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The Good News Letter

Jesus is Lord!

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From Our Rector, Father Bill Myrick:

In the days of Moses the people lived as nomads. That is to say, they moved around Usually following the herds to wherever the grass was greener. As nomadic people they kept limited possessions because they had to carry all their belongings as they moved about. That means that they didn't have garages, storage sheds, attics, walk-in-closets and basements.

At the moment that life style sounds very attractive to me. Moving from one rectory to the other has given me a new appreciation for the "simple life."

I have a lot of STUFF!

Moving has made me very aware that I am not a person who comes to the nomadic lifestyle easily. I am a saver. I keep anything that has value, or that might one day, down the road, have value. I also keep anything that triggers a positive memory or nostalgic reflection. There is my father's old recliner which wore out ten years ago but I just add another screw and sit in it to read the paper. There is an entire collection of tea cups that no one with fingers my size could ever drink from; after all my thumb fits better in the cup than in the handle of the cup...but my mother gave them to me and I treasure them. I have an old school desk that my son carved a message into when he was fifteen. I have boxes of photos and a fishing pole that hasn't seen a worm in over five years, a baseball glove that hasn't caught a ball

in fifteen years. I have lots of stuff.

The stuff I have says something about where I have been, and who I have been there with. My stuff tells a lot about my family and friends, and I am not so willing to let go of those memories and those people. Without that history and those people I wouldn't be here. In some ways, since I am the culmination of that stuff, I thank God He has blessed me as He has and when the time comes, I will pack it again.

As Christians we have thousands of years of "stuff" that helps us remember who we are and where we came from. We have "stuff" that reminds us of people who helped shape the people we have become. There is the Paschal candle to help us remember that we too are a redeemed people. There is the altar that reminds us of the many patriarchs and matriarchs that worshiped God by gathering around altars all over the face of the earth. There are the

sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism, which among other things, have been the reason families gather and celebrate as Families. And there is the cross which reminds us that there is always someone who loves you, even when you're not thinking of Him.

I would invite those of you who haven't taken the time to "rummage around" in the "old stuff" to come in any time and check out what I am talking about. Touch, taste and see if there isn't something you may have forgotten...memories too important to let go, a treasure you forgot you had.

Blessings, ~ Fr. Bill ~



ECW NEWS & EVENTS

Episcopal Church Women

The Annual ECW Bake Sale was held Friday, August 12th during Delavan Daze (Delavan's 175th birthday). A nice profit of over \$400 was made, and combined with some other funds from the ECW account, it will go toward ...



...the purchase of a flat screen TV for the Church Library. Thank you to all who donated veggies, baked goods and plants, and all who helped in set-up, selling & clean-up! Some are pictured here; Left: Taylor McKinney, Nancy Folkers, Ann Tarrolly, Pat Leverick and Mary Tully. Above: Pat Benson, Bev Wassam and Shirley Abell..



Art as Prayer - Aug. 17th Art Show with Meditations



Over 45 people viewed the art assemblages by artist Roberta Karstetter while they were set up throughout the Church, Library, Christ the King Room, Chapel and new Narthex. Interactive scripture meditations by each piece, invited participants to look at art as a prayer, and as a unique view of the sacred and holy.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Richard Heft
- 2 Lynn Swenson
- 3 Cheryl Trunk
- 4 Patricia (Trisha) Hecke
- 6 Ethline Wright
- 11 Sue Carthey
- 12 Taylor Elizabeth McKinney
- 13 Roberta Karstetter
- 13 Mike Williams
- 14 Jean McKinney
- 15 Kaine Mitchell Karstetter
- 19 Jim Donalds
- 24 Kathy Ensminger
- 25 Vanessa DeRemer
- 25 Leslie Whitt
- 28 Marcy Hammett



Marking Tenth Anniversary of 9/11

The Episcopal Church and other religious leaders are planning interfaith events to mark the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks when almost 3,000 people perished after hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a field in Shanksville, PA.

The Executive Council, at its June meeting, invited all Episcopal communities "to open their doors" during the Sept. 10-11 weekend to commemorate the anniversary **"with acts of prayer & remembrance, service, creativity, interfaith cooperation, education, community building, & fellowship, offering our institutions as active, accessible sites of healing for our local communities."**

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Dick & Patty Gustafson
- 6 Michael & Emily Turcotte
- 6 David & Wendy Thiel
- 12 Daniel & Sue Carthey
- 25 Jeff & Jean McKinney
- 29 Ken & Marilyn Oliak



Commemorating,
Remembering & Praying
for Peace for ALL.

