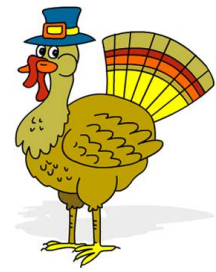


The Tidings

November 2010



Ministerial Moments



October was a busy month. We set a new record for number served during the Wurstmart. I wish to thank Funds and Fellowship and all who helped to make this a successful event. Funds and Fellowship also took part in the community Trunk R Treat as Noah's Ark. We would like to thank all those who helped attach labels to the juice. The calendar for future Funds & Fellowship social times is later in this newsletter.

November 7 is All-Saints Sunday when we celebrate those who have gone before us. Those we lost from the church family this year were Doris Kinzel, Bernice Schmidt, Elsie Sinn and Arvilla Lehman. They will be sorely missed.

Also in October, I took over the check book for the Ministerial Alliance, so I will be more active with Sonshine Corner than I have been and also with the food pantry. Availability of funds for those in need depends on how much money we have.

Ron and I will also be attending the Senior Center once a month, usually Thurs. or Friday of the third week of the month. I believe we will sing Christmas Carols in December. If you have any ideas for a program in November, please let me know.

November 28 is the celebration of Rev. Schmidt's 50th anniversary of ordination. His family will be here and I would like to contact all of his confirmands and those he married during his 14 years here. Some are still part of the church so maybe they can help us find the others. I am hoping that those of you who will be attending will bring stories to share about Rev. Schmidt's time here. I will probably use part of the service to share those. Those of you who will not be here, please feel free to write your stories and I will share them. Any pictures, bulletins, or news articles from that time period are also welcome to be shared. (See list on page 3)

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Community Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 23

This years Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at **Biddleborn UCC** on **November 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

When you see Biddleborn expect some surprises.

Pastor Nancy says that they are in the process of becoming more handicapped accessible.

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Don't forget to Fall back in time on Sun. Nov. 7





Comments from the Church Mouse



A few weeks ago, I was excited and discouraged at the same time when about 460 pairs of feet came and went for the Fall Wurstmart. It was a wonderful turnout, but so many people and so many workers didn't give me much of a chance to collect food scraps. Ah, well, the church humans were happy, and I did get enough tidbits to last me for awhile.

I heard Susan Oyler and Betty Bollmeier talking about something called Trunk or Treat, and I got all enthused. Then I found out the Halloween event was blocks from here, and that our church was giving out boxes of juice. They didn't ask me, but I would have preferred candy or cookies.

November has Thanksgiving, and I'm hoping that Daughters have various good desserts or that someone will do more Christmas cookie baking here at church. The annual Christmas Bazaar will be November 20, and that should net me lots of goodies. Our Evangelical Daughters are a busy group of ladies.

Then December 5 will be the Caroling event at the First Baptist Church. I have a little cousin who lives there, but it is too far to visit. Last year it was really cold also. If you go, bundle up. Oh, and sneak a few crumbs from their desserts for me.

Since the seasons have changed again, and it is fall and even cooler weather approaches, remember there are others in the area who might be in need of help - food, clothing, warmth, friendship. I have a nice snug church for my home, with lovely hide holes, but not everyone is so blessed.

I guess I'm trying to say is, get the Christmas spirit early. As someone said long ago, "God bless us, every one".

Sincerely the Church Mouse

BLOOD DRIVE - NOVEMBER 22!!!

If you can't give blood, please help us out!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Please sign up your help is needed!

Winter is a critical time for patients in the St. Louis area.

Please give blood!

NOVEMBER 22nd - - - - - FROM 2:30-6:30 P.M.



Celebration for Rev. Schmidt - Sun. Nov. 28

Confirmants of Rev. Schmidt

1967

Cynthia Lynn Dial
 Craig William Fruth
 Carol Ann Groh
 Frederick Carl Keil
 Ronnie Charles Mahan
 Constance Anita Rheim
 Victoria Marie Rowland
 Merle Ray Schmierbach
 Annette Thenn

1969

Jeffrey Albert Galle
 Bobbi Lynn Lehman
 Michelle Elizabeth Lehman
 Nancy Perl Lehman
 Mike Allen Muelhauser
 Duane Clifford Waeltz

