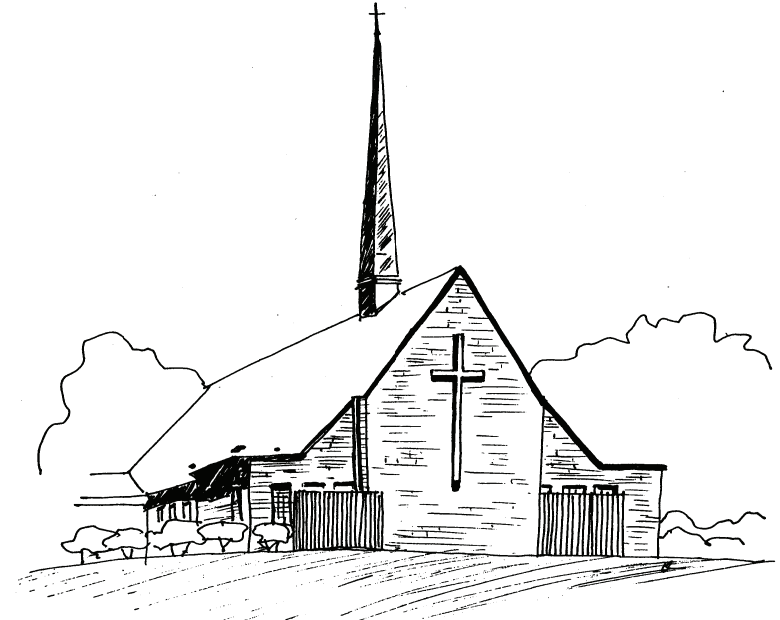


# The GLC GOOD NEWS



## The Voice of Griffith Lutheran **OCTOBER 2011**

### IMPORTANT DATES

- PASTOR ON VACATION ~ OCTOBER 6-9th
- SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL REVIEW MEETING ~ OCTOBER 10TH
- SUNDAY SCHOOL HAYRIDE ~ OCTOBER 9th @ 5:00 pm
- GLCW EVENT "TEST OF FAITH" ~ OCTOBER 9th @ 2:00 pm
- BUDGETS ARE DUE ~ OCTOBER 10TH
- BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS ~ OCTOBER 13, 17 & 24TH AT 7:00 pm
- YOUTH GROUP HAYRIDE ~ OCTOBER 15TH @ OAK RIDGE PRAIRIE
- PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE ~ OCTOBER 16th @ 11:00 am Service
- NWIC ASSEMBLY FALL ASSEMBLY ~ OCTOBER 16th @ EMMANUEL LUTHERAN
- COMMITMENT LUNCHEON ~ OCTOBER 31st @ 12:30 pm

Worship Services  
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Communion Every Weekend  
Sunday School, Confirmation,  
(During school year)  
And Adult Education Classes  
Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

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TO EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY OF

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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR**



**THE CIRCLES**

*Esther Circle—October 5th at 9:00 am  
Priscilla Circle October 12th at 9:00 am*

**ELDERS MEETING**

*October 4th at 7:00 pm*

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL  
FINANCIAL REVIEW MEETING**

*October 10th at 7:00 pm*

**BUDGETS DUE**

*October 10th*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HAYRIDE**

*October 9th at 6:00 pm*

**GLCW “TEST OF FAITH”**

*October 9th at 2:00 pm*

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*October 13, 17, 24th at 7:00 pm*

**YOUTH GROUP HAYRIDE**

*October 15th at Oakridge Prairie*

**LET’S DO LUNCH AT RICK’S GRILL**

*October 20th at 11:30 am*

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

*October 27th at 11:30 am*

**Pat’s Prattle**

*Every Birthday and Christmas, my son suggests purchasing a computer for me. My answer is always the same—”No thank you. I really like my word processor.” My personal word processor (PWP) can perform all the functions of a computer except, of course, Email. I take great delight in receiving a note in the mail even if it is only a line or two. And, I love to write personal notes. Somehow, typed lines on a piece of paper from a machine are tremendously impersonal. If you need to reach me regarding a change of plans, just phone. I do have an answering machine and check it every time I come home.*

*Birds tweet and twitter. I do not. I do have a cellular phone, carry it in my purse, and use it for emergency calls. My Grandson does not have a “land line” phone. He uses his cellular phone for all his calls. He calls it a “Smart” phone as it provides so many functions. Smart phones can do dumb things, and I would feel uneasy possessing an electronic device smarter than the user.*

*It seems as though Facebook presents a competition as to who has the most friends posted. It becomes addictive, and I have been in the company of those who are contacting friends via Facebook while speaking to other friends. Actually, I count my friends from my Christmas Card list.*

