

PEACEFUL TIDINGS!



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Monthly Newsletter of Fredsville May 2013



From your pastor



Oh my.....

I have a most precious item; it's my father's Bible. Now as a pastor, I have a lot of Bibles of almost every translation conceivable. This Bible, though I don't use it for my regular studying, it is very precious, simply because it was my father's. I happened to pick it up while working on my newsletter articles and came across this prayer my dad had cut out and had carefully laid between the pages. The edges of the paper were soiled from obviously being handled repeatedly by my dad's machinist, woodworking, oil stained hands. In that moment of discovery, I felt him as near as the chair next to me. The prayer follows....

I want to begin this day with thankfulness, and continue it with eagerness. I shall be busy; let me set about things in the spirit of service to you and to others, that Jesus knew in the carpenter's shop in Nazareth. I am glad that he drew no line between work sacred and secular. Take the skill that resides in my hands, and use it today; take the experience that life has given me, and use it; keep my eyes open, and my imagination alert, that I may see how things look to others, especially the unwell, the worried, the overworked. For your love's sake. Amen.

I am in awe, when I think on our God and the saints who have gone before us. I am in awe when I realize how close they are and how connected we are to those who have gone before us. I am in awe, that my father, from the grave, can still speak to me, encourage me, witness to me and hopefully to you. Perhaps this may become your prayer. Perhaps you will cut it out and place it between pages of your Bible to be found again someday. Perhaps this prayer will inspire you. Perhaps God will speak to you.

Peace,

Pastor Lisa





Keep them in your prayers

Jerry Christensen, Claudia Hamilton, Jill Vandehaar-Hansen, Carol & Emmett Watson, Vern Petersen, Sandy Party, Mildred Sloth, Emly Steege, Alma Heath, Jack Mommer, Kelly Smith, Holly Kruger, Dennis Craig, Neal Thuesen, and Adeline Larsen

If you would like to send a card

Neal & Jeanne’s Thuesen’s new address is:
5311 Hyacinth Drive, Unit 23, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Emmett Watson has a new address:
Western Home Communities, Martin Health Center #29
420 E 11th St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

**If you are ill or going to be in the hospital please call
Pastor Lisa at 243-8136, or the church office at 989-2065
This will insure prayer and visitation.
Because of a “Health Information Privacy” rule, hospitals cannot
contact the church when members are hospitalized.**

Church Clean-up Day!

On Sunday May 5th everyone is asked to bring a bucket and rag with you to worship! That’s right . . . to worship! We will have a short worship service that morning. Following worship we will ALL help clean the church, inside and out! The Worship & Music committee will provide Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, potato chips and pop. Come in your work clothes and let’s have fun!



If you would like to help create summer table decorations for the fellowship hall please meet Sunday, May 5th during the church spring cleaning. If you have questions, please contact Jean Loger.



“Muffins for Moms”

***Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to donate
1-2 dozen muffins for Mother’s Day May 12***

***Mother’s Day netting corsages will be
available for \$10.00; provided by WinGS***



We will acknowledge our high school graduates, Maranda Crotty and Michael Weichers on Sunday May 12th. Please contact the church office with names and addresses of college graduates from Fredsville.

Q & A – 2013 Graduating Seniors

“Fredsville’s Graduating Seniors” is the topic of this month’s Q & A by Sue Green. The seniors were asked what their plans are for after graduation and what their favorite Fredsville Memory is.



Maranda Crotty is the daughter of Dan and Maureen Crotty. She plans to attend Hawkeye Community College with a major in Ag Business Management. Maranda’s favorite Fredsville memory is exploring the natural springs and caves on one of the confirmation trips.



Michael Weichers is the son of Mike and Trish Weichers. He plans to attend Hawkeye Community College with a major in Electrical Engineering (computers). Michael’s favorite Fredsville memory is working each year at the Aebleskiver Supper.

