

Pastoral Epistle

Staggering

I hope that you, Dear Reader, have occasional moments of clear thinking when you see how great is the grace of God to us.

Being a pastor, whenever I see it I try to think of a way to express it to you. Some of you know it well, and love being reminded of it. Some of you don't get it yet, and I want you to know how great a thing it is.

Sometimes, I try to think of an adjective for it. "Amazing" grace is good—but so familiar that it does not have much impact. "Astonishing"? I like "stupefying" My best so far, though, is "staggering" because it has that sense that just the *understanding* of what Grace is makes you physically stumble.

If you want to be staggered, listen: That old Lutheran skill (really it is biblical but Luther rediscovered it) skill of "distinguishing Law and Gospel" is the best way. God's Law not only tells us what we should do but, in the process, shows us what we have not done. "Thought the Law comes the knowledge of sin" writes Paul. The Law shows us not only our failures, but also God's wrath against us for being selfish and mean and lustful and lazy and greedy and ungrateful. The Law is "God's Word *against us* as the sinners we are." And this word is true.

But (holy word) there is the Gospel: the Son of God became flesh, served, humbled himself, suffered all deprivations and died in misery and failure—to save YOU! How great is the love of Jesus Christ that, for OUR sake, he willingly suffered all things to get us out of guilt, hell, death and the devil's power, and get us into righteousness, heaven, life and God's kingdom! The Gospel is "God's Word *for us* despite the sinners we are." This word is also true.

Thanks be to God that, just as the dead and buried Christ rose in glory, so God's Gospel trumps his own Law, on the cross, so that his last word to us is gospel. *Without the gospel of full and free forgiveness, we would not be able to contemplate the harsh, deadly and true word of Law.* But, on the other hand, the more we recognize the truth of the Law about us as the sinners we are, *the more splendidly glorious we see the Grace of God to be, that He is so very good to us who are so sinful.*

I am staggered by that. I hope you are, too. You need to be.

Thus we have so much to be thankful for. Not only this great Gospel of Christ, but also for being Lutherans and having Luther teach this to us.

Want to give thanks for all this? Good! (you should). Then, read the piece about "Offering Our Time and Skills" and come to worship on Nov. 7 to participate. And be sure to come join your brothers and sisters to GIVE THANKS on Thanksgiving Eve, 7 PM Mt. Morris.

Birth Announcement

Friends:

Kristen and I are overjoyed to announce the birth of our son, Khaya Tews Konkol, at Parklands Hospital in Westville (Durban), South Africa, on Wednesday evening of October 13, 2010. He weighs 3.38 kg (7.5 pounds) and is 53 ct (21 inches) tall.

"Khaya" is a an isiZulu word translated into English as "home". Among other things, we believed choosing this name would not only honor the place of his birth and wonderful people who have accompanied us here in South Africa, but also serve as a daily reminder of the connections and "home" he also shares with our family and friends in North America. "Tews" is Kristen's maiden name, as we wished to honor her incredibly loving and supportive family legacy, in addition to carrying forward the "Konkol" family surname which we also deeply cherish.

All together, "Khaya Tews Konkol" is a reminder of the gift of life and the "home" we find each day through our identity as recipients of God's incredible love. And so, I thank God for the safe delivery, the excellent medical care, the wonderful compassion of friends and family, and perhaps most of all, for Kristen. My admiration and love for Kristen continues to grow, as her courage and faith put forward during the delivery was nothing short of remarkable. I could not be more proud of my partner, best friend, and love of my life. Khaya is incredibly blessed to have such a wonderful mother.

As you can imagine, there is much more I could say! At this point I will simply close with: Thank God, thank you, and please continue to remember us in your thoughts and prayers.

With peace and love,

Brian Konkol

West Holden Blanket Sunday and Mission Ingathering 2010 A little church with a big heart

Thank you for another wonderfully
successful Blanket Sunday.

Final Counts are:

146 Quilts

Some were sent to Lutheran World Relief, some given to local families, charity events, the Waushara County Christmas Project and to Red Cross.

