

OUR REDEEMER'S *PULSE...*

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FRIENDLINESS. That is our topic for this Pulse. It was one of the areas targeted by our visitors for us to improve upon. Words that show what being friendly is all about are: kindly, amiable, cordial, genial, affectionate, kind-hearted, benevolent, helpful, companionable and neighborly. This past Sunday, the Gospel reading talked about the question “who is my neighbor?” in reference to “Love your neighbor as yourself”. Jesus used the parable of the Good Samaritan to highlight what true friendliness is all about.

True friendliness is to have a love and care for others that supersedes our own needs and wants; to sacrifice our time and possessions for the good of others; to connect with others with the purpose of being a friend.

I know that sometimes we feel as if as long as we shake their hands during the sharing of the peace that we've done our duty. But, the love of Christ compels us to a more personal and relational bond. We are to inquire about their lives and to connect with their joys and their sorrows. To put it simply, we are to care and love them as God has loved us.

Friendliness is sincere, not forced. As one wise person put it, “genuine Christian love is not a checklist, but a willingness to actively listen and respond appropriately to those for whom Christ died.” May we care for others as the Samaritan did for a stranger.

How can we be more friendly? Some suggestions might be:

- To move around within our pews and get to know others who gather with us.
- To linger after worship to talk more deeply with a new person.
- To invite others to lunch and to our homes for increasing our knowledge of each other.
- To sit with someone you don't know.
- To invite others into our circle of friends and acquaintances.

- To visit or call one another throughout the week.
- To send a card or letter to someone we met.

BOARD OF ELDERS

THE NEWLY ELECTED ELDER BOARD met in June to reorganize the Care Zones. All members will be advised of any changes. Please try to make this a two way communication with you and your Elder. If you have a need, let your Elder know. If not, call him sometime and just let him know how things are going. One Elder received a call from a member who just wanted him to know that their life was going well and they felt blessed. How nice!

ORLC TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES – New directories were recently placed in each member’s mailbox. Please check your box and get the latest up-to-date information. Let us know if something is incorrect or needs updating! Thanks!

THANK YOU - All praises and thanks to God, our great physician for His healing power once again. Many thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, vivists and flowers. Special thanks to Pastor Schwartz and my Elder, Brian Morris for their visits. God’s blessings on each of you!
Ruth Scott

BY THE TIME YOU READ this the new communion rail should be in place (barring any unforeseen problems). This project has taken a long time. I am the first to recognize that I am not a professional woodworker. I make many mistakes and there are some in this finished product. I know where they are and you can find them if you look closely. Also, there are hundreds of different colors and shades of paint and stains. Only one could be used. Therefore, what you see is what has been chosen. *Marvin Timm, Sr.,*

CONTEMPORARY INFORMATION MEETINGS:

COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION NEEDED NEW SUNDAY SERVICE PROPOSAL

The Board of Elders will be holding two more informational and comment meetings on the proposal to shift our current Sunday morning worship schedule from two services to three. Members of the Board of Elders will be present to answer specific questions. Chris Noah has volunteered to run the meetings and summarize members’ comments. The goal of the meetings is to identify pros and cons, analyze major issues, and prepare a report to the Elders which will be shared with the Congregation prior to initiation of a new schedule. Please attend one of the proposed

'informational meetings in July' about the proposed new service schedule. The last meeting is Sunday, July 18th at 12:30pm. If you are unable to attend, please email your comments to the church at: orlcpsa@knology.net or send them to Sheri Agee at the Church.

Name:
Pros of Schedule:
Cons of Schedule:
Major Issues:
Miscellaneous Comments:
Other remarks for the Elders:

**SEMINARIAN JOHN NINKE
WILL BE AT ORLC ON JULY 25TH**

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – Remember when your pictures were made in December and January? We haven't forgotten either! The proofs were mailed off to the publisher and we should have our new directories in late August or early September.

POTLUCK ON AUGUST 1ST – Bring a dish to pass and join us for some time of food, fun, and fellowship. It is a time to get reacquainted after all the vacations and Summer fun.



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A NOTE FROM CHAPLAIN GARY WILLIAMS: Things are going very well here. It's a joy to be able to proclaim God's love and mercy to so many Soldiers. I have a Lutheran service here at Bagram Air Field and a Lutheran Bible study. I am also preaching at a Gospel service every Sunday night here at BAF which is a joy as well. I tend to feel a bit more emotional than I did the first time I was here in 2005, probably because it's because I'm older and feeling a tad more tired. But, it's good and though I miss the family immensely, I am really blessed to be able to serve the best Soldiers in the world. I also get to teach about 25 Afghan young men English every week which has been very enjoyable.

Blessings, Chaplain Williams - Galatians 2:20

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Classes

Three year olds through fourth grade - younger children start in room 301 & older children meet in the fellowship hall for a rotational format.

