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DECEMBER 2010

GREETINGS



“I wait for the Lord my soul doth wait...” Ps 130

If the name Leon Fleicher rings a bell, it is because you know that he is a concert pianist with an international reputation. His career began at the tender age of nine. When he was 16, he made his debut with the New York Philharmonic. His career blossomed for another dozen years.

Suddenly and tragically, he lost use of his right hand, surely the end of his career as a concert pianist. What does one do when struck down in the midst of a promising profession? Would he give in to depression and discouragement? Would he look for other work and start over again? Not if your name is Leon Fleisher.

He found that there is a collection of classical piano works especially for the left hand. He continued to perform and even record music for a one-handed pianist! For nearly forty years!

The good news is that his right hand has regained its usefulness and his career continues today, playing with both hands, performing and recording.

Now I am not sure that I could bear the interruption of my life for nearly forty years without being discouraged or depressed. Forty years (with no guarantees) is a long time to wait! What was Fleisher’s source of hope, what kept him going? Something inspired him and gave him life and promise.

Our Church now begins a new Church Year with Advent: The word “Advent” means “the Coming” or “The Preparation” for the birth of Jesus at Christmas -

Jesus, the promised hope that we speak of in our lives - The One that gives us encouragement and the promise that we are not alone and will not be abandoned to our resources alone.

In these difficult times, these dark days of financial difficulty, we need the word of Hope that Christ alone can bring. We do not know how long we must wait, but we must wait in expectation that our lives will be better, that we can share our talents and resources for the support of our Church and the message that Jesus alone can give us.

O Lord, Come....

Pastor Stacy



COUNCIL MINUTES

October Highlights

Treasurer's budget guide for 2011 was presented. Budget requests needed by end of November. Budget will be firmed up by December 9th for the January 23 Annual meeting.

Motion to pay Pavese Law Firm \$100 a month on outstanding bill. We may need Linda Smith (attorney) in the future.

Electric stove in parish house now works. One of the ovens in SFH does not work. Church vehicle-needs repair. Council authorized money for repair. Tom Nelson was appointed chair of the nomination committee. Four new council members will be needed for 2011 – 2014.

Fund raisers may be needed to supplement the yearly budgets.

HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

STEWARDSHIP WALK WITH JESUS

During our current pledge drive, we brought pledges of \$158,638 to the altar. Praise God and all his benefits. His work continues!

Confirmation classes Through Christmas All classes Tuesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm

December 7 NT Books: Gospels

14 The Christmas accounts, MT, Lk

21 *Christmas Vacation*

27 *Christmas Vacation*

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair was a great success and we made \$740 on book sales and munchies.



CHOIRS

The Learning Village Preschool Sunday program will be presented on December 5, 2010 following Holy Communion. Bring your friends. This is always a pleaser.

The Christmas Cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 12, during our regular 9:30am Worship. Please tell your friends and neighbors.

Worship time on Christmas Eve will be 6:00pm on Friday, December 24, 2010.

This will be a time for families as we will present the Junior Bell Ringers, The Faith Ringers, the Sanctuary Choir as well as a candle-lighting portion of the Holy Communion service. We will have a driver available to pick up everyone who needs a ride as we do on Sunday mornings.

THRIVENT ASSISTANCE

Thrivent Dollars: Our Church Council encourages our members and regular visitors to prayerfully consider apportioning your "Thrivent dollars" to Faith or the Learning Village Preschool. If you have an insurance product with Thrivent, and have not received a letter about your "thrivent dollars," you can call 1-800-847-4836 to check on your distribution. You can now direct your Thrivent Choice money directly to Faith Lutheran. Just call and say "Thrivent Choice." Someone will help you get your fund request to Faith. We have already received some money from this particular fund by members.

WITHIN THE FOLD



ALTAR GUILD FOR DECEMBER

Jeanette Vesper & Julie Yennerell

GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

12/05 – Nancy Eng & Chris Szostek

12/12 – Gloria Heidelberg & Marguerite Kull

12/19 - Bob & Dee Waigand

12/24 – Open for volunteers 6pm service

12/29 – Larry & Frances Vandivier

ACOLYTES FOR DECEMBER

12/05 – Samuel Ballinger & Faith Erickson

12/12 – Natalie Peters & Bryan Natoli

12/19 – Austin & Abigail Brock

12/24 – Nolan Jerrie & Zachary Welsh (6pm)

12/26 – Samuel Ballinger & Faith Erickson

READERS FOR DECEMBER

12/05 LaVon Koenig

12/12 Lynn Beck

12/19 LaVon Koenig

12/24 Merrilyn Penegor

12/26 Merrilyn Penegor

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Nils & Barbara Lindroth, Norman & April Erickson

DRIVERS FOR DECEMBER

12/05

12/12 John Kintz

12/19 Tom Hansen

12/24 Damon Shelor

12/26 Richard Peters

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to:

