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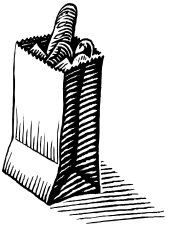
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Cupboard of Faith

Glen Moerdyk



Little by little the Facilities Committee is getting the food cupboard moved from the Annex to the former stage area in Fellowship Hall. Two cupboards are moved and one was completely finished and probably could be used. The Cupboard of Faith committee will have called on volunteers to restock the cupboards or will be in the very near future.

The Facilities volunteers have one more cupboard to bring up from the Annex and reassemble. Two of the cupboards will face into Fellowship Hall. The third one will be somewhere behind. They have also placed a board over the stairwell opening for additional storage.

While all the construction is going on, the Cupboard is still taking in donations of food as well as cash donations through pew envelopes. The program will access its inventory once the relocation of cupboards is complete and stocked once more. We are still meeting the 300 to 400 item commitment to NECM each month.

The program does wish to thank the Latvian Church for its donations of food which is becoming a monthly donation this year. The Cupboard does wish to thank all who contribute in one way or another in supporting the program.

Dollars for Doors

Dave Denyes, Facilities Committee



Thanks for the congregation support! As of July 18, we have contributions of \$2,471.75 towards our next goal of \$4,400 for new doors to the church. THANKS TO ALL! Keep those contributions coming in and before we know it, we will have new doors!

Women's Breakfast



Women's Breakfast meets on the second Thursday of the month. Women meet next on Thursday, August 12 at 9:00 AM. All women of Faith Lutheran are invited to this informal gathering for conversation over breakfast at Russ' on Plainfield Avenue.

May All Find Acceptance In This House

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Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

SUMMER SCHEDULE:
Classic Worship Service: 8:30 AM
Casual Worship Service: 10:00 AM
Staffed nursery, fellowship time between services

Staff

Pastor W. Thomas Zollman
Director of Music..... Sharon TerBeek
Organist..... Carole Kaufman
Administrative Assistant.....
Custodian Gene Gibson
Librarian.....Kevin Lyons

2010 Congregational Council

President Wendy Domagalski
Vice President..... Randy Rouse
Secretary Claudia Zimmerman
Treasurer Mary Appelt
Financial Secretary Dan Carter
Chair~ Resource Mgt..... Jamie Robertson
Chair~ Discipleship..... Stacey Schepers
Chair~ Worship..... Steve Zimmerman
Chair~ Mission..... Barb Aalderink
Co-Chair~ Congregational Life.....
..... Kathy Henderson and Carol Smedley
Chair~ Congregational Care David Lyons
Chair~ Facilities Mgt. Dave Denyes
Chair~ Communications Diane Lewis

Senior High Youth of Faith..... Marcy Devries
Sunday School Superintendent..... Deb Sypien

Prayer List

Prayer Chain: contact Lois Fay, 361-8532,
or Mary Lou Hicks, 957-0563



For Strength, Faith and Healing:

Evelyn Hext	Jon Thatcher
Clarence Van Dyke	Tom Bentley
Steve Lareva	Libby Withers
Norman Stoll	Jack & Lorraine
Don Ondersma	Murlick
Carl Reiser	Faith Lonsway
Carl Jacobson	Artie Pullen
Bruce Coleman	Shirley Kooistra
Lori Stabile	Don Gillman
Kaleigh Devries	Josh Ruprecht
Jenny, Rick and Toni	June Molenaar
Maribeth Cooper	Joe Haik

For Safety, Strength and Courage:

Gary Crist, USAF, serving in Africa (friend of Kim Hansen)

For Guidance:

Faith Lutheran Church Call Committee

Our Consolation to the Families of:

Ila Howe, sister of Boyd Slater, who recently passed away.

Arlene Hausman, sister of Marguerite Dingman, who recently passed away.

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**Coming Soon: A New Way to Help Faith!
Attention Thrivent Members!**

Lois Fay, Congregational Advocate

As you may know, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called "Thrivent Choice". Our congregation is enrolled to receive gifts from "Thrivent Choice". We appreciate your consideration and hope you choose to help direct "Choice Dollars" to bless our ministry. Thrivent Financial will mail letters to eligible members this summer regarding the opportunity to help direct "Choice Dollars". If you have any questions about "Thrivent Choice" or the benefits of working with Thrivent Financial, please contact Lois Fay, Congregational Advocate, at 616-361-8532.



Angel Tree - Thinking Ahead!

Phyllis Fish

Thinking ahead to the Christmas season... Let's get a jump on the Angel Tree donations! Pick up a toy during the summer while prices are good. I have a stack of tags left and I will match a tag to the toy. Thanks for your support!



