

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 2008

Worship Announcements

Sunday Worship: 8:15am & 10:30am
Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month

Worship & Music Ministry Team will meet on **Saturday, Oct. 4 for breakfast at 9am** in the social hall. Persons who serve as Assisting Ministers, Ushers, or Host Families are welcome to join us if you would like to share creative and helpful ideas and input. The Worship & Music Ministry Team will bring the breakfast.

Sunday, October 5: World Communion Sunday. A time to be especially aware of and remember in prayer all the Christians around the world who gather in worship around the table of Christ Jesus.

We will lift special prayers for the Missionaries and congregations around the world, with whom we correspond and with whom we share support: the Alaskan Missionaries aboard the MV Christian off the coast of Alaska, the Smyrna Christian Church in Galle, Sri Lanka, the Oromo Ethiopian Lutheran Mission Church that worships in Reynoldsburg, and St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church in Wittenburg Germany.

Sunday, October 12
8:15am Worship includes the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Kiarah Dawson Smith.

Candle Lighting and Prayers for persons living with Mental Illness. Both services. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) observes this candlelighting and prayer each October. This is the third annual observance. You will have an opportunity to

come forward during worship and light a candle in prayer and recognition of someone who lives with mental illness. The Church is the community of hope and healing love in Christ.

3:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet from home for a blessing. We celebrate this blessing in honor of Francis of Assisi and his advocacy for all of God's creation and our responsibility as caregivers for God's creation. We will meet in the side yard of the church.

Sunday, October 19:
Service of Healing will be offered during both worship services with the opportunity for anyone who wishes to, to come forward and receive prayer and anointing with oil on the forehead. This is one of the oldest traditions of the Church. Our Parish Nurses will help lead the prayers for healing and anointing with oil. We pray for our healing in Christ; body, mind, and soul.
Invite those whom you know who may be greatly comforted by prayers for healing and wholeness, especially if they are seeking Jesus Christ and do not have a church home.

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26
New Members received at either service they usually attend
Confirmands affirm their baptismal promises at the 10:30 am service.
This year our 9th grader Confirmands who have completed two years of catechism preparation are: Kelci Jarrett, Austin White, and Kaitlyn White.

A reception to celebrate Confirmation and to welcome New Members will follow the 10:30 am service

October Baptism:

Sunday Oct. 12: Baptism of Kiarah Dawson Smith, daughter of Dante & Erin Smith, granddaughter of Rod & Georgia Sheley, great-granddaughter of Bill & Gloria Hardy. We rejoice with the family!

October Renewal of Vows Ceremony

David Fleming & Sheri Hunt-Fleming were married on Oct. 11, 2007 and will celebrate a Renewal of their Wedding Vows on their first year anniversary with family and friends on Oct. 11, 2008.

October Wedding

Lauren Barclay and John Loewendick will be married on Sat. October 18.

We rejoice with these couples and their families and ask God's blessings upon them.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Darcie Ransom who graduated from Franklin University with a degree in financial management. Great job, Darcie!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Spaghetti Supper on Sunday Oct. 5 from 5pm-6:30pm.

Sign up sheets for volunteer help will be posted in late September. The Community Dinners are offered each quarter of the year. They are free, open to the public and open to the congregation.

A great deal of Jesus' focus in ministry was to feed the hungry, and provide a space around the table for everyone in hospitality and love. This is the ministry we are asked to share in his love today.

If you would like to help with set-up, cooking, serving, and/or clean up, you will see the sign up sheets posted in the church lobby in late September.

We also pack dinners and take them to the families living at the domestic violence shelter in Newark.

Thank you to Carol Hughes and Dick Bailey for coordinating and organizing the Community Dinners. "In as much as you did this for the

least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it for me".-Jesus.

BLESSING OF CROP WALK PARTICIPANTS.

CROP WALK—Sunday, Oct. 19, Begins at 1pm at Hopewell Hall, OSU Newark.

"You can make a difference."

This is the largest cooperative county-wide event for the world. CROP Walks are a way to have fun and raise funds to alleviate hunger at home and around the world. Of funds raised, 25% will stay here locally for the Food Pantry Network. Funds also fight hunger globally.

