

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

May 2008

MAY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 4, 2008, is the date for the Congregational Meeting following each worship service. We will have election of Council members.

CALLING FOR COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We encourage you to nominate someone to serve on Council whom you believe would serve well. And if you would like to serve, don't hesitate to nominate yourself! Nominations should be communicated to either Diane Pyle or Seth Patton. Council elections take place at the Congregational Meeting the first Sunday in May. If you'd like to know more about Council service please just ask any of the current members. We'd be happy to answer your questions. Council terms are two years.

God's blessings

Seth Patton, Congregation Council

Music Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18 with special music shared in worship that Sunday.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
BEGINS MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND, SUNDAY, MAY 25
WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 10:00 A.M.**

*This schedule continues through
Labor Day weekend.*

SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL ONES

(This article was in the March, 2008 Coalition of Care Newsletter.)

As has become our custom, we'd like to introduce you to another special volunteer.

It is the goal of the staff of LCCoC to ensure that everyone who calls here for help feels

both enriched and empowered by that experience to move forward toward solving their crisis. Their first encounter is with one of the intake staff who answers the phone. It is that volunteer who is charged with calming the fear quieting the panic and helping the caller focus on what must be done, how it can be done, how LCCoC can help, and what else should be done before their appointment.

No one does that delicate dance more effectively, efficiently, or kindly than Carol who has manned the intake phones twice a week for nearly two years. Grandmother, former teacher, Carol asks the questions that identify needs and resources, and then gently guides the caller toward appropriate action. Last fall, she increased her commitment by assuming the role of Volunteer Coordinator—what a dear and generous soul! Needless to say, she is doing a terrific job! We are so very grateful to Carol for her gracious spirit and great, good heart. We are truly blessed to have her putting God's love in action here at the Coalition of Care. **Thank you, Carol!**

(Carol is Christ Lutheran's own Carol Hughes.)

OUR PRAYERS

During March and April we prayed for physical, spiritual, and emotional healing and comfort for Gladys Rinehart, Jim Landis, Kathy Barger, Angie Coots, Cyle Crouse, Joy Williams, Frank Rosato, Chris Joehlin, Diane Sheppard, Dick Morris and others as requested by our church family. We prayed for comfort in grief for the Family of Dick Turner, the Family of Chuck Iddins, the Family of Jodie Harter, the Family of Lila Harmon, the Family of Sabrina Wheeler, the family of JT Coots, the Family of Nedra Davis, the Northridge High School students and faculty, and the family of Viki Davis. We continued to offer prayers for safety and

strength for our service people serving throughout the world, especially . Chris Mobis and Rich Horst both being deployed to Iraq.

NURSES WEEK 2008

This year Nurses Week is May 6—12. Happy Nurses Week to Christ Lutheran Church nurses. To be a nurse requires more than skill; it requires a compassionate heart. We are blessed at Christ Lutheran to have so many nurses as part of our church family. A special thank you to Kay Bailey and all our volunteer Parish Nurses.

Baptisms in April: 4/13 Maci Elisabeth Rose Van Dyke, daughter of Mason & Yvette Van Dyke and sister to Alec and Connor Van Dyke. 4/20: Audrey Lin Storms, daughter of Mark & Deb Storms, granddaughter of Phil & Donna Mitchell, and sister to Zakary Storms.

Baptisms in May:

5/11: James Jordan and Mary Ann Coots, son and daughter of Jim & Angie Coots; and Lindsey Marie and Kaylee Ann Nicole Strohacker, daughters of Mike & Julie Strohacker. We rejoice with all who are baptized into Christ and with their families.

Births:

Caleb James Kretzmann was born on March 8, 2008, son of Logan & Shannon Kretzmann, grandson of Larry & Linda Kretzmann.

Craig Orian Ploetz was born on March 26, son of Jeff & Kerry Ploetz, grandson of Larry & Denise Ploetz.

Hudson Johannes Mong, was born on April 10, son of Ted & Sara Mong, grandson of Seth & Linda Patton.

We rejoice with the Kretzmann, Ploetz, Mong and Patton families.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Church Family Movie & Game Night! Back by popular demand ☺ Saturday, May 3, beginning with pizza supper at 6pm. Bring one of your favorite pizzas and a big bottle of soda pop to share. Bring your favorite board or card game to share. We will start with pizza at

6pm then have movies and games. Fun for all ages!!!

