



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

OCTOBER, 2008

PASTOR'S LETTER

As I write this, we are in the middle of a blackout. The remnants of Hurricane Ike left most of us experiencing what it is like to try and exist without electricity. I have been without power for 4 days now and it is beginning to wear thin. I feel out of touch with the world. Even though I have internet access, it is not the same as TV news. It has allowed me some peace and quiet time to think and reflect.

At night, in the dark, without the glare of the TV, I wonder at the goodness of God's creation. The cool evening breezes blow through my open windows, an experience I don't often have because of air conditioning. The night sounds lull me to sleep and the sun awakens me to another day. I think about the stress of living without electricity and then remember that there are people in the country that no longer have homes or clothes or food because of the hurricane. The darkness gives me the time to remember the many ways God has blessed me.

October is one of my favorite months of the year. The air turns cool in anticipation of winter. The leaves begin to turn beautiful colors and fall from their lofty perches in the high branches of the trees. Football season is in full swing and I trust that the Colts will sit atop the AFC South again. Schools are in full swing and students are preparing for midterms. Life is very good in the month of October.

On the third Sunday of this month, we will be trying out our contemporary service again. One of the goals that your Council and I shared with each other during the call interview was a desire to reach the people who are post High School age and not attending worship. We are trying to meet that goal with this worship opportunity. Please help us improve this service by completing the survey. We need the support of the congregation in order to be able to financially fund this new contemporary service, so your input is vital to the success of this ministry.

See you all in worship.

Pastor Scott

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

WC Clark

Gina Barr

Bill Winn

Jim Vogt III

Roger Rice

Betty Condra

Janet Hill

Barb Fitzpatrick

Tony Wimsatt

John Smith

Abbie Locke

Sarah Barr

Joan Bink

Brian McGuffy

Amanda Savapolos

If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Meier at 812-282-6993 or on his cell phone (260-273-1250) or one of the prayer chain leaders: Betty Condra (282-2102), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these October birthdays:

Walter Clive	10-1	Ken Steward	10-23
Carrie McCoy	10-2	Alex Maas	10-25
Elaine Thoms	10-4	Michael Holaday	10-28
Ed Perry	10-6	Linda Romine	10-28
Don Walker	10-10	Cathie Wheat	10-28
Cherie Glaab	10-11	Bob Lane	10-29
Becky Henault	10-14	Jason Woodward	10-29
Severin Johnson	10-16		
Catherine Pittman	10-16		
Arlys Johnson	10-17		
Mary Winn	10-19		
Brent Haire	10-20		



We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in October:

Barb & Sonny Brewster	10-26
Jim & Cathie Wheat	10-28

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Kirsten McCoy recently left Jeffersonville to study at Ball State University. Her new mailing and email address are listed below:

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Thank you to the angel who put the new Velcro into the assistant's robe.



Carol Taylor

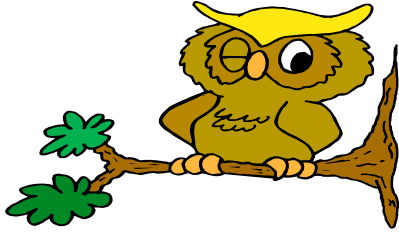
Faithful Quilters

We continue to meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 10 am. Please join us if you can. You do not need to be able to sew.



If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

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OWLS Adventures!

Our OWLS group had a great summer! We went to Doe Run Inn, Zimmerman Glass Works, and Emery's Ice Cream Shop in June. In July, we toured our own Lutheran camp, Lutheran Hills, learned more about our church year, and enjoyed lunch there. In August we visited our own Dan Diekhoff at the Forest Discovery Center, where he shared his knowledge of woods, talking about his

OWLS

wonderful wood mural of the seasons. Then we lunched at Huber Orchard and Winery. September found us lunching at Buckhead's and attending Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at Clarksville Little Theatre.

OWLS continued our visitation project in the summer and we helped with the Eric Hall Memorial 1st annual Bike Ride in August.

This fall we hope to work with our new younger youth group on a project to purchase a new banner or two for our sanctuary.

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

October bring our 3rd annual Halloween party at the Anderegg's home-maybe at the log cabin-on Saturday, October 25th, at 2:00 pm. Dress up or you'll be sorry!

In December, date to be announced, we are heading for Derby Dinner Playhouse to see White Christmas. Join us!

