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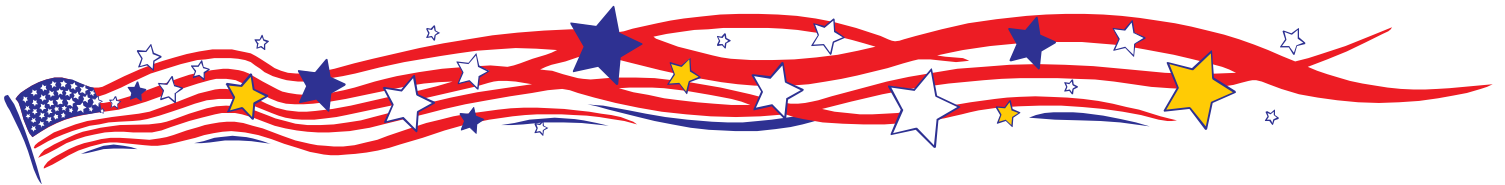
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July 2010

OUR MISSION – To welcome and lead all to Christ



Help a Neighbor



**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH**

**FOOD PANTRY &
LIVING HOPE OUT-**



LIBRARY IS OPEN!



Over the last month there have been a number of exciting developments in our building program. As noted in last month's newsletter an architect has been hired. In preparation for our first meeting with our new architect, Vaughn Holeman, our Building Team met with the chair of our Christian Education Committee, Sunday School teachers past and present, and church staff members to get their ideas and insights on our needs with regards to education and administration. Debbie Rescott took notes for the meeting and pages worth of great ideas were recorded to be passed along to the architect as he works to give shape to our facility. One key point was that the rooms need to be multipurpose ministry spaces that can be utilized not just on Sunday, but throughout the week as we minister to our community. I'm sure you've noticed that reaching out to our neighbors in Cocoa Beach has brought fresh vitality to our congregation and we've only just begun.

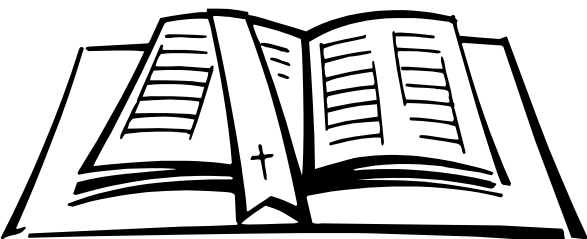
Another exciting development is the gathering of an Appeal Team to work alongside the Building Team. This team's job will be to promote, explain, and seek support for the project. They will begin their work in earnest later in the summer, with our capital fund drive set to kick off early in the New Year. It's important that we answer the call of God to expand our ministries and improve service to members and guests of our church, but it is also vital that we do that in a responsible way. I believe firmly that God will bless our efforts as we undertake them seeking to serve. Change rarely makes us comfortable, but faith is not about sure things; it's about trusting God's goodness and provision. I have a strong sense that this is our moment to do bold things for the future of LCR. Pray for our church and its future and look for more updates on the process. Our goal is to keep you informed every step of the way.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jay

Memory Verse—July

Old Testament—
Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will never fail you or forsake you.”



New Testament—
Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Council Members are:

Alfred Domschke, President
Rick Kniseley, Vice President
Michael Miller, Secretary
Mark Noegel, Evangelism
Richard Rakoff, Worship & Music
Julie Palm, Christian Education

Dan Evans, Fellowship
Sari Fowles, Social Ministry
Debbie Bensen, Stewardship & Finance
Kreutzer Garman, Property
Debbie Rescott, Treasurer



The Church Council met on June 14, 2010 and here are some highlights of discussions and decisions.

- Alfred Domschke gave an update from the Building Committee. They met last Sunday with the Sunday School teachers to get their input on the new educational building. The Building Committee will meet with the architect on June 22nd.
- The job description of the Financial Secretary was given out last month for review and action at this month's meeting. Since no one reviewed it, it will be brought back next month for approval.
- We still need a new nursery attendant. Anna and Renee Bergstresser will take turns filling in over the summer months. An ad was placed in the bulletin and newsletter. We will see if any candidates for the position come forward before we put an ad in the newspaper.
- The Library Committee would like to seek donations from the membership toward the purchase of books for the new library. The books will be obtained from our churchwide publishing house and similar sources. A motion was made and passed that over two weekends in August we will give members the opportunity to donate amounts from \$5 to \$25 toward the purchase of books. Bookplates with dedications "in honor of" and "in memory of" will be provided for gifts of \$20 to \$25.
- Lynn Gray approached the congregation about the possibility of teaching ukulele and sign language classes for children during the summer. This is not in keeping with a current Continuing Resolution which does not allow members to benefit financially from using our church property. A motion was made and approved to give her tentative approval to offer such a camp. The Continuing Resolution will be revised and clarified before her camp begins that such occasions are permissible if they are shown to benefit the church and community.
- An email was read from Sherry Farrell, our church secretary, requesting money for new letters and numbers for our hymn boards. Richard Rakoff will search within the Worship Committee budget for these funds.
- The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m.