*So, with all this being vented and prattled about, please do not shrug, raise your eyebrows, or snicker at me (I have experienced it all!) as you realize I am not electronically proficient. I suffer from an “electronic avoidance.”*

*Prayer is the only perfect mean of communication. There are no monthly payments and the “family plan” is wonderful. You may not receive your responses immediately, but if you are not too busy pushing numbers and letters on your key pad and watch and listen, your requests will come as promised and appear in various and mysterious ways.*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MISSION  
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

**GRIFFITH EMERGENCY FUND  
&  
SHOP WITH A COP**

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**Elder of the Month for October**

**~CAROLYN CONNELL~**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL  
SUNDAY SCHOOL HAYRIDE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH @ OAKRIDGE PRAIRIE  
FIRST HAYRIDE @ 6:00 pm AND SECOND HAYRIDE AT 7:00 pm**

**THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE HAYRIDE BUT PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE  
NARTHEX AND BRING A SNACK TO SHARE**



**YOUTH GROUP HAYRIDE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT 7:00 pM @ OAK RIDGE PRAIRIE**

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

2 Janet & Jeff Csonka  
John & Shannon Hoffman  
7 Dave & Robin Blount  
Aaron & Sharon Pollock  
12 John & Trisha Zuklin  
14 James & Nancy Carrell  
19 Carolyn & Steve Connell  
20 Jackie & Jim Masters  
Deanna & Robert Darnell



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 Rebecca Bailey  
Deanna Darnell  
Joshua Helfen  
Troy Lolkema, Jr.  
Devan Howard  
4 Melissa Volkmann  
5 Janet Fandrei  
Joel Bratcher  
Lisa Sprouse  
6 Cheryl Robbins  
Don Morton  
Ken Buckley

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

7 Jeanine Mehrbrodt  
8 Vaughn Lolkema  
9 Daniel Paulson  
11 Christine Obermeyer  
12 Terry Hennig  
Marie Meza  
Jon Baccino  
13 Carol Gower  
Bob Pahl  
16 Tammy Padilla  
17 Jane Radtke  
18 John Lewis  
Jennifer Cotton  
19 Pat Sims  
Steve Connell  
Manon Carter  
20 John Stoica  
Lynn Pierce  
22 Wendy Archer  
23 Gail Iwinski  
24 Bernice Morris  
Newt Campbell  
25 Tom Rouhselang  
26 Paul Lewis  
Joe Laich III  
28 Kendall Schroeder  
29 Breanna Hamilton  
Michael Streubing  
30 George Thon  
Penny Tokoly  
Jacob Ispas  
31 Rylee Canaday

Dear Griffith Lutheran Family,

By now most of you have received the news of the resignation of Jenny Bias. After four years of service to GLC she is moving on to a full-time employment opportunity. I am grateful for all her hard work and dedication to the Griffith Lutheran family. Jenny will be missed in the church office. God's blessings to Jenny at her new job.

Starting October 10<sup>th</sup>, I will need volunteers to staff the church office and help with compiling the weekly bulletin. Please let me know if you can help in any way!

This month we begin our journey towards Commitment Sunday. On the weekend of October 1 and 2, Pastor Nancy Nyland will be with us from the synod office to kick off our stewardship drive. Throughout the month of October you will hear from different groups and individuals who have been touched by the ministries of GLC. They will share their stories with you. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our Commitment Sunday and our "Make It Simple" lunch of thanks.

This past month was a joyous time of service for our congregation. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, we had 29 members of

our congregation helping package food for "Kids Against Hunger." It was amazing how this program is put together. Each table has containers on it containing the seasonings and vitamins/minerals, dried vegetables, soy product and rice. Each person takes a turn placing that in a plastic bag. The bag is weighed and rice is added or subtracted to reach a certain weight. Then the bags are heat-sealed and packed. Each package contains enough food to feed six individuals. Our congregation packed over 9,000 meals in total! Way to go! Some of these meals will be kept locally to feed our hungry. The rest of the food will be shipped overseas to feed the hungry around the world.

God's blessings to you all in this season of fall!