God bless all of you!

Love,

Nancy

YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

Now that school has settled, down, it's time to get busy with the youth. October 4th, the youth will be helping feed the needy at Loaves n Fishes. That next Sunday we will have a youth meeting, October 5th, and we will be having officer elections and talking more about the Halloween party for the children. We also need people to sign up for acolyte and crucifer for both October and November.

The Halloween Party/ Lock-in will be October 24th, and the youth will show up at 6:00, and the party will be from 6:30-7:30. Thank you to Don Smith for making the 100 address labels for the Halloween Party! After the children leave we will clean

up and then will head out to Montgomery farms for fun activities. After Montgomery, we will head back to the church for our lock-in, and the adults that will be watching us this year are the Peters and the Foxes. Parents will pick up their youth at 7:30 am.

November 6th-8th, the middle school youth, are invited to go to Trailblazer Weekend at Lutheran Hills. The youth will pay for half, and so it will only be \$35, and if anyone is interested, there are sign ups on the door. Lisa Whaley will be our chaperon for this weekend.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER



CLM

Help Wanted

At least two members of each church are needed to serve on the CLM Board of Directors. The main responsibility is to coordinate the CLM missions with the church you are representing. The Board meetings are the 2nd Monday of every other month at 7pm. Faith is in need of a member to fill this position. I have been doing this by myself for some time now and would really like some help. Anyone interested or wanting more information, please call me at 284-4102.

We will be collecting canned tuna and mac & cheese for October.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

**Confirmation Class**

This class meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. We have settled with eight students in the class. They are Caitlynne Fox, Jack Hayes, Eric Miller, and Whitney Hayes who are in their second year. Jake Zimmerman, Miranda Mumaw, Cheyanne Peter, and Isaiah Young are in their first year. Most of these students plan to attend the Trailblazer weekend at Lutheran Hills camp Nov. 7,8, and 9. Funds earned at the turkey dinner on Nov. 14 will go to pay one-half of the \$70 cost for each camper. Lisa Wiley,

Miranda's Mom, will go with them as the advisor from Faith. The program is planned and run by the staff at the camp last summer. This weekend is planned for the Jr. High youth and is especially important because so much emphasis will be on the New Orleans trip this summer for the senior high youth.

This year these students will be studying the Ten Commandments. For the first few weeks we will be looking at the first three commandments that tell of our relationship to our God and how He wants His people to relate to Him. They will also be learning to recite the Books of the Old Testament from memory. They will learn Martin Luther's explanations of these rules from God, but there will also be a lot of discussion on the application of these rules to their real life situations. What are the other Gods they could worship? Clothes, Sports heroes, Drugs and Alcohol, are things that can vie for their worship. They will discuss how modern life competes for their time. Sports contests scheduled on Sunday, Music programs and practices that are at the same time as youth activities all make it hard to keep the second commandment. There is less and less that can't be said and heard on the streets. What you hear is what you repeat when you are upset, yet, God tells us to honor his name. How can the students keep these rules? The truth is, no one can. They are guidelines to help us live a peaceable life, to show us where we need to make improvements and, to show us where we need to ask forgiveness. The only way out of the confusion is the way God Himself provided. Believe in His Son Jesus Christ and Our Father will give us the forgiveness we need to mend our relationship with Him. Much thoughtful discussion goes on in our building on Wednesday nights.

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education committee met on September 23. Plans were made for Advent and Christmas activities. There is no Children's Sunday school on Dec. 21, 28, or on Jan. 4th, and 11th. The adult class will make its own decision as to when they will meet. There was talk of purchasing advent devotional materials and perhaps doing a Christmas play. Practice could be held in Sunday school time. Sylvia Scott has been sending the "Cradle Roll" Splash material to our two families with children under age three. This material is the Sunday school material provided by Augsburg /Fortress Press for use in these families with little ones. Thank-you Sylvia for volunteering for this job. October 21 will be our next Christian Education Team meeting. Anyone interested in the educational program is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Vacation Bible School writers will meet on Tuesday Oct. 14th. All persons interested in helping write the program for next summer are encouraged to come with ideas for themes, and stories to be included in the classes next summer.

