



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

JUNE/JULY, 2009

An Evening with the Pastor

Virginia and Dick Klemens invite you to "An Evening with the Pastor", an opportunity to get to know Pastor Meier and for him to get to know you on a more personal level. Three evenings have been set aside for these gatherings, you are asked to come on the evening assigned, unless you need to select one of the other two dates for your participation because of scheduling conflicts. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and any concerns, comments or questions about the ministry at Faith Lutheran. Drinks will be provided. The gatherings will be scheduled from 7:00 - 8:30 at the clubhouse of the Country Club Estates, 3040 Country Club Lane, Jeffersonville, (phone at the clubhouse 282-2582), across from the Elks Club golf course. Call Virginia or Dick at 288-8809 with comments or questions regarding the event.

July 15, 2009

Art and Edwina Andregg
Jeff and Stephanie Andrews
Travis and Nancy Arbuckle
Anita Barnett
Lindsey Barr
Rick and Terri Barr
Mike and Donna Baugh
Terry Beck
Chris and Laura Bjornson
Barb and Sonny Brewster
Carl Butt
Barb Campbell
Jim and Michelle Campbell
Natalie Clark
Walter Clive
Kelly Cooke
Fred and Tami Czerwonka
Charlotte Davis
Dan and Judy Diekhoff
Amy and Corey Durham
Josh Emily
Roger and Marsha Emily
Nancy and Jim Falkenstein
Kathy Farmer
Barb Fitzpatrick
Mike Fitzpatrick
Harry and Sharon Fox
Lyle and Peg Gernand
Betty Gibson
Cherie and Dana Glaab
Greta Gilberts
Bev and Brent Haire
Becky and Kevin Hall
Amanda Hallett
Tom and Kathy Hayes
Jim and Molly Hegenbarth

September 17, 2009

Becky Henault
Larry Hercamp
Christa Hodge
Amy and Mike Holaday
Bill and Cathy Holman
Brian and Jeanette Hood
Kelly and Angel Hood
Carol Hustedt
Meredith and Phil Jaeger
Dennis and Arlys Johnson
Perry and Kathleen Johnson
Bob Knoerr
Janet and Matt Kulaga
Beth and Chuck Landis
Bob and Karen Lane
Debbie Lang
Dave Lindemann
Greg and Ellen Linker
Edie Maas
Greg and Sandy Maas
Gordon and Dorothy McCall
Carrie and Matt McCoy
Rupert and Karen Miller
David and Michelle Mitchell
Barb Morris - Nix
Sandy Neathamer
Sue Neathamer
Tom and Sunny Neathamer
Janet Nolan
Bob and Nicole Parish
Joyce Parish
Trisha and Ed Perry
Ed and Famie Peter
Eric and Lisa Peter
Catherine Pittman
Julie Rayborn

November 12, 2009

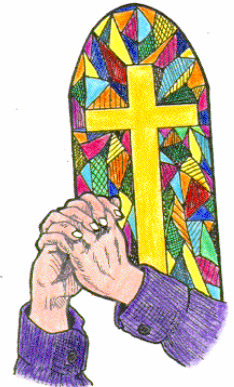
Scott and Veronica Rife
Elaine Rogers
Kate Scott
Kris and Roy Searcy
Greg and Shannon Seifried
Don and Vivian Smith
Mike and Patti Smith
Lori Sorenson
Carol and Stan Sosnicki
Fred and Anne Steaban
Ken Steward
John and Carol Taylor
Al and Nancy Thompson
Elaine Thorns
Steve Thorns
Mike and Karen Vescelus
Peter and Leslie Vesculus
Nancy and Jim Vogt
Don and Bonnie Walker
Lisa Whaley
Cathie and Jim Wheat
Amanda Winn
Bill and Mary Winn
Brandon Woehrl
Mike and Linda Woehrl
Ron and Edith Woodward
Linda Wyatt
Scott and Linda Wykoff
Dennis and Wendy Yellina
Tom and Angie Yellina
Max and Mary Ellen Zimmerman

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

<i>Betty McLaughlin</i>	<i>Jeanette Baugh</i>
<i>Don Smith</i>	<i>Melvin Minton</i>
<i>Bill Winn</i>	<i>Mathias Vescelus</i>
<i>Jim Vogt III</i>	<i>Gordon McCall</i>
<i>(Jim & Nancy's son)</i>	<i>Bonnie Walker</i>
<i>Betty Condra</i>	<i>Adler Sterns</i>
<i>Tony Wimsatt</i>	<i>Joyce Parish</i>
<i>Joan Bink</i>	<i>Mike Woehrle</i>
<i>Amy Rawlins</i>	<i>Lyle Gernand</i>

