

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 28, 2010

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or one who crosses these doors more regularly, you are welcome in this place. The worship of God is the deepest activity of the human spirit. We ask that you please sign the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and supply us with an address so that we might send you greetings and information about the life of this congregation.

Holy Communion this morning at the 10:30 service is open to all baptized Christians who seek the presence of Jesus Christ for assurance of forgiveness and strengthening of faith. All visitors who commune in their home churches are welcome to commune at the Lord's Table at Faith. If you prefer to avoid wine, white grape juice is also offered. It is also perfectly valid to choose to receive only bread or only wine/grape juice. The Christian church has always taught that Christ is fully present in either element alone. If you would like to receive communion at the pew, please notify an usher or pastor.

Children who do not yet commune are invited to come forward with their families at communion time. Children who are communing, please hold your hand out to receive the bread; if you are not communing, fold your hands and you will receive a blessing.

An Invitation to Share in a Ministry of Healing Prayer: This morning those who desire to be prayed for are invited to come to the communion rail for a prayer during the Hymn of the Day. You may request prayers for anything you may be concerned about, for yourself or other people. We ask you to please fill out the **Prayer Request Card** found in pew rack and bring it with you when you come forward to the railing or you may place it in the offering plate.

Bulletins this morning have been sponsored by Paul and Barb Bergum in honor of the birthdays of Janna, Eric and Marissa.

Hospitalized this past week: Gary Lueck at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

Prayer Triad for Sunday, February 28: Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson (Prs. Bryan Engfer, William Beyer); Otter Creek Lutheran Church, Highland (Pr. Roger Koester); Hollandale Lutheran Church, Hollandale (Pr. Mark Gunner); Olivet Congregational U.C.C., Columbus (Pr. Lee Zortman).

Statistics for last Sunday: 8:00-107, 10:30-102. The amount for the general fund was \$2,888.60. We need \$4,278.72 each week to meet the budget.

Christ in Our Home devotional books for April, May and June are available in the basket on the narthex table. *Please help yourself!*

Just a friendly reminder that the lounge may be used as a **cry room** during worship for those with fussy children. You will find the controls to the speakers on the small window wall.

If you are away on a Sunday but want to know the current announcements, stop in and pick up the latest worship bulletin from the brochure rack on the kiosk in the narthex. Weekly announcements are also available on line on the website faithcolumbuswi.org

Do you know someone who needs or would like a **pastoral visit**? If so, please be the eyes and ears of Faith's ministry and let the office know about that need.

Please join us for REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TIME this morning following the 8:00 worship service in the fellowship hall. We will be celebrating Pr. Bob's 25th anniversary as our pastor. *Please join us!*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.	2-28	8:00	3 Year Old Sunday School
		9:00	REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TIME
		9:20	PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
Mon.	3-1		PASTOR BOB'S DAY OFF
Tues.	3-2	10:00	Ministerial Association Meeting
		11:00	Staff Meeting
Wed.	3-3	5:30	Lenten Meal @ St. Jerome's Gym
		5:30	Bell Choir
		7:00	Lenten Service @ St. Jerome's Church
		8:15	Faith Choir
Fri.	3-5	1:30	World Day of Prayer Service @ First Presbyterian
Sat.	3-6	8:00	Finance Committee Meeting
		9:00	Second Grade First Communion Class
Sun.	3-7	8:00	Worship/HC
		8:00	3 Year Old Sunday School
		9:20	Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School
		10:30	Worship

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- **Lenten Meal** Wednesday, March 3, 5:30pm at St. Jerome's Gym. The **Lenten Service** follows at 7:00pm.
 - **World Day of Prayer** service Friday, March 5, 1:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, Columbus.
 - **Second Grade First Communion** class Saturday, March 6 at 9am.
 - **Council** meets Tuesday, March 9 @ 7pm.
 - **Lenten Meal** Wednesday, March 10, 5:30pm @ Olivet Congregational U.C.C. **Lenten Service** to follow at 7pm.
 - **Second Grade First Communion** class Saturday, March 13 at 9am.
 - **LEAD 2010**, March 13 @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Middleton.

On Memorial Day weekend May 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st 2010 we have an opportunity to volunteer at **Brat Fest** in Madison. For each hour each person works \$8 will be donated to our youth travel fund. We are looking ahead to 2012 to raise money for the National Youth Gathering which will be in New Orleans once again. If you have a student in 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade they will be eligible to go on the trip. We want to start fundraising now since there will be a very large group and we want to make it available to as many kids as possible. Volunteers for Brat Fest must be 14 years old or older. Volunteer shifts are 3-4 hours long and you get a free brat, ice cream and a t-shirt. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex but please contact Nancy Patrick at 623-5868 or npatrick@charter.net as soon as you can if you or anyone in your family would like to help out.

