

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

September 2008

WORSHIP NEWS

Regular Worship Schedule resumes

Sunday, September 7, 2008

Worship @ 8:15 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:30-10:15 am

Music Ministries in September

Chancel Choir practice every Wed. evening at 7:15pm.

Praise Team practice Thursdays at 6:30pm

Refer to the September Church Calendar included in this mailing for dates.

Chime practice Thursdays at 7:30pm

Refer to the September Church Calendar included in this mailing for dates.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated in August 2008 for:

Hudson Johannes Mong

August 10

Michael Joseph Spring, Sr.,

August 17

Jordan Jolyn Spring and

Michael Joseph Spring, Jr.

August 24.

Annual Four Church Farm Worship Service & Picnic at the Farm.

Sunday, Sept 14- Worship @ 3:30pm

And PICNIC @ 4:00 pm

Worship with St. Paul, Holy Trinity, St.

John, and Christ Lutheran Churches at the

Four Church Farm. Our Praise Team will

lead worship music, and the Folk Legends

Group have been asked to play music at the

picnic. Our congregation is asked to bring

desserts. A map is included with directions

to the farm. All are welcome. We share an Ox Roast picnic at 4:00 p.m. Games for the children too.

Directions to the Farm: *(from the church)* Go north on Rt. 79, turn right at Hopewell (Matthew's Ford). Hopewell becomes Linville Road. Continue on Linville around the sharp curve near St. John's Lutheran Church. Continue on Linville Road until you see FAIRVIEW ROAD on your LEFT. Turn LEFT onto Fairview Road and continue on Fairview several miles until it comes to an end at the intersection of Ballou Road. Go straight across Ballou Road and enter the driveway of the farm.

OUR PRAYERS

During the past weeks we offered prayers for healing for Jim Landis, Gladys Rinehart, Christina Kennedy, Bud Brooks, Dave Wahl, Richie Crouse, Dick Morris, Bob Ewing, Heather Bonner, Alyssa Calvert, Lois Scroggins, Abby Moore, Logan Kretzmann, Kathy Barger, Joy Williams, Alice Meagher, Wilma Mathews, and others as requested by our church family. We prayed for comfort in grief for the Family of Richard Bell, Syrena Gibson, the Family of Mary Smith, the Family of Helen McKitrick, the Family of David Ash, the Family of Barbara Arent, the Family of JoAnn Campisano, Helen Loucero, Family of Olive Kirtpatrick-Seif, Family of Max Kerns, the Mark Keller Family, and Rex & Nancy Frizzell. Our prayers for safety and strength continued for our service people serving far from home including Rich Horst, Randy Record soon to be deployed to Iraq, and Curtis Pyle awaiting deployment orders, and prayers of thanksgiving for the safe return home of Jason Hoover. We asked for God's blessings and guidance through various other petitions.

Upcoming Weddings this fall

David & Sheri (Hunt) Fleming – Sat. Oct. 11
John Loewendick & Lauren Barclay –
Sat. October 18

Acolyte Training/ Meeting will be held **On Sunday, Sept. 21 right after the 10:30 am** **service in the sanctuary.**

Acolytes light the candles and help with offering plates at the 10:30 am service. Children in grades 3-8 are welcome to acolyte. We offer this training for children new to this, so they know what to do. At the very first part of this meeting, we'd like all acolytes to be present to go over any updates in scheduling or service. Then we will focus after than on training new acolytes. The current acolytes do not have to stay for training, unless they would like to help train the new acolytes. If your child is interested please bring them to this meeting.

Worship Announcement for High School Youth- We invite you to step into worship leadership. Please talk to Pastor Kris if you would like to help during Sunday worship as Lay Readers, Ushers, or Assisting Ministers. We want you to know that your leadership in the congregation is valued and important!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 7 @ 9:30am

**THIS IS A FUN DAY FOR THE
START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

We will begin in the social hall with some light breakfast foods and then we will dismiss the children by class to their Sunday School rooms

Sunday School classes meet from 9:30-10:15am.

