

## August 2010

From Sermon by Pastor Obed Nelson

### ***“Give in Proportion to What God has Given You”***

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

Earlier this fall Susanne and I were invited over to Maggie and Todd's home for a morning brunch. It was a delight to be seated at the table and to feast on all sorts of good things on Maggie's beautiful pottery dishes. We had muffins, egg dishes, a variety of fruits, breakfast sausages, ham ... it was brunch to rival the finest Sunday buffet.

It certainly would have been a wholly different experience if we had been invited over to their house, seated at the table to have Maggie say to Todd, "Well, what do you think? Do we have anything for them to eat?" It would have been strange to hear Todd say, "Well, Maggie, maybe we have some leftovers in the fridge." Can you imagine Todd and Maggie pulling out various dishes of cold food in plastic containers? Perhaps a smidgeon of rice left over from a week earlier, some leftover scrambled eggs from two days ago, or maybe a piece of cold toast left over from yesterday's breakfast?

That would be unheard of, wouldn't it? We were given a wonderful brunch. Now mind you it was not caviar or lobster or a porterhouse steak, but Todd and Maggie were generous in sharing with all of us a portion of their storehouse.

God did not give us leftovers. To bring us back into his family God gave us his very best; his only Son. We have been invited into a relationship where we are offered forgiveness when we have not deserved it. All of us, in this sanctuary, have riches that would dazzle people in third world countries.

And so my dear friends, God invites us to share of our best. Not just leftovers. He invites us to give some of our prime time, not just spare minutes.

### **2,500 Wells To Celebrate 25 Years Of Clean Water**

This will be Marion Medical Mission 25<sup>th</sup> year of providing clean water to the peoples of Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania. Since 1985 when Marion Medical installed 13 wells, to last year when they installed their

10,000<sup>th</sup> well, MMM has grown in partnership with the people of Africa and volunteers and supporters in the USA. That 10,000<sup>th</sup> well represents over two million people whose lives have been changed.

### **What makes Marion Medical Mission Unique**

1. Marion Medical operates on a **horizontal** relationship. We provide only those things that the people of the villages cannot provide themselves. 2,500 villages will provide the labor, the bricks, the stone, the sand; we provide the pumps, the pipes, the cement-all manufactured in Africa.
2. **Marion Medical is an all-volunteer** organization; there is only one paid staff in the USA. Everyone else pays his or her own way to Africa and in Africa. That means that 100% of your gifts go to wells or to their designated purposes.
3. **Marion Medical Wells are sustainable.** A person in the village is trained to maintain the well; this person is a volunteer. The village pays a small yearly maintenance fee that guarantees them parts for their well are readily available in two days.
4. **Marion Medical does the impossible** We will, in 7 weeks, put 2,5000 sustainable wells in at a cost of \$350 dollars. Any NGO will tell you this is impossible, yet by the end of November, we will accomplish the impossible.
5. **How Can I Help?**
  - First, pray. There will be a sign up sheet to pray for MMM and myself for the 25 days I am in Africa.
  - Second, consider going in 2011. You can visit the website [www.marionmedical.org](http://www.marionmedical.org) to find out how
  - Third, consider donating a well. Invite 10 of your friends or coworkers to give \$35 dollars, or 35 of your friends or coworkers to give \$10. Whatever you do, these people say "Towanga Chomenia" (Thank You).



# SERVING IN WORSHIP

## August 2010



### Lay Readers

August 1	Chris Mitchell
August 8	Jackie Reichman
August 15	Mary Ellen Noren
August 22	Pam Kovach
August 29	Shawn Priess



**Ushers**  
Volunteers needed

### Assisting Ministers

August 1, 8—Roger Ericsson  
August 15, 22—Deb Meyer  
August 29—Linda Ericsson



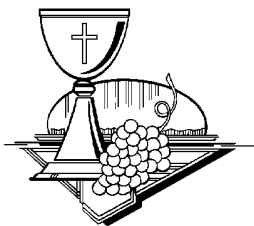
### Greeters

August 1	Craig & Rhonda Lorentz
August 8	Mark & Chris Golden
August 15	Volunteers Needed
August 22	Volunteers Needed
August 29	Mark & Shawn Priess



### Counters

David and Roberta Dietrich



### Communion Servers

August 1	Craig Lorentz and Kelly Smet
August 8	Jan Jarrett and Carol Martino
August 15	Sue and Natalie Hughes
August 22	Pam Kovach and Cindy Shelksohn



**The words “Thank you” are such small words** to show our appreciation for all the help we received during this time. Pastor Shelkson’s visits and spending time with John meant so much to him. The kind words, funeral sermon, memorial contribution, lunch, cemetery ceremony were all perfect. At times like these one’s “church family” means so very much.

