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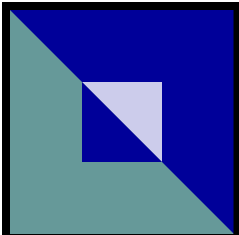
2011

Saturday at 5:30 pm: Taize` Service
Sunday at 9:00 am: Worship / Communion
Sunday at 10:15 am: Sunday School & Coffee Hour

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Touched, we
Invite,
Equip and
Send people in Jesus' name.



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November 2011

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One goal of our new vision for Faith's ministry is to continue developing partnerships with other organizations as we carry out our unique ministry. As I write this month's letter I am mindful of the many ways that this is unfolding!

You may be aware that Wayne Krueger has convened a regular gathering of lay leaders from each of the four ELCA congregations in Cedarburg to discuss ways that we can support each other in our ministries. This conversation builds on years of shared events like special worship services and activities like Vacation Bible School, confirmation events and youth mission trips. We have already been doing many things together, and these leaders are discovering anew the unique gifts of each congregation and the ways that we can encourage and support them together.

Another partnership that has amazed me with its energy involves the stewardship and greater community use of our woods between our congregation, Riveredge Nature Center and Westlawn Elementary School. For years this resource was overlooked by our congregation even as an underlying interest was growing in our community. This was evident as conversations began between leaders from these groups and confirmed by the energetic response of the community. I am delighted to regularly see families with their children exploring the woods and classes from Westlawn led by volunteers from Riveredge outside learning from this natural resource! This month we will host two work days that you can participate in on November 5 and 12 as we remove invasive species and improve this area.

There are many other examples of partnership we may take for granted, like Girl Scout troops and other organizations that make use of our building, and programs like Safety Town every summer. Our congregation is part of a network of many groups that make this community a better place. That network includes you and the unique gifts and relationships that you bring to this ministry. Who knows what new partnerships you might introduce? Thanks be to God!

God's peace,
Pastor John



Mission of the Month - Hunger Appeal

Each month our congregation emphasizes a particular outreach ministry. You are invited to support these ministries in whatever way your heart moves you.

Contributions can be given in Mission of the Month envelopes found in your contribution envelope box or in the white envelopes in the church pews.

The November Mission of the Month is the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. A full month of activities will emphasize hunger awareness.

Sunday, November 6:

At 9:15 AM the Adult Forum will feature Pam Schwalbach. Pam will share stories from her recent mission trip to Tanzania.

At 11:30 we will gather for a Potluck Brunch, a special potluck that is registered with a national movement, "A Month of Potlucks," that was started by two ELCA pastors to raise awareness of and support for alleviating world hunger. Come and bring your favorite dish to share. There will be a free-will offering for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Every Sunday:

The "Noisy Offering" will be divided between "Feeding America," and "Hunger Task Force," two urban food distribution programs.

Any time during November:

Contribute to the Mission of the Month, ELCA Hunger Appeal.

Donations can be made using your Mission of the Month envelope or a pew envelope, marked November Mission of the Month or Hunger Appeal.

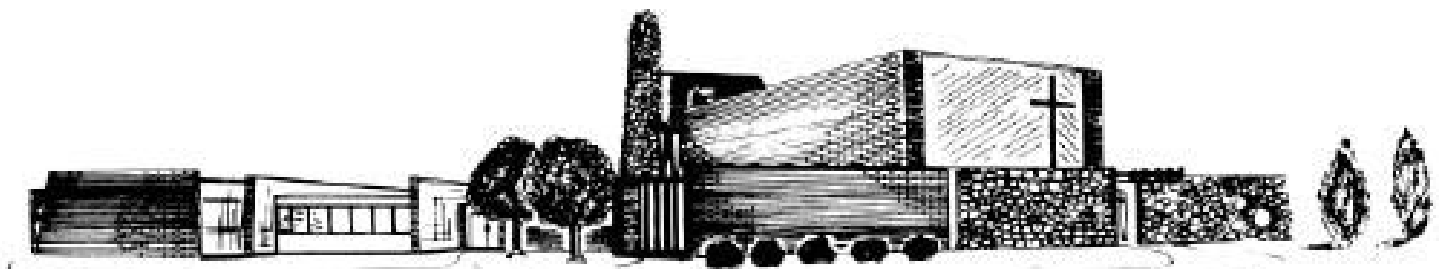
Daily:

Pray for all who live in poverty and are hungry.

Pray for all who work to alleviate poverty and hunger.

Pray for world leaders to make decisions that will alleviate hunger.

Pray that our own hearts will be open to the needs of the poor and hungry.





Organizations You Can Support to Help Alleviate Hunger

This is only a partial list. There are many more.