The Walk will be on the bike path from OSU-N (Hopewell Hall) to the YMCA and back. Registration is at 1p.m. and the Walk starts at 1:30. Please join us. When you walk in a CROP Walk, you walk with the world. You can pick up sponsor sheets from Linda Patton. If you are unable to walk, please be a sponsor for one of the walkers.

Thank you!

--The Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry begins in mid-October

The Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, a global Christian charity organization. This is the 6th year we have participated. Shoeboxes are filled with gifts for children and sent all around the world to children in need. Pick up a pamphlet from church and pack a shoebox from home following the directions on the pamphlet. Enclose \$7 by check for shipping and return the wrapped shoebox with the check for shipping already inside your wrapped shoebox.

All wrapped and prepared shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 16. We will dedicate the shoeboxes during worship that Sunday. This is a fun ministry for the children to share. Children can include a letter as a penpal to the child they send the shoebox to.

Licking County Coalition for Care Fundraiser

The Licking County Coalition of Care will have its first signature fundraising event on **Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 4:00p.m.** at the historic Midland Theater. In keeping with the collaborative, faith-based focus of the Coalition of Care, this event gathers diverse talent from our local community for a **Gospel Celebration Concert!** This event will support the Coalition of Care's mission to put God's Love into action by helping those in our community with physical and spiritual needs. We hope that you, your family and friends can attend this event. Tickets can be purchased through the Midland Theater by visiting their web site, www.midlandtheatre.org, or by calling 345-LIVE. Contact the Coalition of Care at 670-9700 if you have any questions about this event or the work of the Coalition of Care.

FOOD FOR SENIORS

The collection box for food just inside the doors in the entryway is used for food taken to senior citizens who need help with groceries. This is a different program from the Licking County Food Pantry. It is supervised by Catholic Social Services and our church contact person is Marguerite Cooley. One service offered is to provide a two-day supply of food for seniors returning home from a nursing home stay. Please help support this ministry by picking up a few cans or packages of nonperishable food items when you do your grocery shopping and bringing them to church.

PRAYER LINE INFORMATION

The Weekly, Sunday Prayer Requests:

The "Sunday Prayer Request" is always located on the usher's stand near the back of the sanctuary, where the ushers distribute bulletins. You may write the name of someone you wish to pray for on that list. We then lift those persons named in Sunday Intercessory Prayer during worship.

We pray for persons who are ill with a more recent illness or onset of illness, persons who are traveling, persons who are newly deployed, and persons who are grieving a recent death of a loved one. The "Sunday Prayer Request"

listing of names is for more recent events and recent illness, injury, or surgery.

Monthly Prayer List: We also have a monthly Prayer Request List on which may be placed the names of people who need continued prayers but may not necessarily be part of the Prayer of the Church on Sunday. This includes persons who are facing chronic or longer term illnesses. The "Monthly Prayer Request" list is distributed with the worship bulletins once a month. Many people take the list and include the names as part of their prayers at home on in their personal time. The members of the Christ Lutheran Prayer Line also pray for these people during the week. The Monthly Prayer Request" List runs for a three month term. At the end of three months, all names are removed and a new list is started. Members of the congregation may request a name be added to or removed from the list at any time by using the blue sheets included in the Sunday worship bulletin.

Prayer Line Telephone Prayer Chain:

When a critical situation arises and someone needs immediate prayer, the Prayer Line is contacted and they follow a set procedure so each member of the group is notified and prayers begin. Gloria Hardy serves as coordinator of the Prayer Line group. Other members of the group are: Shirley Crane, Ruth Fies, Mary Ann Guilkey, Kathy Mehler, Judy Deaver, Sue Bagent, Dick Bailey, Marilyn Bodle, Dave & Carolyn Colburn, Sue Ritter, and Susanna Zellner. Thanks to these very special people for their faithfulness in this vital ministry.