For your information (FYI)

- Our Living Hope outreach to the homeless is changing its strategy for the summer months. On recent excursions we've found very few of our homeless friends in their regular locations. It might be the heat, or the time of year, we're not sure. So for the next few months we will meet at the same time as the food pantry on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month (10:00 to 12:00). We will greet and converse with our homeless friends as they come to the pantry for assistance. We will also prepare a light breakfast to share with them.
- Our church library is now open in the eastern-most classroom of our Sunday School building. Some resources are available for loan, but it's time to stock our new library with the latest from our publishing house. At church services on the 2nd and 3rd weekends in August, donations of \$5 to \$25 may be made for the purchase of new books for the library. Those who wish to make a donation of \$20 to \$25 may have a bookplate placed in the front of the new book "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one. Please look for donation forms that will be handed out at services on August 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th.
- As announced in last month's Council Highlights, a time for the laying on of hands and prayer for healing will be held on the third Sunday of each month following the last worship service of the day. Our first occasion for this will be Sunday, August 15th immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. On two consecutive Sundays a training session will be held for those who would like to participate in this ministry. We will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 on July 25th and August 1st. If you would like to be involved, please speak with the pastor.
- Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays. The office has been receiving urgent messages on that day and there is no one on hand to respond. If you have an emergency on a Friday, please contact the pastor directly.
- Effective immediately, there is a need in the nursery for a paid, qualified attendant to work during worship service. Please contact the office if you are interested.



Community



Annual celebration

Independence day party

Lutheran church of the resurrection
525 minutemen causeway
Cocoa beach (783-0852)

Sunday, July 4th 11:00 a.m.

Show you spirit! Wear your
red, white and blue

Pony rides
face painting
snow cones
games and prizes

Everything is included

Hamburgers, hot dogs,
watermelon,

ice cream, drinks, desserts



Beginning last fall an effort has been underway to add to and update our facilities at LCR. Basic needs were identified, such as insufficient educational classrooms, a need for designated music performance space, a narthex with a separate and central entrance, and expansion and updating our food pantry area and fellowship hall. A basic concept for the first phase of these improvements was presented to the congregation at a meeting last fall with 85% of those in attendance voting to move forward with the project. Based on that vote, Kairos and Associates was hired to handle our capital campaign, and two separate teams were to be formed: the Building Team and the Appeal Team.

At that first meeting, Michael Miller was asked to lead a study of the need for children's daycare in Cocoa Beach. (Church leaders had originally been told there was a need for daycare and VPK in Cocoa Beach, but doubt was expressed about this anecdotal evidence). This March a follow up meeting was held with our membership to clarify our vision for the future and to receive feedback from members. We also heard back from Mr. Miller's committee (they discovered that there is currently not a need for daycare in Cocoa Beach). Since then, the building team has been interviewing architects and has chosen Vaughn Holeman of HSA to serve as our architect. In preparation for working with him, the building team sat down with Sunday school teachers, staff members, and the chair of the Education Committee to get their input and requirements for a new education/administration/ministry building. At a meeting with our architect and his team on June 22, those recommendations and needs were presented by the Building Team along with an overview of the entire project. The architect will now work with our expressed needs and ideas to come up with a professional plan for facility improvements. After such a plan is accepted by church council it will be presented to the congregation. The building committee is now anxiously awaiting his first drawing.

In the meantime, an appeal team is being formed. This team will create a theme for our appeal, keep the congregation informed and seek financial support.

As Pastor Jay expressed at the meeting with the architect, these are not luxuries we are proposing but necessities. Our ministry continues to grow in a number of ways, from music to social ministry and we need the space and facilities to faithfully respond. This is a prime opportunity for our congregation to move boldly into the future in service to Christ. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any Church Council or Team member. They'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. And remember, keep this effort in your prayers. Thank you.



Building Campaign Update



July Birthdays

- 7/1 Kyle Hirchert
Ernest Hirchert
7/3 Samuel Rooks
7/4 Gayle Barriel
Dan Evans
7/6 Bill Issel
7/7 Frank Mathis
7/10 Evan Stees
7/12 Wesley Ott
7/14 Judi Bossert
Margie Hinds
7/17 Kay Wright
7/19 Kenneth Jongebloed
7/22 Kurt Arendas
7/23 Julianna Domingue
Larry Trieglaff
7/24 Linda Swanson
7/26 Sherry Martin
7/28 Carrie Warner
7/29 Kreuzer Garman
7/31 Tim Bush
Kenneth Green
Ken LaMore

& Birthdays
Anniversaries



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

July Anniversaries

- 7/3 Karen & Michael Correa
7/10 Juanita & Pete Godke
Mary & Kenneth Silverstein
Diane & Rick Stees
7/12 Cheryl & Rick Kniseley
7/16 Margie & Don Hinds
7/31 Eleanor & Larry Dull

*Happy
Anniversary!*

