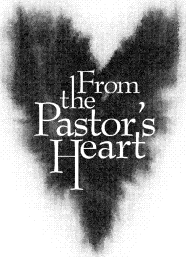


September 2010

Faith, Family & Fellowship

The monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church



Fur meine Freunde,

My husband, Steve, and I just celebrated our 20th Wedding Anniversary by taking a one week riverboat trip on the Rhine and Main Rivers in Germany. This was quite a treat for us as neither of us has ever been to Europe. Three out of four of our children have been, so I guess it's about time. My ancestry is German and Steve's is Dutch so there is a bit of a call to generations past that made this adventure special.

And the eight cities we toured certainly spoke to the past, as they all had a history dating on or before the 12th century.

A few things stood out for us. First of all, the bird lover in me was deeply touched at seeing large flocks of swans all along the shoreline. Here in the U.S. a few of our industries and hospitals with large ponds import a pair of swans for nostalgia. But in Europe they dominate the wildlife along the rivers. How lovely.

Also, the areas we visited in Europe are just what I thought they would be... cobblestone streets, red tile rooftops on colorful boxy houses with beautiful window-boxes and balconies overbrimming with flowers. Quaint little shops... the butcher, the baker, the candle-stick maker... and outside cafes (strangely, pizza seems to be a favorite everywhere) featuring delectable foods of the region were all crowded together on tiny winding streets. Occasionally a car (little cars, I might add – no SUV's here) caused the crowds of shoppers to disperse.

We were fortunate to be able to visit some castles, palaces and cathedrals. It's amazing how centuries ago, in remote areas, folks were able to construct the most amazing bridges and buildings, some towering high into they sky featuring ornate frescoes, statues and gold gilded glass. We visited a bishop's underground wine cellar that had to be four times the size of the church.

But, most amazing were the churches! First of all, most of these towns came about during the opulence of the Catholic church, where bishops ruled the territories. Here's the picture: In the midst of the forest, high on a hilltop was the castle (i.e. palace or bishop's residence). Below that is the town comprised of small, red tile roofed houses closely knit together. And in the midst of the houses was the church... ornate with a steeple towering high above for all to see. Occasionally, there is a monastery with neatly laid out rows and rows of grape vines for the winery. As we cruised down the river, over and over, this is the scene that unfolded. But the lovely church with steeple towering high above the village... it is the church that is the focal point. No sky scrapers here that speak of materialistic ventures. The focus is on God.

May we all, in the midst of our hectic lives, remember... God IS our focus.

Gott mit Dier,

Rev. Jane Perkolup, Pastor
Vicki Dallmann, Secretary

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OUR MISSION: *Sharing the Love of God*

OUR VISION GOALS: *Feed the Hungry ~ Connect with New Neighbors ~ Grow Caring Relationships ~ Engage Adults in Christian Education*

**Adult Forum begins
Sept. 5th, 10 a.m.**

09/05 - Bring your ideas!
09/12 - Overcoming Violence
09/19 - Churches Seeking Peace
09/26 - World Day of Prayer



**Senior Choir resumes
Sunday, September 12th**

The Senior Choir begins its 14th season on Sept. 12th with rehearsal at 10 a.m., and will sing during the traditional service beginning on the 19th.

**Worship Assistant
Workshop
Sept. 16th, 7 pm**

Men's Breakfast
Sept. 18th, 8-10 a.m.

YFM Fall Bash
Sept. 18th, 1 pm



Thanks So Much!

A special THANK YOU from Pastor...
I have been able to take some much needed time away this past month to rejuvenate and I want to thank those of you who have stepped in to cover for me, especially our summer preachers:

Bill Niswonger Patricia Shue
Bob Larson Kyle Severson

Several members of our congregation are faithful to spiritual growth on a regular basis through Bible Study and offer a refreshing witness and testimony of God's Holy Word. We are all very blessed to have these people in our midst.



Join us for Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.



Ice Cream Social... Thank you to the Caring Committee and to everyone who helped with and participated in this summer event. A good time was had by all and the profit went into the general fund to help with our current expenses.



The Caring Committee wishes to thank the generous donors who participated in our July Challenge school supply collection. Well done!

Also, thank you to Darlene Lattimer and the Endowment Committee for cleaning up the church grounds and gardens!