International

ELCA World Hunger Appeal (November Mission of the Month)

ELCA Disaster Response Funds (December Mission of the Month)

CROP walk

Regional and Urban Milwaukee

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin

1700 W. Fond du Lac Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53205

Hunger Task Force

201 S. Hawley Ct.

Milwaukee, WI 53214

St. Ben's meals

Faith provides food and serves second Friday every other month

Food Pantries (There are many)

Reformation Lutheran Church

2201 N. 35th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53208

414-444-0440

Cross Lutheran Church

1821 N. 16th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53205

414-344-1746

Local

Family Sharing

1002 Overland Ct.

Grafton, WI 53024

262-377-0634

Pig to Pig Walk

Advocacy

Bread for the World

50 F Street NW Suite 500

Washington DC, 20001

(800) 82-BREAD

www.bread.org

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COUNCIL MEETINGS CAN
BE FOUND ON THE
BULLETIN BOARD IN THE
NARTHEX**

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

From: Toni Schnorr

Pine Ridge Pot Luck – was held on September 25th. The youth who attended the mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this past summer gave a power point presentation sharing highlights of the people they meet, the projects they worked on, the sites they saw and the things they learned. The youth who attended with Pastor John were Eric Dahlman, Dominic Faraglia, Robin Gilbertson and David Schnorr. The youth did a great job with their presentation!

Sunday school is in session for Pre-school through 5th grade. All youth are welcome to attend. Sunday school starts at 10:15 and goes until 11:15.

Confirmation Class is held on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00 for 6th and 7th graders and on Sundays from 10:15 - 11:15.

Mentor/Mentee Teams – our new Mentor/Mentee Teams are Hannah Yurske & Bev Yurske, Tori Paige & Cory Thiele and Marc Zarling & Nial Peterson.

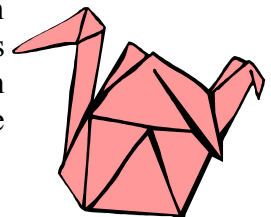
Activities for future months.....

Vibrant Faith Practices for Congregations – Saturday, November 12th from 8:30 – 3:30. This is a one day conference with Dr. David Anderson. He will teach us that home is church too and how to pass on faith and values to our loved ones. If you are interested in learning more let me know.

Youth Gathering – 2012 – We have registered four youth and myself to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We are partnering with Trinity Lutheran Church who has twelve youth attending and three adults. The ELCA Youth Gathering only happens every three years. The event is scheduled for next year July 16th – July 24th. The Gathering offers opportunities to do service projects, listen to great bands and speakers, learn and hang-out with 36,000 other youth from around the United States. Stay tuned for ways you can help support the youth raise money for this great opportunity.

Please know that I'm very open to your input and assistance. Stop-in to see me or give me a call at (262) 377-0960 ext, 204 or email me at faithchurchtoni@wi.rr.com

THIRD WORLD HANDCRAFT SHOPPE will be at FAITH on November 27th during the coffee hour. They are a non-profit, mission ministry located at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. For 23 years they have been serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by helping artisans in third world countries. They carry fair trade items from over 40 developing countries around the world. This will be a good time to do some Christmas shopping. Mark the date on your calendar!





FAITH TRUST FUNDS, OUR LEGACY --- TODAY - TOMORROW - THE FUTURE

With our Faith Stewardship program in full swing, it is appropriate that this month's Trust Funds 'message' is centered around a "Story of Faith in Action." A few weeks ago, members were given a booklet from the ELCA, noting many stories of faith in action. In the introduction of that booklet, it states that "God's grace inspires incredible generosity in our members." Our Faith members have supported that thought throughout the 50+ years that we've been involved in mission work.

It has been 25+ years that the Faith Trust Funds, too, has been involved in mission work. During the recent past several years, we have been bringing attention to the Hope fund and the Benevolence fund, and that "attention" has given us reason to celebrate and go forward with continued and new avenues for mission work.

At the last Trust Funds monthly meeting, we welcomed as our guest, Kris Papke, representing the Dr. Richard E. Peterson memorial fund. On July 27, 2011, family and friends celebrated the life of one of our most active and notable charter members -- Dick Peterson, as he was known to many. Not only was Dick a past president of Faith, he was a key player from the beginning, in the life of this church. He worked hard and diligently supported all that Faith stood for from the beginning. Just as Psalm 23:6, the Bible verse on his funeral bulletin, states, "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever," the Peterson family has indicated that a portion of Dick's memorial fund will "dwell" in the Hope Fund -- to spread goodness and mercy in the future of Faith. This very generous donation will remain in the Hope fund (invested wisely) with its earnings being used for mission work: within Faith church, the synod, and literally the world. At our meeting, Kris said, "I know that Dad would want it this way."

