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**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for  
2011:

Please pick up your Church and/or  
Sunday School offering  
envelopes in the Friendship Room.  
If you do not see your envelopes,  
please call the Church Office.



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday Services**  
**9 and 10:30 A.M.**  
**Sunday School 10:30 A.M.**

**Annual Congregational**  
**Worship Service and Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 13, 2011**  
**10:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.**  
**(Bring Brown Bag Lunch)**

### Committee Meetings

**Finance and Stewardship**  
**Monday, January 10, 2011**  
**7 P.M.**

**Worship Committee**  
**Monday, January 17, 2011**  
**Monday, March 21, 2011**  
**7 P.M.**

**Service and Witness**  
**Monday, January 24, 2011**  
**10 A.M.**

**Parish Council**  
**Wednesday January 5, 2011**  
**Wednesday February 2, 2011**  
**Wednesday March 2, 2011**  
**7 P.M.**

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**Souper Sunday**  
**Sunday, February 6, 2011**  
**After the 10:30 A.M.**  
**Worship Service**

**Shrove Tuesday**  
**Pancake Supper**  
**Tuesday, March 8th, 2011**  
**5 - 7 P.M.**

(Event co-sponsored by  
**Faith Lutheran Youth and Faith Life**  
**Financial, Branch #76018)**

**39'ERS Pot Luck Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 2011**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 16th, 2011**  
**Wednesday, Mar. 16th, 2011**  
**Wednesday, Apr. 20th, 2011**  
**12:15 Noon**

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, January 15th, 2011**  
**Saturday, February 19th, 2011**  
**Saturday, March 19th, 2011**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**Euchre**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 26th, 2011**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, 2011**  
**Wednesday, Mar. 30th, 2011**  
**1:30 P.M.**

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## From the Worship Committee *by Dorothy Emmerson*

As mentioned in the last edition of Echoes, on Reformation Day – October 31st – we had the great good fortune to dedicate a beautiful silver pouring chalice to the memory of Bill Marshall Sr. for his many years of faithful and dedicated service to God and our church.



*Dorothy Marshall and Pastor Stephen dedicate a silver pouring chalice to the memory of Bill Marshall Sr. (Photos by Shawn Lemp)*

A pair of beautiful red banners was dedicated to the memory of Carl and Elsie Caldwell, also long time faithful members of our church.



We dedicated a pottery baptismal bowl and water ewer, beautifully crafted by our own Kira Schoenfeld, a project put in motion by the worship committee.



*Kira Schoenfeld, Pastor Stephen and Dorothy Emmerson dedicate pottery baptismal bowl and water ewer.*

We were most fortunate to have numerous members of the families of Bill Marshall, Carl and Elsie Caldwell and Kira's family here that day to share in this joyous occasion.



*Caldwell Family*

On the evening of December 1st we held our only Advent evening prayer service for 2010. Since this was Parish Council meeting night the service was well attended by Council members with only 4 or 5 others in attendance. The Advent Evening Prayer service is very beautiful and is well worth attending. We hope to include this service as part of our 2011 Advent preparations so maybe more people will be able to attend next time.

On January 16th 2011 we will dedicate a pair of green banners, which will be used throughout the Epiphany and Pentecost seasons. These will be dedicated to the memory of Doug Haney, Bill Marshall Jr. and Ted Willmot, three faithful and dedicated members of our church who were all called home much too early for our liking.

On February 27th we will celebrate the partnership between the Scouting Group and our church.

On March 9th we observe Ash Wednesday at a 7 pm evening service as we once again embark on our Lenten journey towards Easter and the Resurrection. Throughout Lent we will hold noon hour Lenten services but there will be no evening Lenten services due to demonstrated very poor attendance over the last several years.

Be sure to join us for regular worship as well as for the above-mentioned special celebrations.

## From the Learning Committee by Jan Scheidt/Louise Brown

Since the last Echoes, we have had our traditional children's pageant. Once again, it was a wonderful success. Who could not be charmed by all the animals, especially the sheep, who kept checking to see if they still had their tails on!

What was especially delightful, were the talented children who performed before the start of the pageant. Charlotte Lapointe, Simon and Willem Klunder, Markus and Noah Kunej, all performed various Christmas music on the piano. Then Asia McKay played beautifully on her harp. What a great beginning!