Fredsville's 2013 High School Graduates

Maranda Crotty
Open House
Saturday May 11th
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Michael Weichers
Open House
Saturday May 18th
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Both Open House Celebrations will
be in Fredsville's Fellowship Hall**

Big Day of Serving

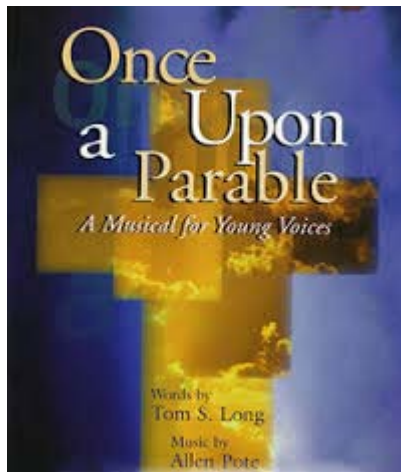
On May 3-5th our 13 confirmation youth will once again attend the Big Day of Serving in Dubuque! We will leave Friday right after school and return Sunday afternoon! The highlight of the weekend is spending all day Saturday doing service projects around the city of Dubuque with 500-700 other youth! Saturday concludes with a Christian Rock concert on the street downtown Dubuque. The youth will then attend worship service Sunday morning at one of the Lutheran Churches in Dubuque. Special thanks to our chaperones Trish Weichers, Angie Wibben, and Dena Larsen for making this trip possible!

Bremwood Auxiliary and LSI Spring Salad Luncheon

Meeting will be held in the Hansen Spiritual Life Center on the Bremwood Residential Treatment Center campus. Friday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. This luncheon will be hosted by the Women of St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Please bring one salad for every two members in your group. Table service and plates will be provided for those who prefer not to bring their own. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to car pool.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee is in need of empty diaper boxes for a planned fundraiser to begin the end of June. Please place your diaper boxes by the historical display case in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Nancy Stage with any questions.



"Once Upon A Parable!"

A new musical has been picked! Do we have people interested, willing and committed to practicing, performing and sharing the Good News? "Once Upon A Parable" requires a minimum of 10 performers - more would be awesome!!! Please sign up if you plan to join us - so Pastor Lisa and Jean can move forward with ordering materials.

Jesus was a storyteller. A quick glance at the gospels reveals Him constantly regaling the crowds with tales designed to teach, amuse, puzzle, and even irritate. And two thousand years later, His words are still fresh-the double meanings and surprise endings of the stories challenge and enlighten us. In this musical, a group of energetic storytellers try to capture the humor and contemporary flavor of the parables - and use them to retell the Jesus story itself.

A morning and an evening performance will be held at Fredsville on Sunday September 8th. Our first meeting will be on Sunday July 21st with practices beginning after VBS.

Pastor Lisa to attend Homiletics Conference

May 12-18 Pastor Lisa will be in Nashville attending the Festival of Homiletics (a preaching focused event.) During this event she will hear sermons and attend workshops held by 25 of the best preachers in the world. At this conference she will study with Walter Brueggemann, Diana Butler Bass, Barbara Brown Taylor, Bishop Mark Hanson, David Lose, Leonard Sweet, Will Willimon and many more world renowned theologians and preachers. While pastor is gone during this time, please call the church office or Jeff Schmidt if you have any pastoral needs. Pastor Gary from Bethlehem in Cedar Falls will be on call for Pastor Lisa during this time. May God bless her renewal, rest, and learning during this continuing education event.



May Birthdays



Adeline Larsen – 1st

Clayton Hines – 2nd

Rebecca Kerns (Derifield) – 2nd

Melissa Loger – 2nd

Bradley Hanson – 6th

Cal Halverson – 8th

Cashton Dall – 11th

Emmett Watson – 11th

Catherine Petersen – 14th

John Latusek – 15th

Dave Harberts – 16th

Teagen Halverson – 18th

Luella Larsen – 18th

Mike Weichers – 18th

Karla Foust – 22nd

Harlan Thuesen – 23rd

Megan Andersen – 24th

Victoria Barker – 24th

Jerry Jones – 26th

Marin Verhulst – 26th

Michelle Bern – 29th

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)
Wednesday, May 1st



1:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Dike Community Building

We will invite and welcome 2nd graders to WinGS and we will also celebrate the 5th graders commitment to WinGS.

- *Join us for service work, fun, games & devotions*
- *Theme: I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13*

Mother's Day Corsages

- *WinGS kids will be making netting corsages and selling them on Mother's Day (May 12th) at Fredsville and the Dike United Methodist Church prior to worship.*
- *Cost is \$10. Checks payable to Fredsville Church.*
- *Proceeds will provide nets for the Malaria Campaign, help start Sunday Schools in the United States, provide health & dental care for several children and provide warm meals served at a soup kitchen.*

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.

A box has been placed in the kitchen to collect the fruit jars. Please feel free to bring them to the church anytime. Thank you!

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.



VBS

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School!

