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The Newsletter of
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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Thanks a lot.” Those words have great meaning, but it all depends on the tone with which they are delivered. If they are said with sincerity, they are a wonderful expression of gratitude. If they are uttered dripping with sarcasm, they are insulting and cutting. Sometimes we might even say the words without really thinking about it, robbing them of any meaning.

November is the month that we often focus on giving thanks for things because of the national Thanksgiving holiday. In a secular sense, it is a day when people reflect back on the past year and say for what they are thankful. For Christians, we take it a step further. We not only list what for what we are thankful, but we give thanks to God. This month in our fellowship, we not only focus on giving thanks with our words, but also with our lives and our time, talent and treasure.

That’s part of what stewardship is. We recognize all the good gifts we have received from the LORD, and we with thankful hearts serve Him with what He has given us. It isn’t a time in which we look at “what does the ministry need me to do or give now.” It is a time in which we look at the ways that we can in love and obedience give thanks to God for all his loving kindness.

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this... *Psalm 107:1-2a*

In Christ,

Pastor Ogilvie

O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

We gather in worship on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 23, at 7:00 p.m. We will gather together to focus on all we have from the gracious hand of God for which we are thankful. Using the Word of God, hymns and psalms, we will continue to be fed by the Lord as we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

Lutheran Student Fellowship News

LSF NOVEMBER SERVICE ACTIVITY.



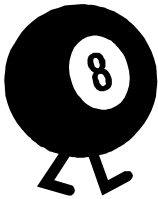
The LSF service activity for the month of November will be on Saturday the 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The LSF will be helping congregation members with needed tasks. Currently we have no specific tasks other than yard work (raking leaves, picking up sticks, etc.) and other jobs related to the preparation for winter. Chris Gorshe will be bringing a high school youth group to assist with the work.

COMPANY IS COMING

Chris Gorshe (a former LSF member) is serving his vicarage at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Steeleville, IL. On the weekend of November 11-13 he is bringing his Senior High School Youth group to Cedar Falls to see the UNI—SIU game and to help with the LSF service activity. They

will be staying in the Brammer Hall for the weekend. Let's welcome them and show them what a campus ministry church is all about. Now, if we can just make sure they sit on the correct sidelines at the game.

LSF FUN NIGHT



Come one; come all to the LSF sponsored game night on November 7 at 7:00 p.m. The LSF will be hosting a competitive challenge to all college students. The competition will include: pool, foosball, air hockey, as well as possibly some board games. Refreshments, fellowship, and friendly atmosphere will be provided. Admission is free and the only requirement is that you have fun with your friends.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

You are invited to be the guests of the congregation Sunday, November 20, for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. The meal will take place following the 10:00 a.m. worship. Each year the great cooks of the congregation prepare a dinner

that is only second to the one you share with your family on Thanksgiving. You and your friends are welcomed as the special guests of the day.



Kick off the holiday by helping decorate the church. Join us following the midweek worship on Wednesday, November 30 as we decorate the church for the season. There will be fellowship, refreshments and reflection on the significance of what is taking place. Come and join the fun. The more, the merrier.

GRADUATING? STUDENT TEACHING? LET US KNOW

It may seem too early to be thinking about the end of the semester, but if you are graduating at the end of this semester, or heading out for student teaching or an internship, you are well aware of how quickly the end of the semester is creeping up. If you are in one of these catego-

ries, please let Pastor Ogilvie or the church office know by Sunday, December 4. We would like to recognize those who are finishing their course work, or at least their classroom work, this semester.

Know Someone Who Qualifies?

If you have any family members or friends back home that would like the chance to see what college life is like, invite them up for our annual High School Weekend. It is November 19-20, and the cost is only \$10. If you would like more information on this, or registration forms for someone back home, please speak with Jill Bollinger or Kendra Meyer.

We are looking for college students willing to share their homes or dorms for High School Weekend! You would need to begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday and would finish off on Sunday after a the Thanksgiving dinner. The weekend is November 19-20. This would be a great way to minister to high school students, and it is always fun to remember the good ol' days of high school! If you are willing to host a high school student let Jill Bollinger (277-4265) or Kendra Meyer (268-9094) know!

NEED A RIDE? WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE

If you need a ride to worship, Bible study or any activity, you can catch one in the CHLC van. It will make the rounds before most activities, and always before worship and Bible study. The scheduled stops for worship and Bible study are listed below:

Worship

Sunday	10:00 a.m.
<i>Van Stops</i>	
Towers	9:35 a.m.
Horseshoe	9:40 a.m.
Quad	9:45 a.m.
ROTH	9:50 a.m.

Bible Study

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.
<i>Van Stops</i>		<i>Van Stops</i>	
Towers	8:35 a.m.	Towers	7:35 p.m.
Horseshoe	8:40 a.m.	Horseshoe	7:40 p.m.
Quad	8:45 a.m.	Quad	7:45 p.m.
ROTH	8:50 a.m.	ROTH	7:50 p.m.

