

## Monday Bible Study

On Monday, September 29th, the Monday afternoon Bible study group will begin. These meetings are held at the Walter's home in Jenner's Pond. After lunch we discuss parts of the Bible. We begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 2:30p.m. We bring a sandwich or whatever you eat for lunch and one person is responsible for a dessert.

If you are interested, want more information or want the directions to Virginia' home, please speak to Virginia Walter or Nancy Kelly.

## Blessing of the Animals

This year we will have the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, September 19 in the afternoon, on the deck of the office complex. Bring your cat, dog, turtle, guinea pig, or whatever and have them blessed. Watch the announcements for the time.

## Sunday School

Sunday School will begin on September 12th at 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Sunday School is available to anyone from age 3 to 100 years old. There are classes for everyone. And there are many changes this year. So come out and see what is going on.

## Adoption Round-Table

An Adoption Round-Table meeting will be held on Sunday, September 19th in the church sanctuary of Community of Love Lutheran Church, 117 N. Fourth St. in Oxford from 2:00 - 3:30 PM.

The meeting is free to anyone in the community whose life has been touched by adoption. It is our desire to provide compassionate understanding and support for adult adoptees, adoptive parents and birthparents. Please contact Linda Hettinger 484-880-9740 for additional information.

# Pastor's Perspective

## Unshakeable Kingdom

Hebrews 12: 26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since **we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.



Ever wonder how birds survive nasty storms. There are at least three different ways. Birds of the land either anticipate the storm and "Get out of Dodge" or they firmly latch onto a branch and ride out the storm. When they bend down their feet actually lock onto the branch with a vice like grip. Seabirds and birds of prey will use sailing tactics and actually use some of the power of the storm to help them tack to safety.

I think we all can relate to birds dealing with a storm as we face our earthly struggles. There are so many things that folks rely on only to find that what was thought to be solid was blown away by a storm.

We often probably wish that we too could "Get out of Dodge" but that is normally not a viable option for us. The idea of using the storm's own power to my advantage fascinates me but that can be very tricky and one can be overwhelmed by the storm just by getting too close.

I really like the imagery I get when I put the "Unshakable Kingdom" described in Hebrews Twelve, along with a determined bird bent down and latched onto a branch. What do we latch onto when the storms hit? Do we bend over in prayer trusting in the King of the Unshakeable Kingdom?

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep. (Navy Hymn)*

Can you think of any place safer than in the arms of the One who calms the storm and the restless sea?

*Pastor Dan*

# Women of Worship Update

Welcome back to a new season of the Women of Worship (WoW) group of Community of Love Lutheran Church!

The WoW group will be changing things up a bit this season. First, we will be meeting bi-monthly. Second, we will be meeting on different days at different locations throughout August – May. Hopefully this will allow more of you to be able to attend the events and discussions.

We have started off with a very successful School Supply Drive for The Lighthouse Youth Center in August. Next, in October, we will be discussing the

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## Council Corner

COL had cash flow problems in July and we had to borrow \$10,000.00 from the Endowment Fund.

Doris Petersen brought us up to date on the Endowment Fund. There were three scholarships given this year. The committee hopes to have people in the community apply for the scholarships in the future. The Council is grateful for all the work Doris Petersen, Judy Petersen and Rich Hendricks have done on the Scholarship program.

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2010. Next Spring the front steps will be replaced. Keep your eyes open to find out how you can help with this project. Council meetings are open to everyone. Council meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the church office.

summer reading, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. This is a wonderful book that is a must read for all! The discussion will be held at the Walter's home in Jenners Pond. The date is to be determined.

Please stay tuned for more upcoming events and discussions!

## The Lighthouse Youth Center School Supply Drive



### 2010 has outdone 2009...

This year we brought in a total of 1419 items for The Lighthouse Youth Center School Supply Drive!! These items were distributed into 51 total packets, 49 of which are going to The Lighthouse Youth Center and 2 packets are going to a local family in need.

Plus we had a few bags of other fun things that can be given at The Lighthouse Youth Center throughout the year!