If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Meier at 812-282-6993 or on his cell phone (260-273-1250) or one of the prayer chain leaders: Virginia Klemens (288-8809), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these June birthdays:

Scott Wykoff	6/7
Karli Neathamers	6/9
Isaiah Young	6/9
Mike Vescelus	6/12
Carol Sosnicki	6/13
Nancy Arbuckle	6/19
Jordan Searcy	6/20
Lisa Peter	6/21
Edith Woodward	6/22
Nicole Parish	6/23
Sarah Rife	6/23
Josh Landis	6/25
Stanley Sosnicki	6/25
John Campbell	6/30

God's blessings to these July birthdays:

Travis Arbuckle	7/1
Jack Hayes	7/5
Tyler Landis	7/5
Nancy Thompson	7/6
Kyle Thoms	7/6
Roy Searcy	7/8
Katarina Riekhof	7/12
Vivian Smith	7/14
Eric Peter	7/16
Ashley Thoms	7/16
Jim Wheat	7/16
Tom Hayes	7/18
Jim Falkenstein	7/21
Justin Meier	7/21
Mike Woehrle	7/21
Peg Gernand	7/28

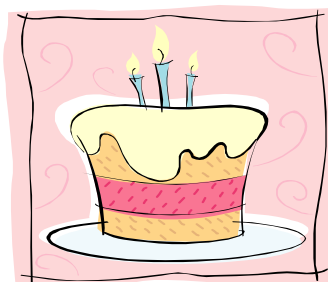
We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in June:

Bill & Mary Winn	6/2
Brent & Bev Haire	6/10
Mike & Patti Smith	6/13
Phil & Meredith Jaeger	6/16
Scott & Veronica Rife	6/18
Scott & Laura Meier	6/22
Corey & Amy Durham	6/27
Gordon & Dorothy McCall	6/27
Greg & Ellen Linker	6/30



We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in July:

Stan & Carol Sosnicki	7/5
John & Carol Taylor	7/9
Dan & Judy Diekhoff	7/17



The Faithful News is a monthly publication of Faith Lutheran Church, Jeffersonville, IN. Articles and information may be submitted to Patti Smith, secretary or Carrie McCoy, editor (clam1074@aol.com)



NEWS & NOTES



Jack Hayes has been selected for membership in the East Washington Middle

School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, based upon his scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

Congratulations, Jack!



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.

Pairsh Life & Outreach Team

PLOT met on 04/26/09 to discuss 2 upcoming outdoor events;

On June 13th PLOT will host a cook out and games prior to the Saturday night service and the OWLs will host an Ice cream Social following.

Please bring a guest to share in the fun.



On July 18th PLOT will sponsor a movie night and Hog roast following the Saturday night service.

Please bring a side dish to share.

The next PLOT meeting will be 5/24/09.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIESSUE NEATHAMER

The food pantry at CLM is expecting a very busy summer. We have seen a significant increase in the number of people we helped in the past two months. In January & February we saw 2093 clients. In March & April we helped 2475 persons.



For June and July we at Faith will collect canned fruit and vegetables to take to the CLM food pantry.



At the May Board of Directors meeting, we were asked to help meet the Kosair Charities \$1,500. Challenge Grant. This money will be used to cover expenses for our Kids Café program. CLM volunteers make and serve hot meals at the Boys and Girls Club in Jeffersonville on Wed. & Fri. afternoons. Virginia Klemens suggested each church try to raise \$100.00 for this grant. A collection was taken at Faith on May 17th for this project. A BIG thank you to all who helped and supported this cause.

Mark Porter, the CLM Executive Director, asked if any churches would host a Board meeting in the coming year. Virginia is looking into this and hopefully Faith will host a CLM Board meeting in the future.

The Bliss House had a successful Spring Fundraiser. This year, a luncheon which featured Derby fashions and hats from Petunias and Annie's was held on April 19th. Alumnae from the Bliss House Program lead discussions at each table on one of the 12 steps of the AA program. Approximately \$7000.00 was raised by this event. The Bliss House has received a donation from Southeast Christian Church (Indiana Campus) for \$9,000.00 and a donation from Clark Superior Court for \$5,000.00 in the past month.