Please place your **Visioning Task Force** survey in the box outside the office window.

Please take time this morning to pick up your **2009 Giving Statement** from the on the table in the narthex.

The **Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)** book is now available in **large print**. Please check with an usher.

Please *silence* your **cell phone** during worship.

John Burke Correctional Institution in Waupun continues to collect **yarn** for community service projects. A box has been placed by the dividing wall in the narthex for your donations.

Looking Ahead!

The Columbus United Methodist Women would like to invite anyone interested to join them on a bus trip to Milwaukee Saturday, April 10. The purpose of this trip is to visit two area missions that UMW has and does support. They are the United Methodist Children's Services Center and the other is the Hmong House of Good News. It has been quite a while since we traveled together to visit either place and we are looking forward to seeing how some of our mission dollars are put to use. We would like very much to share this experience with anyone who would like to come along. So far the cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the bus. Lunch details will follow. Please call the Columbus United Methodist Church office at 623-3625 to sign up. Thank you.

Please mark you calendar for St. Columbkille's annual Lenten Fish Fry. It will be held on Friday, March 5. They will be serving baked and fried cod along with all the trimmings from 4:30-7:30pm in the church basement located at W10802 County Trunk TT, Columbus. Tickets: adults-\$9; kids 6-12-\$4; kids under 5-FREE. Carry outs available by calling 623-3989.

The Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable items. A box has been placed in the entrance of the church for you to drop off your donated dry goods.

Received into the Body of Christ through Holy Baptism this morning is **Victoria Rose Gillett**, born March 31, 2009 at Town of Poyang, Jiangxi Province, Peoples Republic of China, and lovingly adopted by Kenn and Dana Gillett on January 25, 2010. Her given name by the “nannies” at the orphanage was Bo Jiasi and she joins an older sister Kendra also from China. Her sponsors are Phil and Dee Gillett and Samantha and Jason Krahenbuhl.

Attention all those youth who have received their driver’s license in the last 12 months. Please plan on attending either worship service on Sunday, March 14 for a brief blessing. We want to ask God’s blessing upon you as you get behind the wheel and remind you that God goes with you. This will be brief and painless, I promise, and you will receive a car visor clip in the shape of a cross as a gift from Faith. *So please join us on March 14.*

Sunday school students! The Sunday school students will **NOT** be singing in church on March 21 as is indicated on our calendar. Due to the youth service that day we had to cancel the Sunday school singers.

Once again we are offering an opportunity for you to provide **Easter Lilies** to enhance the chancel area for Easter Sunday. Cost is as follows: single stem plant—\$15.00, double stem plant—\$30.00, triple stem plant—\$40.00. You can find a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Deadline for ordering flowers is Sunday, March 28. *We are in need of at least 15 single stem plants for the lily cross.*

YOUTH: Mark your calendars for the **Annual Youth Worship Service on March 21st**. Any Jr. or Sr. League teen wishing to participate, we are practicing between worship services at 9:15. Youth Choir is practicing on Wednesday evening with Henry Elling.

Youth Quake Youth Zone/sponsored by Youth Encounter April 23rd-35th at the Wilderness in the Wisconsin Dells. We have a few spots left that we would like to fill. Please see Susan Faulhaber for information.

This weeks **Lenten Service** is Wednesday, March 3, 7pm at St. Jerome Catholic Church. A Lenten meal will be served in the gym beginning at 5:30pm. The offering designation for this years Lenten season is Heifer Project International. Dry goods are also being collected for our local food pantry which is in need of the following: *peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, cake mix, frosting, pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, saltines, toilet paper, and pork and beans.* Please NO VEGETABLES!

The First Presbyterian Church, 321 Mill Street, Columbus, will be hosting the **World Day of Prayer** service on Friday, March 5 @ 1:30pm. All women are asked to reserve the afternoon for ecumenical fellowship. This year’s service was planned by the women of Cameroon, Africa. The theme is *Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God.*

Legacy of an Adopted Child

Once there were two women who never knew each other.
One you do not remember, the other you call mother.
Two different lives shaped to make yours one.
One became your guiding star, the other became your sun.

The first gave you life, the second taught you to live it.
The first gave you a need for love, the second was there to
give it.
One gave you a nationality, the other gave you a name.
One gave you the seed of talent, the other gave you an
aim.

One gave you emotions, the other calmed your fears.
One saw you first sweet smile, the other dried your tears.
One gave you up-it was all that she could do.
The other prayed for a child, and God led her straight to
you.

And now you ask me through your tears,
the age old questions through the years,
Heredity or environment-which are you a product of?
Neither, my darling-neither, just two different kinds of
love.