



The Leaflet

Potato Chips

November 2010

November Highlights

Friday, November 5

Hayride

Saturday, November 6

Set your clocks back

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving

Inside this Issue

Calendar	8
Councils Corner	2
LCM	11
LCS	10
Nurture	5
Outreach	3
Schedules	8
Staff and Committees	12
Worship & Music	4

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

Have lunch with God.....bring chips.

Council's

renewer

This has been a challenging and exciting time for the members of Church Council. We met with Kati Kluckman-Ault, the Assistant to our new bishop on Sunday October 3rd. Deaconess Kati listened to our concerns about the slow call process. She let us know that we are a priority for the Synod and that she and her team at the Synod office are working very hard to find us a full time pastor.

TOL did receive a grant which should help us with a salary/compensation package to attract a new pastor.

In the meantime, I have been busy calling and emailing pastors who are willing to be a "supply pastor" for us. I have finalized a schedule through the end of January (schedule listed on page 3). We are indeed fortunate to have such willing and distinguished pastors available to help us while we wait to call our own pastor. For consistency, I have tried to have some of the pastors on a monthly basis as they are available. And, of course,

we are very fortunate to have Pastor Jack Little of our own congregation available to fill in as needed and to provide confirmation classes and pastoral support.

November 7th, Pastor Bruce Heggen from the University of Delaware will be preaching. Pastor Heggen has been a frequent worship leader for us through the years. He is an excellent preacher and has a fresh perspective from working with all of the youth at the University. He has agreed to work with Tree of Life on a monthly basis, as his schedule permits.

November 14, Pastor Tim Leitzke, from Chestertown, MD will be preaching. Tim is pursuing a PhD from the Philadelphia Seminary. He is currently working on his dissertation and has a more flexible schedule than during his previous time with us and has also agreed to work with Tree of Life on a monthly basis.

November 21, Pastor Stan Steele, will be coming to Tree of Life from New

Jersey. Stan is eager to meet our congregation and volunteered to lead our worship in November and again in January.

November 28, Pastor Chuck Walter from Wilmington will be preaching. Pastor Walter is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wilmington. He is an ordained Methodist minister and is working towards becoming a Lutheran pastor. He preached for us in October and has also agreed to work with us on a monthly basis.

Coming preachers for December include: Pastor Dave Wasgatt, formerly of Grace in Hockessin, Pastor John Ranney, formerly of Milford and Pastor Jack Little.

Although we all miss the familiarity of having the same pastor each week, it is a wonderful opportunity to hear a variety of pastors in our area.

Thank you for making all of our guest pastors feel welcome at our church.

*Nancy Nadel,
Vice President*

Supply Pastors for November

November 7	Bruce Heggen
November 14	Tim Leitzke
November 21	Stan Steele
November 28	Chuck Walter



Outreach

Grocery Club

The next distribution is on Thursday November 18, 4-6 PM.

During the month of November please bring any type of non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations on Sunday morning or leave them in the kitchen area in Odessa. Thanks for your support .

Bing's Bakery donates any unsold baked goods to TOL at the end of business each Saturday. Those items are shared with our Grocery Club clients or with the shelter in Earlville. The products received the first two Saturdays of the month are put in freezer bags and stored in our freezers for the our Grocery Club clients. The products from the second two weeks of the month are taken directly to the shelter in Earlville. Below is the pick up schedule for November. Please make sure you arrive at Bing's Bakery no later than 4:45 p.m. on your scheduled Saturday.

Nov 6 - Mark Cilento

Nov 13 - John DeVechio

Nov 20 - Jean Mullen

Nov 27 - Judy Nolte



Worship & Music

Choir

Come join the Choir. Choir Practice is 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings at Bob Christ's house (303 Canvasback Road, Middletown). Please consider joining us for a fun and rewarding time.



Worship and Music Committee

The Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Osbourne Street property. We are currently discussing ideas for Advent. If you have any ideas you would like to share or would like to join the Committee, please feel free to come to our meetings. We welcome new ideas and new members .