Finance Report	June 2010				
	Current Year June-10	Resource Plan June-10	Prior Year June-09		
Receipts for Month	\$ 19,637.02	\$ 22,541.67	\$ 19,261.84		
Total Receipts for Yr	\$ 113,239.84	\$ 135,250.00	\$ 122,100.82		
	2010		2009		
	June-10	Year to Date	June-09	Year to Date	
Receipts June	\$ 19,637.02	\$ 113,239.84	\$ 19,261.84	\$	122,100.82
Expenses June	\$ 21,365.97	\$ 114,914.56	\$ 24,143.75	\$	122,820.20
Income (Loss)	\$ (1,728.95)	\$ (1,674.72)	\$ (4,881.91)	\$	(719.38)

August Birthdays

Joseph Joshua8/3	Stuart Henderson 8/13	Ronald Blauwkamp... 8/22
Elaine Knaak8/4	Kenneth Oberholtzer . 8/13	Jennifer Henderson... 8/22
Carol Novitsky8/4	Denise Roeller..... 8/13	*Nellie Rubringer..... 8/22
Jack Nienhuis8/5	Donald McCarthy 8/15	Jean Lyons 8/24
Randal Jarosch8/9	Arthur McKellar 8/16	Kristen Lignell 8/25
Alyssa Lamoreaux.....8/9	Joanne Ondersma..... 8/16	Dennis DeWilde 8/28
David Lyons.....8/10	Rebecca Perez..... 8/16	Marie Morrison 8/28
Eleanor Stewart.....8/10	Maxine Moerdyk..... 8/17	Carl Roeller..... 8/28
Amanda Brengel.....8/11	Ruth Olsen 8/19	Larry DeBoer 8/29
Michael Schott.....8/11	Olivia Kunnen..... 8/20	
Louann Thomason.....8/12	Linda Jarosch..... 8/21	

**Please remember our homebound friends with a card or call. See your directory for addresses.*

August Wedding Anniversaries

Daniel & Dawn Carter 8/8	Larry & Marcia DeBoer 8/27
*Robert & Evelyn Hext 8/9	John & Nancy Richard 8/27
David & Katie Start..... 8/11	Jeffrey & Tina Lamoreaux..... 8/28
Carrie & Shaun Hambelton 8/13	*Hank & U. (Tula) Mull 8/30
Matthew & Abbie VanderBerg 8/25	

**Celebrating over 50 years of marriage*

August Anniversaries of Baptism

Joshua Hansen 8/1	Mia Christensen 8/5
Addison Amaya 8/2	Kyleigh Newman 8/8
Amber Amaya 8/2	Jose U. Quintino 8/8
Quinn Amaya 8/2	Barbara Aalderink 8/9
Shelby Amaya 8/2	Kaleigh DeVries 8/12
Christine Bauer 8/5	Carl Reiser Sr. 8/15

If you are member or regular attendee at Faith Lutheran Church we want to include your significant dates in this section of the Banner. Please call the office, 361-2679.



Pastor Tom Zollman

Members and Friends of Faith,

It seems impossible that I will have been with you here at Faith for a year at the end of August. Looking back, I want to express my appreciation to all of you who have participated in worship, leadership, and the day to day actions which the ministry brings to us as God's people in this place. Your efforts and the spirit of your serving are felt and seen as a faithful witness to the life to which we have been called in our Risen Savior. Reflecting and looking ahead my prayer and desire for you is that we continue in the vision, life and joy that God Himself has created among us.

That prayer and desire is not new for it is the same vision of life and hope that is expressed again and again in the lives of God's people of old. It was there when they were called, when they were freed from slavery in Egypt, and can be recognized in the deeds and promises of God revealed

in the person of our Savior. It is this promise to which the Sacred Writings draw us and to it they bear witness. I find it in the words of Jesus when he said: "Let not your hearts be troubled neither be afraid. I will send to you the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, and He will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither be afraid." We, God's people here at Faith, are captured by, share in and celebrate with joy that same vision that is ours in our Risen Lord.

Like the early church, waiting, was reminded by Jesus: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the end of the earth... why do you stand looking into the heaven?" Reflecting on the days and months of this past year you and I are indeed grateful for the faithful witness of all whose faithful service has helped to create, nurture, renew and strengthen our faith and trust in our Lord. The vision we share has not come about because we have been "stargazing" or "spectators". The joy, hope and life we know in Him is not

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foreign to our conversations, our hometowns, our nation or our world. For just as it took shape and had its beginnings in the lives and witness of those before us, it is a part of our past and we now pray and desire it for our future.

It is God's gift to us in the Eternal and Living Christ. And He now lives in each of us to touch our hearts and minds with the healing, saving and life-giving graces of God. I pray that our future: our continuation with the call process, our conversations and questions, our many ministries, our living with our families and our service as the people of God in this

place will filled and guided the Spirit and gifts that He bestows upon us and calls to our minds in Christ Jesus.

