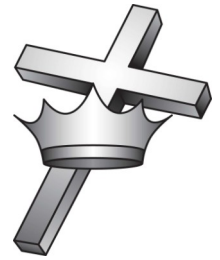




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From Pastor Jerry



IT'S A MIRACLE!!!!

How many of you remember this wonderful Christmas miracle pictured above. Christmas Eve 2004 snow fell in the south. The fitting end to one of my all time Christmas favorites, *A Year Without A Santa Claus*. Snow falls in the south and miracles never end...

But let's not get caught up in the little miracles this year. Yes snow would be nice, but time with family is just as important, and society is not helping us to focus on the true meaning of this time and season. As we work through December and Advent, let us prepare for the miracle that allows us to be in relationship with God. Let us prepare our hearts and bodies for the coming of our savior. Let us during Advent, the season of Hope and Light, prepare for Jesus coming in the manger.

Don't get caught up in the little miracles or the whirlwind excitement of consumerism this Advent. Live in the expectation of the greatest gift and miracle we have all behold. Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds and prepare you this Advent.

Grace,
Pastor Jerry

TELLERS

December

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Melrose Goetz

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Geralene Schulte

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Nyle Ruth Leshikar

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Mildred Butler

The newsletter deadline December 15th for January News, articles, thank you notes, etc. You can send us info. in the mail, drop it by the Church Office or you may email us at: office@FELCVictoria.com. **The church website www.FELCVictoria.com** is updated regularly. Check it out during the month for any late-breaking important news between newsletter mailings.

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00p Wed. Happenings	2 6:30p Man to Man (AC)	3 12:00p Al-Anon (CR)	4 1:00p Lil Worsham Memorial/lunch (FH) 6:30p Worship
5 8:00a Early Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:45a Annual Congregation Meeting followed by lunch	6	7 8:30a Staff (WR) 10:00a Citizens Aux. (FH) 12:00p Al-Anon (CR) 6:00p Thrivent (FH)	8 11:00a Lydia Circle Lunch (FH) 5:15p Wed. Happenings 6:00p Sr. L.L. Christmas basket prep & gift sorting	9 9:30 Esther Circle (Rode) 6:00p 50 & Fun (FH)	10 12:00p Al-Anon (CR) 5:00p Wedding rehearsal	11 4:00p Brosig Wedding 6:30p Worship (Rev. Arnold Hilpert)
12 8:00a Early Worship (Rev. Arnold Hilpert) 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Celebration Worship (Rev. Arnold Hilpert) 12:00p Giving Tree Hot Dog Lunch	13 9:00a Christmas Good Cheer visits (FH) 5:30p Synod Assembly Mtg. (FH) 6:30 Rachel Circle (CR)	14 8:30a Staff (WR) 12:00p Al-Anon (CR)	15 Newsletter Deadline 5:15p Wed. Happenings 6:00p Practice for Advent Worship (Sanc)	16 9:30a Pericope (CR) 6:00p Council Christmas Gathering (FH)	17 12:00p Al-Anon (CR) 7:00p Family Advent Worship Service (Christmas Program in Sanc)	18 8:00a-noon 9th-12th grade baking pies 6:30p Worship Pecan Pie Sale
19 8:00a Early Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Pecan Pie Sale	20 6:00p Men's Group (FH)	21 8:30a Staff (WR) 12:00p Al-Anon (CR) 7:00p Joanna Circle (Bohn)	22 5:15p Wed. Happenings with no meal	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 12:00p Al-Anon (CR) 5:00p Worship 7:30p Worship 11:00p Worship	25 No Worship
26 Worship Services No Sunday School 10:00a Worship	27 Office Closed	28 8:30a Staff (WR) 12:00p Al-Anon (CR)	29 No meal or Wed. Happenings	30	31 Office closed 12:00p Al-Anon (CR)	

Wednesday Night Meals

December 1st
Spaghetti and meatballs
Garlic bread
Dump Cake

December 8th
Chicken and rice casserole
Salad
Dessert

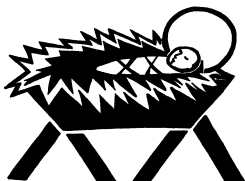
December 15th
Advent Surprise
Dessert

December 22nd

No Meal

Note:
Cost per meal to prepare is approximately \$3.50. A Free Will Offering is appreciated.