34 Health Kits

(115 were also sent in the spring)

58 School Kits

110 Layettes

many made with a beautifully hand
made sweater. A record!

5 Blankets

including 2 made by the Sunday
School

12.6 pounds of soap

\$68.00 for shipping costs

All sent to Lutheran World Relief

To anyone who donated an item, sewed a quilt, cut a quilt square, made a blanket, knit a sweater, put together a kit, packed or delivered boxes, made a layette, or donated money: Thank You!

Waushara County Food Pantry in Wautoma wishes to thank West Holden for their donations of 54# of food on September 7 and 57# of food on October 5. More and more needy families are now using the food pantry and our contributions are greatly appreciated.

Blessed are the Comedy Central Peacemakers (Brian E. Konkol)

Over the past weeks I have been fascinated with the Comedy Central “Rally to Restore Sanity” and corresponding “Keep Fear Alive” campaigns, which plan to conclude with gatherings on October 30th at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Initial projections indicate thousands of citizens plan to attend. I wish that I could be one of them.

Throughout past generations, comedians, satirists, and pranksters such as those on Comedy Central have discovered crafty methods to address public issues in ways “mainstream” journalists, public commentators, clergy, academics, and politicians do not (and cannot). While the humor of Comedy Central can sometimes prove inappropriate (which in turn threatens credibility), its Daily Show offers various moments of thoughtful probe into the North American mindset and societal concerns that seem to define our times. Specifically, regardless of whether or not someone enjoys Comedy Central or its Daily Show and host Jon Stewart, I believe the corresponding rally campaigns have brought a number of significant questions to the forefront. Among other things, the “Rally to Restore Sanity” and “Keep Fear Alive” campaigns address an increasingly disturbing cycle of fear that is stripping our world of peace.

The United States of America is widely regarded as one of the safest and most secure places on Earth, yet its citizens are often perceived around the world as quite anxious and terrified. How can such contradictory and perplexing realities exist? The front page of major newspapers report crime and economic worries, and the same can be said for television, Internet, and magazines. As “bad news sells”, a growing public perception is that one cannot leave home without a clear and present danger lurking around any given corner. In addition, politicians with partisan motives too often push fear for the benefit of a particular agenda. President Richard Nixon once (allegedly) remarked, “People react to fear, not love”, and this strategy of promoting fear has become a disturbing (and sadly, quite successful) norm in election

campaigning. As a result, various advertisements ranging from oversized automobiles (...fear of accidents), clothes (...fear of not being attractive or popular), self-help books (...fear of failure), security (...fear of crime), baby products (...fear of not being “good” parents), pharmaceuticals (...fear of death), etc., too often serve as so-called “vendors of fear” that skillfully tap into moral insecurities of citizens and supply the public with symbolic (and costly) substitutes. While there are various exceptions, it is alarming to consider how much of our daily beliefs and actions revolve around fear, and it is even more concerning to realize how such negative outlooks on life spread across the globe.

In striking contrast to a contagious message of fear, The Gospel of Matthew recalls Jesus as saying “blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” in his Sermon on the Mount. In line with Jesus’ identity as “Prince of Peace”, various Gospel narratives illustrate his ability to calm fears within the hearts and minds of those around him through word and deed. In light of the Hebrew notion of “shalom”, Jesus sought to bring wholeness and wellbeing in its fullness, which includes right relationships with God and reconciliation with fellow members of humankind and all of creation. As a result, when Jesus spoke with the original disciples immediately before his suffering and crucifixion, instead of promoting fear surrounding the massive struggles ahead, he offered: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27). With the above being said, it can be argued that – even in the midst of immensely troubling times – peacemaking was central to Jesus and his early followers, as we are reminded in Paul’s Letter to the Philippians (4:6-7): “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

In light of the New Testament witness, I have long believed that peace is an opposite of fear, as peace

sets one free from the mental, physical, and spiritual slavery that fear so desperately seeks to sustain. And so, just as Jesus' first followers over 2,000 years ago resisted fear in the face of public persecution and internal division, I believe the current day and age calls for similar actions of peacemaking through faith and God's grace. In no way does peace entail avoidance of difficult issues or choosing not to care about struggle, but to the contrary, peacemaking calls for citizens to engage issues directly as a result of faith, with trust that God walks alongside humankind each step of the way. In other words, *peace* inspires trust and leads to composure when facing adversity, whereas *fear* motivates suspicion and leads to ignorance and misguided judgment. With this in mind, as God promises the "peace which surpasses all understanding", one is able to respond to receiving peace with God through resisting fear and striving for peace alongside others.

