



College Hill Crier

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College Hill Lutheran Church
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“We Cannot Compromise”

Dear Family in Christ,

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. – 2 John 9

I continue to read about the history and practice of campus ministry and I recently came across another great article written by the Rev. John Pless who served as a campus pastor at the University of Minnesota for a number of years.* He suggests three aspects of campus ministry which cannot be overlooked today, one of which is faithfulness in confessing Christ and His Word (confessional fidelity).

He notes, “Confessional fidelity is absolutely essential in the post-modern atmosphere of the contemporary university. Like Athens of old, the university is not an irreligious place. At the University of Minnesota, for example, there are more than sixty identifiable religious groups ranging from established denominational campus ministries to the devotees of Wicca. In the past, the truth claims of Christianity have been debated and denied in classrooms and other campus settings. Now the most objectionable feature of Christianity does not seem to be its claims regarding the historicity of the biblical narrative but the claim of particularity. The religious climate on campus will tolerate the personal testimony to individual spiritual experience as long as that testimony does not become a confession of the exclusive nature of Christianity” (Pless, John; “Lutheran Missiology and Campus Ministry).

In other words, religions are all acceptable on campus as long as you are not making an exclusive claim like St. Peter: “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Jesus Himself does not speak of tolerance but speaks exclusively when He says, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father *except through Me*” (John 14:6, emphasis added). St. Peter and Jesus both make claims of particularity—there is only one way to salvation and that way is through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, true God and true man.

We do well to boldly confess that Jesus Christ alone is our Savior from sin and death. He alone brings life and salvation. Pless concludes, “We cannot abandon the name of the one who alone is the way, the truth, and the life. We will not abandon the full-bodied truth of the incarnation and the atonement, of law and gospel, of the specificity of the forgiveness of sins actually given and bestowed in Word and Sacrament in order to be acceptable to the pluralistic campus culture.”

Faithfulness to Christ and His Word is essential for us here at College Hill, then as we seek to both guard and guide the faith of our own Lutheran students while at the same time carry the Word of Christ to those who live without Him. St John writes, “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son” (2 John

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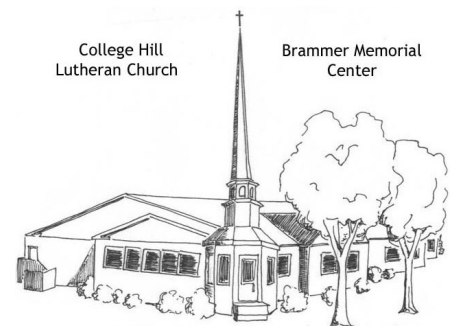
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DEFEATING THE DEVIL

Join us for Bible studies on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Brammer Student Center. We are studying what Holy Scripture teaches about the devil—who he is, what he does, and, of course, the Good News that Christ

has “crushed his head!” just as God promised in the Garden of Eden. We are using the Good News magazine’s articles to lead our discussion. Please join us and bring a friend!

TABLE TALK

Every Thursday you can find Pr. Wegener at Maucker Union with food (usually Zio Johnno’s spaghetti and sub sandwiches) from noon until 1 p.m. If you can only come for a quick bite to eat, that’s great! You’re welcome to come for the whole time, or just to come for only a few min-

utes. Conversation at the table is casual, mainly just small talk, catching up on the week’s events, and sometimes a little theology based on classroom experiences. It’s also a great way to get to know other students. You most certainly may bring a friend or two. No RSVP, just show up!

CHOIR

Can you sing? Do you play an instrument? If you do and you are willing to share your talents with us in the Divine Service on Sundays, please let Pr. Wegener know or just show up to choir practice on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. If you cannot make it on Wednesday due to other com-

mitments, keep your eyes open for other upcoming practices on Sundays following the Divine Service. The Holy Gospel is well proclaimed through singing and music and we want it to be the very best for those gathered on Sundays. Please join us whenever you can.

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 Wednesday Bible study. The scheduled stops for worship and Wednesday Bible study are listed below:

	Divine Service	Vespers	Bible Study
	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	
Towers:	9:35 a.m.	6:35 p.m.	7:35 p.m.
Horseshoe (between Lawther and Bartlett)	9:40 a.m.	6:40 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
Quads (between Rider and Shull)	9:45 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	7:45 p.m.

