



# the SHEPHERD'S Staff

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Newsletter

## MUSIC NOTES

### Youth Quake-Seven Days Music Ministry



You hear so much negative publicity about the youth of today: how they're self-centered under-achievers who are more "plugged into" their i-phones and their games rather than the responsibilities of home and school. I'm sure you know what I mean! Also, the news this week was full of the events about the tragedy in Tucson, Arizona, where a young man-- a college drop-out who used drugs heavily-- fired on a political rally at a Safeway. Six innocent victims were killed and several others were wounded, including House representative Gabrielle Giffords. It's a discouraging story of a youth so alienated and angry at society that he turns to violence to make his views known. One day, during this cold and dreary January landscape, I had a conversation with Jeff Herget about the youth band at Good Shepherd and their leadership at a Youth Quake event in Hunt Valley, MD. When he told me about what "our kids" were doing and the kind of Christian witness they were giving to hundreds of kids, I decided to give them a "shout out" in this article. It's time to hear some Good News about the young people of today and to gain comfort and assurance that there are, indeed, many bright spots in our future.

Youth Quake is part of a national, non-denominational Christian youth ministry called Youth Encounter which is headquartered in St. Paul, MN. Youth Quake gatherings are held in 23 states and are for youth in grades 6-9. The Baltimore Quake is one of the largest Quake events in the country, as it attracts over 1,000 kids during the course of two weekends (Jan 7-9, and Jan. 14-16).

The youth gather at a large venue, usually a hotel, where they hear a headline speaker and a Christian rock band deliver a strong message in a power-packed Celebration event. On the second day, there are break-out sessions or "treks" where kids can get a more in depth opportunity to share with each other about the theme of the weekend, as well as the challenges they face in their everyday lives. For the last four years, the Seven Days Band (formerly Cross Purpose) has led one of the break-out treks, and their reputation at Youth Quake in MD is solidly established as top-notch presenters. The leaders chose the theme of "Pay it Forward"—remember the movie of the middle school boy who devised a scheme to do a kindness in advance and the rewards will compound themselves? Leaders Rob Richter—and daughter Shelby on the 2nd weekend—introduced the topic by showing a few clips from the movie. Members of the band then led small group discussions about the challenges of acting in a proactive and Christian manner in our everyday lives. (Remember, we're talking high school kids here!) The band sang a song, 'Chain of Love' (Clay Walker) which underscored this theme, as well as some other Seven Days' favorite hits. They repeated this trek three times on each Saturday. Jeff told me that the band members really enjoy sharing their ministry with other people and that their mission is not just about the music. I was terribly impressed by what I heard, and I know that you join with me in taking collective pride in their efforts.

I'll end this article with a collective thank-you to all the leaders of Seven Days music ministry team. Faith formation in today's churches is not an accident, nor does it happen by chance! The leaders of our Youth ministry, Sandy Richter and her Sunday school teachers, as well as the Fink guides and music directors and pastors---all have devoted regular weekly and monthly classes and rehearsals in which these youth are taught and raised up in the path

which Jesus has urged us to follow. And let me hasten to add to this list the most important teachers—the parents—who began this journey many years earlier and have "stayed the course." The members of the Seven Days Band are: Katie Madigan, Kayla Ricks, Jordan Wilner, Matt Wagner, Jacob Dawson, Kirsten Smith, and Bradley Herget, with Shelby Richter as manager/producer and Joey Ricks as sound tech. When you see them at church, give them a smile and a pat on the back. They are truly "totally awesome!"

—Debby Woods



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The Shepherd's Staff is published monthly, and mailed to all member households. The deadline for submitting material for inclusion in the **March** issue of The Shepherd's Staff is **Sunday, February 13th**. Please send, as early as possible, your articles, notices, etc. to editor Fred Hildebrandt.

## A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

One of the characteristics of LCGS that has been a constant source of inspiration to me is the quiet but effective Christian service provided by its multiple and diverse ministries. When one looks closely, the impact and influence of LCGS in our community is both broad and deep. Another notable characteristic of our church is that none of the many members providing these meaningful ministry services seeks recognition. It is what LCGS does.

However, there are times when this service is so significant, so unique, that it deserves our recognition. Don Erickson has earned a special note of thanks from the entire LCGS Congregation.

