

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 7, 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 Emogene Johnson in honor of her birthday.

Chancel Flowers this morning have been given by Eugene and Bev O'Brion in memory of Eric's birthday.

Our Christian Sympathies to Lyle Sampson and family on the death of his twin sister, Lois Spahn, Madison.

Received into the Body of Christ through Holy Baptism this morning is **Nevaeh Jo Schultz**, daughter born to Heather and Eric Schultz on September 8, 2009. Her sponsors are Jenni McKay and Levi Laitinen.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.	3-7	8:00	3 Year Old Sunday School
		9:00	REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TIME
		9:20	PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
Mon.	3-8		PASTOR BOB'S DAY OFF
Tues.	3-9	10:00	Ministerial Association Meeting
		11:00	Staff Meeting
		7:00	Council Meeting
Wed.	3-10	1:15	Scroll Circle @ S. Rieck's Home
		5:30	Lenten Meal @ Olivet Congregational U.C.C.
		5:30	Bell Choir
		7:00	Lenten Service @ Olivet Congregational U.C.C.
		8:15	Faith Choir
Sat.	3-13	9:00	Second Grade First Communion Class
			LEAD Conference @ St. Luke's, Middleton
Sun.	3-14	8:00	Worship
		8:00	3 Year Old Sunday School
		9:20	Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School
		10:30	Contemporary Worship/HC

Mark Your Calendar!

- **Council** meets Tuesday, March 9 @ 7pm.
- **Scroll Circle** meets Wednesday, March 10, 1:15pm at the home of Sol Rieck.
- **Lenten Meal** Wednesday, March 10, 5:30pm @ Olivet Congregational U.C.C. **Lenten Service** to follow at 7pm.
- **Second Grade First Communion** class Saturday, March 13 at 9am.
- **LEAD 2010**, March 13 @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Middleton.
- **Volunteers needed** to assemble Membership Directory Tuesday, March 16 @ 9am.

A **congregational meeting** has been called for next Sunday, March 21 at 9:30am for the purpose of adopting goals for the congregation.

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.

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. If you have a student in 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade they will be eligible to go on the trip. Volunteers for Brat Fest must be 14 years old or older. 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 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.

We are looking for one or more members to **volunteer(s)** to vacuum the church and touch up the bathrooms after Palm Sunday, March 28 and before the Maundy Thursday service on April 1. If able to help please see Ruth.

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

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

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

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!

St. Jerome School, 1550 Farnham Street, Columbus, will be hosting their **45th Annual Pancake Breakfast** next Sunday, March 14 from 8-12:30pm. It is "all you can eat" with pancakes, sausages and applesauce, and their famous homemade blueberry syrup. Cost: adults—\$6; children (5-10) - \$3; children under age 5—FREE.

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (LSS) has efficiency and 1-bedroom apartment openings at Columbus Manor in Columbus, WI. Columbus Manor offers subsidized housing options for older adults and persons with a physical disability requiring an accessible apartment. Rent for eligible residents is 30-percent of their adjusted gross income. Pets are allowed. For more information or for a personal tour, call (920) 623-5589.

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.

The Rose on the Altar this morning is in honor of the birth of **Jadie Annmarie**, daughter born to Derek and Julie Berget on Tuesday, March 2 at Meriter Hospital, Madison.

Prayer Triad for Sunday, March 7: Zion Lutheran Church, Horicon (Pr. Mark Hasty); St. Michael Lutheran Church, Hustisford (Pr. Sheila Rawn); Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Iron Ridge (Elaine Gerth, Lay Minister); United Methodist Church, Columbus (Pr. Jim Cotter).

Statistics for last Sunday: 8:00-108, 10:30-60. The amount for the general fund was \$3,275.50. We need \$4,278.72 each week to meet the budget.

We are in need of **greeter(s)** for the **Maundy Thursday** service on April 1 @ 7pm. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

We are in need of a case of **eternal light candles**. Cost is \$48.00. If you are interested in sponsoring a case in memory of or in honor of a loved one, or for a special occasion, please see Ruth.

Attention all those youth who have received their driver's license in the last 12 months. Please plan on attending either worship service next Sunday 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. You will receive a car visor clip in the shape of a cross as a gift from Faith.

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.*

This weeks **Lenten Service** is Wednesday, March 10, 7pm at Olivet Congregational U.C.C.. A Lenten meal will be served beginning at 5:30pm. The offering designation for this years Lenten season is Heifer Project International. Dry goods are also being collected for our local food pantry which is in need of the following: *peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, cake mix, frosting, pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, saltines, toilet paper, and pork and beans.*

Mark your calendar for our **Palm Sunday Breakfast** on Sunday, March 28, 9-10:15am featuring the following items: egg soufflé, assorted sweets, fruit, coffee, milk, juice. Cost: adults—\$5; children 10 year and under—\$3. All proceeds will go to benefit the Faith Lutheran Youth Fund. The youth are asking for assistance with food donations from the congregation. Sign-up sheets can be found on the narthex table. The egg soufflé recipe is available on the narthex table. *Thank you for your help!*

Legacy of an Adopted Child

Once there were two women who never knew each other.
One you do not remember, the other you call mother.
Two different lives shaped to make yours one.
One became your guiding star, the other became your sun.

The first gave you life, the second taught you to live it.
The first gave you a need for love, the second was there to
give it.
One gave you a nationality, the other gave you a name.
One gave you the seed of talent, the other gave you an
aim.

One gave you emotions, the other calmed your fears.
One saw you first sweet smile, the other dried your tears.
One gave you up-it was all that she could do.
The other prayed for a child, and God led her straight to
you.

And now you ask me through your tears,
the age old questions through the years,
Heredity or environment-which are you a product of?
Neither, my darling-neither, just two different kinds of
love.