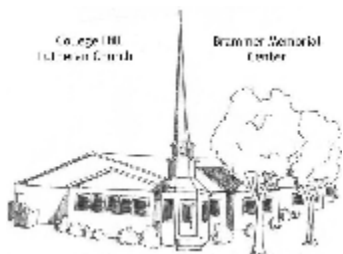

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A Note from Pastor Ogilvie

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my favorite hymns is “My Song Is Love Unknown” LW #91. Coupled with a beautiful melody are words that elucidate the deep, deep love our Lord has for us. This Lenten hymn paints a clear picture of the extent to which Jesus went to secure our salvation.

The hymn begins with the wonder that He who is love came to the loveless human race whose members are largely only concerned about themselves. Yet, for loveless, sinful people like you and me, He comes in human flesh for the purpose of dying for us.

March literally begins with Lent this year as Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st this year. For six weeks, we will focus on that love of Christ that brings us life. It is the season when we focus most clearly on the sacrifice that was made to bring light and life to a dark and dying world. The season has a somber tone to it, but it brings to us the most wonderful news of the cross borne for you and me. As the hymn states:

What may I say?
Heav’n was his home
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

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Proclaiming the Passion this Lenten Season

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During the Lenten season, our midweek worship will focus on “Proclaiming the Passion.” Utilizing the account of the Passion of Our Lord, we will spend the season meditating on the events spanning from the Upper Room to Calvary.

This is not only a key season for you to reflect on the loving service our Lord rendered to win your salvation, but also a time to share with people around you the won-

derful news of Christ’s love. Take the opportunity to invite people around you who are not part of a Christian fellowship or do not know the wonders of the Gospel to come and share in worship.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, our schedule will begin with a light supper served from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. Utilize these opportunities to expose more people to the Good News of Jesus Christ as we endeavor to set the world ablaze with the love of God.

Denver CO Here We Come

This year LSF is going to Colorado for Spring Break, March 11-17!

We'll be staying at University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, CO and serving organizations in both Boulder and Denver. We have 22 people attending the trip!

In Denver we'll be working with Children's Outreach Project, which is a school that works with children with special needs. At Project Angel Heart, we'll help prepare meals for patients with terminal diseases. Neighborhood Partners will have us work on a building project for low-income families, and the Food Bank of the Rockies will have us work in their warehouse. In

Boulder we will head up the mountains to thin ponderosa trees to prevent forest fires in the summer.

We're looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to witness in a different state and to grow both spiritually and in fellowship!

There will be a final Spring Break meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. We'll go over the final schedule, things to bring, hand in medical forms and go over any other last minute details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Heather Birk at kitten@uni.edu or Matthew Nielson at mattn@uni.edu.



Guest Preacher in Pastor's Absence

Pastor Ogilvie will be out of town during Spring Break as he travels with the college students to Colorado. Pastor Tom Wegener, retired pastor from Faith, Waterloo, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 12, and Wednesday, March 15. Make him feel welcome as he shares God's Word with us.

Pastor Wegener will also be available in case of pastoral emergency in Pastor Ogilvie's absence. If you need pastoral care during this time, call the church office at 266-1274, or call Pastor Wegener at 236-1065.

A Note from Pastor Ogilvie

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This is news we never tire of hearing. It is an account that comes with the same power, strength and beauty every time we hear it. Thus we sing:

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

In Christ,
Pastor Ogilvie

Your Help is Needed



March is another great time to think about other people who have needs that many of us have never experienced. We will be doing a food drive the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Items they need at this time are peanut butter, can meat, Ramen noodles, canned fruit and vegetables, box meals that are complete or if you would rather give money, \$1.00 can buy \$13.31 worth of food. (And during March the food bank will receive addi-

tional matching money from the Alan Feinstein Foundation)

Please consider giving to this worthy cause during the month. Food donations may be put in the box in the back of the church and money donations may be put in your Sunday envelope with a note telling the counters how much money is to go to the food bank. Thank you in advance for showing the community that College Hill Lutheran Church cares about the community.