One can argue that peace is not the absence of struggle, but liberation from it (even when in the midst of hardship) as a result of being accompanied by a gracious God of love who diligently seeks justice and dignity. I doubt that Comedy Central had any of this in mind when it first planned its rallies, but God has, does, and will continue to work through various people and organizations in mysterious (and even comedic) ways. While Comedy Central and the Daily Show may seem unlikely instruments of building faith and guiding society through times of challenge, humor has a way of sparking laughter *and* revealing truth when we need both (laughter and truth) the most, comedians can be jokesters *and* prophets, and I do believe something can be learned from Jon Stewart about a "return to sanity", or more theologically speaking, "a return to peace". Through Comedy Central we are given a moment to rest from our struggles in the present, but also a variety of insights to overcome them in the future. And so, I say "Blessed are the Comedy Central Peacemakers", for they are "children of God".

Rev. Brian E. Konkol

MT. MORRIS LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF REPORT November 2010

110 quilts	50 health kits
10 blankets	20 school kits
\$150.88 collected for blankets	
18 sewing kits	32 layettes

Merv Vatland and Arnie Bliesner transported 31 boxes.

A total of 68 boxes were shipped to Orphan Grain Train.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!! Use our God-given talents to work together to make this world a better place-----a bit of heaven here on earth.

Pat Hassmann

MT. MORRIS COLLECTS COINS FOR CAMP

This year **\$225.00** was collected for Crossways Camping Ministries. **Thank you** for helping the youth enjoy a camping experience.

The opportunity to attend bible camp is one of the best gifts parents and congregations can give.

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL

WELCA

Saturday Nov. 6 - 1:30

Annual Meeting for election of officers.

A special program is planned. A representative from Wautoma's Naomi House will be the speaker.

We also have a fun time planned "A White Elephant prize drawing" If you can, come and

have fun with us. Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift (Something from around your house you would like to give away) and share in the drawings.

Thursday Nov. 18th 6:30 pm will be the second meeting of the evening circle. Details will be decided later.

The Sunday School year is off to a great start!

We have a wonderful group of young people in our church who are excited to learn and an awesome group of teachers who are ready to teach! We've talked about creation, the seasons, using our physical bodies to do good things and using our spiritual minds to keep learning. We have a number of fun things planned for this year so we are all looking forward each Sunday. We still have room in our classes if you have a friend or neighbor that would like to join us too!

Our teachers this year are Rose Fink and Judy Foster Kindergarten and First Grade, Kristen Jones, Preschool, Chris Bliesner Second and Third Grade and Dale Simonson Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade. When you see these people, please thank them for their time, talents and knowledge for our little Christians. Our Christmas program will be coming up in December, so work will begin on that shortly. Stay tuned! .

Kristen Jones

Special West Holden Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, November 7,
following worship, during lunch**

**Purpose: to decide on proposed amendments to
the constitution and by-laws**

For details see the October Holden Highlights.

Addresses of our family when they are far away:

Nathaniel Murken
Yeldall Manor
Blakes Lane
Hare Hatch
Reading
R610 9XR
United Kingdom

Mount Morris Holden Lectionary Readers:

The current schedule will end 2010 November 7 Sunday. A new schedule will have to be produced for after that time to maybe the beginning of Lent.

If you want to continue to be a reader, talk with Martin Schultz (ph 787.0019). If you will know, let him know if you will not be available certain Sundays for the next schedule (approximately 2010 November- 2011 February).

If you, reading this, are interested in becoming a scheduled Sunday reader, talk with Martin Schultz (ph 787.0019) most Sundays. There is a short orientation.

