



# College Hill Crier

Newsletter of  
College Hill Lutheran Church  
and Brammer Student Center

## COMFORT IN THE LITURGY

Dear Family in Christ,

The Rev. Ronnie Koch from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg has been traveling a lot because of his work with *Good News* magazine. He is in charge of distributing copies of the magazine throughout Africa. As is his custom, he has taken many pictures and continues to share stories about his experiences. On one occasion, he took the opportunity to record the Divine Service being celebrated in Africa. It was *different*. The people were gathered together in a tent-like structure which was *different* than the church buildings we have. They were singing and speaking in a *different* language. They were in a *different* place—a *different* country even!

But that's about it. The rest was the *same*.

The Gospel was the *same*.

The liturgy was the *same*.

The music was the *same*.

The front of the church (sanctuary) was the *same*.

The pastor's wore the *same* vestments.

The season of the Church Year was the *same*.

Even though it was a different place, a different culture, a different language, Pastor Koch and those of us who watched the video knew exactly what they were singing. The actions of the pastors and the actions of the people mirrored our actions that we do in the Divine Service here at College Hill! It was different, but the same.

For many LCMS college students who come to UNI things are *different*. The people are *different*. The living arrangements are *different*. Their schedules are *different*. But church is the *same*. Sure, College Hill Lutheran Church is a different church building with a different congregation, but the Divine Service is the *same*. And that "sameness" or familiarity makes College Hill the perfect church home away from home for many LCMS students. It has familiar things that remind a student of their home church.

I speak from my own experience in saying that this familiarity is very comforting to a college student. I also recently received an e-mail commenting on the Divine Service here at College Hill which read, "The familiarity of the liturgy and the hymns was a tremendous gift." To such a statement, we say, "Thanks be to God for blessing us with the liturgy that transcends both time and space." Christians all over the world are singing and hearing the *same* precious Word of God in the liturgy that has been handed down from one generation to the next. The same Gospel message of forgiveness and life through our crucified Lord is being proclaimed in the Divine Service. As it is written: **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.** (Hebrews 13:8) What a wonderful and "tremendous gift" God is giving through us here at College Hill!

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor John Wegener*

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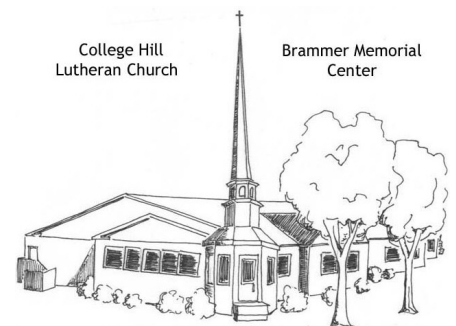
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## VOLLEYBALL

Mondays in October are all about the Campus Ministry Association Volleyball League. As the temperatures drop, the competition heats up and it all boils down to the championship game between the two best teams. The weekly schedule may change due to weather conditions, so to find out when we play, contact Tim Gamble at

amlman@mchsi.com or contact the church at 266-1274. Games begin at either 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. See the calendar for dates and times. Right now, the championship game is slated for Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll take all the help we can get! Even if you don't play, come and cheer on the team!

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## 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!

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## 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.

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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!

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## 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!

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## HOMECOMING "PARADE"

Due to the construction on the Hill, the Homecoming Parade will be more of a "walking parade" where the observers will have to walk past the various entries in the parade. Students of College Hill have traditionally had great floats in the parade and we would like to continue that tradition. Bring your crafty ideas to the church

for a stand still scene relating to this year's theme. We will work on the float at certain times during the week of Homecoming leading up to the parade on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes and ears open for any announcements concerning the times when we will work.

## HOMECOMING MEAL

The congregation invites you and your friends to be their guests at the Homecoming meal Sunday, October 12, following the morning worship.

## FALL FLING

It's time for LSF's annual Fall Fling. Students from Iowa City and other area campus ministries will join our group for a little square dancing and bonfire action on Friday night, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the church at 6:45 p.m. and we'll drive out to the farm. The evening will close with guest housed at the Brammer Student Center. We will reconvene on Saturday for a day of study and fellowship. The guest speaker is Pastor Matthew Rueger of Hubbard, IA. The topic is TBA.