VESPERS

The word “Vespers” is Latin for “evening” and is used in the Christian church to refer to the evening service of psalms, readings, and prayers. The Blessed Reformer, Martin Luther, wrote about the daily prayer offices of Matins (Latin for *morning*) and Vespers saying, *“The people should also come together again in the evening... They should read, expound, praise, sing, and pray as in the morning... For this is to be done for the sake of God’s Word, so that it will come into full swing, constantly uplifting and quickening souls, and keeping them from becoming slack... Even if the entire congregation cannot attend such daily services, the priests and students... should hold them. And the*

people should be admonished to attend them willingly, not by force, nor with dislike, nor to earn either a temporal or eternal reward, but only to glorify God and benefit others” (Martin Luther, *Concerning the Ordering of Divine Worship in the Congregation*, A.D. 1523, translated by Paul Lang).

For these reasons, we offer Vespers every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the nave of the church. You will find that it is a wonderful opportunity to be refreshed in God’s Word each week in addition to, *not in place of*, the Sunday service of Holy Communion. Vespers lasts about 30 minutes. Come and bring a friend!

THANKSGIVING MEAL

You are invited to be the guests of the congregation Sunday, November 16, for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. The meal will take place following 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.

THANKSGIVING MEAL AT PASTOR’S

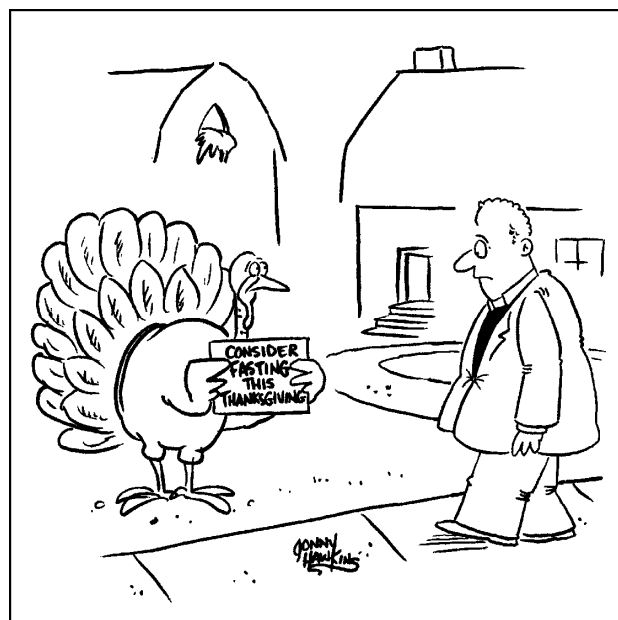
On Sunday, November 23, any students who are still in town for the week of Thanksgiving Break are welcome to join pastor and his family at their house for a Thanksgiving meal at 5 p.m. No need to bring anything—the food will be pro-

vided. Please sign the sign-up sheet at church on the Narthex tables or let Pr. Wegener know by calling 266-1274 or email prwegener@cfu.net You may invite a friend or two!



CHURCH DECORATING

Join us on Friday, December 5, as we decorate the church for the season. The decorating will start at 6:00 p.m. with pizza served at 7:00. Come and join the fun. The more, the merrier.



EVENING GUILD—November 6

Oh, what fun. Another entertaining evening with fellowship and food.

Yes. It's time to go out for dinner. Ladies, you won't want to miss it.

Ann Rueber will be hostess at the Cedar Falls Bonanza on Thursday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Ruby Wegener will have devotions and Becky McBurney will share a Bible study with us from the LWML Quarterly.

Ann will need to know how many are planning to attend so, please give her a call, 266-1850.

GIVING PLUS OPPORTUNITIES

Attention: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Policy holders/Investors. The calendar year 2008 is fast drawing to a close. By the time you read this less than nine weeks will be remaining in 2008. Opportunities to have your "Giving Plus" donation to Brammer Student Center matched by

Thrivent at the rate of 50¢ on the \$1.00 will close on December 31, 2008. The time to ACT is now. Forms are available at the church office or call Virgil Mauer at 266-6394 and forms will be mailed to you.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Don't miss the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 16. Turkey, dressing, potatoes and drink will be furnished. The meal will be hosted by the Macomers. College Hill congrega-

tion 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FAMILY

It is traditional for our congregation to adopt a needy family for Christmas gifting. The Evangelism Committee has tentatively chosen a young widow with two small children to share our material blessings. If you know of some other family you would like the committee to

consider, please speak to Doris Mauer about them. Be alert watching for tags to appear on the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall for gifts you may choose to purchase and give to the needy mom and her sons.

CONGREGATION DIRECTORY

A new church directory has been printed. Please check the entry for you family. Call the church office 266-1274 with any changes that should be made.