Weekly Wednesday Happenings Timeline
5:15p Meal
6:00p Walk the Walk
6:00 p.m. Meisterringers
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. Youth Talk
8:00 p.m. Evening Worship



Newsletter Abbreviations

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|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (ABC) =Adult Bible Class | (AC) = Activity Center | (BOCL) = Board of Congregational Life |
| (BOD) = Board of Deacons | (BOE) = Board of Elders | (BOED) = Board of Education |
| (BOEV) = Board of Evangelism | (BOS) = Board of Stewardship | (BOSC) = Board of Social Concerns |
| (BOT) = Board of Trustees | (BOW) = Board of Worship | (BOY) = Board of Youth |
| (Comm) = The Commons Room | (CR) = Conference Room/Church Office | |
| (CRb) = Conference Room B/ Church Office | | (FH) = Felger Hall |
| (Hax) = Hax Parlor | (MP) = Men’s Parlor | (WR) = Workroom/Church Office |

Christmas Giving Tree Project

We are reminding everyone who selected a card that you should purchase the item (either clothing or a toy, \$25 price range for each) that is written on the back of the name tag. The card you pick from the tree needs to be placed on the gift because the number on the card reflects the family number and helps us organize the gifts for distribution. Please bring you wrapped gifts to the church no later than Sunday, December 5th. We invite all members to join us for the gift distribution and luncheon to be held in the church activity center on Sunday, December 12th following the 10:30 worship service.

FIFTY AND FUN DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Fifty and Fun will meet **Thursday, December 9th** at 6:00 pm in Felger Hall. Ham will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a side dish.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY – **Fifty and Fun** is sponsoring a New Years Eve Party, 6 to 12 o'clock. All are welcome. Bring food to share. Hope to see you there!
We could use some help from parents with organizing activities for small children.

Children's Christmas Pageant/Family Advent Worship Service:

Mark your calendars now. **Friday December 17th** at 6:30 our Sunday School students will be leading the congregation in a special advent worship service. They will be telling the Christmas story with commentary about the Chrismons on the Christmas tree. We will be having ONE practice on Wednesday December 15th at 6:30pm.



Thrivent Holiday Supper December 7th

For members and their family and/or spouse/guest is on **Tuesday, December 7th**, at 6:00 p.m.in Felger Hall. Meat dish will be provided; members are asked to provide a side dish. Those planning to attend, please sign the sheet posted on the board by Felger Hall or call Fern Roessler, 578-2512, Dee Harper, 578-6677 or Joyce Teinert, 573-2701 by **December 1st**.

FELC Holiday Schedule

The following schedule will be observed during the holidays:

Friday, December 24th	Office closed; Christmas Eve Worship services at: 5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
December 25th	No worship service
December 26th	So Sunday School & one worship service — Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m.
December 27th	Office closed
December 31st	Office closed
January 1st	No worship service
January 2nd	8:00 a.m. Worship; 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship



Christmas Decorations

This year, our church will be decorated in stages throughout Advent. There is no sign-up, but if you would like to help please contact Alice Childress or Sandra Post. This is a general schedule for decorating: Between Nov. 28 and Dec. 4 — big tree in sanctuary, big tree in activity center, greenery on balcony, nativity, a wreath in Kovar Plaza, and greenery on the railing in Kovar Plaza; Between Dec. 5 and Dec. 11 (probably Dec. 8) — window candles, greenery, bows; Between Dec. 12 and Dec. 18 (probably Dec. 15) — aisle candelabras, greenery, and bows (Altar Guild); Felger Hall will be decorated by Diana Rippstein

All of the decorations will come down between January 3 and January 8, 2011. The same groups/individuals who set things up will be responsible for taking them down, with guidance of members of the Board of Worship. Thank you.



Altar Guild's "One Sunday a Year" Service

FELC Altar Guild has a new "One Sunday a Year" membership opening. Please consider giving "One Sunday a Year" of your time to the care of the Lord's Supper assisting experienced Guild members in this new rewarding ministry of our church. Call Dee Harper @ 578-6677 or 571-2349 to reserve your Sunday :) or for information.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia on the Altar at Christmas in Loving Memory or in Honor of a loved one, order forms are in the back of the narthex and inserted in this newsletter. Please fill out one form for each poinsettia ordered. The price is \$13.00, you may place your money with your order form(s) in the green box. Please note that you may pick your poinsettia up after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service or anytime before Wednesday, December 29th.