May the joy, hope and life that belong to all of God's saints be seen in us: in our lives and our work together here, so that the vision and hope of the story are told one more time in a way that joins us and makes us eternally alive to the joy and peace that are ours in the Lord of our lives.

Yours in the Risen Christ,
Pastor Tom



Congregational Life

Saturday, August 21: Let's Go to the Races!

Kathy Henderson, Congregational Life

ZOOM! ZOOM! What sounds like a lot of fun is a car race out at Berlin Raceway in Marne. Saturday, August 21. We could even have a picnic beforehand. We can get a group discount on tickets if enough people sign up. If we can convince our pastor to get behind the wheel, we could even cheer him on in the "Faster Pastor" race. More information will be in the bulletins or you can ask the race expert Steve Zimmerman or the non race knowledgeable person Kathy Henderson. See you Sunday!

Vehicle Donation Program Provides the Road to Self-Reliance

By Doug Lachniet, Director of Major/Planned Gifts, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan

Do you have a vehicle that you might donate rather than trade in or sell? Maybe it belongs to an older family member like a parent who no longer can or needs to drive. Perhaps it is an extra vehicle that you would rather not keep. Consider making it a gift to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan's vehicle donation program, "Motorvation Drive."

When you donate a running vehicle to Lutheran Social Services, one of two good things will happen. Once checked over and serviced for safety, it could be sold at a deep discount to one of our clients in need of transportation, like a teen leaving foster care, a refugee family, or a parent trying to get and hold a job to keep his or her family together.

Or it could be sold publicly, with the proceeds going to support programs that will benefit other clients of Lutheran Social Services. Either way, you will be helping needy people to get on the road to self-reliance, and you can also claim a generous tax deduction if you itemize.

Motorvation Drive accepts donations of used cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles and RVs. We will arrange to have qualified vehicles picked up from anywhere in West Michigan.

We don't care how old your vehicle is or what kind of mileage it gets. If the value of the vehicle exceeds the cost of moving and processing it, we will be happy to accept it.

Please promote this worthwhile program to your friends and family, too. Anyone interested in making a donation may call Sonia Bankston toll-free at (877) 259-6369 to see if your vehicle qualifies and to arrange for vehicle pickup.

For Lutheran Social Services' free monthly e-newsletter, Epistle, register at www.lssm.org. And also visit us at www.maplecreek.org.



North/West Lower Michigan Synod News

A Summer of Ordinations

Our synod will be especially blessed with a number of newly ordained pastors. Please pray for Sue Hand, Rachel Laughlin, Chris Laughlin, Jacob Lehman, Wayne Shearier and Aaron Werner as they begin their journeys as ministers of Word and Sacrament. See upcoming Bishop's Letters for details about their ordinations and installations.

Bass Lake Festival

August 6-9, 2010

Michi-Lu-Ca Conference Center and Camp

Featuring Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson

Bass Lake Festival for high school aged youth provides an "outside the box," grace-filled experience of the Christian faith. Through great music, unique learning opportunities, and a relaxed, community-building atmosphere, this event shares the Gospel with youth from all backgrounds and levels of maturity in a beautiful outdoor setting. And this year our young people will have a chance to interact with our presiding bishop who counts time with young people a special joy. Registration costs are \$105.00 per person. One adult sponsor for every eight (or fewer) youth is required. First-time attendees or individual registrants may be paired with a church that can provide assistance with issues like food preparation, packing necessities, showing you around camp, and familiarizing you with the schedule. Indicate on the registration form that you would like to be paired with another congregation and one will be provided for you. Individual registrants can be assigned to a group. Bass Lake Festival is a remarkable discipling event for your people held annually now for more than 30 years. For more information, visit <http://www.elcalivingwater.com>.

President's Corner

Wendy Domagalski, Council President

Wow! If you were not able to attend church on Sunday July 18th, you missed a wonderful opportunity. We were blessed to have Bishop John Schleicher visit with us that day. He preached a powerful sermon centered around Luke 10:38-42 where Jesus comes to visit Mary and Martha. I know we are all familiar with this text but take a few minutes to read it again. It is well worth your time.

In this story Martha is busily preparing for the Lord's visit and the many tasks at hand, while Mary is sitting at Jesus' feet and listening. Of course Martha is frustrated by this, and asks Jesus to tell Mary to help. But we all know that Jesus does no such thing and reminds Martha that Mary is indeed doing the right thing...taking time to listen.

Are you more Martha-like or Mary-like? Do you indeed take time to listen to family, neighbors, and friends? Do you fret about money, your job, and the daily tasks at hand? I know for me the answer is a resounding YES and would dare say I am not alone.