As the Christmas story was told by the confirmation students, the Sunday School children entered the sanctuary and proceeded to act the story out. Between the readings, the congregation sang songs that fit with the readings. Thanks to the Herald (Alyssa Gadsby), Mary (Alyssa Whitty), Joseph (Markus Kunej) and the donkey ( Marcus Storjohann); the shepherds (Simon and Willem Klunder) who really did need to shepherd the sheep (Aaron Martin and Andrew Summers); the Magi ( Max Storjohann, Julia Hilgendag, Alyssa Gadsby); the special star (Serena Gambacort) and of course, our angels (Emma Storjohann, Annalise Gadsby, Sophia Gambacort and Charlotte Lapointe). Many thanks to the confirmation students for reading.

Thanks to Louise Brown and her teachers who prepared the stu-



dents and to Pastor Stephen who worked with the confirmation students.

Souper Games Sunday is on again to beat the winter blahs! Keep Sunday, February 6th, 2011 after the 10:30 service open for a games-filled afternoon. Bring a can of soup (not creamed) and sandwiches/

squares/veggies/fruit to share. The soup will be cooking during the 10:30 service. After a hearty meal, we will play some games. The event will last until 1:30 – 2:00 pm. It will be a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

See the Youth note regarding Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8, 2011 on page 5.



## Parish Council Notes *by Irene Leonhardt*

**2010 Offerings: Income Tax Receipts** will be sent out in January 2011 for your 2010 offerings/donations. However, annual offerings/donations of less than \$25.00 will be receipted by request only.

**Attention all Committees and Groups:** 2010 Annual Reports for the 2011 Annual Meeting are due in the Church office immediately. The Annual Report Booklet will be ready for distribution Sun., Feb. 6, 2011, and the Annual Meeting will be held Sun., Feb. 13, 2011.

**Church Council Members are needed.** A Nominating Committee has been formed to encourage people to consider letting their names stand for election to parish council. This is an important position in the life of the congregation and according to our constitution, those who serve are "trustees of the congregation and shall have general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation ensuring that everything is done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada...(Constitution of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brantford, Article IX, Section 5 ). If you care about the future of this congregation, are excited to see in what direction God might be calling us, have ideas, have enthusiasm, would like to participate in this way in the life of this congregation, prayerfully say "yes" when you are asked to participate. If you have any questions, please speak to any current member of parish council.

**Committee Members Needed:** Committee chairpersons, please check your committee rosters and replace anyone who has completed Term II, and ask anyone who has completed Term I to remain, or if they are unable to stay on, replace them. Parish Council chair, Irene, needs your 2011-2012 Committee lists before Parish Council meeting, Feb. 2, 2011.



**Receive ECHOES by e-mail** to help us cut costs for paper, ink, envelopes, stamps, etc. Given the financial situation of our congregation, one way to cut down on some of the administration costs, is to have the Echoes delivered by e-mail. If you are willing to switch from receiving a paper copy of the newsletter to an electronic one, please e-mail the church office at [faithlutheranl@bellnet.ca](mailto:faithlutheranl@bellnet.ca). You will receive some snail mail, including income tax receipts.

**Now That Winter is really here** and in case of freezing rain or a power outage, there will be no

worship service on the Sunday involved. We will notify you by the local radio station. If you learn that a service has been cancelled, please notify others.

Regular Services are :

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service (July and August)

**Annual General Meeting of the** congregation will be held Sun., Feb. 13, 2011 following the 10:30 AM Worship Service. Please bring your brown bag lunch. As a member of this congregation, it is your responsibility to take an active part in the business of the congregation. Plan to attend and show your interest and support in the ministries of your church.

## Women of Faith

**Women of Faith** held four interesting meetings during the year.

**In March,** we assembled 27 Baby Bundles, each including 2 undershirts, 2 nightgowns/sleepers, 2 washcloths, 4 cloth diapers, 2 receiving blankets, 2 diaper safety pins, and 1 sweater ( size 12 months or larger), and shipped them to C.L.W.R. Depot in Winnipeg, Man. In 2011 we plan to assemble 23 more. If you can help with sewing nightgowns, receiving blankets, or diapers, please contact Jan at 519-752-9826 or Irene at 519-759-2584. If you can provide any of the arti-

# Women of Faith *by Irene Leonhardt, Jan Scheidt, Jean Toews, Christine LaPointe*

cles, or cash to purchase any of the above, your help will be greatly appreciated.