Mentor/Mentee Program

The Board of Youth would like to invite all kids grades K through 8th grade to join the mentee/mentor program at First English Lutheran. This is a program designed to link a youth with an adult from the congregation. Each partnership will be very unique and special. We carefully match each youth and adult based on their interests and have some great success stories. You will be able to communicate with one another through phone calls, letters, email, texting or one on one visits. This is a great way to build intergenerational bonds.

Some activities that we have planned this year are pumpkin carving, arts and crafts, Bunco, etc. Don't miss out - join a large group of youth who already are participating in this program. Call Dawn Dietzel at 572-4717 or 649-3721 if you are interested in getting more information.



Upper Elementary Advent Retreat - December 3rd & 4th

Upper Elementary Advent Retreat "In the Count" - December 3-4, 2010 at Chrysalis Grades 3-6 – Group Reservation Only 1,2,3,4...For centuries leaders of countries have been holding censuses in order to account for people in their countries and the world. God has been counting us as his since the beginning of time and with the gift of Christ many will continue to be counted. Through worships, Bible studies, crafts, and other camp activities we will explore the preparation of a census and how we are a part of God's count. Early Bird Cost: Youth - \$60, Adult Sponsors - \$30 After November 26th, fees increase by \$10 per person If you are interested in your child attending, please call the Church Office at 575-3623.



2010 Senior High Gatherings - December 28th thru 30th

Sr. High Youth Gathering will be at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio, Tuesday, December 28th through Thursday, December 30th. This years theme is Go! Information packets were handed out at the September 1st Youth Meeting. You do not have to be a member of our church or even a Lutheran to attend. Deadline is Wednesday, December 1st.



PECAN PIES IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Sr. Luther league will be selling homemade pecan pies for Christmas. Dec. 18 and 19 at all services. Pre-order your pie(s) for \$10 by signing up in the Narthex or calling the Church office at 575-3623.



We like to highlight our FELC Youth and what is going on for them and with them. Send in your information by the third Wednesday of each month for publication. We will print as space allows.

Corrections to the Pictorial Directory:

Chad & Brenda Bridges – Jade Demuth is Brenda's granddaughter
Brenda's e-mail address is beagle.doglover@yahoo.com

Jim & Jennifer Hartman's address is 209 Wildrose – Victoria, TX 77904

Marge Rode's home telephone number is 361-575-7501

Think 2011 -- January to be exact! That is January 17 - 28 when Lutheran World Quilting will be ongoing in Felger Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Your time will be greatly appreciated. Quilting set up will be January 16, 2011 after second service. Men are needed to transfer supplies into Felger Hall. Mission Action Chair, Joyce Teinert

First United Methodist Church at 407 N. Bridge St. invites you to a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 5, 2010 in Wesley Hall. Continuous serving will run from 7 to 10 a.m. Proceeds will benefit St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Tickets for adults (10 yrs. and up) are \$7.

Photos from the Junior High Youth Gathering



Team Worship Schedule

Date/ Time	Greeters	Lay Readers	Deacons/ Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Sound System
Sat. 6:30p 12/4	Kay Waida	Lynette Klages	Fabian	Ollie Flowers		Delores Seifert-Berger
Sun. 8:00a 12/5	Callie Mae Adix Lois Elles	Laurel Graham	Maxey	Katherine Schuelke Lillian Lau	Dawson & Mason Carroll	Kyle/Dick Martin
Sun. 10:30a 12/5	Sharon Church Warfield & Dolores Frisbie	Bryan Serold	Hartman	Dennis & Tracy Hermes	Mallory Hermes J.J. Muehlbrad	Paul/Morrison/ Debra Butler
Sat. 6:30p 12/11	Kay Waida	Lynette Klages	Fabian	Ollie Flowers		Delores Seifert-Berger
Sun. 8:00a 12/12	Howard & Beverly Spies Johnny & Mary Lemke	Joycelyn Onken	Muegge	Sheri Merklinger Tracie Depine	Lorin Merklinger Megan Depine	Kyle/Dick Martin
Sun. 10:30a 12/12	Anthony Wilhelm Dwane & Gay Bruns	Mary Gleinser	Schulte	Bryan & Sandra Serold	Caitlyn & Logan Lassman	Aaron Muegge/ Debra Butler
Sat. 6:30p 12/18	Kay Waida	Lynette Klages	Fabian	Ollie Flowers		Delores Seifert-Berger
Sun. 8:00a 12/19	Evalie Singer Melvin & Fern Roessler	Edna McDonald	Sproles	Louis & Sue Boldt	Natalie Boldt Elizabeth Hanselka	Kyle/Dick Martin
Sun. 10:30a 12/19	Ed & Melrose Goetz Toddy & Geralene Schulte	Aaron Muegge	Heinold	Larry Shilling Sue Raaz	Kolton Shilling Emily Klinkerman	Debra Butler/ Aaron Muegge
Fri. 5:00p 12/24	Kay Waida	Lynette Klages	Heinold	Bobbie Guinn Dee Harper	***	Delores Seifert-Berger
Fri. 7:30p 12/24	Mickey & Altha Maxey Ellerine Dentler	Pastor	Sproles	Larry & Kathy Svetlik	***	Kyle/Dick Martin
Fri. 11:00p 12/24	Volunteers	Pastor	Muegge	Volunteers	***	Volunteers
Sun. 10:00a 12/26	Joe & Donna Cliffe Dennis & Tracy Hermes	Pastor	Hartman	Randy & Sandy Muegge	Charis Wirtley Meagan Fishbeck	Pat Rickman/ Sandra Post
					*** Volunteers needed call 578-1992 by Dec. 12	