*In Christ,  
Pastor Andrew J. Bailey*



**TRUSTEES** – Lawn mower service and maintenance has continued through the summer. Tri County Roofing repaired the blown off church roof shingles at no cost, and agreed to provide an estimate to repair the water leak from the spire area into the chancel, but have not done so after numerous contacts with the company. Two other companies were contacted, with only one giving a written estimate. Our insurance company ordered a boiler inspection, and we were found to be noncompliant. Updates have been completed and a re-inspection will be conducted September 13. Additional lighting repairs were made and new bulbs installed in the pastor's office. The air conditioning drain over the vestry sacristy and the working sacristy sink drain were cleaned and the faucet repaired. Trustees have help with the Vacation Bible School clean up and stored the saved materials. At the August GLC Council meeting, approval was given to remove the tree brushing the garage. The tree has been removed at no cost to the congregation. At the August Trustees meeting, discussions included roof leak repair, canopy refinishing, carpet cleaning, the Eagle Scout project, chancel lighting, loaning of chairs and tables, fees for use of the fellowship hall, a new church sign, parking lot lighting and finishing the church sacristy door adjustments. The chancel area, narthex and offices hallway carpets have been cleaned, as have the garage rain gutters. The Music Ministry requested money for the memorial fund to pay for a CD duplicating machine, which was approved by the donor family. People working in the kitchen have reported the freezer gasket on the refrigerator/freezer is torn and can no longer be cleaned. A replacement gasket is needed. Fred Steinke made the following motions, seconded by Roger Sims, approved 20-0 by the GLC Council:

- \$306.50 to Foster Electric of Highland to repair chancel lighting fixtures
- \$1,340 to Todco of Highland to refinish canopy
- \$3,233 to Gluth Brothers Roofing Co. of Hammond to repair roof water leak under the spire and \$897 to repair garage soffits, flashing and trim
- \$65 to repair freezer door gasket (Trustees will supply labor)  
Note: \$5,766.50 in expenditures was combined to be paid from the Awe Fund.

**FELLOWSHIP** – Fellowship hosted the annual Church Picnic on September 11. There were 73 people in attendance, many of whom played bingo, football, bean bags, water balloons and other fun games. Thank you to everyone who worked to set up, serve and clean up, and to those who donated the delicious food and dessert—and to Dean Johanson for grilling. **MUSIC & WORSHIP** – Gracia Dudlicek asked that that GLC publicize the \$2,869.77 available in the Muriel Nelson Scholarship Fund so that a young church member can further their musical education.

**OPERATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE** – Fred received a \$3,300 estimate to repair area around the steeple. Also received a painting estimate for \$1,340 for the canopy area. Operations manual updates: Stewardship manual is done and awaiting approval by Stewardship committee. Trustee's manual still needs a little tweaking. Youth is pending. Church usage policy was again tabled as Fred Steinke and Pastor Bailey still need to meet to write up a policy, and they will finalize for GLC. No progress on the remaining church council positions. Sandra has requested Pastor reach out to viable candidates and ask them to serve in some capacity. The PUC audit team has almost completed the audit for 2009. Les Bias met with the audit team last week to answer several questions. The audit for 2010 will begin next. Consolidation of several committees with similar purposes was discussed, such as Sunday School and Christian Education and Social Ministry and Missions. Pastor Bailey will review further to determine if we should move in this direction. Based on the \$9,181 bequest from the Appleton estate, the motion was made and seconded to recommend to the church council that \$600 be used to acquire a new office computer and the remaining \$8,500 be used to partially pay back our \$10,000 loan (see related action under New Business). Jenny researched a new phone line and fax system and carrier. Estimates from Comcast and AT&T were discussed. Of the two, AT&T was by far the better estimate at \$149 a month locked in rate. This would provide two voice mail and one e-fax lines. We'd save an average of \$39 per month with one less phone line. Next meeting will be October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. **OLD BUSINESS** – Roger Sims presented plans for a new electronic sign for the front lawn, making a motion, seconded by Annette Johanson, and approved 20-0 by the GLC Council to form a new committee to research the type of sign desired and associated costs. Said committee to be comprised of the following members: Roger Sims, Nina Miller, Gene Kregel, John Kettwig & Newt Campbell. GLC already has \$5,000 in hand in the form of a grant from Ladewig & Ladewig. Roger said the sign could cost upwards of \$18,000. **NEW BUSINESS** – Motion made by Gene Kregel, seconded by Jim Masters, to fund \$8,500 toward the new sign, with the money coming from the acceptance of the \$9,181 Appleton estate donation. The motion passed 19-1. Motion made by Dean Johanson, seconded by Joellen Pilipow, passing 20-0 to spend \$600 from the estate donation for a new office computer. Dean Johanson recommended a thank you letter be sent to the Griffith Masonic Lodge for storage of GLC booth materials and other assistance during the Rock 'n Rails Fest. Nina Miller volunteered to handle this request.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted, Jim Masters - Recording Secretary