1970

Donna Carol Galle
 Vickie Patricia Kinzel
 Bonny Sue Smith
 Merlin Gene Steele

1972

Steven Robert Galle
 Stephanie Jean Juenger
 Jay Charles Lehman
 Steven Allen Schott
 Debra Kay Threnn

1968

Diane Bottiaux
 Lance Edward Dial
 David Eugene Edgar
 John Edward Fauth
 Terry Ray Fruth
 Ricky John Harriman
 Kathy Diane Kloth
 Elizabeth Ann Knoppel
 Eric Vaughn Kunze
 Robert Louis Matzenbacher
 Steven Robert Owens
 Monica Lynn Peters
 Sharon Pronulis
 Gwenn Beth Vogel

1971

Nancy Marie Edgar
 Jayleen Sue Haymaber
 Susan Lynn Lehman
 Trudy Pranelis
 Leslie Jean Prediger
 Brenda Sue Schmierbach
 Donna Kay Schott
 Susan Versa Vogel
 Diane Helen Weilmuenster

1974

Michael Lee Bottiaux
 Tina Rue Kein
 Donald Weston Reiss
 Karen Marie Schmidt
 Karla Marie Schmidt
 Connie Lee Schmierbach
 Cheryl Ann Threnn
 Laurie Ann Triefenbach

1976

Craig Edward Brazelton
 Daniel John Dressel
 Floyd Victor Erb
 Neal Allen Galle
 Devin Ray Juenger
 Karen Faye Muehlhauser
 Sharon Kay Muehlhauser
 Jeffrey Barton Riess
 Elizabeth Ann Sheppard
 Scott Darrel Vogel

1973

Julie Ann Bottiaux
 Debra Jean Dressel
 Darla Jean Galle
 Jerry Edwin Juenger
 Marcia Ann Muehlhauser
 Lisa Kay Prediger

1975

Jeffrey George Erb
 Patti Viola Galle
 Leigh Ann Prediger
 Paul Robert Schmidt
 Rodney Robert Schmidt
 Loren Neal Schmierbach

1977

Marilyn Sue Edgar
 Todd Wilson Erb
 Lisa Lynn Peter
 Robert Andrew Schmidt
 Gene Ralph Triefenbach

1978

Matthew John Brazelton
 Arthur Walter Colbert Carner
 David Roger Carner
 Sharon Lynn Edgar
 Lori Ann Fitch
 Douglas Glenn Peters
 Elmer Vernon Schmidt
 Janice Ann Triefenbach
 Lisa Lynn Wielmuenster



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DISCERNMENT

You've heard me use the term "discernment" many times in the past few years. As we move toward a time of deciding what direction God is calling this church to move in, I thought it would be important to review the discernment process with you. Most of this information comes from the Pre-Annual Meeting as told by Conference Minister Rev. Sheldon Culver.

Discern means to separate and to perceive.

To perceive with the eyes of intellect; to detect.

To recognize or comprehend mentally

To perceive or recognize as being different or distinct, to distinguish

Discernment: The act or process of exhibiting keen insight and good judgment. For an individual or group to discern, both require openness to possibility, setting aside judgment, time, and space

Skills for Group Discernment: The goal is to hear God's will TOGETHER to listen and allow Jesus Christ to lead the Church. To do this we need to practice certain disciplines.

Settle in..... Lay aside..... Invite the Spirit... Be Open . . .

Listen....with all your senses. Speak only for yourself.... Experiences, thoughts, feelings

Do not interrupt others! Do not challenge others.

Do not think about what you plan to say next while someone else is speaking.

Allow for silence.....use the silence

Allow others to speak before you speak again.

Listen to the whole group...even those who have not spoken. LISTEN for the Spirit in all ideas suggested.

Culturally, as Mid-Westerners of primarily German descent, we tend to make our decisions based on logic. God, however, does not always work by logic. It was not logical for Jesus to be born in a manger rather than a palace. It was not logical for him to die by crucifixion. There is no logic at all behind the resurrection. Therefore, while sometimes we must use logic to decide things, i.e. if the sewer backs up, we'd better get it fixed. Other things, such as what to do about our dwindling attendance need to be led by the Spirit.

Further items to consider are: to ask ourselves how our life experiences influence us, identify scriptures that may speak to the issue and choose one or two to reflect on. Read it and reflect, personally journal. Share your learning from that time of reflection.

