

Spending Plan Update! Approved spending plan through July
\$131,409.25

Contributions through July	<u>112,241.66</u>
Deficit	(19,167.59)

Labor Day and Christian Vocation: On September 6, 2010, the U.S. celebrates Labor Day. “It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country” according to the U.S. Department of Labor website. Christians believe that ALL vocations are **calls from God**. God has given everyone certain skills, interests, and opportunities that lead them to the place God has called them to serve. The Christian faith also teaches that all honest work well done is service to God. On Sunday, September 5th, we will celebrate Labor Day weekend here at Faith by celebrating the vocations of Faith people. On that day please wear or bring along something that symbolizes your “job”, paid or unpaid. It may be a uniform or a tool or anything that represents your everyday work. On that day we will include a blessing of vocations in the worship to remind us that we also serve God in our day-to-day work.

Attention Sunday School Teachers! We will have a training for our new curriculum on August 26 at 6:30pm at the church. We are still in need of teachers and assistants at all grade levels so please contact Karin Westlake at 623-2824 or Suzane Zahn at 623-0255 if you can help with this very important ministry at Faith.

Service Opportunity: Bring in school supplies and backpacks for kids in need at the Columbus and Fall River elementary schools. A box has been placed in the narthex by the dividing wall for your donations. Backpacks can be gently used. *Thanks for taking care of these community's kids.*

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) items: (school kits, health kits, sewing kits, layette items, soap bars) may be brought to the church at any time and placed in the box labeled LWR located by the dividing wall. Items will be packed on Tuesday, September 28 at 9:30. Volunteer helpers are needed! Questions? Contact Reta Thies.

Fundraiser! The **shingles on the parsonage roof** have been replaced. Please help offset the cost of this project by sponsoring the cost of shingles and roofing supplies. *We have (3) \$20 boxes and (42) \$35 boxes waiting to be filled. Are you able to help? Stop by and sign up this morning.* There is a sign-up poster on the table in the narthex. After signing up, place your contribution check, made out to Faith Lutheran Church and marked in the memo “roofing”, in the box labeled PARSONAGE ROOF FUNDRAISING MONIES found on the ledge outside the office window. *Please do not put your roofing contribution check inside your regular offering envelope.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 15, 2010

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or one who crosses these doors more regularly, you are welcome in this place. The worship of God is the deepest activity of the human spirit. We ask that you please sign the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and supply us with an address so that we might send you greetings and information about the life of this congregation.

Holy Communion this morning at the 8:00 service is open to all baptized Christians who seek the presence of Jesus Christ for assurance of forgiveness and strengthening of faith. All visitors who commune in their home churches are welcome to commune at the Lord's Table at Faith. If you prefer to avoid wine, white grape juice is also offered. It is also perfectly valid to choose to receive only bread or only wine/grape juice. The Christian church has always taught that Christ is fully present in either element alone. If you would like to receive communion at the pew, please notify an usher or pastor.

Children who do not yet commune are invited to come forward with their families at communion time. Children who are communing, please hold your hand out to receive the bread; if you are not communing, fold your hands and you will receive a blessing.

An Invitation to Share in a Ministry of Healing Prayer: This morning those who desire to be prayed for are invited to come to the communion rail for a prayer during the Hymn of the Day. You may request prayers for anything you may be concerned about, for yourself or other people. We ask you to please fill out the **Prayer Request Card** found in pew rack and bring it with you when you come forward to the railing or you may place it in the offering plate.

Bulletins this morning have been sponsored by Sue Frish in memory of Bill and Sue's 45th wedding anniversary August 21.

THE STORIES THAT TELL THE STORY! Sermon theme for next Sunday is *Simil Justus in the Promised Land*—Deuteronomy 31:19-30.

Prayer Triad for Sunday, August 15: Covenant Lutheran Church, Stoughton (Pr. Mark Petersen); First Lutheran Church, Stoughton (Prs. William Lehman, Sara Ehrets); West Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Stoughton (Pr. Richard Dowling); New Testament Baptist Church, Columbus (Pr. Todd Werner).

The *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* book is now available in **large print**. Please check with an usher.

Just a friendly reminder that the lounge may be used as a **cry room** during worship for those with fussy children. You will find the controls to the speakers on the small window wall.