Evening Guild Meeting

This month the Evening Guild resumes meeting in the evening at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 2nd in the fellowship hall at CHLC. Resuming our study of RSOs (Recognized Service Organizations of the LCMS) Ann Rueber will pre-

sent a program on People of the Book (POBLO), our program of outreach to people of the Muslim faith. Devotions will be led by Erna Blankenhagen. Hostesses for the evening are Erna Blankenhagen and Juanita Flanscha. All ladies are invited to attend.



College Hill to Host IDE Workshops

College Hill will be the site of IDE Lay Leadership Workshops on Saturday, March 11. The workshops will focus on the role of Elders in the congregation, Sunday School, and rural and small parishes. Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m., with opening worship at 9:00 and workshops beginning at 9:20.

- 3 Dorothea Berning
- 8 Conrad Hutcheson
- 9 Charla DeVries
- 17 Jacob Christensen
- 22 Nancy Ott
- 28 Amanda French
- 30 Lori Dove
- 30 Sheri Orth
- 31 John Kane



- 1 Nancy & Orlan Ott 31years
- 21 LaDawn & Ivan Hankins 14 years

LLL News

Attention: All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are invited to attend the annual Iowa East District LLL Convention. The theme is "Enlarge the Harvest," 2 Cor. 9:10. This is the 63rd annual convention.

Location: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca.

Date: March 18, 2006

Time: Registration 9:00 a.m. Convention 10:00 a.m.

Cost: Pre-registration is \$18 (includes the banquet) At the door \$20.

Focus topics will include ministry challenges & opportunities for service, outreach challenges and opportunities for personal witness.

Come and learn more about the LEAGUE. If questions call Virgil Mauer (LLL Ambassador for CHLC) 266-6394.

Thrivent members Make Your contribution go further

It is a new year and you have another opportunity to support College Hill Lutheran Church by participating in the Thrivent GivingPlus program

for 2006. Your dollar will be matched by 50 cents for every dollar. Member's gifts must range from \$50 to \$600 for a match of \$25 to \$300. If you

contribute 25 or more hours of volunteer service, Thrivent will contribute an additional \$25. Call Virgil Mauer 266-6394 for more details.

"Maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!"

Christian stewardship is often thought of in terms of three "T's"—time, talent and treasure. Time, talent and treasure are certainly important parts of Christian stewardship, but stewardship includes a whole lot more. There are at least four other "T's" that are part of Christian stewardship. These include testimony (Christian witnessing), touch (relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), and trash (care of God's creation). This article deals with the "T" of TALENT.

Our TALENTS include the gifts, skills and abilities that God has given to us. We often hear people talking about their "God-given abilities." And this is right on target because all we are and have is a gift from a good and gracious God.

Our TALENTS include the gifts that God has entrusted to us. The 12th chapters of Romans and 1 Corinthians speak about some of these gifts and remind us that the Holy Spirit gives various gifts according to His will, and He desires that we use these gifts for the common good (1 Peter 4:10).

Using our God-given TALENTS wisely and well produces the fruit of the Spirit that Paul mentions in Galatians 5:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Just as God provided skilled workers to help with the building of the Old Testament tabernacle and temples, so He continues to bless His people today with special gifts and skills to be of service in ways that honor God and bless others. We are members of the body of Christ (in our congregations) and each of us has TALENTS to put to work within that body so that it may be built up to be the worshipping, witnessing and serving community that God intends.

Make every effort to discover your gifts, skills and abilities and find ways to put them to work in your congregation because ***"maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do, including the wise use of their talents."***



Lutheran Youth Fellowship CHLC High School Youth Group “NEWS”

Acquire the Fire

On February 10 the high school youth traveled to Ames for a great two-day event called **Acquire the Fire**. This year's theme, “*Run to the Battle*”, was presented through a mixture of drama, worship, speakers, and music . Our youth heard in-depth about the battle that is being waged for the hearts and minds of this generation of youth.

