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Growing Toward a Tithe

The fall fund appeal team has been working hard on our fall “Growing Toward a Tithe” fund appeal. This annual appeal will culminate on **Commitment Sunday, November 14**.

The 2011 Appeal continues last year’s emphasis of having members and friends pick a starting place to “grow toward a tithe.” We are in “Year 2” of a five year plan to grow our base of support for the ministries carried out by Resurrection and our mission partners.

A survey of 91 giving units (out of 314 total) from the 2009 appeal completed the statement “I considered growing toward a tithe by targeting this level of giving” by answering:

- ◆ None (36.4 % responded this way)
- ◆ 2.5% or a quarter tithe (17%)
- ◆ 5% or a half tithe (10.2%)
- ◆ 7 1/2% or a three quarter tithe (13.6%)
- ◆ 10% or a full tithe (20.5%)
- ◆ Over 10% (2.3%)

This was a good foundation for Year 1. If each group moves up just half a percent per year over 5 years, the quarter tithers will become half tithers; the half tithers will become three quarter tithers; and the three quarter tithers will become full tithers. For Resurrection, that would mean a much stronger financial base than we have now.

For those who grow toward a tithe, no matter where you start, you will experience deeper trust in the Lord to supply your needs and an inner joy that comes with growing in your support of God’s kingdom. Some of you may also experience unexpected blessings that illustrate a saying spoken by many tithers: You can’t outgive God. As St. Paul wrote: *God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*” 2 Corinthians 9:8.

We will be handing out packets on Sunday, November 7 that have more specifics on the fall appeal. Packets not picked up that Sunday will be mailed. One of our telephone team folks will contact you later that week to see if you have any questions and to encourage you to turn in your 2011 cards by November 14. *Thank you in advance for your generous and faithful response to this fall’s appeal.*

Peace,
Pastor Dennis

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WORSHIP

Thy Will Be Done / Thanksgiving / Advent

What is God's will? While there are many answers to this provocative question, during November we will focus on the answer provided by the prophet Micah: "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

November 7 & 10: All Saints

Do Justice - The Missional Will of God

Paul exhorts the Corinthian church to excel in many things including the grace of giving to provide justice for those who do not have what they need. The mission command points us beyond our own self-centered wants to the needs of those around us, and around the world.

All Saints Art - *Please bring in photos of loved ones who are deceased to hang in the worship room Nov 7-17 as a way to remember them and thank God for their lives.*

Nov 14 & 17: Love Kindness

The Relational Will of God

We are told from an early age that God wants us to love one another. But what does it look like to love someone you don't like? When we act with kindness, and make it a habitual part of our life we can show love even to people we don't get along with.

Average Worship Attendance

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
October	643	585	642
Year to Date	541	519	548

Nov 21: Walk Humbly with God

The Sacrificial Will of God

Humility seems to be in short supply these days. It seems like everyone has an opinion on everything and they are certain that everybody else needs to know it. When we walk humbly with God we find ourselves at the cross of Jesus in a sacrificial posture.

Advent - On Earth as in Heaven

The sermon series shifts to our prayer for God's reign on earth as it is in heaven. The coming of Jesus as a human child is an answer to that prayer.

Nov 28 & Dec 1:

Peace on Earth as in Heaven

Jesus describes his second sudden, unexpected coming as a time when the marriage of heaven and earth will be complete. Heaven and earth are united, ushering in the vision of Isaiah when God's Kingdom reigns in peace. We are called to live into that vision today.

Thanksgiving Worship Opportunities

Sunday, Nov. 21, 6:30p Marion Churches Community Thanksgiving Worship.
at First Presbyterian Church, (8th Ave & 12th St.)

Fellowship follows service.

Wednesday Nov 24, 7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Resurrection

Pie & fellowship following the service.



COUNCIL

Church Council Minutes

The Resurrection Church Council met on Tuesday, October 19 at 7 pm. A video devotion from our Southeastern Iowa Synod, "With Eyes Fixed On Jesus," was viewed and discussed. The secretary's, treasurer's, and pastors' reports were reviewed and approved. Purpose champion reports were shared from the Worship and Social Concerns Committees. The General Fund balance on September 30 was \$-10,053.

