

# PEACEFUL TIDINGS!



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## **Monthly Newsletter of Fredsville March 2013**

A note from Intern Peter,

The minutes and seconds are counting down to the day that I have been waiting for. Long have I known of this day's approach and long have I endured the hardship of waiting for its grand arrival. It is a day that I have never experienced before—a day that for many years I had not even known about! But I believe that after this month it will be a day that I shall never forget. What am I blathering on about, you ask? It is none other than the day when I taste my absolutely-very-first-ever aebleskiver!

In all honesty I'm a bit anxious as to how I should taste my first aebleskiver. Shall I slather it with butter and syrup? Maybe I should take the 'skiver and roll it around in a bowl of powdered sugar. Or perhaps I ought to do it in the long-standing traditional way and let the 'skiver stand alone? I know that eventually I could just try every form of eating aebleskiver under the sun in time... but I want that first bite to be the best! I want it to be perfect! Is that too much to ask?

The truth is though that no matter how perfectly I design that first bite—no matter if I poured chocolate syrup over a bowl of 'skiver like I would pour milk over cereal—no matter what I do, so much of the quality and the taste relies on things that are completely out of my control. You see, I'm not the person with the recipe; I'm not the mixer of the ingredients; I'm not the *chef extraordinaire* who carefully watches over the 'skiver as it cooks. I'm not the person who forms that batter into a ball and keeps it from burning. Granted I want to learn how to do all of that, but that's not the point here!

No matter what extra toppings I plan on using for the aebleskiver, I have to trust the work that was done before me. I have to trust that the person with the recipe followed it precisely and didn't substitute salt for sugar. I have to trust that the person who mixed the ingredients did a good job and didn't leave chunks of butter floating around in the batter. I have to trust that the *chef extraordinaire* was watchful and gave me a fully cooked ball of pancake rather than one with a gooey center. If I don't trust the people who prepared the aebleskiver for me, there is no way that I can

take that first bite with confidence. If I don't trust the work before me, I might not want to try another bite if my toppings spoil the flavor, even if the aebleskiver had been prepared perfectly before I ruined it!

In life we have a lot of choices as to what toppings we put on ourselves. Some people cover themselves with all sorts of different flavors of work. Others might try a nice big slab of family to see if that is the flavor they were hoping for. Still others might try a combination of the two or even aim for a whole new topping—such as breaking the record for having the world's largest collection of Hello Kitty memorabilia (In case you're wondering, Guinness World Records says that the title is currently held by Asako Kanda in Japan at 4,519 different Hello Kitty items in case you want to aim for it)!

But no matter the topping you try, you have to trust the skill and love of your Creator. All kinds of things can happen to us after we are created—miscarriages, diseases, car accidents, depressions... the list goes on. The way we taste our lives is definitely affected by the world around us. But know that you are made by God. You are made by the God who always has the perfect recipe. You are made by the God who mixes you to perfection. You are made by the God who cooked you perfectly. And when the toppings of life became too bitter to eat, God—your Creator—comes into this world and dies on a cross to wash away the bitterness of old and give you hope for the future. Trust the Lord your God. Even if your tastes of life so far have not been what you imagined, God gives you a chance to taste something new—something different. Trust the Lord your God, and take another bite of life. ~Intern Peter



*Aebleskivers and Aebleskiver Pan*

## **AEBLESKIVER**

### **SUPPER**

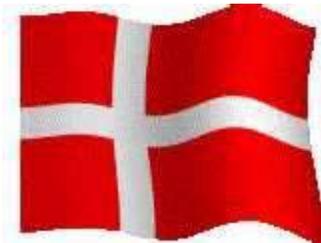
**Sunday, March 10, 2013**

**4:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Adults - \$6.00**

**Children (ages 3 to 10) \$3.00**

**Children (ages 2 and under) Free**



**Meal includes all-you-eat aebleskivers (Danish pancakes),  
Sausage, applesauce, dessert and beverage**

**Sponsored by Fredsville Lutheran Church Senior High and  
Junior High Youth Groups and their Families**

February 13, 2013

Northeastern Iowa Synod Mission Support letter

What a year it has been!