Altar Guild Belinda Kinkade Elnora Bentley Dorothy Bohn Sue Boldt Diane Boyett Peggy Brockenbush Debra Butler Darla Canfield
 Donna Cliffe Tracie Depine Erica & Lainy Dromgoole Kirsten Eppinger Mary Gleinser Steph Godfrey Melrose Goetz Gloria Grimes
 Bobbie Guinn Dee Harper Rhonda Hildebrandt Shirleean Hoffman Florence Kirkland Nyle Ruth Leshikar Elaine Malina Trinkka Martin
 Karen May Altha Maxey Janet McCrea Darlene McDonald Edna McDonald Shirley Millsap Sandra Muegge Gail Norris Joycelyn
 Onken Sue Raaz Nyle Ruth Rowland Geralene Schulte

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/01	Allen	Dentler	12/16	Morgan	Park
12/01	Sandra	Dentler	12/16	Kylie	Welch
12/03	Virginia	Swanson	12/18	Victor	Swanson
12/03	Mary Gail	Moody	12/18	Merlyn	Hartman
12/04	Alfred	Lorfin	12/18	Darlene	McDonald
12/05	Dorothy	Cook	12/18	Kyra	Welch
12/05	Bill	Evans	12/19	Deborah	Westbrook
12/05	Christi	Lesikar	12/19	David	Stoeltje
12/06	Darletta	Muehlbrad	12/19	Samantha	Alvarez
12/06	Aaron	Muegge	12/20	Darrell	Swoboda
12/07	Carol	VanMetre	12/20	Bonnie	Burton
12/07	Paul	Butler	12/21	Jennifer	Canfield
12/07	Ryan	Slaughter	12/22	Marie	Weischwill
12/08	Annabelle	Pagel	12/22	Margarita	Moreland
12/08	Brenham	Tumlinson	12/22	Stephanie	Nelson
12/09	Wayne	Jacobs	12/22	Vincent	Squillace
12/09	Chuck	VanMetre	12/23	W.W.	Frisbie
12/09	Andrea	Stehle	12/23	Donna	Lemke
12/10	Nellene	Dlugosch	12/24	Kim	Mikes
12/10	Abby	Muehlbrad	12/25	Bo	Keller
12/10	Dillon	Swanson	12/25	Lucille	Tschoepe
12/11	Justin	McDonald	12/26	Debra	Kubenka
12/12	Phil	Schmidt	12/27	Harvey	McDonald
12/12	Kimber	Linke	12/27	Gerald	Klinkerman
12/13	Steve	Nelson	12/27	Gail	Norris
12/13	Caitlyn	Lassmann	12/27	Alfred	Reinhardt
12/13	Logan	Lassmann	12/27	Billie	Chomitzky
12/14	Walter	Weshinsky	12/27	Jocelyn	Whisnat
12/14	Gay *	Bruns	12/27	Ryan	Klinkerman
12/14	Terry	Jackson	12/28	Toni	May
12/14	Gloria	Wilhelm	12/28	William	Slaughter
12/14	Timothy	Meyer	12/28	E. J.	Schmidt
12/14	Evan	Eppinger	12/28	Alysha	Dentler
12/15	Jonathan	Stirneman	12/30	Robert	Cheshire
12/15	Lain	Hermes	12/30	Matthew	Stirneman
12/15	Kaitlyn	Appelt	12/31	Jearldine	Secrist
12/16	Taunyha	Jacobs			
12/16	Frank	Malina			
12/16	Patricia	Rickman			