Approval Items: A request from the Social Concerns Committee was approved to send our budgeted General Fund support of \$1500 to San Lucas Lutheran in Eagle Pass, TX. An additional \$250 will be sent to purchase medical supplies for the people of their parish area. Also approved were Lenten supper fundraisers for: Comforting Hands Quilters (3/9); High School Youth Group-mission trip (3/30); Wee Wisdom (4/6); Wednesday Night Live/ Heifer International (4/13). The Council approved the annual Holiday Giving Project for Marion Schools in November/December. There will be a Christmas tree in the gathering space with gift tag ideas for families in need.

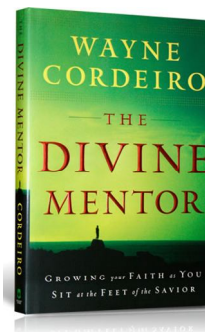
Discussion Items: The Building Usage form and fees are being reviewed. 2011 budget requests from committees are due by next month's Council meeting on November 16.

The due date for November agenda items will be November 10. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are available in a 3-ring binder in the office.

IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS

November Young Adult Event

We will be meeting on *Thursday, November 18* in the YAC from 6-8 pm. We will be continuing a study using the book "The Divine Mentor" by Wayne Cordeiro. The books are available to purchase for \$12 and we will use them for 6 sessions. We will be reading and discussing chapters 3 & 4. Please let Carter know if you want a book as we will only be purchasing them per request. We will be eating lasagna, salad, and bread so please bring \$5 per person and RSVP to carterm@lcrmarion.org so we know how much food to prepare! Babysitting will be available for your children in the nursery. We will plan on meeting on the **THIRD** Thursday of each month going forward. Please keep an eye out on the website and in the bulletin for any changes.



PEEKING AHEAD: For our event on *Thursday, December 16* we will be having a **Christmas Party!** Stay tuned for more details.

Adult Discipleship / Pastor Blair

November Opportunities

Our fall schedule for adult education continues on Sundays at 9:45 and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm as follows:

Sundays at 9:45 am

- ◆ **The Gospel of Luke** – This weekly bible study is led by Charlie Clauss in the conference room.
- ◆ **Adult Forums** – In November and December this class will focus on some of the topics of interest that came to attention in October sessions. We will use the scriptures and other resources as a basis for discussion. The tentative schedule is as follows:
 - ◆ Nov. 7 Respect and Love in Marriage
 - ◆ Nov. 14 Pat Kane: Poverty in our Town
 - ◆ Nov. 21 Cathy Soppe: Fair Trade
 - ◆ Dec. 5 Developing a Life of Prayer
 - ◆ Dec. 12 Christian Development: Finding Balance
- ◆ **Intro to Discipleship 201** – This new member class meets in the far end of fellowship hall through November 21

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

'Love and Respect' is a video class that will be offered concurrent with youth activities on Wednesday evenings. The series is created by and features Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, an internationally known public speaker on the topic of male-female relationships. His work includes over three decades of counseling as well as scientific and biblical research. He has found that love best moti-

vates a woman and respect most motivates a man. Research reveals that during marital conflict a husband most often reacts when feeling disrespected and a wife reacts when feeling unloved. Whether married, divorced, separated, dating and single, men and women will learn how to resolve conflict, dealing with the negative reactions. They will also learn how to motivate each other by meeting each others needs. Even those who feel hopeless will learn how to motivate an indifferent or unresponsive partner. The 14-session class will begin *November 3*, with breaks for the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. It will be held in the conference room; there will be a small cost for a study guide. The leader for this class is Jennifer Fredin. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. Childcare is being considered.

Counseling Available

Are you feeling depressed or lacking direction in your life, struggling in a relationship or questioning your faith. It might seem as if there is no joy in your life any more. Whatever your concerns I invite you to come talk with me. As a pastor I have counseled people for 20 years. I am also in the Masters program at UNI in Mental Health Counseling. Perhaps most importantly I am one who has struggled with some of these issues myself, received counseling and found, once again, meaning, purpose and joy. Remember, you are not alone. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment or email me at blair@lcrmarion.org

FAITHLIFE

Reflections on what it means to live a life of faith in this world.