REFOCUS AND REFLECT DURING ADVENT

Our Advent preparations will soon be underway. November 27 is the First Sunday in Advent. We spend four weeks in preparing our hearts and minds to celebrate the coming of the Christ as a baby in Bethlehem. This is an important season for Christians to refocus themselves on their relationship with Christ and reflect on what His coming means for us. Our Midweek Advent Worship will be held on Wednes-

days at 7:00 p.m. beginning November 30. Worship will be preceded each week by a fellowship meal served in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is served free of charge.

Be sure to make worship a part of your Advent preparations. The inward preparations are far more important than the outward preparations. Come, and invite your friends to join you.

NEED HELP WITH YARD WORK?

The LSF service activity for the month of November is to help congregation members with needed tasks such as yard work (raking leaves, picking up sticks, etc.) and other jobs related to the preparation for winter. Heather Birk and Matt Nielson would like

to extend an invitation to any congregation member not contacted to call or email them if they require any assistance preparing for winter. Heather (kitten@uni.edu) 222-5591 or Matt (mattn@uni.edu) 222-4431

THANKSGIVING DRIVE

Once again we will be collecting canned food items and Christmas presents for the Vinton Lutheran Home. Please bring the food items through Thanksgiving Eve., November 23, 2005.

The Vinton Home prefers GALLON SIZE canned foods and other non-perishable items.

Canned goods should be taken to the sacristy.

Suggestions for Christmas gifts:

Stamps, stationary, body sprays (little bottles, light fragrances) jigsaw puzzles, lotions, Kleenex, socks (men or women), greeting cards (\$1.00 assorted

boxes), notebooks, calendars, jewelry (beaded necklaces etc.), ink pens, candy, nuts are some suggestions.

The presents must be WRAPPED for Christmas, with a REMOVABLE TAG telling the CONTENTS, and whether the gift is intended FOR A MAN or FOR A WOMAN.

Please place your gifts in the back of the church in the boxes provided. Final day to bring gifts is Sunday, December 4.

EVENING GUILD

Evening Guild/LWML meeting will be held on Thursday November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn about another of the Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) of the LCMS. Our focus this month is Lutheran World Relief. Marcia Stirler has studied this organization and will share

information [about it](#) with us. Carolyn Macomber will present devotions. She and JoAn Stevenson are the designated hostesses for the evening. Remember to bring your mites either in or out of their box. See you there.

Ladies! Go to your calendar or planner and set aside Saturday morning, December 3 for our annual Advent Brunch for the women of College Hill. It promises to be a fun time with a fine speaker. Save Dec. 3 for this event.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Don't Miss the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 20. Turkey, dressing, potatoes and drink will be furnished. College Hill congregation members are asked to bring two dishes to share. Single members are asked to bring one dish. College students will be our guests. See you there!



STEWARDSHIP TIME

It's Stewardship Time again! As we turn our thoughts to focus on what we can do to further the work of the church, I'd like you to keep in mind our theme for this stewardship celebration. This year our theme will be "Serving the Lord—Giving Thanks."

Our theme may be only five words but it holds many opportunities for you as members of our church to serve the Lord with your time and talents as well as your offerings.

This year's schedule will have November 13 and November 20 as our Stewardship Sundays. The time

and talent sheets and pledge forms will be distributed to the members present. I invite you all to attend our stewardship celebration this year. God's blessings to you and yours. I hope to see all of you during church so we can together discover new ways to serve our Lord and give thanks.

In Christ,

Paul Schmellik
Board of Stewardship Director

"JUMP" INTO COLLEGE LIFE

On November 19-20th, College Hill Lutheran Church and Brammer Student Center, Cedar Falls, will be hosting a High School Weekend Retreat. The weekend is centered around the theme of JUMP-Jesus Understands Many Problems. Where to attend college is a difficult decision to make, and this weekend is designed to help students find what they are looking for. Bible studies and devotions, games, discus-

sions, tours of the University of Northern Iowa, and more are included in the weekend. Food and lodging are provided for the low registration cost of \$10 per person. Let the church know (319-266-1274 or chlc.lcms@cfu.net) by November 14 if you or someone you know would like to attend or for more information.

BOOKLOVERS TAKE NOTE

Have you ever known someone who was struck by lightening? The story of how Martin Luther came to enter the monastery instead of becoming a lawyer, as his father wanted him to be, is a fascinating one for adults and children alike. Learning about the history of our church, and the role that Luther played in reforming it (focusing on God's word, and its message that our salvation cannot be earned, but is a *free gift*

to those who believe in Christ as their Savior) can be fun for your whole family. A beautifully illustrated picture book called, "Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World" can be checked out from the library cart in the gathering area.