- In June we had a joyous Synod Assembly remembering that "We Are the Church!"
- In July 700 youth and adults from this Synod attended the ELCA Youth Gathering!
- In November we surpassed our 3 year goal of a quarter million dollars to the ELCA Malaria Campaign, in the 18<sup>th</sup> month of the campaign!
- In January we sent flood recovery supplies to New York, just as we had sent hay to Texas the year before.
- Today we celebrate an increase in overall financial mission support, with gifts to the Synod \$91,268.00 over last year.

For all the ministry made possible by your congregation's generous giving, we humbly thank you.

In Christ, Steven L. Ullestad

Fredsville congregation 2012 Mission Support given was \$10,000

## **Fredsville Lutheran Church Annual Report - 2012**

The 2012 Annual Report is available on the web site:

**[www.fredsvillemethodist.org](http://www.fredsvillemethodist.org)** or via e-mail. Just contact us at **[fredsville@fredsvillemethodist.org](mailto:fredsville@fredsvillemethodist.org)**.

**If you would prefer a printed copy, mailed to you, please call 319 989-2065**

### **2013 Church Council**

**Jeff Schmidt – Council President**

**Doug Dall – Vice President**

**Bev Lupkes - Secretary**

A list of all the new council members and committee members is available in the church office or may be e-mailed to you.

### **Fellowship Hall Table Decorations**

**Please don't forget to pick up your decorations after Palm Sunday Service on March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

*Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker or family member to join us at our regular worship services, and Saturday morning "Donuts & Devotions".*

# **Lent**



## **"Donuts & Devotions"**

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Saturday March 2, 9, 16 and 23**

"Donuts & Devotions" during Lent! This Lent instead of mid-week services we thought we would try something new! Donuts and Devotions will be every Saturday morning from 9:30-10:30 am. This will be a casual meeting in the fellowship hall and we hope this meets everyone schedule a bit better than evening worship services. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall (we would hate to run out of donuts!)



### ***Keep them in your prayers***

Jerry Christensen, Claudia Hamilton, Betty Wertz,  
Jill Vandelaar-Hansen, Carol & Emmett Watson, Vern Petersen,  
Sandy Party, Mildred Sloth, Emly Steege, Alma Heath, Eric  
Stefan, Jack Mommer, Steven Anderson, Kelly Smith,  
Vernon Cordes, Holly Kruger, Ashley Olson, and Dennis Craig

**Please let Pastor Lisa at 243-8136, Intern Peter at 989-9049 or the church office at 989-2065 know if you are going to be in the hospital.**

**This will insure prayer and visitation.**

**Because of a "Health Information Privacy" rule, hospitals cannot contact the church when members are hospitalized.**

### ***Thank You***

***I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food and support during my hospitalization and recovery. It has meant a great deal to me and gave me the strength to get well.***

***Yours in Christ, Holly Kruger***

***I am feeling much better, thank you for your prayers and cards,***  
***Lois Petersen***



*You're invited  
to a  
Seder Service  
and  
Celebratory Feast  
at  
Fredsville Lutheran Church  
March 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.*



*Menu*

*Bacon Wrapped Turkey Tenders  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
Buttered Corn  
Fresh Fruit Salad  
Rolls  
Dessert  
Beverages*



*Served Family Style*



*Adults \$9  
Children (10 & under) \$5  
RSVP by March 13 at 6:00 p.m.  
989-2065*

*You must have a reservation & prepay!*



## Q & A

### Greeting Cards - March 2013

*Holly Kruger, through WELCA, sells greeting cards after church occasionally. As many of us benefit from the opportunity to purchase beautiful cards with a Christian message, I thought it would be interesting to find out more about this service. Holly graciously answered these questions for me.*

**Q:** How often do you sell cards after church?

**A:** I usually sell cards three times a year: at bazaar time, before Christmas and in the spring.

**Q:** How many boxes do you sell each time?

**A:** I sell the most cards during the fall Bazaar, usually selling around 65 boxes. During the Christmas and in the spring sales, I sell around 25 boxes each time.

**Q:** What kind of cards do you sell?

**A:** I sell "Thinking of You", "Get Well", "Sympathy", "Christmas", "Birthday", "Anniversary", "Baby", "Confirmation" and "All Occasion" cards.

**Q:** Which cards are your biggest sellers?

**A:** Sympathy cards are the biggest sellers.

**Q:** How much profit is made on a box of cards?

**A:** There is approximately a profit of \$2 per box. All of the profit goes into WELCA (Women of the ELCA Church). WELCA then donates this profit to one of their many worthy causes.