In May we held our annual Women of Faith Daughter Banquet when Det. Ed. Sanchuk of the Brantford Police Crime Stoppers Unit spoke to us instructing us on how to protect ourselves from the many fraud schemes being cast upon seniors.

In Sept., the Youth of our parish, who participated in the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth conference in London this summer, shared their exciting, enlightening experiences there, along with their leaders from Faith Church. It truly was a spirit-filled evening for all.

In Dec. our annual turkey potluck dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. We were led through a skit entitled "Exercising to the Word of God". That was great fun. Then our capable pianist led us in a half hour by choice Christmas singsong.

We desperately need four ladies to take care of the 2011



programs. Each lady would arrange only one of the evenings with helpers. Some work meetings will be scheduled in the Spring to cut and sew receiving blankets and diapers. These will be announced in

the weekly bulletin. Please watch for the announcements and plan to help us meet the goal of completing 23 baby bundles. Some parents and children around the world will be glad you helped.

*Shrove Tuesday*



*Pancake Dinner*

*March 8, 2011*

*5 - 7 p.m.*

*Prepared by Faith Lutheran Youth*

**Meal includes pancakes, real maple syrup, sausages and fruit.**

*Shrove Tuesday is part of an ancient tradition in the Church, when fats and rich food were consumed before the Lenten fast began. Shrove is an old English term, derived from Shrive, which means "to seek forgiveness".*

Youth who can assist are asked to come to the Church after school on that Tuesday and be prepared to stay until about 7:30 P.M. Invite friends and family to come to the event, as well. We start serving at 5:00 P.M. and continue serving until 7:00 P.M.. We do not charge an admission; but do accept generous gifts to the 2012 Youth Gathering Fund.

This event co-sponsored by Faith Life Financial, branch number 76018.



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## CLWR Sewing Group Active in 2010 *by Liz Mongeon*

Since beginning to sew for the needy world-wide in January 2009, the original, small group of Faith ladies has enjoyed a very healthy, steady growth. Sharing tips of wisdom as they sew more and more blankets, they also share friendship with each other and newly-joined ladies of our community.

Donations of fabric, sewing machines, thread, and time, have aided the group in shipping 255 blankets and lap robes this year—almost 100 more than in 2009. It also makes up cotton bandage strips, creates hospital gowns out of men's shirts, and makes up WeCare Sewing Kits. With generous Faith members' donations, it also co-ordinated a shipment in December of 25 WeCare School Packs dedicated to



*In October, for Faith's CLWR Sunday, the group displayed some of the blankets sewn and posted information about Canadian Lutheran World Relief's global work. (Photos by Liz Mongeon)*

a special CLWR shipment to Haiti.

The group is grateful for help on any sewing day (most Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.), whether for the full day or for a few hours. The work includes measuring and cutting squares, creating quilt patterns, sewing, etc. It prides itself on its dedication to simplicity of sewing and its goal for blanket functionality, enjoying each other's occasional, predictable sewing blunders. Sew

### Faith Sewing Group



*This core group of Faith Ladies has machine-sewn most of the 255 blankets and lap robes shipped to CLWR this year. It's proud of its creations and finds deep satisfaction in the meaningful contribution of these functional blankets for children in need.*

## LAMP celebrates 40 years by Helen Vamos

Sunday November 21st a celebration was held for LAMP's 40th Anniversary. A dinner was held at Hope Lutheran Church in Kitchener with 150 persons attending.

Attending from Brantford were Pastor & Elizabeth Diegel, Liz Orf, Inge & Uwe Storjohann and Helen Vamos. Rev. Les Stahlke founding pastor of LAMP was guest speaker.



On November 14th Faith Lutheran had a coffee hour on LAMP Sunday to celebrate 40 years in LAMP ministry. The children returned their bottles filled with pennies. We collected \$168.00.

Thank You to all who contributed. The ministry started 40 years ago continues with every penny collected.

## Food Pantry by Jean Toews

Thanks to all who contributed to our food drive in October and continued through December.

Please remember that the first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday or any other Sunday is appreciated.

We continue to need non-perishable food such as peanut

butter, chunky soups, tuna, salmon, vegetables-peas, peas & carrot, corn, green or wax beans, baked beans, spaghetti sauce and pasta.

Donation can be made via the "Other" line on your envelopes and specify "Food Pantry". We'll do the shopping.



