



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

JANUARY, 2011

From the Pastor

The fourth mark of a disciple is inviting. As followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are to invite others to follow him also. In this way we are imitators of our Lord who invited others to join in his ministry. In the gospel of Mark, Andrew invites Nathaniel to "come and see" who Jesus is. That is a real good way to begin inviting others to join us.

Invite others to come and see what is happening here at Faith Lutheran Church. Invite them to come and see what is happening in the South Central Conference. Invite them to come and see that is happening in the Indiana/Kentucky Synod. Invite them to see what is happening in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. There are many places where you can invite others to join with us as we share the good news that Jesus is Lord of our lives together.

Wrapped up together with invitation and this mark of inviting is the idea of hospitality. If we are going to extend an invitation, we should provide something for the invitees to come and see. So we offer an experience of worship for all ages. Come and see what God is doing in our midst and how we respond to that with our praise and thanksgiving. We offer a time of learning. Come and see how God's holy Word speaks to us through the pages of scripture and the history of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church. We offer a time of fellowship. Come and see how God is working in our personal lives as we share coffee and goodies. Come and see how God provides nourishment for our bodies and food for our souls in our potluck dinners. Come and see how we care for one another in our visitation and in our service to the community. Come and see how God has loved us, so that we might share that love with others.

Disciples have been called by Jesus in the last verses of Matthew's gospel...go into all the world, baptizing in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching all that I have commanded. And the Jesus promises to be with us even to the end of the age. When we invite others we are obeying this command of a disciple. When we work to provide a space and a time and a program for others to come and see, we are following this command of Christ. And in this act, we have Christ's promise to be with us, always, even to the end.

Praying, studying, worshipping and inviting are all marks of a follower of Christ. Next month we will look at encouraging one another.

Serving Together
Pastor Scott

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special care for:

Illness

- *Naomi Crawford, cancer
- *Trish Ferrill, cancer
- *Dava Haire, cancer
- *Lu Wright, cancer
- *Layne Short, cancer
- *Melanie Sherrad, cancer
- *Gina Robinson, in remission
- *Owen Clive, treatment for leukemia
- *Jim Swetnam, cancer
- *Shelly Marble, inoperable brain tumor
- *Patti Boesche, blood disorder
- *Doug Mattingly, in rehab after a serious injury
- *Ken Steward, at home
- *Mark Anderson, recurring cancer
- *Edwina Andregg, Hillcrest
- *Lori Sorenson, shoulder surgery
- *Tisha Whitson, recovering at home
- *Gina Barr, in remission
- *Don Heuton, pacemaker implant
- *Amy Jo Holaday, Vision problems
- *Sharon Rayborn, pancreatic cancer
- *Theresa Sizen, testing
- *Peggy Sue Bachor, breast cancer
- *Marijean, breast cancer
- *Roseanne Bachor, cancer
- *Family of Sharon Meneou, her mother is battling pancreatic cancer



Shut-in:

- *Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
- *Betty McLaughlin, at home
- *Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
- *Bertha Blanchard, at home
- *Isabell Steaban, at home
- *Sally Meyer- recovering from a stroke
- *Catherine Pittman, at home

Service agencies/programs/special needs:

- *Adam Smith, personal issues, deployed to Afghanistan
- *Amy Robinson, personal issues
- *CLM
- *Eric Hall Foundation
- *Service men and women stationed at home and abroad
- *Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment
- *Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home.

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 ANNIVERSARY



We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in January

- Dennis & Wendy Yellina 1/24
- Edith & Ron Woodward 1/26
- Nancy & Jim Falkenstein 1/27

God's blessings to these January birthdays

Joyce Parish	1/1	Cindy Holley	1/4
Matt McCoy	1/5	Karen Lane	1/6
Ed Peter	1/8	Janet Kulaga	1/10
Jessi Jones	1/13	Bob Parish	1/17
Wendy Yellina	1/18	Judy Diekhoff	1/19
Brandon Woehrle	1/24	Gordon McCall	1/25
Sandra Maas	1/28	Dorothy Clerici	1/29
Phil Jaeger	1/31		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NEWS & NOTES



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Bruce Williams would like to thank the members of Faith For their cards, visits and support during the time of “Billie” Williams recent illness and death. Special thanks to those who prepared and served the meal to the extended Smith family after “Billie’s” funeral. All expressions of sympathy have been most appreciated.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 23 - 11:30 AM—Following Worship

Pitch-In—Meat provided

Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of Faith Lutheran Church

Men’s Club

The newly formed Men’s Club would like to volunteer to help any of our members who might have “light” outside or inside fall cleanup activities needing to be done!! Contact Fred Czerwonka, Scott Rife or Lyle Gernand.