I recently picked up the book *Nudge* by Leonard Sweet. The subtitle is *Awakening Each Other to the God who's Already There*. It was the main inspiration for my sermon Kingdom Inclusion on October 24th and 27th. Nudge claims that our job as disciples is to follow where the risen Christ has been at work and point out to each other the signs of his presence among us. This is exactly what is described in the Gospel stories of the risen Christ.

Fishing all night without a catch a man calls from the shore to cast from the other side of the boat and the net is filled to the point of breaking. A disciple nudges Peter and says, "It is the Lord." (John 21). Two disciples on their way to Emmaus meet a man who explains to them why the Messiah had to die. When the man joins them for a meal and breaks bread with them they nudge each other as they recognize the risen Lord who vanishes from their sight (Luke 24).

In the Kingdom Inclusion sermon I showed a clip from a talk on TED.com by Ze Frank. (Links to the Chillout Song and the story behind it can be found on our website LCRMarion.org) The sermon and the story of the Chillout Song evidently struck a chord with many people. I have received more feedback in the past two days on that sermon than for any other sermon I have ever preached. I think there is a deep need within us these days to be reassured that everything is going to be okay. The presence of the risen Christ among us gives us that reassurance as this story, emailed to me the day after I preached, shows.

I had something I wanted to share with you that happened to me today that was eye opening and very touching at the same time and confirms the point of your sermon! I was at the mall this afternoon and saw a very old man "shuffling" his way very slowly to the doors that we were walking out of. I held the door open for him and patiently waited for him to pass through. He smiled and said, "thank you very much". I, of course said, "you're very welcome." As he was almost through the door he turned around and looked into my eyes and said, "I know something about you," (at that point I have to admit that I was a little hesitant to continue a conversation with him wondering if he was just strange), then he continued with..."you know the Lord!". I smiled (relieved) and said proudly, "well, yes I do". He said, "I can see it in your eyes that you are doing the Lord's work". A chill ran down my spine and my hair on the back of my neck stood up. I felt a strange peace come over me and I then thought, what if that were Jesus that I just held the door open for? He is all around us, He is everywhere.

Awaken to the God who's already here among us, the risen Christ. Look for the signs of his presence. Welcome the nudge that helps us see Jesus in the most unrecognizable faces.

*With a Peace of the Spirit;
Kevin*

MIDDLE SCHOOL & E.D.G.E.

E.D.G.E

Wednesday, November 3: Service Night - Leaf Raking

Wednesday, November 10: Large Group/Small Groups

Wednesday, November 17: Movie Night

Wednesday, November 24: NO E.D.G.E. Happy Thanksgiving

Parents of high schoolers, if you would like your child to be involved in our high school ministry please call or email me! Also the entire year's schedule for E.D.G.E. is done and available to you. Shoot me an email if you would like this.

2010 High School Summer Mission Trip!

We will be going to Minneapolis, MN this summer for our high school mission trip the last week of July. We will be having an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 10th at 5:30 pm in the YAC. Parents and students are both encouraged to be there. **The deadline to sign up for the trip along with a \$100 deposit is Wednesday, December 15th.**

Carter Moore

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Marion Cares has been blessed with outstanding growth in the number of children attending AND volunteers serving at our five sites. Therefore, we pause to gather together in proclamation of lives touched both now and in the future. Join us for a fundraiser at Theatre Cedar Rapids performance of "White Christmas" on *Saturday, December 11* at 2:30 pm (\$30 per ticket). This performance is sponsored by Marion Cares and Marion/East Cedar Rapids Rotary as together we touch the lives of area children. Order your tickets at www.marioncares.org or 377-5344.

SS DiScipl eShip

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" Matthew 5:9



9:45
Workshop rotation
Sunday School

1st–5th graders enjoyed acting out some of the different stories from our study of Joshua. Here they are crossing the Jordan River as God made it possible for them. Preschool and kindergarten kids made a “joyful” noise unto the Lord as they knocked down the walls of Jericho.



