of the year. Seeds will be planted. They will learn that it takes time for a seed to grow, just like it takes time for them to grow up and be an adult. All of this is presented as being a part of God's plan for His world. He put seeds in every thing so that year after year, after year, we can grow food so we can eat. God thought of everything we need. Thank You God.

The last day of school will be May 17. This is our final event, the bus trip to the farm in Shelbyville, Ky., to see the dairy cows milked and have our closing picnic. Picture day for class pictures will be April 17th. No individual pictures will be taken at this time.

SPRING SPRUCE UP!

Join in the fun of our annual spring clean up!

Saturday, March 31

9 am to noon

Cleaning supplies provided

Elbow grease and willingness to help needed!

PROPERTY

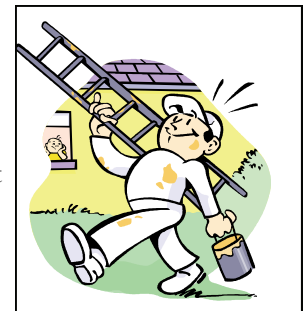
The property team will be holding work nights on the first Monday of each month at 6 pm in order to keep up with some of the maintenance around our church property. The first work night was Monday, March 12. That evening, we painted the shed, trimmed a dead branch out of one of the trees, and replaced some gutter hangings. Thanks to Scott Rife for painting the fence and the mailbox post.

Future projects include rolling the lawn to even out where moles have burrowed, helping tweak some of the sound system details and cleaning up

LYLE GERNAND AND DON SMITH

brush and trash around the property. Thanks to Mike Baugh, Bill Holman, Scott Rife, Chuck Landis, Jim Hegenbarth, Matt McCoy, & Rick Barr for helping out on the first work night.

We are looking for some folks to help clean up and maintain the landscaping around church. If you're interested, please let us know!

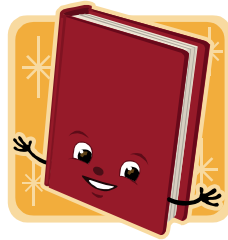


LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

Thanks to Donna Baugh for penning this lovely poem about our library.

The Library at Faith



In a cozy little corner
 In a hidden wayside nook
 We can find a bit of comfort
 In the pages of a book.

Many people go there
 Seeking information true
 All of us will find it
 More than we ever knew.

God said in the beginning
 Was the word with Him
 And the word is written
 In the book we find within.

Other books are there too
 That make our spirits rise
 When we ponder God's love
 His word will make us wise

So if you have a minute,
 Day or life to spare
 Come and read the books here
 The story of God's care.

D. Baugh (Feb. 06)



**Easter
 Breakfast**

8:30 am

Sunday, April 8

Tickets on sale
 now!

This is a project of
 the Faith Youth
 Group

\$6.00 Adult

\$3.00 Children
 10 and under

Menu:

Egg Casserole

Ham

Danish

Pancakes

Meijers and Kroger Rewards Programs

Just a reminder 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. Council voted at their February meeting to designate these proceeds toward a new heating system.

If you have questions, especially with Kroger, see Bill Holman.

CLM

BETH LANDIS AND SUE NEATHAMER

An Evening of Bliss, Blossoms and Butterflies

Annual Dinner and Auction

Benefiting The Bliss House

April 13, 2007 ♦ 6:00 pm

300 Spring Street ♦ Jeffersonville, IN

Tickets \$50 per person (\$45 per person for tables of 8)

Call 280-7098 or 288-8757 for details

To donate an item for the auction or to place an ad in the program,
please contact Sue Neathamer or Beth Landis

50,000 LBS. IN 50 DAYS!

The campaign for the 50/50 starts Easter Sunday April 8th and runs thru Pentecost (May 27th). The 50,000 lbs. in 50 days is a major food raiser for CLM to help get their shelves restocked! The Center for Lay Ministries distributes over 200,000 pounds of food to over 11,000 Clark County residents each year.

