

Walking in Faith

Faith Lutheran Church
Harcourt, Iowa

October 2006



Notes from the Edge of the Desk

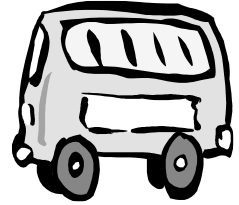
My brother Lyle died today. The phone rang, & the world was different; smaller, sadder, emptier. The details that absolutely commanded my life for the next several days faded like so much morning fog, & much starker realities set in. There are new details to deal with, and they take on a momentum of their own. Grief disguises itself as details in its very earliest stages. Miniscule decisions add up to a block of time, during which one doesn't need to think about what the new realities will be.

Those of us who carry the name Christian & the mark of Christ on us on our daily walk of faith trace a very thin line when we lose a loved one—a line that delineates the edges of sadness & celebration. Lyle has gone home to Jesus. I certainly can't grieve that. It's a destination that is on lots of our itineraries: only our departure dates differ. But it is of limited comfort to our mom, who I'm sure was hoping to be in the welcoming party for her children. It is a reminder that we live within the confines of God's timetable. We walk the narrow path between grief & glory, & we find out one more time what it means to not grieve as those who have no hope.

Meanwhile I've been thinking, I have spent most of my life as one of the nine "Meyer boys". It was a subset of society with its own identity & its own connotations for a lot of years: less than a dynasty, more than a clan. We were united by more than genetics— not a perfect family by any means. But it does comfort me to think that we are all perfectible, & that we will have an eternity to get it right.

Keep us in your prayers.

rod



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Worship 10:30
Coffee 9:30

Sunday School
9:30

SERVING COFFEE IN OCTOBER

1st- Dorothy
8th- Arlene
15th- Rod & Cheryl
22nd- TICWF Youth Grp.
29th- Shirley & Rosie



Church Council

Faith Lutheran Church Council met on September 7, 2006 at 7:30PM. Members present were Mark Greenfield, Dorothy Nahnsen, Don Peterson, Jeff Peterson, John Samuelson, and Milt Smith.

The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a loss of \$584.42 for the past month leaving us with a balance of \$2455.22. A motion was made, seconded and carried for accept the treasurer's report.

John reported on the status of a grant for the flag pole and landscaping project. He has contacted Greg Campbell regarding the electrical work needed. He will submit the grant application the end of September.

Sunday School will start this Sunday, September 10th. There will be no Sunday School on December 24th or December 31.

October 28th is the annual Table Affair.

October 29th will be the Youth Bake Sale.

Next meeting will be October 5th at 7:30PM.

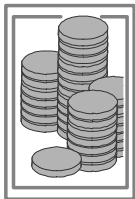
Meeting adjourned 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Nahnsen



**ADOPT A
QUILT/BLANKET**

Sunday October 22, 2006 we will have a time for anyone that wishes to sponsor a blanket or quilt for the less fortunate this winter. Blankets and quilts will be on display in the church and you may tag a blanket for someone. The cost per blanket will be \$10.00. All money will be used to purchase more fabric for additional blankets. Please consider helping someone stay warm this winter. (The blankets will be donated to Operation Christmas/Iowa Central Giving Center/ and to anyone that we receive names for) If you know of someone that is in need of a blanket, please contact Marsha or Cheryl. Thank you for your support.



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 8/1/06	\$ 3039.64
August Deposits	2208.00
August Expenses	<u>2792.42</u>
Balance 8/31/06	\$ 2455.22

Serving Faith

Ushers—

Joe Buda & Eddie Peterson

Communion Assistants—

Joe Buda & John Samuelson

Altar & Greeter—

Shirley Engstrom & Rosie Gaworski

Altar Flowers—

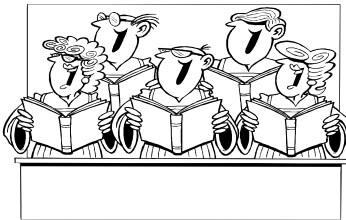
Arlene Hintch
In Memory of Loved Ones

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The youth group met on Sunday September 24, 2006 at the Meyer's. Tacos and all the fixings were served for dinner. A short meeting to plan the year was held and games were played.