Looking Ahead

- ◆ **Oct 31** - Jesus Lights the Way on Halloween Sun Students bring “treats” or nonperishable food for Crossroads Missions
- ◆ **Nov 7** – begin “Peacemaker unit. Workshop Leaders WELCOMED! Contact me
- ◆ **Nov 28** – No Sunday School Happy Thanksgiving
- ◆ **Dec 12** Christmas Program

This year’s Christmas program will run a lot like last year’s did. It is titled “Christmas Letters” and will be presented on Sunday December 12th. Watch for information about tryouts for speaking parts, rehearsals, and dates for practice and stage crew help in newsletters, bulletins, and on the web-site. All Sunday School kids are invited to participate.



What if we could write letters and find out how people felt about the events surrounding Jesus’ birth?

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PRAISE ISLAND

“The LORD is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you.” Psalm 9:9



11:00
Sunday
School



The 1st - 5th grade classes finished up their unit on Abraham. They made relief maps to help them understand how difficult a journey it was for Abraham to move his entire household to Canaan. Next we learned about Joseph. Joseph faced many difficult situations but never lost his faith and knew God was always with him. Up next; Moses.

The Preschool and Kindergarten classes finished up their unit on Noah and are moving on to Abraham. They will learn how God always keeps his promises but sometimes we need to have patience. Our new puppets have finally arrived so Callie the Cat and Skitter the Squirrel will be visiting soon.

Operation Christmas Child

LCR Sunday schools will be collecting for OCC again this year. Fill a shoe box size container with age specific gifts for a boy or a girl. Bring the boxes to Sunday school, Nov 14-21. Shop and pack with your child. Make this a fun and meaningful family service project. Watch for more info in your child's Sunday school newsletter.



The Christmas Program is Dec. 12th. See page 8.

Praise Island Coordinator: Jill Hansen
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WNL

Wednesday Night Live is a program for 3rd-5th graders on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm.

We continue to work on our Heifer International Project. Last month, we had interactive learning with visits from a 4H student with his goats and a local beekeeper with her portable hive. The kids were full of questions!

Game Night and our Fall Party were a hit! Students are encouraged to come and check out all the fun. Bring a friend!

Special dates: 11/10 Movie Night
11/24 No WNL - Thanksgiving Break



Our Goat Visitors

Confirmation

Nov. 3 - 7:00-8:30 Large Group: Does the second half of the Lord's prayer describe kingdom and will of God that we pray for in the first part of the prayer?

Nov. 10 - 7:00-8:30 Large Group: Explore different kinds of prayers by using the TRIP method like we do at the 8:15 & 11:00 services.

Nov. 17 - 7:00-8:30 Small Group Fellowship: Have fun together in the Spirit of Christ

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Eve - No Confirmation: Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

WEE WISDOM

A huge **THANKS** to everyone who helped make the new sign on the corner possible. Especially Jerry Schierholz and Duane Rinderknecht for their fantastic craftsmanship and to Evelyn Beck for her help in assuring the placement was correct.



Another huge **THANKS** to everyone who helped us begin working on the playground both physically and financially. The children are really enjoying the time they spend getting fresh air and exercising at the end of their morning session.

PRAYERS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Those hospitalized in October: Herbert Lehrman, Darla Graves, Russ Ness.

Those dealing with, or recovering from, illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members) Darla Graves, Brenda Krause, Russ Ness, Christopher Cooper, Valerie Brandt, Laurie Smith, Ken Wendell, George Haley, Myrtle Lindstrom, Richard Slaymaker, Brita Loynachan, Nancy Caves, Cathy Kimball, Lois Johnson.

(Family and friends of our members) Linda Puttnam, Jen Walder & Griffith family, Jordyn Gourley, Lois Anderson, Velma Repstein, Avery Christiansen, Gary Freese, Lisa Grossnickle, Pauline McDonald, Lisa Pinckney, Russ Collier, Harriet Lorence, Gloria Ohrt, Marilyn Schultz, ElliRuth Ann Stai, Nancy Cox, Pastor Dick Lehman.