The **Monthly Prayer Request List also includes a Military Prayer List.** This list was started at the beginning of the Iraq War. The names on the list are service people for which members of our congregation have requested special prayers. As these folks serve their tours of duty and return home, the names are removed. This list will continue as long as the need exists.

OUR PRAYERS

During August and September we offered prayers for healing for Jim Landis, Lois Scroggins, Gladys Rinehart, Joy Williams, Richie & Cyle Crouse, Dave Armstrong, Dick Morris, Alison Pyle, Ali Calvert, the Storms & Mitchell Families, Bud Brooks, Betty Brooks, Alec Van Dyke, Abigail Moore, Logan Kretzmann, Robb Burgie, and others as requested by our church family. We prayed for comfort in grief for the Family of Joe Menne (Amy Block's father), the Family of Lee Pyles, The Family of Helen Loucero (Yvette Van Dyke's grandmother), the Family of Dolores Frey (Joey Alexander's grandmother); the Family & Friends of Bishop John Schrieber, and the Family of Jackie Rice. Our prayers for safety and strength continued for our service people serving far from home, especially Greg Allender, Deb Storms, Rich Horst, Randy Record, Jr., and Curtis Pyle. We asked for God's blessings and guidance through various other petitions.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thanks to Bob Wilson for making our new sign up clipboard area in the church lobby. Just look to the right wall as you enter the doors and you will easily find the sign up sheets and announcements for upcoming ministry and service opportunities.

Thanks to Denney Morris for mowing the church yard this summer and to members of the O.R. F. Men's group from the church for mowing in the spring and fall. Thanks to Dave & Carolyn Colburn, Nancy Kraning, Joyce Williams, Dick & Kay Bailey for cleaning up and sprucing up the side yard of the church in Aug & September. It looks so great. Thank you to the entire Gardening Team and the leadership of Kay Bailey for all your work in the gardens around the church. We have a lot of very loving and talented gardeners whose care is visible all around the church building. These folks tend the gardens on their own time, with hard work and do so quietly, often without notice as they work, but we sure do notice the beauty of their care. Thank you!

Dear Pastor Kris,

Please thank your congregation for the wonder Baby Shower they had for us. Your collection of 150 items has been added to gift bags and distributed to our five hospitals. What a great job you did partnering with us on this project. Your List: 9 receiving blankets, 19 sleepers, 64 onesies, 27 pairs of socks, 5 baby washes/shampoos, 3 ointments, 1 box wipes, and handmade items including 4 blankets, 9 hats & booties.

We have 47 Newborns in Need chapters across the USA that were a part of this event. Thank you again for helping us help the babies in our area.

Ann Marie Van Guilder,
President
Greater Newark, Ohio Newborns in Need

Dear Pastor Santiago and Congregation Members:

On behalf of our staff and ten happy children of Garfield Elementary School in Heath, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your gracious gift of school supplies.

As you know, many of our parents are financially strapped right now and do not have the money or are unable to send their child to school with the supplies they need for the 2008-09 school year. When you are a K-2 student it is extremely important to be able to "be like the other children" and have new crayons, pencils, paper, scissors, and new book bag.

Thank you again for thinking of our students and especially to Carol Hughes for orchestrating this most worthwhile project. Feel free to come and visit us anytime.

Sincerely,
Valerie R. Bailey
Principal

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS OFF TO A GREAT

START! Our sincere thanks to our 2008-2009 teachers: Pre-K Class: Christi Brooks and Jill Mirmohamed; Grades K-2: Kim Braskie and Dianne Sullivan; Grades 3-4: Chris Fisher and Lisa Zehnal and helper Christy Ebel; Grades 5-6: Rhonda White and Mason & Yvette Van Dyke; High School Class: Eric Santiago and Ross Shannon; Adult Class: Pastor Jim Hughes and Denney Morris.

In November the Sunday School Classes will help the children prepare to share a special Children's Sabbath on Sunday, Nov. 16. In December, the Sunday School Classes and all children and youth are invited to have fun and participate in the Youth & Children's Christmas Program on Dec. 14 at 4:30pm followed by supper for family and friends and everyone who enjoyed the program!