Donation items needed for April:

Macaroni & Cheese

Green Beans

Peanut Butter

Corn

Jelly

Soups

Canned Meats

Baby food

MONEY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

Sunday School

Sunday School classes have been holding in attendance except for the adult class. It has grown to over 20 plus people each and every Sunday morning. If you would like some thought provoking discussion come join them around the tables. All ideas are welcomed, and as the title of the course says, "No Experience Necessary"

I wish some of you would give the Peters family and Donna Baugh a big thank you for persevering with their classes. They both had a group of 4 students several weeks back and they were so excited they were still exclaiming on Wednesday evening at dinner about how much fun they had had with the class

We have heard some confusion about the educational opportunities for the younger children. Yes, there are two different times for these children (3yrs. – kindergarten) to attend an educational class. There is traditional Sunday School at 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday morning taught by Donna Baugh. There is also Children's church taught from after the children's sermon until the communion liturgy begins during the 10:30 worship service. This class is taught by Shelly Mitchell and her mom, Kathy Farmer. DIFFERENT material used in each of the two classes. The Sunday School time is using an Old testa-

ment study the first semester and a New Testament study the second semester. The church time class is using a liturgy based curriculum that follows the Bible lessons the children have heard in the service before they have gone out to class. Therefore, it is fine for a child to attend both sessions EACH Sunday and either one separately. Our big hope is that at least one of these sessions will fit with your family's schedule and that these children can learn more about the God they have come to worship.

THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE PENTACOST SUNDAY, MAY 27TH.

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD JULY 16-20, 9:00-12 noon. (the little first year students, 3 year olds, will dismiss at 11:00 am)

The planning committee met on March 13. and presented their lesson plans to the special teachers (art, music, recreation, science, and snacks). The night was spent helping the special classes find activities to help carry out the stories for the day.

This year's theme is God's Water World. All of the stories have something to do with water. The stories will be Monday- Creation, Tuesday -Calming the Storm, Wednesday- Jonah, Thurs-

day- Noah, and Friday- Calling the Fishermen. The people who have been working on writing this material have been working very hard and have produced a very good quality program. It is designed by us, for us, and should really fit our needs as we go into the community to spread God's word and love to our neighbors. Remember only 20% of the VBS students are members of Faith. Some of the rest are unchurched and others are members of other churches. Many are graduates or current members of the weekday Church School. It is really wonderful to watch Monday morning when they get to see each other again after a year. You can feel the excitement of friendship rekindled.

The next VBS planning meeting will be April 18th. We will be working on supply lists and finalizing the program. The next Christian Education meeting, general business, will be Monday, April 9th.

Nursery worker

The committee has placed advertising in various papers asking for people to contact the church if they would like to apply for the position of Nursery attendant on Sunday morning. We had one person apply, but she obtained a full time position at a day care and no longer was interested in our Sunday morning position. So we are back to the drawing board. If any one knows of someone who might be interested, loves little children, and is at least 21 years old. Please give them the church phone number or have them contact Chuck Landis, Carol Taylor, or Pastor. This is a three hour position (9:00 - 12:00 noon) and will pay \$30.00 per week.

HELP WANTED

If you know a person to recommend to staff the nursery from 9-12 Sunday mornings, please give their name to or have them contact Pastor, Carol Taylor, or Chuck Landis.

This paid position will require a background check. The Christian Education committee will interview and screen the individual and recommend them to council.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL

On Maundy Thursday, April 5, Faith Church will celebrate a Jewish Seder Haggadah as part of our Lenten journey and our observance of Maundy Thursday.

The Seder is a symbolic meal and is one part of the present day Jewish seven day Passover celebration. The name "Passover" dates back to the time when God, through Moses, led the Israelites out of slavery. The Egyptian pharaoh was finally convinced to let the people go when the angel of death killed every firstborn in Egypt but "passed

over" the Israelite homes that had put lamb's blood on their doorposts.