We humbly and graciously accept this recent donation and pledge to use it as it bears fruit. As members of the Trust Funds committee, we are committed to receive the gift and use it according to the guidelines of the Trust Funds. Dr. Peterson's endowment to the Hope Fund and the thanksgiving of Faith will live on forever.

Trust Funds committee: Sandy Downey, Jerry Gierach, Bob Guse, Lorraine Krueger, Bob Wendtland. Any questions/comments? Please contact any one of us or Pastor John.

For the Mentor / Mentee Stewardship project, Bev and Hannah Yurske have chosen both a local and global project. The local project is the Volunteer Center of Ozaukee County. We will be dealing with Clearinghouse Collections. All collected items will be distributed to community agencies that serve those in need. The "wish list" is:

November – Blankets & bedding

December – Teddy Bears & Senior gifts

January – Pajamas

February – Dental care products

March – Laundry soap, paper towels

April – Children's books

May – Food drive

Our global project is Simple Hope. We will be collecting vitamins (non-gummy) and monetary donations for shipping food and buying shoes. Collection boxes for these projects will be in the narthex. Thank you for helping those in need.



Join us on Saturday November 5 or 12 to help make improvements to our woods! We are partnering with Riveredge Nature Center and Westlawn Elementary School to be better stewards of this natural area. We will be removing invasive plants, improving trails and inspecting/protecting trees planted last spring. There will be two shifts each day, morning (9am to noon) or afternoon (1pm to 4pm). Be sure to wear warm work clothes, boots and gloves! If you are able, bring chainsaws, hand saws, loppers and plastic bags. Everyone is welcome to these events. We have many tasks for all ability levels. Come and share the energy building around this exciting project!

Carmel Corn

One bag of Old Dutch or Oke-doke puffed corn

1 cup butter (not margarine)

1 ¼ cup brown sugar

2/3 cup light corn syrup

1 Tsp. baking soda

Combine in a 2 quart sauce pan butter, brown sugar, light corn syrup. Heat on low until all is melted. Add baking soda. This can cause mixture to foam. BE CAREFUL.

Put puff corn in a large roaster pan and pour this mixture over. Mix well and put in a 250 degree oven and stir every 10 to 15 minutes for 45 minutes. Remove and pour on to wax paper. Cool slightly, break up and put in an air tight container ASAP.

RUMMAGE SALE

Another project that the Sunrise Circle will again sponsor this year will be another rummage sale. They are a lot of work, and we thought last year would be the end of these sales. However with such wonderful response and help from so many in the congregation and when all was said and done over \$2000 was put into the general fund, it was decided to once again have this event. The exact date has not been set as yet but it will be near the end of May in conjunction with the rummage sale held in Cedar Point. It is early to think about, but when you are cleaning a closet or cabinets and have items you think would sell at the rummage sale—start a box. Never too early for that. Our famous bake sale will also be held at that time.

As you can see Faith has a lot planned for the future. It is great to belong to a “working” congregation and what a wonderful time to meet new members and get to know each other better. All this can be achieved with one word—participation, participation and then participation.

Mark your calendars. Questions—ask any member of the Sunrise Circle and they will be more than willing to answer any and all of them. More information will be in the weekly bulletin and Focus as the time draws near.

A big thank you in advance for all your help.

Sincerely, the Sunrise Circle



NURSERY:

November 6: Amy Canapa & Caden Rappold
November 13: Julie Allen & Tori Paige
November 20: Catherine Guse & Kayla Fischer
November 24:
November 27: Amy Fischer & Brenna Fischer

LOCK-UP

November 6: Jerry Gierach
November 13: Dottie Dorr
November 20: Dottie Dorr
November 24: Dottie Dorr
November 27: Dottie Dorr

USHERS:

Team 2

Captain: Chuck Thiele

COMMUNION SET-UP:

Esther Rusch
Sandy Stelter
Pat Smith

BULLENTINS

November 6:
November 13:
November 20:
November 24: Eunice Paulin
November 27:

ALTAR FLOWERS:

November 6:
November 13:
November 20:
November 24:
November 27:

Bible Readings

Sunday, November 6, 2011
All Saints Sunday
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22; refrain, Ps. 34:9
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, November 13, 2011
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11) 12; refrain, Ps. 90:12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 20, 2011
Christ the King
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a; refrain, Ps. 95:7
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent
First Reading - Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel - Mark 13:24-37

November Birthdays

11/1 Arleen Jaeger
11/4 Kelsey Schoenknecht
11/7 Jerry Gierach
11/8 McKenzie Morton
Donald Pease, Sr.
11/10 Aubrey Cerda
11/12 Janet Polum
11/13 John Schnorr
Martin Schoenknecht
Karen Tyre
11/15 Lynn Rettler
11/16 David Guse
11/17 Taylor Rappold
11/18 Tom Johnson
11/19 Ryanne Lee
11/20 Sheila Contresceri
Trisha (Dorr) Halberg
11/21 Elizabeth Garrett
Steven Guse
11/23 Michael Gilbertson
Dennis Rickard
11/27 Robert Becher
Jeanne Scheidt
11/28 Tara Hoff
Kevin Schoenknecht
11/29 Michael Smith
11/30 Barbara Lange
Norman Williams

