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# Cross + Talk

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## **A Golden Opportunity**

Many of you are familiar with Pastor Blair and Lyn A'Hearn. He has been an ELCA pastor for 20 years. They will begin leading our Wednesday night Evening Song service in August, after we say goodbye to Matt Wheeler, our current worship leader. Lyn has filled in on organ at the 8:15 traditional service this summer. Blair has preached at LCR and led adult classes. They have both sung on our contemporary worship teams. They are a very gifted couple.

Blair has been an interim minister in Ely for the last several months, while he has been enrolled in a Masters program at UNI in Marriage and Family Therapy. That program has two more years to go, including a part time clinical internship here locally. The position at Ely will end as soon as that congregation installs their new pastor this summer.

The Church Council met with Pastor Julie Higgs of our Synod staff in June to explore any possibilities of calling Blair to a part-time term call while he is finishing his two year degree. Some areas he could help with are: marriage, family, and individual counseling; leading Wednesday night adult bible studies and other Sunday morning classes this fall; coordinating our small group ministries; be a fresh preaching voice to hear occasionally in worship; and help with pastoral acts like baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Blair would help us meet our five year Vision Team Goals that end in 2012, especially those related to connecting new members, being a church of small groups, and improving pastoral care for all members.

The cost of bringing him on staff would be about \$3200/month for salary and benefits. \$400 of that is already covered in the budget for leading Wednesday night worship, leaving us a gap of \$2800/month to fund. A special appeal will take place later this summer to try to raise those funds.

We will not proceed unless there are new General Fund pledges totaling \$2800/month for the rest of 2010 and all of 2011. The success of the charity water appeal suggests that people can be generous when presented with a specific need. All we really need are 112 people to say "we can add another \$25/month to our General Fund gifts."

There would also be a special congregational meeting held to issue a 2 year, part time term call. After the two years are up, both parties would reassess their needs to decide what direction to go in the future. Blair's ultimate goal is to have a part time counseling ministry along with serving a congregation part time.

I am confident that Blair and Lyn would be a tremendous addition to our staff and church family. Watch for more information later in July that will invite you to participate.

*Pastor Dennis*

# WORSHIP

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind...” Matthew 22:37*

## **Don't forget Evening Song Worship at 5:30 pm Wednesdays.**

This is a great way to stay connected if a busy weekend kept you away from church. Get that spiritual lift in the middle of the week. We have gotten off to a great start with this new day and time. Come and check it out.

### **Worship Themes in July**

We begin our July worship on the birthday of our nation looking at the notion of freedom and what it means to a Christian. Then we spend a week in First Timothy and the way Paul looked past his own predicament and peril to be thankful and encourage others.

#### **July 04 & 07, 2010: Freedom & Responsibility**

Martin Luther wrote, “A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none. A Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone.” As we celebrate the freedoms we cherish in our nation we need to keep in mind our Christian freedom and responsibilities.

#### **July 11 & 14, 2010: Tenderness for Tough Times**

Imagine this: you are in a dark, dirty Roman cell around the year 68 A.D. You are a condemned criminal who will soon be beheaded. What is going through your mind? In our text today Paul is about to be executed, yet he remains full of gratitude, focus, and encouragement. How can he do this? That's what we're focusing on as we worship together today: “Tenderness for Tough Times.”

In the second half of July we begin a 4 week series on the final book in the New Testament, The Revelation of John. This vision has captured people's imagination for as long as it has been around. What does it mean? What does it mean for us?

#### **July 18 & 21, 2010: Revelation: Mysterious Visions**

The Revelation of John is a specific kind of literature not primarily concerned with the future, but with the present. In fact, its most common purpose is to assure people that God is faithful despite the prevalence of evil in the world. Today we begin a look at this last word in our Bible as we explore Mysterious Visions.

#### **July 25 & 28, 2010: Revelation: Silence is Golden**

In John's vision all of heaven is silent as the seventh seal is broken. Like the calm before a storm sometimes we need to stand in the presence of God in a silence born of awe and respect in order to endure the chaos of the world around us.

<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>			
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
June	407	449	482
Year to Date	526	534	556

# COUNCIL

## Church Council Minutes

The Resurrection Church Council met on Tuesday, June 15 at 7 pm. The secretary's, treasurer's, and pastors' reports were reviewed and approved. The General Fund balance on May 31 was \$-18,736. Purpose champion reports were shared from the Vision Team and Finance Team.