CATECHISM CLASS for 7-8th graders

Catechism is a two year preparatory time of faith formation for this age group of youth. Catechism follows-up on the promises made by parents and godparents at the time a child is baptized. Parents promise to raise them in the Christian faith and in the sacraments and life of the Church. Catechism helps provide additional education and understanding of the Bible, the Sacraments, the Church, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will meet every Sunday during Sunday School time in Pastor's office. Class time is 9:30 am- 10:15 am. Pastor Kris Santiago and Faye Landis teach this class.

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

We call this class "Inquirer's Class" for persons who are inquiring about church membership. If you would like to learn more about the ELCA, about Christ Lutheran congregation, about the ministries you can become involved with at Christ Lutheran and meet the other folks who are also interested in becoming part of this congregation and participating in its community life, worship, and outreach ministry....then join us!

We meet on Sunday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 12 from 9:30am –10:15 am. We meet in the church social hall. New Members will be received Sunday, October 26 (Reformation Sunday) at either service they attend. We will have a welcome reception for you after the 10:30am service!

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP SMALL GROUP MINISTRY FOR ADULTS WILL MEET THE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 FROM 7-8PM

All adults are welcome. This is a chance to share our faith together as friends, to make new friends in Christian faith, and to cherish our friends from over the years as we grow together in Christ Jesus. Bring a Bible and join us!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We have two Youth Groups

- 1. Grades 3-6, the "Rising Christians"**
- 2. Grades 7-12, "Teen Mission Christ's Team"**

****BOTH YOUTH GROUPS MEET THE SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH AFTER THE 10:30AM WORSHIP****

Trunk or Treat! : Sat. Oct. 25

THIS IS A GREAT ACTIVITY FOR KIDS ALL AGES. YOUNGER CHILDREN ARE WELCOME, ALL AGES. Parents welcome to come along and have fun with your child. 6:00 PM CRAFTS & GAMES We will decorate pumpkins and bob for apples. The older youth are asked to arrive at 5:45pm to help with games and crafts.

7:00 PM TRUNK OR TREAT in the church parking lot. Adults from the church need to have your cars parked by 7pm. We must be careful that all cars are parked by then so no little ones are walking in the parking lot while a car is moving. Once all are parked, we will begin.

What is Trunk or Treat? Children and Youth dress in costumes and collect treats from the adults of the church who have parked their cars in the parking lot. You can decorate your car trunk with fun decorations. Since all ages are involved and we do this as a Church Family, we ask that all costumes and decorations are respectful of family

environment and young children. We request that nothing be done to scare any children or youth. This is a very gentle, safe, family-centered activity.

BOTH YOUTH GROUPS MEET AFTER THE 10:30AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY, OCT. 12

Rising Christians (grades 3-6) will have devotions led by Jenna Sullivan and they will make goody bags for Trunk or Treat children. Each family is to bring one bag of candy to share for the goody bags. Yvette Van Dyke is the parent contact for the Rising Christian youth group.

Both Youth Groups SERVICE MINISTRY RAKE & RUN!- Sat. Nov. 1, 10am-1pm – for both youth groups to join in and help. We rake the yards of senior adults who may need help with that. We rake the yard, bag the leaves and then go onto the next house. We will not be doing other yard work, only raking of leaves. We want to have time to help as many folks as possible. The Youth and adult chaperones/drivers do this service ministry for free. Meet at the church. Bring work gloves, one box of leaf bags, and a rake. If you have a “leaf vacuum” you could bring, that would be very helpful.

Older Youth Group” Teen Mission Christ’s Team”: grades 7-12 Service Project in October:

Come and walk with the CROP WALK on Sunday, Oct. 19 beginning at 1pm at Hopewell Hall OSU Campus Newark. Our Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) of our synod are encouraging all High School and Middle School age Lutheran youth to do what we can to fight hunger together. With parental permission, you can walk to fight Hunger with the CROP WALK. It only takes about 2 hours and is a fun way to spend time with friends. Get a walker form from Linda Patton or ask Pastor Kris or Eric Santiago about it and they will help to get the walker forms to you. Your parent needs to sign to give you permission to walk, unless you are already 18.