**Attention all 7th & 8th graders!
CONFIRMATION is coming.**

Parents, please call the church office if you have a child entering the 7th or 8th grades so we can include all children in the registration process. 815-725-4213



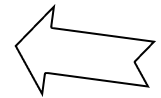
Fall Worship Schedule resumes on September 5th...

**8:30 Traditional Worship, Fellowship at 9:30 & 10:45
10:00 Adult Forum, 11:00 Contemporary Worship**

**Sept. 12th - 10:00 Adult Forum,
Choir Rehearsal**



**Sept. 19th - Sunday School resumes
10:00 Adult Forum,
Teen Forum, Sunday School,
Choir Rehearsal**



**Faith's Annual Church Picnic
& Sunday School Rally Day
Sept. 12th, following the 11:00 outdoor service**

Good Food!

Music!

Games!

**Come one, Come all!
Join us for food, fellowship and fun!**

Prizes!

Fellowship!

**Table service, fried chicken, hot dogs, and drinks provided.
Please bring a dish to pass.**

Sing-Alongs!

Family Fun!



ATTENTION ALL FAITH YOUTH!!!
We will be kicking off our 2010-11 youth activities during the church picnic!

We'll have a GIANT INFLATABLE BOUNCER and tons of organized games!



Our regular monthly youth group meetings will begin in October...
Keep your eyes open for details coming soon!

HELP! FOR HAITI

Fr. Richard of St. Edward and Christ Episcopal Church is making a trip to Haiti Sept. 14-22 and can take along the following supplies:

Vitamins: Children's chewable, Liquid for infants (with & without iron), Prenatal, Adult multi

Medicines: Infant's, Children's & Adult Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Children's & Adult Benadryl

First Aid: Antibiotic ointment, Hydrocortisone ointment, Hydrogen peroxide, Diaper rash ointment

If you would like to help the people of Haiti, please bring your donations to church by September 5th.



ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES!

Be sure to bring the whole family to Young Family Ministries'

Fall Party Bash!



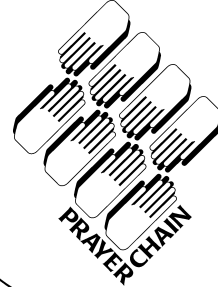
Saturday, September 18th 1-3 p.m.

Together we will enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with food, Fall and Halloween arts & crafts, games, and good company!! All smiling faces welcome!



Your RSVP is kindly requested. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex. Please call the church office at 815-725-4213 if there are any questions.

*Life is fragile,
handle with prayer...*
To start up the Prayer Telephone Machine,
call Elsie at 815-725-4373
or go to www.faithjoliet.com and
email your request.



Service Committee Report

The **Caring Committee** met on Aug. 4th. Plans were finalized for the Aug. 11th Ice Cream Social. Members counted the school supplies received to date. The deadline for collections is Aug. 15th.

Brenda Dodge presented an idea for a fundraiser, Sweets N Treats, and we will explore the concept at the next meeting.

The church picnic will take place on Sept. 12th. The menu was discussed, chicken and hot dogs as well as drinks and table service will be provided. Details need to be worked out with Pastor Jane and Shari as to set-up, games and entertainment.

Our monthly Potluck luncheons will resume on Oct. 13th. The next Caring Committee meeting is Sept. 1st at 12:30 p.m.

The **Evangelism Committee** members have made phone calls this summer and will meet on Aug. 17th. Debbie Vining is now delivering visitor packets, and Dennis Cannon has made more crosses to be handed out to visitors. Next Evangelism Committee meeting is Sept. 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shar Markese, Service Committee Chair



We are aware of the following members of Faith Lutheran Church having upcoming birthdays.

GOD BLESS YOU as you recall the day God first gave you life!

If your birthday is omitted or incorrectly recorded, please let us know.

09/02	Kathryne Niswonger, Jaymz Pritchett	09/23	Jennifer Wills
09/05	Ryan Hirsch, Aleks Stobbe, Tracy Dowd	09/26	Eleanora Fleischer, Pr. Jane Perkolup, Manny Alonso
09/07	Ella Pool, Carol Vicic	09/17	Joann Smothers
09/08	Hannelore Richweiss, Trevor Martin	09/28	Sharene Parini
09/09	Darlene Lattimer, Maribeth Cooper	09/29	Sharon Swiderski
09/10	Nancy Glenn, Brittney Schmitz	10/02	Lisa Swiderski, Michael Koseck
09/13	William Riemer	10/03	Stephanie Donahue
09/14	Mike Hare, Sandy Hoogstra	10/05	Diane Henry
09/16	Deanna Carlson	10/06	Travis Denton, William Peretti
09/19	Eva Stobbe	10/07	Dennis Cannon
09/20	Shari Johnson		
09/22	Myrt Larson, Mary Sue Bush		

Something for the women...



