



By the Way

Celebrating and Sharing God's Love in Christ
November, 2010

COLLEGE CARE

The first effort to pack care packages for our college students and their friends was an overwhelming success!

After church on Sunday, October 17 we packed 16 boxes of goodies for our kids. Treats included crunchy snack bags like pretzels and Chex Mix, sweet fruit snacks, cookies and many other items, both home-made and store bought. A copy of *By the Way* along with a note from parents plus some motivational stickers and even a small bag of collected leaves by Sunday School students completed the packages. Before filling the boxes a short prayer was said for our precious students.

It was heart warming to see members of the congregation who don't have college students helping to support this effort! A big thank you to everyone who helped tape and fill boxes!

Nancy and Rik Alex have graciously volunteered to fund our shipping costs for the college care boxes out of the Brent Alex Memorial Fund. Nancy and Rik have hoped that Brent's memorial fund could support events/activities for youth and Nancy was especially glad that some of the funds from Brent's memorial will be going to support college kids. Thank you Nancy and Rik!!

Thanks also to Anne Bouchard and Kathy Haben for spear-heading this endeavor which is off to a strong start. If you would like to participate in future mailings or donate items to send, please contact Anne or Kathy. The next date is tentatively scheduled to arrive just in time for finals.



SOMEONE'S LIFE DEPENDS ON YOU

More than 4.5 million patients need blood transfusions each year in the U.S and Canada. Patients undergoing treatment for cancer or blood diseases need blood transfusions. Patients requiring bone marrow or organ transplants also need blood transfusions. Auto accidents and gun shot victims also can require blood transfusions. 1 in 7 people entering a hospital need blood. Did you know only 5% of the eligible

population donate blood? Someone's life could depend on you!

Little Home Church will be hosting it's fall blood drive on Monday, November 8th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. You need to be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 100 pounds. The entire process takes about 45 minutes. Won't you please consider signing up? Contact Ann McLaughlin (630.443-3531) to make an appointment.



Those recently hospitalized or ill:

- † Joyce Cox
- † Theo Moore
- † LHC neighbor, Carol Stokely
- † Ruby Bosch
- † Bettie Smith

Our sympathies to:

- † Susan Sherwood and family on the loss of her father, Eben Sherwood who passed away October 11th.
- † Tom Atkins and family on the loss of his mother, Jeanne Mangold who passed away October 2nd.

Congratulations to:

- † Polly & Don Heinrich on the birth of a great granddaughter. Cameron Nicole Diederich was born on October 15th.

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior....

Amen



November is a time of irritability. Holidays are rapidly coming upon us. Election ads seem to go on and on. Hardly a night goes by that the phone rings from someone asking for contributions.

Has anyone ever advised you to be an irritable person? I doubt it; but that is the counsel I'm giving you. When we hear the word, "irritable", we think of it as being easily annoyed or provoked to anger; impatient or fretful. We think of an irritable man as one who is just an overgrown baby who turns purple in the face and begins to scream when anyone touches his rattle. Now I am opposed to such irritability.

But there are other definitions of this word. Webster says that the word in medicine means excessively sensitive to a stimulus and in physiology it means being able to respond when stimulated.

In this trend of thought we can positively ascribe this trait of irritableness to people. As people of God we must have the capacity to respond dramatically to the stimuli of human needs around us. We must be so sensitive that we notice human pain, detected troubled souls, be aware of human misery.

Jesus was very "irritable." He had a quick response to human need wherever he met it. Others around Him might not see it, but He would. Remember the blind man, Bartimaeus? He could not see the majestic mountains, or the intricate beauty of a flower, or the breathtaking sunset. The world was dark to him. One day Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. In desperation he cried, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." The bystanders had no response to this cry of a fellow human. They were not irritable to the stimulus of suffering. All they did was shout at the blind man, "Oh, shut up." But Jesus said, "Come here, what do you want me to do for you?" Well, we know the outcome of the story...the blind man was healed and he glorified God.