**Labyrinth
Peace Walk**

**September 11th
Sunday**

come anytime between
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Art as Prayer Meditations...

Below right: Thanks to Carol Smith, Pat Benson, Ann Tarrolly, & Pat Leverick, not pictured who provided delicious snacks and juice for the Art Show & Meditations.

Held in the Christ Church Chapel
A Labyrinth Walk & Meditative Prayer Time.
All are welcome!



Adam's Rib
BBQ Rib Cook-Off & Dinner
Saturday, Sept. 17th
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

\$4 Adults
\$2 Kids
 (10 & under)



262-728-5292
 for more info

Christ Episcopal
 503 E. Walworth Ave.
 Delavan, WI

\$200 prize for best ribs!

Prizes & Categories: 3 Categories for the KCBS BBQ Rib Cook-Off: Men's, Women's & Kid's (under 18). Prizes & Awards for 1st - 3rd Place in each Category. Grand Champion Overall Award of \$200.

Rules for Contestants: 1. Ribs in this KCBS Contest are baby back ribs, spare ribs, or St Louis ribs. Back portion "country" ribs are NOT allowed. 2. Each contestant must register & pay \$5 entry fee (includes dinner for 1) by **deadline of Friday, September 9, 2011**. 3. Each contestant must also provide, at their cost, one slab of ribs for their entry. Portions of your ribs will be used for judging, the rest will be used at the Dinner for participants & guests. 4. Rib entries must be cooked by the registered contestant; no restaurant purchased or cooked ribs from other places allowed. 5. Cooked-BBQed Ribs must be brought to the Christ Church Parish Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17th, in a container to keep them warm for judging & serving.

Rib Judging - KCBS: Our head rib judge will be Gordon "Chip" Mornard, who recently completed his 30th judging contest (nationwide) and is eligible to take the test for master judge. Christ Episcopal Church reserves the right to bring in other judges as needed.

Contest for Side Dish Entries: People's Choice Awards, 1st - 3rd Place Awards will be given in two categories: Deserts (any kind) & Other Side Dishes (including, but not limited to all variety of salads (veggie, fruit, pasta), beans (baked, marinated), potato dishes - hot or cold).

Judging Side Dish Entries will be done by the guests & contestants in attendance. **Rules:** 1. Any paid dinner guest (\$4 per person) or paid rib cook-off contestant may bring a side dish to share and is eligible for the People's Choice Awards. 2. Deadline to purchase dinner tickets for the Side Dish Entry Contest, of Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, is encouraged, but not required. 3. Food Entries must come in their own, ready to serve container, with the contestant's name listed. 4. Side Dish Entries must be cooked, baked, prepared by the registered contestant or paid dinner guest, no purchased entries from stores or restaurants allowed for The People's Choice Awards. (If you wish to bring a side dish to share, and not be in the contest, we allow purchases from restaurants or stores for that.)

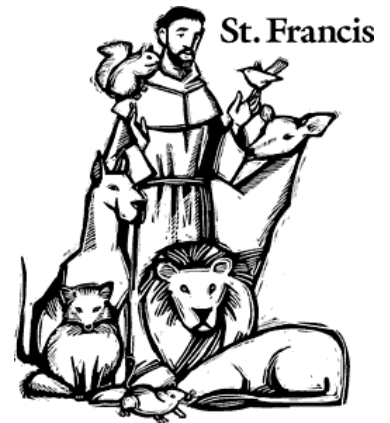
Additional rules/entry forms available at Church.

Pet Blessing Sunday, October 2nd

Honoring St. Francis
 of Assisi
 8 & 10 a.m. Services

*Bring your pets,
 large & small,
 Give thanks to God,
 who made them all!*

All pets welcome! If your pet tends to wander, please bring a leash or a storage pod for them.



Monday Night Book Club

Christ Episcopal Church, (Christ the King room) 503 E. Walworth Ave..

"Almost Christian",
"What the Faith of our Teenagers is Telling the American Church."