LIBRARY NEWSNANCY THOMPSON

If you're looking for something light to read this summer, our library has several books in a series I would highly recommend. It's a collection of 8 fiction books called "Harmony". The author, Philip Gulley, draws from his own experiences as pastor of a Quaker church in northern Indiana. Each of the books tells various tales of everyday people who live in a small town. He starts off by saying that he, Sam Gardner, grew up in Harmony never thinking he would return once he set out on his own. But that's exactly what happened. He found himself pastor to his old friends and neighbors who remembered him well.

Before I turned the first page of *Home to Harmony*, I found myself walking right alongside Sam Gardner. I could see the corner grocery store flashing his brother's name, "Roger", once the day turned to night and wondered whether he felt a bit jealous. I also found one of his church's traditions rather interesting. More often than not, upon returning from vacation, members would find themselves elected to the head of various committees. There may be some of us who hope that tradition isn't passed on here at Faith! Gardner continues to say that some Harmony residents couldn't remember the last time they went on vacation. So you see, many of the stories are funny (I found myself laughing out loud) , some of them are sad, and others make you stop and think. All of them incorporate values we talk about but don't always practice in our daily lives.

You'll find 5 of the 8 books in the series on our adult fiction shelves. The next time you or your teen are looking for something refreshing to read, look for *Home to Harmony*, *Just Shy of Harmony*, *Signs and Wonders*, *A Change of Heart*, or *Life Goes On*. If you enjoyed reading the Mitford series, you'll enjoy this one, too.

THRIVENT FOR LUTHERANS

KATHY HAYES

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

CARE IN CONGREGATIONS -- UPCOMING EVENT!



The Thrivent "Care in Congregations" YARD SALE is coming up -- Saturday, June 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.! Set up will be Friday, June 19 from 6-8 p.m. If you've discovered "someone else's treasure" to donate, please drop that treasure off on Friday, June 19 between 6 and 8 p.m. Thank you for all donations!

Funds raised from the yard sale are supplemented by Thrivent for use in our church.

We do a little work, have a little fun, and get some "matching" funds. We have our fellowship hall tables and chairs to show for it in the recent years, plus were able to donate funds toward the new Faith Lutheran Church sign out front.

If you like doing yard sales, please keep June 19 (set up only, 6 to 8 p.m.) and June 20 in mind and come and have some fun setting up, or working on the day of the yard sale. Any time you have to volunteer at the yard sale is so appreciated!

Kathy Hayes, Congregational Coordinator

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Women ^{of the} ELCA 

ARLYS JOHNSON

Last night the evening circle met at the home of Donna Baugh and Judy Diekhoff led us in the first lesson of our three session study of Esther. The book of Esther is indeed a very interesting book of the Bible. Bev Haire had told Betty Condra that we were going to be studying Esther and Betty had shared with Bev that it is one of her favorite books. Sounds like a good recommendation to me. (If you would like to know more about the Bible Studies offered in the Lutheran Women Today magazine you can go to the website www.lutheranwomantoday.org and there will be a lot of information you are free to download or just read. There is also a video summary of the lessons given by the author of the study.) There were eight of us that enjoyed spending time studying Esther and just spending time getting to know each other. The evening circle will not have another meeting until Tuesday, September 8th. The next meeting for the morning circle will at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9th. The morning circle is also enjoying their study and time together. The synodical convention is coming up and we are hoping to get a group together to join in with other women of the ELCA to study, worship and fellowship together. The date for this event is September the 18th and 19th and it will be held at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne in Louisville, Ky. There will more details in the weeks ahead. Just remember that if you are not participating in one of our Women's Bible Studies you are missed. As I have said before we know that life is very hectic for all of us and sometimes some more than others. Just know that any time you can squeeze an extra couple of hours out of your busy lives we would love to have you join us. God Bless and I hope to see you at one of our next meetings. Enjoy your summer and hope to see you in the fall!!

Arllys Johnson

SAVE THESE DATES. .

SonShine Circle Bible study's next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 9th at 10 am at church.

Wheadon Friendship Circle Bible study will meet Tuesday, September 8th.

IN-KY Synodical Women's Organization Convention

September 18th and 19th

Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, December 5th at church.

