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## ***A Letter from the Pastor***

Dear Family of Faith,

Do you remember Sunday school? I can still picture parts of my church education days. Film strips. Flannel boards. The birthday bank shaped like a church that you put a penny into for every year of your age. I remember several teachers, especially Mrs. Reckdahl (2nd grade, I think). I can still picture my 4th grade Sunday school class meeting in the ushers closet at the Park Theater during the year of building a new church. (Yes, theaters had ushers at one time).

Those Sunday school days informed my faith, taught me important Bible stories, built relationships, and etched Jesus into my heart. I looked forward to it. Even when I reached that age where going to Sunday school wasn't cool, I still looked forward to meeting friends.

Videos and other hands-on learning methods now pervade our education programs. But the end results remain the same for those whose parents invest in it: informed faith, remembered Bible stories, Christian relationships, and hearts that belong to Jesus.

And one other item remains the same. The people who teach. The Christians who take their faith into the arena of Christ-centered education do so much more than follow the curriculum. They give witness to their faith by simply being there. To young learners, those teachers are the conduit of God's revelation.

As we close in on the beginning of another education year, I cannot begin to tell you how important the various education leaders are to the future faith of our kids. If you think you're not a necessary part of Christian teaching, think again. Some child is waiting to have a positive church memory built, and you may be the one to do it.

Throughout the year our Rotation Sunday school needs helpers. Please, keep our children in prayer. And, please consider becoming a teacher. You could be the one who makes a huge difference in etching Christ into the heart of a child.

In Peace,

Pastor B.

## Worship Themes

September 4—12th Sunday after Pentecost—Think of all the things we put on our bodies. Clothes. Jewelry. Salves. The Bible reminds us to *Put on Christ*.

September 10—13th Sunday after Pentecost (Saturday 5:30 only) - In our confession we admit that we cannot free ourselves from sin. But unless we *Remain Free* we will end up locking ourselves back to the chain of sin.

September 11—*A Decade Later: At the Crossroads of Fear and Faith*. Join us for worship at 11:00am at the Sun Prairie High School Performing Arts Center.

September 18—14th Sunday after Pentecost and Rally Day—We will celebrate *Our Generous God* in worship and after!

September 25— 15th Sunday after Pentecost— The Lord knows our *Frailties and Failings*. Maybe our greatest weakness is our foolish ability to say yes to Jesus and then act otherwise.

## Rally Day—September 18

A time to come back together for learning what God would have us do. A time to enjoy good food at the potluck dinner in the fellowship hall. A time to have some fun with the obstacle course, bouncy house, face painting and bean bag toss. A time for icy pops and popcorn. Let's make this a family event to kick off the entire fall programming at Our Savior's. We can use some help— both adult and youth so check out the sign up sheets on the Education Table.



## Solid Rock University Gearing Up

*Solid Rock University*, the confirmation ministry at Our Savior's, is starting off the year with an orientation session on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m., for our incoming students and parents. Year 2 and Year 3 students and their parents will have individual interview meetings to select courses for the year, sign the confirmation covenant, check the student's progress report, as well as answer any questions about confirmation in general.



This year we are utilizing "confirmation coaches" in the classes to help lead discussion and small group activities, as well as serve as caring mentors for youth. If you have an interest in learning about this opportunity, please speak with Pastor Krahn. Each confirmation unit is only 3-4 weeks and there is opportunity

to have a positive impact on students' lives. If you have questions, contact Pastor Krahn at 837-3111 or [pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org](mailto:pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org). SRU courses begin on October 5, at 6:30 p.m. Also, the "SRU Happenings," a newsletter containing confirmation information, pictures, and newsy tidbits will be available soon on our website.

## New Member Class to Start Soon

The fall new member class at Our Savior's will begin on Sunday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. There are three new member sessions each year - fall, winter and late spring. These sessions consist of four classes of 1 ½ hours each. Child care is available. If you are interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's please sign up at the Ministry Opportunity Table or contact Pastor Krahn at the church office or at [pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org](mailto:pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org). New member recognition will take place on Sunday, October 16 at the 10:30 worship service.



## A Decade Later: At the Crossroads of Fear and Faith

The 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that changed the world arrives on Sunday, September 11. In recognition of this anniversary, we are teaming up with the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church to hold a community worship service. The service, which begins at 11:00am, will emphasize the faith we have in Christ which allows us to face the fears of everyday life in a post 9/11 world.



Bishop Bruce Burnside of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be our guest preacher.