November Anniversaries

November 6, 1981 Buddy and Arlene Lubner 30 years
November 11, 1967 Bob and Diane Fischer 44 years
November 11, 1995 John and Nicole Zarling 16 years
November 20, 1999 Dave and Katie Guse 12 years
November 24, 1960 John and Eunice Paulin 51 years

I would like to thank my family and friends from Faith for the get-well wishes and cards that I received during my recent surgery and recovery time. I feel better than I have in 10 years. I can even eat just about everything. It is fantastic.

We would also, like to thank everyone for the cards we received after the death of Roger. He is in a better place now. Jim & Ruth Gollnick

Thank you dear family of Faith for all you prayers, support, cards and memorials for Richard (Dick's) funeral service, July 27th. Special thanks to Pastor John, Margaret Radke and all the ladies who helped with food and served. I thank my children for speaking of their experiences with their Dad. We know Dick is resting in the arms of God and He will be with us in the days ahead!

God Bless all of you! Love, Betty, Kris, Nial and families



OUR PRAYERS are invited for Jim Gresch, Bill Duff (Dottie Dorr's brother), Tony Navarre (a teacher at Homestead H.S.), Ben (Gerri Noack's grandson), Barbara Garn-carz (Jessica Struhar's aunt), Leonard (friend of Hammam), Dujana (Hanady's mother), Karen (good friend of Kathy Thiele's), Kathy Wildes (H.S. friend of Kathy Thiele's), Peter Ehlers, Ruth Kossel (former member), Carol Christie (Tom & Joyce's daughter), LaVerne Gresch, Marceda Pitel, Ginny Laubenstein (Dottie Dorr's sister), John & Lindsey (daughter & son-in-law of neighbors of Thiele's), Allen Thiele (Chuck's brother), Molly Currey (cousin of Rick Struhar), Lisa Quinlan (cousin of Toni Schnorr), Loretta Strehlow, Gene Sanders (Duane Thiele's father-in-law), Ron Rappold (Ken & Renny's son); for all in military service, especially Chaplin Brady Eggleston, Paul Brissman (Vera's son), Chris, Jacob Elbe (Hal & Vangie Sherman's grandson); for all those in mission work, especially Pam Schwalbach and Emily Sear.

Office Hours
Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 - 2:00 pm
Friday
9:00-Noon

Names will stay on our prayer list for one month. If you would like your loved one or friend on longer, you will have to let the office know.



For the November Focus

SUNRISE CIRCLE NEWS

The Sunrise Circle of Faith recently sent 53 quilts which were finished this year for Lutheran Relief. They would like to especially thank Mark Wittenberg who used his vehicle to transport these boxes of quilts to Milwaukee and to his “helper” Bob Wendtland. It was really appreciated.

Here is some information regarding the quilts that have been sewed and sent to Lutheran Relief in the past years.

October- 2011- 53
October -2010-68
October - 2009-54
October - 2008 -46
October - 2007 -73 - plus 9 that were sent to an Indian Reservation
October - 2006 - 65
October - 2005- 76
October - 2004 - 61
October - 2003- 77
October - 2002- 91
October - 2001- 75
October - 2000- 61

That’s a lot of quilts sewed at Faith Lutheran and donated to a very worthy cause.

The group would like to sincerely thank everyone who has donated material for making these many quilts. Without you it would not be a reality. This includes sheets used for liners, light weight blankets, wool for tying and also material used for the outside of the quilts. The group would also like to thank our own “Dr. Ruth” who keeps the much needed and tired machines in such good working order. Without her we would have a problem. Thanks Ruth!!

COOKIE SALE

It may seem a bit early to start thinking about Christmas and the Faith Cookie sale, but December will be here before you know it. This year the cookie sale will be held on Sunday, December 11th. Once again, this will be an ALL FAITH project and the money raised from this sale will go into the general fund. Last year \$200 was gained from this event. Small Christmas cookies-decorated or undecorated but cookies suitable for packaging would again be appreciated. Cookies should be brought to church on Thursday, December 8th, packing will take place on Friday, December 9th and the cookie sale will be held after church on December 11th. SO—ladies, gentlemen, kids of all ages who like to bake and help with a great project—mark your calendars to bake and also to help package these beautiful and delicious cookies. Faith has a good reputation when it comes to Christmas cookies—and it is all because of the wonderful people in our congregation who help out and participate with this.