## Clothing Depot - Volunteers Needed by Ruth Bechtel

The clothing depot will not be held in January.

The February and March sales will be held as usual. The 1st Thursday of the month. Jeanne Boule and Irene Leonhardt will be directing both these sales. Your offers of help in sorting clothes with them would be appreciated.

Don't wait to be asked, please volunteer. The Thursday morning of the sale for 2 hours.

Lets start the 2011 year with a great sale.

Thanks to all who donate and help. Ruth Bechtel



## 39'ERS Meet Monthly *by Elizabeth Diegel*

Are those long dark days becoming a bore? Would you like to chat with folks? How about sharing lunch? Great!

You'll find all these and more at 39'ers – Faith's group for retirees of any age! If you'd like a ride or more information, contact the president, Louise Pickering 519-752-6608.

The annual Christmas Lights bus trip was successful and much enjoyed by all. As usual L and L bus lines provided a comfortable warm bus and an excellent driver. The event was paid by our local Faith-Life Financial Chapter. Thanks to Inge Garmatz for again cooking the delicious turkey and to FaithLife for paying for all food except the desserts – many family treasures!

### Wednesday, January 19 12:15 noon

Souper Special Luncheon: each person brings a tin of soup for our "soup kettle" - the results are always different, but delicious. Also, bring sandwiches for the pot luck table. Desserts and veggies also welcome.

Surprise programme – depending on the weather.

### Wednesday, February 16 12:15 noon

Luncheon – annual chili luncheon – chili supplied. Bring sandwiches, breads, veggies, and desserts.

Programme to follow.

### Wednesday, March 16th 12:15 noon

We will attend the noon hour Lenten Devotions before lunch.

Lunch – home made chicken noodle soup. Bring crackers, sandwiches, etc. desserts and veggies.

### Wednesday, April 20 Holy Week

12:15 noon Holy Week Service  
Details of this gathering will be planned in March.

### Advance Notice Theatre and Dinner Bus Trip Wednesday, June 1

St. Jacobs Country Playhouse  
See the musical comedy, Hairspray, A lovable plus-size heroine ushers in an era a radical social change when she lands a spot on a local TV dance programme. Don't miss Broadway's big fat musical treat. Costs and other details in next newsletter. Mark you calendars now. This will be a sell out.



## Euchre Club *by Florence Smith*

Euchre Club games will start up again for the coming year. Our first date will be January 26th at 1:30 pm and the last Wednesday of each month following.

Hope to see you then and would welcome any new members for a fun afternoon!

## 20th Faith Scouting Program *by Jane Redin*

Trusting all had a peaceful holiday season with their families and friends.

20th Faith Scouting Family wish all a joyous New Year!

Good Leadership can be attained by ensuring the proper training is provided. Promoting within the group to the Leadership roles has proven a success. Two Leaders received their Woodbadge training level one with two additional Leaders who are registered for a January training course. Two Cubs participated in a 6'er / 2nd camp.

Every section continues to have great involvement within the community and programs. A prime

example of this was successfully organizing a float for the Brantford Santa Clause Parade. The senior sections, Venturers and Scouts, assisted with Christmas Basket preparations.

Our Returnable Bottle/Can Drive is in full swing. Please save these and either bring to the church or contact myself for pick-up. Proceeds from our fundraising will assist with program activities and opportunities for our membership.

20th Faith Scouting would like to extend a warm welcome and ask that anyone that may have been connected to the group during the past 41 years, come out for a

time to socialize and reflect on the memories and experiences while volunteering with the group. This special service will take place during Scout/Guide Parade on Sunday, February 27, 2011.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dear friends in Faith*

*Church Congregation:*

*Your generous Christmas gift to me is very much appreciated.*

*I wish you all much happiness and God's peace in 2011.*

*Thank you again.*

*Judy Clarke*

*Office Manager*

"Many hands make light work" was certainly true of the assistance we received from our many friends during the preparations for our 50th anniversary celebration, November 21. We couldn't have done it without you.

Also, we have been overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of cards, good wishes and gifts in our honour to Faith's Memorial Fund, CLWR's program "A Flock of Chickens", as well as CLWR's "School Packs" program for children in Haiti.

It has been an amazing outreach of love by our Christian family at Faith. A warm THANK YOU and GOD'S BLESSINGS.

Lance and Marlene Sams