Attendance and Offerings

Date	Attendance 6:30 p.m.	Communion	Offering	Attendance 8:00 a.m.	Communion	Offering	Attendance 10:30 a.m.	Communion	Offering
10/23-24	28	28	\$1,355.00	69	64	\$2,714.00	115	116	\$2,115.02
10/30-31	31	30	\$1,347.50	78	78	\$1,963.00	138	119	\$4,909.01
11/6-7	38	37	\$1,175.00	88	71	\$1,159.00	137	114	\$6,983.00
11/13-14	33	32	\$1,329.00	100	96	\$1,853.00	105	103	\$5,250.75
11/20-21	35	34		108	93		118	95	
11/24	88	81	827.00						
11/27-28	40	39	\$1,119.13	65	64	\$1,685.00	112	111	\$2,125.00

Each month First English Evangelical Lutheran Church sends each of the following organizations a donation toward their ministry. These donations help thousands discover or renew God's call for their lives and provides hot noon meals for hundreds along with some financial assistance and prepare a new generation of leaders for service in the world. Each organization sends a monthly thank you to FELC. God Bless You, Christ's Kitchen (\$41.67) Texas Lutheran Univ. (\$133.34) Cross Trails Ministry (\$733.24)

A special thanks to members of First English for your generous support of our annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution Project. Your contribution of over 350 food items and monetary donations helped provide a food box and smoked turkey to 63 families supported by the Victoria Senior Citizens Center, Mid-Coast Family Services, Perpetual Help Home, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and members of First English Lutheran Church. A special thank you is also extended to the Coastal Bend Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for their generous donation of \$1,000 to help purchase turkeys this year-Your Board of Social Concerns

Mrs. Belia Cuellar would like to thank our church for the nice Thanksgiving turkey basket. She appreciates our generosity very much.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! I hope I don't leave anyone out. I would like to thank First English Lutheran for their gift to me, to my newsletter ladies for my special lunch date & goodies, Aaron Muegge for the goodies, Alice Childress for my gift card (I kept it away from my daughter), Margaret Dentler for my beautiful cross, Dorothy Bohn for the planner and magnet, Pastor Jerry for the key chain and everyone for your blessings and well wishes. It was truly a blessing to work with FELC and all your wonderful members! Blessings to all, Mary Lea Kloesel

From Patty Thieme and the family of Roland Thieme: Thank you for the book, "Good Grief" and the words of comfort in your letter. Your Parish Family is very caring and we want you to know how very much we appreciate everything.

Thank you so much for the delicious meal on Heritage Day. I appreciate the committee delivering to me. Thank you, Dorothy Roberts.

From Habitat for Humanity, thank you for your gift of \$41.67 on October 5th to the 2010 Dream Hope Build Annual Fund.

Special Prayers & Sympathy

Louis Fabian, Claire Friedrich, Rudy Pena, Donna Avant, Oranell Satsky, Mindee, Herman Kucera, Cindy Lassmann, Don Beckmann, Bobby Bergquist, Dorothy Swoboda, Judy Jones, our troops, and for all people in need.

We express our sympathy and love to the family and friends of Edna Brandt, (Kirby Brandt's mother) who passed away October 25th; Lil Worsham, who passed away Sunday, October 31st; and Eunice Reaves (Cheryl Higdon's mother) who passed away Wednesday, November 10th.

Those who have been in the hospital this past month

Glenda Doeblner, Louis Fabian, Ella Hasdorff, Cotton Hillmer, Myrtle Krause

Action Items

November 18, 2010

Motion was made by Bryan Serold, seconded by Dalton Metting, that the Minutes of the October 21, 2010, Church Council Meeting, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Randy Muegge, seconded by Larry Shilling, that the Minutes of the November 10, 2010, Special Called Church Council Meeting, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Muegge, seconded by Bryan Serold, that the Annual Heritage Day Celebration will be held on September 18, 2011. Motion carried.

The Church Council decided to proceed with further negotiations with the Vine School.