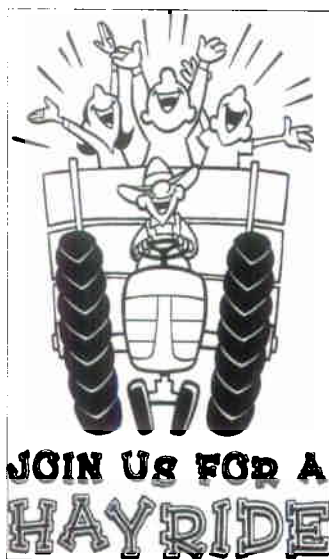
Sylvia Schill
Committee Chair

I'm new here, can you help me out?

During this time of pastoral transition, it would be appreciated if worship assistants and acolytes would sit up front with the Pastor.



NURTURE



TREE OF LIFE FALL HAYRIDE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

6:00 —11:00 pm

FILASKY'S (1343 Bunker Hill Road)

**Come for hot dogs, s'mores, apple cider,
hayride, bonfire and fun. \$7 per person.**

**Sign up sheet is on the communication table or call
Patty Blair at 376-1801.**

OWLS

[Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors]



In October the OWLS enjoyed a fall wiener roast at the Zaisers.

There are many ideas being kicked around for the November and December activities. Keep your eye on the Burning Bush or your ears tuned in to announcements for the upcoming fun outing.

WELCOME

Tree of Life would like to welcome Nancy Chalfant to our church family. Nancy is Renee Baker's mother and she has been hired to take care of copy work and other miscellaneous administrative tasks in our office. She will be working 6 hours a week at our Osbourne Street site. To contact Nancy please use the TOL email address [treeoflifec@verizon.net] or call the office [(302) 378-3345].



NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

Acolyte



Nov. 7 Cristina Young
 Nov. 14 Julie Kessler
 Nov. 21 Kimberly Cilento
 Nov. 28 Erin Rinaldi

Worship Assistants



Nov. 7 Jim Pileggi
 Nov. 14 Scot Kessler
 Nov. 21 Edwin Kruah
 Nov. 28 Dallas Dean

Ushers

Nov. 7 Bruce Blair / George Matz
 Nov. 14 Bill Glass / Bob Baker
 Nov. 21 Mark Cilento / Kristian Cilento
 Nov. 28 Maxine Campbell/ Werner Schiedt



Counters



Nov. 7 Campbell
 Nov. 14 Jahn
 Nov. 21 Schiedt
 Nov. 28 Campbell

Fellowship



Nov. 7 Carolyn Lewis
 Nov. 14 Mark Cilento
 Nov. 21 Janet Parks
 Nov. 28 Mary Jane Schiedt



Keyboard/Sound Equipment






Nov.— Gene Zaiser

Altar Guild

Nov. — Nancy Nadel



November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Bible Study @ Nolte home	2 6:30 Council Mtg 	3	4 7:30 Choir Practice 	5 6 pm Hayride @ Filasky's	6
7 10:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:30 Confirmation	8 7:00 Bible Study @ Nolte home	9 7 pm Worship & Music Mtg. 	10	11 7:30 Choir Practice 	12	13
14 10:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	15 7:00 Bible Study @ Nolte home	16	17	18 7:30 Choir Practice 	19 4pm Grocery club 	20
21 10:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:30 Confirmation	22 7:00 Bible Study @ Nolte home	23	24	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	26	27
28 10:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Can Collection 	29 7:00 Bible Study @ Nolte home	30				

T Is for the Tons of blessings I receive each day.

H Stands for these Hands I fold, when I begin to pray.

A Means all the Awesome powers our Lord has from above.

N Stands for His Never ending patience and His love.

K Is for the Kindness and forgiveness He has shown.

S Stands for the Sweetest gift of love we've ever known.

G Means the amazing Grace that God bestowed on me.

I Says I can't imagine, without His love, just where I'd be.

V Is for (Victory in Jesus), just like that song of old.

I Means I'll do my best, to lead lost sheep into His fold.

N Is for the Nails driven through our Savior's hands.

G Stands for God's Greatest Gift, His Son's life for mortal man.



Many Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving to all.



