

College Hill Crier

Newsletter of
College Hill Lutheran Church
and Brammer Student Center

Dear Family in Christ,

One of the best things about going to the seminary is that you get to meet some of the world's greatest Bible teachers. Among those at Fort Wayne was a man named Kurt Marquart. Last September he was called to his eternal home and his colleague, Dr. David P. Scaer, had this to say:

"Kurt came as close to being that ideal Renaissance man as is now possible. He used his scientific knowledge to defend the unborn and dispute the foundations of evolution. He had a love for apologetics in defense of the Christian proclamation... Kurt was as much at home with those of high academic and intellectual achievements as he was with those who were rich in faith but poor as measured by relative poverty. Theological commitment and missionary zeal lived within him in the perfect harmony intended by Christ's great commission... Yes, he will be remembered for many things, but our church will remember him for his courage in the promotion and defense of our Lutheran confession that he demonstrated in the lecture halls of our seminary as well as in presentations to clergy and laity throughout the United States and the rest of the world... His students bid him farewell as their father in Christ. We all salute him as a fellow saint who has attained the glory to which we all strive." (*Concordia Theological Quarterly*, Vol. 71 No. 1, Jan. 2007; 86-87).

Dr. Marquart quickly became one of my favorite professors at the seminary. I remember him saying in class one day that he believed we all should have refresher courses in Christian doctrine. He knew that the plague of our church body was the emphasis on teaching the Christian faith to our young in preparation for confirmation only to let it stop there. Our churches should, rather, *continuously* teach the Christian faith throughout the life of a Christian. This is done of course in the midst of the Divine Service every Sunday when we gather to hear God's Word and receive His forgiveness. But what Dr. Marquart was insisting upon was an opportunity for the faithful Christians to gather around the teaching of God's Word in a class much like we stress among our youth. This might be done in Bible study on Sunday mornings or as a class sometime during the week.

For this reason, I am dedicating the 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening Lenten services to the six chief parts of Christian doctrine as a way of refreshing our hearts and minds in the Christian faith. The schedule will be as follows:

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 6th

The 10 Commandments – Feb. 13th

The Creed – Feb. 20th

The Lord's Prayer – Feb. 27th

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – March 5th

Confession – March 12th

The Sacrament of the Altar- March 20th (*Maundy Thursday*)

I really hope that all of you will take this opportunity during these forty days of Lent to be refreshed in the Christian doctrine that we hold so dear from God's Holy Word.

Pastor John Wegener

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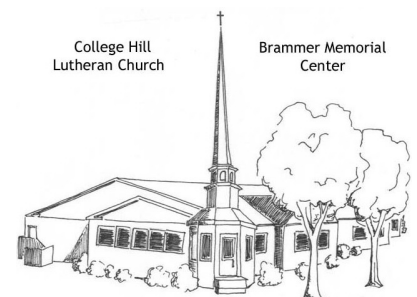
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LADIES, JOIN US!



All women of the congregation are invited to join us for Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 9:30. The first Thursday of the month, a brief LWML (Evening Guild) meeting will be held to discuss activities for the month. The LWML Prayer service is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran

Church, Waterloo. Contact Marcia Stirler about travel arrangements.

You are also invited to the next Evening Bible Study on Thursday, February 21. We will meet from 7-8 p.m. We will be taking a look at Lydia. What lessons can we apply to our own lives from her story?

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD FEBRUARY 10

It is time for another wonderful CHLC potluck on Sunday, February 10 following worship. We will have our faith fed in worship, then we will enjoy fellowship and food in the meal that follows.

LSF will be hosting the meal. College Hill fam-

ily members are asked to bring two dishes to share. Single members are asked to bring one dish. The students will be our guests.

Mark your calendar, plan to be there, and bring a friend.

LENTEN SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP

How about a change of pace?
Ready for a different activity? With less work? Easy to enjoy?
You have it!

The Lenten social fellowship will follow worship service, instead of a meal prior to worship. The fellowship hour will include coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies or bars.

All the makings will be furnished by the con-

gregation with monies donated at Sunday morning fellowship times.

This will allow the LSF members to join congregation members for a quick snack before they head downstairs to Bible Study.

Make plans to participate. Volunteers to get goodies set out will be appreciated.

SADDLING UP TO SERVE

The UNI Lutheran Student Fellowship will be having its annual dinner theater in February on the 15th and 16th to help support its annual spring break servant event. Past locations have included New Orleans, Arizona, the Carolinas and Florida. For 2008 the LSF is looking to head west to serve the Lord in either Colorado or Texas.

Plans are progressing for this year's event. Good food and great entertainment. The doors open on Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m., supper begins at 6:00 p.m. and the theater starts

around 7:00 p.m. If you would like to purchase tickets to a night of dinner theater or would just like to donate towards the cause, please contact Brad Brons at 605-321-9078 or email at brad_brons@yahoo.com. The proceeds will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Remember those dates, mark your calendar, and plan to have a table of friends join you at this annual LSF Dinner Theater.

2008 BOARD MEMBERS

Evangelism – Doris Mauer

Campus Ministry – Tim Gamble

Church Properties – Scott Ackles

Education – Nancy Neessen

Lay Ministry – Kevin DeVries

Stewardship – Nick Anderson

Member at Large - Keith Macomber

Financial Secretary – Suzanne Riehl

Treasurer – Tim Tjarks

NEEDED AND WANTED

There are two on-going projects at College Hill Lutheran Church that need your assistance and involvement.

