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RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Things are moving along at a quicker pace. The furnace is installed and has been working well for over a week – just in time for the cold spell we had. We'll know about the energy savings in a few weeks when the gas bill comes.

The roof is almost complete. It doesn't look too different from the ground, as you can see by the picture, but from up top there is a *dramatic* difference. The added depth of the roof

indicates how much insulation been added and the pitch puts the drains at the lowest points for good drainage. Ice deflecting pads add protection from damage caused by icicles falling from the upper roof.

Other work has progressed more slowly due to circumstances beyond our control. Glass suppliers are swamped with orders, so the windows may not be replaced until spring. Changes in city codes have required some re-thinking of the back entrance renovation/space expansion.

Finally, contributions to the renewal fund have been coming in well, but pledges have not. While we are always happy to have contributions we really do need to know what people's plans are. If you have not yet made a pledge, please try to do so soon. Contact the church office at 492-9065 for a pledge card.

WORD [WURD] OF THE WEEK
- contemplating the language of faith



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Laity \LA-ih-tee\

Someone recently asked me how long I'd been in the ministry.

Really, what they were asking is where I was in my seminary education. I took the long view, however, and said "Well, I've been a camp director for the past 10 years. But I was only a lay person." Right away, I tried to unspeak it, take it back, pluck it out of the air.

You see, being a lay person, well, it's what the church is all about. We're all called into service in our lives, and this takes on various forms depending on who we are. In truth, I felt a deep calling to be a camp director for those 10 years, and now feel and have been propelled by a call to go to seminary. Will I minister any "better" than I did before? Most likely, I will not. Hopefully I won't get any worse.

Laity? It's who makes the church the church and who is active in the world, baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Looks like next week, I should tackle the word "pastor" or "priesthood of all believers."

Have any suggestions of words your curious about? Call me at the church (492-9065) or drop me an email: laura.aase@gmail.com.

UP...UP...AND AWAY



Pictured is Dennis Walker and pilot John Voninski, who, on September 19, fulfilled Dennis' dream of his first airplane flight. John, a friend of Jerry Holbrook, is a "mercy pilot" who uses his skill and his aircraft to transport persons in need to reach distant places to receive help. Dennis' first flight may not have lasted much longer than the Wright brothers, but it was no less exciting! Thanks, John, for making a dream come true.



There is a mother and son family in need of 2 bed sets (frame, mattress and box spring). If you can help with all or part, talk to Pastor Rodgers (492-9065).

Repair person for one of the basketball backstops in the gym. A bolt has pulled through and it needs a washer and some persuasion. Talk to Pastor Rodgers (492-9065).

WELCOME SIEARRA!



Congratulations to Hal Wilber and Sarah Bardon on the birth of Searra Elizabeth Wilber born on October 8. Searra's grandfather is Harold Wilber II, Janet Holmgren her great-aunt, and Missy Wilber her aunt.

OCTOBER REMINDERS
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
OCTOBER 19 - 9:30AM

Please join us for breakfast in the fellowship hall following the 8:30 service on 10/19. Sign up sheets are by the coffee shop.



We are looking for people to bring coffee cake to supplement the regular breakfast food. If you would like to contribute, please call the church office at 492-9065 and let Laura know. There will be a free will offering.



Youth will be collecting donations from congregation members on October 19, after worship services. Please support their efforts to show God's love through their participation in CROP Walk.

Adult members of the congregation are welcome to join us. Remember, we'll meet at Atonement at 11:15am and return around 3pm.

EMILIE THEOBALD-ROWLANDS INSTALLATION

On Sunday, October 5th Pastor (formerly Vicar) Emilie Theobald-Rowlands was installed as pastor of Grace and Resurrection Lutheran Churches in Cresent and Oakdale (suburban Pittsburgh) Pennsylvania. Pr. Gaetz who was the preacher for the service, reports that it was a very nice event attended by many clergy, many members of the congregations and two Presbyterians from Syracuse.



We wish Pastor Emilie and her congregations all the best.

SUNDAY BUS

- 9:00am Lodi
- 9:05am Park
- 9:15am Presidential Plaza
- 9:20am Toomey Abbott
- 9:30am Arrive Church
- 9:45am Leave Church
- 9:55am Lincoln
- 10:10am Thurber
- 10:15am Loretto
- 10:30am Arrive Church

WEDNESDAY VAN

- 4:45 Leave Church
- 4:55 Lincoln Ave.
- 5:05 Sabine St.
- 5:10 Bellevue Ave.
- 5:20 Driscoll Ave.
- 5:30 Church

WEDNESDAY BUS

- 4:30 Leave Church
- 4:40 Lodi St.
- 4:45 Park St.
- 4:50 Sedgwick/James
- 4:55 Presidential Place
- 5:05 Toomey Abbott /Almond
- 5:15 Thurber Ave.
- 5:20 Valley Vista
- 5:30 Church

WEDNESDAY CHURCHNIGHT

- 5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 Kid's Worship (Coffee Shop)
- 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
 - Recreation and games in the gym
 - Adult Class: The Wholeness Wheel with Pastor Gaetz