God Bless you All.

Lorene Maher and family

**A GAP**

The dates for August are Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, the 11<sup>th</sup>, and the 25<sup>th</sup>. As usual bring your lunch and come about 11:30 a.m. to eat, and we will begin work about noon.

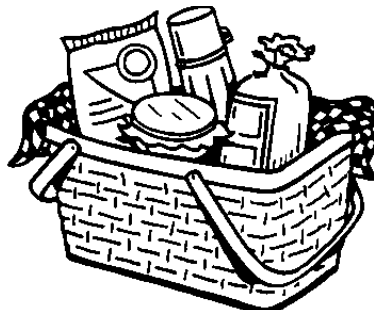
So far, we have 88 quilts finished with several more in various stages. Our thanks to everyone who donates, cuts, stitches, pins, turns, and ties our crop for 2010.

Find out about BATH SOAP elsewhere in this Cornerstone.

# **WOMEN OF GRACE AND PEACE**

## **Circle Meetings**

### **August 2010**



**Miriam Circle**  
August 10 - 6:30 p.m.  
Picnic at Ann Joyce’s  
Guests invited

**Woman to Woman**  
August 18 - 6:30 p.m.  
Picnic along Grandview Drive  
Bring your own fast food/sack supper  
Look for a picnic table with balloons!

**Rebecca Circle**  
No Meeting  
July and August



## **A Giant Baobab Blast Thank You to Everyone!**

Thank you to everyone who made VBS a great success! The kids did an awesome job of rounding up friends to bring - we had 22 new friends join us for our program this year!! In addition to the huge support we received from the congregation and council, we would like to recognize some volunteers who went above and beyond and some who spent many hours in preparation for our special week:

**Our Team Leaders:** Roxanne & Wally Hochsprung, Theresa Montgomery & Julie Smith, Deb Meyer & Nancy Claude, Laura Tomblin & Shawn Priess.

Awesome **meals** were purchased and prepared by: Cindy Shelksohn, Roxanne Hochsprung & Carol Martino.

Keri Dodson lead all our **music** efforts. Craig, Austin & Winston Lorentz along with Noah Dodson and Pastor helped wear the kids down with **games**.

**Decorations** take a huge amount of time and ingenuity. Thank you to Shawn Priess, Cindy Shelksohn, Pastor Shelksohn, Natalie Hughes and the ever-inspiring Sue Hughes for all of her thoughts, time, and attention to details. Thank you to Dale Bollman who moved furniture, cleaned up after us, and got everything back in working order when we were done.

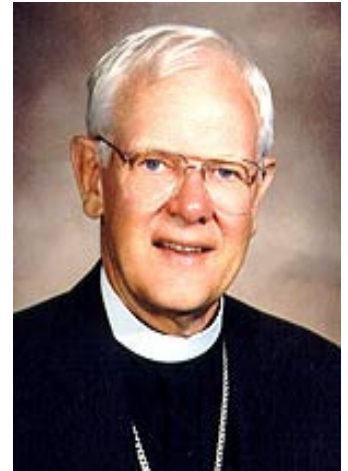
**A huge thank you to Natalie Hughes who co-coordinated the program for the whole week. What a large, and rewarding, undertaking!**

Without all the volunteers we could not have pulled it off! I'm sure there are people inadvertently left off this list. Please know that your efforts along with God's love and guidance, made His great get-together an awesome one!



Please join us for a half-day gathering with speaker and resource person, REV. HERBERT CHILSTROM, Former Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Bishop Chilstrom will lend his wisdom, learning and experience to the continuing conversation about last Summer's adoption by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly of a Statement on Human Sexuality, and resolutions opening up leadership in our church to homosexual persons in committed relationships.