Watch for details on a January get together!!!!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER**LYLE GERNAND****God's Blessings to all –**

Happy New Year! As we begin 2011, we need to ask God to be with our Congregation and believe that this will be a pivotal year in the life of Faith Lutheran. We agreed at our annual budget meeting to adopt a budget which is higher than our projected giving for 2011. We also agreed that the way to reconcile this difference was for each of us to invite a friend or neighbor to our church. This would be a fulfillment of our mission statement to "Serve God's children." At the budget meeting, we also talked about the benefits of new members to help us carry out the ministry God has asked of us. God has commanded us to go forth and baptize all nations. All nations refers to our friends and our neighbors as well as those in far away places. As we bring in new members for our faith family, we bring more hands to help us carry out this command. Let us all pray that with God's help we will all become missionaries to those around us and that our lives and our words reflect to all the joy and peace we as Christians feel through our Faith.

I would like to remind everyone of our Annual Meeting, January 23, 2011, right after Sunday worship. There will be a pitch-in (or in Minnesota language, potluck) meal with the meat being provided. I know I don't have to say how important this meeting is to the operation of our church. There are many opportunities to serve in our church, including being on the Council. There will be 3 or 4 openings for the next 2 years. Please consider being part of this fun and exciting group. You can put your name or someone else's name you feel would be a good candidate in the ballot box in the narthex. The voting will take place at the annual meeting. Thank you in advance for choosing to serve in this capacity.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and blessed New Year.

In His Service

Lyle

FINANCE**ERIC PETER**

No current information available at print time

LIBRARY NEWS**NANCY THOMPSON****LIBRARY NEWS**

January, 2011

Some time back, one of my favorite Clarksville Library patrons asked if I knew about Peace Pilgrim. When I answered that I didn't, she said she'd bring in a book the next time she was in. True to her word, Pat Crystal returned, carrying with her one of the several copies she owns of *Peace Pilgrim: Her Life and Work in Her Own Words*. After reading the book, I was to donate it to a library. I'm happy to be able to offer it to you, as it was so freely offered to me.

For much of her life, Mildred Lisette Norman lived a very ordinary life. Raised on a farm by hard-working parents in the early 1900's, she graduated from high school, married and found a job, but felt she lacked purpose. At the age of 31, she took to the woods one night, walking and praying for guidance. It was then that she had a spiritual awakening that began her journey to serve God in any way He wished. But how? It was 15 years before she had the answer and to be fully prepared for total commitment. She believed it was peace that was the most important thing in the world, a peace that begins inside each one of us, and radiates outward to friends, neighbors, communities, nations and the world.

At the age of 44, Mildred left her old life behind, took on the name Peace Pilgrim, and set out walking. She took nothing with her: no money, no food, no luggage - just the clothes that she wore. She ate only if someone offered her something to eat. She took shelter only if someone offered her a place to stay. Otherwise, she kept on walking and never stopped. Peace Pilgrim walked for 28 years from one town to the next. When invited, she spoke at churches, universities, on radio and television, in the United States Congress, and the United Nations. She answered thousands of letters written to her by people from all over the world.

Peace Pilgrim's message was a simple and practical one, with the Golden Rule at its roots. Evil is overcome with good, hatred with love, and falsehood with truth. Peace starts within and is a habit that develops with discipline and use. She is quoted as having said, "When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others." Also, "There is a criterion by which you can judge whether the thought you are thinking and the things you are doing are right for you. The criterion is: have they brought you inner peace? If they have not, there is something wrong with them, so keep seeking! If what you do has brought you inner peace, stay with what you believe is right."

During her lifetime, Peace Pilgrim influenced the lives of a lot of people. Her book and non-profit organization, Friends of Peace Pilgrim, continues to do the same today. I recommend that you check out *Peace Pilgrim* for yourself. Thanks to Crystal, you'll find it on the biography shelf of Faith's library.

Budget Meeting Minutes cont. from page 13

Barb Brewster presented the Worship and Music budget. No questions or discussion was raised.

Lyle Gernand presented Pastoral Compensation. No questions or discussion was raised.

Kate Scott presented the Church Operating Expense budget. The following question were raised.

Budget line item 8f - Is there a need to pay to provide child care on Sunday Mornings? Answer - Although there are not that many children who are in the child care on Sunday Mornings, having consistent, background checked child care providers is an investment that could appeal to potential new members.