Weekday Church School

Weekday church school has an unusual occurrence. This year we are holding classes and there are still six openings in the Pre-K class. For the past couple of years Greater Clark has been providing more and more pre-K sights in their school system. All children with any special needs can be included in these classes. They are matched one for one with children from the community who desire this education. These classes meet four times a week. The community children are not notified of their acceptance in these classes until days before, or even after school began. We ended July with 32 children on our list. But many were chosen for these special classes. In addition to losing children to this program, the economy has forced more mothers into

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going back to work full- time. This has made it impossible for the mothers to pick up their child at noon, so they have gone to full time day care. . We also have had parents who live in Pekin or Georgetown drop out of school because of the price of gas. All of these factors have produced this drop in enrollment. If you know anyone who would like to join our 22 children have them call Carol Taylor 228-1329. All children are welcome who turned 4 years old by August 1st, 2008. We do not discriminate by race, or creed. There are no openings in the first year class. In fact, there are still 3 children on the waiting list for these 2 classes. Registration for school year 09-10 will be Feb.1, at 6:30am.

The children will be hearing about God's plan for fall, how the leaves change colors, and the trees loose their leaves and go to sleep for the winter. We will talk about seeds, find them when we chop apples and make apple sauce, and dig the seeds out of our Halloween pumpkin. We will plant the pumpkin's seeds and start the cycle all over again. Isn't God smart to think of this!! Then we will look at the children and see that they , like the seeds, are a part of God's plan for the continuation of his world. Awesome!! The month will close out with the children coming to school in costumes on Oct. 30th.

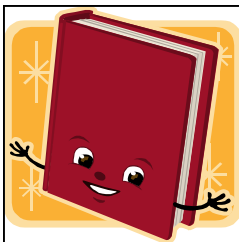
Sunday Church School

We did it. What? We kept our promise. How? No child was in Sunday school in a classroom with only themselves and their teacher. There were 12 children in grades 3 years through 5th grade. Seven of them were in the younger class for the children 3 years- first grade. Five children were in the second through fifth grade class. Thank you parents and children for coming out and being a part of this new scheduling . This is being written with just the first week in class. Our hope is that this attendance will continue for the rest of the year. In the other classes there were three teens in class the first week of Sunday school, seven middle school students learned about the beginnings of the Bible in the sixth and seventh grade class, and the adults had the attendance record of twenty students. If you haven't tried the new program yet, how about giving it a try.

Well done good and faithful servants.

LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON



“Did you lose electricity”?

“Sure did.”

“Our lights were off for four days. We had hot water though. Did you”?

Conversations similar to this were heard all over town after Hurricane Ike paid us an unpleasant visit. People came out of their houses and talked to neighbors they had only waved to before. Neighbor helped neighbor. People exercised caution and waited their turn at intersections where traffic lights weren't working. Most of us shared something in common, albeit unpleasant, and for a while it brought us together.

Of course I was glad when our electricity was restored four days later. If truth be known, I rather enjoyed our early morning excursions to various restaurants since neither Al nor I relished beginning the day without our oh-so-necessary coffee along with a dose of daily news from the morning paper.

But there was another very personal reason why I considered Ike's visit just a minor inconvenience. I couldn't possibly complain because my prayer had been answered. You see, our daughter Shelley had long standing plans to go on vacation that very day to visit friends in North Dakota. Soaring winds and flying debris wouldn't change her plans. So we stood beside her car watching and waving goodbye only to stare in disbelief as we watched the tree next door come crashing down behind her. Had she left seconds earlier, she would have been crushed under the tree that came crashing down across both lanes of our driveway and well into the front yard. When I had asked that fellow churchgoers pray for our daughter's safety earlier that day, I never imagined the answer would come so soon so close to home.

So do I believe God answers prayers? You bet I do and so does the author of the book, *Praying with Body and Soul*. It can be found along with several others in the prayer and devotion section of our library.



FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH

Bear with me as the past month has really given new light to the meaning of total stewardship.

By now life had resumed some sort of normalcy. We felt the remnants of Ike. We had winds that normally do not occur in this area – not like our normal random tornados no rain, no green/gray sky, no threat of tornados, but damages were far greater than ever expected. Trees taken down, power lines broken, multiple transformers exploding all around us, lives put on hold.