FINANCE MATTERS

SCOTT RIFE



Baseball, hot dogs, picnics, and homemade ice cream are all items that we associate with summer. Unfortunately, low summer church attendance is also a familiar sign of this time of year. Vacations, holidays, and weekend getaways make it tough for many to have a regular schedule for attending summertime church. Traditionally, our giving often seems to take summer vacation too. Even though you might not make it to church your giving can, there are a couple easy things that can be done to make this happen. First, you can mail your offering to church. Or you can also consider utilizing “Simply Giving” a free program offered by Thrivent.

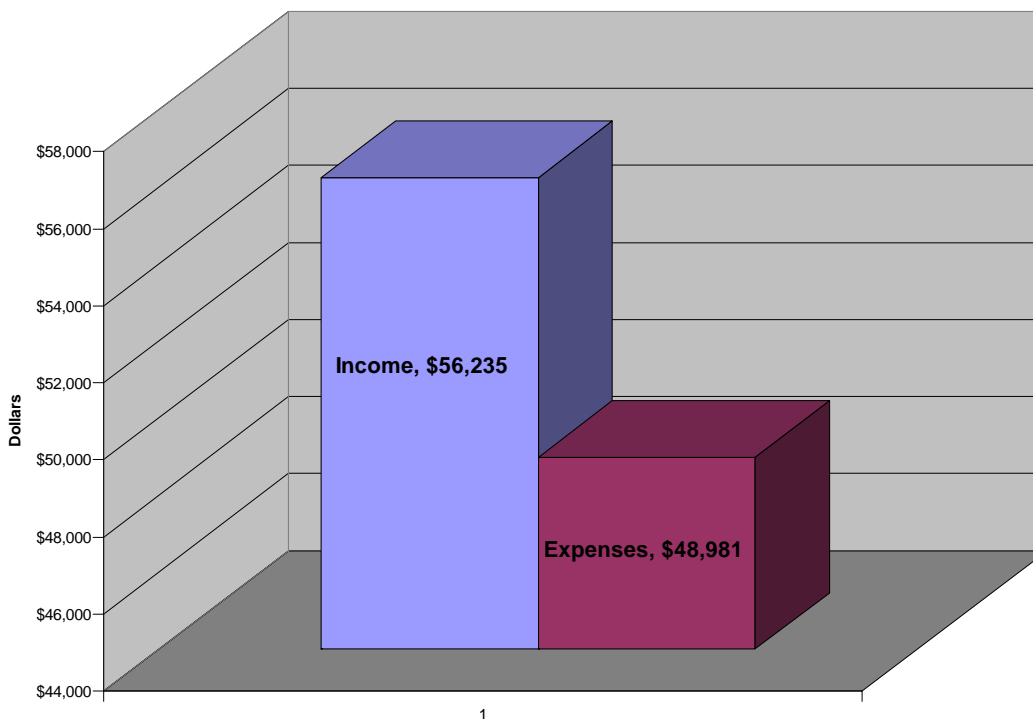
So what is Simply Giving?

Simply Giving is a program designed to help you conveniently contribute to a Lutheran congregation or institution or to pay tuition at a Lutheran school. Through *Simply Giving*, your gifts or tuition payments are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or [credit card](#). You determine the frequency of your automatic gift—weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Your gift or payment is deposited into the organization's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account, at no cost to you or the recipient. As a result, your contributions cannot be lost, stolen or forgotten.

If you are interested in learning more about Simply Giving, you may contact Patti Smith or Scott Rife.

So how are we doing?

Feb-Apr 2009 Financials



Have a Wonderful Summer !!!

YOUTH NEWS

WHITNEY HAYES

June and July Youth Events:

Friday, June 5 -- Youth will begin their Desserts In The Park fundraiser. Youth need to be sure to sign up on the door (if you haven't already) for 3 or 4 of these, to bake and to work, during all the Fridays during June, July, and August. Owls will take over again in September, as they did in May.

Sunday, June 7 – next Youth meeting.

At the May 3 Youth Meeting, the Youth voted on a summer activity. The vote was to go to Holiday World in Santa Claus, Indiana. No date has been set, as of newsletter press time – will determine date at June 7 Youth Meeting (be there or be square). We will present information on the Marengo Wild cave and canoe, camping trip.

Sunday, June 28 -- Parents' meeting for New Orleans trip -- to discuss, compose, and sign the behavior and covenant code for the New Orleans trip. Each youth AND at least one parent must sign the code stating that they agree to this behavior code and that they will follow it. This will be held at our church for just our church. Each church will hold a similar meeting in their own church. Therefore, this is a required meeting for the four youth and at least one of their parents, and Eric and Lisa Peter as chaperones.