The agenda is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast bagels, doughnuts, orange juice and coffee;
- 9:30 a.m. First Session (Pastor Matthew Rueger)
- 10:30 a.m. Break;
- 10:45 a.m. Second Session (Pastor Matthew Rueger)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Break (food will be provided)
- 12:45 p.m. Final Session (Pastor Matthew Rueger)
- 1:45 p.m. Q&A/Break
- 2:00 p.m. Vespers

Cost is completely FREE to all college students. We hope to see you there!

## PUMPKIN CARVING

Be prepared to get a little messy as we clean out some pumpkins and come up with some creative carvings on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

We'll enjoy some pizza and drinks before getting our hands dirty. All students are welcome to come and bring friends.

## COSTUME PARTY

On Wednesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 p.m. we will have a Reformation costume party in the Brammer Student Center with fun games and food. *Best costume will win a prize.* Come dressed in whatever costume you desire, although costumes relating to stories



from the Bible and church history would be particularly enjoyable. Pictures of Luther and other notable Lutherans from the Reformation Era may aid in your attire, ask Pr. Wegener for ideas and he'll be glad to help.

## LADIES DAY FOR NOTES AND CARDS

Ladies, you won't want to miss this exciting event on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

The morning will start with brunch and fellowship.

Then the fun will begin as Ruby Wegener and Nellie Peterman instruct and guide us in creating

cards and other items using stamping and decorating techniques.

It is an event open to all the women of the congregation and the college gals that would like to join us.

Please come and feel free to bring a friend.

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## WATERLOO ZONE FALL RALLY OF LWML

October 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday evening, the St John Lutheran Church of Denver's LWML will host the fall rally. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. It will be especially interesting for us to attend because our own Pastor John Wegener and several of our LSF students

will be presenting the program, explaining campus ministry to the ladies of Waterloo Zone. You won't want to miss this event. So plan now to attend and let Marcia Stirler or Doris Mauer that you'll be in the car/van riding along. See you there.

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## ATTENTION ALL VETERANS

If you have not purchased your burial place the state of Iowa has just opened the Iowa Veterans' Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa. The cost for the veteran appears to be zero. For more information

call 515-996-9048 or on line at [iowava.org/vetcemetery](http://iowava.org/vetcemetery) (use all small letters).

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## OPENED EYES, HEARTS ABLAZE

The theme for Lutheran Women's Missionary League this year is "Opened Eyes, Hearts Ablaze." October 12<sup>th</sup> will be acknowledged as LWML Sunday at College Hill recognizing this auxiliary organization and its importance in service to the

Church and its mission outreach. The worship service will be followed by a potluck on the 12<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Evening Guild, CHLC's LWML. Please plan to attend and learn more about this important organization.

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## ATTENTION ALL MALE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Starting January of 2009 the International Lutheran Laymen's League is beginning an online Bible Study for men. If you are interested in becoming part of this Men's Network, please go to [www.lhmmen.com](http://www.lhmmen.com) to sign up or to get answers to

any and all questions regarding the program. The purpose of this Bible Study is to equip and motivate Christian men to greater levels of commitment to leadership and service to Jesus Christ.

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## UNI HOMECOMING POTLUCK

October 12 is the date for us to enjoy food, fun and fellowship with a potluck in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship.

We extend an invitation to alumni, family and friends who may be here for Homecoming festivities to attend.

Drinks and table service will be provided by the Evening Guild members, hosts for the meal. College Hill family members are asked to bring two dishes to share. Single members are asked to bring one dish.

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## THANK YOU

Thank you for the involvement exhibited in the opening events of the academic year.

It was grand to see so many students joining us for outdoor service and staying for potluck that day. Thanks to all the families who furnished food for the event hosted by the Evangelism Board.

A second thank you for all those who invited guests for Friendship Sunday. It was heart warming to see so many in attendance. If you used your invitation, as distributed by the Evangelism Committee, thanks for that too. We were so well treated by the Education Committee at the potluck that day, table decorations and all. Thank you to Nancy Neesen and her Sunday School staff.

Yes, there was a third activity. The block party was held Saturday evening the 13<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the weather was not cooperative. In spite of

the LSF delivering 100 door hangers not a single neighbor attended our party. Perhaps having to have it inside was too intimidating. But, those of us in the congregation and the LSF members that attended had a pleasant time. Thanks too for all the effort that went into that event.

How are you coming on learning one another's names?

Our goal is to continue wearing name tags each Sunday until students can call at least five congregation members by name and congregation members return the favor to five college students.