Eric Peter presented the Technology budget. The following discussion was raised.

Rick Barr mentioned that there is an annual web service fee incurred for the Church's website, this cost runs approximately \$100. He suggested adding a line item to account for this expense. Eric said that we could create a line item and simply move \$100 from Computer hardware into line item 9d Web Service fee. The bottom line budget for Technology will not change, however the distribution of funds will.

Patti Smith moved to accept the 2011 budget with the amended change to the technology section to add line 9d of \$100 for the Web Service fee. Rick Barr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

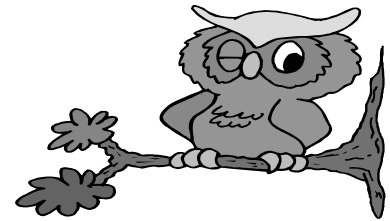
Faithfully submitted,
Stephanie Andrews

OWLS

VIRGINIA KLEMENS

Jim and Nancy Vogt opened their home to the OWLS for a Christmas gathering on December 18th. Thanks Jim and Nancy for your offer of hospitality and Christmas welcome.

A great BIG thank you to the OWLS for providing the hams for the Christmas baskets for five families Faith supported through the CLM. All those desserts sold at the Concerts in the Park made it possible for the OWLS to "sweeten" Christmas for five needy families.



And a great BIG BIG thank you to the congregation of Faith for the food, gifts for children and monetary gifts to support the distribution of Christmas to those same five needy families. All extra food donations and money were delivered to the Center for Lay Ministries.

Thanks, too, to all who helped prepare and serve the meal following Billie Williams funeral. The OWLS were very well represented in that group of people.

Continue to visit, send cards and remember to pray for Art and Edwina Andregg and Ed and Fammie Peter. Edwina hopefully has returned home by the time you receive this newsletter and Ed and Fammie have been separated as Fammie cares for her sister Lou who is terminally ill in Oregon.

Remember to call people you miss in church and visit or call on those in hospitals, rehab facilities, nursing homes or homebound. Thanks to the women of the church for the delivery of cookies before Christmas and to those who have delivered flowers to shut-ins.

Heard a rumor that Jim and Nancy Falkenstein snuck in for a week before Christmas...did you see them?

Contact Dick and Virginia (288-8809) or Arlys and Dennis (944-2219) with program or project ideas.

Give a Hoot for the OWLS!

Virginia Klemens

VISITATION TEAM

The next meeting of the Visitation Team is at church on January 13th at 3:00 p.m. The agenda includes discussion about visitor hosts and follow-up to contacts made before the Advent Season to lapsed and inactive members. Please come with your ideas and support for this important ministry of Faith.

Virginia Klemens

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING SCHEDULE

January 2—Megan Holman

January 9—Sandy Neathamer

January 16—Beth Haire

January 23—Whitney Hayes/Kristina Peter

January 30—Megan Holman

February 6—Sandy Neathamer

February 13—Beth Haire

February 20—Whitney Hayes/Kristina Peter

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**CAROL TAYLOR****Weekday Church School**

Welcome back to Weekday. Classes will resume on January 4th. We are all sorry that the ice storm forced us to cancel the Christmas program, but as I said in the e-mail to parents that morning, the major objective of the program had been reached. The children had heard the story, acted it out three times in practice, and could tell it to others. They have heard the "Good News" and can share it with family and friends. Now, we hope that for these children, Christmas is first and foremost about God's giving the first Christmas Gift to us, Baby Jesus. They know that they give and get presents on Christmas because God first gave us Jesus. Then the Kings brought Jesus presents. We give presents to each other because God showed us how.

Now during January we will talk about how they were a baby just like Baby Jesus. He grew to be a very special man with a very special job to do. They will learn that they too will grow and have a special job to do for God. They will hear a story about Jesus wanting to help his father, Joseph, in the carpenter shop, the teen Jesus staying behind in the temple to hear God's word discussed with the scholars, His choosing of Peter, James, and John the fisherman to be his helpers, and some of His lessons about sharing, helping, and caring for others. We hope they will say, just like the four year old in Bible school did last summer, "I love Jesus!"