**Q:** Where do you order your cards from? Do they have a "package deal" or do you pick out the different boxes to order?

**A:** I order the cards from *Treasurer's Abounding or Cheerful House*, which ever has the best shipping rate. I look through their catalogs and pick out the boxes of cards that I think will sell. Before I place my order, I take an inventory to see what kinds of cards I am low on.

**Q:** How long have you been selling cards?

**A:** I have sold greeting cards for WELCA for over ten years. I enjoy doing it.



## **KID'S WORSHIP**

There will be no Kid's Worship in March due to spring break. The next Kid's Worship will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-6:00 P.M.

## ***Sunday School***

Sunday School for 3 year olds through High School students will meet for 20 - 30 minutes immediately after worship. All classes will be in the basement. Classrooms are marked for the appropriate age levels.

3 year old through 4th grade students WILL have Sunday School on holiday weekends as well.



***Confirmation Class will resume after Lent and Easter on Wednesday April 3rd***

## ***March Birthdays***

Katie Camarata - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Miles Mounce - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Kyle Andersen - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Carol Watson - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Kelsey Soska - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Paul Koch - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Loren Bakker - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Camarata 9<sup>th</sup>  
Helene Wertz - 11<sup>th</sup>  
Alex Andersen 12<sup>th</sup>  
Art Lupkes - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Joyce Schmitz - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Elizabeth Bergmann - 16<sup>th</sup>



Maranda Crotty - 19<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Stage - 19<sup>th</sup>  
Kody Kruger - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Kathryn Nielsen - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tom Soska - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Alan Schmitz - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Kaj Riggle-Foust - 26<sup>th</sup>  
Trevor Dumler - 27<sup>th</sup>  
Col Fleshner - 27<sup>th</sup>  
LuAnn Jones - 27<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Verhulst - 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Jorgensen 30<sup>th</sup>

*If we have missed your birthday or you need to change your phone number or address please call or e-mail the church office, or make changes on the blue sheet in the overflow and leave the information on the secretary's desk.  
Thank you for keeping us current!*



**WinGS**  
*(Walking in God's Service)*



**SENIOR CITIZENS/GRANDPARENT**  
**"COOKIES 'N COFFEE"**



**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Dike Community Building**



***The WinGS (Walking in God's Service) kids invite you to join us for fellowship, devotion, activities and, of course, cookies and coffee.***

***Please RSVP by calling LuAnn Jones (989-2248), Maureen Stockdale (989-9089) or Jane Christensen (989-2311) by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

We are on the lookout for more pint-sized fruit jars.  
 (Not the widemouth, please)

Please contact LuAnn Jones, Jane Christensen or Maureen Stockdale if you would like to donate any jars for WinGS. Thanks.



**VBS**

**Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School!**  
**VBS is scheduled for Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Easter Tulips**  
***Tulips for Easter will be available for \$10.00.***  
***Sign up by Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> or call the church office at 319-989-2065***

**The Handbell Choir will rehearse  
Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday March 28 at 6:30 p.m.**



**The Senior choir will meet Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and  
20<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Everyone please come at 7:30 p.m. (not 7:15/7:30).**

Worship and Music Committee meeting Monday March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

### ***Genesis Bible Study***

*We will take a break during lent and through Easter.*

*On Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> our Bible Study will resume at 7:00 p.m.*

*It is not too late to join us and we would love to have our group grow! Our study time is filled with learning, laughter, and a great time!*

### ***Daffodil Days***

The daffodils purchased for Cancer Research will be displayed during worship on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

You may take the flowers you ordered after worship that day.



### **Martha Circle**

Martha's Circle will meet Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Dorla Petersen. Carlyn Baugus will lead the lesson; Session 6 from the February Issue of "Gather for Faith and Action"

### **Ruth Circle**

Ruth Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Lorraine Crotty will serve as hostess, and Letha Petersen will lead the lesson for this meeting.

All women are welcome.

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, set your clock ahead!

**The Lay Internship Committee will  
meet Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

***Agnus Dei Ministry invites you to attend a Lenten Concert  
with Lessons & Prayers, Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. at  
Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls; or Palm Sunday  
March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church  
1425 Kimball Avenue, Waterloo***

## **World Relief Needs requested by Quilting Ladies**

### **For layettes:**

Full size bars of wrapped bath soap  
Sleepers, preferably without feet  
Infant and toddler socks  
Diaper/safety pins  
Dark colored hand towels



### **Gently used blankets**

### **For quilting:**

Used sheets, used drapes etc.