Check the name tag, introduce yourself and get acquainted.

We are family at College Hill Lutheran Church and Brammer Student Center.

Soon we won't need the name tags, right?

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## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF AND HUMAN CARE

The blessings continue for the disaster relief efforts at College Hill Lutheran Church.

Shortly after the fund raising event was completed the church office was contacted by Lutheran World Relief and Human Care organization inviting CHLC to submit a grant request for disaster relief funds. When that was completed a committee from LWR came to visit and spent time with Pastor Wegener, visited the DeVries' and toured Parkersburg.

In the following weeks the grant request was answered and funds received. The funds were placed in the HELP account and checks written to our identified families.

It is a pleasure to share the sentiment included in the cover letter for the grant response:

“Please know that this check represents the love and concern of Lutheran brothers and sisters across the United States. It is a privilege to be in partnership with College Hill Lutherans as we work together to response to physical and spiritual needs of those affected by these storms.”

The letter is signed by Barbara Hoffman,  
Grant Administrator, LCMS World Relief and Human Care

Thanks be to God for fellow Lutherans dedicated to serving one another.

Yes, indeed, the blessings continue.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Several people have join us in membership through transfer from other Lutheran churches this summer.

They are Doug, Penni, Derek & Danielle Lille-skov; Jonathon, Angela & Kathryn Fitch

(Alexander Fitch through baptism); Jean Ihns; James Orth; Cooper Fort; Robert & Betty Boomgarden; Pam & Jordan Luders and Judy Wilson. We welcome these new members to our family here at College Hill.

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## GAME NIGHT

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17 for Game Night. Bring your favorite board/card game and a snack to share. See you there.

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# October 2008 Volunteers

## GREETERS

- 5 Mariah Lockie & Mary Howell
- 12 Kate Elahi & Macayla Stern
- 19 Heather Birk & Lawrell Birk
- 26 Abbey Doering & MaryAlice Seaba

## USHERS

- 5 Keith Macomber & Tim Gamble
- 12 Virgil Mauer & Dustin Lilleskov
- 19 Bob Bolte & Dennis Adolphs
- 26 Delmar Blankenhagen & Josiah Brandt

## FINANCIAL RECORDERS

- 5 Keith Macomber & Nellie Peterman
- 12 Suzanne Riehl & Dustin Lilleskov
- 19 Suzanne Riehl & Dustin Lilleskov
- 26 Johanna Baedke & Val Wente

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 5 & 19 Kevin DeVries

## ACOLYTES

- 5 & 19 CJ Ackles & Brian Coulthard

## ALTAR GUILD

- 5—12 Doris Mauer & Karmyn VanLengen
- 19—26 Pastor Tom & Ruby Wegener


## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 5 Wegener Family
- 12 Potluck—Evening Guild
- 19 Paul Schmellik & TBA
- 26 TBA

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



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|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Denise Tjarks      | 11 Daniel Kane              | 28 Rodney Brewster |
| 4 Tim Gamble         | 15 Evan Rowley              | 31 C. J. Williams  |
| 5 Pastor Tom Wegener | 19 C. J. Ackles             |                    |
|                      | 6 Carla & Roger Christensen | 29 years           |
|                      | 8 Carolyn & Keith Macomber  | 19 years           |
|                      | 23 Flora & Marvin Brewster  | 48 years           |

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. <b>LYF</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	<b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Volleyball	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Bible Study	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon <b>LSF</b> Table Talk	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> UNI Homecoming
<b>12</b> <b>LWML SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. <b>LYF</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Homecoming Potluck	<b>13</b> Newsletter Deadline 5:30 p.m. Lay Ministry	<b>14</b> 7:00 p.m. Voters' Assembly	<b>15</b> 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Bible Study	<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon <b>LSF</b> Table Talk	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. Game Night	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. Guild Brunch
<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. <b>LYF</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship	<b>20</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Volleyball	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Comm. Catechism Class 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b> 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon <b>LSF</b> Table Talk	<b>24</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <b>LSF</b> Fall Fling            Friday 6:45 p.m.—Saturday 2:30 p.m.         </div>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. <b>LYF</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 5:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Pumpkin Carving	<b>27</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Volleyball Championship Match	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class 7:00 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. <b>LSF</b> Costume Party	<b>30</b> 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Noon <b>LSF</b> Table Talk	<b>31</b>	