VBS is scheduled for

Monday, July 29th – Thursday, August 1st

Arkansas Trip Meeting

A meeting for all youth, their parents, and chaperones who are attending the Arkansas trip will be held on Wednesday May 29 at 7:00 pm. At this meeting final payment will need to be turned in. During this time together you will receive your packing list, we will finalize any details on the trip and talk about conduct for the trip. All youth attending the trip must make this meeting. Thanks again to parents, endowment committee, and youth committee for making this trip possible!

Special Offering

May 19th there will be a special offering Sunday to raise funds for our youth that are going on the mission trip to Arkansas. They will be working at the Serenity House and would like to be able to purchase some toys and supplies for the kids that are living there.

*The Handbell Choir and Senior Choir
is finished for the summer*



*Thank you to all who shared their
musical gifts through the year!*

Committee Meetings

Building Committee: Wednesday May 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Christian Education/Youth : Wednesday, June 12th at 5:30

Mutual Ministry Committee: Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Property/Landscape: Sunday, May 5th and 6:30 p.m.

Church Council meeting Wednesday May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

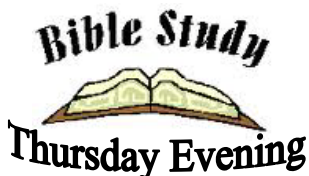
Martha Circle

Martha's Circle will meet Tuesday May 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Carlyn Baugus. The lesson will be from the May Issue of "Gather for Faith and Action", Session 9

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, May 7th, at 7:00 p.m. Audrey Stefan will serve as hostess for this meeting and Pastor Lisa will lead the lesson.

All women are welcome.



Come join Pastor for a wonderful in depth look into the scriptures. We will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Fredsville Council Minutes

March 24, 2013

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

Members in attendance: Jacque Bakker, Wendall Bergmann, Doug Dall, Sheila Elliott, Lance Loger, Bev Lupkes, Ryan Petersen, Audrey Stefan, Steve Veatch, Jennifer Verhulst, Pastor Lisa Dietrich

Absent: Darla Andersen, Intern Peter Olson

A devotional reading and prayer were led by Pastor Lisa

The treasurer's report was presented by Holly Kruger. Motion by Bev, seconded by Wendall to approve. Motion passed.

The minutes of the February 17th meeting were read. Motion by Steve, seconded by Doug, to approve as read. Motion passed.

New Business

1. The Endowment Committee approved an early disbursement of \$30,000 to be paid to the building fund, pending Council approval. A motion was made by Wendall, seconded by Audrey to approve the disbursement to be used as follows:
 - \$7,841 for the architect bills for the preliminary plans completed last fall for Phase 3
 - \$22,159 for the Phase 1 and 2 loan balanceAn additional \$11,000 from the building fund will also be used towards the loan balance.
2. A request from Trish Weichers for use of the fellowship hall May 18 for graduation was granted.
3. Intern Peter has no more vacation time. A motion was made by Bev, seconded by Sheila, that, pending seminary approval, additional time off requests will be granted, but without compensation for the time missed.

Old Business: none

Pastor's Report was submitted and accepted.

Intern's Report was submitted and accepted.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music - Bev

1. Plans are complete for the Seder Service. Ninety people have made reservations to attend.
2. April 1 there will be a Holy Humor service.
3. There will be a spring clean-up service on May 5.
4. Plans are being made for an outdoor service at the Dike lake July 7. The community will be invited.
5. An evening campfire will be held in August.

Property - Wendall

1. Concrete repair at the back church corner will not be as extensive or expensive as anticipated.
2. The downspouts are not draining properly and will be looked at.
3. They are looking at new crosses and solar lights at the east end of the church.
4. Some lights in the sanctuary are not working properly. Some may need to be re-wired.
5. The extension pole for changing lights is being used.
6. A window in the fellowship hall needs to be replaced.
7. They are still looking at putting drainage tile around the parsonage.
8. The next meeting is April 7 and they will determine what needs to be done at the intern house

Social Ministry - Sheila

1. They are planning a food drive and welcome potluck for the new intern.
2. The extra offering in April and May will go to Serenity House. In June it will go toward the Stork's Nest, which provides education and supplies to new mothers.
3. They will again be collecting fishing gear for the Eldora Youth Shelter.

Christian Education - Jennifer

1. About 400 were served at the Aebleskiver supper.
2. \$61 was collected for Serenity House.

Mutual Ministry - Jeff

Committee met

Cemetery - Doug

Trees and bushes around the bell will be replaced and two benches incorporated in the landscaping. They will contact Hawkeye Community College to see if students would be interested in assisting in planning the project.