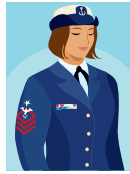
LaVon Koenig	12/02
Charles Richardson	12/03
Merrilyn Penegor	12/04
Julie Lorenz	12/05
Jim Kreger	12/08
Aдриanna Manetta	12/08
Lynn Bowman	12/09
Lucille Keck	12/12
Jim Wollerman	12/12
Bennett Pickles	12/12
Rufina Sonnenberg	12/14
Marja Borkert	12/14
Josephine Fillingner	12/16
Ludwig von Beethoven	12/16
John Duff	12/19
Donald Poidevin	12/19
Sebastian Cintron	12/19
Reynold Helle	12/20
Margarita Wolfson	12/20
Melissa Welsh	12/20
Frieda Radke	12/21
Wilford Rogers	12/24
Rhoda Whitaker	12/26
Larry Snyder	12/28

Holly Frantz 12/28
Mary Jane McArthur 12/29
Richard Naus 12/30

Happy Anniversary and God's Blessings to:

Gary & Kelli DeVore 12/02
Rudy & Janet Ferster 12/10
Ron & Sharon Shively 12/16

The Lord bless you and keep you.....Num. 6:24



MILITARY PERSONEL NEEDING YOUR PRAYERS

Lance Corporal **Tyler Blum**, USMC—Cherry Point, NC
Senior Airman **Kenny Brooks**—Mothan AFB, AZ
LCPL **Logan Raymond** USMC Reserves
CPL **Hannah Frank** USMC—Japan
CPL **Trevor Frank** USMC—Miramar, California
Senior Airman **Matt Hanning**, Afghanistan
SN **David Pykal**, Naval Base San Diego
Sergeant **Nick Schmidt**, Baghdad, Iraq

PRAYER LIST

FAITH Members in need of prayer

Edith Reiter, Debra Gobus, Marie Biedermann, Kris Andrews, Jim Hausle, Ralph McDonald, Rev. Henry Hendel, Harry Ludwig, Edie Andrews, Lucille Keck, Don Getz, Diane Bernatz, Walter Dierks, Verling Krissinger, Dan Varner.

Friends or Relatives of FAITH members in need or prayer

Ray Smith, Jean Winters, Jay Wright, Tammy Laws, Margaret Spoerl, Richard Jahnke, Ethel Kreger, Anita Cooper, Susan Friend, John Toth, Joe Horrom, Mary Beck, Kristen Fidalgo, Lucille Smith.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. David Stacy, Interim Pastor

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

J. L. Kreger

OFFICE STAFF

J. L. Kreger, *Administrative Assistant*

Jo Anne Borkert, *Financial Secretary*

Linda Carter, *Webmaster*



Volunteers for Filing and Reception In our office

Dorothy Nelson, Marguerite Kull, Mariam Snider, Sandra Brandt,
Mary Jane McArthur, Lynn Bowman, Lois Duff,
Nancy Eng & Frances Vandivier
Laura Barney (sub.), Diane Bernatz-Memorials
(Friday afternoon spot is open)

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Douglas Patterson
Vice President, Donald Poidevin
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John Kintz, Phil Koenig,
Tom Nelson, Merrilyn Penegor
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN TO BE A PART OF
THE NEW COUNCIL FOR 2011. CALL LISA @ 239-369-6177, EXT. 1.

CHURCH COMMITTEES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lisa Peters, Dee Waigand, Suzanne Mojta, Melissa Welsh, *Liaison—*

EVANGELISM

Bob Wolfe. Barb Lindroth, *Liaison—Len Barney*

FINANCE

Betty Richards, Jo Anne Borkert, Jerry Emmel, Pr. Stacy, *Liaison—Charles DiFelice*

LEARNING VILLAGE

Lisa Peters-Director, Barry Moll-President, Don Poidevin-Secretary, Dee Waigand, Barb Emery and Mary Jo Howard, Bonnie Kintz, Jennifer Glasser, Pr. David Stacy, *Liaison—Phillip Koenig*

PROPERTY

Larry Vandivier, Gary Lohr, Damon Shelor, Len Barney, Laura Barney, Ron Shively, Larry Snyder, Walter Dierks, *Liaison—John Kintz*

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Barbara Emery, Sheila Rogers, Jim Kreger, LaVon Koenig, *Liaison—Richard Peters*

STEWARDSHIP

Lorraine Schultz, Charles Emery, Barry Moll, Hank Hendel, *Liaison—Tom Nelson*

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Jeanette Vesper (Altar Guild), Marguerite Kull (Greeters), Lynn Beck (Readers), Jim Kreger (Music Director), Bob Wolfe (Communion Assistants), Jerry Emmel (Music), Damon Shelor (Drivers), Doug Patterson (Ushers), Melissa Welsh (Acolytes), Pr. Stacy, *Liaison—Merrilyn Penegor*

YOUTH/ORGANIZATIONS

Barbara Emery, Pr. Leon Dale, Charles Emery, *Liaison—Don Poidevin*

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO BE A PART OF ANY OF THESE COMMITTEES. CALL DOUG PATTERSON @ 239-369-0903!