Don has served as President of the Congregational Council since January 1, 2009. He stepped down as President on December 31, 2010. Simply put, in the two years during which Don was our leader, this Congregation faced some of the most critical and potentially divisive problems in its history. To name them all would, candidly, take much more space than is reasonable for this brief article. But just naming a few provides some perspective on just how important Don's leadership has been.

Don entered his Presidency only a few weeks after the resignation of our Senior Pastor. He shepherded LCGS through that major transition and the downsizing from a dual Pastor to single Pastor church. He coordinated our "interim" pastoral leadership and was instrumental in finding and securing Pastor Cary. We also lost Harford Lutheran School as a tenant and the Pastoral changes also negatively impacted our budget. Despite these financial and ministry challenges, Don's terrific sense of humor and commitment to "righting the ship" never wavered. He soon recruited New Covenant School, maintained focus on our impactful ministries, and sought the increased involvement of scores of our members. He reached out to and organized past leaders and guided our stewardship program with a consistent voice of faith and encouragement. Probably most important, Don maintained a vision for LCGS despite the many setbacks encountered by our Congregation. That vision has resulted today in the vibrancy, excitement and commitment you feel everywhere in the Congregation. LCGS looks good, feels good and is even more expansive in its Christian service.

While many, many of our members have contributed in important ways to this resurgence and renewal, Don's leadership played a special role. We owe him deep and heartfelt thanks. Well done, Don, Christ's good and faithful servant.

- Frank Kros



## LCGS Concert Series

- **Sunday, April 3 at the 8 and 11 a.m. services:** *"A Tale of Three Trees" by Allen Pote, presented by the youth choirs of LCGS*
- **Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.:** *Good Friday Tenebrae Service featuring classics of the Passion, sung by the LCGS Chancel Choir with instrumentalists and soloists.*



## SAINT SIMON THE ZEALOT

The Apostle called Simon the Zealot is one of the most obscure among the Apostles of Jesus. Little is recorded of him other than his name. The name Simon occurs in all the passages of the synoptic gospels and Acts that give a list of Apostles, with no further details. "Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas (the son) of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor." (Luke 6:12-16, RSV)

To distinguish him from Simon Peter, he is also called Kananaios, or Kananites (Matthew 10:4 and Mark 3:18), and in the list of Apostles in Luke 6:15, repeated in Acts 1:13, Zelotes, or "the Zealot". Both surnames are a translation of the Hebrew qana (the Zealous). The name does not signify that he belonged to the party of Zealots, but that he had zeal for the Jewish law.

There is little we can ascertain when it comes to Simon. This much we do know - Simon, along with the other Apostles witnessed the miracles and teachings of Jesus and the miracle of His Resurrection. They were with Him at the Last Passover and in the Garden of Gethsemane. They were present at the time Jesus appeared to Thomas. All but Judas Iscariot were listed as receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and all were sent out as witnesses of the Gospel of Christ throughout the earth (Acts 1:8-13; 2:1-4).

The Greek, Coptic, and Ethiopian Christian Churches identify Simon with Nathanael of Cana; the Greeks also identify him as the bridegroom of the marriage of Cana. In other traditions, Simon the Zealot is associated with Saint Jude as an evangelizing team; they share their feast day on October 28. The most widespread tradition says that after evangelizing in Egypt, Simon joined Jude in Persia and Armenia (or according to other traditions, Beirut, Lebanon), where they were martyred.

Later traditions have more to say about Simon the Zealot and some speculate about his fate. One tradition states that he travelled in the Middle East and Africa. Christian Ethiopians claim that he was crucified in Samaria, while Justus Lipsius writes that he was sawn in half at Suanir, Persia. However, Moses of Chorene writes that Simon the Zealot was martyred at Weriosphora in Iberia (Spain). A different tradition claims he died peacefully at Edessa. Yet another tradition says he visited Glastonbury in Great Britain, and was later martyred in modern-day Lincolnshire.

Simon is represented by a fish - he was a fisher of men - resting on top of a book which indicates the gospel he preached. Sometimes Simon is represented by a saw because of the one tradition that maintained he was cut in two during a time of persecution.