My prayer for you (and me) is to become more Mary-like. We need to take the time to worship more and pray more. We need to take the time for devotions and to just sit and listen. If we do that we will feel God's presence, His peace and comfort. Remember, God is in charge of our families, our lives and the life of this congregation. He will make sure to get done what needs to be done. So for all you Martha-like people (me included) are you up to the challenge to become more Mary-like? God's message that Sunday sure did Mary work in me. Blessings and peace!



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ELCA Youth Ministry Network: Board Member Nominations Being Accepted

Charlene Rollins, Nominating Committee Chairperson

The ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors is responsible for the vision, mission and oversight of our Network. The Board is made up of 7 individuals and they meet three times a year. Board members are elected to a 3-year term, renewable once. To learn more about the work of the board, go to the Board's web page: www.elcaymnet.org. There are 2 seats on the Network Board opening in February, 2011 and the Nominating committee is now accepting nominations to the Board. To make a nomination, please go to the online form and submit the necessary information. Nominations will be taken between now and September 10, 2010. For more information, please contact the Nominating Committee chairperson, Charlene Rollins at Charlene@elcaymnet.org, or Executive Director, Todd Buegler at todd@elcaymnet.org.

Blood Drive for Michigan Blood: Monday, August 16....Give and Get Away!

Barb Aalderink

Michigan Blood's Pure Michigan Summer sweepstakes gives you more good reasons to give blood! The August Grand Prize is a weekend stay at the Grand Hotel including 2 nights stay, breakfast and dinner for 2 nights, and 2 ferry tickets on the Arnold Line. Plus, there are weekly prizes of Meijer gift cards, and a free t-shirt to everyone who attempts to donate. Please consider donating blood at our next drive for Michigan Blood, which supplies all hospitals in the Grand Rapids area. The next drive will be at Blessed Sacrament Church at 2275 Diamond NE on Monday, August 16, 2010 from 3:30-8:00 PM. Call Barb Aalderink at 443-8523.

Volunteer Needed For Cradle Roll

Christine Bauer, Cradle Roll

Christine Bauer is stepping down from Cradle Roll. Please contact Christine at bauermonkey1@yahoo.com or 363-5224 if you are interested and would like more information about serving in this rewarding volunteer position.



County Wide Food Drive - Save the Date!

Barb Aalderink, Missions Chair

The County Wide Food Drive will be on Saturday, October 9. We will begin going door to door to collect food at 9:00 AM – rain or shine. Please consider getting a group of three or four people and coming to Faith Lutheran Church to help for a few hours. For information call Barb Aalderink at 443-8523.



Musical Notes

Sharon TerBeek

Organ Historical Society: We were recently contacted by a representative of the Organ Historical Society about the pipe organ in our sanctuary. We are pleased to announce that our sanctuary organ is now listed on the Organ Historical Society Pipe Organ Database. Pictures and specifications of the organ can be viewed online at: <http://organsociety.bsc.edu/SingleOrganDetails.php?OrganID=38525>.



Church Directory Update

New Address: Erling M. Smestad, 2106 Leonard NE, Haron Manor #214, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 (616)818-4528



AUGUST 2010**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Classic Worship (Commun.) 10:00 am Casual Worship	2 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	3 7:00 pm Boy Scouts ELECTION DAY <i>Faith is a polling site</i>	4 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study	5 6:00 pm ACES (Library)	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7
8 8:30 am Classic Worship 10:00 am Casual Worship (Commun.)	9 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	10 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	11 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study	12 9:00 am Women's Breakfast (Russ/Plainfield) 6:00 pm ACES (Library)	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14
15 8:30 am Classic Worship (Commun.) 10:00 am Casual Worship	16 3:30 - 8:00 PM Blood Drive at Blessed Sacrament (2275 Diamond NE) 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH) BANNER DEADLINE	17 6:00 pm Alzheimer's (L) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	18 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study	19 6:00 pm ACES (Library)	20 <i>Office Closed</i>	21 Congregational Life Outing: Berlin Raceway, Marne (more info to come)
22 8:30 am Classic Worship 10:00 am Casual Worship (Commun.) COUNCIL MEETING AFTER 10:00 AM SERVICE	23 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	24 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	25 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study	26 6:00 pm ACES (Library) 7:00 pm GGRASC Mtg.	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28
29 8:30 am Classic Worship (Commun.) 10:00 am Casual Worship	30 6:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	31 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	Bulletin Prayer List Reminder: <i>Just as it is important to add people to the Prayer List, it is also important to let the church office (361-2679) know when a name can be removed. Please call the office or make a note on the Ritual of Friendship sheets during Sunday worship.</i>			