What is your response to human need? Are you irritable in the right way? Unless we do make responses to the cries to fellow beings our nerves of sensitivity and sympathy will deaden, and we will be nothing but well dressed corpses walking down the streets of life.

As Christians, people of God, we are called to be irritable, to respond to our church, to family, friends, and those in need. It is the very meaning of our life. And, yes, it makes us irritable, but maybe in a responsive way.

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Worship Schedule

November 7 **All Saints Sunday**
Holy Communion
Sermon: "He Tried to Love Somebody"
Words Martin Luther King Jr. Wanted on
His Tombstone
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30
Theme: Trust

November 14 **Stewardship Sunday**
Guest Speaker~ Rev. Al. Patten

November 21
Sermon: The Judgment of Jesus is Mercy
Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-46 ~ Sheep and Goats
Theme: Judgment and Mercy

November 24 **Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 p.m.**
Joint Worship Service with Immanuel
United Church of Christ

November 28 **Ist Sunday of Advent**
Hanging of the Greens Service
Decorating and Potluck Luncheon

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My favorite poet, Emily
Dickinson, wrote:

*If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life from aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.*

For this we are thankful! For this we
find life meaningful.

Have a great Thanksgiving,



Stewardship Sunday is November 14th

On Sunday November 14, Rev. Al Patten will preach and I understand he's including something about Larry! You may have noticed Rev. Patten in church a few times recently. It should be a good sermon and I am hoping we have a nice turnout. Please mark your calendars and come on the 14th to show our support to Rev. Patten.

Thanks,
Suzanne Setlock
Stewardship Chair



MANY HANDS INDEED MADE LIGHT WORK!!

The Annual Little Home Church Rummage Sale was a grand success! We're delighted to report the very lofty sales goal of \$4,500.00 has been met!! Final sale totals rang up to \$4,505.25. However, none of it would have been possible with out the very generous rummage donations from our congregation and community. Additionally, We were both humbled and moved by the tireless efforts our church family put forth during the set up, work week, sale days, and clean up!!!

What fun we all had! Thank you all!

A special thanks to the "many hands" listed below, who each very specifically contributed to the terrific success of our rummage sale!!!

Mark Lesswing

Lori Prang

Jenny Nicholas

Maggie Purser

Jean Muno

Polly Heinrich

Hilari Fix

Mary Jean Schless

Jane Shelton

Bev Lasota

Bruce Weigel

Lindsey Welch

Charley Karwowski

Eleanor Karwowski

Lee Price

Susannah Lesswing

Janelle Ensamtan

Karen Hansen

DeeDee Starrett

Kay Brynelsen

Barbara Lyon

Carol Berger

Anne Bouchard

Mary Roach

Susan Sherwood

Gianna Marchese

Wanda Hochstetter

Alex Karwowski

Jane Price

Mary Alice Roach

Special thanks to:

John Price ~ area hot dog and professional mover

Dave Karwowski ~ area hot dog and slum lord storage facility manager

Wally Setlock ~ very much needed propane

Bob Schless ~ the lock!

Next year's goal ... \$5,000????

Thank you again!

Cathy Price and Kathryn Karwowski



Beloved Christmas Pageant and Lasagna Dinner

Please mark you calendar for Sunday evening, December 12, 2010 for our annual Christmas Pageant followed by the festive Lasagna Dinner.

Rehearsals for the pageant begin the Sunday following Thanksgiving during regularly scheduled Sunday school. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with costumes, animals, dinner set-up and clean-up.

Many children aged 5 and up are needed for this traditional LHC event. Friends are encouraged to join in the fun.

Please contact Jane Shelton at
630-584-7055

if you have any questions.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



We are honored to welcome new members Peter and Jennifer Nicholas. Please welcome them the next time you see them!



Long time member Theo Moore celebrated his 91st birthday with us last month. His family graciously forwarded pictures for us to share with you. Again Theo, the happiest of birthdays to you!



