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Vision Appeal Update

We have had a marvelous response from our Leadership Group to the Vision Appeal. This is an effort to raise \$2800/month in pledges for the rest of 2010 and all of 2011 so that a new half time position can be created for Pastor Blair A'Hearn. As of August 29, **73% of the needed amount, or \$2043/month, has been committed by 52 families** from the Leadership Group.

On August 29, Resurrection members attended two Meet and Greet events and received commitment cards. Those who choose to support this appeal are asked to turn in their cards *by Sunday, September 5*. There are extra packets with commitment cards at the Welcome Center window for those who couldn't attend the Meet and Greet events.

Special Congregational Meeting

As a result of this initial response from our Leadership Group and trusting that the congregation will supply the remaining amount needed, a special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, September 12 at 12:15 to vote on extending a half time, two year term call to Pastor A'Hearn.

With a positive vote on the 12th, we will be able to install Pastor Blair on the following Sunday, September 19, at the 8:15 service. Rev. Julie Higgs, assistant to the bishop for our synod, will preach and install Blair. Following that service, there will be a reception at 9:30 in the fellowship hall.

Swamp Fox Sunday

Mark your calendars for *Sunday, September 19*. It's our annual Swamp Fox 11:00 worship in Marion Square Park, followed by a noon meal with various treats cooked on the grill. As you enjoy the food, there will be music by With Faith and Among the Thirsty, and inflatable slides and games for the kids to enjoy.

A unique feature this year will be having Sunday School in the park at 9:45 (the two Sunday Schools will be combined into one-see page 9 for details). We will also introduce Blair and Lyn A'Hearn at the 11:00 service and hear from Julie Higgs from the synod office. For those who didn't attend the Meet and Greet events, they will be available after the service to get acquainted with you.

Thanks again to the Leadership Group and the congregation for your financial support of this new position.

Peace,

Pastor Dennis

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WORSHIP

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

We will conclude our year long reading of the Bible in September as we finish with the John’s Gospel. In worship we will stay in John’s Gospel for two more weeks with the series, There’s An App for That before transitioning into a look at the Kingdom of God and what we mean when we pray, “Thy kingdom come...on earth as in heaven.”

Sept 05 & 08, 2010: Dead? There’s An App for That

He was dead; really dead. Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days and yet, resurrection life happens there because Jesus is the resurrection and the life. We can feel dead inside, abandoned and alone, yet resurrection life happens for us, as well.

Sept 12 & 15, 2010: Hungry? There’s An App for That

Breakfast on the beach; what could be better? Not only did the disciples get to eat with Jesus, they encountered the risen Christ, and what could have been an ordinary day of fishing turns into an extraordinary interaction with the Lord of all creation. God not only addresses our immediate needs, but he is able to satisfy the deep spiritual hunger of all people.

Swamp Fox Worship in the Park:

Sunday, September 19, 11:00 am

There will be no 9:45 Hope4All Worship

Sunday School in the Park 9:45-10:45

Food, Fellowship, & Concert 12:00-3:00

Sept 19 & 22, 2010: Kingdom Reality

Jesus came to inaugurate a whole new reality, a reality into which all people are welcomed to live by faith. This Kingdom is here, but not yet fully revealed. We proclaim this Kingdom to the world not just with our words, but even more powerfully with our actions.

Sept 26 & 29, 2010: Kingdom Community

The Kingdom of God calls us from isolation and individualism to radical connectedness and community. Christian unity is not merely consensus of opinion, but a matter of being made one in Christ.

Average Worship Attendance

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
August	477	444	465
Year to Date	505	506	530

COUNCIL

Church Council Minutes

The Resurrection Church Council met on Tuesday, August 17 at 7 pm. The secretary's, treasurer's, and pastors' reports were reviewed and approved. The General Fund balance on July 31 was \$-3,745.

Approval Items: The Council received and approved the recommendation from the Call Committee to the congregation that Pastor Blair A'Hearn be called for a two year, part time term call. In order to vote on that recommendation, a motion was also approved to schedule a special congregational meeting on *Sunday, September 12* at 12:15 pm. This meeting is contingent on the success of the Vision Appeal fundraising effort.