Let’s do this as a group to fight hunger in God’s world!

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING July 2009 in New Orleans. We have 10 High School Youth and 4 chaperones definitely going to New Orleans!

While there, our high school youth will join with an estimated 36,000 ELCA High School youth! New Orleans asked the ELCA to come before Katrina hit. We are going to be involved in service projects all over the area. WE will worship daily, study the Bible daily, and serve in Christ’s love daily. It is a life-changing blessing for our youth to attend. They have been working hard, creating the first Christ Lutheran Cook Book last spring, and serving in “Rent A Youth” this past summer. In November, the youth will make sub sandwiches right before the OSU-Michigan Game for you to take home and enjoy while watching the game.

Funds will help our youth get to New Orleans. More detailed info will be included in the November Light of Christ.

Longaberger Homestead Fundraiser Day for the Youth Group going to New Orleans Sat. Nov. 8. Christi Brooks:contact person. SEE FULL PAGE FLYER IN THIS NEWS

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

Welcome Reception for New Members and Confirmands will be hosted by the Fellowship Ministry Team on Sunday, Oct. 26 after the 10:30 am service.

We need volunteers to help make punch and set out plates and napkins for cake that day. We also need volunteer help that day to clean up after the reception. Please talk to Ruth Fies or Todd Carmer if you can help.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 11.at 8am. The breakfast will not be held in the social hall due to the Ceremony happening that day. Men’s breakfast will meet at another location which will be announced closer to that date.

Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday. October 25 at 8:30am.

Pastor Kris will be out of state from Sunday evening Oct. 19 through Friday afternoon, Oct. 24 at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Elizabethtown, Ky. Pastor Jim Hughes is on call in case of emergency 344-8378. Pastor Bill Rauch is the second pastor on call in case of emergency. If you cannot reach Pastor Hughes, you may call Pastor Rauch at 345-6115. You can also leave a message for the church secretary during church office hours and she will call Pastor Hughes if there is an emergency.

BIRTHDAYS

October 2 Joy Williams
October 2 Jenna Sullivan
October 2 Faith Gainer
October 3 John Geller
October 3 Rhonda White
October 5 Dave Colburn
October 6 Kaitlin Fitzgerald
October 7 Christi Brooks
October 7 Joe Jones
October 8 Barbara Markham
October 10 Joyce Burrows
October 13 Anne Carmer
October 14 Lindsey Andrews
October 14 Janice Schulz
October 15 Dottie Hitchcock
October 16 Gladys Rinehart
October 19 Bud Brooks
October 22 Arlene Burgie
October 22 Denise Ploetz
October 23 Kay Bailey\
October 23 Tate Elliott
October 24 Hilde Hidebrandt
October 24 Lisa Mye
October 27 Marilyn Bodle
October 29 Jarrod Sullivan

ANNIVERSARIES

October 4 Rod & Georgia Sheley
October 6 John & Kim Geller
October 9 Chuck & Tracy Davis
October 14 Ben & Christina Gainer
October 16 Dave & Carolyn Colburn
October 19 Craig & Earlene Holman
October 21 Michael & Lisa Zehnal

SOMETHING TO PONDER

Unless we can touch and feel God in the commonplaces, He is going to be a very infrequent and unfamiliar guest. For life is made up of very ordinary experiences. Now and again a novelty leaps into the way, but the customary tenor is rarely broken. It is the ordinary stars that shine upon us night after night;; it is only occasionally that a comet comes our way. Look at some of the daily commpnplaces: health, sleep, bread and butter, work, friendship, a few flowers by the wayside, the laughter of children, the ministry of song, the bright day, the cool night; if I do not perceive God in these things I have a very unhallowed and insignificant world, On the other hand, the man/woman who discovers the divine in a loaf of bread and lifts his song of praise has a wonderful world, for Divinity will call him/her on every side.

from MY MOTHER'S BIBLE:
A SCRAPBOOK OF VERSE AND WISDOM

