

## MINISTRY OF THE SAINTS THIS WEEK - July 25, 2010

**WELCOME.** We are pleased that you have joined us to praise the Lord. We trust you find our community of believers a warm and caring one. God's Spirit calls us together. God speaks to us through readings of the Bible, through preaching, praying and singing. God feeds and nourishes us in a saving way. God blesses and sends us in mission to the world. We invite you to worship with us again. If you are visiting, please do us the favor of signing our guest book, so that we may respond to your being with us.

**NURSERY IS PROVIDED FOR BOTH THE 8:30, 11:00 AM WORSHIP AND THE EDUCATION HOUR.** Parents are encouraged to attend worship services with their children. This begins the good habit of worshiping with others from an early age. However, if you feel your child's behavior may be distracting to you or others who are worshiping, please feel free to speak with an usher for guidance to the staffed nursery.

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

**DEPLOYED SERVICE:** Ross Bogard, David Cinalli, Chelsea Cooper, Chad Field, Shaylee Hebert, Ted Jasik, Chris Kampsen, Serge Loiseau, Ed Seely, and Shanna Stann.

**AT FULL-CARE HOMES:** Joan DeHenzel, Judy Ho, and Lillian Hug.

**OTHER CONCERNS:** Wendy Andrews, Tim Beal, Maxine Berton, Mary Bohannon, Sheryl Burcham, Kirsten Burton, Family of Judith Bury, Carl Carlson, Jerry Champion, Dick Davis, Betty DeVilbiss, Michelle Dowsett, Milton Estep, Graydon Gettier, Leo Gogul, Judy Gromest, Rev. Russ Gromest, Sue Hackman, Alan Harry, Bonnie Harry, Pearl Hibbard, John Keyes, Roz Kleffman, Lillian Kulick, Kathy Kvach, Doris Livelsberger, Diane Mackey, Marie Marshall, Douglas McFalls, Maria McNamara, Kurt Müller, Johanna Nielsen, Jason Newell, Robert Olds, Jacob Phelps, Carson Piercy, Guy Renner, Dorothy Ryberg, Benjamin Schultz, Eula Schmidt, Frank Senger, Curt Stende, Bobbie Silva, Kathy Spittle, Tom Tobin, Linda Weinhardt, Fred Weller, Jordan Wells, John Wenger Sr., Bill Wesley, Mary Wright, Phil Woodruff.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given for the glory of God.

**Adult Faith Formation** class TODAY at 9:45 AM in the North Classroom. Nursery care is available.

**Continuing this Sunday, July 25, Christian Commitment in Today's World.** This study, based on readings from Thessalonians, Philippians, and the Acts of the Apostles, will explore what genuine Christian commitment means in today's world, and how God's faithfulness provides the foundation for this commitment. Led by Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING:** Is the Holy Spirit calling you to share your faith with our youngest members? You are invited to attend a Teacher Training event on Sunday, August 22, at 9:45 am in the Southwest Classroom. Contact Ann Greenawalt for more information, 301-912-3026.

**40TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING TASKFORCE** is meeting on Sunday, August 1, at 9:45 am.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will be meeting on Sunday, August 8, at 9:45 am. You are welcome to be part of this ministry. It is a way to support people. It is a way to help people know that God is touching them. We will help you learn to knit and crochet if you would like to learn. The items can be as simple or complex as the maker wishes. If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Dottie Hall or Sig Beecher.

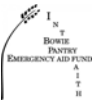
**THE FIRST ANNUAL ALE SAINTS CRAB FEAST:** The date of the Summer's End Crab Feast sponsored by Ale Saints is FAST APPROACHING!!! Remember - if you are interested, you must sign up and pay by July 31, so that we may secure the purchase of crabs with our caterer. Be on the lookout for information in the Sunday Bulletin, the weekly Epistle, and the Grapevine - all the details are there. The poster board will be manned for the next two Sundays between services so that you may sign up and submit the fee.

Please note that those wishing to attend, but not eat crabs may pay \$15 per person to attend. All adults wishing to partake of the newest brews by Ale Saints are welcome; you do not need to pay the full fee. Please contact Jim Sichelman (301-661-1733, 301-464-1707, spqr2k@yahoo.com) as early as possible to secure your place at our paper-covered table. The event will feature great food, great fellowship, and great fun.

**See Registration Form on page 19!**

**LECTORS:** Readings for August and September are available on the table in the narthex, please sign-up today! Have you ever felt called to share God's word as a lector? Consider signing-up today and take the readings for the corresponding Sunday.

**THE BOWIE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY:** The pantry is in need of the following items: tomato products, soups, beans and rice. Let's FILL those SHELVES, as we give thanks for the food on our plates.



**WARM NIGHTS:** November 28 - December 5, Save the Dates!! Planning meetings will start in the Fall. Contact Linda Baine if you can help or if you have questions at DavLininc@comcast.net.

P.S. We are collecting lightly used and new blankets (twin sized preferred)! See box in church foyer.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP:** The Women's Book Group will not meet in July or August, but we will keep reading. Our book in September will be *Run* by Ann Patchett.

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 28 - Ministry Faire!** 9:45-10:45 am and again, 12:15-1:15 pm. Come and join us all for fun, food, sharing, and activities! Learn about the diverse ministries in which we are a part. Teams and groups, begin to plan your displays. Be ready to share your enthusiasm! Email or phone Norma Allenbach-Schmidt for more information.



**MISSION BLOG:** The ELCA/ELCJHL Holy Land Youth Mission left on July 7 with 12 people, including 7 high-schoolers and young adults, to develop relationships and a better understanding of the life, faith and realities of our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land. **Kathleen Baugh (King of Kings - Fairfax)** will be among them. Many thanks to those who have helped her meet her fundraising goal for this trip! Now Katie has set up a blog which she will update during the trip (as internet access permits). Please visit <http://katieholylandtrip.blogspot.com/> to follow her experiences in the next two weeks, and hold the group in your prayers.