Discussion Items: The August 15 Leadership Group Meet and Greet event was reviewed. A similar event for the congregation will take place on *Sunday, August 29* at 9:30 and 10:30.

A team will be developed to review our Building Use Policy, especially in terms of fees for various groups.

A Congregational Leadership Series event will be held at First Lutheran on October 26-27.

The due date for September agenda items will be September 15. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are available in a 3-ring binder in the office.

MISSION

Joy Waughtal Update

In late August, Joy Waughtal took off for an orientation week at ELCA headquarters in Chicago. She is going to South Africa this fall as a Young Adult Global Mission volunteer through the ELCA. She spoke very highly of the training she received through the ELCA's Global Mission office.

Thanks to all who contributed to her financial support. Her goal was to raise \$4,000; the total amount given was \$4,004! We look forward to hearing more from Joy this fall. Please keep her in your prayers as she begins her mission work in Soweto, South Africa.

Thrivent Forum

On *Sunday, September 12* at 9:45, we will offer an adult forum in the fellowship hall for those who own Thrivent products (insurance, investments, etc) and anyone interested in learning more about Thrivent's new policy called "Thrivent Choice Dollars."

Instead of giving churches matching funds for pancake breakfasts and Lenten suppers, Thrivent will now give individual policy owners a choice in how their "Choice Dollars" are designated. With a simple phone call or a few clicks on the Thrivent website, you can designate a gift for Resurrection, Crossroads Mission, EWALU Bible Camp, or other ministries. The event will be led by Zach Betz, a Thrivent associate in the Cedar Rapids area.

YOUNG ADULTS

IGNITE Young Adult

Plans for September's young adult event have not been firmed up yet. Carter Moore will be in touch with you when arrangements finally "gel." If you're not already on the email list and are interested in this vibrant young adult ministry, please contact him at carterm@lcrmarion.org or 377-4689.

Door Numbering

The thirteen exit doors at LCR have been assigned numbers and have been labeled accordingly. The purpose of this is two-fold. First, in an emergency situation a caller can simply tell the dispatcher that the emergency is closest to a certain door number, rather than have them come to the main entrance. First responders have been given a labeled map of the church. Secondly, this is done as a convenience for our church. If you are meeting an individual or group at the church, simply tell them what door to come to by number, rather than trying to name a room or figure out what direction the church faces. Many thanks to Marlin Oeltjen with his help on this project.

Race deadline

The 20th annual "Especially for You" Race Against Breast Cancer will be held on Sunday, October 10. Forms are available at the Welcome Center and are due to Nancy Almasi by September 5 (Labor Day weekend). Any questions, contact Nancy at mnalmasi@fmtcs.com or 294-1718.

ADULT COURSES

Fall Opportunities

***The Gospel of Luke** – This weekly bible study is led by Charlie Clauss in the conference room on Sunday mornings at 9:45. Join in for some good teaching and discussion on weekly passages from St. Luke.

***Intro to Discipleship 201** – This class is a follow-up course to our Intro to Membership 101 seminar, and is geared for those seeking to join Resurrection this fall. Pastor Dennis and other group facilitators will lead the class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the fellowship hall, starting on *October 17th*.

***Wednesday night bible study** – A new opportunity for adults will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday nights in the conference room, led by Pastor Blair A'Hearn. It will begin in October. In addition, a Sunday morning 9:45 topical course will be offered later this fall, led by Blair and lay leaders.

New Member Classes

An Introduction to Membership 101 seminar will take place on *Sunday, October 17* from 2-4 pm. This is an opportunity to meet the program staff and learn more about Resurrection. To sign up, check the box on the back of a welcome card or call the church office (377-4689).

FAITHLIFE

Cultural Immigrants

The culture in which live is the lens through which we see and understand life. That is why immigrants often have a difficult time adapting to a new country. The lens that they use to understand life is different than that of their new neighbors. They truly don't understand why people in the new country act like they do. Immigrants then find it difficult to pass on important aspects of faith and life to their children because their children grow up in the new culture and don't look at life through the same lens as their parents.