Offerings that are not designated for a particular congregation will be divided between national and local causes.

This is a community event. OSLC will not hold regular services that day. Please, bring neighbors and friends.

## Kindergarten-5th Graders: Get on Board!

That's right, get on board the Glory Train to learn about Christian Values. Each Sunday you will enter a different car on the train and learn values of the Christian life; service, strength through Jesus, how to overcome fears, what fuels us- where do we get the power and "go make disciples." If you have not registered yet please do so before Rally Day if possible so the conductors (sherpas) are ready for you. By the way kindergartners, the 10:30 session for you is now full so sign up for the 9:15 session.

## Bring a Friend to Creative Connections

If you have a favorite crafty hobby, you and your crafty friends should check out Creative Connections. We talk. We make things. We laugh. Remember all crafters of one variety or another are welcome to get busy and craft at church. We'll meet together on Friday evenings, from 6-9pm on September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16. Mark your calendars now. Bring your own projects (scrapbooking, crocheting, quilting. Whatever) or help with the card-making projects to benefit the CAT ministry. Contact Pastor Krahn at 837-3111 or [pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org](mailto:pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org) with any questions you have.

## Card Ministry

We are getting really low on birthday cards that are sent to the senior high youth of Our Savior's. The card ministry does not have scheduled meetings or gatherings. The work is done at home or during Creative Connection gatherings. If you would like more information about this group contact [Brandy@oslc-elca.org](mailto:Brandy@oslc-elca.org).



## Pre-School Children

Three and four year olds will have another great year as they learn Bible stories, sing, make creative items, color and play. The curriculum for pre-school is the Beginner's Bible which children baptized at Our Savior's received at their Baptism. This is a good way for parents to reinforce the Sunday activities throughout the week. If your child did not receive a Beginner's Bible you will be given one at the pre-school orientation on Monday, September 12. If you do not receive a letter regarding this orientation, contact Muriel Arms [marms@oslc-elca.org](mailto:marms@oslc-elca.org) or 837-3111.

## Book Club

We'll celebrate our 10th anniversary Tuesday, September 6th with dinner at 1855 in Cottage Grove. Join us at 6:30. We'll also discuss *Where the River Turns to Sky*, by Gregg Kliener. Our October book is *The Yada Yada Prayer Group* by Neta Jackson. Be sure to pick up the latest copy of Book Club News on the Ministry Opportunity table. It lists the books we'll read for the rest of the year.

## Friday Morning Office Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers in the church office on Friday mornings starting September 9 through May 18. Hours would be from 8am until noon.

Main task would be to answer phones. No prior office experience necessary. If you are interested please contact Brandy in the church office as soon as possible [brandy@oslc-elca.org](mailto:brandy@oslc-elca.org) or 837-3111. A rotating schedule of volunteers will then be created.



## Children's Voices Needed for 9/11 Service

We are in need of children, entering grades 2-8, to join the children's choir for our September 11th Remembrance Service. This event will take place at the Sun Prairie High School Performing Arts Center at 11:00am. Children of various Sun Prairie churches are being invited to sing *Inscription of Hope*. Rehearsals are scheduled for August 23, 30 and September 6 from 6:00-6:45pm in the sanctuary at Our Savior's. There will also be a run-through on the morning of the service with the other area children who are participating. Please inform Kim Peterson at 237-1797 or [kimusic@live.com](mailto:kimusic@live.com) if your child(ren) will be participating.

## TNT is Back

The twenties and thirties group is back for fun, fellowship and is family friendly. Dates have been set through the end of the year for fun-filled events. Sign up on the Ministry Opportunity table for our first event as we carpool to the Renaissance Faire in Bristol, IL on Saturday, September 3. Tickets are \$20 for adult drivers, \$10 for children and \$25 for adult riders. Discounts are available for groups if you sign up and pay by August 31. Checks can be made out to OSLC. See Krista Berggren for details. Future events include: Carpooling to Frightfest @ Great America on October 8, Game Day at Our Savior's on November 12, and a Holiday Dinner on December 10. Join us on our facebook group to have events sent right to you!! Bring your friends and let's have a blast!!



## BBBS Starts September 14

Hi! I'm Pastor B. the first B is Berggren's Brown Bag and Bible Study. If you have about an hour at 11:30am on Wednesdays I would like to invite you to join me for a Bible Study. Bring your own lunch and Bible.

This fall I'm daring to dip my toe in the murky waters of The Revelation to John. We usually just call it Revelation. Honestly, this is a book I've tried to ignore. But no more. Join me, please, in exploring what God revealed to John.