- 5th-7th Grade- meets in room 306 with Delores Schwartz
- 8th Grade & High school class - meets in the Luther Inn.
- Adult 307- Greg Murray – “Worship”
- Adult 309 - Bill Bowers – Book of Revelation



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WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON JULY 25, AUGUST 1 AND AUGUST 8. IF YOU CAN ASSIST ON ANY OF THESE SUNDAYS, PLEASE CALL BONNIE ANNIS AT (706)504-3390 OR LAMAR STEWART AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Other Bible Classes throughout the week:

- Women's Bible Study at Jennifer Noah's – “Living Beyond Yourself” focusing on the Gifts of the Spirit as found in the Book of Galatians. Meets the 3rd Saturday at 9:30 am.
- Ladies Adult Midweek Bible Study (LAMBS) – Led by Lois Axson, this group meets each Thursday at 9:30am to 11am in room 309. They are currently studying the book of Judges.
- Men's Breakfast Bible Study (MBBS) – Meets on Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. They are currently doing a study on “Worship”. Breakfast is included!
- Upcoming Study: Book of Hosea – Weds mornings starting on August 18th.

SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES - During the months of June and July, all offerings from Sunday School and Sunday morning Bible classes will be designated to assemble and send care packages to our deployed servicemen and women. On Sunday, June 13, during the congregational meeting, the Sunday School children made cards for these soldiers to send overseas.

We have also received a request from Chaplain Gary Williams, who is serving in Afghanistan, to send a care package to Kimika Blakely, a servicewoman from Augusta who has not received anything from home yet. He suggested the following items for her. Cookies, candy, gum, peanuts, etc. (no chocolate is being allowed during the summer) Other items can be donated also if you have ideas of your own. We will also collect items for not just Kimika, but for all of the names below:

Tony Barnard, Mary Edwards, Joshua Heyward, Doug Holland, Molly Mae Holland, Ed Kyser, Jay Meyer, Neal Sherrill, Amber Skinner, Gary Williams.

So whether you give through your Sunday School/Bible class offering, or you bring items to fill these care packages, thank you in advance for helping us to show our appreciation to and encourage these brave men and women. Items can be placed in the bin labeled “Soldier Care Packages” in the walkway. Matthew 25:40 - “I tell you this: anything you did for one of my brothers here, however humble, you did for me.”

PLANET ZOOM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Bible Verse for the Week - Be imitators of Christ, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us. Ephesians 5:1, 2

What a biz-z-y week we had learning about God and how he did un-bee-lievable things for us, and how we can be bold bee-lievers in Him and tell the world about our Savior. We saw firsthand how God blessed us as we welcomed about 100 students throughout the week, and we were blessed to have about 50 dedicated staff members helping each day. The biz-z-y week flew by as we learned, studied, played, sang, prayed, created, and ate. Almost 160 people attended our dinner and closing program on Friday evening. Despite the bad storm outside, we had a great time inside with all of our VBS families and friends.

We were able to collect over \$400 in offerings for Haiti earthquake victims, and a whole bin full of items that Lutheran Services of Georgia needed for the families they serve. (Please see the Board of Christian Education mission report for more information.) Thank you to everyone in the congregation who supported VBS this year with your prayers, door offerings for snacks, donated supplies, props, decorations, craft preparations, baked goods for the dinner, and your time volunteering. We could not do VBS without all of you!! When you are in Fellowship Hall this summer, take a look at our wall of bee-lievers! Photos of almost everyone from VBS are displayed in the shape of a honeycomb hive. Check out other photos on our church website in the coming weeks. You can also find photos of the 88.3 FM VBS Express visit to Planet Zoom on their website, www.wafj.com. Remember – Come to the hive (church and Sunday School/Bible class) and join all the other bees (believers) in doing the work of our Lord Jesus!

REPORT ON OUR APRIL/MAY PROJECT - Offerings for the past two months totaled approximately \$250.00. The following items were taken to MCG Children's Medical Center to be given to their patients: 12 Disposable cameras, 24 bottles of bubbles (used in respiratory therapy), 75 pairs of underwear (for children who come from auto accidents and their own clothes have to be thrown away), 2 boxes full of assorted toys, card games, and stuffed animals (for both boys and girls), 24 get well cards that were handmade by the Sunday School children. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

GREETERS NEEDED - Contact Norm Diebold or Sheri Agee if you are interested in becoming a greeter for Sunday services.

SPORTS CHURCH LEAGUE – The Board of Outreach is looking to start a church league for the following sports this Fall: softball, flag football and volleyball. Registration is open from August 1-30. Teams are available for women, men and co-ed and the cost is \$20 per person. This is a great way to reach out to our family, friends and the community. Please contact Kala Redlin at (706)550-0528 or Austin Grohn at (541)292-2510 to put your name on the list or for more information.

WOMEN COPING WITH CANCER: The Lydia Project provides services free of charge to any woman undergoing any kind of cancer treatment worldwide. Individuals can request Lydia services for themselves or a loved one by visiting www.thelydiaproject.org or calling 706-736-5467 or by visiting the agency at 2501 McDowell St in Augusta from 9am to 3pm. Experienced sewers – volunteer with Lydia! Tote kits are provided with material/pattern already cut and ready to sew any time in the comfort of home. Call the agency today to find out why volunteers love sewing for Lydia! At The Lydia Project women coping with cancer are not alone.