Hopefully some of the Youth will be attending camp at Lutheran Hills this summer. Kirsten McCoy will be one of the Camp Counselors!

Sunday, July 5 – Youth Meeting – get final count for overnight Marengo Cave Canoe trip to make reservations (for August 28).

Leaving on July 21 for New Orleans! On July 22 through 26, the National Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans. Our Youth that are going are: Stephen Fox, Tara Miller, Kristina Peter, and Whitney Hayes. Our parent chaperones are Lisa and Eric Peter.

Sunday, August 23 – We look forward to the Youth planning meeting / swim party at the Taylor's home.

What Youth did in May:

May 3 – Youth held their monthly meeting and then 6 of the Youth and some parents and a granny went to Creation Museum in Petersburg, Ky. It was very cool. We learned a lot of new information about God's creation of our world. It was a good experience for anyone who wants to learn more about God. We recommend it!

May 16 – Sessions 7 and 8 for 1st year Peer Ministry people, and Sessions 15 and 16 for 2nd year people were completed here at Faith. Peer Ministry Commissioning for Whitney Hayes and 8 other people was held that afternoon. Congratulations to them!

May 24 – Reception and goodbye to our Youth member – Isaiah Young. We are sure going to MISS YOU, Isaiah! And your whole family too.

May 31 – Confirmation for Eric Miller, Caitlyne Fox, Jack Hayes, and Whitney Hayes. Congratulations, Confirmands!

May 31 -- New Orleans gathering was held at Grace & Glory Lutheran Church to discuss the July 22-26 trip.

Noisy Offering given on May 3 was \$99.94. Noisy Offering allows the Youth to all attend fun events together, regardless of anyone's financial hardship. Those Youth who are able put their activity payment into the noisy offering. The Youth say a huge Thank You to the congregation for supporting us through the noisy offering.

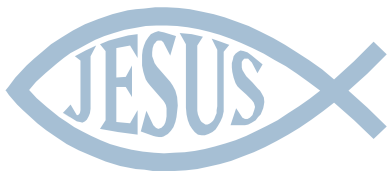
Youth President,
Whitney Hayes

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

Christian Education Reports

June & July 2009



Vacation Bible School

June 8-12

9:00 - 12:00

Children 3years by August 1st – finished the 6th grade

Vacation Bible school is staffed and ready for children on June 8th. The following have agreed to be a part of the VBS staff for this year.

<u>Lead Teachers</u>	<u>Helpers</u>
N1 Monica Hawkins	Betty Decker
N2 Jeanette Hood	Valerie Jansing
K1 Carol Taylor	Debbie Lake
K2 Demarris Scott	Linda Woehrle
1 st and 2 nd Arlys Johnson	
3 rd and 4 th Carrie McCoy	Maria Begin
5 th and 6 th Joshua Emily	John Taylor Thursday
Art Kate Scott and Terri Barr	Edie Maas, Edith Woodward
Kitchen Nancy & Jim Falkenstein	Roger Emily
Recreation Al Thompson	Kristina Peter, Jack Hayes
Music Pastor Scott	Barb Brewster
Secretary Patti Smith	Registration Melissa Warren

We give all of you a **BIG "Thank You"** for agreeing to be a part of this community venture. Only 15% to 20% of the enrolment will be members of Faith. This is an outreach into our community with God word as we explore **Adventures with Jesus**. The committee has adopted two programs for helping us follow Christ's rule To Love God and to Love our Neighbors as we love ourselves.

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We will be collecting a daily offering of canned food to be given to The Center for Lay Ministries and we will be working to earn the money to purchase a Heifer through Heifer International. Kate Scott has agreed to make a thermometer in the hall to mark our progress. If we can collect \$20 we can send a flock of honeybees, \$60 gets a Trio of Rabbits, \$120 will purchase a goat for a family, and \$500 will purchase the Heifer. A cash offering will be collected every day and on Thursday at the evening program. The Program offering will first go to pay expenses and any over that will also be put to the Heifer Fund. The Owls and VBS have teamed up on this animal project. The Owls will donate the money they collect at the Ice cream social that they will sponsor. It would be great if everybody could help us help the unfortunate in the world. The thermometer will remain up for several Sundays so that anyone who wants to donate may do so. What a neat way to follow Christ's teaching to "Be God's Hands in the World"!!