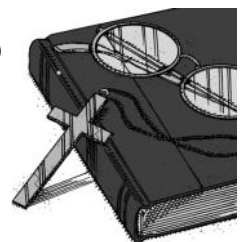
"Kendra Creasy Dean's compelling new book investigates why American teenagers are at once so positive about Christianity and at the same time so apathetic about genuine religious practice. Dean states that ardent faith in American young people depends upon churches' ability to recover a sense of mission and model ways of being Christians that go beyond self-serving spiritualities by embodying God's self-giving love for others. **"Almost Christian" is a wake up call that no one concerned about the future of Christianity in American can afford to ignore.**"

Starts October 10th, Monday Evenings
7:00 - 8:30 p.m., running for 4 - 6 weeks.

Our Book Club facilitator will be Chip Mornard, who led us in our last Fall's Book Club in some great discussions. This book will also bring about discussions & viewpoints allowing us to experience others & ideas in ways we might not have considered before. All are welcome!

Hardcover book cost is \$17 each - a limited supply are available now in the Church Offices.. If the cost is a hardship for you, please talk to Fr. Bill.

Please pre-register soon & get your book so we can order more books if needed.





**Roaring 20's
Pot-Luck
Appetizer Party
Saturday, Oct. 8th
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Held in the Christ
Church SpeakEasy,
a.k.a. the Parish Hall.**

Calling all adults!
Get your 1920's
costumes ready for

some fun! It'll be the bees knees, the cats pajamas,
the caterpillars spats of all times!

Tell your friends too!! ALL are welcome!
And you won't have to twenty-three skidoo either!



**Walworth Co.
Emergency
Homeless Shelter**

2011 Fall/Winter Shelter Schedule

For Shelter: (262) 903-WARM (9276)
**For Volunteer & Shelter Info: (262) 215-3451, ask
for Deb Weber.**

September 25th p.m. - October 2nd a.m.: Delavan United
Methodist Church, 213 S. 2nd Street, Delavan.

October 2nd p.m. - October 9th a.m.: First Baptist
Church, 212 S. Main Street, Delavan.

October 9th p.m. - October 16th a.m.: Creek Road
Community Church, W7778 Creek Road, Delavan.

October 16th p.m. - October 23rd a.m.: The River of Life
Christian Church, 405 E. Walworth Avenue, Delavan.

October 23rd p.m. - October 30th a.m.: **Christ Episco-
pal Church, 503 E. Walworth Avenue, Delavan.**

October 30th p.m. - November 6th a.m.: St. Benedicts,
137 Dewey Avenue, Fontana.

November 6th p.m. - November 13th a.m.: Chapel on the
Hill, N2440 Ara Glen Drive, Lake Geneva.

November 13th p.m. - November 20th a.m.: St. Patrick's
Catholic Church, 107 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn.

November 20th p.m. - November 27th a.m.: Need a host,
can use UMC building if we can find a host.

November 27th p.m. - December 4th a.m.: Sugar Creek
Lutheran Church, N5690 Cobblestone Road, Elkhorn.

December 4th p.m. - December 11th a.m.: Wesley Woods
Retreat Ministries, 250 Stam Street, Williams Bay.

December 11th p.m. - December 18th a.m.: Wesley
Woods Retreat Ministries, 250 Stam St., Williams Bay.

December 18th p.m. - December 25th a.m.: Inspiration
Ministries, N2270 State Road 67, Walworth.

December 25th p.m. - January 1st a.m.: Delavan United
Methodist Church, 213 S. 2nd St, Delavan.

Our turn to host the shelter is at the end of October, a sign
up sheet will be out at the end of September for overnight
security, meals, set-up and clean-up, transporting, laundry
and more. Our Christ Church coordinator is Ben Hawley,
262-208-6371. **Help will be needed in Sept. to move
our bins from the temp. Methodist Church site to
Christ Church, and re-organize them, and store.
Contact Ben for ways you can help!**

**HOUSE FOR SALE
CHURCH RECTORY
116 S. 8th St., Call Christ Church for info**



Women of Joy Present...

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Saturday, Oct. 22 * 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Workshop, Discussions, Prayers & Lunch

**Our Featured Speaker & Facilitator will
be The Rev. Anita Braden.**

Held in the Christ the King Room at Christ Church
More info out soon! All women are welcome!

**God grant me the serenity to accept
the people I cannot change,
the courage to change the one I can,
and the wisdom to know it's me.**

~ Author unknown ~

The Bible about Education.