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Little Home Church has committed to providing 45 Thanksgiving Dinners for the Food Pantry at Resurrection Parish (located at Rt. 59 and Army Trail Roads). The sign up sheet is now available along with the list of items needed. The food items need to be turned into Resurrection on Saturday, November 20th between 8 a.m.— 9 a.m. There will be helpers in the parking lot so you don't even have to get out of your car! Give the church office a call to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE

Please mark down January 29th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for our Candlelight Dinner and Fundraiser. Bring your friends and join us for an evening of fine dining, soft music and fabulous auction to benefit the Little Home Church projects!



Candlelight Dinner

WE NOTICED

- Thank you to **Jim Winquist** for handling all the problems that surfaced during a recent wedding; plumbing, fire alarms etc.
- Thank you to **Jim Winquist, Gary Estes, Wally Emerson and Wally Setlock** for their hard work on the North wall of the courtyard. The total project is almost finished. **Jim Winquist** will finish the batten strips and get them painted and hung, which will complete the wall portion.
- Thank you to **Wally Setlock** for coming to Lori Prang's rescue getting access to the internet back on her office computer.
- Thank you to **Kathryn Karwowski** and **Cathy Price** for their tireless work on the rummage sale; organizing, picking up, sorting, pricing, fundraising and oh so much more.
- Thank you to **Jim Winquist** for heading up another successful Crop Walk. Here is what we know so far: There were 225 walkers representing 18 participating churches. We are hoping to retain our #1 position of largest contributing church, but that is still to be determined. We do not yet have a final contributed amount, but Jim should be able to provide it for next month's edition, so stay tuned.
- Thank you to **Wally Emerson** for spraying all the wasps in the window wells as well as installing a new toilet seat in the washroom.



Advent/Christmas Cantata Time! This year we will be presenting Joseph Martin's "Journey of Promises" at the December 19th worship service. The cantata is a combination of traditional carols and some original pieces written for the season.

You are welcome to join the choir on Wednesday nights to sing on the cantata. Choir practice starts at 7:00 and we will begin the cantata portion at 7:45 and end around 8:30. Come join us!

Something new! I am going to start working on music with the children of the church during the Sunday school hour. After the choir anthem I will go with the children and their teachers to do some musical activities and then return to the service for the closing music section of the worship service.

It is not too soon to think about doing something for the Christmas Eve prelude. You may play an instrument, sing a song, or do a recitation. Just see me to sign up!

Larry

LONG RANGE PLANNING UPDATE

- Endowment: Art Zwemke, team lead is in process of recruiting a third Trustee. (currently Dave Poole and John Berger are two of the three trustees).
- Membership: Bob Kaska, team lead and Lori Prang are updating Church Windows, our database. Ann McLaughlin is updating our membership lists and membership status.
- Properties: Anne Bouchard, team lead is drafting a letter to be sent to the congregation soliciting ideas for the use of our properties. Rik Alex, properties team member attended a village meeting to request guidance and to understand village processes.

Planning for our future,
Suzanne Setlock, Long Range Planning Chair

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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November 7	Youth Group Outting—Art Institute
November 8	Blood Drive
November 12	December BTW Deadline
November 16	Council Meeting
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (in conjunction with Immanuel UCC in Bartlett)
November 28	Hanging of the Greens

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December 10	January BTW Deadline
December 12	Christmas Pageant 4:30 & 5:30 Lasagna Dinner to follow Presents for the Giving Tree are due
December 18	Christmas Dinner Drop Off 8:00—9:00 a.m. @ Resurrection Parish
December 19	Christmas Choral Cantata 9:30 a.m. Special Christmas Fund Offering
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.



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Along the Way...

FEEDING NORTHWEST DuPAGE

As the holiday season approaches our calendars fill up with assorted errands and responsibilities.

Let us not forget those less fortunate.

Please consider donating to the Feeding Northwest DuPage Food Pantry.

The Little Home Church has committed to providing disposable diapers and baby wipes.

Pick up a package or two the next time you're out at Target or Wal-Mart or wherever you may shop and drop them off at the church. We'll make sure to get them to the food pantry!

Your generosity is always appreciated.



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