Thank you to all of you who have contributed and especially to the ladies who helped to assemble the packets – Jackie Plystak, Tina Sauk, Karen Pattinson, Virginia Walter, and Noelle Frattarola. We were able to organize, inventory and assemble the packets within 1 hour!

Happy New School Year!! Thank you again for your continued support of our community,

Aniela Frattarola  
on behalf of the Women of Worship

# "Temple"

## A Dream Come True



When I gave my Temple Talk back in March, it was based on the definition of the word "Temple" and how we are all God's temples. I emphasized the importance of keeping our doors open, our windows up, so the wind of the Holy Spirit could blow thru our Temple and always keeping the lights on, just as God does for us. It also related the importance of us doing the same and inviting people who need God into our Temple, because they do not walk around with signs on them we have to find them. I then thought to myself later, a great concept, but what am I doing. My answer was not what I wanted to hear.

I prayed and I listened (silence as Pastor Dan pointed out). The answer was finally given to me. God has blessed me with many gifts, but two stuck out to me, my passion for music and my organizational skills. I believe the Holy Spirit came to me and gave me the direction that I needed. This became the birth of "Temple". I decided to start a contemporary band that would play in the community and would also spread the word of God, so I started to listen.

There was one person I had heard sing karaoke several times and new she had a great voice, but one day in church as I was listening, I heard this incredible female voice coming from behind me, when I turned around to look, to my amazement, it was Amy. I called her later and asked her if she would sing in the band and to my good luck she agreed. We talked about who would also be a good male front man and immediately Tom Plystak came to mind. I approached him about doing it and he also agreed. The pieces were coming together

perfectly. Tom also offered up Jackie and Jon, so I was very pleased. I also went to Karen Pattinson and she agreed to also play. Now when I had talked to Brad Petersen at first, this was going to be his one week off a month, which I was disappointed, but I had heard how wonderfully Mary Milley played, so I asked her if she would join and she agreed. With Mary, I got Bob Milley on sax. I without a lead guitar player that I needed to find an option and that came when I remembered that I also had heard Melanie Lohr play keyboards and I thought if was had someone on synthesizer, that would make the band very full sounding. As this came together, I got another blessing, because Brad changed his mind and wanted to be in the band. A true blessing from God to have someone like Brad in the band, and with Brad, I got one more incredible backup singer in Doris Petersen, who also volunteered to do the percussion work. God has definitely had his hand in forming this band; because how lucky can one person be to have this much talent in one band and to also have such flexibility as many people in the band can play multiple instruments. We had a meeting in April and I explained the mission of this ministry, to spread the word of God to the community and everyone has agreed to this mission. These people have all made my dream come true. We will be doing our first performance outside of the church on October 30th at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bel Air, MD. We will also be playing at the church picnic this year and Don is working on getting us into the Maple Leaf concert for next year. It is starting to happen and it is such a great feeling and I feel so indebted to all of these people for playing. God bless you ALL!!

*Gary Luckhardt*

## **Temple Hits the Road**

On October 30th, Temple will be playing their first performance outside of the church. We will be playing at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bel Air, MD at 7:30pm. The band is really excited, as this will be our first performance outside of playing for our congregation and will be complete with a great sound system and light show. There will be two bands playing and we will be going on first. The church is located at 1515 Emmorton Road, which is old Rt. 24 in Bel Air, MD. I am very proud of this band and it will be great to present our new ministry to others. If you need further details, please contact Gary at 610-932-5090 and I will answer any questions you may have about the event. It is open to the general public and I hope to see some of our congregation there to help support our mission.

## **Service to Others Committee Update**

The SERVICE TO OTHERS COMMITTEE is expanding the Prayer Shawl Ministry by reaching out to the residents of Luther House. With the ministry's success there is a need for the completion of more prayer shawls. Extra hands are always needed. Thus, the residents of Luther House have graciously offered to help with the knitting and the crocheting of these shawls. This in turn will also expand our interaction with Luther House.