Endowment – Jacque

The request for early distribution of funds for the building project was approved.

Historical and Evangelism and Social Ministry - No meetings

The next Council meeting will be April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Lupkes, Council Secretary

This spring, join congregations from across the nation by hosting a "Buck-a-Chick" sale. For \$1.00 you can purchase and decorate a chick. Your gift of a chick makes a world of difference. It provides a family in need with eggs to eat and sell at the market. With this gift you can help a family escape hunger for good. Thank you for your donations so far. Let's break last year's record of \$113!



Cookies for NewAldaya

Fredsville is in charge of cookies for NewAldaya on Sunday, May 19 and Sunday, May 26. Please bring cookies to the church by Sunday morning worship on those dates. Cookies will be delivered to NewAldaya following church services. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



It is time for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Fredsville is not sponsoring a team this year which only means you do not have to sign up to walk or do a packet for donations, but you can still donate and purchase a luminaria in memory of a loved one or to support a survivor. The luminaria forms are in the fellowship hall and can be filled out at any time. You can see Carol Andersen or Sharon Hemmen with your donations. Also, Carol still is a team captain so if anyone would want to walk please see her for more details. The walk is June 14th Thank you for your continued support.
Carol and Sharon.

The Grundy County Relay for Life will be held on the Grundy Center High School track on Friday night, June 14, starting at 5:00 pm until 11:00 pm. For information about forming a team, purchasing luminaries or other questions about the 2013 relay go to www.RelayForLife.org/grundycountyia. We hope you will make plans to attend this important and moving event to remember our loved ones and friends who have died from cancer and to honor our survivors.

The GC Relay for Life committee will be holding a "cash and carry" sale during the relay event. Donated baked goods or other items may be brought to the high school track between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. the day of the relay. Please feel free to mark your items with the value you feel they should be sold for at the event. If you would like to donate baked goods or other items call Jennifer Flater at 515-229-6770 or email her at jflater@oldcastlematerials.com or call BeckiJo Shuey at 319-824-6340.



Tackle Drive for Boys Training School

Cleaning out your garage this spring, or going to garage sales? Keep your eyes open for good used fishing tackle, poles, etc. The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Tackle Drive for the State Training School for Boys in Eldora. The gear will be used by the chaplain as he teaches the boys about the patience and self reliance of fishing. Help be a “fisher of men” and give these young men a second chance. New items also welcome. Place your contributions in the blue tub marked “Tackle Drive”.



Jonah attempts to share his tale with doubting Thomas



This May, join Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), a partner in Iowa KidsNet, in making a difference in the lives of children in foster care. May is National Foster Care Month, a chance to come together on behalf of the over 6,500 Iowa children in foster care. National Foster Care Month highlights the needs of youth in foster care and celebrates the families, social workers, advocates, mentors and volunteers who make a difference in their lives.

It only takes one person to make an extraordinary and lifelong impact in a child's life, whether it is a foster parent or a caring mentor in the community. Youth in foster care need safe and loving homes with adults who will support them until they can safely reunite with their birth families, live with relatives or find a permanent home through adoption.

LSI is a lead agency in Iowa KidsNet, a statewide collaboration of agencies that recruits, trains, licenses and supports families to foster and adopt Iowa children. With support, these children can reach their potential for greatness and make successful transitions to adulthood.

For more information on ways LSI provides hope to Iowa's most vulnerable populations, visit www.LSIowa.org.



Montana

Meet Jason - Hope during hard times

Jason Williams had fallen on hard times. He lost hope and didn't know where to turn. All that changed after he visited Family Promise – a ministry in Bozeman, Mont., supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

Family Promise works with homeless families and individuals to tailor personalized plans to help take the necessary steps toward lasting independence.

“I cannot contain the joy the program left me with and continues to instill in me today,” says Jason.

Family Promise provided Jason with food, clothing and shelter. He worked with a case manager to get back on his feet and become self-sustainable.

Many lives, including Jason's, have been touched and changed forever with the help of Family Promise. Jason put in a lot of hard work and with a little help from Family Promise; he is back on his feet again.

Jason is thankful for the help and support he got when he needed it the most. He says, “I am grateful every day for Family Promise!”

Because of the support from people like you, ELCA World Hunger is able to give grants to organizations like Family Promise. Together, we are addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty in communities in the United States and around the world.

www.ELCA.org/hungerdoante

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@fredsvilnelutheran.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.fredsvilnelutheran.org.

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