6:00-7:30 nursery is available for children under 6 years



23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - OCTOBER 19, 2008

8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Laura Aase, Preaching
 9:00 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching at Fabius
 10:45 AM Holy Communion Service, Vicar Laura Aase, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (10/19)

8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 9:00 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)
 9:30 AM Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 9:30 AM Sunday Church School (Classrooms)
 10:00 AM "Second Sunday - for Teens" (Chapel)
 10:00 AM Adult Class (Conference Room)
 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 12:00 PM Drum Instruction (Sanctuary)
 12:00 PM Liturgical Drama Rehearsal (Chapel)
 1:00 PM Dracula Tech (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (10/20)

11:00 AM Pastoral Meeting (Conference Room)
 12:30 PM The Heart of Christianity (Chapel)
 6:00 PM ACC Staff Training (Chapel)
 6:30 PM Dracula Tech Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM Church Council (Coffee Shop)

TUESDAY (10/21)

8:00 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
 7:00 PM Dracula Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM Communicating Doors Rehearsal (Gym)

WEDNESDAY (10/22)

10:00 AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
 5:30 PM Wednesday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 PM CDA Classes (Chapel)
 6:15 PM Wednesday Church Night Activities (see box on facing page)
 7:30 PM Dracula Tech Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY (10/23)

3:00 PM Planing Meeting (Coffee Shop)
 6:00 PM Liturgical Drama Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:30 PM Dracula Tech Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM Communicating Doors Rehearsal (Gym)

FRIDAY (10/24)

Fall Youth Retreat at LCLC
 8:00 PM Dracula Performance (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (10/25)

Fall Youth Retreat at LCLC
 8:00 PM Dracula Performance (Fellowship Hall)

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 23 Isaiah 22:1-8a 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14		Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
F	Psalm 23 Isaiah 22:8b-14 James 4:4-10	M	Psalm 34 Exodus 19:7-20 Jude 17-25
Sa	Psalm 23 Isaiah 24:17-23 Mark 2:18-22	Tu	Psalm 34 Amos 9:5-15 Philippians 3:13-4:1
Su	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23	W	Psalm 34 Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4 John 6:25-35

The Crafty Ladyes are collecting your unwanted treasures that someone else is waiting to enjoy. Your treasures can be dropped off at church (downstairs, the second door to the right on the way into the Fellowship Hall). Mark your calendars now! The bazaar will be November 15, 2008. Note: We will not be accepting clothes this year.

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING 8:30am Deacon Karen Douglass
 MINISTER 10:45am Deacon Jay Berry
 COMMUNION 8:30am Ken Greig
 ASSISTANTS 10:45am SMissy Wilber
 USHERS 8:30am Steve Strumlok & David Rodgers*
 Elevator Op* 10:45am Barbara Lasky & Susan Scharoun*
 ACOLYTES/ 8:30am Eion Holmes
 ALTAR SERVERS 10:45am Jose Fuentes
 ALTAR CARE 8:30am Peggy Gaetz
 10:45am Deacon Karen Douglass
 GIFT BEARERS 8:30am Jeanette & Ken Greig
 10:45am Jessica Fitzgibbon & Janet Holmgren
 READERS 8:30am Vicar Laura Aase
 10:45am Janet Holmgren
 GREETERS 8:30am Harriet Walters
 FLOWER DELIVERY Deacon Karen Douglass

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following Atonement members & friends in your prayers.

Hospital in MA

Stephen St. Pierre (Pat Strong's nephew)

Crouse Hospital

Willie Monds

At home or in a nursing home

Antoinette Awad (Delores Thompson's friend), Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Mary Bennett (Joslyn Court I resident), Ryan Bonds (Yvonne Tucker's grand-nephew), Richard Boynton, Pam Coppola (Atonement Child Care Director), Sheila Draper (Casey and Stacie's Mom), Heather Hill-Yackel, Maynard (Tom) Jones, Sherrie Hothem, Pr. Paul Joslyn, Audrey Kent, Zoe Lauffer-Woeger (Assistant to the Director, Atonement Child Care), Beverly Oliver (friend of Beth Arthur), Barbara Ortell Compa (Bax Simmons' niece), Tyler Smash (Pat Strong's friend), Judy Thomas (June Quackenbush's friend), Nancy Welch (Bax Simmons' daughter)

Those in the armed services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes, IL), Scot Carpenter (Ft. Eustis, VA), Travis Carpenter (Florida Reserve Unit), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Trevor Martineau (Camp Lejeune, NC), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Chris Millhouse (Korea), Justin Randall (Quantico, VA), Daniel Strumlok (Quantico, VA), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

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Congratulations to our 2006-2007 Intern Emilie Theobald-Rowlands who was installed on October 5th as the pastor of Grace and Resurrection Lutheran Churches in Western PA.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Helen Osgood who died October 7th. Her funeral was conducted by Pr. Rodgers at Fairchild and Meech Funeral Home on October 10.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mary Williams (friend of Sharon Hothem) who died October 7th.