

Vacation Bible School Coming in July

When: Wednesday evenings

Dates: July 7th - August 11th

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

All children between the ages of 3 years old and potty trained and anyone who is finishing 5th grade are invited to attend. There is a \$10.00 registration fee per family.

VBS is in need of cardboard egg cartons, oatmeal round boxes and coffee cans.

If you are interested in giving a monetary donation to help defray the costs of VBS please place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate. Mark the envelope VBS and put your number on it.

June 2010

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love



Dina (holding Dylan), David (behind Dina) and Dylan our newest members

Pastor's Perspective

The Ultimate Sacrifice



It wasn't at all planned, but on Memorial Day Pat and I visited the D-Day memorial. We were on our way back home from a wedding in Southwest Virginia and saw the brown sign that calls your attention to different places of interest off the exits of that long, long stretch of Route 81.

I remembered that someone just recently had told me that it was a very moving memorial, so on the spur of the moment we got off the highway

and made our way to this commemorative site. It was all and more than what had been said about it. I found myself feeling ashamed that on this Memorial Day I had not considered in my prayers the incredible bravery, patriotism, and sacrifice of those men who hit the beaches of Normandy. The liberation of Europe had begun. The valor of those involved in this landing eventually won the day. Yet I could not help but think of the mothers, wives, sons, and daughters who would receive a life changing letter from the War Department.

You would think that with us involved in two confrontations at the present time that we would be more conscious of the sacrifices of the past, but time dulls the sharpness of what this day was really about. Is that the same dullness that causes us to trivialize what Jesus did for our salvation? He too made the ultimate sacrifice and left mourners with broken hearts. How do we remember and honor His sacrifice that broke the hold of death forever?

Take time to think and pray for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice and let us continue to honor and be mindful of what Jesus has done for us.

Pastor Dan

Adoption Forum

Sunday, June 27, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Community of Love Lutheran Church is pleased to welcome, Robert Hafetz, author of Not Remembered, Never Forgotten, therapist and President of Adoption Forum on Sunday, June 27th from 1:30- 3:30 pm in the church sanctuary at 117 N. Fourth St., Oxford.

Bob will speak regarding issues surrounding adoption to adoptees, adoptive parents, and birthparents with time for questions and answers. He will also be available for the signing of his book.

Due to the sensitivity of subject matter, those 18 and under should be accompanied by a parent. Please call Linda Hettinger 484-880-9740 with questions. Contact the church office at 610-998-9282 to register.

Refreshments will be served.

Council Corner

- Council extended an invitation to the Oxford Ministerium to use our church for the National Day of Prayer next year.
- There were more than 50 people who enjoyed the Community Picnic.
- Temple Talks will be moved to either the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month as the Contemporary Service Sunday is quite full. Announcements for Contemporary Sunday are due to Mike Brandt the Tuesday before so he can make the slides for the announcements.
- Council approved giving Pastor Dan a 25% raise in his retirement package.
- Council also approved a paid week's vacation for Melissa, the church's secretary.

Council meetings are open to everyone. Council meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the church office.

Sister Ocean

There is no better analogy of God and His works than the ocean meeting the shore. The vastness of God's love and compassion for His people is the embodiment of the ocean. His waves of love and grace continually hit the shore that we are all standing on, wondering whether we should jump in or not. It is not always easy to understand, for the ocean has waves that go up and down, but when you go far enough in, it is calm, peaceful and full of tranquility. When my sister was diagnosed with breast cancer four years ago, she said, "No matter what happens I win. If it is God's choice for me to stay on earth, then I have more time to spend with my family and help others. If it is time for me to go, then I get to be with God and be in Heaven. What a wondrous reward that will be". She now has brain cancer, but she has been at peace with it the whole time, because, now she knows His answer, and that it is time to come Home. What an inspiration she has been to me on my path with God. These are not just words my sister, Linda said, but she has always done it thru actions also. She became part of the Healing Hands program and worked at Upper Chesapeake Hospital for several years. When anyone needed anything or she felt they needed her, she was there. How many of us do that in our own lives? Each time she sent a wave of her love into the shore to help someone standing there, she said she always took a part of that sand back with her, into her ocean, which made her love grow for God even greater. If there is one thing I have learned from my sister Linda is to KEEP YOU LOVE OF EACH OTHER AND GOD ALIVE!!! (words written by a band called Heart)

Mark Your Calendar

Temple Performance	June 19
Father's Day	June 20
Adoption Forum	June 27
VBS Begins	July 7



Did you see our signs on 472?

One is near Saginaw and the other near Philips Florist. They mark the stretch of Route 472 that Community of Love will be responsible for keeping neat and clean.

Stay tuned for the announcement of our first work day and become part of the team. The more people who help, the less time we will each have to dedicate to the project.

June & July Birthdays

Erik Pollich	06/01	Dylan Heffner	07/08
Barbara Powers	06/04	Sue Troyan	07/14
Don Hettinger	06/08	Doris Powers	07/25
Linda Hettinger	06/08	Brandon Robinson	07/26
Robert Milley	06/13	Vincent Craven	07/29
Loren Luke Jr.	06/21		
Erik Pollich	06/01		
Barbara Powers	06/04		
Don Hettinger	06/08		
Linda Hettinger	06/08		
Robert Milley	06/13		
Loren Luke Jr.	06/21		



The Recipe Box

BBQ Bacon Ranch Dip

Prep Time: 15 Minutes

Cook Time: 10 Minutes

Ready In: 1 Hour 25 Minutes

Servings: 10

"The flavors of barbeque sauce, cool ranch, and bacon blend together in this perfect dip!"

Ingredients:

4-1/4 slices bacon

1-1/4 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened

5/8 (1 ounce) envelope ranch dressing mix

1/4 cup and 1 tablespoon barbeque sauce

5/8 green bell pepper, chopped

5/8 tomato, chopped

3/4 cup and 3 tablespoons shredded sharp

Cheddar cheese

Directions:

1. Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain the bacon slices on a paper towel-lined plate. Crumble the cooled bacon into a bowl and set aside.

2. Stir together the cream cheese and ranch dressing mix in a bowl until smooth. Spread the mixture on the bottom of a pie dish. Evenly spread the barbecue sauce on top of the cream cheese mixture. Layer the bacon, bell pepper, and tomato on top of the barbecue sauce and top with the Cheddar cheese. Cover and chill for 1 hour before serving.

A Special Thank You to "Temple"

I would just like to say that I truly appreciated everyone's efforts in our first performance as Temple. Karen Bradley's flute playing really added to the performance, even though she only got to rehearse with us once. She did a marvelous job. Also I would like to say that Mel Lohr on the synthesizer was incredible. Mary Milley's playing on keyboards was spectacular and our vocals were stunning. The rhythm section was right on and Bob's alto solo was awesome. It was great to hear Amy and Doris really show their singing talents along with Tom and Brad. I hope that we will see even more people at our next performance on June 19th. This is going to be a great ministry for COL and I hope that you all enjoyed listening to it as much as we enjoyed playing for you.

~Gary

PIANO FOR SALE

We have a piano that I would like to try and sell for \$300.00. Please contact Lori Craven at luv2sew4@verizon.net if interested.

Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Hearts in Action is accepting applications for CAP Scholarships to be awarded in Fall 2010. This fund was created from an endowment left to us by Charlie and Peg (CAP) Middleton. It is in their memory that we give scholarships to those pursuing an education in religious studies, healthcare, or education. Candidates may come from inside and outside the congregation.

The deadline for application submission is June 30, 2010. An application can be found on the Learning page at www.COLlutheranChurch.org. Or call the church office at 610-998-0282 and we will forward one to you.