The Council met with Pastor Julie Higgs of the SE Iowa Synod staff to talk about possible part-time ministry opportunities with Pastor Blair A'Hearn in the next two years while he is finishing his Masters degree at UNI in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Approval Items: The Finance Team recommendation of re-amortization of our mortgage was approved. This will lower our monthly balance due by \$2400. A one-year promissory note of \$31,600 with the Trust Fund was approved at an interest rate of 4%. These funds will offset our negative General Fund balance. A fundraiser request by the woodcarvers to have a raffle of carved items for Joy Waughtal was denied.

Discussion Items: The Wednesday night service was reviewed. The Trust Fund charter will be reviewed and taken up at the July meeting.

The due date for July agenda items will be July 14. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are available in a 3-ring binder in the office.

# ALPHA

The Alpha course continues on Wednesday nights at 7 pm in July. Each week features a video presentation by Nicky Gumbel on a key aspect of the Christian faith, with stories and humor blended in. Small group discussion follows the video with snacks provided.



The topics for July are:

- ◆ July 7 – Why & How Do I Pray?
- ◆ July 14–Why & How Do I Read the Bible?
- ◆ July 21 – How Does God Guide Us?
- ◆ July 28 – How Can I Resist Evil?

## Daily Bible Readings

We are reading through the bible together in 2010. The reading plan for July is as follows:

- 7/1 Galatians 2, 7/2 Galatians 3, 7/3 Gal. 4
- 7/4 Psalm 66**, 7/5 Galatians 5, 7/6 Galatians 6,
- 7/7 2 Timothy 1, 7/8 2 Timothy 2, 7/9 2 Timothy 3, 7/10 2 Timothy 4
- 7/11 Psalm 4**, 7/12 Revelation 1, 7/13 Rev. 2:1-17, 7/14 Rev. 2:18-29, 7/15 Rev. 3:1-13, 7/16 Rev. 3:14-22, 7/17 Revelation 4
- 7/18 Psalm 100**, 7/19 Rev. 5, 7/20 Rev. 6, 7/21 Rev. 7, 7/22 Rev. 8, 7/23 Rev. 9:1-12, 7/24 Revelation 9:13-21
- 7/25 Psalm 36**, 7/26 Rev.10, 7/27 Rev. 11, 7/28 Rev. 12, 7/29 Rev. 13, 7/30 Rev. 14, 7/31 Revelation 15

## JOY WAUGHTAL

### **Hello Family and Friends!**

I am officially wrapping up my time in Denver and am getting more and more excited about South Africa every day. I wanted to share with you what I have learned about how I will be spending this year. I will be doing service through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Missions (YAGM). I will be working in Soweto, outside of Johannesburg, on the Diakonia AIDS Ministry. This ministry integrates HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and care in all aspects of the life of the Lutheran Church; ministry with compassion to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in a manner that reflects Christian values, beliefs, and traditions, and addresses social and economic forces that contribute to the spread of HIV/AIDS. This opportunity is incredible. I feel extremely blessed and know that it will be a life-changing year.

I am responsible for raising \$4,000 toward the \$10,000 it takes for the year of service. This money is used for transportation, housing, food allowance, health insurance, orientation, and a small stipend. If you would like to donate to my year of service please make your checks out to Resurrection with 'Joy Waughtal-YAGM' in the memo line.

I look forward to sharing my experiences with you. Thank you for your continued support! I love hearing from all of you. I will be in Iowa from August 9-18 and would love to see you!

## CHARITY WATER

### **Thank you Resurrection!**

Your overwhelming generosity will provide charity: water with funds for 2 water projects. Two villages will receive new wells in the next 12-18 months. Here is summary of the giving to this project:

#### **Sunday School Donations**

**\$461.48**

#### **Confirmation Groups**

**\$132.00**

#### **Miscellaneous Checks**

**\$3,198.15**

#### **Charity Water Display**

**\$309.70**

#### **HSYG Donation**

**\$755.00**

#### **Various Fund Raisers**

**\$1,711.90**

#### **Mission Envelopes**

**\$1,220.00**

#### **Congregational Match**

**\$1,000.00**

#### **Thrivent Matching**

**\$1,600.00**

#### **GRAND TOTAL**

**\$10,388.23**

We will keep you informed as we receive information from charity: water in regard to where these water projects will take place. Expect pictures and geographic coordinates. Please keep this project in your prayers as we they move forward from here.