Those living in care facilities: Winnie Bulicek (*Colonial Manor of Amana*), Bernice Harstad (*Keystone Cedars*), Dorothy Luedtke (*Linn Manor*), Fran Veatch, Virginia Smart (*Winslow House*), Herbert Lehrman, (*Hiawatha Care Center*), Nathan Loynachan (*Systems Unlimited Group Home*)

Those in military service: John McClellan, Alex Bruce, Jonathan Almestica, Kyle Harding, Todd Christopherson, Eric Krause, Ashley Parker, Nicholas Eilers, Brian Rose, Jeremy Bowden, Nick Thompson, Andy Thompson, Jason Gire, Matthew Clark, Joe Hollister, Garrett Wood, Jason Sams, Brad Kielty, Anthony Martin, Matt Carson.

Those who rejoice:

- ◆ Alex & Amy Stuessel on the baptism of Ruby Adalynn Stuessel on 10/03.
- ◆ Sue & Jim Anderson on the marriage of their daughter Allison Rudig on 10/02.
- ◆ Michelle & Nick VandeBerg on the birth of daughter Anistyn Sophia-Marie on 9/21.
- ◆ Glen & Karen Madsen on the birth of a granddaughter, Caitlin Charlotte.
- ◆ Curt & Pat Duwe on the birth of two granddaughters, Ryann Duwe & Jenna Duwe.
- ◆ Jason & Heather Chappell on the baptism of Raegan Chappell on 10/13.
- ◆ Jeremy & Kristina Backes on the baptism of Elayna Backes on 10/17.
- ◆ Kevin & Megan Dudley on the baptism of Izabella Dudley on 10/24.

Those who mourn:

- ◆ Bob and Linda Erlandson upon the death of Mary Erlandson on 10/4
- ◆ Michelle & Jim Shaw on the death of Michelle's uncle, Charlie Williams on 9/29.
- ◆ Betty & Paul Bendixen and Everett & Georgia Lehrman on the death of their cousin, Margaret Freeman on 10/1.
- ◆ Marlys Claussen & family on the death of Don Claussen on 10/15.

Please let the office know about prayer needs or when you wish to have a name removed.

FELLOWSHIP

*"..baptizing them in the name of the Father...Son...and Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:19*

XYZ events

Let's get together *Friday, November 12* at 11:30 am for a potluck and some good fellowship. Bring: a dish to share, games, cards, stories to tell, OR just come and be ready for a fun afternoon with friends! Sign up on the entry-way bulletin board. For questions, call Anne Rosenberger at 377-1604. PS: Save *Tuesday, January 11th* on your calendar for our next event.

LCR Scrapbookers

LCR Scrapbookers will meet on *Friday, November 5* from 6 until 10 pm in the YAC. Bring your photos, albums, and tools; we have plenty of space to spread out. This is a fellowship group; there are no fees. Friends are welcome - bring them along! If you don't scrap but would like to see what we do, feel free to stop by - we always like to show off our albums. Call or email Donna Dennis if you have questions (854-7752 or odonna@netins.net).

Bridge Group

Due to personal conflicts, our usual 'first Friday' date won't work in November. If players wish, we could meet on *Thursday, November 4* (at 1 pm) or just skip this month and resume in December. Please call John Knodle ASAP at 551-8162 with your preference.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

.....has a series of events celebrating their move to their new location at 6621 C Ave. NE (formerly King of Kings Lutheran). There will be an open house on *Saturday, November 13* at 2 pm. On *Sunday, November 14* at 4 pm, there will be a Homecoming Musical event. Our Older Hymns group and choir have been invited to participate.

Wednesday Night Meals

The catered meals for November will be:
Nov. 3 - Papa John's Nov. 10 - Subway
Nov. 17 - Zio Johnno's Nov. 24 - no meal
All the meals include coffee, milk, and water. You may sign up in person, by telephone (377-4689), or by email (office@lcrmarion.org) by Monday morning

50th Anniversary

Observing a Half Century of Wedded Bliss! Please join Terry & Harriet Van Gilder in the fellowship hall on *Saturday, November 6*, from 1-4 pm, to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. No presents, please - just your presence.

Mary Martha Rebecca Circle

Our *Wednesday, November 3* meeting will cover Bible Study provided in the "Lutheran Woman Today" magazine. We meet at 1 pm in the fellowship hall; guests are always welcome!