Because our culture becomes the lens through which we understand life, it also becomes the lens through which we understand God and our faith. So if we want to teach the faith to people we have to use whatever cultural lens they are using. When we teach the faith using our own cultural lens it seems natural and makes sense. We don't even see how our own culture has influenced the way we understand faith.

When we teach the faith using a different cultural lens we can see the intrusion of that culture much easier. It feels unnatural and that is when we begin to complain about culture informing our faith instead of faith informing our culture.

While this shift naturally happens when we go to a place with a different culture, it can also happen when the culture we are in changes. People can find that they are cultural immigrants without ever having

to move to a different place. I believe that is what is happening in our world today.

We are shifting away from a community (neighborhood) centered culture to a global culture. We are shifting away from a culture where we would learn about events after they happened to a culture where we learn about events as they happen. We are shifting away from a culture that made do with what they had to a culture that can pretty much get whatever it wants, whenever it wants. We are shifting away from a culture in which people of the same background (ethnic, religious, economic) gathered in community to a culture where there is much diversity.

These changes are stressful for individuals and for religious communities. People rely on faith to be a comfort and anchor in stressful times but when the new culture begins to seep into our churches it seems like too much. Yet if it doesn't seep in, faith makes no sense or becomes irrelevant to those in the new culture.

To explore these issues in more depth I will be starting a new blog (web log or online editorial) on the church website. I invite you to join me in exploring these issues by logging into the website and leaving comments. For those who do not have access to the website, I will use excerpts from the blog in this space in the coming months. I realize it is not ideal but it is all part of figuring out the changes.

With a Peace of the Spirit
Kevin

MIDDLE SCHOOL & E.D.G.E.

E.D.G.E. (7-9 pm each Wednesday)

September 1: Service Night - 89.1 The Spirit Cleaning Party

September 8: Large Group/Small Group

September 15: Photo Scavenger Hunt

September 22: Large Group/Small Group

September 29: Large Group/Small Group



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.

Middle School/High School Sunday School - We will be offering the opportunity to serve within the church on Sunday mornings in place of the traditional "Sunday School" class. As always we encourage you to worship with your family but would also like you to use your gifts to serve others this year. Some of the potential serving options are: leading a children's sermon during worship; performing a skit or puppet show; assisting in the nursery, assisting with the K-5 Sunday School classes; assisting in the tech booth with power point, video, or sound; being a greeter, working in the café, and more! To get plugged in, call or email Carter.

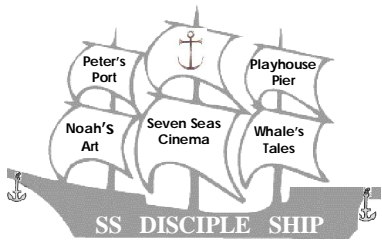
MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Our amazing planning team is in the process of putting together the next four events so keep your eyes and ears peeled for this information. If you ever have any questions or comments at any time please call 319.377.4689 or e-mail me at carterm@lcrmarion.org.

Carter Moore

SS DiScipl eShip

“...The Lord always keeps his promises;
he is gracious in all he does.” Psalm 145:13



9:45
Workshop rotation
Sunday School

1st–5th Grade

This year we will be seeking to grow in our faith by “Reaching In” to discover what it means to be a Christian and how we can gain a personal relationship with Jesus. We will talk about who we are on the inside really matters!

Preschool & Kindergarten

These children will also ‘reach in’ to find out what they know about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and how can we grow from there.

All 9:45 students will have a couple of introductory lessons to this theme preceding Swamp Fox.

We will begin our rotations on September 26th.

Bible Presentations

It is a joy to present new, age appropriate Bibles to some of our youth each Fall. You can look forward to these dates:

6th grade—Sept 12

3rd Grade—Sept 26

Preschool—Oct 3



Sunday School Dismissal

Everything is the same this year for **preschool and kindergarten** students. You will drop them off in their room and pick them up in the same place.