Finally, we hope to come to a consensus that honors all concerns shared. "To listen is very hard, because it asks of us so much interior stability that we no longer need to prove ourselves by speeches, arguments, statements, or declarations. True listeners no longer have an inner need to make their presence known. They are free to receive, to welcome, to accept.

Listening is much more than allowing another to talk while waiting for a chance to respond. Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings. The beauty of listening is that, those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking their words more seriously and discovering their own true selves. Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends, to get to know their inner selves more fully, and even to dare to be silent with you." From Bread for the Journey by Henri Nouwen.

Blessings

Pastor Gail

Evangelical Daughters *Christmas Bazaar*

Evangelical Daughters' annual bazaar will have crafts, white elephants, home made jams, jellies, fudge, etc. and of course our cookie sale.



Saturday, November 20
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Humor from the Church Mouse

What mouse was well known as a B.C. Roman Emperor?

Julius Cheeser

THANKS ! ! !

Thank you to Betty Fauth Eggemeyer, John & Janet Fauth and Eloise Fauth for donating a Kitchen Aid Heavy Duty Mixer to the church. As was said, Sunday October 24, those who mash potatoes for the Wurstmarkt will definitely appreciate it.





Greeter and Ushers for November and December

November 7 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Cindy Galle

November 14 - John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth,
Pat MacBeth

November 21 - Sandy Triefenbach, Janice Schmidt, Pat MacBeth

November 28 - Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones



Happy Thanksgiving

December 5 - Dave & Pete Dressel, Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter

December 12 - Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Linda Jones

December 19 - Jay & Leslie Lehman, Neal Galle

December 24 - Christmas Eve - Church Council Members

December 26 - Fred & Marilyn Lewis, Albert & Caroline Galle

November Birthday's

Bobbie Duffie	2
Daniel Dressel	3
Melissa Curry	8
Carol Gladson	8
Alice Childers	14
Kathy Matzenbacher	14
Ryan Cathcart	15
Delow Fruth	16
Kathleen Robert	20
Mike Trotter	22
Amber Rahlfs	24
Susan Oyler	25
Dennis Galle	28
Blanche Schmierbach	28



November Anniversaries

Milton & Dorothy Dressel	13
Gene & Betty Bollmeier	14
Mike & Peggy Dierks	24
Charles & Janice Schmidt	24

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Evangelical Daughters Mtg	2 Election Day Ham & Beans Dinner @ Methodist Church	3 Choir 7 pm 630 Spiritual Council Mtg.	4	5	6
7 All Saints Sunday Gospel Music & Dinner @ Senior Center	8	9 Church Council Mtg 7pm	10 Choir 7 pm	11 Veteran's Day (Church office closed due to moving Pastor Gail's mother)	12 Saturday: Toast of Marissa (Ron has 50/50 tickets)	13 St. Peter's Lenzburg Pan-cake Breakfast also Ham N'Bean Dinner from 4-7 pm
14	15	16	17 Choir 7 pm	18	19	20 Bazaar
21 Pre-Thanksgiving Meal @ Methodist Church	22 Blood Drive	23 Community Thanksgiving Meal @ Biddle-born UCC 7 pm	24 Choir 7 pm	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27 Thanksgiving Gospel Singing @ Senior Center 6:30 pm
28 First Sunday of Advent Celebration of Rev. Schmidt's 50th Anniversary. Of Ordination	29	30	December Pre-View: 5th - Noon Gospel/Dinner @ Senior Center, Community Christmas Caroling & Walk ; 12th - Social Time Before Church ; 24th - Christmas Eve Service 9 pm ; 25th - Christmas Day ; 26th - There will be church service 10 a.m. ; 31st - Gospel Singing and Food at Senior Center 6:30 p.m.			



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Welcoming, Caring,
Sharing.”*

Humor from the Church Mouse . . .

How do mice celebrate when they move?

With a mouse warming party.

When should a mouse carry an umbrella?

When it's raining cats and dogs (specially Ozzie)

Who thought he was king of all mice?

Mouse Tse Tung

What does a twelve-pound mouse say to a cat?

Here, Kitty, Kitty, Kitty!!

What is small, furry and brilliant at
sword fighting???

A Mouseketeer



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