## Child to Child

For the summer our mission is through International Child Care at Grace Hospital in Haiti. You have already given \$60 to the child care fund, let's see if we can double it. Bring in your additional offering on Rally Sunday, September 18. Your gift will enable the children of Haiti to eat good food, drink safe water and receive medical help. Let's celebrate what God has given us as you give your gift to Grace Hospital in Haiti.

## EAT BOLDLY



Mark your calendar for 7 p.m. on the first Friday of every month, and join us for an evening of dining and social enjoyment. The location changes each month, so watch the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. All are welcome -- and it's a-ok to bring a friend or two. September 2nd we will be going to John's Grill/Bar, 1202 Madison Street in Beaver Dam.

## RIOT in the Underground

The senior high youth group RIOT will begin their fall schedule by working a water station at the Madison Chocolate Chase ride against Cancer on Saturday, September 3. Please contact Brett ASAP if you are interested. If you're in grades 9-12, we welcome you to attend. An updated schedule of events has been posted on the RIOT bulletin board in the Narthex or check the RIOT section of the website. If you have questions see Brett.

## Underground Chaos

The middle school youth group *chaos* will begin their fall schedule, Sunday afternoon September 18 in the underground at 1pm. If you're in grades 6-8, we welcome you to attend. An updated schedule of events for the fall is posted on the *chaos* bulletin board in the Narthex or check the *chaos* section of the website. If you have questions see Brett.

## Educational Needs

Preschool teachers and assistants—youth are encouraged to assist. Workshop leaders for upcoming rotations—rotation 2 is entitled "Get Ready the Light is Coming" and includes a family workshop on the first Sunday of the rotation (Nov. 6). Preschool assistant to the coordinator—will assist Carolyn Kreitlow. Contact Muriel Arms with questions or to volunteer, 837-3111 [marms@oslc-elca.org](mailto:marms@oslc-elca.org).

## Camping Ministry Mandatory for Confirmation Students

Confirmation students in either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades must attend a fall weekend retreat once through Crossways Camp. This year, students have the opportunity to attend Middle School Blast October 21-23 at Pine Lake or at Imago Dei Village November 18-20. See the sign-up on the Youth and Family table for details.

## Family Movie Night

Family movie night returns this fall and will be showing the movie "Gnomeo and Juliet" on Friday, September 16 at 6pm in mission matinee. This event is open to all ages. Sign up on the Family Resources bulletin board by the library so we know how much popcorn to make. Remember parents, there is now a movie resource to help you make faith connections with your children following the movie. This has great discussion starters. See Brett with questions.



## Post-High School Youth

The C.A.T. team wants you! Has your college-aged child moved away to attend college, gone into the military, or simply beginning their life away from home? Your church family cares about them. The C.A.T. team's mission is to keep the college-age youth of Our Savior's connected to the church. There will be care-packages (cookies, candy etc.), letters and emails periodically sent to let the kids know that they are never alone. If you would like us to connect with your son or daughter who is away this fall, please sign up for this free service at the Youth and Family Table in the narthex. If you would like to be involved with this rewarding ministry, please see Brett at church or email [brett@oslc-elca.org](mailto:brett@oslc-elca.org).

## Attention College Bound High School Youth

### South-Central Synod Lutheran College Tour

The South-Central Synod, in partnership with the Greater Milwaukee Synod, will be hosting a Lutheran College Tour for folks in grades 10-12 from Oct. 27- Oct. 29. They will be renting vans and visiting 4-5 college campuses including:

- Augsburg College - Minneapolis, MN
- St. Olaf College - Northfield, MN
- Luther College - Decorah, IA
- (Gustavus Adolphus - St. Peter, MN)*
- (Wartburg College - Waverly, IA)*
- (Augustana College - Rock Island, IL)*



\*Schools in parenthesis are tentative but a minimum of four schools will be attended.