Come and enjoy time with your church family.

New Photo Church Directory will be in the works this summer. More to come in the June newsletter.

LICKING-KNOX COUNTY CHAPTER, THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS: JOIN HANDS DAY—MAY 3, 2008

Although we all hope that our men and women in the Armed Forces will be home soon, the fact is, they are not. Consequently, our Chapter has decided to again Support the Troops for our Join Hands Day project. This year we are honoring Lance Corporal Devon Seymour, a Thrivent member, who was killed in action in Iraq in June of 2005. his parents, Jim and Janet Seymour of St. Louisville are honorary chairs.

Thrivent members are collecting items such as: food and snacks (individually wrapped); snack sized crackers, beef and turkey jerky, nuts, (small packages), cereals and instant oatmeal (individual sizes), beverage mixes and gum. Other neat things to include are: inspirational reading materials, devotionals, nerf balls, golf balls, puzzles, even disposable cameras. Cash donations will be used to defray shipping costs. Last year we sent 124 boxes weighing 10-15 pounds each with shipping expense of \$1,700.

We CANNOT accept: large or family sized items; home baked goods, chocolate or items that can melt, glass containers or aerosol containers.

The troops also appreciate letters of support and pictures drawn by children. Perhaps some church members are willing to write some letters and possibly some children will draw pictures.

The chapter will send a complete list of items and details of the event to each church. **On Saturday, May 3, we will gather at the Lookup Center in Newark to package the items** Last year we had about 30 volunteers who helped and we hope that we can get as many to help this year. Mark your calendar for

May 3 for Join Hands Day. Hope to see you there.

THRIVENT MEETING

Thrivent will meet Friday, May 16, at 6:30pm at the home of Denise & Larry Ploetz. It is time to start planning for our September fundraiser for someone with medical needs. We have one recipient to be presented at the meeting. If you know of anyone else, please bring the information to the meeting. Please RSVP to Denise at 366-1830 or Joyce at 366-2885 as to what you can bring.

REMEMBER—You don't have to be a Thrivent member to come and enjoy good food, good fellowship, and lots of fun helping God's people in need! We could use some new young members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Sunday School News

THE LAST DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND CATECHISM CLASS FOR ALL AGES IS SUNDAY, MAY 18. TEACHER APPRECIATION WILL BE OBSERVED THAT SAME DAY DURING WORSHIP SERVICES.

We take a break over the summer months and resume Sunday School classes in September.

3-4th Grades: The 3-4 grade Sunday School class will be studying Paul's teachings during the month of May. Learning about spiritual gifts and our relationship with Christ are among the lessons. Thanks to our class of wonderful students for a truly blessed year of Sunday School. Your class participation and enthusiasm for God's Word is an inspiration to us. Have a safe and fun summer. We'll see you back in Sunday School in September

5th & 6th Grades: In the closing weeks of Sunday School the 5th and 6th grade class will be exploring the Bible stories of: Christians Care for One Another
Stephen Forgives His Accusers as They Stone Him

Paul Teaches in Athens
Paul Explains Christians Relationship with Christ
Paul Teaches about Spiritual Gifts
Paul Comforts Others in a Storm
Paul Describes Genuine Love

Catechism Class Will continue through May 18 and end when Sunday School ends for the year. We continue to study the books of the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments, and the Prophets.

Friendship & Faith

Are you looking for a way to nurture your faith and make new friends? Are you looking for a time to devote to God and reconnect with old friends? Here it is! The group will meet every WEDNESDAY evening FROM 7-8pm. Come when you can. This group will be available through spring and summer. Bible Study, prayer, friendship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning meeting -after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday May 4

Once again it is time to begin planning for this year's Vacation Bible School. We will have a planning meeting on May 4th after the second service. All who want to help and have input on the dates are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend but want to help and have input on the dates, please see Lisa Mye or e-mail her at myebuckeyes@winstream.net.

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Christ Lutheran Family,
Many thanks for the cards, prayers, and expressions of concern. I am blessed to be part of such a loving church family. I pray that God's love continues to touch each of you.
In the love of Jesus,
Sally Kennedy

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Relay for Life: Saturday, May 17 at the TJ Evans Athletic Complex off Sharon Valley Road in Newark. If you haven't signed-up to participate, you still can stop by and participate on the 17th. Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society as a team/community event to fight cancer. Participants can ask for donations for the Relay and they also walk around the track at the Relay, as much as you want. Fun for kids and adults, food games and music.

