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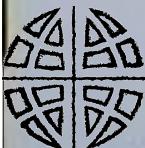
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8:30 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY!



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Living in God's amazing grace

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Financial report

Submitted by Gerald Nelson, Treasurer

	Receipts	Disbursements	Net
Budget through Aug 31, 2014	\$74,086.67	\$73,596	\$490.67
Actual through Aug 31, 2014	78,352.23	70,979.01	7,373.22



Our littler Lutherans...back at it.

Sunday church duties for Alcolyte & Communion

Oct. 5 Lani Edwards

Oct. 12. Kameron Wiese

Oct 19. Teryn Senn

Oct. 26 Lani Edwards

Offering & Bulletins:

Oct 5 Carson Koehler

Oct. 12 Case Koehler

Oct. 19 Signe Senn

Oct. 26 Gage Edwards

**Confirmation begins at
Faith in the Fall~ 2pm
sharp!!**

Oct. 5

Oct. 19

Nov. 2

Nov. 16



You Say... God Says... ❤

You Say

I can't figure it out.

I'm too tired.

It's impossible

Nobody loves me.

I can't forgive myself.

It's not worth it.

I'm not smart enough

I'm not able.

I can't go on.

I can't do it.

I can't manage.

I'm afraid.

I feel all alone.

God Says

I will direct your steps.

I will give you rest.

All things are possible.

I love you.

I forgive you.

It will be worth it.

I will give you wisdom.

I am able.

My grace is sufficient.

You can do all things.

I will supply all your needs.

I have not given you fear.

I will never leave you.

Bible Verses

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 11:28-30

Luke 18:27

John 3:16

Romans 8:1

Romans 8:28

1 Corinthians 1:30

2 Corinthians 9:8

2 Corinthians 12:9

Philippians 4:13

Philippians 4:19

2 Timothy 1:7

Hebrews 13:5

A big thank you to everyone who sent cards, brought food, came to visit or called to check on me after my recent surgery! I am coming along and feeling better each day. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Joan

Notes from the Secretary:

If you have pictures of your youth you would like to see in the newsletter or a recipe you would like to share with others, please email them to me at saintolaflutheran@gmail.com.

I have lost many of your email address's since the change from embarq to gmail. If you would like your newsletter emailed, please send yours if you prefer paperless.



W E L C A News:

Our October general meeting is scheduled for the 15th at 2pm. Karen Bentsen will give us a report on the Triennial Convention. We will also have our annual Thankoffering as we will not meet in November. Ladies from Faith will join us.

Our booth at Septemberfest was a success. We made \$760.05.

~~Bonnie's Bookshelf~~

Bonnie Algren is trying to build a library of children's books. If you have any to donate, please see her or feel free to drop them off at the Sunday school building during work hours.



Breakfast Report for September:

Another great day at St. Olaf— Friends and neighbors gathered to visit and share a meal. Lots of new faces and lots of our regular faces we see every month. Many thanks to you all for making our breakfast a big success- We had 68 persons and made \$646. Many thanks to Joe and Cheryl for those good farm fresh eggs. Many thanks to Maryness Wallace of Pasadena, TX for her generous donation to our breakfast in memory of Mark Johnson. Many thanks to my hard working faithful crew. I hope you all have a blessed month— Stay well and see you next month at breakfast.

Iris



Circle around...

Mary Circle:

The Mary Circle met Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Heckmann Hall. Charlene led our Bible Study on Transformation and Conversion-the introduction to our following studies. After a business meeting, we enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. Billye, Geraldine, Kathryn, Elaine, Carolyn, Patricia and Elsie were also in attendance. Geraldine will lead the study Oct. 8th.

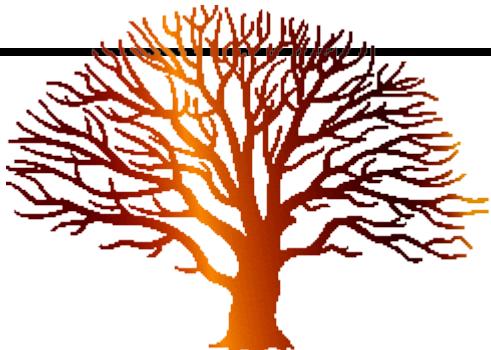
Ruth Circle:

Ruth circle met September 10th with 6 members present. Mary led our bible study on Paul's transformation and we also discussed our own transformation.

In business matters we gave our viewpoint on combining our Central Texas Conference with the Waco Conference. This will be voted on at the Central Texas Conference in Abilene October 10-12. Mary will be our delegate from St. Olaf. We enjoyed Anna's refreshments.

Martha Circle:

Will meet October 23rd at 6:30p.m.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Equal Exchange has just released the announcement that they are now offering three of their most popular coffee blends in single serve cups for Keurig coffee makers: Organic Breakfast Blend, Organic French Roast, and Organic Unwind Decaf. True to their commitment to support small farmers and protect the environment their single serve cups are #5 recyclable plastic with a recyclable aluminum lid and an 88% compostable filter. If you prefer, an Ekobrew Elite Reusable Filter is also available for purchase. If you are interested in this new product please contact me at marymcgowen@hotmail.com or call (254-386-4702). The more certified organic, Fair trade coffee that we can buy from small farmers, the more they can grow their communities, strengthen their farms, and support their families - it's a real difference!