The price for the trip will be \$50 per student (**OSLC will pay for half**) and will include travel, lodging and most of the food during the trip. This trip is supplemented by the Bishops' Initiative for Raising Up Future Leaders and a generous grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. To get registered, please fill out a registration form (attached) and return it to Brett by Sept. 30, along with your \$25 registration fee. You will receive a confirmation letter with health forms once your registration has been received. Questions should be directed to Brett 837-3111 or [brett@oslc-elca.org](mailto:brett@oslc-elca.org)

## REGISTRATION FORM FOR COLLEGE TOUR

Fill out this form completely and return to Brett. Once registered you will receive and can complete a health form. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

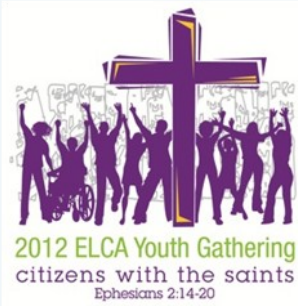
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Please include \$25 registration fee. Checks should be made payable to: OSLC

Deadline is September 30



## Sign up for the National Youth Gathering!

Our senior high youth will be heading back to New Orleans next July for their National Youth Gathering. Next year's theme is "Citizens with the Saints." Students will continue to aid the city in the cleanup efforts that wiped them out in 2005 from Hurricane Katrina. Beyond that, they will get to meet their fellow Lutherans from around the country, as they learn and grow in their faith.

Look for the display and sign up in the narthex, where registration forms can be found. Please fill the registration form out and return it to Brett no later than October 2 with a \$100 deposit. An informational meeting will be held September 11 at 6:00pm to answer any questions. Any youth currently in grades 8-12 is eligible to go. See Brett with questions.

## CROP Walk on October 16

Hunger abounds. A recent bucket brigade raised nearly \$2000 for the Horn of Africa. Now we'd like to encourage you to donate and walk for world hunger in the annual CROP walk. The walk is on October 16 and leaves from the First Reformed Church in Madison. Registration is at 12:45 and the walk begins at 1:30. WE NEED A CROP COORDINATOR. Talk to Pastor B. if interested in learning more, [pastorb@oslc-elca.org](mailto:pastorb@oslc-elca.org).



## Baptism Enrichment

Saturday, September 10 at 10:00am is the next baptism enrichment session. If you are planning on scheduling a baptism at OSLC in the near future, you need to attend a baptism enrichment session. The hour and a half session is required for all baptismal events. Both parents are required to attend the session and sponsors are welcome to attend if they so choose. Infants under six months are welcome to attend if needed. We ask that childcare arrangements be made for any children 6 months and older, if you need help with this task contact either of the pastors. Expecting parents are also welcome. Future enrichment dates are: November 12, January 14, and March 10. Please sign up on the Ministry Opportunity Table.

## Bring your backpack to worship!

Kids bring your school backpacks to worship the weekend of September 3-4 and receive a blessing for the school year. Your church family wants to recognize and support you this year with our thoughts and prayers.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class begins Sunday, September 18

Starting September 18, 6<sup>th</sup> graders will embark on an adventure in their Christian education called *New Voyages*. Each week, students will meet with Brett or other leaders in the newly renovated "Blue Room." Topics include: My Bible, who is my neighbor and why should I care, what is a sacrament and more. This class is a conduit to youth group and a great starter to confirmation. See Brett with questions.

## The Pizza Sale Is Coming!

The wildly popular annual pizza sale will take place weekends in October. Look for the display in the narthex and see a sr. high youth to order. Pizza making day will be Sunday, November 6. If you would like to help make pizza for this extremely fun event, see the sign-up on the pizza table in October. This is available for senior high youth and adults.

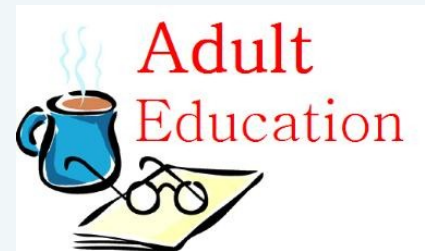
## Fall Is Right Around the Corner

With that brings several exciting events for the Fellowship Committee. Be sure to join us at the Sun Prairie High School Performing Arts Center on September 11. The Fellowship Committee, assisted by other Congregations, will be serving refreshments prior to the time of Worship. We are also looking forward to Rally Sunday and the delicious potluck dinner on September 18th. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex - break out your favorite recipe for a dish to share, and plan to be part of a fun-filled Our Savior's Rally Day.

**CHILI COOK-OFF II** is coming Sunday, November 13, watch for details.

## Adult Education Opportunities

Beginning in October some new educational opportunities for adults will be offered including a group study entitled "For Heavens Sake" how parents can help bring their child up in the faith. Other opportunities being considered are Sunday morning forum topics, discussion on Islam, and 3-4 week short discussions on the relevancy to scripture to our lives today. Watch for upcoming information.