This storm was so strange - standing outside with these gale force winds, feeling helpless – how do you stop the trees from crashing into someone's house. When the winds finally died down, people went to work; neighbors helping neighbors clean up the fallen trees. Out of all of loss, the storm helped strengthen a community of neighbors. Personally we saw neighbors reaching out to neighbors. They have offered the sharing of generators so their neighbors don't lose the valuables stored in their freezers. It was strange. Before this event, how many neighbors even talked to another, but somehow once compassion was shown for neighbors, it spread. No one was afraid to help another.

This event took me back to early years. When someone was in trouble, the good neighbor would step up and help. Those of you that were raised in the farm belt of the Midwest know the stories. Those of you who weren't can imagine. Small point to think about. When disaster strikes the Midwest – what do you hear about? Is it looting or people pulling together to help others? We can all be proud! We know the value of community.

This month kicks off our annual stewardship drive. You will see the reappearance of the Treasure Chest. We have all

been given treasures in life. What can you share? If you are on a limited income, are there other ways you can share what you have been given? Possibly when situations such as our recent severe weather occur – can you make phone calls to check on others? Can you share a meal with someone? What do you have to loan for those in need?

Over the next month you will hear from individuals on how being a member of this congregation has impacted their lives. You will hear how God has provided for them and what motivates them to share with others. You will hear how these blessings have not only enriched their personal lives but also how it has enabled them to share more freely of what they have been given.

As a congregation we have witnessed first hand how God provides. We made the commitment to give the first 10% of what was given to us directly to our benevolence. There was fear that we would not be able to meet our bills, but we took a step of faith. Since this decision was reached, we have been able to give and still have what we need to make our bills. Once again we see the power of sharing what God provides.

This small church is growing – we can see it in the new faces. Our stewardship is reaching out to those around us and sharing with them what has kept our Faith Family strong – a sense of family and community. If we bond together and share our treasures, our community will continue to grow and remain strong. God has blessed us and in turn we all need to share our treasures to bless those around us.

In Gods love - Molly

ATTENTION

All Faith Ministry Teams

Please Review your budgets for 2009 and submit your requests to Molly Hegenbarth by October 22nd. Thank you!

Coming Soon. . .

Faith's stewardship drive will begin on October 5th. Pledge cards should be turned in by October 26th.



ARLYS JOHNSON

The fall retreat "Discovering Our Gifts through Women of Faith" was held at the home of Donna Baugh on Saturday, September 6. The retreat was attended by Vivian Smith, Laura Meier, Gin Hodges, Arlys Johnson, Judy Diekhoff, Linda Woerhle, Dorothy McCall, Sue Neathamer, Lisa Whaley, Joyce Parish, Nicole Parish, Jeannette Hood, Beth Landis, Bev Haire, Jennie Harvey, Donna Baugh, Carol Taylor, Joyce Martin, and Amy Jo Holaday. We thank these women who came and shared their time with us.

The Bible Study was held by Pastor Laura and it was well received. We looked at the lives of Miriam and Hannah. We learned about their gifts and in turn we were encouraged to look at our own gifts. To help us appreciate one of Miriam's gifts we made tambourines and were encouraged to share them or display them at home to remind us of our gifts. We thank Pastor Laura for sharing her gift of teaching.

Morning coffee, muffins and lunch were served and enjoyed by all.

The SonShine Circle met on Wednesday, September 10th at 10am at the church. The group of five ladies that met enjoyed starting their new study. They will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of every month. They are using the book 3:16 (study for individuals or small groups) by Max Lucado. Dorothy has agreed to lead their study again this year. We thank her for her dedication.

The Wheadon Circle met at the home of Arlys Johnson and the four women in attendance agreed that we will continue with the evening circle. We also agreed that we will meet in the homes of members of our group and the meeting date will continue to be the second Tuesday of the month. The women at our meeting agreed that we will use the Bible Study that is in the Lutheran Women Today magazine. If you need to order a copy of that magazine you may call 1-800-328-4648 and they will start sending you the magazine monthly. The cost of this magazine is \$12.00 for 10 issues. On October 14 we will meet at the home of Bev Haire and on November 11 we will meet at the home of Amy Jo Holaday. There will not be an evening circle meeting in the month of December.

The next quarterly meeting will be December 6th at 10:00 am at the home of Judy Diekhoff and it will be our annual cookie swap. Please bring cookies to share with our church's shut ins and each other. Also bring one of your favorite dishes for a yummy brunch that will be enjoyed when we are finished with our business meeting. Come with ideas on what we can do as a mission project for Women and Families.