Adults Don't Quit

Children's Sunday school is on a break for the summer and will resume in September. The adults want to continue to meet each week at 9:15. They will be discussing various topics. These will be led by different members of the class. Pastor Dan Diekhof will be leading one class and plans are still in the works for others to follow him. Come see what's going on in God's world. Each class will only last for several weeks so the topics will be as varied as the people who are leading them. This was their idea. If these folks want to continue, then something good must be happening each Sunday morning in the adult group. Why don't YOU come and sneak a peak.

Weekday Church School



Weekday is finished until September 15th. There will be a parent's orientation meeting at 7pm on Thursday, September 10th. As of May 14th, all three classes are full. There are eight children waiting to get into the first year program and ten waiting to get into the Pre-K program. This Weekday program also only has 10% of its students as members of Faith Lutheran Church. Through this program we enter 45 homes in this community from Henryville and Corydon in the North to the Ohio River in the South. Children come from New Albany, Jeffersonville, and Sellersburg. I want to say a **"big thank you"** to God for the 18 people who helped this program be able to serve these children with Bible stories, Music, Academics, Library, and learning to share and take turns in Recreation. Here is also a thank-you to each and every one of you who have helped make this school so well known for excellence in early childhood education. Have a great summer. See you in September ready to be a part of a new group of students and a new year.

Confirmation

God's blessings to Caitlyne Fox, Eric Miller, Whitney Hayes, and Jack Hayes as they declared to God and those present that they believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They stated that they are ready to take responsibility for their following His laws, reading their Bibles, and continuing to learn and to love Him. They confirmed their faith in the God who is full of Grace and Love on Sunday, May 31st. We welcome them into our membership and fellowship here at Faith.

There are four first year students who will be second year students continuing to learn each Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. We know of two more youth who will be entering 6th grade and should be first year students when school begins in the fall. If there are anymore interested in joining us each week, please speak to Pastor Scott, or Carol Taylor. Classes will begin September 2nd.



OWLS

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

Jim and I returned recently from a much-needed winter in Florida. We are so happy to be back with our family and with our church family. We missed all of you very much. While we love it in Florida and enjoy many friendships there, it is true that there is no place like home!

Last week in church, a few days before this writing, Pastor preached a sermon about the importance of coming to church, not just for the blessing you receive, but for the blessing your presence is to others. I can tell you that this is absolutely true! We find ourselves blessed each Sunday that we attend church - not just for the wonderful message - but for the wonderful people. A smile from Cathy Holman, a friendly handshake from Patti Smith, a pat on the back from Tom Hayes, a greeting from Edwina and Art Anderegg, a hug from Marsha and Roger - and the list goes on and on and on! It is true; we are blessed by YOUR presence in church. We all need the church, and the church needs all of us. We miss you when you are not there, and we love to see you! You are what makes this church our home.

Thanks to Virginia and Dick Klemens for keeping the OWLS busy while we were gone. And thanks for the wonderful newsletter articles!

And now to OWLS past and future projects and activities.

PROJECTS: Thanks to Dorothy McCall for spearheading the OWLS project of keeping our homebound members in our thoughts and prayers and visiting, calling or sending cards to these folks. A number of the OWLS have been busy this late winter looking out for our older church family. As of the end of March, there were 29 reported visits, 36 phone calls, and 11 cards. In April there were 13 visits, 3 calls, and 5 cards. Thanks to all of the OWLS who participated in this project. We recently met at Vogts' house for a spring indoor picnic and vowed to work to improve our efforts!

Another project is to prepare desserts and sell them at the Friday night Warder Park concerts in May and September. If you would like to help bake, set up, or sell treats on Friday nights, we can use all the help we can get! Money raised will help OWLS in future projects.

This summer OWLS are holding an ice cream social at the church, in conjunction with a church cookout on a Saturday afternoon. OWLS will provide ice cream, some of it homemade, and all the trimmings. Our goal is to raise funds to support the Heifer Foundation. In partnership with the Bible School children, we are trying to buy a heifer at the cost of \$500 to send to a struggling community somewhere in the world! More details to follow. Come eat delicious ice cream and help us send a cow to those who need it!