## Another Beanie Baby Request?!?!?

Pastor Krahn and Susan Berggren will be traveling with our Synod's trip, "Picking Olives, Planting Peace: A Unique Holy Land Experience," in October. This trip, unlike other Holy Land tours, offers the opportunity to be with Palestinians assisting with their olive harvest, hearing their stories and experiencing a bit of their day-to-day life and struggles in their troubled land.

Last year we continued one of Bishop Burnside's traditions of giving Beanie Babies to the village children. Our congregation helped Pastor Krahn and the trip participants with over 1000 Beanies last year. If there are a few Beanies still out there, Pastor Krahn is willing to open the flood gates to the first donors. Please donate any new, or slightly used, Beanie Babies you have and they will get a new home in a child's heart in Palestine. Look for the suitcase in the narthex.

PS. Please do not donate any dog Beanies. The children are afraid of dogs and don't want to play with them because the Settlers often release their dogs on the children to harm and frighten them. Thank you.

## Join Senior Choir

Do you enjoy singing and are you looking for a new way to express your faith? You are invited to join the Senior Choir! The Senior Choir is an adult mixed choir who sings a variety of different types of music. Anyone from 9th grade-adult, who has an interest in singing is encouraged to join. Being able to read music is not a prerequisite to join Senior Choir. There are no tryouts, no requirements other than to be joyful and enthusiastic! To join, simply attend rehearsal and start singing. The Senior Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:45 pm in the sanctuary. The first rehearsal will be held on Sept. 14th. If you have any questions contact Kim Peterson at 237-1797 or [kimusic@live.com](mailto:kimusic@live.com).



## Multitasking Servants of the Month



Meet John & Karen Oehrlein. They are our highlighted volunteer servants this month. You often see them on Saturday evenings greeting and ushering, John is a counter; one of those important folks who helps out behind closed doors. And Karen has a flair for calligraphy which she uses in filling out many of those important certificates which mark faith milestones.

John and Karen are just two of the hundreds of people who serve the Lord by their helpful hands at OSLC. Thanks to them and to all of you.

## Join Sun Prairie MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Open to any mom with children birth to 5, if you are pregnant with your first child that is ok too. MOPS is an international organization who's goal is to bring together Christian woman and support them on their mothering & faith journey. Group meets once a month (second Tuesday of every month), beginning September 13th from 7-9pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near the Cheeseman. Enjoy guest speakers, games, crafts, and activities that help you to become a better mom. Cost is \$20 for the year & child care is provided if needed. For further questions, contact Kelly Preboski at (608)333-7071 or [haddoski@hotmail.com](mailto:haddoski@hotmail.com)

## ELCA Emblem Will Soon Disappear

On Pentecost 2010 the entire congregation was invited to make a handprint on the wall behind the altar. When completed the hands formed the emblem of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The emblem gave us a visual reminder of the many people who make up the Body of Christ in this congregation and throughout the ELCA. Sometime in the next few weeks the emblem will be painted over. It has served its purpose.



## The Crossroads Online

This issue of *The Crossroads* is our second issue to be sent electronically. We had a number of glitches the first time around and hope they have all worked themselves out for this month's issue. If there are additional address you would like us to send *The Crossroads* to digitally please contact us and we can add the email addresses to our list for future issues. (608) 837-3111 or [brandy@oslc-elca.org](mailto:brandy@oslc-elca.org). Printed copies of *The Crossroads* can be found on the Ministry Opportunity Table.

## + One a Week Club +

To find a current list of blood drives or to make an appointment to give blood you can call 1-800-give-life or visit [www.givebloodgivelife.org](http://www.givebloodgivelife.org). Donating blood takes about an hour of your time. Please consider making time for this vital need in our community. Call to schedule your appointment today!

Thanks to Barbara Rathbun, Warren Holsbo, Dan & Diane Williamson x2, Byron Bunge, Jordan & Julie Niemeyer, Bill Nawrot, Patricia Nicholson, Jeff Meyers, June Egstad (DBL red cell), Donald Moodie, Colleen Fjelstad, MaryJo Westerveld, Marie Roth, Jim Alt, Eric Basile, Virginia Clinton, Ellen Davidson, Liz Thony, Bill Egstad, Linda Hagen, Sharlot Bogart, Yvonne Wilhelmi, Wayne Wornson, Jeni Hanser, Reta Yeazel and Marilyn Silvester who donated blood recently.

Our total for 2011 so far is 96! Way to go!