# FAITHLIFE

## Camping Legacy

27 years ago I spent my summer vacation on a 500 acre patch of land outside of Strawberry Point, Iowa. I walked the wooded trails, stomped the north fork of the Maquoketa River, and dove off the high dive into freezing water. I slept in cabins, tents, covered wagons, the occasional picnic shelter and under the stars. Everything I ate contained bits of sand, wood ash or government surplus cheese. I drank Kool-Aid (affectionately called “bug juice”) from a re-purposed gallon milk container along with 6-14 other people. I was responsible for the life and safety of children I had never met before. I told stories, sang songs and shared my understanding of God in Bible studies and around campfires.

When I go back to EWALU now I can't help but notice how things have changed. There is a beautiful Creation Center building on the spot where the ramshackle Canteen used to be. The covered bridge leading the Trailblazer Village is gone and a pivoting bridge that can withstand flash floods stands in its place. The Indian program became the Native American program. Pioneer Plains used to be a huge field instead of the opening in the woods that it is now. This summer the Walnut cabins have been rebuilt (and have bathrooms!) and a new lodge is ready for year-round retreats.

As my kids came home from a week of summer camp they would tell me the things they did. Being the old pro I would

ask them about trail lunches of saltines, PB & J, summer sausage and cheese all mixed together in a sierra cup. They would look at me like I had lost my mind.

“Bug juice in the community jug?” I would ask. “We mixed it in our own water bottles” they reported.

“Did you jump off the high dive?” “What high dive?” they wanted to know.

“Stopping in the middle of a hike to talk about God?” Nope. Scheduled Alphas and Omegas (devotions) and a pre-set time for Bible study each day.

It wasn't just the camp that had changed I realized. The times had changed as well.

This summer my daughter Sara is in the Leadership Training program for 4 weeks (along with 3 other youth from Resurrection). When I picked her up after her first week she was exhausted. On the way home she told me that what she liked the best about EWALU was that it was a place where you could be who you really are. You don't have to fake it to impress anybody. You can be honest and open. She said that she has never experienced another place like that.

When I heard that I remembered why EWALU is such a special place. And I knew that it hadn't really changed at all.

Thanks to your generosity over 80 kids from our congregation and community will get the chance to have that experience. I can't adequately express how thankful and proud I am of Resurrection for making this possible.

*In Peace, Kevin*

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & E.D.G.E.

### HIGH SCHOOL JULY SCHEDULE:

#### Food For Thought - a new study

This is a new bible/book study meeting every Wednesday for lunch at different food joints in the area. Email Carter to be added to the text list. We will eat lunch, have some fellowship time, and have a Bible/book study as well.

#### Middle School event - Capture The Flag

We will meet at the church at 9:30 am to do some preparation and to also welcome in the incoming 6th graders. The cost of this event is FREE, so bring a friend! We also need drivers. Please contact Carter at [carterm@lcrmarion.org](mailto:carterm@lcrmarion.org) or Jenny Hartzler at [jhartzler71@mchsi.com](mailto:jhartzler71@mchsi.com) to sign up or to be a driver. The release form will be posted on the website as well. The event goes until 4 pm and lunch will be provided.

**Carter Moore** If you ever have any questions or comments at any time please call or e-mail me at [carterm@lcrmarion.org](mailto:carterm@lcrmarion.org).

## IGNITE: Young Adult

### July 15th Event

We will be changing our schedule a little bit starting this month. We will be working with Marion Cares and the FLY (Feeding Lunch to Youth) program on *July 15th*. We will meet at the church and eat quickly and then head over to the Marion Cares office to help pack lunches until 8:30 pm that will be handed out to the needy children on Friday. Babysitting will be available here at the church. Please email [carterm@lcrmarion.org](mailto:carterm@lcrmarion.org) or call 319.377.4689 to let us know if you plan on coming. Please bring \$5 for pizza, chips, and drink!