Grounds for Creation

Thanks to all who contributed to the grounds this past growing season. First to the group who was willing to do the grunt work of spring cleanup. To the Bliesners' and Vatlands' who watered the gardens this summer (more help from God' irrigation this year). To Dawn Belfeuil and family for keeping the lawns cut. To various people who donated flowers for the gardens, including Connie Hansen from West Holden. To Roland Ode for the wonderful garden benches he manufactured this fall. To Phyllis Olson for donating the black locust logs for the grape vine trellis behind the parsonage. And to Lona who weekly watches over the

gardens and feeds the birds who "planted" the spontaneous sunflower display late this summer. Further invasive/weedy plant control continues on both sides of rte 152. Comments, "bravos", "boos" related to grounds, relay to Martin Schultz Mt. Morris Holden most Sundays.

Crossways Camping Ministry Interim Executive Director

The Interim Executive Director acts as the Chief Executive Officer of Crossways Camping Ministries and is primarily responsible for 4 broad area of executive and ministerial leadership responsibility:

1. Pastoral and Program Ministry
2. Administrative Ministry
3. Public Relations and Marketing
4. Financial Development

The Crossways Board of Directors will be undertaking a search process for a new Executive Director in early 2011 due to the resignation of the current Executive Director, effective November 30, 2010. Interim leadership will be necessary starting Dec 1, 2010 and is anticipated to be needed for approximately 9-12 months. The Interim Executive Director is expected to bridge this gap in leadership and ensure the Camp Ministry continues its operations. Clergy and non-clergy applicants are welcomed.

Crossways Camping Ministries has strong programmatic leadership at each of its three camp sites. The Interim Executive Director will need to focus on Public Relations, Marketing and Financial Development.

Interim Objectives include:

1. Provide executive management support to Crossways staff to enable them to effectively carryout their site responsibilities.

2. Manage the financials of the overall organization and work closely with staff, Board and committees to increase revenues and manage expenses. The Interim Executive Director will need to address critical financial issues, including a decline in camper registrations, a structural deficit and providing direction and support to the Development Committee.

3. Provide organization-wide public relations visibility in conference, synod and congregation settings. Continue to tell the story of Crossways Camping Ministries and ensure that 2011 camp registrations are as full as possible. Oversee print and website marketing.

4. Develop congregation relationships through contacts with Crossways representatives, pastoral and congregation council leaders. This will include ongoing congregation presentations and many preaching opportunities.

5. Nurture strong Board and committee relations to enable these groups to operate effectively. Facilitate and provide executive leadership to the work of the Development Committee, the Finance Committee, the Endowment Committee and the Executive and Personnel Committees.

6. Work closely with staff and Board to leverage Crossways meetings to increase participation and public relations, especially focused on the February 2011 Annual Meeting.

7. Work to ensure

Mt. Morris Holden Welcomes Paul & Barbara Brinkman

Paul and Barbara Brinkman live in Oshkosh, WI, where they were members of All Saints Lutheran Church. They recently bought a house in Mt. Morris and are currently involved in a several year remodeling project on what will eventually be their year-round home . Spending almost every weekend in Mt. Morris, it makes sense to bring their church membership to Mt. Morris Holden congregation. Barb and Paul have been married 44

years and have three grown sons, one daughter-in-law and one granddaughter. Barb enjoys decorating, crafts and sewing. Paul, an ordained ELCA pastor, serves as Executive Vice President of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and President of the LSS Foundation, Inc.

Lincoln Proclamation

If it is not yet part of your personal integrity to insist on attending Thanksgiving worship, then perhaps the eloquent words of our great president Abraham Lincoln will move you to the gratitude you ought to have.

