

May 15, 2010

Caravan Highlights

A New Way to Show Your Glad & Generous Heart!

Ever wonder about the empty offering plate being passed down the pew? Many people share their generous support of God's mission and ministry through Covenant electronically or in an annual, quarterly or monthly manner; this makes the offering plate appear "empty" on a weekly basis. In response to this Session has approved another way for us to show our glad and generous hearts. Starting in May, in each of the pews there will be "Worship and Witness through Giving" cards available. If you chose to witness to your ongoing giving, you are encouraged to place one of these "green" cards in the offering plate.

Alternative Transportation Sunday, May 23

Covenant's Health Cabinet is encouraging members and friends to use alternate modes of transportation to church on Sunday, May 23. This annual event encourages the health benefits of walking, biking and other forms of exercise. Families ride their bikes and other members walk! This not only improves and maintains health by using your wonderfully created body to move through this world but you become a good steward of the environment also. Or consider calling another Covenant member and carpooling to church. Covenant's 5th grade Sunday school class will be collecting data from members during fellowship. They will be asking people what form of transportation they used to get to church that day. Look for the students dressed in creative ways to highlight this special day.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Caravan Edition

Due Date

June 1st Edition

Friday, May 21

As noted in the May 1st *Caravan*, this will be the last issue of the *Caravan Highlights*. For the next few months there will be one *Caravan* per month. The *Caravan* should be in homes by the 1st of each month. Articles can be e-mailed directly to Molly at mhartman@covenantmadison.org or dropped off in the church office.

A Change in *The Caravan*!

As you may have noticed, we have been working on improving our newsletter both in content and in layout. These efforts have enabled us to consolidate our communication; therefore, starting with the June issue we will have one monthly issue of *The Caravan*. If there is anything not covered in the monthly newsletter it will be announced in worship, on our website and by "flyers" at the church office and welcome center.

Hobby Table Series

Something interesting is happening in The Bradfield Cafe on May 16th. Most of you know Fern Lawrence and the myriad of activities she has been involved with at Covenant. Did you know that she knits beautifully? We have asked Fern to display some of her artistry at the "hobby table" in Bradfield Hall on Sunday, May 16th, between services.

May Preaching Schedule

- May 16:** Pastor Lin Grace Rohr will be preaching on John 17:20-26. Her sermon will be "The Other Jesus' Prayer." Covenant's band, *Exodus*, will play in worship.
- May 23:** Pentecost Celebration! Our text will be Acts 2:1-21. As a part of our celebration, everyone is encouraged to **WEAR RED!** (If you don't have any red, ribbons will be available!) Grace the Puppet, Craig the Kite Man and Katie & Conch Shell will help Pastor Lin preach.
- May 30:** **SUMMER HOURS BEGIN: MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY. ONE SERVICE 9:30am!** We will be celebrating Trinity Sunday. Pastor Lin Grace Rohr's sermon will be on "Remember When..." Our text will be Romans 5:1-5.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am-10:45am Bradfield Cafe
8:30am Worship
9:40am Christian Ed
10:45am Worship

Nursery care is provided for children under three years.

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Cares, Concerns & Joys

We extend prayers to the following members and friends of Covenant:

Howard Adams, Keith Brink, Nathan Buttel, Miriam Cerveny, Steve Coons, Audrey Dean, Lucia Gronbeck, Eleanor Jones, George Klingbeil, Margaret Lehmann, Ernie Madsen, Mike Morgan, Marge Morgenthaler, Jeanne Rebholz, Lois Selix, Tosha Songolo, Linda Taylor, Gerrie Treu, Patty West

The peoples of Chile and Haiti and the world's relief workers in both countries, Tom Adams, brother of Marie Crist, Hildi Boeck, friend of Noel & Dick Pearson, Rob Comeau, friend of Joann & Gary Pivotto, Donna Curtis, friend of Patty West, Juanita Doan, sister of Rose Severson, Michael Fontaine, grandson of Mary & Burr Fontaine, Martha Grabbit, mother of Peggy Bugg, Kay & Tom Hannum, parents of Judy Von Bergen, Brad Heck, uncle of Marit Sathrum, Cynthia & David Hershberger, parents of Linda Dolan, Art Howard, uncle of Barb Larsen, Chon Hutchison, daughter-in-law of Ruth Hutchison, The Kahl family, friends of the Whayland family, Lisa Kann and the Hendrickson family, friends of Jesse & Andrea Chandler-Dreher, Shirley Knuth, aunt of Lee Jones, Robert Kozarek, friend of Lynda Sharpe, Barbara Lanfer, daughter of Laurie Fox, Leland Larsen, brother of Larry Larsen, Linda Anderson-Little, sister-in-law of Deb Cohn, Bill McClure, brother-in-law of Rose Severson, Dorothy Schaefer Mehring, mother of Bob Schaefer, Eric Miller, Covenant friend and missionary to Kenya, Emilie Nguidjol, mother of Emilie Ngo-Nguidjol, Family of James Ogbeide, friends of Emilie Ngo-Nguidjol, Ann Olsen, friend of Kathryn Arndt, Marine Oriyn, friend of Kathryn Arndt, Marian Oskin, mother of Pat Aune, Neil Phelps, brother of Judy Stevenson, Carla Phillips, daughter-in-law of Lucy Phillips, Paul Purcell, brother-in-law of Rose Severson, Ragonese family, cousins of Andrea Diaczun, Corp. Tyler Rascoe, grandson of Rose Severson, Carmen Rodriguez, friend of Sarah Ales, Len Rush, friend of John Daly, Floyd Shriver, father of Kay Seifert, Mike Smith, friend of Christine Barden, Norman Swift and family, step-father of Dan Gustafson, John Van Ess, brother of Vicki Alexander, Andrea Williams, cousin of Mike Morgan, Alma (Nana) Wilson, friend of the Walker family, Ito and Jorgito Asencion-Talio