ACTIVITIES: As of this writing (in mid May) dates are not yet established, but our activities have been chosen. They are as follows:

Late May, early June - We will meet at the church for an evening meal of pizza/salad/dessert and will be privileged to hear Miss Regina Walters, the Rifles' exchange student from Germany, tell us about herself, her background, and perhaps about her experiences in the US. Please join us. Details will be available at church.

Late June, probably Saturday, June 27th, we are going to the track - Churchill Downs, that is, for lunch, a tour of the Derby Museum and of the track. Maybe some of us will try our hands at wagering! Dick Klemens is heading up this activity and will post a signup sheet in the church narthex soon.

In late July, our destination is that of Shaker Village in Kentucky. We will tour this interesting religious community of the past, eat lunch there, and shop in the gift shop. No transportation? We will certainly carpool, and no one will be turned away!

In early September, we are carpooling once more to head for West Baden and French Lick. Main goal there is to tour the West Baden hotel. We will eat lunch there or at French Lick. A visit to the casino is optional.

Mid-September - Clarksville Little Theatre is presenting "Chicago." We will go to lunch after church at a nearby restaurant and attend the Sunday afternoon performance. This outing seems to be a favorite of a number of our members.

Remember- you don't have to be over the hill to join our group. We welcome anyone who is a mature (or immature, for that matter) adult! We need you, and you need us!

God Bless the OWLS and all of our Faith church family

Yours,

Nancy

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

Summer time, summer time, the most wonderful time of the year, that's right, it's warm and the birds are singing. Doesn't get any better than this as far as weather is concerned. Everybody going places and doing things with family, seems like everybody has something going on. No more lazy days of summer. I remember going to the creeks and ponds of my friends and going swimming, cooking out and just having fun. We still do that don't we? I mean we're not so afraid of germs and bugs that we deprive our kids of the great outdoors, do we? I didn't think so. Speaking of cookouts and such, PLOT and the OWLS are planning some picnics and ice cream socials for the summer. Be sure to check out the calendar for the dates, and then come and join us for food, fellowship, and fun. The R. W. C. P. signal has been activated for these events. What is the R. W. C. P. signal you ask? That is the Rife Wedding Catering Plan that was spelled out by Miss Sarah Rife. We can use it for more than weddings. So be sure and bring a dish and/or a dessert to share. It won't be the same without you.

I'm writing this the week of Roger Rice's funeral and feeling sort of melancholy and guilty about it. Melancholy, because I have fond memories of him and guilty because I didn't visit him but probably two times and for that I will always regret. There is this song that I hear on the radio every once in a while, by a guy named James McMurtry, the name of it is "Just Us Kids". One verse goes like this: Just us kids hanging out today, watching our long hair turning gray, not so skinny maybe not so free, not so many as we used to be. I just wanted to share a thought about life passing by before we know it. And missing the ones that we don't realize we will miss until it's too late. I hope Roger can forgive me.

Every one knows what happened on June 6th, 1944 don't they? Maybe we can get some of our WW2 vets to give a speech on their experiences during WW2. Lest we forget. I think it would be fascinating. And if they don't want to get up in front of everybody and speak I would still love to hear their stories. Just be sure and pause and say a prayer for the ones who fought and died there. You can also watch Saving Private Ryan, I know it's fictional but it has some truth in it.

July 4th is always a fun time especially for the residents of Pekin, Indiana, because we enjoy the longest continuous celebration of the 4th in the United States. Didn't know that did you? So everybody should re-read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and remember our Founding Fathers. I believe you can get free copies from the Heritage Foundation. Another movie you can watch is The Patriot with Mel Gibson and Heath Ledger. Be sure and sing the Star Spangled Banner also.

Have a good summer and remember to be safe. I will see you at church and around town, maybe. Again please join us for food and fellowship and fun over the summer. And as always we will pray for each other and the church. May God bless you and keep you safe.

God's Peace to You,

Tom

NEWSLETTER

JUNE & JULY
2009



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE & JULY

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JULY: SAT.—CHRISTY HODGE SUN.—BARB NIX

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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
June 7	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	X	Volunteers Needed	Holmans
June 14	Carol Taylor	Isaiah Young	X	Steabans	Johnsons
June 21	Nancy Arbuckle	Volunteer Needed	X	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
June 28	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	X	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
July 5	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	X	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
July 12	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	X	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
July 19	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	X	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
July 26	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	X	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

As you can see there are many opportunities for you to volunteer to help with the regular worship service this summer. Please check the bulletin board in the narthex and sign up to help. Thanks in advance!