- Walt Polley

## a word of thanks...



Dear LCGS,

**Thank you so much for your kindness to our family during this difficult time. We feel so blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive church family. All of your thoughts and prayers mean so much to us!**

**A special thank-you to Pastor Cary for all the home and hospital visits and for always being there for us. You have been a true blessing to our family during this very trying and difficult time.**

Love,  
*Lisa, Donald, Brandon, Emma, Hannah,  
Jenna & Dillon Koop*



**Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2010 Christmas Basket Project. Over 100 people received gifts and food for Christmas. Again thank you to all who volunteered, donated food, hams, turkeys, and gifts as well as to those who prayed for the success. From young children to seniors, many hands were involved.**

**May you all have a blessed New Year!**  
*Sue Quinn, Karen Hilton, and the Christmas Basket Team*



**Thanks to everyone who helped make our Sanctuary so beautiful for the Christmas Season. I especially want to thank the members of the Daytimers for their faithful service to the Flower Committee. They have been here for each seasonal display that has been set up in the Sanctuary. God Bless them! The flower display that they set up was just beautiful, we had many compliments!! I also want to thank the members of the congregation who ordered the poinsettias that transformed our Chancel. If it were not for you, we wouldn't have this breathtaking display! It is so heartwarming to be a part of such a fantastic church family. What a wonderful way to Glorify God!**

- *Karol Ashbrook, Flower Chairman*

# ways to SERVE



## from the FLOWER COMMITTEE

**OPEN FLOWER DATES** - The new Flower Charts have been up, but are not filling too quickly. Please consider sponsoring a flower arrangement for our Altar to commemorate a special occasion. The cost is \$40.00 per arrangement and you can either take it home to enjoy or the Flower Committee will deliver it to one of our "home bound" members. Please be sure to indicate this on the chart.



### Open Dates:

February 6th and 13th, one arrangement  
February 20th, two arrangements  
February 27th, one arrangement

March 6th, one arrangement  
March 13th, two arrangements  
March 20th and 27th, one arrangement

April 3rd, two arrangements  
April 17th, one arrangement

When you sign the chart, be sure to take an envelope, located nearby. Complete the information on the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or send it to the office along with the payment, \$40.00 per arrangement. The flowers need to be paid for prior to the week they are on the altar.

- Flower Chairman, Karol Ashbrook.



### LOST SHEEP

*So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. Ezekiel 34:5-6*

It is interesting is that God does not criticize the sheep for wandering off. Sheep are doing what sheep do. The problem becomes when we stop looking for them. The bottom line is churches ought to care about the lost and our own inactive church members. If you care about the lost sheep, please contact the Inactive Members Team (Warren Hillstrom, Marge Slater, Doris Mellor and Sallie Gartside) at the church office, or Sallie. We will contact the lost sheep, or contact us if you are interesting in learning how to join our ministry team. Also look for the upcoming: Rediscover the Good Shepherd Sunday! More details to follow.



### Receiving Help, Giving Back: Join the Stephen Ministry Team

The gifts of the spirit enable others to overcome life's obstacles, turbulences, sufferings, and challenges.

Stephen Ministry is an interfaith, international outreach ministry offering one-on-one, non-medical support and prayer to those in need. Your time, energy, and Christian care-giving skills can be channeled to help others in need, to accept their life challenges, to help the care-receiver grow in faith, and to find comfort and healing in prayer and dialogue.

Good Shepherd's Stephen Ministry Team is seeking Christian care-givers from the congregation to expand its ministry. Think about your experiences with caring, supportive Christians and examine your own gifts and consider volunteering your caring skills and Christian talents.

The Stephen Ministry team consisting of John Anthony, Carroll Baker, Dick Depkin, Sandy Depkin, Sallie Gartside, Warren Hillstrom, Sharlene Krause, NancyLee DeGreif, Doris Mellor, Mary Richter, Charlotte Roux, Betty Ann Smith, and Bill Webster invite you to apply for this ministry. Please contact Sallie Gartside, or leave a message at the church office, 410-838-8081 with questions.



### LCGS BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendars for the next Red Cross Blood Drive which will be Thursday, February 17th from 2pm to 8pm, in Celebration Hall. We are hoping for a larger turnout this time. Please consider giving "The Gift of Life"! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. You can also contact Jan Larsen or Karol Ashbrook at the phone numbers shown below to set up an appointment.