The elements of the traditional Seder symbolize historically significant features of the Israelite experience. For example: Matzo commemorates the bread which the Israelites ate during their hasty departure from Egypt. The roasted shankbone reminds us of the Paschal lamb, a special animal sacrifice which was offered on the altar of the great temple in Jerusalem on the Passover holiday. Both God's deliverance and

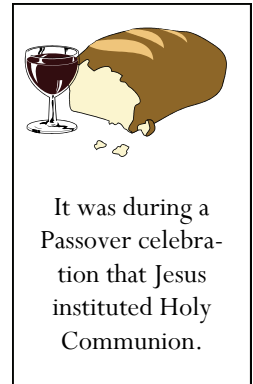
the directions God gave Moses for later commemoration of the Passover history are represented in the Seder ritual.

It was during a Passover celebration that Jesus instituted Holy Communion.

We will celebrate the Seder Haggadah and then receive Holy Communion still seated at the table.

Please join us in our observance April 5.

More information and signup sheets will be located in the narthex.



Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Our annual Good Friday prayer vigil will be here April 6. If you have never joined us before, think about it, and give it a try. Pick an hour, half hour or 15 minutes. There will be books on the altar to read, if you need them. We ask you to sign up so that we know there will be someone at the altar (or in the sanctuary) all day – 6am to 6pm. Come alone or bring a friend. God will welcome you! Watch for the sign up sheet. Thanks to Vivian Smith for coordinating this activity.

EASTER LILIES

Lilies will adorn the altar for Easter this year. Please indicate below your choice and in whose memory or honor they are donated. Lilies are \$15 each. Please include your payment with your order. Orders must be placed by April 1.

Number of lilies _____ @ \$15 each = Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Your Name _____

In honor of or in memory of _____



WELCA Quarterly Meeting Minutes**March 10, 2007**

Present: Peg Gernand, Patti Smith, Marsha Woods, Barb Morris-Nix, Vivian Smith, Linda Romine, Arlys Johnson, Terri Barr, Donna Baugh, Amy Holaday, Veronica Rife.

Patti called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Marsha led devotions from the Worship Boldly Guide.

Marsha moved to accept the minutes of the previous (December 2, 2006) meeting. Peg seconded. Motion passed. Arlys mentioned that she had purchased containers suitable for putting cookies in for next year's cookie delivery.

The treasurer's report was presented, indicating the current balance in the checking account is \$532.41. \$426.49 of WELCA funds were used to help CLM Christmas baskets and gifts, along with \$444.00 which was raised from the congregation for a total of \$870.49. Barb Morris-Nix moved to accept the treasurer's report, pending audit, Peg Gernand seconded, motion passed.

Old Business: Patti outlined some leadership changes. Donna Baugh is unable to continue to lead the morning circle. Vivian will lead with Dorothy leading the Bible study, which has moved to the 2nd Monday of each month. Marsha has agreed to co-lead with Patti the evening circle.

Project updates:

Loaves and Fishes – next date is May 19. Future dates are August 4 and October 20

Altar Guild – July and August are still available for sign ups

Lenten Dinners – going well, have brought in \$204 before expenses from the first two

Ronald McDonald House – given Mike's recent health issues, we will ask Linda for an update about cooking for the Ronald McDonald House at a future date.

Bible Studies:

Dorothy McCall is leading the morning circle in a series "They Knew How to Pray." They are meeting the second Monday of each month. Seven attended the first meeting.

The evening circle is studying the series "Women in Faith". It was suggested to order 15 booklets and allow participants to purchase them back from WELCA for \$6 each for the evening circle. Marsha moved, Terri Barr seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

Linda Romine mentioned the Spring Cluster meeting will be held April 14 at 9:15 at First Lutheran in downtown Louisville. Information will be included in the newsletter and the bulletin. Information was distributed about a Christian Women's Conference May 4-6 in Valparaiso, IN. There was some discussion about a craft show at a local church. Donna and Amy will bring more information to future meetings. There was discussion about what to do with the Lenten dinner proceeds. The CLM Kids Café was mentioned, but it was decided more information was needed about that and other projects that may need support and so the decision was tabled. It was mentioned that the books should be audited for 2006. Linda Romine and Terri Barr agreed to look over the financial records.