When you bring your donated items to church please put them on a back table in the Fellowship Hall. Please clearly label World Relief/Quilting so the items are not misdirected. Thank you for your help in this ministry.

## **Church Council Minutes**

**January 13, 2013**

The Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Schmidt at 7:00 pm

Members in attendance: Kelly Nicholson, Jacque Bakker, Wendall Bergmann, Sheila Elliott, Karla Foust, Susie Latusek, Lance Loger, Ryan Petersen, Jennifer Verhulst. Trisha Weichers, Bev Lupkes, Intern Peter Olson, Pastor Lisa Dietrich

Absent: none

A devotional reading and prayer were led by Pastor Lisa

The treasurer's report was presented by Holly Kruger. Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Sheila to accept as presented. Motion carried. It was noted that while Holly is absent for health reasons Bonnie Kruger will assume her duties.

The minutes of the December 1, 2012 meeting were read. Motion made by Susie, seconded by Jacque to approve as corrected. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

1. Eric Andersen presented the current status of the finances for Phase I and II of the remodeling. The endowment fund had fewer requests for scholarship money than was budgeted, so the \$3000 left over will be transferred to the building fund. We have received a bill from the architect for the preliminary plans for Phase III. A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Karla for the bill to be paid with money from the building fund. The accounting for funds for Phase III will be kept separate from the first phases so that expenses for each phase can easily be determined.

2. The agenda for the Annual Meeting was discussed and outlined. There was concern that the congregation may not realize that a vote to determine whether to apply for another intern was to take place. In order to be sure that there was enough opportunity for discussion and questions, it was decided to present the information at the Annual Meeting and hold a special meeting for that vote on February 3.
3. We are waiting for verification from some potential candidates as to whether they are interested in council membership. Members were to contact those persons and verify the final list for candidates.
4. The question was raised as to whether a member who is routinely absent a portion of the year is able to be on council. It was clarified that according to the constitution, a council person who misses four consecutive meetings will be replaced.

### **Old Business**

No one has attended recent cottage meetings to discuss Phase III.

**Pastor's Report** was submitted and accepted.

**Intern's Report** was submitted and accepted.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Worship and Music

Council Rep: Bev Lupkes

Because mid-week Lenten services have been poorly attended, Saturday morning devotions will be scheduled instead.

#### Christian Education

Council Reps: Trisha Weichers and Susie Latusek

Planning has begun for the Aebleskiver supper and Bible School.

#### Mutual Ministry

Council Rep: Jeff Schmidt

Mutual ministry is meeting regularly.

Evangelism and Stewardship, Property, Social Ministry, Cemetery, Endowment, and Historical Committees had no report.

The next Council meeting will be February 17 at 7:00 pm

All Committee meeting will be February 24 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bev Lupkes, Council Secretary

***Easter Sunday Schedule***  
***March 31<sup>st</sup>***



***Early Service 7:00 a.m.***

***Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.***  
***Casseroles, rolls, and juice***

***9:30 a.m. Service***  
***Presented by the youth***  
***(No Sunday School)***

***Easter Egg Hunt***  
***Following the 9:30 a.m. service.***



## **We have much to celebrate.**

There are 50 YAGM (Young Adult Global Mission) servants in the ELCA. Five have Northeastern Iowa Synod connections. One of our first call ordained ministers, Pastor Jenna Couch, was recently featured on the front page of the Waterloo Courier.

Of the 96 people who have completed our Candidacy Program, 25 still serve on the Northeastern Iowa Synod roster. Six of the 23 current candidates held youth leadership roles in this synod's Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO), WIYLDE (Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership Discipling Event) or a Bible camp, or served as a YAGM.

The Fund for Leaders offers 16 full tuition scholarships each year for students who are entering an ELCA seminary. Three of those scholarships were given to members of our synod.

Congregations handing on the faith, conferences supporting confirmation ministries, our synod offering WIYLDE faith formation as well as junior high lock-ins and other youth events, outdoor ministries engaging young people at critical times in their lives, campus ministries and colleges of the church, the Candidacy Committee's relationship with seminarians, the gift of the seminaries of the church—all come together for our synod to demonstrate our leadership by creating more leaders for the church.