Classes: Preschool *ages 2- pre-kindergarten.*
Kindergarten-2nd graders
3-4 Grade class
5-6 Grade Class
7-8 Grade Class Catechism Class
High School Class
Teachers: Preschool: Christi Brooks &

Jill Mirmohamed

K-2: Dianne Sullivan & Kim Braskie
3-4 Grade Class: Lisa Zehnal & helper
Christy Ebel

5-6 Grade Class: Rhonda White and
Yvette & Mason Van Dyke
7-8 Grade Catechism Class: Pastor Kris &
Faye Landis
High School Class: Eric Santiago
Adult Class: Rev Jim Hughes &
Denney Morris

**Thanks to all the teachers and
helpers. We are blessed by your
ministry!**

Catechism Class is for all youth in 7-8 grades and meets on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour.

Attendance at this class is required in order for a child to be prepared for Confirmation in the fall of their 9th grade year. We meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour throughout the school year. We usually take a break at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and around the time of Spring break because the attendance in this class is required more than the usual Sunday School class. This way families have the chance to take a break when the kids are on breaks from school. We will meet from September, through May.

**FIRST DATE for CATECHISM is
SUNDAY, SEPT 7 at 9:30 am in
Pastor Kris' office. Parents are
asked to attend this meeting with
their 7th or 8th grade child who is
either beginning or continuing
catechism this year.**

Friendship & Faith Adult Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship.

This group is a mid-week opportunity to build new and existing friendships here at church while we share and grow in Christian faith and study of the scripture. We will meet on the FOURTH, & FIFTH Tuesday evenings in September.

Dates: Sept. 23, & 30
Time: 7-8pm in the church social hall.
Come as often and when you like.
Join in the conversation and enjoy being with friends.

THANKS TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS! We enjoyed a wonderful

Vacation Bible School Aug. 13 -16. Part of the time we met at the church and then finished up with fun at the Four Church Farm! Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway and prayed for this very important ministry for our kiddos. Thank you to Lisa Mye, our VBS Director; To Eric Santiago, Nancy Kraning, Alec Van Dyke, Jill Mirmohamed, Larry & Christi Brooks, Kim Braskie, Hank & Paula Fitzgerald, Kathy Mehler, and Heidi Alexander. The theme this year was "God's Big Back Yard"!

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC THANK YOU:

We've enjoyed a summer of special music at our worship services. Members of the congregation look forward to each solo and ensemble during the Chancel Choir's summer off. I'd like to thank the following people for volunteering to share their talents with us this summer. Carol Hill, members of the Chime Ensemble, Lisa Mye, Mary Ann Guilkey, Carolyn Peterson, Deb Groff, Sally Balser, Joni Miller, Dick Bailey, Barb Bell, Anne and Todd Carmer, Bob Deaver, Vince Swinehart, and the members of Folk Legends Dulcimers.

Thank you all,
Marilyn Yekisa

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS- INQUIRER'S CLASS WILL MEET THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR FROM 9:30-10:15 AM. THOSE DATES ARE OCT. 5 AND OCT. 12.

Please let Pastor Kris know of your interest in church membership before the October classes. If you are interested in learning more about Christ Lutheran Church and wish to become a member of the congregation, we ask

you to attend these two classes so that you have the opportunity to meet other new members, to ask questions, and to have the chance to learn more about Christian faith, the ELCA Lutherans, and this congregation. Please let Pastor Kris know if you want to become a new member so she can prepare the classes.

New members will be welcomed on Sunday, October 26.

ANNUAL CAR SHOW BENEFIT

The Annual Car Show Benefit will be held at Christ Lutheran Church **Saturday, September 20, 10am-2pm.**

Lots of food, great cars, games, silent basket auction, prizes. Help is needed, call Joyce Williams if you want to help.

This year the Car Show proceeds go to assist two Licking County families with medical expenses. Free will donations given at the Car Show will be supplemented by the Knox-Licking County chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on **Saturday, September 13 at 8:00 am** in the church social hall.

Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet on **Saturday, Sept. 27 at 8:30am-** *this month due to the Car Show date being on the third Sat. of the month.* Usually the Women's Prayer Breakfast meets on the third Saturday each month at 8:30am

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The Folk Legends Music Group continues to meet in the social hall on the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 6:45pm. The group members are from throughout Licking County and several group members are from our congregation.

We are thankful to Folk Legends for also sharing the worship music with us all on Sunday, August 31 and they will play at the Four Church Farm Picnic on September 14.

The Licking County Coalition of Care helps families with emergency financial needs in three ways: 1. Rental or utility assistance
2. Medical assistance with medicines
3. Gasoline assistance for folks who need that to get to the doctor or to get to a job.
Our church helps the Licking County Coalition of Care every month with a financial donation.

They also need some in-kind donations: Good used or new paperback NIV Bibles, And good used, or new books for children. Keep the Licking County Coalition of Care in your prayers. They do an awesome job of helping the many families right now who are facing unemployment and high gas and food prices.

If you would like to help by being a volunteer, you are welcome to talk to Carol Hughes, who is the Volunteer Coordinator.

THE CHRIST LUTHERAN WEBSITE is found at www.Christ-in-heath.org

**It has the monthly newsletter posted in it, photos from recent events, info about our congregation, the monthly calendar, the monthly listing of worship assistants, Car Show info, a monthly devotion from Pastor Kris, and weekly podcasts so that you can hear the Sunday morning worship service; and much more....HOW COOL IS THAT!
Our thanks to Eldon Peterson for being our Council Rep for Outreach and Evangelism and for making our church website so fantastic and so easy to use.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry is pleased to announce that Janice Schulz' pattern for the "Pocket Prayer Shawl" will be included in a new book to be published by the founders of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo. Pocket Prayer Shawls are small enough to be held in the hand and can be carried in your pocket. These little pocket prayer shawls are able to accompany folks who are in the

hospital and in any place where a larger prayer shawl might not be as convenient to carry.

The new Prayer Shawl book is published in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Prayer Shawl Ministry which these Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo founded in 1998. The founders are graduates Harford Seminary in Ct. and together formed what has come to bless our congregation among hundreds of other congregations and groups as "Prayer Shawls". We are grateful to Janice Schulz and the entire Christ Lutheran Prayer Shawl group for the heart and soul they give to this gracious and loving ministry. The PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY here meets at the church the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. If you would like to join them, please do. They will even teach you to knit or crochet the prayer shawls and pocket prayers shawls.

Thank you to everyone who helped with donations of Back To School Supplies for the children-in-need who attend Garfield Elementary School in Heath. Those donations were collected in August and helped 9 children at Garfield with new backpacks filled with all the necessary supplies. Thank you for your generosity!

CROP WALK IS COMING in OCTOBER but we start getting ready in September. The date of the 2008 Crop Walk to Fight Hunger will be **Sunday, Oct. 19 beginning at 1pm at Hopewell Hall , OSU Newark Campus.** Last year, our congregation placed #1 for donations given to CROP WALK! If you want to be a walker this year, please let Linda Patton know. She has graciously agreed to be our CROP WALK coordinator again this year. CROP WALK helps fight hunger through awareness, community advocacy, and financial donations that go to our Local Food Pantry and to fight hunger all over the world. Children are welcome to walk with their parents. Middle School and High School youth are welcome to walk as long as they have parental signature for permission.

The youth are encouraged to walk this year as a service ministry on Oct. 19.

Youth Ministry

Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts of the High School Youth who are going to New Orleans in 2009! Thank you for your support of "Rent-A-Youth" this summer, and your support of the Christ Lutheran Cook Book which was assembled by our High School youth.

Attention! all High School Youth who plan to go to the July 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.
We will meet in the social hall on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 after the 10:30 am worship service.
IF YOU PLAN TO GO TO NEW ORLEANS, YOU NEED TO BE AT THIS MEETING. We need a final count of who is actually going so that we know where we stand with fundraising to get there.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING FOR ALL YOUTH IN Junior Youth (grades 3-6) and Senior Youth (grades 7-12) is SUNDAY SEPT 7 after the 10:30 am worship service. We will initially all meet together and then break into separate groups 1) for the High School Youth going to New Orleans, and 2) for all other youth to plan fall activities.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT IN SEPTEMBER
Grades 7-12 Youth Group Service Project for September is helping with the Car Show set-up from 9-10am and/ or clean up from 2-3pm Your help is much appreciated!