The next quarterly meeting will be at 10:00 am Saturday, June 2. The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. Following the business meeting a speaker from the New Life International presented information about water purification in third world countries.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Woods

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

One morning while I was delivering a load in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, another driver walked in as asked me, "Is this your truck?" My reply was, "It sure is!" He went on to tell me how I jumped in front of him and that I was a low down dirty driver. He said that by just looking at me that I was the kind of driver that would do such a thing to another driver. He also informed me that he had been a driver for a number of years and I wasn't going to last too long on the road because someone was going to kill me. What's a guy supposed to do?

I just looked at him for a second and asked myself, did he just call me that? I felt like I was talking to Yosemite Sam. You remember the ornery little cowboy that would chase Bugs Bunny? The only thing lacking in this scene was him calling me a "rotten varmint." I kind of chuckled and asked, "Is that right?" He said, "Yeah! What are you going to do?" What was I going to do? Beat up Yosemite Sam? So I walked off, laughing at what had just happened.

It occurred to me that this driver had just tried to sum me up by his first impression. He actually thought I had cheated him out of his spot in line. It never occurred to him to take into account that I had just helped him back his truck around the corner, which is a tough place to back in to. He had hoped to be unloaded first. So I get unloaded, apologized for spilling his wheaties, and left. And was on the road thinking that was a hopeless situation. I

couldn't win. Ever had one of those days?

Some travelers were on the road to Emmaus after they had seen Jesus crucified and were saying, "But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem us." And yet Jesus was walking with them the whole time, but had not revealed himself. All their hopes were nailed to the cross. They couldn't win. It was hopeless.

Sometimes the work of the church can feel hopeless. It may seem as if there's not enough people to sign up for Loaves and Fishes; not enough people to help out with the choir; no one signs up for nursery duty. Who's visiting shut ins? Who is working on stewardship? Why can't someone do this or that? Fortunately, God gives us the hope we need to sustain us. Living and working in that hope will help us do the work of the church. And if we are doing the work of the church are we not doing the work of God?

So, if you see a need, throw yourself into it! If you like to plant flowers or mow grass, talk to Lyle. If you can hold a note, join the choir. If you can help the homeless by feeding them, talk to Barb Brewster. If you like to visit shut ins, join in with the OWLS on their monthly visits. If you like to work with children, see the Taylors or Pastor. If you can help with stewardship, Molly Hegenbarth would surely welcome your help. And, if your first impression is that there's already someone doing it, that doesn't mean you can't do it also. There are a lot of differ-

ent people working in the church. We can always use one more set of hands or someone's knowledge. There's still plenty to do. So if someone comes up to you and asks, "Is this your church?" You can say, "It sure is!"

Christ is risen. Happy Easter!



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SERVING AT FAITH WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

USHERS: BETH AND CHUCK LANDIS, CARRIE AND MATT MCCOY

ALTAR GUILD: BARB BREWSTER AND MARSHA WOODS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: CHUCK LANDIS

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
1	Dan Diekhof	J. Searcy	K. McCoy	Volunteer	Czerwonka	Steaban
8 (8 am)	none	T. Landis	none	Volunteer		
8 (10:30)	Marsha Woods	W. Czerwonka	K. Czerwonka	Volunteer	Easter	Campbell/ Zimmerman
15	M. Riekhof	T. Miller	Mai Otsuka	V. Klemens	Rifes	Emily
22	Veronica Rife	Kristina Peter	Tyler Winn	N. Arbuckle	McCoy	P. Smith
29	Tom Hayes	Volunteer	Jordan Emily	Volunteer	Hayes	Haire