If you have any questions, please call Karol Ashbrook, or Jan Larsen, co-chairmen.



## THE SHARING TABLE

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd serves a hot lunch at the Sharing Table at the Prince of Peace church

in Edgewood approximately three times a year. This past year we have been averaging 88-90 guests during our service there and distributing grocery bags of food for the guests to take home. I extend my thanks to the many volunteers who have served, set-up, cooked, bagged, clean-up and provided food for the Sharing Table!

**Dates for 2011: June 18, September 24, November 5**

For more information contact Sallie Gartside, or check out the Sharing Table online at <http://thesharingtable.org>

## GRIEF SHARE

Grief is the emotion expressed in times of loss. Everyone experiences loss at some time in life.



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside the bereaved through one of life's most difficult experiences. It offers a place of support and healing for those experiencing grief, whether new or old.

Each session is "self-contained," so participants do not have to attend in sequence, you can join the group at anytime.

LCGS is offering the GriefShare program through April 13, 2011 on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm. There will not be a session on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

To register contact the church office at 410-838-8081 or Sallie Gartside.

## OUR FAMILY FUND

Our "Family Fund" was established a number of years ago as a Dedicated account to help folks when they were faced with hard financial times; and over the years, this fund has helped a number of families through some difficult experiences. With the financial challenges facing the nation over the past few years, we found ourselves helping some of our own LCGS families. Although the Family Fund began 2010 with a balance of \$3,173.91, we responded to requests for assistance that left the account with \$248.01 by year's end. God certainly saw that we had enough to meet the requests for help. Now here is additional information about the "Family Fund" that I wanted to share.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has implemented a "Choice Dollars Program" whereby Thrivent members are allocated an amount of money which they can

then have Thrivent donate to a charity of their choice, including their own congregation. One stipulation – the money can only be used for ministry, not for paying bills. Some Thrivent members have already chosen LCGS to receive their Choice Dollars and LCGS has been receiving deposits from Thrivent for several months. Some have designated their Choice Dollars to LCGS on a recurring basis, so LCGS will receive any available funds each month. Seeing the interest from LCGS Thrivent members to designate their Choice Dollars to LCGS, the Congregational Council in December approved a motion that **the first \$5,000 received from the Thrivent Choice Dollars program each year would be deposited to the Family Fund** at the end of each quarter. By the end of December, 2010, we had received \$1,145.00 from Thrivent, giving our Family Fund a real boost to start off 2011. (Should we be fortunate enough to receive more than \$5,000 from Thrivent, Council would then vote on which ministry would receive those excess funds.)

Remember, anyone can make a donation to the "Family Fund" of any amount at any time -- a little here, a little there begins to really add up. However, if you are a Thrivent member, I would ask that you pray about what God would have you do with your Choice Dollars. Any charity you choose will be a good use of those funds. I simply wanted to make you aware of an opportunity to help those within your own LCGS family. If you have questions about this program, please feel free to give me a call.

Wishing you and your whole family an especially wonderful 2011!!

*- Shirley Bartenfelder, Treasurer*



## HAVE NEWS OR AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE?

As we begin 2011, here are some reminders -- and procedures -- about sharing news and announcements. Our Communications Ministry Team and the church office have been working together to help streamline our communications of notices and announcements, to help keep things fresh and concise. Our communications team volunteers give many hours to spread the word about our ministries and events. We thank you for providing brief, timely information early so we can help you publicize your ministry or event. **Event coordinators should provide the information** to minimize the number of people submitting announcements. Multiple authors can result in miscommunication as we edit to "get it right." Thanks for your patience; we hope this will among the last e-letters with long articles!

### Web site, [www.lcgselca.org](http://www.lcgselca.org), and external communications

The Web site is the place for Good Shepherd members, friends and seekers to find information about our ministries, programs, activities and events. Its purpose is to share who we are and what we do - both for our members and the wider community. This is the place to share brief, timely, upcoming information about the month ahead; information about our ministries and activities; and photos and graphics that show who we are and what we do as Christ's church. Items should be submitted well in advance for the new month to both [jdevinney@lcgselca.org](mailto:jdevinney@lcgselca.org) and [webmaster@lcgselca.org](mailto:webmaster@lcgselca.org) to ensure appropriate inclusion in as many places as possible. External communications for press releases, photographs or advertisements should be sent to [jdevinney@lcgselca.org](mailto:jdevinney@lcgselca.org).