**WHEN:**

Saturday, AUGUST 28, 2010  
9:30 AM – 12 noon  
Coffee fellowship begins  
at 9:00 AM

**WHERE:**

Advent Lutheran Church  
Family Life Center  
1211 S. Main Street, Morton

**COST:**

No fee is being charged. Our generous donations will help defray the costs of the event.

This event has been spearheaded by several pastors in the Northern Conference and is open to members of the Central Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA and their friends.

**Our time together will include:**

- ❖ A one-hour presentation Dr. Chilstrom covering his journey with this issue
- ❖ How Lutherans use the Bible in dealing with difficult issues (including his insight on controversial passages)
- ❖ Stories of people who have had an impact on him
- ❖ Small Group Discussion around tables
- ❖ Question and Answer Session
- ❖ Brief Worship and Send Off

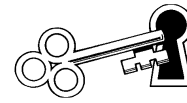
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## Coffee Hour Hosts for August



August	1	Women's Board
August	8	Volunteer Needed
August	15	Pastor & Cindy Shelksohn
August	22	Miriam Circle
August	29	Volunteer Needed

## August Key Person



Julie Smith  
243-1895

September Cornerstone Deadline  
**August 20, 2010**



**August 1, 8, 15 - Share Sign-up**  
**August 28- Share Pick-up**



## September

**The Annual Lutheran Home Ice Cream Social/Bake Sale** is scheduled for Sunday, August 15, 2010 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Lutheran Hillside Village, 6901 N Galena Rd. Peoria. It will be held in the Community Center. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. Matching Funds through the Thrivent Chapters. The proceeds will go toward the needs of the residents. Six pies are needed from our congregation and assorted baked goods for the Bake Sale. Cash donations of \$5 are also welcome. Please contact Ann Joyce with your donations of cash or baked goods. 243-5150



## ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Endowment Committee of Grace and Peace Lutheran church accepts Endowment Fund Grant Applications throughout the year. Requests involving community outreach and special ministries of Grace and Peace Lutheran Church are encouraged. The Committee emphasizes giving to causes which are new and different each year. Anyone wishing to submit an application is asked to first obtain an application form from the Church Office. Upon completing the application, return it to the Church Office any-time during the year. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year, however those received by December 31, will be those considered by the Committee for distributions of the following year commencing in March.

Grace and Peace Endowment Committee

Grace and Peace Lutheran Church Congregation Council  
July 20, 2010

Present: Louise Cheatham, Terry Goff, Wally Hochsprung, Jan Jarrett, Craig Lorentz, Pastor Shelksohn

Christ Caring Concerns: Members of the council contacted at least 2 of the members of their "Ton of Food" teams to ask for prayers for the council as they met and to see if congregation members had any suggestions for a fellowship event or service project that the congregation could participate in.

Devotion was shared by Wally Hochsprung.

Sharing the Vision:

**Congregation Sharing:** Carol Luecht presented an update on the current status of the roof. She had a recent quote for the Sunday School wing. The contractor advised that it would be \$1,000 to replace a vent that might be causing the leak in the hallway, and provided a quote of \$25,800 to replace the roof on the wing.

The property ministry at this time will continue to patch the roof to repair any new leaks.

The council asked the Property Ministry to bring a recommendation to council for roofing options, including recommendations for action on the bell tower.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor has gotten 2 bids for equipment that would allow a "hands free" worship. The equipment would project the music and other order of service in front of the congregation.

Worship and Music Ministry needs to define how this equipment would be used and who would be trained to operate and maintain it. They should also recommend how to finance, if it is recommended to proceed with this purchase.

New Business: A quorum was not present, so no new business was acted on.

Reports:

Pastor's report accepted as presented. Linda Haynes Jackson has requested membership.

Treasurer's report

Worship and Music Ministry, Finance Ministry

Congregation Council Minutes from June 15, 2010

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting: August 17th, 6:30 pm.

Executive council: Wednesday, August 11, 5:30 pm.

Devotions and snacks for next month's meeting: Jan Jarrett and Craig Lorentz

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Jarrett

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