Do you know someone who needs or would like a **pastoral visit**? If so, please be the eyes and ears of Faith's ministry and let the office know about that need.

Please *silence* your **cell phone** during worship.

If you are away on a Sunday but want to know the current announcements, stop in and pick up the latest worship bulletin from the brochure rack on the kiosk in the narthex. Weekly announcements are also available on line on the website www.faithcolumbuswi.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00	FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENT TIME
Mon. 8-16		Pastor Bob's Day Off
Tues. 8-17	10:00	Ministerial Association Meeting
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Naomi Circle @ Labyrinth
	7:00	Council Meeting
Wed. 8-18	7:04	3F's @ Faith Committee meets @ Kurth Brewery
Fri. 8-20		NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DEADLINE
Sat. 8-21	12:30	CLM Carpools to MIP Baby House, Monona
Sun. 8-22	8:00	Worship
	10:00	Contemporary Worship/HC

Mark Your Calendar!

- **Naomi Circle** meets Tuesday, August 17, 5:30pm at Faith's Labyrinth.
- **3F's @ Faith Committee** meets Wednesday, April 18, 7:04pm @ Kurth Brewery.
- **September NEWSLETTER** information deadline is Friday, August 20.
- **CLM** (Church Ladies Ministry) meets Saturday, August 21. Carpool *12:30 sharp* from Faith.
- **Red Tenters' Bookclub** meets Thursday, August 26, 7pm @ Ruth Nordal's.
- **Confirmation Retreat** @ Lutherdale Bible Camp Friday, August 27-Saturday, August 28. Leave Friday from Faith @ 4:30pm.
- **6, 7, 8 Grade Confirmation Orientation** w/parents Wednesday, September 1 @ 5:45pm.
- **Columbus Public Schools Early Childhood Celebration** @ Faith Thursday, September 2.

The **Overnight Confirmation Retreat** for all confirmands being confirmed on Sunday, October 17 is set for **August 27 and 28** at Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, WI. Plan to leave Faith at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 27 and return around 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 28. Remember to bring money for your Friday evening meal in Whitewater, towels, toiletry items, sleeping bag, pillow, and anything else you will need to stay over at the DeBack Family Lodge.

Most important! Bring your Bible, a pen, the final draft of your Statement of Faith, PLUS the names and addresses of your baptismal sponsors. Don't forget some 'soda money' and 'munchies' for Friday evening. *If you have not done so, your retreat deposit of \$24.00 is due to Ruth TODAY. The remaining \$20.00 is due August 27, the day of the retreat.*

Lutheran Colleges and Universities College Fair: On behalf of the Lutheran colleges and universities the synod office would like to announce the upcoming college information event in our area. A college fair and workshop is set for Sunday, August 29 in Madison at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 7337 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton. Registration begins at 1:45pm, Financial Aid Seminar at 2pm and the College Fair from 2:30-4pm.

Looking Ahead!

One Year to Live Retreat - September 17-19, 2010 MacKenzie Environmental Education Center, Poynette, WI. This is a retreat for men where hearts and souls can be strengthened by the call of Christ. It is sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission. About 30 men have attended each of the past two OYTL's in Wisconsin. Many have found it to be a spiritual and life impacting experience, different from any other retreats or conferences they have attended. *One Year to Live* Retreat video testimonies, promotional and registration materials are available at www.lutheranmen.org Event\One Year to Live page. The Summer 2009 LMM Foundations newsletter also features the retreat and is available at www.lutheranmen.org Resources\Foundations Newsletter to Live page. Space is limited. Register ASAP to ensure your spot. The two WI OYTL's have been filled to capacity. The \$175 registration fee includes lodging, meals and retreat materials. Commitment to attend from Friday 5:30pm to closing on Sunday at 3:00pm is required.

The Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable items. Suggested donations are: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cake mix, frosting, pancake mix, syrup, canned soup, saltine crackers, pork and beans, Minute Rice, instant potatoes, cereal, canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, stew, toilet paper. A box has been placed in the entrance of the church for you to drop off your donated dry goods. *Thank you for your support.*

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John Burke Correctional Institution in Waupun continues to collect **yarn** for