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APRIL 2010

GREETINGS

HE IS RISEN.....He is Risen Indeed!

In this newsletter, sent out for the first time over the internet, we celebrate the Resurrection. The Resurrection of our Lord at Easter brings us new life in the Spirit and cause for celebration that the winter of our discontent is over and new life has come.

As I look out the window, I see resurrection all around us; I see it in the colors in the rose Garden, in the grass that is greening up, in the trees and shrubs that have flowered following our recent rains. I smell the orange blossoms and the fragrance of a hundred trees now in bloom as the world comes to life again.

I see the birds in their spring migration, heading to feeding grounds where they will raise their young life bursting forth. New species passing through are led by nature's urges to fill the air with their songs.

In our congregation, I sense a renewal of spirit: a new life that will sustain us in the days ahead. We have faced the worst of our fears, and now find that Christ is alive in our midst and we have no cause to be afraid. Even in a difficult economy we are assured that the life of our Church will go on!

New resources are available to us: renewed commitment to support our congregation with our offerings, our gifts of time and our gifts of talent. We have a website through which we can communicate with our members at much less cost than postage. We have a webmaster, Linda Carter, who shares her talents to make this all possible.

We have much to be thankful for. God has been good to us. God walked with us through the dark days of Lent and Good Friday. God continues to walk with us at Easter and promises the new life that is in Jesus Christ. Let us continue to walk with Jesus daily and receive the joy and hope of the Resurrection!

Pastor Stacy

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 9, 2010

Present: John Kintz, Doug Patterson, Charles DiFelice, Richard Peters, Len barney, Merrilyn Penegor, Phil Koenig, Ron Shively and Pr. Stacy. Absent: Norm Erickson, Don Poidevin.

Election of Officers: Doug Patterson – P; Don Poidevin – VP; Richard Peters – Sec (until a replacement can be found); Charlie DeFilice – Treasurer

Census Bureau requested using Whisnant Hall for several days. Motion to accept – R.S., 2nd – J.K. Carried

Audit Report by Barb Snyder.

Love offering for Florida/Bahamas Synod for April 18. J.K. motion; MP 2nd. Carried

Property Report – Lindroths offer to pay for Whisnant Hall painting and repairs – Total cost include: \$2,015 – repairs, painting - \$2,340, bathroom repairs - \$500.

R.P. Motion, 2nd P. K. Carried

Old Business

Loy Law Suit – Pavese Law Firm bill = \$6,240

Ron S and John K will attend pretrial on Feb 12, 2010.

Parish house statis: C. D. motion to evict residents for non-payment of utilities per agreement. Phil K. 2nd. Carried

New Business

Synod Representatives this year will be Pr. Stacy, Melissa Welsh and Don Poidevin

Communion practice – Pr. Stacy moved: Communion every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays and 2nd, 4th Sundays being the Word. To be revisited in 3 months. 2nd R. Peters. Carried

Adjournment

(When you come to Church, you will find the full minutes posted in the Narthex each month.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Number	Account Name	Current Month	Year to Date	
<u>Income</u>				
	OFFERINGS	\$17,894.68	\$58,175.25	
	MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,255.00	\$5,565.66	
	INCOME			
	TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$2,255.00	\$5,568.77	
	LV REIMBURSEMENTS	\$12,969.99	\$44,304.43	
	BRUNCHES/DINNERS	\$309.00	\$309.00	
	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL DESIGNATED	\$335.00	\$2,234.20	
	GIVING			
	USE OF FACILITIES	\$2,072.50	\$4,975.00	
	OTHER GIVING	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL INCOME- GF & DR, OTHER	<u>\$35,986.17</u>	<u>\$116,122.65</u>	
<u>Expense</u>				
	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	\$458.34	\$916.68	
	TOTAL STAFF	\$7,584.38	\$21,858.41	
	TOTAL GROWTH IN FAITH	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$46,839.59</u>	<u>\$116,227.18</u>	
	Difference	<u>(\$10,853.42)</u>	<u>(\$104.53)</u>	

STEWARDSHIP

Walk with Jesus Campaign

Stewardship is not a once-a-year effort. It is year round. It is ongoing every day in an effort to meet the needs of the Church – Christ’s Church. The Stewardship Committee wishes to give you an update as to where we are financially. We will endeavor to give you updates quarterly as we progress through the year. As you may remember, last Fall, some 93 giving unites returned pledge cards to the Church amounting to \$209,000. About 103 pledging units provided no estimate of giving this year. We have finished the 1st quarter of our financial year and we have met 22.5% of our financial goals for this quarter by those using the envelopes. If we include loose offering given during this period, we have met the 25% goal needed for this 1st quarter. You are to be commended for your efforts, but please don’t dwell on this success. As you know, the toughest parts of our yearly giving occur in the next two quarters.