First, the ladies of the church intend to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief or Orphan Grain Train again next fall. SO, you are asked to donate any pieces of fabric, any size and any type to be used for backing and quilt tops. The quilters use crochet thread for tying the quilts and SO any left over thread that you have will be appreciated. It is possible that some yarn may be of use also. There will be a box under the narrow table in the gathering area for placing your donations. If you have any questions about fabric or other supplies feel free to contact Ruby Wegener for an answer.

Secondly, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is collecting empty ink cartridges and used cell phones to redeem for \$\$\$\$. The monies secured this way by the LWML in Iowa Districts East and West will be used to finance the LWML National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa. Please place your donation in the designated box located under the narrow table in the gathering area.

Thank you for responding to these requests, The gathering of all items will be a long-lasting project. So, keep them in mind all spring, summer and fall.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

What a treat it was to deliver fifty-two quilts and boxes of clothing to the Orphan Grain Train in Ida Grove, operated by Iowa District West Lutheran Laymen's League. The volunteers at the site were so excited to have the quilts to send to those in need at times of crisis in the US or to foreign countries.

Thank you to all the ladies who worked to tie the quilts and prepare them for gifting. A special thanks to Ruby Wegener for organizing the project and teaching/directing the "quilters" in their role.

Thank you to the children who worked so hard and well to present a Christmas Memories Service for the congregation, parents, family and friends to enjoy. The practices, learning of songs and pieces to recite were well done. Thank you, boys and girls. Thanks also to the youth group students who stepped up and took a role in the service. Lastly, thanks to Nancy Neessen for directing the service and preparing the costumes and the scenery. It was very pleasant to return to a traditional Sunday Children's Service.

EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITIES

Jesus has directed us to share our faith far and wide. We have the opportunity to reach out to members of our community and the college students on a daily basis. It is time to plan evangelism outreach for 2008. Won't you become involved? There are many behind the scenes tasks as well as opportunities for per-

sonal contacts. Members of College Hill Lutheran Church step up and out sharing their faith with others. Please contact, Doris Mauer, if you are interested in being involved in the Board of Evangelism planning projects and carrying out traditional activities.

February 2008 Volunteers

GREETERS

- 3 Rebecca Cooper & Flora Brewster
- 6 Marvin & Flora Brewster
- 10 Lindsey Way & LaDawn Hankins
- 13 Josiah Brandt & LaDawn Hankins
- 17 Kate Elahi & Madeline Bruce
- 20 Zach Rowley & Madeline Bruce
- 24 Erna Blankenhagen & Bev Bolte
- 27 Erna Blankenhagen & Bev Bolte

FINANCIAL RECORDERS

- 3 Eric Schumacher & Jo Baedke
- 10 Stephanie Schumacher & Val Went
- 17 Virgil Mauer & Suzanne Riehl
- 24 Suzanne Riehl & Jo Baedke

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 3, 6 & 17 Tim Tjarks

USHERS

- 3 Tim Gamble & Brad Brons
- 6 Tim Gamble & Brad Brons
- 10 Tim Tjarks & Ivan Hankins
- 13 Tim Tjarks & Ivan Hankins
- 17 Virgil Mauer & Bob Gutknecht
- 20 Virgil Mauer & Bob Gutknecht
- 24 Bob Bolte & Delmar Blankenhagen
- 27 Bob Bolte & Delmar Blankenhagen

ACOLYTES

- 3, 6 & 17 CJ Ackles & Brian Coulthard

ALTAR GUILD

- 3—10 Carla Christensen & Erna Blankenhagen
- 17—24 Flora Brewster & Dorothea Berning

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

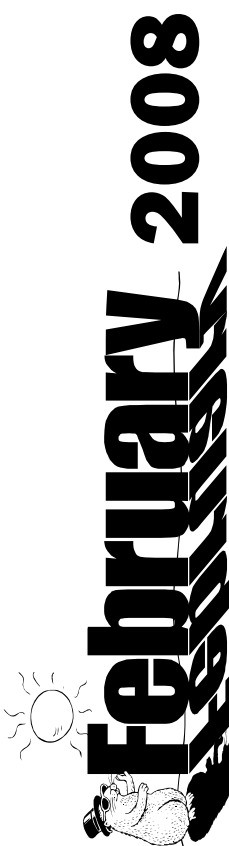
- 3 Coulthard Family & McBurney Family
- 10 Potluck—**LSF** Hosting
- 17 TBA
- 24 TBA

Thank you for your help in serving the Lord and College Hill Lutheran Church

February Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Marian Bireline | 15 Richard McBurney | 25 Carla Christensen |
| 4 Nancy Neessen | 22 Anna Adolphs | 25 Aleah Wegener |
| 10 Jeremy Goebel | 24 Val Went | 26 Jim Lonergan |
| 11 Nick Anderson | 25 Beth Ackles | 28 Morgan Fort |
| 14 Alise Williams | 25 Madeline Bruce | |

COLLEGE HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 Friendship Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday 3:30 p.m. LYF 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 8:00 p.m. Fellowship 8:30 p.m. LSF Bible Study	7 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study & Guild Meeting	1	2
10 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 11:00 a.m. Potluck	11 5:30 p.m. Lay Ministry	12 Newsletter Deadline	13 3:30 p.m. LYF 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Fellowship 8:30 p.m. LSF Bible Study	14 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	15	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Dinner Theater Feb. 15 & 16 Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. </div>
17 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	18	19 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors	20 3:30 p.m. LYF 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Fellowship 8:30 p.m. LSF Bible Study	21 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study	22	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> LYF to "Acquire the Fire" </div>
24 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	25	26	27 3:30 p.m. LYF 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Fellowship 8:30 p.m. LSF Bible Study	28 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	29	