Donna Baugh told us about a craft fair that will be held at Christ Lutheran in J-town on Saturday, October 18th. She thought it would be a good opportunity for the women of both circles to enjoy an outing together. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board and those of you who would like to car pool to this event can sign up. Lunch is served at this event. Sounds like a good idea!!! We will need to leave the church at 9:30am.

Join us for one or all of the WELCA activities.

In his service,
Arlys Johnson

WELCA NOTES

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 am. This will be our annual cookie swap at the home of Judy Diekhoff. Please plan to join us!

SonShine Circle Bible study's next scheduled meeting is October 8th at 10 am at church.

Wheadon Friendship Circle Bible study will meet October 14th at 7 pm at the home of Bev Haire.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

When I was a child growing up, my mom would take my siblings and me to the movies. But my mom wouldn't take us to see the feel good movies of Disney all the time. She took us to see some movies that we probably should not have seen. One of the first movies I remember seeing is Night of the Living Dead. The black and white version. And if there are any kids that read this that means there were no colors. I think I was around 6 years old at the time and to this day I love a good scary movie. But it has to be a clever one; I don't care for too many slasher movies. You see one person get sliced and diced you've seen them all. Chainsaws don't do it nor does a guy running around in a mask. Aliens aren't real nor are Predators from space. A good scary movie will make you want to not go to sleep, not just make you scream and jump around in your seat and laugh with your friends. As scary as some of those movies were, I always knew that they weren't real and nobody died or nobody really got hurt. Unless you watched the unedited versions of

some feel good movie like the Wizard of Oz, for instance, then people really got hurt and died. That was real life though, not movies. What's real and scary?

Does anyone remember the transition period from when Pastor Vogler left until the calling of Pastor Scott? That was a long period of uncertainty wasn't it? I remember Pastor Vogler telling me he was going to retire 2 years before he did and it still shook me. For one thing I was losing a very good friend and confidant. And more importantly we were losing our Pastor. You know, the leader of the pack, the big kahuna. I felt a little lost to be honest with you, and I was afraid it would hurt the church. But it didn't. No, we pulled together as one and toughed it out. Sure some people got discouraged and left but we're still standing. Because of everyone's patience and understanding we are still here. We did not go quietly into that long dark night!! A little dramatic I know, but hey, you take it when you can.

How did this happen? Did we do this on our own or for ourselves? Was it because we didn't have another church to go to? Did we do it out of pride or vanity? The answer to all of these questions is a resounding NO!! There are two parts to the answer to these questions. The first part is: God's will and spirit moved through the congregation and kept us together. It was through His grace that we didn't give up and we kept on truckin'. The second part of the equation is: Martin Luther said "Ecclesia semper reformanda est." The church must always reform. To me, it's that simple, God said it was time to reform and we did what God wanted.

We are still doing what God wants. We are good stewards of what God has blessed us with. And what did He bless us with you ask? He has blessed us with His Son, first and most importantly. He has blessed us with Martin Luther who acted on His words to state the truth so long ago. He has blessed us with people who acted on His words 232 years ago

to start a new country in which we would be free to worship as we please. He has blessed us with people who acted on His words to start a new church 50 plus years ago. He has blessed us with people to this very day who are acting on His words. We have been blessed with a church building that is helping us do God's will. He has blessed us with people that are serving on committees and giving of their time and talents, of their money, by sitting in the pews praying for each other and with each other and for our enemies. To me that last part is more important than time, talents, and money. So I pray with you and for you as you have done for me. Lord God, remember us and strengthen us, O Lord build up our faith with the strength of your love. Help us to be truly silent and still, so we might discern your will for us, and God, help us to trust in your word. Amen.

God's Peace to You,
Tom



NEWSLETTER

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SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

USHERS:

ALTAR GUILD: PEG GERNAND

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: CHUCK LANDIS

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSIST</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
5	Virginia Klemens	Isaiah Young	Katie Rife	Steabans	?
12	Patti Smith	Jack Hayes	Tyler Landis	Czerwonkas	?
19		Caitlyne Fox	Stephen Fox	Hayes	?
26	Carol Taylor	Whitney Hayes	Tara Miller	Falkensteins	?