If you have received a good tax return, think about the Church. If you have some extra money, we will put it to good use. Our Council has found ways to reduce our costs, but we still need to give them a sufficient cushion with which to work.

Please, let us all be resolute in our effort by giving consistently, especially as we travel or are away from the Church on Sundays. Our expenses don’t stop. Keep up the good work. May God bless all of us. Have a great forever.

Chuck Emery for the Stewardship Committee 03/21/2010

WITHIN THE FOLD

DEATHS

Mary Williams 03/20/10

ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL

Jeanne Giddens and Pat Brooks

GREETERS FOR APRIL

4/4/10 Nancy Eng and Chris Szostek
4/11/10 John and Lois Duff
4/18/10 Dottie Nelson and Gloria Heidelmark
4/25/10 Dick and Edie Laphish

READERS FOR APRIL

4/4 Lynn Beck
4/11 Lynn Beck
4/18 Linda Patterson
4/25 Linda Patterson

DRIVERS FOR APRIL

04 02 Damon Shelor (Good Friday)
04 04 Will Rogers

USHERS FOR APRIL

Doug Patterson
Len and Laura Barney

ACOLYTES FOR APRIL

04 04 Olivia Patterson & Nolan Jerriey
04 11 Zachary Welsh & Samuel Ballinger
04 18 Emma & Abby Sokhanvari
04 25 Lea & Katie Harvey

04 11 Tom Hansen
04 18 Damon Shelor
04 25 Richard Peters

YOUNG ADULT GROUP OUTING FOR APRIL

04/25 Carry in Dinner

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday and God's Blessings to:

Hildegard Rosner	04/03
Tom Hansen	04/03
Elfrida Gay	04/05
Diane Day	04/07
April Erickson	04/10
Bill Hawkins	04/10
Lynn Beck	04/11
Caitlin Nelson	04/11
Neil Merckens	04/13
Russ Fels	04/14
Nils Lindroth	04/14
Joan Shultz	04/14
Ralph Boettger	04/16
William Haniman	04/17

Helen Benson	04/18
Ted Bawor	04/18
Sharon Shively	04/19
Leanna Quinnell	04/26
Phyllis Vonderhaar	04/22
Lea Harvey	04/23
Donald Quinnell	04/26
Laurie Jerrey	04/26
Jake Schmidt	04/27
Joan Ruchti	04/28
Siggi Lorenz	04/29
Mary Carter	04/29

Happy Anniversary and God's Blessings to:

Larry & Diane Day	04/06
Richard & Lisa Peters	04/06
Ken & Pat Brooks	04/14
Terry & Connie Wattenmaker	04/23
Siggi & Julie Lorenz	04/29

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

HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

THE LEHIGH COMMUNITY BAND

Join the Concert Band in its final performance of the year on **Sunday, April 18 at 3pm** in Sweatlock Fellowship Hall. All toe-tapping music! No admission charge. A free will offering will be taken.

THE LEARNING VILLAGE

The Learning Village Board will be having a 'CHINESE AUCTION' on **Saturday, April 24 at 3pm**. Come and join the festivities and the fun.

THE LEHIGH SINGERS

The Lehigh Singers, under the direction of Candace Sundby, will join forces with the Lehigh Children's Chorus in a wonderful tribute to America, singing folk songs and old memorable songs we all know and love. Join them on **Sunday, April 25 at 3pm** in the Sanctuary for the final concert of the season. There is a \$5 per person charge, but if you buy two tickets, you get one free. Bring all your friends.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 25

Carry in Dinner

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,
Doris Brown, Mary Jane McArthur, Toria Via, Lois Duff,
Nancy Eng, Frances Vandivier & Audrey Downey
Laura Barney (sub.), Diane Bernatz-Memorials

CONGREGATION COUNCIL
President, Douglas Patterson
Vice President, Donald Poidevin
Secretary, Richard Peters
Treasurer, Charles DiFelice
Len Barney, Norm Erickson
John Kintz, Phil Koenig, Merrilyn Penegor
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CHURCH COMMITTEES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

EVANGELISM

Bob Wolfe, *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, Sarah Polter, Bonnie Kintz, Jennifer Glasser, Kelli DeVore, Pr. David Stacy, *Liaison—Phillip Koenig*

PROPERTY

Larry Vandivier, Gary Lohr, Damon Shelor, Laura Barney, Connie Wattenmaker, Walter Dierks, *Liaison—John Kintz*

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

STEWARDSHIP

Lorraine Schultz, Charles Emery, Tom Nelson, Hank Hendel, *Liaison—Don Poidevin*

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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

YOUTH/ORGANIZATIONS

Barbara Emery, Charles Emery, *Liaison—*