We will be meeting as a group at Luther House at 11AM on September 27th and the fourth Monday of each month. An invitation has been extended to all residents. There will be assistance for those who knit or crochet and for those who want to learn. Or just come for companionship and socializing. Your help is needed to expand this ministry. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents. Your help is needed to assist with the knitting and crocheting. You may also plan to come and socialize with the visitors or make light refreshments. Donations of yarn are always welcome.

See sign-up sheet at the back of the church or see Nanci Hunsinger and Amy Luke with any questions.

## **Congratulations to our C.A.P. Scholarship Recipients for 2010**

The Hearts in Action Committee is pleased to announce three extremely worthy winners of this year's C.A.P. Scholarship awards - **each in the amount of \$2000.**

### **Candace Lohr**

Social Work | Virginia Tech

Excerpts from Candace's thank you letter:

"I wanted to personally thank you for your ongoing support in my academic studies...I am planning on applying to graduate programs this fall and am applying for my Mental Health Specialist Certificate this spring...I hope to reduce the sufferings of those around me and extend a helping hand to those who are in need."

### **Joyce Sherick**

Diagnostic Medical Sonography | DCCC

Excerpts from Joyce's thank you letter:

"I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate being selected as a CAP Scholarship recipient. I was completely blown away by the amount! This is really going to help me and make a difference in paying for my education."

### **Karen Bradley**

History Education | Penn State, Main Campus

Excerpts from Karen's thank you letter:

"I would like to thank you for choosing me as this year's recipient of the Hearts in Action Scholarship. It will be a huge help to me this first year as I begin my studies at Penn State."

The scholarship was established from a bequest from the estate of Community of Love charter members Charlie and Peg Middleton. (Hence, C.A.P. - Charlie and Peg) The awards were designated specifically for those pursuing a major in Religious Studies, Health Care, or Education per the Middleton's wishes.

## MS 150 Bike-to-the-Bay Candy Sale FUNDRAISER

On Sunday September 12th & 19th after worship, please help

**Jon & Tom**

**Plystak** raise funds for the MS 150 Bike-to-the-Bay. The ride is Saturday & Sunday October 2 & 3 from Dover to Rehoboth Beach and back.



The Bike-to-the-Bay is a 150-mile two-day event to raise funds for the Delaware Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society. MS is a debilitating disease which affects the central nervous system, mostly in people between the ages of 20-50.

### Please help us help others by buying a Candy Bar!

Even better, if you would like, please consider making a small monetary pledge to this event...\$2, \$5, \$10 ... you name it! Each rider needs to raise a minimum of \$250 in pledges. *NOTE: Pledges are due "in advance" of the ride this year, prior to October 2nd.*

**Candy Bars are \$1.00 each and will be sold outside (weather permitting).**  
**Thanks for your support!**



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## Bingo! They Win!

September has arrived and so has the need to collect Bingo prizes once again. Twice each year the residents of Luther House are treated to our afternoon Bingo Tea Party and we don't look to disappoint.

**Thank you for your past generous contributions to our prize cart.**

During September we are hoping to collect a wide variety of items, from household supplies to small dazzling delights. A contribution box has been placed in the church narthex to receive your kind donations.

If you would like to join the COL Outreach committee members hosting the event, please let us know. A sign-up sheet for food contributors and host/hostesses can be found on the bulletin board at the rear of the sanctuary.

Thanks in advance for making our October 9th event a happy one for all!

## September & October Birthdays

Bette Ann Walton	09/01
Regina (Tina) Sauk	09/02
Brandon McHugh	09/14
Glenn Frederick	09/24
Jack Powers	09/24
Dina Heffner	09/30
Gavin Seaman	10/01
Bob Bradley	10/06
John Murphy	10/07
Ian Hill	10/10
Paige Blum	10/12
Amy Luke	10/16
Julia Johnson	10/16
Doug Hipkins	10/17
Willard Hunsinger	10/22
Karl Pollich	10/25
Karen Pattinson	10/26
Aaron Glasbrenner	10/27
Joshua van Krieken	10/28
Gretchen Hoffert	10/31