Congratulations Alec! Alec Van Dyke is the new Vice President of the Southern Ohio Synod Lutheran Youth Organization. He will meet and work with other High School Youth from ELCA congregation in the southern

half of Ohio. We are so proud of Alec and rejoice with him about this great opportunity!

CAMP KERN 2009 ELCA SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD YOUTH WEEKEND WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY 2009, BUT WE HAVE TO REGISTER NOW...

Camp Kern is between Dayton & Cincinnati. Please see Eric Santiago for registration forms. We MUST have everyone registered by September 21 so we can get the discounted rate. Cost is \$10 per youth. Please make check out to Christ Lutheran Church and mark the memo "youth group". Everyone who has gone the last two years has a blast at this weekend gathering. You can reach Eric on Sundays at church or call him at home.

A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

NOTES OF THANKS

THANKS ORFS! On behalf of the congregation, I would like to thank the ORF group for their recent help in various church projects. There are many unsung heroes in our congregation who quietly are there to help without earthly compensation or recognition. I just wanted to say thank you to the ORFs for their recent work in refastening the church pews. You are special to us all.

Kay Bailey, Property

To Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Prayer Shawl Ministry, My Secret Sister, and Pastor Kris,

Thank you for prayers, cards, candy, and my beautiful prayer shawl. I am not back on both feet (yet) but I will be soon.

Love!!!
Ali Calvert

Dear Members of the Congregation,

We want to thank you for participating in the Newborns in Need baby shower. Once again you have amazed us with your generosity. We collected the following: 9 receiving blankets, 19 sleepers, 64 onesies, and 27 pairs of socks. Handmade items included 4 blankets and 9 hats with matching booties. There were 5 baby washes, 3 ointments, and one box of wipes. Once again thank you.

Janice Schulz for the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Pastor Kris and fellow worshipers,

Celebrate with Mike, Monte, Kathy, and me that Wilma will be returning to her home in Heath on August 21st. She will continue physical therapy to get back on her feet again, recovering from the broken ankle. Thank you for your visits, flowers, and the beautiful prayer shawl that have helped her through this trying time.

Linda Mathews

Six-year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.

Finally his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

ANNIVERSARIES

September 7 Dick & Kay Bailey
September 8 Gerald & Janice Schulz
September 12 Lee & Becky Wilson
September 16 John & Deb Groff
September 20 Rob & Alyssa Calvert
September 22 Mark & Cindy Manning
September 23 Kris & Eric Santiago
September 26 Denny & Carole Spearman
September 28 Frank & Beth Annarino

BIRTHDAYS

September 1 Junior King
September 2 Claire Zehnal
September 4 Dustin Weaver
September 2 Todd Carmer
September 5 Jacob Claypool
September 5 Christina Gainer
September 6 Kathy Mehler
September 6 Eldon Peterson
September 8 Dusty Antritt
September 8 Abigail Moore
September 8 Tom Olson
September 9 Jennifer Duncan
September 10 Cyle Crouse
September 10 Jacob Santiago
September 11 Kathy Bigler
September 11 Sophia Mirmohamed
September 12 Jack Guilkey
September 12 Ruth Kassell
September 13 Chris Joehlin
September 14 Hunter Back
September 15 Craig Holman
September 15 Ben Bristow
September 16 Kandy Claypool
September 17 Frank Annarino
September 18 Doug Weaver
September 18 Sharon Mye
September 19 Mallory Maier
September 20 Bev Lawhon
September 20 Marilyn Yekisa
September 22 Sheri Armstrong
September 23 Craig White
September 23 Christina Kennedy
September 24 Matthew Bowman
September 25 Diane Sheppard
September 27 Faye Landis
September 27 Kim Braskie

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "It's Adam's suit."