October 22nd the youth group will be sponsoring the morning coffee at both churches with a free-will offering. They will also have their fall bake sale to help raise money for the giving tree and the food pantry in Boone County.

In November we will go to Godspel in Ogden. December 3rd will be our shopping trip and dinner. January we are planning for a lock-in if all works out. February will be the youth sponsoring a Soup Supper at each church. March we will be planning the Sunrise Service at the Blair's. In April will be the Sunrise Service. In April or May we will have a meeting to see what we can plan for the summer. All meeting dates, times, and locations will be announced in the bulletins. The group would like to thank you for all your support.



Choir will meet each Thursday at 6:30 pm except for the third Thursday each month when the Sarah group

meets. We are working on an arrangement of "Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dream-coat" to be presented later this fall with the Trinity choir during worship. This group always has a good time—if you have ever thought that you'd like to join us, now would be a great time to start!

Time to Quilt

On Monday, October 9th, the quilting group will meet at 6 pm. Cheryl is planning a light supper and has some beautiful fabric to make quilts. Hope to see you then!

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2006

Sunday School classes have resumed. We thank Cheryl Meyer and Marc Greenfield for their continued dedication to the spiritual growth of the Children of Faith.



Sunday School is off to a good start. We have two classes with a combination of up to 12 kids. Marc's class is discussing problems facing young people in their everyday life. The conversations are going great and they are enjoying the discussions.

Cheryl's class has a wide range of ages. We are reading stories from the Old and New Testaments. Along with the stores we have work sheets, crafts, and food. The kids really love the crafts and food.

There will be no Sunday School on November 26th, December 24 or 31. We will again have our Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday morning at 10:00. Marc and I would like to thank you all for your thoughts, support, and prayers. We look forward to having a great year!

Cheryl

TABLE AFFAIR

The 5th Annual Table Affair will be held on Saturday, October 28th. Viewing will begin at 11:15 am & seating at 11:45 am. The salad bar will include Blue Willow chicken salad, beverages and a dessert. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from Rod & Cheryl 354-5224. We still need more ladies to decorate tables and everyone to sell tickets. Invite your family and friends to Faith for an enjoyable, festive luncheon.

October, 2006

- October 1 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Sunday School 9:30
- October 5 Choir 6:30 pm
Church Council 7:30 pm
- October 7 Wedding of Nathan Peterson & Beth Paulsen
- October 8 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Sunday School 9:30
- October 12 Choir 6:30 pm
- October 15 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Sunday School 9:30
- October 19 Martha Group 2 pm-church Donna –Host
Sarah Group 6:30 pm-church Dorothy-Host
- October 22 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Sunday School 9:30
Youth Group Coffee & Bake Sale
- October 26 Choir 6:30 pm
- October 28 Table Affair 11:15 am
- October 29 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Sunday School 9:30

10/29 Change your Clock!

WELCA NEWS— OCTOBER 2006

Fall has arrived in all its splendor. The trees are changing so quickly, along with the cooler weather. This is what I love most is the changing of the seasons. Fall is also a very busy time for our church. October brings our 5th annual Table Affair, and this year is looking to be another successful event. Everyone is coming up with great ideas for their tables. We will again be serving salads and desserts. The Blue Willow Chicken Salad will also be featured. The food is always wonderful and more than enough. The Sarah group will start making blankets on October 2nd at 6 o'clock. These blankets and quilts will be donated to the less fortunate this winter. If anyone is interested in joining us, the time will be posted in the bulletins the week prior. Everyone is welcome. The more hands the more we can make. The Sarah group is planning on starting with 14 blankets to be tied. We are looking for sponsors for these blankets. The blankets will be done and on display October 22, 2006. See the article in the newsletter. Thank you for all your support and enjoy the fall and all it's beauty.

Cheryl