Older siblings are allowed to pick them up.

1st—5th graders are having their “Closing” in the YAC (Youth Activity Center) this year. If you’re child is in 1st or 2nd grade they will need to be picked up by an adult or older sibling.

Older children will also wait, unless a waiver is formed allowing them to leave on their own.

Please contact Tammy with any questions.

Marion Cares

Local churches have united to bring help and Christian love to our less fortunate neighbors. “TxtTime” is a little like a Wednesday night program at a church with a meal, only we go TO the kids. A meal is served after the Bible lesson/activities. LCR will be providing the meals for the month of October. If you would be willing to donate food or come and serve the meal, please contact Tammy.

Tammy Evans
SS Disciple Ship Coordinator
tammy@lcrmarion.org
377-4689

PRAISE ISLAND

“No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:39

The PreK/K class will be learning about Creation and do lots of creating of their own. They will have activity stations allowing them to explore the stories in fun ways in addition to hearing the Bible story.

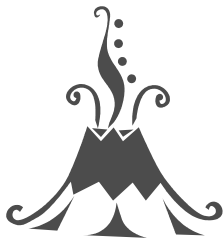
Our puppet, Theo, introduced Daffodil the Duck. The kids will be meeting two other new friends and enjoying weekly puppet skits.



**11:00
Sunday
School**



Up next in Praise Island; 1st—2nd grade will be creating a rainforest and the 3rd—5th will get a little explosive making volcanoes as we look at Genesis and God’s amazing creations. We will then move to Noah and do some sinking and floating experiments and explore rainbows and light. All the time asking the questions: Who was always there? Who is always with us? Come join us on our adventure and have fun while learning about God. We still have plenty of room for new students.



Important Dates to put on your calendar

Sept. 5th (Labor Day weekend) Sunday school will be in session! Join us at 11:00 for a movie about Joseph and popcorn.

Sept. 19th Both Sunday schools at 9:45 am in the Marion Square Park followed by our annual 11:00 am outdoor worship service. The kids will be singing *A New Hallelujah* with the band. The service will be followed by the *Among the Thirsty* concert.



Praise Island Coordinator: Jill Hansen
jill@lcrmarion.org 377-4689

WNL

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

September 8th - WNL kickoff in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm.

This is a meeting for parents/guardians and students. We will discuss the new time schedule, yearly calendar, and drop off/pickup procedures. Kids activities will occur while the adults meet.

WNL gives kids a chance to learn about God, get creative, and socialize with their peers. Friends of students are always welcome to attend. This year, our focus will be on Heifer International and how this wonderful program transforms the lives of people in developing nations. Registrations for WNL are in the gathering space. Contact Jill Hansen with any questions. jill@lcrmarion.org



The 2010-11 Confirmation Program is Here!

7:00 pm Wednesday, September 1 - New Student Orientation: This informational meeting is for students and parents who are new to the LCR Confirmation program. This includes all 6th confirmands and any new 7th and 8th grade students.

7:00 pm Wednesday, September 8 - Small Group Guide Huddle: For all small group adult Guides.

7:00-8:30 pm Wednesday, September 15 - First Large Group Session for all Middle School Confirmands

New this Year! A small group for adults! Come and learn several prayer techniques. Find a way to pray that fits your lifestyle and personality. Converse with a small group of adults only. Sit quietly among the chaos to learn about the necessity and joy of spending time in conversation with God.

WEE WISDOM

Our 3-day morning program is fully enrolled for this fall. We do have a waiting list started, so feel free to contact us if you'd like to get your little one on it. Thanks to all for your support and encouragement. We are looking forward to a great school year!

- Shelly Beaver and Michelle Heidebauer
weewisdom.lcr@gmail.com or 319-210-1687

Important Dates: orientations are September 2 & 3; classes begin *Tuesday, September 7* and run Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00-11:15 am. SUBS ARE NEEDED! If you have any experience in preschools, please contact us.