Praying for our Loved Ones!

PRAYER LIST: Mary (Ray) Hastings, Haley Rae Tarver, Cole McCowen, Heather Leahy, Margret Turpin, Tom Gary, Gene Lee, Barbara Lee, Rodney Barner, Mary Ann Stokely, Loeene Nelson, Brady Warrick, Maurice Sewell, Betty Johnson, Darcy Cassidy, Kathy Johnston, Ronnie Ogle, Leslie Sims, Cooper Brown, Elaine Moore, Wayne Mixon, Debi Payne Brewer, Pearl Lewis, Larry Mickelson, Raymond Bailes, Joe Birdwell, Donna Ashmore, Tony Mares, Nettie Clough, Ron Brooks, Ronda Portman and **The Lutheran Church Sierra Leone, Persecuted Christians.**

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: Matthew Medina, Justin Barnes, Kevin Moore, Michael Crackhome, Alex Saborsky Kirk Luedke, Daniel Ramirez, and Lane Carlson

The Women of Saint Olaf thank the members of our congregation for supporting our booth at September Fest by contributing baked goods, for your generous donations, for volunteering your time, and for purchasing items. Your support ensured the success of the booth.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

POTATO SUPPER



October 7th, 2014

Location: Faith Lutheran Church

(Intersection of Hwy 22 W and FM 1991)

Serving Time: 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.



Tickets: \$7.00

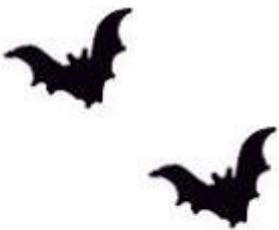
(Proceeds to go toward WELCA Christmas projects)

Seeds that Change Dinner/Fundraiser

Invites you, October 11, 2014, from 4:00-10:00p.m.

Dinner from 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Silent Auction 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m.



St. Olaf Lutheran was able to send to Sierra Leone, \$1700 to donate towards the Eboli Crisis. Thanks to everyone who helped with this effort!!



October 26th, is reformation Sunday, we will hold a special service in honor of Martin Luther.

The 95 Theses Martin Luther nailed to the Wittenburg church door... here are the top 5.

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.
3. Yet it does not mean solely inner repentance; such inner repentance is worthless unless it produces various outward mortification of the flesh.
4. The penalty of sin remains as long as the hatred of self (that is, true inner repentance), namely till our entrance into the kingdom of heaven.
5. The pope neither desires nor is able to remit any penalties except those imposed by his own authority or that of the canons.

The rest can be found at <http://www.ovrlnd.com/GeneralInformation/martinluther.html>.



Christians are like Pumpkins!!

A woman was asked by a co-worker,

"What is it like to be a Christian?"

The co-worker replied, "It's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you.

Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



OCTOBER 2014 ~ ST. OLAF LUTHERAN

Assistant Minister: Jim Bayless
H. Usher: Nobel Chastain

Altar Guild: Kathy Einstack

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St. Olaf Lutheran Church

*Worship, teach, nurture and share
Christ's love.*



Friends in Christ,

I hope that you take time to look over your newsletter, especially the calendar. I recently heard someone in our churches say, "I never even open the church newsletter." I was sad to hear that because it informs you of events going on in both Faith and St. Olaf. It tells you that our churches are not just empty buildings all week. It tells you that the churches are alive and well. It has information that you need to be an active Christian in your church, and it reminds you that you are invited to participate in the events of the church. If you have some ideas or interesting info for the newsletter, please email it to saintolafchristian@gmail.com for St. Olaf or eliseampbell69@yahoo.com for Faith. The ladies who prepare these newsletters would love to have your article or news blurb! Send pictures of church events, too, if you have them! The newsletter is a community effort.

If you do read this month's newsletter, you will find that our confirmation classes are back on schedule. They attended a two-day retreat at Briarwood in late September to kick off the year! We have four students in our class: Lani Edwards, Teryn Senn, Kameron Wiese and Zane Taylor. They will be studying Martin Luther's Small Catechism and then confirmed in May! Please remember to talk to them. Ask them how it is going. Show an interest in their lives, and above all pray for them and any other children who attend Sunday School or church. Let them know they are important to you and the church.

You also might learn in this newsletter about events like St. Olaf hosting an Appreciation Supper for the volunteer firemen and spouses on Oct. 6 at 6:30. These firemen work hard for us, and now it is time to recognize them. Call Faylene Patrick at [254-597-2555](tel:254-597-2555) for more information or if you want to help.

And then there is also going to be a Baked Potato Fundraiser at Faith Lutheran on Oct. 7 from 5:00 to 7:00. The tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7.00. The proceeds will go to help the WELCA ladies fund their annual Christmas projects. In the past they have helped Mosaic with Christmas boxes and taken needy children on a shopping trip. This is a chance for you to have a good meal for a good cause, so come on over!

Now if you don't read the newsletter, you may never know about these things. But if you do, I am asking you a favor. If you read this, please tell me as you are leaving the service on Sunday. I am anxious to take a poll to see how many readers we have.

I pray that God will bless and keep each of you in every way. Remember that God values you and cares for you all!

Pastor Joan