ANNUAL REPORT DUE– First English Evangelical Lutheran Board Chairs, auxiliaries, youth, men's, and women's groups and any other groups are to please turn in their Annual Reports to the Church office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, **January 10, 2011**. You may submit by email to office@FELCVictoria.com or drop by Church office anytime between now and January 6th. If you have any question please contact Margaret at the Church office – 575-3623.

Our green paraments have served us well since 1985. However, the these paraments are in the chancel area more than any of the others. The fabric has deteriorated. The Altar Guild would like to give someone the opportunity to purchase new green paraments as a memorial or as an offering. If you are interested please contact Pastor Jerry @ 575-3623 or Dee Harper @ 578-6677

Guest Pastor

On December 11th and 12th the Rev. Arnold M. Hilpert will speak at all three services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He will share what he has witnessed about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Please join in the opportunity to hear his special

2011 Victoria County Relay for Life Event

The Victoria County Relay for Life event will be held next year at the Coletto Creek Park beginning on Friday, April 29, 2011. Doug Tesch with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a relay team called the Christians for a Cure. Doug is inviting fellow Christians within the Victoria community, including members of First English, to join the team. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Doug at 574-9912 or by e-mail at dwtesch@suddenlink.net. You can also sign up on-line as a team member at www.relayforlife.org/victoriacotx. Click on the "Sign Up" link and select "Join a Team". Enter Christians for a Cure as the Team Name and leave the Team Company blank. The \$50 sponsor fee has already been paid. Please help support the ongoing fight to find a cure for cancer by joining the team.-Your Board of Social Concerns

Women of First English

This is a reminder that we are collecting postage stamps, Campbell's Soup labels and box tops for education during the month of December, you may bring them and place them in the Women of the Church Office. Thank you, Mission Action FELCW

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent members are invited to the Holiday Supper, scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in Felger Hall. Please bring a side dish to share.

Rev. John Lunn's Update

Happy New Year to my sponsoring churches! It's a new church year beginning with the season of Advent when we anticipate baby Jesus coming to us at Christmas, and Jesus' return to us. We are called to be prepared!

November was a month of preparation for me. I spent a long weekend in Bangalore with 20 or so other students in India who are taking distance learning classes towards a Master's degree in palliative care from Cardiff University in Wales. There were four tutors to launch us into the program which includes many projects and audits over the next couple of years.

Then I came back to continue my preparation for classes and lining up speakers and transportation and lodging for a training session at our Palliative Care Study Center at Sneha Deepam for a group of 16 Missionaries of Charity - Mother Teresa's order. As I wrote last month, the sisters are very capable of caring for the people that society rejects and that often requires a lot of hard physical work, but what happens to the Sister who has some physical limitations? How can they continue to contribute? This teaching session will offer these Sisters some additional counseling skills so they will then be better prepared to help with the psycho-social and spiritual needs of the people that they work with. The training sessions occupied the last two weeks of November and went very well. We had regular Bible studies, the Sisters either went off to observe in other departments such as Rehabilitation services and the psychiatry department or had speakers like a pediatrician who works with developmentally disabled children, a psychologist from the rehab department, one of our chaplains, and of course, me. At the end of each day, we had a time of reflection to talk about what had gone on during the day. At the end of the two weeks, the Sisters decorated my door with flowers and a thank you, as well as a touching thank you note. This was a sort of test training session, but the Sisters seemed to find it helpful and feel that they learned something. They are very eager students and have a lot of their own experiences to share.

Once the classes with the Sisters were over, I went back to work on my assignments for the Cardiff program. I worked on an assignment on Information Mastery and an audit of the effectiveness of the End of Life Nursing Education Consortium material in a training that we will be doing in Bihar for the nursing faculty in early December. I'd better get my assignments done on time because when you are learning online, you can't say that the dog ate your homework!

Your support and your prayers continue to keep me going, so don't stop now! And know that you are in my prayers too. Peace, John

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

Pictorial Directories Are In

If you had your picture taken by Olan Mills and you have yet to pick up your pictorial directory, check the box in the narthex for your labeled directory. Please take the directory with your name on it.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday December 5th

Remember our Annual Meeting will be in the Activity Center at 11:30 am. Following the meeting, we will have a hamburger and all the fixings luncheon provided by the Board of Congregational Life.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT:

5:00 PM

7:30 PM

11:00 PM