

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21, 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 Ivory and Robert Scheeler in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Cliff and Jillian Sweney on the Solemnization of their Marriage yesterday, February 20 at Faith.

Prayer Triad for Sunday, February 21: Castle Rock Lutheran Church, Fennimore (Pr. Leroy Johnsrud); St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fennimore (Pr. Charles W. Miller); All Saints Lutheran Church, Fitchburg (Pr. Richard Johnson); New Testament Baptist Church, Columbus (Pr. Todd Werner).

Christ in Our Home devotional books for April, May and June are available in the basket on the narthex table. *Please help yourself!*

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.	2-21	9:00	REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TIME
		9:20	PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
Mon.	2-22		PASTOR BOB'S DAY OFF
Tues.	2-23	9:00	Volunteers to Assemble NEWSLETTER
		9:30	Quilt Tying
		10:00	Ministerial Association Meeting
		11:00	Staff Meeting
Wed.	2-24	5:30	Lenten Meal @ Wisconsin Academy
		5:30	Bell Choir
		7:00	Lenten Service @ Wisconsin Academy
		8:15	Faith Choir
Thur.	2-25	7:00	Red Tenters' Bookclub @ Y. Tjugum's
Sat.	2-27	9:00	Second Grade First Communion Class
Sun.	2-28	8:00	Worship
		8:00	3 Year Old Sunday School
		9:20	Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School
		10:30	Contemporary Worship/HC

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- **Volunteers needed** to assemble the March NEWSLETTER Tuesday, February 23 @ 9am.
 - **Quilt Tying** Tuesday, February 23 @ 9:30am.
 - **Lenten Meal** Wednesday, February 24, 5:30pm at the Wisconsin Academy cafeteria. The **Lenten Service** follows at 7:00pm.
 - **Red Tenters' Bookclub** meets Thursday, February 25, 7pm at Y. Tjugum's.
 - **Second Grade First Communion** class Saturday, February 27 at 9am. This session is for parents ONLY!
 - **Lenten Meal** Wednesday, March 3, 5:30pm @ St. Jerome's school gym. **Lenten Service** to follow at 7pm.

On Memorial Day weekend May 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st 2010 we have an opportunity to volunteer at Brat Fest in Madison. For each hour each person works \$8 will be donated to our youth travel fund. We are looking ahead to 2012 to raise money for the National Youth Gathering which will be in New Orleans once again. They chose the same location since there is still such a great opportunity to serve in that area. If you have a student in 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade they will be eligible to go on the trip. We want to start fundraising now since there will be a very large group and we want to make it available to as many kids as possible. Volunteers for Brat Fest must be 14 years old or older. If you would like to give a few hours to help our youth or if you think it sounds like fun or if you just like brats let us know. Volunteer shifts are 3-4 hours long and you get a free brat, ice cream and a t-shirt. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex but please call Nancy Patrick if you have any questions or interest in helping. Shifts do fill up so the sooner we get information the sooner we can secure our shifts. Please contact Nancy Patrick at 623-5868 or npatrick@charter.net as soon as you can if you or anyone in your family would like to help out.

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

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!

FRIDAY 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. Carry outs available (in adult portions only). Pick ups only, no calls please!

RECYCLE YOUR 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!

Please mark you calendar for St. Columbkille's annual Lenten Fish Fry. It will be held on Friday, March 5. They will be serving baked and fried cod along with all the trimmings from 4:30-7:30pm in the church basement located at W10802 County Trunk TT, Columbus. Tickets: adults-\$9; kids 6-12-\$4; kids under 5-FREE. Carry outs available by calling 623-3989.

Statistics for last Sunday: 8:00-119, 10:30-56. The amount for the general fund was \$3,856.27. We need \$4,278.72 each week to meet the budget.

New Members received this morning are: Tom Mitchell, MaKayla Mitchell, Liz Suarez del Real; Derek Berget; Ferd and Barb Grebe; Jeramy Grossman.

Attention all those youth who have received their driver's license in the last 12 months. Please plan on attending either worship service on Sunday, March 14 for a brief blessing. We want to ask God's blessing upon you as you get behind the wheel and remind you that God goes with you. This will be brief and painless, I promise, and you will receive a car visor clip in the shape of a cross as a gift from Faith. *So please join us on March 14.*

Sunday school students! The Sunday school students will **NOT** be singing in church on March 21 as is indicated on our calendar. Due to the youth service that day we had to cancel the Sunday school singers.

Once again we are offering an opportunity for you to provide **Easter Lilies** to enhance the chancel area for Easter Sunday. Cost is as follows: single stem plant—\$15.00, double stem plant—\$30.00, triple stem plant—\$40.00. You can find a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Deadline for ordering flowers is Sunday, March 28. *We are in need of at least 15 single stem plants for the lily cross.*

A new **paschal candle** and **altar candles** are needed for Easter Sunday. Cost for the paschal candle is \$87.00 and altar candles are \$38.00. If you are interested in sponsoring either of these items in memory of in honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please see Ruth.

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!*

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.

The First Presbyterian Church, 321 Mill Street, Columbus, will be hosting the **World Day of Prayer** service on Friday, March 5 @ 1:30pm. All women are asked to reserve the afternoon for ecumenical fellowship. This year's service was planned by the women of Cameroon, Africa. The theme is *Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God*.

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.