Scripture teaches a lot about education, it teaches that wisdom begins with the right attitude toward God. *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding"* (Proverbs 9:10).

To leave God out of the education process is to surrender the education of our children to the imagination of man's heart.

All knowledge is related to Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:16-17, *"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, & in earth, visible & indivisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, & for him: He is before all things, & by him all things consist."* Colossians 2:3 says that in Christ are hid all treasures of wisdom & knowledge. Truth is centered in Christ, & all facts have their meaning as they relate to Christ. Just as Christ should be the center of our lives, He should be the center of our education too.

Parents are responsible for the education of their own children. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, *"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, & shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, & when thou walkest by the way, & when thou liest down, and risest up."* The oft-quoted Proverbs 22:76, *"Train up a child in the way he should go: & when he is old, he will not depart from it,"* is directed at all of us as parents. We may choose to use a formal school setting as a tool to educate our children, or choose to send them to Sunday School or Youth Group, but WE are still responsible for the training.

2011 Diocesan Fall Convention

"That you may have life & have it abundantly"

October 14 - 15 Racine Civic Center

For all Convention Delegates, Clergy & Visitors

Our elected delegates have already received their convention registration materials, visitors are also welcome to attend. If you are interested contact Roberta at the Church office for a form. The cost is \$65 for visitors includes Friday and Saturday meals. One day costs with meals is \$35 each. Deadline to get your registrations to the Diocesan Office is October 7th. **Delegates from Christ Church, please get your registrations in by Sept. 28th to Roberta.** Preconvention hearings, open to all, are being held Mon., Sept. 26th at All Saints Cathedral, Milwaukee; Tues., Sept. 27th at St. Luke's Church, Madison; and Sat. Oct. 7th at St. Anskar's Church, Hartland.



The Oberto's Excellent Vacation - Greek Cruise



Thanks to Tenny for sharing photos from their trip earlier this year. Pictured are Anne & Tenny Oberto with their family.





Vestry Snippets

The Vestry met on Tues., Aug. 16th, beginning with a devotional sharing by Patricia Leverick. Minutes & Treasurer Reports from July were approved, copies can be found from any Vestry member or in the Church office.

The Building Renovation Expense Reports were presented by Treasurer, Roberta along with CPA's Fr. Parks report. The Vestry approved an additional \$25,000 to be taken, if needed, from the RBC Endowment/Building Funds as we finish up the renovations.

Building Chair, Ken Oliak, gave a report of various items still to be finished, and a walk through that is coming up with the contractors.

Christ Church has been included in the will as a beneficiary from the Philip Desch Estate. Mr. Desch attended Christ Church as a child approx. 80+ years ago, his name was found in some old church records. We do not yet know the amount of the gift, but are thankful for his generosity to Christ Church for the benefit of our endowment fund. Roberta has returned several forms to lawyers dealing with finalizing his estate, more should be known in a month or two.

The ECW Bake Sale brought in over \$400, along with the balance of the ECW account, they are donating over \$700 to be used to purchase a flat screen TV for the Church Library. Thanks was given for their gift.

The Membership/Growth Committee requested permission to serve beer and wine coolers at the Adam's Rib Cook-off in Sept. and the Roaring 20's Themed Pot Luck Appetizer Event in Oct. The Vestry approved both.

The closing on the purchase of the property next door to Christ Church, formerly the Kieman property, was finalized on Aug. 1st. Fr. Bill will be moving from the old rectory into the new one during August. The Vestry approved moving costs estimated to be approx. \$1800.

Once Fr. Bill is moved out of the old rectory, some minor repairs, cleaning and cosmetic work will be done and the home will be put up for sale.

Outreach presented and approved is as follows: \$200 to Paralyzed Americans Fundraiser; \$150 to Episcopal Relief and Development; \$250 to DeKoven Center, Racine; \$100 Tour de DioMil to benefit the Haiti Project.

Acceptance of gifts (tapestry, oriental rug & cross) were approved and accepted with thanks from the Vestry.

Next Vestry Meeting will be Tues., Sept. 20th at 7 p.m., in the Christ the King room, and is open to all.

Variation on "Jesus Loves Me".

Sing these lyrics to the tune of this old favorite song sung by kids and adults.