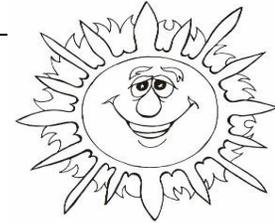
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# SS DiScipl eShip

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.  
They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run  
and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.  
*Isaiah 40:31*



9:45  
Workshop rotation  
Sunday School



## **2010/11 Sunday School**

We are gearing up for another exciting year that will begin early ~

**MARK AUG 22ND**  
on your calendar!

We will begin registration for 9:45 and 11:00 Sunday School programs **JULY 18TH!**

A fun theme, interesting stories and relevant service projects are all in store.

Enjoy your summer!

## **Preschool VBS Wrap Up**

Thanks to all of the families who shared their wonderful children with us during our Rainforest adventure. This year we had 41 three to five year olds attend. When we sat down to "evaluate" the week we found something interesting we wanted to share with you: of those 41 children, only 18 were from LCR, from other churches, and 8 kids came here who did not have a "home church." Two families even expressed interest in finding a church home! So we would like to say Thank You LCR for supporting this wonderful outreach program. We are so grateful to be able to provide an experience for little kids who are just beginning to learn who Jesus is and to tell them just how much he loves them! And thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make it possible.

Angela Tastad, Jill Hansen,  
& Tammy Evans

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# PRAISE ISLAND

"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me." Mark 9:37

STILL SPACE TO SIGN UP  
Come join the EWALU counselors for a week of faith and excitement at LCR.  
Kids entering Kindergarten - 6th grade are invited to attend this fun-filled day camp. Kids will have hands-on-activities, play games, learn songs, and take a trip to EWALU on Wednesday.  
Camp runs from August 2nd - 6th.  
Sign-up information and forms can be found at the Welcome Center window.

## 11:00 Sunday School



Thank you to all the volunteers that help to make our children's programs a success here at LCR. Your hard work and effort is greatly appreciated!  
**We will be starting Sunday school early this year. Sunday school will resume August 22nd.**  
I am in need of volunteers to help run Praise Island for the coming school year. Please contact me if you would like to extend a helping hand to the youth of LCR at the 11:00 Sunday school hour. I would like to get a head start, so if you are interested give me a call or e-mail me right away. Thanks!!  
- Jill

**2010/2011  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION  
BEGINS JULY 18TH  
IN THE  
GATHERING SPACE!**

Praise Island Coordinator:  
Jill Hansen  
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# BIBLE CAMP



We have 87 youth signed up for camp this summer. These 43 youth will go to EWALU in July:

**Mini campers** - Logan Hiler, Garrett Hansen, Blake Almandinger, Dylan Dolezal,  
Thomas Brandt, Carter Schminke, Ben Duhn

**Explorers** - Amanda Williams, Amelia McRoberts, Jacob Wempen, Jim Stenske

**Trailblazers** - Riley Higgins, Darren Heyd, Lara Gavin, Emma Clanin

**Native Americans** - Sam Beaver, Charlie Petersen, Ellie Hartzler, Emma Hartzler,  
Haley Huntington, Jon Larsen, Nate Brock, Megan Plattner, Joshua Christian,  
Joe Stenske, Ryan Heidelbauer, Jace Myers, Noah Martin

**Pioneers** - Mason Hiler, Klein Walker, Forrest Cronin, Shea Hartzler, Garrett Heyd

**Night Camp** - Bonnie Morrison, Taylor Peyton

**Ranch Camp** - Kaitlin Melcher

**Pack & Paddle** - Mandy Gavin, Lindsay Brown

**Islanders** - Emily Almandinger

**Houseboating** - Jessi Heidelbauer, Lindsay Randklev, Madison Wisner, Emily McCallum

In addition, Max Versteegh will be at EWALU from July 11-August 13 in the Leadership Training Program.

# CONFIRMATION

**6th-8th Graders:** Watch for registration materials for the 2010-11 Confirmation program in the mail and on-line.

**9th Graders:** Registration for the Confirmation Retreat will be in the mail and on-line later this month.

# WEE WISDOM

## **Playground Help NEEDED!**

When Wee Wisdom's last Department of Human Services (DHS) inspection was made last school year, it was determined that in order for licensing of the preschool to be continued, there are some repairs and replacements that need to be made to the current playground. Those items need to be addressed in order for our incoming class to be able to use the equipment this fall. There is a minimum list for now and if you can help us accomplish this or have questions, please email [weewisdom.lcr@gmail.com](mailto:weewisdom.lcr@gmail.com). THANK YOU!

