

Walking in Faith

Faith Lutheran Church
Harcourt, Iowa

October 2009



Notes from the Edge of the Desk

My granddaughter only knows one joke.

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Wood"

"Wood who?"

"Wood you laugh a little bit? I'm trying to tell a joke here!"

She thinks it's hilarious, every time she tells it. And to tell the truth, it never fails to get a laugh when I'm around. She tells it well, and she is fun to laugh with. I've probably heard it fifty times; I laughed every time.

Perhaps that is not surprising. I can often enjoy the same thing, over & over again. Re-runs on TV? Bring them on! I know every nuance of every Andy Griffith Show (and admittedly, sometimes there were only one or two per episode). I can enjoy watching them repeatedly. It drives my wife crazy.

There are some books I read time & time again – it's great, because you can start anywhere you want and don't feel any pressure at all to finish it, because there's an awfully good chance it's going to end the same way it did the last time. I can't begin to remember how many times I've read Tolkien's Lord of the Rings: I have read it in two languages! The Hobbit I've read in three! Great stuff, each & every time.

Old movies – you bet! I've watched them burn that same sled at least a dozen times at the end of "Citizen Kane". I like "Ben Hur" because there's that great break in the middle when they just go around & around during the chariot race – there's enough time to assemble & cook a toasted cheese sandwich, and still get back in time to see the bad guy get run through that first century, four horsepower blender. From big production musicals to horror films with budgets so small, Dracula was wearing braces and had to use a bottle opener and a straw – I enjoy all the old films & can see them time & again. That drives my wife crazy, too.

You might be like my wife, and can't imagine why anyone would ever want to experience a book or movie or a knock-knock joke over & over again. But I ask you; don't you have a favorite dish or meal or dessert that you could have over & over again, without ever tiring of it? There were several hundred people not that very long ago who - on the first Wednesday of December - would sit for an hour or better, waiting for their chance to eat at Trinity's Swedish Supper, even though the menu never changed. Were you one of those? Have you ever spent time at a family gathering or high school reunion, listening to (and telling) the same stories that were told at the last one, & the one before that? Do you have

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Church Council
Thursday, October 8
7:30 pm

Worship 9:00

Sunday School
& Coffee 10:00

SERVING COFFEE IN OCTOBER

4th- Cheryl & Rod
11th- Jan
18th- Dorothy
25th- Donnie & Jo



Church Council

Faith Lutheran Church met on Thursday, September 3, 2009 with Don Peterson, Diane Peterson, Jan Peterson, Eddie Peterson, Doris Peterson, Doug Bahr, and John Samuelson present. Devotions were from Psalm 104.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance for August of \$2,735. The treasurer's report was approved.

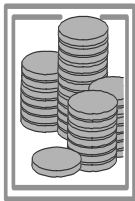
Old Business: The fuse box has been replaced by Chad Smith. He very generously contributed this replacement work. The box and circuit breaker's cost was \$125. The kitchen has been completed with lights hung, screen door replaced, dehumidifier in place, and carpets cleaned. The turkey dinner brought in \$992 and Thrivent contributed \$500 with a total of \$1492 being received. The bake sale brought in \$1431.50 with \$220 received from Thrivent with a total of \$1651.50 being received. There is an outstanding bill for electrical service in basement. \$100 was received from the town towards lighting costs for the sign on the highway.

New Business: Joan Peterson representing the Countryside Ministry council reported that Calvary at Barnum will be closing their church after the first of the year and will be leaving the Countryside Ministry. The dissolution of the corporate structure of Countryside Ministries will be the result. The dissolution of the corporate structure would not preclude the congregations of Countryside Ministry from engaging in ministry together. Zion would continue to be the employer of record for Countryside Ministry staff. Congregations will have the opportunity to elect whether or not they participate in the proposed arrangement. The council of Faith will meet with Boxholm's church council the week of Sept 14th. The council will meet with the congregation to discuss this new development in the future. Kate has broken her leg so we will continue using the piano for the next eight weeks. The Table Affair will be October 31st. Doug Bahr and Rod will look into additional lighting for the church. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Doris Peterson



Sing to the Lord
of harvest
Songs of Love
And Praise!



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 8/1/09	\$ 3325.08
August Deposits	2710.00
August Expenses	<u>3300.08</u>
Balance 8/31/09	\$ 2735.00

Serving Faith

Ushers— Joe Buda & Eddie Peterson

Communion Assistants—
Grant Gibbons & John Samuelson

Greeter— Rosie Gaworski

Candle Lighting -
10/4-Amanda
10/11-Mason
10/18-Leah
10/25-Josh



FLU SHOTS

Sunday, October 11th
Jo Peterson will be giving flu shots at church.
Bring your Medicare card, if applicable.