**Jesus knows me, this I love,
All great things are from above;
Though I sin, the Lord forgives,
That is why I'm glad He lives!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**



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Vestry Leadership Days

An opportunity to spend time strengthening vestry leadership both today and into the future. Designed for vestry members, wardens including anyone thinking about this ministry, and clergy.

Saturday, November 5 at Trinity Church, Wauwatosa
Saturday February 25 at St. Luke's Church, Madison
Same program offered on both sides of the diocese.

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Welcome, Bishop's remarks.

Leading: Building the church as it faces the future.

10:15 a.m. Vestry Essentials for Leadership Ministry

12:00 Noon Lunch provided

12:45 p.m. Stewardship: Discovering and using the gifts God has given.

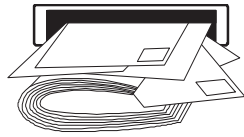
2:45 p.m. Next steps: a time for exploring with others where God might be inviting you to lead your parish.

4:00 p.m. Vestry Leadership Day ends

Contact Peggy Bean, Diocesan Officer for Congregational Development, at 414-291-2880 ext 158. Registration form also available at www.diomil.org

WE'VE GOT MAIL

Cards, Letters,
Thanks, Emails



Burglary by Distraction Warning!

This was received through the County Sheriff Dept. and is happening in S.E. Wisconsin. A man comes to the door in a hard hat & yellow vest, maybe with a clipboard, or a wheel on a stick for marking areas. He says he is with the city/utility/company/whatever and gets you to come with him to the back yard to measure trees/lot lines/gas meters, etc., while his "crew" comes thru the front door and steals from you.

DO NOT go into the backyard with anyone. Call the local phone/municipality/cable company and ask to see proper ID from anyone claiming to work for these companies.

News From Our Diocesan Link with Newala, Tanzania

UTO Grant to Newala Medical Clinic

The United Thank Offering awarded a grant of \$11,576 to the Diocese of Milwaukee's Companion Diocese of Newala. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the maternity ward at St. Michael's Health Centre in Lulindi. The hospital has been dormant for many years but with the formation of the new Diocese of Newala in 2009 work has been undertaken to refurbish the buildings and the UTO grant will supply badly needed medical equipment and supplies. Neil Radtke, who chairs the Companion Diocese Committee, notes that the area served by the medical center will include some 40 villages with a population of 90,000, or more, people.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO GAVE FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

Unfortunately, the photo of some of the residents and staff was lost, but we would like to thank The Williams Bay Health Care Center and residents for the many school supplies they donated and gave to Christ Church to hand out on Monday evenings at the 14th Apostle/Human Concerns meetings, where financial help is offered for many. Also many thanks to the parish members who have also donated school supplies for us to give away on Monday, and to some in our own congregation who could use them too.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated!!

There are still a few supplies left in the Christ the King room, but they will go fast! First come!

A Father, a Daughter and a Dog

story by Catherine Moore, shared by David Collins

"Watch out! You nearly broad sided that car!" My father yelled at me. "Can't you do anything right?" Those words hurt worse than blows. I turned my head toward the elderly man in the seat beside me, daring me to challenge him. A lump rose in my throat as I averted my eyes. I wasn't prepared for another battle.

"I saw the car, Dad. Please don't yell at me when I'm driving." My voice was measured and steady, sounding far calmer than I really felt. Dad glared at me, then turned away and settled back. At home I left Dad in front of the television and went outside to collect my thoughts.... Dark, heavy clouds hung in the air with a promise of rain. The rumble of distant thunder seemed to echo my inner turmoil. What could I do about him?

Dad had been a lumberjack in Washington and Oregon. He had enjoyed being outdoors and had reveled in pitting his strength against the forces of nature. The years marched on relentlessly. The first time he couldn't lift a heavy log, he joked about it; but later that same day I saw him outside alone, straining to lift it.. He became irritable whenever anyone teased him about his age, or when he couldn't do something he had done as a younger man.

Four days after his sixty-seventh birthday, he had a heart attack. An ambulance sped him to the hospital while a paramedic administered CPR to keep him alive.

At the hospital, Dad was rushed into an operating room. He was lucky; he survived. But something inside Dad died. His zest for life was gone. He obstinately refused to follow doctor's orders. Suggestions and offers of help were turned aside with sarcastic insults. The number of visitors thinned, then finally stopped altogether. Dad was left alone.