# PRAYERS

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

**Those hospitalized in June:** Brandi Bendixen & Tyler, Laura Edaburn & Jace

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

*(Resurrection members)* Jared Belin, Ken Wendell, Curt Duwe, George Haley, Gerald Bodeker, Lon Andersen, Bob Rose, Cathy Winch, Myrtle Lindstrom, Richard Slaymaker, Brita Loynachan, Nancy Caves, Cathy Kimball, Lois Johnson.

*(Family and friends of our members)* Dick Harman, Nancy Cox, Tom Becker, Shelly Goergen, Linda Baurley, Craig Schultz, Frank Meyer, Kale Jammerson, Gary Stenerson, Wendi & Andy Neal, Dean & Mary Christiansen, Blake Church, Jean Jackson, Ray Mueller, Kathy Carnahan, Maureen Velazques, Alice & Dick Maiers, Lois Wood, Gretchen Supp, Gary Blasen, Jordan Tchon, Dick Lehmann

**Those living in care facilities:** Winnie Bulicek (*Colonial Manor of Amana*), Don Claussen (*Promise House*), Bernice Harstad (*Keystone Cedars*), Dorothy Luedtke (*Linn Manor*), Fran Veatch, Virginia Smart, Mary Erlandson (*Winslow House*), Herbert Lehrman, (*Hiawatha Care Center*)

**Those in military service:** Kevin Schrader, Todd Christopherson, Andrew Ruby, David Franzen, Eric Krause, Nick Pefferman, Jerrod Mohling, Ashley Parker, Nicholas Eilers, Brian Rose, Tyler Spring, Jeremy Bowden, Nick Thompson, Andy Thompson, Jason Gire, Matthew Clark, Joe Hollister, Garrett Wood, Alex Bruce, Jason Sams, Brad Kielty, Anthony Martin, Matt Carson.

**Those who rejoice:**

- ◆ Tom & Brandi Bendixen upon the birth of Tyler Thomas on June 1
- ◆ Adam & Laura Edaburn upon the birth of Jace Jonathan on June 2
- ◆ Matt & Vicky Wieben upon the baptism of Riley Matthew on June 6

**Those who mourn:**

- ◆ Terry & Linda Kahler on the death of Terry's mother, Frances Kahler, on June 2
- ◆ Dan Tegtmeier & Tori Lee on the death of Dan's father, Paul Tegtmeier, on June 10
- ◆ Myron & Gloria Sommervold on the death of Myron's brother, Gene Sommervold, on June 5
- ◆ Bob & Jan Berridge on the deaths of Carrey Szczesny and Carolyn Carlisle

*Please let the office know about prayer needs or when you wish to have a name removed. The names of friends and family who are dealing with illness will be listed for 3 months. If you want us to continue printing their names beyond that point, contact the office.*

# FELLOWSHIP

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

## Wednesday Nights in the Café

Stay after Evening Song Worship Service on Wednesday nights this summer for fellowship in the café from 6:15-7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the entry bulletin board if you can help provide cookies, breads, or other snacks.

Starting in September we will offer a low-cost, catered meal at the same time for families and adults involved in Wednesday Night Live, confirmation, adult bible study, and choirs. Pizza Ranch, Subway, Zio Johnno's, and a fourth option will be offered on a rotating basis.

## LCR Scrapbookers

We'll meet in the fellowship hall on *Friday, July 2* from 6-10 pm. Feel free to invite your fellow scrapbooking friends. There is no cost for this event - just bring your photos & supplies and join us. Call Donna Dennis at 854-7752 with questions.

## Parking lot resurfacing

The crew will be working as weather permits this summer, so visitors to the church will need to park away from the section being resurfaced. Doors will be unlocked at alternate entrances. Thank you for your gifts to the Building Fund which are covering this important expense.

## XYZ Outing

Join us on *Tuesday, July 13* as we travel to Dubuque to visit the Mississippi River Museum. We'll meet at the church at 8:30 am. Please sign up on the entryway bulletin board. Cost for museum ticket is \$9.50. We'll stop at Breitbach's in Balltown for lunch on the way home.

## Summer Golf Outing

Our summer golf outing will be held on *Sunday, August 8th* at Hunters Ridge Golf Course starting at 1 pm. It will be 4 person best shot. The cost is \$40 per person which includes green fees, practice range balls, golf cart, several flag events, and a meal of hamburgers, brats, two sides, and chips.