Marriage Getaway

The "Weekend to Remember" marriage getaway is coming to the Cedar Rapids Marriott on *November 12-14*. Registration is only \$159 per couple when you used 'lcrmarion' group code. If you have any questions, would like to help by offering a scholarship or are in need of one, please contact Lisa Edwards at 373-8729. There are brochures in the Welcome Center. You can call to register at 1-800-FL-TODAY (358-6329) or online at www.FamilyLife.com/Weekend.

MINISTRY

“...love your neighbor as yourself...” - Matthew 22:39

LWR Fair Trade Fair

On Sundays from *October 31 to November 21*, fair trade items from around the world will be sold in LCR's bookstore. Quilted and sewn items made from colorful African prints by 'Women of Hope' will be available for purchase. Women of Hope is an out-growth of Mashiah Foundation, a ministry in Jos, Nigeria, that reaches out to those affected by HIV/AIDS. Many of the women involved in this program were homeless and rejected by their families once their HIV status became known. As they learned about Mashiah Foundation and the help that was available to them, they found hope. The Mashiah Foundation is funded by ELCA Global Missions.

When you shop for others or yourself through the LWR Handcraft project, you receive beautiful handcrafts and ensure that the artisans are paid fairly and treated with respect. Your purchase provides income, dignity and hope to artisans and their families. By earning a fair income through their craft skills and use of locally available natural resources, artisans are able to support their families and create a better future.

Handcraft production is small-scale and diverse. Crafts can be made in homes by women while cooking or caring for children, as they are herding animals, or between chores. Other crafts are made in small workshops. Many indigenous artisan skills are passed down through generations, helping to strengthen family connections.

Crossroads Mission

The members of Resurrection have stepped up to help Crossroads mission during this time of great need. Your generosity has been overwhelming - thank you so much. Please continue to remember to give to Crossroads as we approach winter; the need will not decrease. Several members of our congregation volunteer at Crossroads on a regular basis. If this is something any of you would be interested in doing, please contact Pat Kane at 365-0707 and let him know your availability. If you could be a substitute for some of the Resurrection workers, please let Marcia know at the office and she will pass your name to those who volunteer weekly.

School Kits

Mary Martha-Rebecca Circle is putting together school kits. Items needed for school kits: spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, #2 pencils unsharpened, 2-1/2 in. eraser, construction paper, 12 in. rulers w/metric, blunt scissors, boxes of 16 or 24 count crayons. Please place your donations in the tub in gathering area. Call Arlene Lee (895-8005) with questions.

Medical Equipment

If you are in need of the use of some medical equipment (canes, walkers, bathroom helps, etc.) contact Marcia at 377-4689. We have a number of articles available.

STEWARDSHIP

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:8

Treasurer's Report for September 2010

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$41,307	\$428,557	\$422,580
General Fund Expenses	\$49,690	\$444,819	\$429,065
Cash Balances	<u>9/30/10</u>	<u>9/30/09</u>	<u>9/30/08</u>
General Fund	\$(10,053)	\$ (3,274)	\$(24,706)
Clearing Accounts	\$ 52,650	\$23,276	\$ 16,825
Building Fund	\$ 22,672	\$13,543	\$ 34,606

General Fund Update

Thanks to our members and friends for your generous support of our ministries carried out through the General Fund. We asked for your help in June and you responded. As we head into November and December, your support will be needed as we seek to end the year on a solid financial footing. Our receipts are 1.4% ahead of 2009; one year ago they were 16% higher than in 2008.

Building Fund

In September we paid \$12,743 from the Building Fund for street assessments, along with our monthly mortgage payment. We have just 4 more annual assessments to pay. Another title of Building Fund offerings will be due to Crossroads Mission and EWALU at year end, so keep up your building fund support!

Vision Appeal Gifts

For those giving through their offering envelopes for the Vision Appeal (in support of the Blair A'Hearn pastoral position), the November/December envelopes have a third line imprinted called "Vision Appeal."

Quarterly Mission Offering

As has been our tradition in recent years, the final special mission offering for 2010 will be designated for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. There is a blue envelope in your packet of envelopes for that purpose. If you don't use envelopes, you can write a check to LCR and put "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line.

Another way to help hungry people is to support our annual "Fair Trade Fair" in the bookstore through November 21. See page 13 for more details.