Pastor

By the President of the United States of America.
A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is

permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

*Your church's service will be held at Mt. Morris Lutheran, the eve of Thanksgiving Day, **Wednesday Nov. 24, 7 PM.***

Very Special Christmas Eve Service

The order of worship at Mt. Morris Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve will be the famous "Nine Lessons and Carols." From the Anglican branch of the Faith, it is nine readings from Scripture pertaining to Christmas, each followed by a choir anthem or hymn. We will also have a sermon and Eucharist. More details in December, but plan now to invite friends to this beautiful and moving

8 PM service of worship.

Book of Faith for November: Galatians, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah

Luther loved teaching Galatians more than any other book. He called it “my Katie von Bora” (his wife’s name). He loved it because the false teaching and bad faith that Paul battled in Galatia so much resembled the errors of the papal church. Galatians is nicknamed “the Magna Carta of Christian freedom” for its ringing words: “For freedom Christ has set us free!” It is only six chapters, but they are important so we will take two weeks.

Ecclesiastes is a curious book. Perhaps today it would be named: “Whatever” or “Life’s a Bear and then You Die.” November—the deadeast time in Wisconsin’s nature—seemed a good time to face up to the futilities of life (and maybe look for hope any way).

Most of the OT readings for Advent, which begins Nov. 28 this year, are from Isaiah 40-55. So, a good time to read some of that. We begin now and finish in December.

**November 7 assignment. Read by (11/14):
Galatians 1-3**

**November 14 assignment. Read by (11/21):
Galatians 4-6**

**November 21 assignment. Read by (11/28):
Ecclesiastes**

**November 28 assignment. Read by (12/5):
Isaiah 40-55**

As always, notes explaining some things in the text, and questions to discuss, are posted on the parish website, and a few hard copies are available in the churches’ narthexes.

Congregational Meetings

West Holden Lutheran:

Special congregational meeting to be held following worship on **Sunday, November 7**. Its purpose is to vote on changes to the constitution proposed by the church council. Any amendments that are adopted will become effective if they are then ratified at the annual congregational meeting in January.

Mt. Morris Lutheran:

As last year, we will have a Preliminary Annual Meeting on Sunday December 5 immediately following an abbreviated worship service. While our constitution currently prevents us from adopting a budget or holding elections until January, at this meeting we will *approve* a budget (to be adopted in January) and *nominate* persons for all offices (to be elected in January).

Election returns are in!

Jesus lost. It was not as close as some expected.

His Christians, who expected to turn out for him, found the tide of culture too strong to resist, and went the way of everyone else. “Christmas” now means “gift exchange.”

“We had Christmas early this year” does not mean that Luke 2 was read, or carols sung, or offerings given or hearts were lifted in humble in loud worship to the God of all grace who sent his only Son into this rotten world of ungrateful people to save them. It does not mean that the holy flesh and blood were eaten and drunk on our knees. It does not mean that the poor were fed, the homeless given a warm bed, the immigrants were welcomed or the imprisoned visited.

Pie?

Who doesn’t like a nice slice of pie? Since Thanksgiving Eve is one of our parish-wide, both-churches events, it would be nice to fellowship together afterwards. Some PIE will be just the thing to help.

So, please plan, after the Thanksgiving Eve worship (7 PM, Wed. Nov. 24 at Mt. Morris Lutheran) to stay a bit longer to have a slice of pie and chat with church friends or, even better, “the other church” friends.

Those of you blessed with skills to make good pies are requested please to bring an extra to this event.

All Saints—Working!

We Are Offering Our Time and Skills A better way.

We are doing something new. No, something old but *done* in a new way. Better.

These churches work.

We are such strong churches that we can do many good things. We as individual saints shine in our daily lives, bringing Christ’s light into the circles in which we live. But **as congregations** we also do even greater things. We worship and teach! We give away our Lenten offerings. We invite people into Christ’s kingdom. We contribute to the ELCA’s work. The women send out so many quilts and health kits, etc.

People who get the work done.

These good works in Christ’s name have been done through a combination of people volunteering and some gentle recruiting and encouragement. Those are both great. But there are drawbacks. Some people get left out of the chance to serve their church because they are not asked. On the other hand, lots of the work is done by the same people. Also, the work of asking usually falls to the same people who already do a lot.

A plan to work well together.