### E-pistle

This is the e-letter for Good Shepherd members and friends. Its purpose is to share brief, timely, upcoming information that cannot wait for *The Shepherd's Staff* monthly newsletter, or cannot wait for the weekend. It's a good place for weather and emergency, time-sensitive announcements.

Non-time-sensitive announcements should be **very** brief -- just a paragraph or two of the Five W's - Who, What, Where, When, Why -- and should be submitted to [jdevinney@lcgselca.org](mailto:jdevinney@lcgselca.org) **no more than two weeks before the desired publication date, by Tuesday**. You can include an original graphic or photo. Moving forward, our goal is to post detailed information on our Web site, and to include a link in the *E-pistle*, to keep things brief. We won't re-run notices continuously as we did in the past, to keep things fresh and to lighten the load. Details and letters should be saved for *The Shepherd's Staff*.

### Uth Linx

This is the e-letter for youth in grades 6-12, parents, and interested adults. Its purpose is to share brief, timely, upcoming information -- just a paragraph or two of the Five W's - Who, What, Where, When, Why. Items should be submitted two weeks before the desired publication date, by Tuesday. Detailed articles and letters should be saved for *The Shepherd's Staff*.

### The Shepherd's Staff

This is the monthly newsletter for Good Shepherd members. Its purpose is to share brief, timely, upcoming information about the month ahead, and inspiring columns from our Pastor and other contributors. The next deadline is Sunday, Feb. 13 for the

March issue. You can include an original graphic or photo. This is the place for letters and more details. The January *Shepherd's Staff* is online at [www.lcgselca.org](http://www.lcgselca.org).

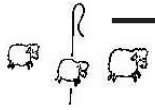
### facebook

There is a Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd facebook page, and a CIA (Christians in Action) youth group facebook page. Their purpose is to share who we are and what we do for our members and the wider community through this social networking forum. If you would like an event posted on either of these pages, please send a brief Who, What, Where, When and Why to [jdevinney@lcgselca.org](mailto:jdevinney@lcgselca.org).

### Bulletin

The weekly bulletins, prepared by our church staff, are a great place to share brief, timely information for the week ahead. Please contact the church office at (410) 838-8081 for deadlines and procedures.

-The Communications Ministry Team



## Preschool corner

### Got Pancakes?

On March 8, 2011, a Pancake Dinner will be held in the Celebration Hall prior to Fastnacht to benefit our very special Preschool at LCGS. The Pancake Dinner will be held from 5:30pm to 7:00pm and will be prepared in our brand new church kitchen! Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 and includes all the pancakes you can eat, sides and drink. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds benefit the LCGS Preschool, home to 85 of the most energetic, enthusiastic and happy little Christians you have ever met! Our Preschool program practices quiet excellence, providing a high-quality early education coupled with foundational lessons in the Christian faith. While you may not always hear a lot about it, the LCGS Preschool is a powerful ministry in our midst and this Pancake Dinner provides us an opportunity as a Congregation to support it. Come join us March 8th for a great dinner from our new kitchen to support a great cause!

- Frank Kros



## Our Church Family

### BAPTISM

1/16/11

**Owen Louis Starbuck,**

*son of Steve & Marcy Starbuck*

### DEATH

1/5/11

**Norma Watkins**



## Memorials & Special Gifts

### DEBT REDUCTION

**In memory of Shelley Schubert & Charles Sussman from:**

*Helen & Jim Porter*

**In memory of Paul Steven Smeton**

from:

*Helen & Jim Porter*

**In memory of Norma Watkins from:**

*Helen & Jim Porter*

**In memory of Richard Zorn and loved ones from:**

*Barbara Zorn*

**In honor of Don Erickson from:**

*Barbara Zorn*

**In memory of Richard Zorn from:**

*Fred & Arlene Hildebrandt*

**In memory of Mr. Marshall Daniel**

from:

*Ethel Scheeler & Geary*

### KITCHEN FUND

**In honor of Madison Healey's confirmation from:**

*Larry & Lynne Strausser*

**A special gift from:**

*Paul Smeton*

**In honor of Tom and Carol Meyer**

from:

*Men's Christian Fellowship*

### UNDESIGNATED

**In honor of Caitlin DeVinney's confirmation from:**

*Geoff & Janet DeVinney*

**A special gift from:**

*Ralph & Shirley Klein*

### LCGS PEACEMAKING PROGRAM

**In memory of Frank Hormes from:**

*an anonymous donor*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**In honor of Sunday School teachers**

from:

*Aaron, Kayleigh, & Emily Toepfer*

### HEALING GARDEN

**In memory of Linda Herget from:**

*Christopher & Rebekah Levesque*

### ELCA

**A special gift from:**

*Ruth Booth*

### MUSIC FUND

**A special gift from:**

*Donald & Evelyn Spratt*

**In memory of Henry C. Kraft Jr. and In honor of Dorothy A. Kraft and**

**Ronald E. Leppo from:**

*Mark & Missy Leppo*

**In memory of Norma Watkins from:**

*Thomas & Victoria Jenkins*

**In memory of Norma Watkins from:**

*Doris Mellor*

### GERMAN EXCHANGE FUND

**A special gift from:**

*Karen Nordman*

### MEMORIAL FUND

**In memory of Frank Hormes from:**

*Dean & Darlene Alban*

**In memory of Lenetta & Charles Burton and all of our loved ones from:**

*Chris & Deborah Conley*

**In memory of Norma Watkins from:**

*Michael & Diana Bennett*

*Gregory & Andrea Harthausen*

### HARFORD FUEL FUND

**In memory of Donald Krug and**

**Raymond DeVinney from:**

*Geoff & Janet DeVinney*

**In memory of Lester Daasch from:**

*Dorothy Daasch*

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

**In honor of Sandy Depkin from:**

*Chris Depkin*

# staying CONNECTED



PEACEMAKER®  
MINISTRIES

## PEACEMAKER MINISTRIES - PEACEMEAL A New Year's Resolution that Will Really Work

*And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20.22*

Paul realized that a true peacemaker is guided, motivated, and empowered by his or her identity in Christ. This identity is based on faith in the most amazing promise we could ever hear: God has forgiven all our sins and made peace with us through the death and resurrection of his Son. And he has given us the freedom and power to turn from sin (and conflict), to be conformed to the likeness of Christ, and to be his ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:16-20). It is the realization of who we are in Christ that inspires us to do the unnatural work of dying to self, confessing sin, addressing others' wrongs graciously, laying down rights, and forgiving deep hurts—even with people who persist in opposing or mistreating us.

*Adapted from The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict  
by Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2003) p. 248.*

### Food for Thought

New Year's resolutions are so notorious for being broken that many of us don't even bother to make them. After all, doesn't our determination to lose weight, to get along with our co-workers, or (fill in the blank!) dissolve the minute temptation strikes?

The apostle Paul recognized that change does not happen by making resolutions to try harder. In fact, our nature is such that even when we do our best, we inevitably stumble and fall. This is because we are trying to change who we are in our own strength, rather than living out of our true identity in Christ. Real change must flow from our identity as the sons and daughters of God, who through Christ have been forgiven of our past sins and given the Holy Spirit to guide us into obedience.

What are some New Year's resolutions that you can make that result from your identity as a peacemaker? Here is a potential resolution that demonstrates the way our obedience arises out of what God has done for us in Christ (it might look familiar to you because it is the Peacemaker's Pledge):

"As people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are called to respond to conflict in a way that is remarkably different from the way the world deals with conflict. We also believe that conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve other people, and grow to be like Christ. Therefore, in response to God's love and in reliance on his grace, we commit ourselves to respond to conflict according to the following principles..."