My husband, Dick, and I asked Dad to come live with us on our small farm. We hoped the fresh air and atmosphere would help him adjust.

A week after he moved in, I regretted the invitation. Nothing was satisfactory. He criticized everything. I became frustrated and moody. Soon I was taking my pent-up anger out on Dick. We began to bicker and argue.

Alarmed, Dick sought out our pastor and explained the situation. The clergyman set up weekly counseling for us. At the close of each session he prayed, asking God to soothe Dad's troubled mind.

But the months wore on, God was silent. Something had to be done and it was up to me to do it.

The next day I sat down with the phone book and called each of the mental health clinics listed in the Yellow Pages. I explained my problem to each of the sympathetic voices that answered.

A Father, A Daughter and a Dog continued...

Just when I was giving up hope, one of the voices suddenly exclaimed, "I just read something that might help you! Let me go get the article.." I listened as she read. The article described a remarkable study done at a nursing home. All of the patients were under treatment for chronic depression. Yet their attitudes had proved dramatically when they were given responsibility for a dog.

I drove to the animal shelter that afternoon.. After I filled out a Questionnaire, an officer led me to the kennels. The odor of disinfectant stung my nostrils as I moved down the row of pens. Each contained five to seven dogs. Long-haired dogs, curly-haired dogs, black dogs, spotted dogs all jumped up, trying to reach me. I studied each one but rejected one after the other for various reasons too big, too small, too much hair. At the last pen a dog in the shadows of the far corner struggled to his feet, walked to the front of the run and sat down. It was a pointer, one of the dog world's aristocrats. But this was a caricature of the breed. Years had etched his face and muzzle with shades of gray. His hip bones jutted out in lopsided triangles. But it was his eyes that caught and held my attention, calm and clear.

I pointed to the dog. "Tell me about him?" The officer looked and shook his head. "He's a funny one. Appeared out of nowhere and sat in front of the gate. We brought him in, figuring someone would be down to claim him. That was two weeks ago and we've heard nothing. His time is up tomorrow." He gestured helplessly. As the words sank in I turned to the man in horror.. "You mean you're going to kill him?" "Ma'am," he said gently, "That's our policy. We don't have room for every unclaimed dog."



I looked at the pointer again. The calm brown eyes awaited my decision. "I'll take him," I said. I drove home with the dog beside me. When I reached the house I honked the horn. I was helping my prize out of

the car when Dad shuffled onto the porch.. "Ta-da! Look what I got for you, Dad !" I said excitedly. Dad looked, then wrinkled his face in disgust. "If I had wanted a dog I would have gotten one. And I would have picked out a better specimen than that bag of bones. I don't want it" Dad waved his arm scornfully and turned back toward the house. Anger rose inside me and pounded in my temples. "You'd better get used to him, Dad. He's staying!"

Dad ignored me.. "Did you hear me, Dad ?" I screamed. At those words Dad whirled angrily, his hands clenched at his sides, his eyes narrowed and blazing with hate. We stood glaring at each other like duelists, when suddenly the pointer pulled free from my grasp. He wobbled toward my dad and sat down in front of him. Then slowly, carefully, he raised his paw. Dad 's lower jaw trembled as he stared at the uplifted paw confusion replaced the anger in his eyes. The pointer waited patiently. Then Dad was on his knees hugging the animal.

It was the beginning of a warm and intimate friendship. Dad named the pointer Cheyenne . Together he and Cheyenne explored. They spent hours walking down dusty lanes, reflective moments on the banks of streams, angling for tasty trout. They even started to attend Sunday services together, Dad in a pew and Cheyenne lying at his feet.

Dad and Cheyenne were inseparable throughout the next three years. Dad's bitterness faded, and he and Cheyenne made many friends. Then late one night I was startled to feel Cheyenne 's cold nose burrowing through our covers. He had never before come into our bedroom at night. I woke Dick, and ran into my father's room. Dad lay in his bed, his face serene. But his spirit had left quietly sometime during the night.

Two days later my shock and grief deepened when I discovered Cheyenne dead beside Dad 's bed. I wrapped his still form in the rag rug he had slept on. Dick and I buried him near a favorite fishing hole, I silently thanked the dog for the help he had given me in restoring Dad 's peace of mind.

