



College Hill Crier

Newsletter of
College Hill Lutheran Church
and Brammer Student Center

“What Do You Believe?”

Last semester, two of our students (who attend College Hill on a regular basis) were walking out of the library when they were greeted by two men. These men were randomly asking students what they believed. So the two students responded by giving their confession of faith as they have been taught in the Lutheran church. When the two men heard their confession and found out that they were Lutheran, they made the remark that Lutherans, more than any others, are able to give a clear confession of the Christian faith which they hold.

As our two outstanding students explained this to our Bible study the following Wednesday evening, I wondered how I would respond if someone asked me what I believed. I would definitely want to make a clear, true, and concise statement of my faith. But what would I say?

What would *you* say?

It later dawned on me that I had an answer that really couldn't be better: The Apostles' Creed. After all, "creed" comes from the Latin "credo," which means "I believe." In the Apostles' Creed we have one of the finest, clearest, and not to mention most concise statements of the Christian faith that expresses the truth of Holy Scripture. Christians have used the Apostles' Creed for almost 2000 years to answer the same question, "What do you believe?" Christians answer saying, "I believe in God the Father almighty, etc." giving clear confession of the One True God, the Holy Trinity and His work of creation, redemption and sanctification.

Interestingly, the same two gentlemen were in Maucker Union a couple weeks later when several other students and I were enjoying Table Talk, our weekly meal together on Thursdays. One of the two students who had been approached by the two men was with us and recognized the men moving about the Union, so he pointed them out to me. The eight or nine of us who were sitting at the table were prepared to give a very unified answer if the men came our direction. We resolved to respond with the Apostles' Creed in unison! In the meantime we continued our regular chit chat waiting to see if they would make their way over to us. Well, they never did. Oh well. At least it gave us something to talk about and made us consider how we as Lutherans would respond to such a question.

The point that I want to make is that we really have something good going on in The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We don't have to stammer and stumble over our words when we have the opportunity to give a clear confession of the faith that is taught in Holy Scripture. We have it right on the tip of our tongues in the words of the Apostles' Creed. Unknowingly, we prepare ourselves for confessing the faith every time we attend the Divine Service and hear God's Word and when we continue to study the catechism. The words that we need become engrained in us. The liturgy grounds us in God's Word so that we can clearly, and boldly confess the One True God on campus!

What a blessing it is to be Lutheran! To have the liturgy and the catechism! And to be able to answer the question, "What do you believe?"

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John Wegener

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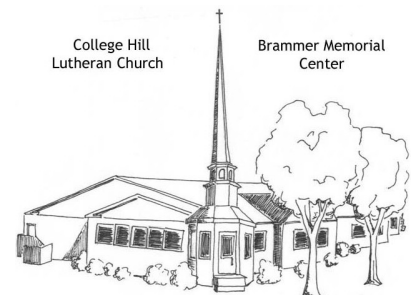
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FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

**ALERT! ALERT! LADIES
YES, TIME FOR BRUNCH**

College Hill and Brammer Student Center ladies will enjoy our February Fellowship Brunch on Saturday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's time to get together and enjoy one another's company.

Oh, yes, we'll also enjoy a delicious brunch served by Marcia Stirler and Madeline Bruce.

The program will be Petra Maier telling of her experiences as an international student at UNI, securing her masters degree in the teaching of

English as a second language, and her teaching experiences in the CIEP (Culturally Intense English Program) at UNI this year.

You won't want to miss this fun get together. An RSVP sign up sheet will be located on the table near the LWML box in the gathering area. The hostesses do need an indication of the number of guests to expect. So sign in please.

SEE YOU AT 10 ON THE 7TH

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD FEBRUARY 15, 2009

It is time for another wonderful CHLC potluck on Friendship Sunday, February 15 following worship. We will have our faith fed in worship, then we will enjoy fellowship and food in the meal that follows.

The Board of Directors will be hosting the meal. College Hill family 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 invite your friends. Invitations are available from the table in the gathering area.

DINNER THEATER FEBRUARY 20 & 21

Students Take Note

Dinner Theater weekend is here again! This is our annual fundraising dinner for our LSF Spring Break Servant Event. The dates for this year are Friday night February 20th and Saturday night February 21st here at College Hill. Any student willing to help out please let one of our LSF board members know. Dinner Theater consists of serving dinner and putting on a great acting show for our guests. So come and have a great time helping raise money for our trip!

Congregation Mark Your Calendars

Yes, the annual LSF Dinner Theater is on February's calendar, the 20th and 21st. Oh, what a fun event for us all! Food's good too!

No theme announcement yet! No menu yet! No ticket sales yet!

But you've got a date for Friday or Saturday night. Invite your friends and neighbors—make your commitment now for this joy filled event supporting LSF and their Spring Servant Trip.