Each session examined a different battle including: The Battle for Their Heart, The Battle for Their Mind, The Battle for Their World, and the Battle for Their Generation. They were challenged to not just be “cultural Christians” but committed “Followers of Christ” and Warriors against the devil and all the lies he would have us believe. They were urged to get involved in mission work and boldly reach out to those around them both abroad and in their own neighborhoods.

An extra bonus to the weekend was linking up with some youth from Christ the King Lutheran in Altoona and making new Christian friends. The entire weekend was very inspiring and moving for the youth and for myself as well. Thank you for your continued financial support as a congregation that makes these trips possible.

Becky

My heart pounds within me, I cannot keep silent. For I have heard the sound of the trumpet; I have heard the battle cry. *Jeremiah 4:19 NIV*

Coming up in March!

Spring break starts March 12 and the high school youth will kick back for a 2- day retreat to be held at the church. In addition to a lot of learning and fun activities, we'll plan to work on putting the final touches on the fireplace lounge area. It will be exciting to use the newly decorated area for the retreat.

National Special Olympics

An exciting event coming up is the National Special Olympics to be held in Ames, Iowa, July 1-8. Our high school youth will be traveling to Ames to help at the opening ceremonies Sunday, July 2, and returning Monday night or Tuesday morning. If you are interested in helping and want more information, check out the website at www.2006nationalgames.org. You can see the schedule of events and register to help on-line. If you think you'd like to help chaperone or be there when the kids are, contact Becky McBurney. I do have a limited number of rooms reserved at a motel in Des Moines.

Check out the fireplace lounge downstairs!!

If you haven't done so already, take time to stroll downstairs and check out the fireplace lounge. Thanks to Thrivent and a great CHLC committee, the funds were made available for new carpet, paint, curtains, pillows and posters. Hopefully you'll notice a big change, especially with the removal of the wallpaper mural. Thanks to all the adults who helped with the various stages of this project. We are very grateful!!

March 2006 Volunteers

GREETERS

- 1 Jill Bollinger
- 5 Heather Birk & Lawrell Birk
- 8 Gutknecht Family
- 12 Blankenhagen Family
- 15 Hankins Family
- 19 Lonergan Family
- 22 Brad Brons
- 26 Bethany & Katelyn Madsen
- 29 Nick Anderson

USHERS

- 1 Virgil Mauer
- 5 Roger Russell & Matt Nielson
- 8 Virgil Mauer
- 12 Richard McBurney & Tim Gamble
- 15 Virgil Mauer
- 19 Marvin Brewster & Delmar Blankenhagen
- 22 Virgil Mauer
- 26 Bob Bolte & Heather Birk
- 29 Virgil Mauer

READERS

- 5 Brad Brons
- 19 Doris Mauer
- 26 Jill Bollinger

FINANCIAL RECORDERS

- 1 Suzanne Riehl
- 5 Suzanne Riehl & Johanna Baedke
- 8 Carla Christensen
- 12 Carla Christensen & Virgil Mauer
- 15 Virgil Mauer
- 19 Carla Christensen & Denise Tjarks
- 22 Suzanne Riehl
- 26 Suzanne Riehl & Johanna Baedke
- 29 Virgil Mauer

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 5 & 19 Virgil Mauer


ALTAR GUILD

- 5—12 Doris Mauer & Lori Dove
- 19—26 Madeline Bruce & LaDawn Hankins

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 1 Marcia Stirler & Ellis Family
- 5 McBurney Family & Ott Family
- 8 Harriet Paulus & Lori Dove & Adolphs Family
- 12 Tjarks Family & Juanita Flanscha
- 15 Mauer Family & Brent Gernant
- 19 Trepp Family & Ogilvie Family
- 22 Ackles Family & Madeline Bruce & Christensen Family
- 26 Marcia Stirler & Ellis Family
- 29 Ogilvie Family & Suzanne Riehl & Tjarks Family

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
5 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	6	7 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. LSF Spring Break Information Meeting	8 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal 7:00 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. LSF Fellowship	9 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	10	11 8:30 a.m. IDE Lay Leadership Workshop
12 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	13 Newsletter Deadline	14 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting	15 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal 7:00 p.m. Worship	16 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	17	18
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