Poem by Vickie Lambdin



Walk Run Raises Funds for Food

The 2010 Hunger Walk Run was a lot of fun and raised a lot of money for LCS emergency food programs – thanks to all the participants and individual sponsor/donors. The New Castle County Chapter of Thrivent provided \$8,000 in matching funds which was a wonderful boost. The 2010 Walk Run was the biggest ever – 324 registrants plus many volunteers. We raised nearly \$47,000! Grace Lutheran, as a congregation, raised almost \$10,000 and won the award for Best Fundraiser. St. Mark's Lutheran came out with 70 people and won the awards for largest turnout and largest portion of its congregation. Top Adult Fundraiser was Jan Hufnal from Grace with \$3289 followed by Jamee McGaughan from Faith with \$2172.

Top Youth Fundraisers were all from Grace – Jonathan Luetngen, \$1770; Dan Luetngen, \$1042; and Michael Ferretti, \$750. Great job! There were lots of kids present this year, which gave everyone a good feeling. The first-ever 18 and Under Competitive 5K was an exciting success with over 30 runners. The 1st Place Boy Runner was Andy Brenneman (19:39), and the First Place Girl Runner was Josie Nixon (24:17). Footnote: 30 extra t-shirts went to Haiti courtesy of Concordia and the Orphan Grain Train!

Luther Towers Resident Thankful

Barbara W. approached us last spring seeking assistance with a security deposit to move into Luther Towers' Assisted Living Program. Program Director Sandy Betley met with her and found her to be somewhat confused and seemingly depressed. At that time, Barbara was living with her nephew and his wife

and was sleeping on their couch. Her nephew explained that she had been diagnosed with the beginning stages of dementia. Barbara received security deposit assistance from us and moved into Luther Towers. Several months later, Sandy met with her again – coincidentally – to give her a ride to her doctor's appointment as part of the LCS LIFT program. Sandy said she was amazed at the change. Barbara was upbeat and animated as she described how busy she keeps herself at Luther Towers. She has a dog that she walks several times a day and she volunteers at the gift shop and the front desk. She stated that she is so happy to be living at Luther Towers in the Assisted Living Program because they help to monitor her medication and her health and are all set up to care for her if her dementia worsens. Stories like this warm our hearts and remind us how important our work with seniors is.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry
at the
University of Delaware**

*Our mission is to show our faith
in God through fellowship, outreach
and service.*

Lutheran Campus Ministry had a great start to the fall 2010 semester. The semester started with a game and movie night; which was a great opportunity for students to share their summer stories. The group has been apple picking at Milburn's, a local orchard. The fundraising dinner for FISH, our monthly food distribution was on October 23rd. We will be having our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 14th. The Monday Bible studies have begun, and our Tuesday dinners and worship are in full swing. It is bound to be a great semester and we thank you for your support!

Each Lutheran Congregation in New Castle County is encouraged to support LCM at the University of Delaware by planning a youth group fund-raiser to benefit the FISH program, recruit people to provide a meal for a Tuesday evening in May, give financial support whenever possible, and collect can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please call Chris Ebert or Ann Warner at 368-3078 to volunteer, to schedule a meal or with questions about serving on the Board. Do you know the LCM calendar is a public Google calendar and can be accessed through the LCM website at www.lutheransatud.org? Check it out.

Craig Gillund, LCM Secretary

*Praying+Caring+Thinking+Daring
in the Name of Jesus*

Daylight Savings Time ends on

Sunday, November 7, 2010, at 2:00 a.m.

**Don't forget to set your clocks back before
you go to bed on Saturday night,
November 6th.**



Tree of Life Lutheran Church

P. O. Box 64

Odessa, DE 19730-0064

(302) 378-3345 / treeoflifelc@verizon.net

www.tollc.org.



STAFF

Bob Christ, Music Director
Elizabeth Zaiser, Sunday Nursery
Nancy Chalfant, Administration

Nurture Janet Parks
Outreach Mark Cilento
The OWLS Janet Parks/George Matz
Stewardship/Finance Gene Zaiser
Worship & Music Sylvia Schill

COUNCIL

Rocco Rinaldi, President
Nancy Nadel, Vice President
Gene Zaiser, Treasurer
Renee Baker
Peg Jahn
Scot Kessler
Greg Zentz

VOLUNTEERS

Pam Nichols Burning Bush
Deb Trovinger Financial Secretary
Donna Parks Leaflet Editor
Judy Nolte Special Events
Coordinator
Karen McCord Worship Folder
Nancy Nadel Worship Assistants
Coordinator

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building Committee Bruce Blair
Christian Education
Communication George Matz