LWML THINGS by LaVon Dunker- President

Looking forward:

Rummage Sale: Sept. 11, 2010

Unit Meetings Sept and Nov

FL/GA District Convention Oct. 1-3, 2010

Zone Fall Rally at O.R.L.C. Oct. 23, 2010

LWML Sunday Nov. 14, 2010



Thank you for your contributions toward the mission grants (MITES) goal. We sent in \$1350 for this quarter. We will report a district total later. In order to avoid a last minute plea we are going to offer everyone the opportunity to contribute their change every third Sunday. An LWML member will be in the crosswalk before and after each service to accept contributions and offer information on the mission grants both National and District.

Remember: Recycle your used Portals of Prayer NOW. These will be mailed to the Edgefield Federal Prison.

Continue to collect through September: Campbell's Soup labels and points for education, GM box tops for education, used postage stamps, and advertising magnets. This is the District LWML Gift from the Heart project for the 2010 convention. They will be given to the Sidney Lanier School. This public school serves students with severe developmental or multiple disabilities ages 3-22.

Collection of used eye glasses for M.O.S.T (mission opportunities short term) is an ongoing project.

Please support the other collections available in the crosswalk.

If you have left over unused Christmas Cards the LWML has a project that involves sending them to our military personal who are deployed. So bring them in also.....

The church's mid-year canned food collection will be held during the month of August. The food will be donated to the DCCM (Downtown Cooperative Church Ministry). This non-profit organization is supported by 15 churches, a few individuals or other partners.

Volunteers from these organizations distribute bags of canned food to approximately 250 families weekly Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 12:30 pm. The three sources of food are government surplus, donations, purchased from Golden Harvest Food Bank. Occasionally stores donate bread and frozen food. LWML supports the DCCM with money from the rummage sale and supplemental funds from Thrivent. We have five people who volunteer on different Fridays of the month. Other volunteers are needed most days of the week. See Ruth Ann Nolde for more information. Look for the poster and collection box July 25th in the crosswalk between the buildings.

OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Saturday, September 11. Please start collecting your good, used items for donation to the sale which will be gratefully accepted **beginning Sunday, September 5** following the late service.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR will celebrate the 80th anniversary of proclaiming the Gospel through the radio program. The Lutheran Hour is broadcast over 1350 radio stations. It continues to reach new audiences. Military personnel and their families can hear a slightly modified version on the

Armed Forces Network. The Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Hour Ministries is much more than just a half hour on the radio. Also short videos and Bible studies for online use with the LHM Men's Network and daily devotions to be read and listened to online. Lutheran Hour Ministry Centers have been established and are operating in over 30 foreign countries.

The funding of The Lutheran Hour comes only from contributions mostly from members of LCMS but also from others. To celebrate this 80th anniversary, friends of Lutheran Hour Ministries have offered special challenge gifts. So far, they will match anniversary gifts, dollar for dollar, up to \$55,000. Funds raised will be designated to The Lutheran Hour radio program. As the Lutheran Hour representative for ORLC, I urge you to do what you can to help this worthy cause. Use the Brochure/Contribution folders on the LHM table in the walkway. Complete the information asked for to include ORLC and mark it for the 80th anniversary celebration. If you have any questions, please contact me. *Marvin D. Timm, Sr.*

BOARD OF YOUTH



HEY YA'LL (Young American Lutheran Leaders) Please call Susan Shipman at 706/210-9251 or Louise Meadows at 706/855-7985 for more information.

Youth Group Schedule for July:

July 18	No meeting due to National Youth Gathering
July 25	5pm Dinner and Bible Study

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING As you may know, the last several months many of our High School youth have been preparing for the upcoming 2010 LCMS Nat'l Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. We have 7 youth and 2 chaperones going this year. We will be leaving on July 16 and returning July 22. The gathering should be a wonderful opportunity for our youth to unite with fellow believers (approx. 25,000 people) and grow in relationship with one another and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Please keep the gathering and our group in your prayers as we hope this will be a very meaningful trip not only for our youth but also for the people of New Orleans. Also, be on the lookout for news regarding a "Share Dinner" following the gathering where you can come out and hear what the youth learned and share in their experiences. I want to thank Our Redeemer for all its support and prayers as we have and continue to prepare for this trip. We look forward to sharing more with you about the gathering when we return. *- DCE Lamar*

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Jesus placed great emphasis on the proper handling of our money. In Luke 16:11 we read, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" If we are faithful with the money that God has entrusted to us, He will trust us with things of greater value, ultimately those of the spirit, the eternal. The improper use of our money can be an obstacle to our relationship with Jesus. With God's help, we can handle our money faithfully and enjoy the spiritual blessings that come from an intimate relationship with our Lord..