

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 14, 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 10:30 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 Eugene and Bev O'Brion in honor of John and Cara's birthdays.

Chancel Flowers this morning have been sponsored by Dick and Bev Hartl in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Hospitalized this past week: Jan Behl, Carolyn Gorman, Judy Kaland in Columbus; Marie English at UW Hospital, Madison.

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.

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 faithcolumbuswi.org

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 join us for REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TIME this morning following the 8:00 worship service in the fellowship hall. We will be celebrating Pr. Bob's 25th anniversary as our pastor. *Please join us!*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.	2-14	8:00	3 Year Old Sunday School
		9:00	REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TIME
		9:20	PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
Mon.	2-15		PASTOR BOB'S DAY OFF
Tues.	2-16	10:00	Ministerial Association Meeting
		11:00	Staff Meeting
		7:00	Naomi Circle @ Gloria Spaete's
Wed.	2-17	5:30	Chili/Soup Supper @ Faith
		5:30	Bell Choir
		7:00	Ash Wednesday Service @ Faith
		8:15	Faith Choir
Thur.	2-18	9:00	Beaver Dam Clergy Cluster @ Mayville
		11:30-5:30	Blood Drive @ Faith
Fri.	2-19	7:00	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat.	2-20	12:30	Carpooling to MIP Baby House in Monona
		2:00	Cliff and Jillian Sweney Solemnization of Marriage
Sun.	2-21	8:00	Worship/HC/NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
		9:20	Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School
		10:30	Worship

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- **Naomi Circle** meets Tuesday, February 16, 7:30pm @ Gloria Spaete's.
 - **Chili/Soup Supper @ Faith**, February 17 @ 5:30pm. **Ash Wednesday** service following @ 7pm.
 - **Blood Drive @ Faith** Thursday, February 18 from 11:30-5:30pm.
 - **Beaver Dam Clergy Cluster** Thursday, February 18 @ Mayville.
 - **CLM** carpools to MIP Baby House Saturday, February 20 @ 12:30 sharp!
 - Cliff and Jillian Sweney **Solemnization of Marriage** Saturday, February 20.
 - **New Member Sunday**, February 21.

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

The Lutheran Digest for the Winter months can be found in the kiosk rack.
Please help yourself!

The Sunday school program continues to participate in the **Kwik Trip's "Milk Moola"** program. Please bring bag tops and caps to the Milk Moola deposit box near the overflow area in the narthex. Five cents from each cap and bag tops goes directly to the Sunday school program.

Many thanks to all who have dropped off **empty ink cartridges** at the church for recycling. Money received for the cartridges continues to benefit the Church Ladies Ministry (CLM) *which is a ministry to women transitioning from incarceration back into the community.*

John Burke Correctional Institution in Waupun continues to collect **yarn** for community service projects. A box has been placed by the dividing wall in the narthex for your donations.

Looking Ahead!

FIRDAY NITE FISH FRY February 26, 4:30-7:30pm at St. Jerome School Gym. The menu includes baked and fried cod with all the trimmings and served buffet style. Hot dogs available for the younger crowd. Cost: adults-\$9; children 6 to 12 years-\$4; 2 to 5 years-\$2. Tickets are sold at the door. Carryouts available (in adult portions only). Pick ups only, no calls please!

RECYCLE YOUR GREETING CARDS! Thanks to all who have donated their used greeting cards. Please continue to bring cards of any occasion and drop them in the basket in the fellowship hall. Confirmation students, Girl Scouts, 4-H members and crafty adults have enjoyed turning the recycled cards into new cards for soldiers and the elderly . Hundreds of cards have been made and distributed! Spread the word! Contact Bridget Morris with questions @ 623-1978

The Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable items. A box has been placed in the entrance of the church for you to drop off your donated dry goods. They are in need of: *peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, cake mix, frosting, pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, saltines, toilet paper, and pork and beans.* Please NO VEGETABLES!
Thank you for your support of our local food pantry.

The Rose on the altar this morning is in honor of the adoption of **Victoria Rose Gillett** on January 15, 2010 from Town of Poyang, Jiangxi Province, Peoples Republic of China. Her parents and Kenn and Dana Gillett.

Prayer Triad for Sunday, February 14: St. John's Lutheran Church, Elkhorn (Pr. Douglas Demlow); Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, Elkhorn (Pr. Gerald Peterson); St. John's Lutheran Church, Evansville (Pr. Robert Schaefer); First Presbyterian Church, Columbus (Pr. Carol Hermann).

Statistics for last Sunday: 8:00-137, 10:30-76. The amount for the general fund was \$3,824.95. We need \$4,278.72 each week to meet the budget.

Come join us during fellowship time this morning to help Pastor Bob celebrate his **25th Anniversary** as our pastor. His anniversary date is February 18. *A basket is available on the narthex table for cards.*

Faith Lutheran will be hosting the **American Red Cross Blood Drive** this Thursday, February 18 from 11:30-5:30pm.

Please place your **Visioning Task Force** survey in the box outside the office window.

Summer camp brochures for Lutherdale Bible Camp can be found on the kiosk counter. *Please help yourself!*

THIS WEDNESDAY: Faith Lutheran ecumenical **Chili/Soup Supper Youth Sponsored Fundraiser** from 5:30-6:30 m. Please note that all proceeds will go directly towards the teens heading to the National Youth Gathering in 2012! Your generous donations are greatly appreciated! The meal includes choice of chili or soup, bread, beverage and dessert. A free will offering will be taken at the door. Here is how you can help!! We have just a few more slots open for food donations. Sign-up sheets can be found on the narthex table. Questions? See Cathy Elling. The **Ash Wednesday** service will follow at 7pm. The Lenten offerings have been designated for Heifer International, you are also encourage to donate items for our local food pantry

Please take time this morning to pick up your **2009 Giving Statement** from the on the table in the narthex.

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

JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH LEAGUE NEWS

Any Junior and Senior League youth wanting to be a part of the youth choir for the Youth Service in March, please sign up on the table in the narthex. We would like to practice ahead of time so we are prepared for March. Also any youth wishing to sing a solo, please note that next to your name on the sign-up sheet.

Senior League event for December, will be sledding, so watch your phone for text messages. If you don't have texting, or you want to be added to the text list, please sign up on the table in the narthex. We are also looking for a sledding hill with a tractor. Please contact Susan Faulhaber if you have a hill and a tractor. We will explain if you are the one with the hill and the tractor.

Looking forward! In April there will be Youth Quake for Junior League youth and Youth Zone for Senior League youth in the Wisconsin Dells. The event dates are April 23rd-25th. If you would like to go we need to know by the end of January. Please contact Susan Faulhaber for details. There will be a sign up sheet after Christmas.

The Senior League youth that attended the National Youth Gathering in July would like to thank their parents for all the help they gave us in the kitchen for the New Orleans dinner. We would also like to thank the congregation for all the financial support for their trip, and for coming to the dinner to hear our stories and see our photos. We are grateful for your support.