Any member of Faith Lutheran who has a child or Grandchild who is 2 years or 3 years before they are ready to start to kindergarten can register for the Weekday Church School program anytime before February 1, @ 6:30am when we open registration to the public. Children must be 3 or 4 years old before August 1 to register. This cutoff is the Indiana law for kindergarten- they must be 5 by Aug 1 to be able to start school in Indiana. To register in January please call Carol Taylor at home 502-228-1329.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CONT.**CAROL TAYLOR****Sunday School**

Thanks to Dan Diekhoff who taught the adult class the last two Sundays in Dec. for Lyle Gernand while he was enjoying being called Grandpa in Colorado. The class is now involved in a study of I Corinthians. It seems Paul was dealing with some of the same things that are still problems today. The class is an open discussion, with Pastor Scott and Pastor Diekhoff involved. Their knowledge helps us to be sure we are not going too far astray on "our" insights". We would love to have more ideas and interpretations voiced. The more people, the more insights and views we get. Come join the group that meets at 9:15 am every Sunday.

The confirmation class is still meeting from 6:30-8:30 each Wednesday. They are working on Sunday school material the first hour and confirmation material the second hour. This is working well for all of us.

The children's classes that are held during church vary in size from 1 to 9 children on any given Sunday. This varying in class size is due to the parental visitation schedules of many of the children in this class. We have not had a Sunday all year where there was no one in the class.

We want to thank the twelve children put on the "little people" version of the Christmas story, written by Pastor Scott, for 40 adults on Sunday evening, Dec. 19th. They all gave a wonderful performance! Baby Jesus birthday cake was enjoyed by all after the program. Our four young women Sunday school teachers will be ready with Sunday school lessons for them the day after Christmas and in the New Year.

Our child member numbers are growing. Pastor Scott has been meeting with some of these children and their parents. At the Service on January 9, we will welcome the Hawkins children into our Faith church family by the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We give them a big welcome and will enjoy watching and helping them grow and as they continue on their faith journey.

The confirmed youth continue to meet in the youth area under the cross in the Emma Schoen Hall. Tom and Kathy Hayes have an interesting lesson planned for each Sunday at 9:15. They would love to see this class grow. I know getting up on Sunday is hard, but give it a try. There are 5 or 6 regulars who are looking for the rest of you to come and join them in Sunday school.

Service Men and Women

During this Holiday Season—please remember our service men and women who serve to help keep all of us safe. If anyone has addresses of friends or relatives you would like to receive cards over the holidays—just let us know and we will publish their addresses:

Adam Smith

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Unit 42511

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CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRY**SUE NEATHAMER****Center for Lay Ministries**

CLM News

The Christmas Basket Project was a huge success in 2010.

The Center had 791 family units sign up for baskets.

Of those, 430 were assigned to churches in the area, clubs, and the Salvation Army. The remaining 361 were filled by CLM.

Here at Faith we were assigned five families with seventeen children.

Thank you for your generous donations of food, toys, clothes, & money. A total of \$395.00 was collected to help with perishables for the food baskets. After purchasing items for our five families, \$310.00 was given to CLM to help with the expenses for the baskets they prepared. Thank you for your time and help in making this project a success. An extra thanks to the Owls who furnished the hams and the Youth Group for taking five angels and wrapping all the gifts.

DAISY SCOUT TROOP**KATE SCOTT**

Daisy troop 1243 had a blast in December! For starters, we now have a “full house” with 10 girls! Our girls come from both North Haven Elementary and Wilson Elementary! Can you believe it? 10! The holiday venue “Kalightscope” hosted a Girl Scout day through our Girl Scout Council in Louisville. The ticket price was only \$6 a person -scouts and family members alike- so several members of our troop were able to see the spectacular Christmas luminaries!

Our girls had a fabulous time at the “Princess Party” sponsored by the G.S. Council. The girls were dressed in their finest Princess gowns and enjoyed a day of pampering and crafts! We wrapped up the Christmas season with a holiday party and gift exchange at Faith where the girls sang songs, made snow-flake ornaments and enjoyed home-made sugar cookies!

Speaking of cookies, it is that time of year again! January 1st marks our start date for taking orders for Girl Scout cookies. **As a reminder, money is NOT collected until the cookies are delivered!** We will be delivering cookies in mid February, so hang in there! Samoas, Thin Mints and all your other favorites are the way! Both our Daisy troop and Heather's Brownie troop are participating in cookie sales, so we will be working together to meet your entire cookie needs and cure your sweet tooth before cookie season ends in March!

Thank you again for your continued support! We have a super troop thanks to folks like you!

Happy New Year from Troop 1243!

WELCA of Faith Lutheran Church held the Christmas Cookie, Brunch and Business meeting on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.. The meeting was called to order by Arlys Johnson. A program called Colors of Christmas, taken from the web site of the Women of the ELCA, served as our devotions. The following women attended the meeting and participated in the devotions: Arlys Johnson, Dorothy McCall, Linda Woehrle, Peggy Gernand, Bev Haire, Beth Wright, Terri Barr, Judy Diekhoff, Edie Maas, and Nancy Vogt.