PRAYERS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Those hospitalized in August: Russ Ness, Joe Hubbard, Valerie Brandt, Donna Schoon, Lorraine Mohr, Christopher Cooper, Hailee Buckeridge, Donna Morrissey

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

(Resurrection members) Russ Ness, Valerie Brandt, Donna Schoon, Laurie Smith, Donna Morrissey, Ken Wendell, George Haley, Cathy Winch, Myrtle Lindstrom, Richard Slaymaker, Thelma Borg, Brita Loynachan, Nancy Caves, Cathy Kimball, Lois Johnson.

(Family and friends of our members) John Pishotti, Suzanne Johnson, Mary Godar, Kyle Harding, Anne Kickbush, Adam Conrad, Scott Conrad, Brad Mahoney, Gary Stenerson, Sandra Svacina, Imogene Mayberry, Chris Kircher, Sherry Zietlow, Roberta Hanley, Jim Marsh, Bonnie Krull, Bob & Maralyn Christensen, Barb Urban, Dick Lehman

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*), Nathan Loynachan (*private center*)

Those in military service: Alex Bruce, Jonathan Almestica, Kyle Harding, Todd Christopherson, Eric Krause, Nick Pefferman, Ashley Parker, Nicholas Eilers, Brian Rose, Tyler Spring, 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:

- ◆ Jason & Heather Chappell upon the birth of a daughter, Raegan Marie on July 29th
- ◆ Christina & Adam Beck on the birth of a son, Evan on July 16th
- ◆ James & Rosan Jones on the baptism of Jhasmine Jones on August 8th
- ◆ Kurt & Mandi Feltes on the baptism of Madilyn May on August 15th

Those who mourn:

- ◆ Harry & Donna Walton on the death of Harry's father, Willard Walton on Aug. 2nd
- ◆ Pam Benest on the death of her son, William (Willie) Benest, on Aug. 14th
- ◆ The Niemeyer family for their losses

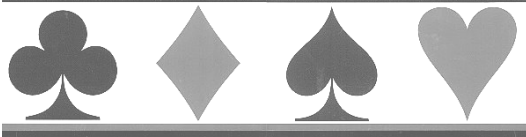
Please let the office know about prayer needs or when you wish to have a name removed. The names of friends and family who are dealing with illness will be listed for 3 months. If you want us to continue printing their names beyond that point, contact the office.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Bridge Group

The monthly bridge games will be starting up again in September on *Friday the 10th*. It will be at the usual time of 1 pm. As agreed to in the past, no special treats will be available. Please contact John Knodle by e-mail (jmk92sak@msn.com) or phone (319-551-8162) if you have any questions.



LCR Scrapbookers

Summer is over and I took a LOT of pictures! This month we will scrapbook on *Saturday, September 11* from 9 am until 5 pm. This is social event with no fee; just bring your photos, albums, and tools. We have lots of room, so bring a friend (I know you have one, just like me, with "photo chaos"). We will have a soup potluck for lunch; call me if I can answer any questions for you. Donna Dennis 319-854-7752

Empty Nesters

The Empty Nesters will be attending "Church Basement Ladies" at the Old Creamery Theater (in Amana) on *Sunday, September 12th*. Our group will meet in the main lobby at 2:30 pm. Dinner in Amana after the play is an option for those who are interested. Please contact Linda Sundermeyer (377-4158) with questions.

Mary Martha Rebecca Circle

Our *Wednesday, September 1st* meeting will cover the two Bible Studies provided in the June/July issues of *Lutheran Woman Today*. We meet at 1 pm in the fellowship hall; guests are always welcome!

EWALU Fall Festival & Quilt Auction

This year's Festival falls on *Sunday, September 19*, the same day as our Swamp Fox Sunday in Marion Square Park. The auction begins at 1 pm, with over 150 hand-made quilts and comforters available. You can view them from 8am until the auction, or on Saturday from 1-7 pm. In addition, the Country Store features hand-crafted items, baked goods, and garden-fresh produce. There will also be a worship service at 11 am and a pork luncheon at noon.