2009 BOARD MEMBERS

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CHLC SUPPORTS THE ALISE WILLIAMS BENEFIT

On February 15th there will be a major Benefit for our Alise Williams.

Alise is a three year old baptized member at College Hill. She is the niece of Ivan and La Dawn Hankins. Alise has been ill since her birth and now is diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called fanconi anemia. She has already had two open heart surgeries and is facing a bone marrow transplant soon. You can read all the details of Alise's illness on the bulletin board in the gathering area or at www.caringbridge.com.

A major benefit is being held at the Cedar Falls Am Vets.

HOWEVER

An auxiliary site for the benefit will be the Fellowship Hall at CHLC where we will host a potluck

and accept donations to the Williams Benefit. There will be a basket for cash donations or checks made out to the Williams Benefit and, be advised, that an additional amount will be included in our donation from the HELP account.

At this time it is intended to request matching funds from the Black Hawk County Chapter of Thrivent. We'll keep you posted on this request. We are hoping to reach a goal of \$1500.00.

Plan now to be a part of the Williams Benefit on the 15th. Be here for potluck and make your donation then or earlier, if you choose.

For further information, contact Marcia Stirler or Doris Mauer.

LHM SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 22, 2009 AND THERE IS A LOT TO CELEBRATE!

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) proclaims God's truth in a world where Satan tries to quiet down, drown out, and shut up the message of hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Lutheran Hour Ministries works to proclaim that message loud and clear all over the world. With offices in more than 40 countries, LHM proclaims the same Gospel message in different ways depending on the culture.

The Holy Spirit works mightily through LHM and its volunteers who support its cause:

- ◆ LHM—Mexico built a Community and Day Care Center so that single mothers would not have to leave their children at home alone while they go to work. The center provides a safe and nurturing Christian environment for children while their mothers attend their classes and worship services.
- ◆ LHM—Guatemala volunteer Rosa and others visited the main meeting place of a local gang, whose members were waging a campaign of terror throughout the area. Rosa spoke to the gang members about God's love, and the Holy

Spirit worked in their lives. They now study God's Word through LHM's **Bible correspondence courses**.

- ◆ In the United States, LHM recognized that young men are becoming less likely to attend and lead in their churches, which affects their role as the spiritual head of their family. LHM's new **Men's NetWork** was introduced to re-engage men so that they can enjoy the blessings of a deeper relationship with Christ.

We state what Satan would stifle. We declare what the Devil would downplay—the pure and powerful message of the Savior's love. This is the message that LHM proclaims and it will not be silenced.

We need your help to get the word out! LHM is independently funded by caring individuals like you. It receives no direct support from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. As a result, LHM can only reach out in direct proportion to the support we receive from generous Christians.

February 2009 Volunteers

GREETERS

- 1 Macayla Stern & Kate Elahi
- 8 Abbey Doering & Mary Alice Seaba
- 15 Lindsey Way & Zach Rowley
- 22 Abbey Doering & Mary Howell
- 25 Lindsey Way & Jeff Lentz

USHERS

- 1 Tim Gamble & Zach Rowley
- 8 Bob Bolte & Eric Wolter
- 15 Kevin DeVries & Josiah Brandt
- 22 Virgil Mauer & Jeff Lentz
- 25 Keith Macomber & Tim Gamble

FINANCIAL RECORDERS

- 1 Dustin Lilleskov & Keith Macomber
- 8 Suzanne Riehl & Virgil Mauer
- 15 Jo Baedke & Val Went
- 22 Suzanne Riehl & Nancy Neessen

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 1, 15 & 25 Tim Tjarks

ACOLYTES

- 1, 15 & 25 CJ Ackles & Brian Coulthard

ALTAR GUILD

- 1—8 Flora Brewster & Dorothea Berning
- 15—25 Erna Blankenhagen & Lillian Lonergan

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 1 Macomber Family & Mauer Family
- 8 TBA
- 15 Potluck—Board of Directors Hosting
- 22 TBA

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

February Birthdays

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| 4 Marian Bireline | 22 Anna Adolphs | 25 Carla Christensen |
| 4 Nancy Neessen | 23 Jean Ihns | 25 Aleah Wegener |
| 11 Nick Anderson | 24 Val Went | 26 Jim Lonergan |
| 14 Alise Williams | 25 Beth Ackles | 28 Morgan Fort |
| 15 Richard McBurney | 25 Madeline Bruce | |

COLLEGE HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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. Fellowship	2 7:30 p.m. YAW Bible Study	3	4 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. LSF Bible Study	5 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon LSF Table Talk	6	7 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Brunch
8 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. Fellowship	9 5:30 p.m. Lay Ministry 7:30 p.m. YAW Bible Study	10	11 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. LSF Bible Study	12 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon LSF Table Talk Newsletter Deadline	13	14
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