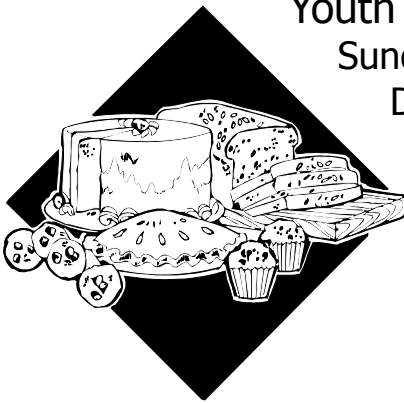
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2009

Sunday School classes have resumed each Sunday at 10 am. We thank Cheryl Meyer, Angie Lambert, Staci Gibbons, Shirley Engstrom and Marc Greenfield for their dedication to the spiritual growth of the Children of Faith.

TICWF

Youth Group Bake Sale
 Sunday, November 1st,
 During Coffee Hour.

Proceeds used to help needy families during the holidays.



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that song that tugs at your ear and/or your heart every time it plays?

Maybe we're not so very different after all.

Maybe you too would drive my wife crazy....

Perhaps this is a repeat experience that we all share.

"I love to tell the story / For those who know it best / Seem hungering & thirsting / To hear it like the rest. / And when, in scenes of glory, / I sing a new, new song, / T'will be the old, old story / That I have loved so long."

Great story line. Two thousand years old. Still a classic.

(And it will never have to be re-Mastered!)

rod

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 4th there will be a brief meeting of the congregation following worship. The purpose is to discuss and vote on dissolving the corporate structure of Countryside Ministry. Plan to attend.

Twin Boys Arriving Soon!

**Baby Shower for
 Nathan & Beth Peterson
 Sunday, October 4th**

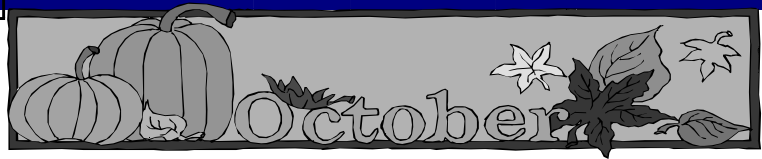
1 pm - 3 pm

**Faith Lutheran Church
 Gift Registry at Target
 Hosted by Cheryl & Marsha**

Remember, Day Light Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 1st. Set your clock one hour back on Saturday, Oct. 31st.

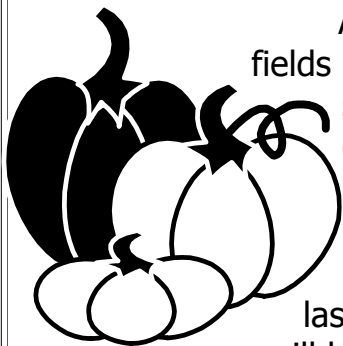
TABLE AFFAIR

The 8th Annual Table Affair will be held on Saturday, October 31st. Viewing will begin at 11:15 am & lunch served at noon. The salad bar will include Blue Willow Chicken Salad, beverages and a dessert. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Rod & Cheryl at 354-5224. Tickets are in short supply, so please make a request as soon as possible to attend. All money or unsold tickets need to be turned in to Cheryl by Sunday, October 25th.



- October 3 WELCA Fall Leadership Training Humboldt 8:45
- October 4 Worship 9 am Coffee & Sunday School 10 am
Congregational Meeting after worship
- October 7 Bingo at Dayton Care Center 2 pm
Confirmation 7 pm
- October 8 Church Council 7:30 pm
- October 11 Worship 9 am Coffee & Sunday School 10 am
Youth Group
- October 14 Confirmation 7 pm
- October 15 Martha Group 2 pm— at church Hostess-Donna
Sarah Group 6:30 pm-at Joan Peterson home
- October 18 Worship 9 am Coffee & Sunday School 10 am
- October 21 Confirmation 7 pm
- October 25 Worship 9 am Coffee & Sunday School 10 am
- October 28 Confirmation 7 pm
- October 31 Table Affair 11:15 am

WELCA NEWS— OCTOBER 2009



Autumn's changes have really begun to manifest themselves. The fields have turned, and the trees are beginning to shed their leaves. It all speaks to the amazing panorama that God provides us—from spring green to the verdant abundance of summer, to the rich earth tones of fall, and the sparkling white of winter. Truly, nothing is quite as sure as change.

I can barely believe the transformation that has occurred in the last eight years for Table Affair. We started with seven tables; this year, we will have eighteen! And the demand for tickets has outpaced our growth! Our available space dictates that we are at our absolute upper limit for seating, but we really could use another three tables or so, to accommodate everyone who would like to come. It's a wonderful problem to have.

All of this is only possible because you, the Ladies of Faith, make it happen. Thank you for your participation, help & donations. They enable us to make some wonderful additions to Faith, and contribute to many causes & charities. We're making a difference.

Another change this year—getting to use the newly remodeled kitchen for Table Affair! I'm looking forward to it, & working with you to make this our best event yet.

Cheryl