Because we are still fallen people living in a fallen world, we will stumble as we seek to live out these resolutions. But do not lose heart, because we have God's promise that "he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

**We at Peacemaker Ministries wish you a blessed New Year, and we encourage you to go in peace and to serve the Lord, knowing that Christ has already called you and empowered you with all you need to be a true peacemaker!**

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**Need help? If you desire help in reconciling a conflict, disagreement or broken relationship, consider calling a LCGS Peacemaking Reconciliation Team member. Owen Ashbrook; Tim Vezzetti or Gail Fricke. All communications are confidential.**

## BEAUTIFUL VERMONT

See beautiful Vermont by joining the Diamond (motor coach) Tour, led by Shirley Ernst, on October 2 – 6, 2011. The tour includes a dinner cruise (with entertainment) on Lake Champlain, a tour of the Rock of Ages Granite Quarry, a tour of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, admission to Morse farm – makers of real Vermont Maple syrup, admission to the Shelburne Museum and the Cold Hollow Cider Mill, a visit to Stowe, a visit to the State Capitol Building in Montpelier, and more. For information and reservations call Shirley.



## MOM2MOM

Please join us for our annual Valentines candy making meeting, **Friday, February 4th from 9:30am - 11am** - it is always a fun time!

Our final two Friday morning meetings for the 2010 calendar include:  
**Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mom2Mom is a Christian support network for mothers of children under the age of 6. Childcare will be provided in the Narthex. Please bring a sippy cup for your child and \$5. dues per family if you are able.

If you are interested or have additional questions about our group, please contact the church office.

## DAY♥TIMERS

Since the Daytimers were “snowed out” in January, we will have our first luncheon/meeting of the 2011 year on Tuesday, February 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Celebration Room. Pastor Cary Moorman will try to join us then and speak to the group after lunch. Won't you plan on joining us for a time of Christian friendship and fellowship? Bring food for the Sharing Table, and ask a friend, new member, or neighbor to join us.

- Lowell Repp

The Daytimers held their Christmas program on December 14, 2010. After a brief meeting and good food the Daytimers played several Christmas selections for our enjoyment. “A Shepherd Family Christmas” story was acted out by highly recognized performers from the outstanding circle of actors and actresses. It was written and directed by the renowned Debby Woods, LCGS Music Director. The cast: Dick and Sandy Depkin (Ma and Pa Shepherd), Joyce Nelson (Cousin Joyce), Shirley Bartenfelder (“Little Itch”) and Neal Siebold (Christmas Angel).

If you couldn't be there you missed an excellent program which included the play, singing Christmas Carols, and a beautiful musical presentation by Jennifer (Larsen) Lowe on the psaltery. Anyone is invited to join the Daytimers on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Celebration Room.

- Lee Siebold & Lowell Repp



(photos by Lee Siebold)

## MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On December 6, Tom and Carol Meyer hosted a delicious Christmas dinner for the Men's Christian Fellowship at their home; it was a wonderful treat, and much enjoyed by all the 13 men in attendance. In appreciation, a generous donation was made to the Church Kitchen Fund in honor of Tom and Carol.

- Dick Depkin





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## Letter of Acknowledgement “Joy to the World” 2010 Donation

December 23, 2010

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Dear Pastor and Friends:

On behalf of Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United, Inc. (FCCAU) and the Welcome One Emergency Shelter, thank you for your compassionate “Joy to the World” financial gift!

Your generous donation will truly assist us in keeping our doors open as we continue to provide shelter, hot meals, transportation and much-needed services to Harford County’s homeless.

As indicated in our “Joy to the World” holiday letter, the Dresher Foundation grant will match each contribution! Your generous and kind spirit is truly a blessing.

Thank you for thinking of us and the clients who we love and serve each and every day.

May you have a blessed and joyous holiday season!

Date of Check: 12/14/2010	Financial Gift Amount: \$3500.00
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Sincerely,

Cindy Cole  
Assistant to the Executive Director/Office Manager

*What a true blessing  
this generous amount is!!  
The Lord is always  
faithful - many thanks to  
you & your congregation.  
In His Service,  
Cindy*

*Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United, is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization And acknowledges that no goods or services were provided to you in return for your contribution. This letter is your receipt and should be kept with your tax credit records. The charitable deduction may be disallowed if you are unable to provide this acknowledgement to the Internal Revenue Service upon request*

## DECEMBER 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

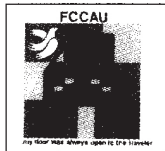
	This Month, 2010	Year-to-date, 2010	This Month, 2009	Year-to-date, 2009
Income	64,895.16	561,315.27	58,222.11	586,534.14
Expenses	(49,642.30)	(525,482.89)	(44,965.51)	(585,849.71)
Income-Expenses	15,252.86	35,832.38	13,256.60	684.43

### DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN--LIVE THE VISION

	This Month, 2010	Year-to-date, 2010
Beginning Balance 1/1/09		1,472.00
Inflows	4,977.00	25,679.00
Outflows	(3,255.00)	(22,994.00)

Balance at end of month	1,722.00	4,157.00
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December additional payments to principal	\$3,255.00
Campaign-to-date additional payments to principal	\$6,780.00
Mortgage Balance	\$292,161.32
Projected pay-off date	Aug-19



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# Joy to the World Thank You Celebration

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December 23, 2010

Dear Friend and Supporter,

We are writing to share the happy news that our Welcome One Emergency Shelter, operated by Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United, Inc. **has reached its fund raising goal of \$50,000** to receive a matching challenge grant from the Dresher Foundation!

Our success is possible because of **your support** for our mission of helping our homeless neighbors in need and ending homelessness in Harford County.

Please join us on **Friday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Welcome One Emergency Shelter, 1221-C Brass Mill Road, Belcamp Maryland 21017 for cookies and coffee to celebrate this happy success. We will be taking a group photo to commemorate this special accomplishment – we hope you can be with us to part of the photo and to celebrate.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous support!

With gratitude and appreciation,

Susan Moscareillo  
Executive Director

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### Questions or comments?

Please feel free to call or e-mail any of the Council contacts below:

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### ELCA Continues Long-Term Relief Effort in Haiti

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) continues to be actively engaged in Haiti, concentrating its efforts on a multiyear rebuilding effort there one year after a devastating earthquake struck. The church's efforts include meeting human needs by providing food, water, temporary shelter and medical supplies while focusing on longer-term efforts such as responding to housing needs, and providing educational and income-generating opportunities

Members of the ELCA gave more than \$12.6 million for relief and recovery in Haiti after the earthquake, said the Rev. Daniel Rift, director of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Through Jan. 12, about \$4.2 million has been spent for work in Haiti and for Haitians who were sent to the United States for medical care, he said.

On January 12, 2010, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit the island nation, especially in the south-central part of the country near the capital of Port-au-Prince. The quake resulted in the deaths of nearly 250,000 people, injured 300,000 people and resulted in more than 1.5 million displaced people, most of whom are still living in camps.

The ELCA provided relief through partner organizations on the ground, including the Lutheran Church in Haiti; The Lutheran World Federation-Haiti; the ACT Alliance, Geneva; Church World Service, New York; and Lutheran World Relief, Baltimore. Funds provided health kits, mosquito nets, blankets, tents, tarps, quilts, clean water systems and sanitation equipment. Truck convoys brought in medical supplies during the first few weeks after the disaster.

As part of its long-term strategy today, the ELCA is working primarily through the Lutheran Church in Haiti and The Lutheran World Federation-Haiti, said the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director, ELCA Global Mission. He said the ELCA is working with its partners on a number of specific projects:

- + Rebuilding of homes: Working with the Lutheran World Federation, Malpica Padilla said the ELCA is providing funds to rebuild.
- + Skills training: Working with the Lutheran Church in Haiti, Malpica Padilla said ELCA funds are helping to fund training for skills in trades such as masonry and carpentry. Another

project aims to provide income generation opportunities through agricultural production.  
+ Education: In partnership with The Lutheran World Federation-Haiti, ELCA funds provided temporary schools to continue the education of youth and provide stability.

+ Health: The ELCA provided funds to help educate people about cholera prevention, and it has sent funds to provide clean water systems in response to the cholera outbreak. The ELCA continues to respond to cholera-related health concerns, working with partners to deploy four mobile health teams to treat those that are ill and distribute prevention materials.

"The work in Haiti has been both challenging and inspirational," Rev. Rift said. "The witness of neighbors coming to one another's aid, of hope reborn, children returning to school and those left lame from the earthquake being able to reclaim life, are a living testimony to the goodness and fortitude of many and a witness to caring presence."

Rift added that the challenges ahead are monumental, and the ELCA churchwide organization, synods and partners are privileged to work in Haiti. "Giving for work in Haiti has been generous, and every penny given will be used for the response," he said.

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