We are the church. One of our synod's roles is to be a leader in the church by giving the church even more leaders. For this we give thanks and celebrate the gifts of this synod.

– Steven L. Ullestad  
Bishop, Northeastern Iowa Synod

***“True leaders don't create followers. They create more leaders.”***



National Social Work Month is a time to celebrate social workers and the services they provide to children, families and individuals. The men and women in this field of work are unsung heroes in our society. They bring hope to people in their darkest times and help make our communities better places to live one person, one child and one family at a time.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is proud to have so many dedicated workers who bring life changing services to people in need. Without the dedication, passion and commitment of its social workers, LSI could not carry out its mission of responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. Your valued partnership through support and prayer is what ensures LSI and its devoted employees can continue to help change lives for the better.

For more information on LSI, visit [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org). Join us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

## **A Bucket List for Disaster Response**

Tom Fox of Rock Island, Ill., has a “bucket list,” and congregations from the Northeastern Iowa Synod have helped him complete it.

The list is actually 46 cleaning products that fit into a five-gallon bucket to make “flood buckets” for families affected by a natural disaster. Fox had spearheaded a flood bucket drive in his home church of St. James Lutheran, Rock Island, last year, so when he heard about the flood damage from Hurricane Sandy, Fox contacted Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) program director Pastor Michael Stadie to see if they could use some more flood buckets.

Stadie, who first met Fox in 2010 when they were both helping with flood recovery in Cedar Rapids, welcomed the idea and followed up with an invitation to Pastor Mark Anderson, assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, to see if he could round up some more congregations to help with the project.

“I know from the Northeastern Iowa Synod’s work with the hay lift that the synod has been a leader in responding to disasters,” says Stadie, a rostered member of the Northeastern Iowa Synod and the synod’s Disaster Response Network.

With short notice, Anderson put the word out to a few area congregations, and four responded by purchasing the supplies and assembling 30 buckets. Fox picked up 10 buckets at Bethlehem Lutheran, Cedar Falls, and then stopped by St. Peter Lutheran in Dubuque for the rest. St. John, Clarksville, and Ridgeway Parish, contributed buckets, in addition to Bethlehem and St. Peter.

Two local businesses donated the seven buckets that the Ridgeway confirmation class filled with supplies purchased with funds from the congregation’s Women of the ELCA. “We thought it was a good project because not only were we helping people in need, but it was a way to bring the whole church together to let people on the East Coast know that people in Iowa had not forgotten about them,” says Pastor Joelle Colville-Hanson.

Even though Hurricane Sandy hit a few months ago, Stadie says now is when the buckets will be the most helpful. “People are involved in so many aspects of recovery and they can become paralyzed,” Stadie says.

“It’s not until several months after the fact that they decide what to do after a disaster, and the flood buckets help them with that.”

An Illinois resident read about the flood bucket project and loaned Fox his trailer for use to haul the buckets and a pallet of laundry detergent to New York, including the 54 buckets collected through Fox’s own congregation and 57 buckets he picked up at Zion Lutheran, York, Penn. Fox was accompanied by a member from his home congregation, as well as a member from Zion. They delivered the buckets to Messiah Lutheran, Staten Island, a member of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod, where the buckets will be distributed to families in need.

“These buckets are being distributed by a local ELCA congregation in New York to victims as a witness to our faith in Jesus Christ,” Anderson says.

Pastor Squire from Messiah expressed his appreciation for the generosity and support from the congregations and groups that made this delivery possible, including Lutheran Disaster Response; the Northeastern Iowa Synod; St. James Lutheran, Rock Island; New Era Lutheran, Muscatine County, Iowa; St. John’s United Methodist, Davenport; Zion Lutheran, York, Penn.; and the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

“The people here will appreciate this more than you will ever know,” Squire told Fox. “God Bless You.”



Fredsville, the pastor and other leadership consider the newsletter an important communication and evangelism tool. As members and friends of Fredsville, you receive the monthly newsletter. If you have moved away and no longer desire to have the newsletter mailed to you, please contact us at [fredsville@fredsvillelutheran.org](mailto:fredsville@fredsvillelutheran.org) or telephone the office at **319-989-2065**. If we don’t hear from you, you will continue to receive the hard copy by US Mail. Details from the newsletter can also be found at [www.fredsvillelutheran.org](http://www.fredsvillelutheran.org).

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**Worship - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Kid's Worship Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Weekday Office Hours:  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
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