We will be having a BYO
(bring your own sandwich or salad)
Women's Lunch
Saturday, Sept. 18th at 11:30 a.m.

To pamper ourselves...
No one needs to cook...
Just bring a sandwich for yourself.
(Beverages will be provided)

We will meet in the conference room to
share the meal together, followed by
Worship and Bible Study.
Everyone - Women of ALL AGES
are invited. Hope you can join us!



Attention Men of Faith

We hope you have enjoyed your summer! Men's Breakfast
will resume on **Sat., September 18th** from 8-10 a.m.

Please join us for a fabulous breakfast, uplifting worship
& Bible Study. **Bring a friend!**

This group is for men of all ages - young and old.

A sign-up list will be posted in the narthex.

Please let us know if you'll be attending so we can be sure
to have enough food. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to BrandaLee Hambrick and
Jonathan Edwards on the baptism of sons, Zander and
Rhys, on August 8th, and to Alicia Lucas on the baptism
of son, Jack, on August 15th.



During times of war it is important to remember our service personnel, both in prayer and with cards and letters. Listed below are friends of the congregation who are serving overseas during this time of conflict. If you have someone to add to our list, please give the following information to the church office or Pastor Jane: name, service address, birthday, and who/relationship submitting the name. Please keep the office updated when they return.



Remember
Our
Military

Seaman Megan Dutlinger
PSC 812 Box 3220
FPO, AE 09627-3200

Airman Rachel Smith
380 ESFS/S30B
APO AE 09853-5000

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom
to know the difference." -The Serenity Prayer

If you know of someone who you think would like a prayer
blanket, or if you would like to participate in this very worth-
while ministry, please contact Joyce Reed 725-5540,
Jackie Marks 467-4094, or Carol Vicic 254-6711.

Announcing...



The upcoming wedding of
Rebecca Madland & Michael Feldman
on Saturday, Sept. 11th here at
Faith Lutheran Church. Please keep
Michael and Rebecca in your prayers.



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Worship Assistant Workshop Sept. 16th, 7-8:30 p.m.

Attention all Greeters, Lectors, Communion Assistants,
Assisting Ministers, Usher/Presenters, Crucifers and Candle
Bearers, AND *anyone* interested in participating in these
ministries of the church.

You are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship and
refreshments. Together, we will discuss and go through these
various jobs. We'll finish the evening off
by sharing dessert together.

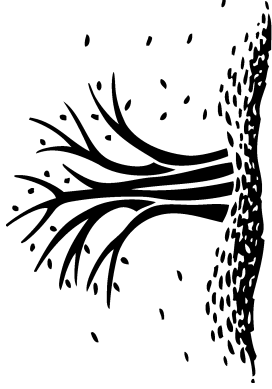
This workshop is presented by your Worship Committee.
Hope to see YOU there!

Pastoral Acts

- † August 8th, Baptism of
Zander Jacob Edwards and
Rhys Winston Edwards
- † August 15th, Baptism of
Jack Killian McQuaid



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FALL SCHEDULE Resumes			1 9 am Prayer Blankets 12:30 Caring Comm. 5:30 pm Praise Band	2 6 pm Worship Comm.	3	4
5 Time after Pentecost 8:30 & 11 am Worship 9:30 & 10:45 am Fellowship 10 am Adult Forum	6 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	7 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study 5 pm Education Comm. 6 pm Evangelism Comm.	8 9 am Prayer Blankets 5:30 pm Praise Band	9	10 6 pm Wedding Rehearsal	11 3:30 pm Feldman Wedding
12 Time after Pentecost 8:30 & 11 am Worship 9:30 & 10:45 am Fellowship 10 am Adult Forum <i>11 am svc. outdoors followed by our CHURCH PICNIC & SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY</i>	13	14 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study 6 pm PPRT Meeting 7 pm Church Council Mtg.	15 9 am Prayer Blankets 1:30 Loylton Sr. Svc. 5:30 pm Praise Band 7 pm Confirmation Meeting for parents & students	16 7 pm Worship Assistant Workshop	17	18 1 pm YFM Event 8 am Men's Breakfast 11:30 am Women's Lunch
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