Thoughts and prayers are with families and friends of former Covenant members, Nan Cheney, Lynn Wolf and Tom Stephens, all who passed away recently.

Congratulations to Alan Cormack on the birth of granddaughter, Maya Cormack, daughter of Chris Cormack and Olga Senashova.

Adult Education

Doubt (the Movie), Faith & Belief Concludes on May 16 at 9:40am in Room A109

Led by Don Woolston

In 2008, the Pulitzer award winning play, *Doubt* came to the big screen, earning five Oscar nominations, including best actress, Meryl Streep. The movie is a terse but gripping drama that centers on the conflict between a priest and a nun who is particularly prone to the human tendency to cling to unproven beliefs. The remarkable screenplay makes us stare unblinkingly at a story in which a Catholic school becomes a crucible not for faith and love, but doubt and mistrust. It also cleverly jolts us into realizing just how much we trust our own prejudices, ignorance-fueled doubts and questioned beliefs.

Cybersafety: The Internet, Cell Phones & Our Kids

Thursday, May 27 at 6:00pm

Led by Julie Hunter & Officer Grant Humerickhouse

Cybersafety: How parents and concerned adults, teachers, grandparents, etc. can support children's safe, fun and appropriate use of the internet and cell phones. Topics may include but are not limited to: Facebook, MySpace, Texting, Email, Cyberbullying, controls and monitoring of home computers and cell phones. This opportunity is a follow-up to the interest generated in a similar Sunday a.m. class last Fall. An invitation has been extended, as well, to parents of the elementary and middle school students in Covenant's neighborhood.

Youth Education

Middle School "Friday Night Live!" May 14

We're closing out the year in a fun-filled fashion with "Friday Night Live!" on Friday, May 14. We'll be meeting at Covenant at 6:30pm, before heading to Bogey's in Middleton for go-carts, mini-golf, & batting cages. We will then return to Covenant for pizza and devotions, wrapping things up at 9:48pm. We will run the event rain or shine, with alternate indoor activities in the event of actual rain. Cost for everything is \$20. To register at this late date, please contact Steve Royalton immediately. All participants need a "Youth Connection Permission Form" on record.

High School "Senior Recognition Dinner" May 16

We will close out the program year with a special evening that will "honor" the high school seniors that have been active in Youth Connection over the years. The event will be held at the home of the Browns', located at 101 Everglade Drive, and run from 6:30-8:30pm. Youth should be dropped off and picked up from there as we will not be at the church at all on this evening. Non-Seniors are asked to contribute \$5.00 each to the cost of the dinner.

Children's Education

Kite Workshop with Craig Wilson Sunday, May 23 at Noon in Bradfield

- Bring a picnic lunch
- Make a kite and fly it
- All ages welcome!
- \$2/child for large kite or \$5/family for multiple kites

Kaleidoscope Worship Education Updates for May

- May 23: No Kaleidoscope so all may enjoy the family-friendly worship services.
- May 30: One 9:30am worship service with Kaleidoscope for 3 year olds through 1st graders. . 3 .

What is Happening on Pentecost Sunday, May 23?

- Alternative Transportation Sunday – **bike, walk, carpool, run to church!**
- All are encouraged to **wear red clothing** for Pentecost
- Family-friendly worship with **kite ministry** and a visit from **Grace the puppet**.
- Sunday School children will sing at the 8:30am service
- No Kaleidoscope during worship so all ages may enjoy the family-friendly worship.
- Last Day of Sunday School from 9:40am to 10:30am
- Family Kite Workshop with Craig Wilson at Noon



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“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

*Join us to
Celebrate Pastor Lin's
5^{3/4} yrs. of Covenant Ministry*

Sunday, May 23 between services in Bradfield Hall