The morning of Dad 's funeral dawned overcast and dreary. This day looks like the way I feel, I thought, as I walked down the aisle to the pews reserved for family. I was surprised to see the many friends Dad and Cheyenne had made filling the church. The pastor began his eulogy. It was a tribute to both Dad and the dog who had changed his life. The pastor turned to Hebrews 13:2. "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it."

"I've often thanked God for sending that angel," he said. For me, the past dropped into place, completing a puzzle that I had not seen before: the sympathetic voice that had just read the right article... Cheyenne 's unexpected appearance at the animal shelter...his calm acceptance and complete devotion to my father. . and the proximity of their deaths. And suddenly I understood. I knew that God had answered my prayers after all.

Life is too short for drama or petty things, **so laugh hard, love truly and forgive quickly.**



**Attention Youth
(ages 3 yrs. - 5th grade)
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is from 9:50 - 10:40 a.m. (approx.) on the dates listed. Starting just before the 10 a.m. service and runs during the service. The adult teachers & youth join the service at the "passing of the peace", to sit with families for the rest of the service.

Sun., Seot 11th: 9:50 a.m. Sunday School, upstairs rm

Sun., Sept. 25th: 9:50 a.m. Sunday School, upstairs rm

Looking Ahead...

Sun., Oct. 2nd: Animal Gardens Field Trip after 10:00 a.m. Service.



NURSERY CARE

Children age 3 years and under are welcome. Our nursery volunteers have gone through the Safeguarding God's Children workshop, or equivalent, and are glad to be able to provide care for your child during our church service.

Schedule for September:

Service time starts at 10 a.m., Nursery Attendants please arrive by 9:50 a.m. Thank you.

Sun., Sept. 4th: Patricia Benson

Sun., Sept. 11th: Teresa Williams

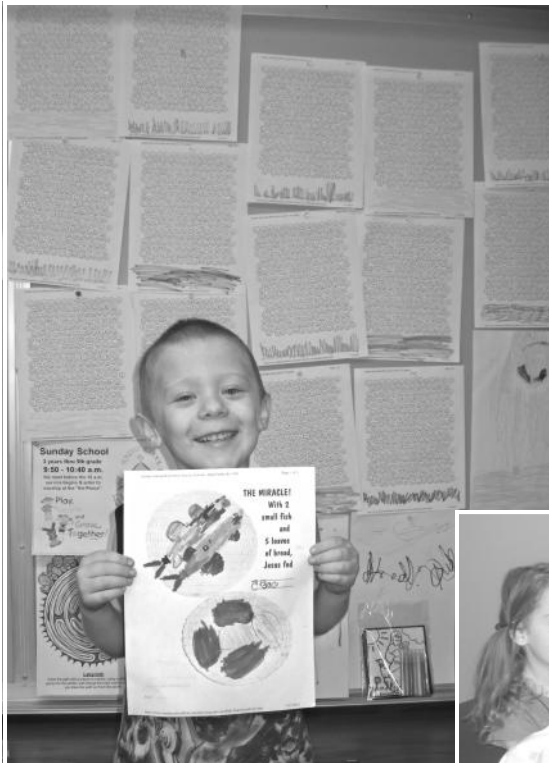
Sun., Sept. 18th: Barb Lonze

Sun., Sept. 25th: Carol Smith

Sun., Oct. 2nd: Steve Wassam

Note: Volunteers, if you can not make your Sunday, contact one of the other volunteers as far in advance as possible. **Thank you for your time to this ministry!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Thomas shares the story of "feeding the 5000 - five barley loaves & 2 fishes". Behind him are actually 5,000 faces to show just home many that is! Check out our classroom bulletin board to see for yourself!



Savannah, Ambur, Emmy & Thomas pictured here play the game "Who do YOU say that I am?" Dressing with props from the costume closet, we had fun with that game, then went on to ask them, as Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do YOU say that Christ is?"

ECCLESIASTES 3:13



GIFT OF GOD.
That everyone may
EAT AND DRINK,
and find satisfaction in
all his toil-this is the



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WE WELCOME YOU!

Sunday Services
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service in the Chapel.
A smaller service in an intimate setting.
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Church. Signed
service the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.



*Nursery avail-
able, or chil-
dren may stay
in for the
service.

*Contemporary, traditional, hymns & praise.

Weekday Services held in the Chapel
(enter through the 5th St. doors)

Tuesdays 7:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. followed by Bible Study for
those who wish to stay.