## Official Acts

### **Baptisms** - *celebrating new life through the sacrament of belonging :*

July 10 —Gavin Boettcher—son of Garritt & Gwendolen Boettcher

July 30—Henry Krupp—son of Matt & Anna Krupp

August 20—Dawson Marshall—son of Derek & Megan Marshall

August 21—Emily Immel—daughter of Del & Christine Immel

August 21—Quinn Preboski—son of Zachary & Kelly Preboski

### **Funerals** - *commending the faithful to the loving arms of God :*

July 19 – Margaret Loftus

July 26—June Oien

July 27—Elva Dick

August 17—Marion Tobias

## Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class

A 6-week series designed to help answer questions about where to find community resources and seek solutions to difficult situations that might be encountered while providing care for a family member. The classes will help reduce stress, improve self-confidence, better communicate feelings, balance one's life, and increase the ability to make tough decisions.

Classes consist of six, 2 ½ hour sessions held once a week. Two experienced class leaders will conduct each session. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help translate the "tools" chosen and put them into action. Cost for all six sessions is \$10, which includes *The Caregiver Helpbook*.

Classes will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 701 S. Century Ave., Waunakee. Sessions are held every Wednesday from 5 - 7:30 p.m. and begin on September 14 through October 19, 2011. For more information or to register, contact Claire Culbertson 261-5679.

## HospiceCare Inc. to Offer Grief Support Opportunities

In September, HospiceCare Inc. will begin two grief support group series and offer a recurring support group. All of the sessions are open to the public and are provided without charge. All groups require pre-registration and are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, unless otherwise noted. To register, call (608) 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

- **After the Caregiving Ends** is held Mondays, Sept 19 through Oct 4, from 4:00 –6:00 p.m.
- **Journey Through Grief** is held Thursdays, Sept 22 through Nov 3, from 6:00—8:00 p.m.
- **Bridges Weekly Support Group** is held every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is not required.

## We are Gearing Up to Do It Again: Mission Encounters II

With God leading us, last year we experienced a truly delightful day at the Mission Encounters Auction and Chili Cook-off. The entire congregation rallied around the mission, shared in the great fellowship of the day, and charitably donated their talents and wares...and then bid generously! The spirit, the enthusiasm, the great sense of mission was demonstrated by all in attendance.



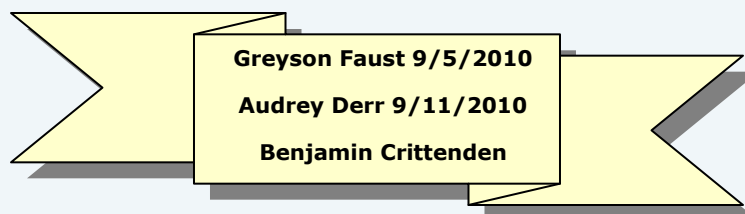
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The Mission Encounters event was a great success financially. So many mission projects benefitted from the \$12,000 that was raised that day. Not only were we able to fully fund Katie Christensen's Youth Exchange trip to the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, but we were able to help an Indian student visit us in the future. Our monies helped struggling students in Haiti with the literacy project Thomas Flood, a former member, is running. We helped students at the Lutheran School in Bethlehem with their library. Some of the funds helped our Synod in the form of a tithe as well as the Churchwide expression's mission of Disaster Relief. More monies went to help young people at Lutheran Campus Ministry and through Crossways camping ministry. Some funds helped families in need closer to home through Sun Prairie's Joining Forces for Families. Your openhanded and bighearted spirit made this endeavor truly exciting for me and the committee who worked so diligently behind the scenes. The joy experienced that day and the joy in giving to the many needy missions were truly a blessing to our congregation. Thanks be to God.

*Mission needs do not end.* So we are ready to pick up the ball and start again. **Mission Encounters II will be held on November 13, 2011**, after worship. **SAVE THE DATE!** Again, we'll be sampling tasty chili; auctioning great baskets, game tickets, and so much more; and living in the Spirit that day. AND because this is such a spirit-filled, exciting event, it's a terrific, and painless opportunity to invite friends.

Included with this newsletter is a letter and donation idea list. Feel free to pass this on to a business acquaintance you know or forward it electronically with a personal note. Donor forms are included as well with the digital version and print copies are available on the Ministry Opportunity Table. If you have any questions, or would like to help in any way, please talk to Pastor Krahn [pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org](mailto:pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org) or Mike Ferris [mikeferris77@gmail.com](mailto:mikeferris77@gmail.com). We're looking forward to the MISSION MADNESS and hope you are too!

Celebrating the first anniversary of  
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