So this year we are going to try something that should make all those problems better. **All Saints Sunday, November 7, we are “Offering to Christ Our Time and Skills.”** In, with and under our praising and proclaiming, we will have a way for every member to say: “*this is what I would enjoy doing for my church.*” The church has good work to do and a variety of kinds of work, there is

something for everyone to enjoy doing. In fact, every member is expected to do some of our shared work: that is what it means to belong.

On the following pages see the offering we will use **during worship** on Nov. 7. *If you can’t be there, please fill in this copy and get it to the parish office.* All will have a chance to record

- + the KINDS of things we care about, and
- + HOW we like to work, and
- + specific tasks or responsibilities we like to do.

Cheerful workers.

There is good reason to hope that every member can be matched with some pieces of our church’s work so that ALL PEOPLE help with something they ENJOY.

What Christ has a right to.

Most of us, out of our love for Jesus Christ, will eagerly do this. Will some be reluctant? If so, , does not Jesus Christ have the right to ask each of us for a couple of hours a week for work for his Church?

Personal choice.

We are a community in which *everyone* has the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Many of us are busy. So, when you check a thing you like to do, *that is NOT a commitment to do it.* These churches trust each member to be grateful to Christ and decide how to use the lifetime the Father has given and Christ has redeemed, to serve their God. Your checks mean only: “These are things I would like to do, if I can.” When called, then you can decide.

Thank You

Dear People of West Holden Church,

Thank you for the September treats and October supplies for our school. We are greatly appreciating your kind generosity!

Teachers and Staff
at
Wild Rose Elementary

Members of the Holden Lutheran Parish,

Thank you so much for sending me the newsletter! It's nice to be remembered while I am off at basic!

I only have about 2 ½ weeks left before I graduate! I still don't know what my job will be though! Basic has definitely been the most challenging thing I've done but with lots and lots of prayer and guidance I'm pushing through!

It's an awesome feeling to be able to follow my parents footsteps and to serve my country! Thank you for your support!

Britny Stott

I just wanted to send a quick note to let everyone know how Britny is doing in AF Basic Training. She is doing well and will be graduating on 29 Oct. if all continues to go well. We are praying this is how God has it planned so Brady and I will be able to attend. Her mailing address at basic is: AB STOTT, BRITNY M
324 TRS/FLT 682/DORM B5
1320 Truemper ST. Unit 362911
Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6411

She is not allowed to receive packages but cards and letters are welcome. She will be heading on to school after her graduation and I will make sure I send that address when her move happens.

Thank you to everyone for the prayers since she has done well with her homesickness..

Tina

2011 CAMPING CALENDARS FOR SALE

**A CALENDAR is on display in the
narthex
TAKING ORDERS until DECEMBER 9
COST-----\$15.00 each**

**CALENDARS can be picked up on
Sunday,
DECEMBER 12, at church service or at
the
church office during the following week.**

To place an order, call Pat Hassmann at
787-5484 or the church office at 787-3187.

CASH or CHECKS payable to:

Crossways Camping Ministries.

Need more info, visit online at

www.crosswayscamps.org

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in faith and Christian service.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

NOVEMBER 2010

MT. MORRIS

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3 Jean Armstrong
Kay Peterson
5 Beulah Dickson
5 Peyton Simenson
6 Evelyn Vatland
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9 Andrea Carter
10 Abigail Anderson
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17 Barbara Adams
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21 Keith Buckholt
Joel Jarvis
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23 John Jarvis
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29 Mara Jarvis

WEST HOLDEN

James Gunderson
Jane Holick
Brenda Arellano

Tom Stea
Nordis Anderson
Sidney Auck
Casey McCardell
Marie Wilson
Maureen Perry
Brent Jenks
Jason Holzman
Russell Butzin
Nathan Osicka

Joshua Heuer

Jane Thompson

Visitation

Time to schedule some more visits! Below is a list of time slots in November. Pick one that suits your schedule, call Lona (787-3187) and reserve that time. *First come, first served!* I will call that day or the day before to confirm and get directions. About 75 minutes is realistic. If you would like to meet over lunch or dinner, that is fine, too. I so look forward to paying you a visit.