We now have the seventh in the beloved Mitford series by Jan Karan, "In the Mountain." Check it out.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRY NEWS

Lutheran Hour Ministries Mission Sunday was held at College Hill Lutheran Church on October 2, 2005. The pamphlet "People of Christ with a Message of HOPE" was presented and explained. Also shown in the fellowship area was the six minute DVD "LHM Corporate Video."

Thank you for participating in these activities and supporting Lutheran Hour Ministries Mission of "Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church."

Starting on or about November 15 the 2005 Advent devotions booklet from LHM should be avail-

able to help you prepare for the Advent and Christmas worship opportunities. Once again LHM will present the Christmas program specials "Red Boots for Christmas" and the "Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery." Watch the bulletin and your TV guide for times and stations. For questions and/or information please contact the undersigned.

In His Service
Virgil E. Mauer
Lutheran Hour Ministries Ambassador
to CHLC/BSC

CIRCUIT FORUM MEETING IS NOVEMBER 29

The next meeting of the Waterloo Circuit Forum will be held on Tuesday, November 29, at Concordia Lutheran Church, Waterloo. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.



Lutheran Youth Fellowship CHLC High School Youth Group “NEWS”

“Bible Time and Breakfast” continues to meet every Sunday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. in the fireplace lounge downstairs. The last Sunday of each month is a youth meeting to plan the next month’s events. Our next meeting will be held November 27.

What’s new in November? On Tuesday, November 8 we will be attending a Rebecca St. James Concert at West High School.

Plans are also in the works for the youth to go to the North East Iowa Food Bank and help sort food.

November 19-20 the youth are invited with other high school youth around the state to attend JUMP High School Retreat Weekend here at CHLC and hosted by LSF.

What’s been happening On October 8, 3 youth and 2 friends attended a game night at the church where they played pool and foosball and ate homemade deep dish pizza and cookies. The youth helped serve the Thrivent dinner Oct. 9, and on Oct. 23 they attended the IDE bowling tournament in Cedar Rapids. The youth also ordered matching t-shirts that displays their desire for “Living for Christ 24/7”. On the back is 1 Timothy 4:12 *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”*

If anyone has any suggestions for activities for the youth, or know of an opportunity to serve, please contact Rich or Becky McBurney.

November 2005 Volunteers

GREETERS

- 6 Macomber Family
- 13 Tiernie Garbers & Laura Mueller
- 20 Brad Brons & Mike Busch
- 23 Doris Mauer & Bev Bolte
- 27 Madeline Bruce & Miriam Krallman
- 30 Bolte Family

READERS

- 6 Brad Brons
- 13 Matt Nielson
- 20 Kendra Meyer
- 27 Marcia Stirler

USHERS

- 6 Dennis Adolphs & Matt Nielson
- 13 Keith Macomber & Heather Birk
- 20 Roger Russell & Tim Gamble
- 23 Virgil Mauer & Bob Bolte
- 27 Marvin Brewster & Delmar Blankenhagen
- 30 Virgil Mauer & Jim Lonergan

FINANCIAL RECORDERS

- 6 Suzanne Riehl & Keith Macomber
- 13 Carla Christensen & Denise Tjarks
- 20 Carl Christensen & Johanna Baedke
- 23 Keith Macomber
- 27 Suzanne Riehl & Virgil Mauer
- 30 Suzanne Riehl

ALTAR GUILD

- 6—13 Miriam Krallman & Flora Brewster
- 20—27 Doris Mauer & Lillian Lonergan

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 6 Juanita Flanscha—Tim Gamble
- 13 Christensen Family—Brent Gernant
- 20 Mauer Family—Macomber Family—Amanda French
- 27 Lori Dove—Harriet Paulus
- 30 Dorothea Berning—Juanita Flanscha—Val Wentz



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



November Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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| 1 Heather Birk | 8 Doris Mauer | 20 Carol Kane |
| 1 Misti Ellis | 10 Marcia Stirler | 26 Karmyn VanLengen |
| 5 Roger Christensen | 11 Suzanne Riehl | 27 Mike Ellis |
| 6 Naomi Msengi | 19 Becky McBurney | 28 Paul Schmellik |

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| November 1 | Denise & Tim Tjarks | 14 years |
| November 20 | Marian & Larry Bireline | 57 years |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>November 2005</p>						
6 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	7 7:00 p.m. LSF Fun Night	8 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting TBA LYF to RSJ Concert	9 8:00 p.m. LSF Bible Study & Fellowship	10 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	11 December Newsletter Deadline	12 9:00 a.m. LSF Service Activity
13 Stewardship Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	14	15	16 8:00 p.m. LSF Bible Study & Fellowship 9:00 p.m. LSF Meeting	17 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	18	19 JUMP High School Retreat Nov. 19—20
20 Stewardship Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner	21	22	23 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship	24 	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday</div>	26
27 First Sunday in Advent 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Group Meeting 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	28	29 7:00 p.m. Circuit Forum Concordia, W'loo	30 Midweek Advent 6:00 p.m. Advent Meal 7:00 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. LSF Decorating for Christmas Season			