EWALU is located 3 miles west of Strawberry Point on Hwy 3. If you go, be sure to check out the new cabins and lodge. Since 2006, our Building Fund tithes have helped to pay for these new facilities.

Wednesday Fellowship

Those that won't be able to stay for the Wednesday meals at 6 pm are still welcome to come to the café beginning at 5 pm on Wednesday for fellowship and coffee before worship.

MINISTRY

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

Wednesday Night Meals

The Wednesday night service this summer has been a great place to be. The mixture of all ages, the great music, and the time of fellowship has made it a rewarding worship experience. We are now entering a new phase. As fall activities begin, a majority of them will be on Wednesday night. To make things easier for our families, there will be a meal served from 6:00 until 6:45. Those coming for music practice will be able to be served before the service is over, and those attending service can eat before going to their scheduled activity.

The catered meals for September will be:
September 1– BBQ This (pork sandwich)
September 8– Papa John’s (pizza, bread sticks)
September 15– Subway (chicken or cold cuts)
September 22– Zio Johnno’s (spaghetti & salad)
September 29– HyVee (croissants: ham or turkey)

When you order the Papa John’s pizza, indicate if you want cheese or sausage. All the meals will include coffee, milk, and water. You may sign up in person, by telephone (377-4689) or by email (office@lcrmarion.org.)

We are also organizing workers to help serve the Wednesday night meals. If you would like to be on a team to help serve, please contact Marcia Edwards (377-4689) or (marcia@lcrmarion.org). The goal is to have 4-5 teams, so each team would only serve once a month. The duties would include setting out the food, cleaning up, and wiping down the tables. Workers should be here by 5:30 and would be finished by 7:00 pm.

Jail Ministry Article

In the September synod supplement to ‘The Lutheran’ magazine, our jail ministry was featured in an article written by Bill Krejca. Another prison ministry by Elim Lutheran in Marshalltown is also featured in the article. There is a copy on the bulletin board, plus extras at the Welcome Center. If you would like to be part of our jail ministry team, contact Bill Krejca or Duane Rinderknecht.

Adult Mission Trip

Due to safety concerns in Mexico border cities, the mission trip will be going to Eagle Pass, TX only. The trip will be construction focused, as there are many buildings on the church property in disrepair. People with building, repair, or construction skills are a plus, but on-the-job training will be provided! The dates are still *October 16-23*. Call Stephanie Schrader (431-2778) or Laurie Stock (373-7657) for more information.

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.

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 July 2010

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$47,110	\$337,513	\$326,374
General Fund Expenses	\$43,909	\$340,687	\$331,022
Cash Balances	<u>7/30/10</u>	<u>7/30/09</u>	<u>7/30/08</u>
General Fund	\$ (3,745)	\$ (10,221)	\$ (15,103)
Clearing Accounts	\$57,030	\$ 22,504	\$ 17,118
Building Fund	\$44,610	\$ 25,438	\$ 40,681

General Fund Update

We continue to recover from our financial problems of early summer. You responded with over \$104,000 given to the General Fund in June and July. That generosity enabled us to stay current with our mission partner giving and be in a much better financial position than in 2009 or 2008 as we head into the fall. Our General Fund balance stands at \$-3,745 at the end of July, an improvement of \$15,000 from the balance on May 31. Thanks for your generosity!

In addition, the Clearing Account balance now includes the \$31,600 Trust Fund promissory note, giving us more of a cushion when our General Fund balance drops. We will owe the Trust Fund quarterly interest payments at 4%, which is a higher rate than they were receiving earlier from their CD - a win-win situation for both the church and the Trust Fund.

Building Fund News

\$8,460 in tithes from the January-June Building Fund contributions was split equally between Crossroads Mission and EWALU for their construction projects. The cost of the parking lot resurfacing project (~\$12,000) was paid in August from the Building Fund. We were reimbursed \$1,500 by the city of Marion for the cost of resurfacing the parking areas next to Butterfield Park.

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 will have a third line imprinted on them called "Vision Appeal." For September and October, you will have to write "Vision Appeal" followed by the amount of your gift on the envelope when you give a contribution.