YOUR Pastor

NOVEMBER

Wednesday the 10th afternoon
Tuesday the 16th afternoon
Wednesday the 17th morning
Tuesday the 23rd afternoon
Wed. 24th (Thanksgiving Eve) morning

Thank you's all around

It took a team effort to assemble the Float for the Redgranite Labor Day Parade –

Thank you to Roland Ode for building the door, to Lee Brownlow for driving through the rain to pull the float to and through the parade, to Jim Jarvis for help with the lumber and use of the wagon, to Sue Munay, Pat Hassmann, Deb & Dale Simenson, Tara Gibbs, Bob Hadel, Barb Brownlow for participating in the event.

Judy Foster, Chris & Arnie Bliesner

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY DAILY FOR THESE REQUESTS:

Prayers of comfort and support for the friends and family of:

Robert Niemuth (Larry & Lona Atkinson's uncle)
Jarvis family – loss of unborn twin nieces
Irene Lee, long time member of West Holden

Long term prayer support:

Evelyn Agne multiple health issues
Brenda Arellano inoperable malignant skull tumor
Neil Baxter – cancer – treatment is working
Gail Bourdo Lymphoma recovery
Bunny Christie – cancer
Jonathan Clark surgery in future
Roxanne Clark poor heart health
Karen Daniels Multiple sclerosis
Arnie Dickson
Rose Fink
Ardell Heuer Alzheimer's
Tracy Holick breast cancer
Ray & Arlene Jarvis
Lonnie Jelinski Kidney transplant list
Paula Jenks – broken ankle
Steve Johannes – continuing health concerns
Eleanor Kracjik nursing home, severe MS
Jeff Manske recurring cancer
Doria Martin breast cancer treatments
Greg Pfaller cancer
Amy Pleau – chronic pancreatitis
Ken & Carol Sawotka multiple health issues

Myrna Schultz – Kidney (dialysis)
 Jenny Smith – moral support
 Vicki Smith – Crone’s disease
 Mike Sroka
 John Steinbrecher - kidney transplant list
 Travis Stormoen healing
 Sue Wendlandt battling leukemia
 Lynne Wichmann – multiple sclerosis.
 Bob Williams multiple health issues
 Rick Willie lung cancer returned
 Stacy Wright paralyzed has 2 small children

Prayers for our Missionaries:

Brian & Kristen Konkol – in South Africa
 Nathaniel Murken - Study/mission work near London

**Pray daily for our members and friends in the
 Military:**

Netherlands: Michael Walker, **USA:** Brandon
 Allen, Shane Bastar, Devin Barkalow, Josh
 Benbo, David Bredesen, Chase Edgren, Tony
 Kosco, Britny Stott, Mario Tomlin, David Wilson,
 Kelly Jo Wilson.

Prayers for those seeking employment:

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!!

Holden Highlights Due Dates

All items, reports, anything that needs
 to be included in either the December,
 2010 or January, 2011 Holden
 Highlights **MUST** be turned in to the
 Parish Office **NO** later than the 15th of the
 month or they will not be able to be
 included in that month’s publication.

December - due date / November 15th
 January - due date / December 15th

Council Members
West Holden

Joanne Nelson, Pres.	2008-10	622-3996
Kathy Norlin, Sec.	2008-10	622-5012
John Jenks, Treas.	2008-10	622-3152
Laura Araiza,	2010-12	787-2435
Fin. Sec.		

Deacons

Gary Thompson	2010-12	622-5646
Terry Johannes	2010-11	787-0013
Barry Osicka	2010-11	622-3959

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Brenda Arellano	920-290-3012
Craig Berkoben	622-4300
Julie Johannes	622-3313
Allen Stea	787-4869

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Laurie Jarvis, Pres.	2008-10	920-291-5737
Judy Foster, Sec.	2010-12	787-4601
Curtis Nelson, Treas.	2009-11	787-7642
Dawn Belfeul,	2008-10	765-0746
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John Hassmann	2008-10	787-5484
Diedrich Bastar	2009-11	787-4324
Craig Starkweather	2010-12	787-3803

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Val Jarvis	787-1399
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John Jarvis	787-4208
Sally Lungwitz	566-4901
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