Check the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet.

## Empty Nesters

Planning is underway for our group to attend "Church Basement Ladies" at the Old Creamery Theater (Amana) in September. This musical comedy celebrates the heart and soul of every church - the church kitchen and the women who work there. It was inspired by the humorous book, "Growing Up Lutheran." Watch for further information in August.

# MINISTRY

*"...love your neighbor as yourself..." - Matthew 22:39*

## Wednesday Night Service

The Wednesday night service is up and running, and the service has been very well received. If you are going to be out of town for the weekend, this is a unique opportunity to come to Worship on Wednesday evening and fellowship with a great group of Resurrection people. If your children are involved in activities on the weekend, come to the service on Wednesday night and encourage them to bring their friends who are also busy on Sunday mornings.

Communion is served every other week, and on the Wednesdays there is no Communion there will be special music. There is a fellowship time both before and after the service, so you can either come early or stay for awhile afterwards. The service itself lasts about 45 minutes. See you there!

## CrossRoads Mission

This congregation's generosity to CrossRoads mission has been outstanding. The need of clothes, food, and paper products has not lessened; rather, it has increased. Please keep up your donations. Items can be put in the bins in the gathering area. If you would like to volunteer at the mission itself, please turn your name in at the office, and you will be contacted. Thank you to all the people who have helped take the donated items to CrossRoads. Your efforts make sure the donations get into the hands of the people who need them as soon as possible. Thank You!!!

## Our Outreach to Others

The next time you check out the bulletin board, be sure to notice the letters of thanks from the organizations Resurrection has given donations to so they can continue their missions. Currently, there are letters from Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa, the Community Health Free Clinic that serves East Central Iowa, the Marion Churches Senior Living Community Foundation, Lutheran World Relief (thanking the quilters for their gifts), the Linn County Correctional Chaplaincy program, and Dirk & Sara Stadlander, missionaries to Senegal.

The letters explain the goal of the various ministries and for what purpose the funds will be used. These organizations all serve needs that need to be fulfilled. Thank you so much for helping!

## The Ministry of Music



Since our organist, Dick Harman, has undergone surgery and is now recovering, several members of our congregation have filled in at the 8:15 service. A special thank you to Stacey Klostermann, Laurie Stock, Lyn A'Hearn, and Stacie Caryl. Worshiping by singing and playing musical instruments is a strong tradition in the Lutheran Church, and we thank everyone who shares their talents with us so this can be realized. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!!

# 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 May 2010

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
<b>General Fund Receipts</b>	<b>\$47,359</b>	\$232,830	\$237,151
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$55,623</b>	\$254,283	\$239,194
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b><u>5/31/10</u></b>	<u>5/31/09</u>	<u>5/31/08</u>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$(18,736)</b>	\$(2,556)	\$(5,836)
<b>Clearing Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 27,541</b>	\$26,310	\$21,901
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 42,882</b>	\$22,635	\$43,920

### General Fund Update

The General Fund balance on May 31 was \$-18,736. We need about \$50,000 per month, or \$300,000 through the end of June, to cover our staff expenses, mission partners, utility costs, and program expenses.

There has been a positive response to the letter that went out earlier in June, asking for your support. It appears we will end the month with at least \$285,000 in General Fund receipts, or 95% of our needed income.

The Council has taken two other steps to help our cash flow problem:

**1) Mortgage payments lowered** - The Finance Team recommendation was approved to re-amortize our mortgage with Thrivent, which lowers our monthly payments by \$2,400, beginning in August. We can resume our previous payments anytime in the future when our finances allow it.

In June, the staff, council, and former council members switched their giving from the Building Fund to the General Fund for the rest of 2010. If you would like to help in this way, contact Bob Patterson.

**2) Trust Fund Loan** – We approached the Trust Fund to see if they could free up the smaller of the two funds and invest in LCR through a promissory note, rather than investing in CD's. They and the Council agreed to invest the \$31,600 undesignated fund (not the Biderman scholarship fund) in a one year note at 4%, with interest payable quarterly. This is a higher rate than they were receiving from their CD. The \$31,600 will sit in the bank in a Clearing Account, helping to offset our negative General Fund balance.

With these steps and your help, we will turn things around by the end of the year.