Relay for Life Announcements and Events:

***Tent: Look for the Christ Lutheran Team tent and we'll be there. Help needed setting up the tent on Friday, May 16 from 4-6pm at the TJ Evans Athletic Complex**

***MAY 17 AM OPENING: 10-11 a.m. The "Survivor's Opening Lap" around the track. Anyone who has battled cancer themselves is welcome to walk, and then the rest of the crowd joins the walk after the survivor lap.**

*** LUMINARIA CEREMONY: Around 9:00 p.m. once it is dark. We will have sign up sheets for the purchase of a luminaria ahead of time. Check for \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society. You can sign up for luminarias in our church lobby.**

Our church along with a few other area churches participates in the RELAY FOR LIFE AS AN OUTREACH MINISTRY TO SUPPORT PERSONS AFFECTED BY CANCER.

To help with the support we have two voluntary fundraisers: 1. Dinner discount cards for a \$10 donation the cards offer a discount to area restaurants and businesses and the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

2. The "Flamingo Run" where a pink flamingo is placed in a church member's yard anonymously by another church member. You can then opt to give a \$5 donation to the American Cancer Society and then (*without*

getting caught) place the flamingo in another church member's yard.

If you are caught, you may opt to donate another \$5 donation. Bring your donations to the church and deposit in a box marked for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Checks go to the American Cancer Society. The "Flamingo Run" is a fun way to help neighbors, friends and loved ones fight cancer. THE FLAMINGO RUN WITH OPERATE FROM APRIL 12 --MAY 11.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Thank you to all the parents and chaperones who helped with the April 6th service ministry when we made cookie and treat boxes and took them and ourselves to visit our friends who are homebound and living in nursing homes. We ALL enjoyed those visits so much!

END OF SCHOOL YEAR PICNIC AND GAMES AT GELLER PARK ON FRIDAY, MAY 30 FROM 5PM- 9PM

If you have a wiffle ball and bat, kickballs, or basketballs, Frisbees, bring them.

For all ages of youth, kindergarten up, and for their siblings. Parents welcome to stay and play. We will have some kids versus parents games too!

We'll ask parents to sign up to bring one item of food or drink to the picnic. Check the church lobby for sign up.

Cancelled if rain or thunderstorms

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH **MEMORIAL/HONOR GARDEN**

Dear members and friends,

A group has gotten together and obtained permission to do some landscaping around the church. You will soon see the results of this when the grass area between the parking lot and the new entrance is landscaped.

Donations can be made to the church landscaping if you wish. Time, talent, and, of course, currency are welcome donations.

The area that is being landscaped will be called the Memorial/Honor Garden. It will be possible to purchase bricks in memory or honor of a loved one. The bricks will be laid out as part of the landscaping effort. Bricks can be engraved. The engraving will allow three lines. We have sheets from the engraver showing the exact number of letters, spaces, punctuation, etc that are allowed on each line. The cost of the engraved bricks will be \$40.00. Profit from the brick sales will benefit the church.

We hope that this will both beautify the church and give an opportunity to honor or memorialize our loved ones. More information will follow. Call if you have any questions.

Kay Bailey, 366-1736

May 2 Bob Ewing
May 3 Hannah Weaver
May 4 Nikki Calvert
May 4 Makynzie Claypool
May 6 Christine Thacker
May 6 John Groff
May 7 Cindy Manning
May 7 Alice Krauss
May 9 Alec Van Dyke
May 12 Dick Morris
May 13 Lori Mye
May 14 Bev Wahl
May 14 Ben Gainer IV
May 16 Phil Mitchell
May 18 Linda Mathews
May 20 Kyla Wilson
May 21 Bill Hardy
May 21 Ann Williams
May 21 Kathy Barger
May 22 Marcy Terry
May 22 DeDe Dudgeon
May 22 Nancy Kraning
May 23 Joe Rosato
May 23 Kayla Geller
May 23 Christy Ebel
May 24 Grant Geller
May 24 Rashawn King
May 25 Jim Braskie
May 26 Robin Elliott
May 26 Alanah Smith
May 27 Chad Elliott
May 28 Megan White
May 30 Carol Hughes
May 31 Bill Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

May 15 Larry & Christi Brooks
May 17 Bob & Judy Deaver
May 20 Frank & Yolanda Rosato

BIRTHDAYS