The treasurer's report was not available but the bank statement indicated we will have money in the treasury to spend on special projects. The special projects voted on were, \$200.00 for new altar linens, \$50.00 seed money for the Lenten dinners, \$75.00 seed money already given to us by the our synodical women's group that we will be hosting on April 9, 2011. The rest of the money in our treasury will used for a special project that is yet to be decided. One idea for the special funds was brought to our attention by Beth Wright and that would be to provide a screen in the front of our church to make following our service easier for visitors and people that find it difficult to follow small print. Someone suggested that with a screen our voices would project as opposed to looking downward into a hymnal. It was also noted that this is a very sensitive subject and it would need a lot of prayerful consideration before any kind of change could be made, if ever. There were no decisions made but it was a open and honest discussion. The regular offering and the Thank Offering were collected.

Dorothy McCall reported that the day circle continues to meet the second Wednesday of the month at the church at 10:00 and they are enjoying the book the Extraordinary Women of the Bible. Arlys Johnson reported the evening circle is meeting the second Tuesday of each month and they are enjoying the study of the seven habits of discipleship.

Bev Haire and Beth Wright reported that the attendance at the Lenten Dinners last year was between 15 to 25 people. Thank you to these ladies for co-chairing this project again. They will be looking for people to help them prepare the food and clean up on Wednesdays before the Lenten church services. The profits will go to the Loaves and Fishes or CLM.

We need to thank Bev Haire and Beth Wright again for co-chairing the Altar committee. They make sure our communion is set up every Sunday and look for volunteers to help them with this service. Please consider helping with this even if you are unable to attend WELCA meetings.

Beth Landis has volunteered to continue her duties as the treasurer, Dorothy McCall will continue leading the morning circle and Arlys Johnson will continue to lead the evening circle and write the newsletter articles. Thank you for serving WELCA in these positions. We thank Vivian Smith for volunteering as the coordinator between the two circles in the past year. Terri Barr has volunteered to deliver the donated items to the Women and Family Service agency in New Albany. She will also act as our messenger with the agency. Nicole Parrish has been taking care of this for us in the past but because of work issues has had to give up helping with this ministry. We thank Nicole for her help and welcome her back when her schedule will allow it.

Our women's group will be hosting the Spring Cluster meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2011. We will be responsible for preparing the lunch and I will be attending a meeting in January to help plan the meeting that will be a part of this day. Nancy Vogt and Edie Maas have volunteered to co-ordinate the lunch. Thank you ladies.

The idea of a Spring Tea was presented by Bev Haire and Beth Wright as something special for the women of our church. They are in the process of planning that event and will be looking forward to possibly helping the Bliss House through the money raised. We will all look forward to hearing more about this fun event. We thank Bev and Beth for their willingness to help with so many of the ministries of our women's group. This event may be held around Mother's Day, so watch for details.

Thank you to Dorothy McCall for offering a prayer and for blessing our lunch.

Our lunch was enjoyed by all and the cookie boxes turned out great. Thank you to Barb Brewster for providing the Christmas Tree used during our devotions and the containers used for the cookies. Thank you to Linda Woehrle for the meaningful cards she placed on the containers. Also thank you to Judy Diekhoff for leading us in our singing during devotions. Cookies were delivered to several members and friends of our church.

As you can see by the minutes from our meeting we are a pretty active group serving and learning at the same time. Please feel free to join us at one or both of our meetings. If you have any questions concerning WELCA just talk to any of the gals mentioned in this report. You will be welcomed with open arms and hearts.

Respectfully submitted, Arlys Johnson

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY

2011



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

USHERS: WHITNEY HAYES AND SCOTT RIFE

ALTAR GUILD: BETH WRIGHT AND BEV HAIRE

AUDIO: BILL HOLMAN

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: STEPHANIE ANDREWS

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Jan. 2	Patti Smith	Davis Jancosek		Dennis & Arlys Johnson	Dennis & Arlys Johnson
Jan. 9	Carol Taylor	Raegan Zimmerman		Dan Diekhoff	Jim & Nancy Vogt
Jan. 16	Bill Holman	Davis Jancosek		Eric Peter	Eric Peter
Jan. 23	Lyle Gernand	Raegan Zimmerman		Annual Meeting	Tom & Kathy Hayes
Jan. 30	Youth	Davis Jancosek		Scott & Veronica Rife	Youth