Changes to the directory:

Pam Luders 553-9393

Ruth Natvig
7511 University Ave
A. L. #108
Cedar Falls IA 50613

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27— 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 26, 2008.

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, stationery, body sprays (little bottles, light fragrances) jigsaw puzzles, lotions, Kleenex, socks (men or women), greeting cards (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 gathering area in the boxes provided. Final day to bring gifts is Sunday, November 30.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ continues to sound forth here at College Hill Lutheran Church through preaching, teaching, and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper! Thanks be to God! To all of you who help support this ongoing ministry through your prayers, labor, and financial assistance, we thank you! To all of you who attend the Divine Service on Sundays to

receive the precious gifts Christ gives of forgiveness and life, we thank you for coming! We especially thank the members of College Hill Lutheran Church for their faithfulness and service, and Iowa District East of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for all of their support and prayers for this campus ministry.

O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

We gather in worship on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 26, 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.

POINSETTIAS

It will soon be time to order flowers for the Christmas season. The cost again this year is \$10.00. A signup sheet is located on the table in the gathering area. To pay for poinsettias make

checks payable to CHLC marked "Poinsettias" on the memo line on the check. The deadline is Monday, December 1.

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9). Therefore, by God's grace, we will continue to abide in the doctrine of Christ. He has purchased and won us from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. This we confess. We cannot compromise.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John Wegener

*The full article by John Pless titled "Lutheran Missiology and Campus Ministry" may be found at: www.ctsfw.edu/academics/faculty/pless/missiology.htm

November 2008 Volunteers

GREETERS

- 2 Miriam Krallman & Madeline Bruce
- 9 Lindsey Way & Zach Rowley
- 16 Kate Elahi & Jeff Lentz
- 23 Lilleskov Family
- 26 Doris & Virgil Mauer
- 30 Coulthard Family

USHERS

- 2 Tim Gamble & Brad Brons
- 9 Marv Brewster & Josiah Brandt
- 16 Kevin DeVries & Rich McBurney
- 23 Jim Lonergan & Virgil Mauer
- 26 Bob Bolte & Rev. Tom Wegener
- 30 Keith Macomber & Dennis Adolphs

FINANCIAL RECORDERS

- 2 Nellie Peterman & Dustin Lilleskov
- 9 Virgil Mauer & Keith Macomber
- 16 Suzanne Riehl & Val Wenté
- 23 Jo Baedke & Dustin Lilleskov
- 30 Virgil Mauer & Val Wenté

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 2, 16 & 30 Tim Tjarks

ACOLYTES

- 2, 16 & 30 CJ Ackles & Brian Coulthard

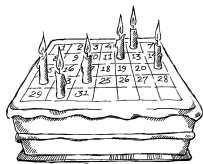
ALTAR GUILD

- 2—9 Madeline Bruce & Lillian Lonergan
- 16—23 Suzanne Riehl & Carolyn Macomber
- 26—30 Carla Christensen & Erna Blankenhagen

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 2 LSF
- 9 DeVries Family
- 16 Thanksgiving Potluck—Macomers Hosts
- 23 TBA
- 30 TBA

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





**Birthdays
This Month**

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| 1 Misti Ellis | 19 Becky McBurney | 27 Mike Ellis |
| 5 Roger Christensen | 20 Carol Kane | 28 Paul Schmellik |
| 6 Naomi Msengi | 23 Darin Alwardt | 28 Javan Wegener |
| 8 Doris Mauer | 23 Brian Coulthard | 29 Judy Wilson |
| 10 Marcia Stirler | 24 Derek Lilleskov | |
| 11 Suzanne Riehl | 26 Karmyn VanLengen | |



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| 2 Pam & Ron Luders | 34 years |
| 12 Cindy & Rick Howard | 25 years |

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	3	4	5 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. LSF Bible Study	6 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon LSF Table Talk 5:30 p.m. Evening Guild Dinner	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	10 Newsletter Deadline 5:30 p.m. Lay Ministry	11	12 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. LSF Bible Study	13 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon LSF Table Talk	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner	17	18 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting	19 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class Evangelism Committee 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. LSF Bible Study	20 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon LSF Table Talk	21	22
23 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 5:00 p.m. LSF Meal at Pastor's	24	25	Thanksgiving Eve 26 7:00 p.m. Worship	27 	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday</div>	29
First Sunday in Advent 30 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. LYF Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship						LSF Lutheran Student Fellowship LYF Lutheran Youth Fellowship