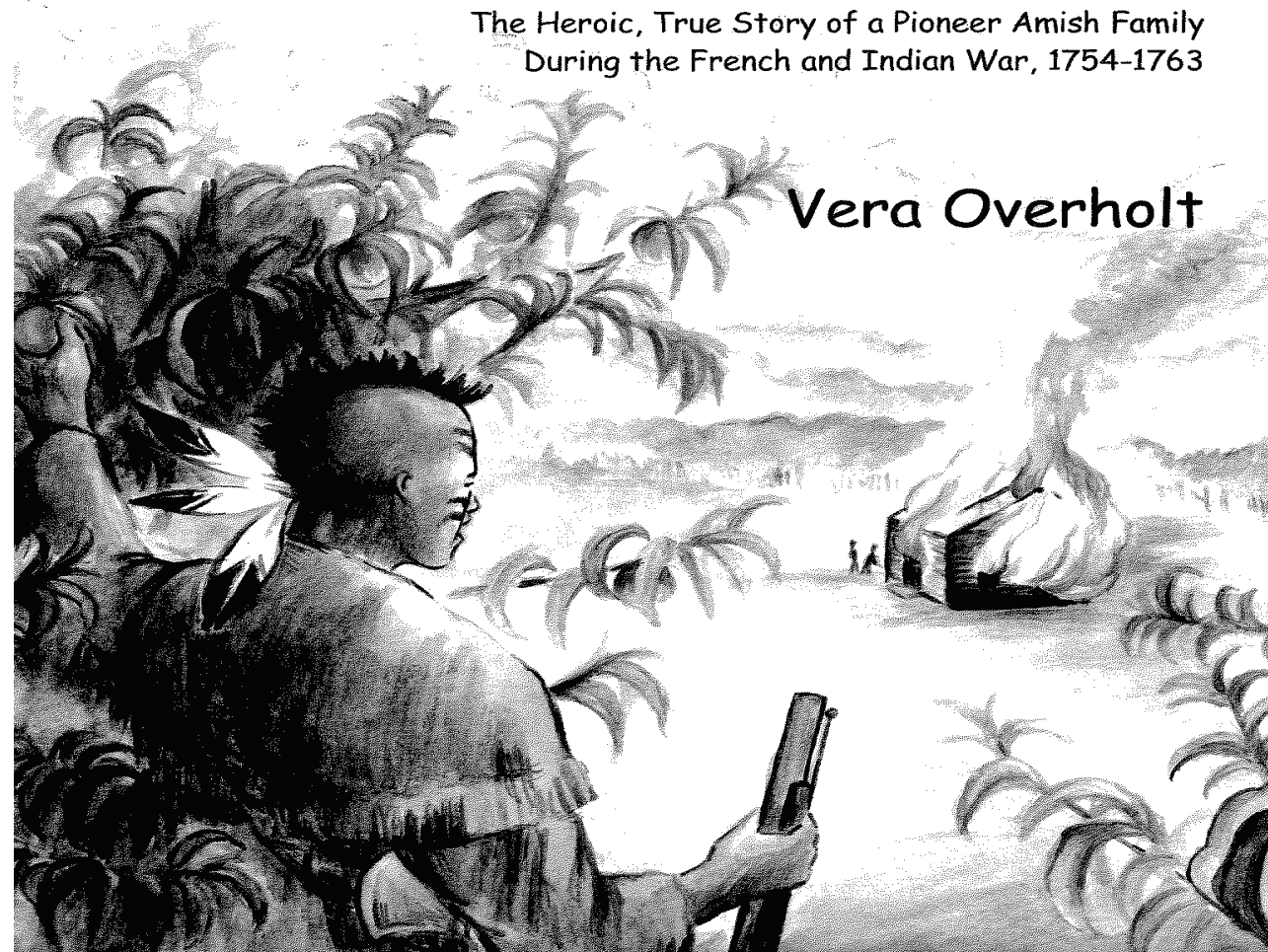
GLCW PRESENTS: *TEST OF FAITH*

PLEASE JOIN GLCW ON OCTOBER 9TH AT 1:30 P.M. TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THE TRUE STORY OF FAITH AND HEROISM

# TEST OF FAITH

The Heroic, True Story of a Pioneer Amish Family  
 During the French and Indian War, 1754-1763

Vera Overholt



THE JACOB HOCHSTETLER STORY

**OCTOBER 2011 - WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - OCTOBER 2011**  
**ELDER OF THE MONTH - CAROLYN CONNELL**

<u>OCTOBER 1 &amp; 2</u>	<u>OCTOBER 8 &amp; 9</u>	<u>OCTOBER 15 &amp; 16</u>	<u>OCTOBER 22 &amp; 23</u>	<u>OCTOBER 29 &amp; 30</u>
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>
<u>8:30</u> KELSIE ZUKLIN	<u>8:30</u> JAKE BAILEY	<u>8:30</u> DALE STRUEBING	<u>8:30</u> EMILY BRTACHER	<u>8:30</u> GABE DUDLICEK
<u>11:00</u> VERONICA JOHNSON	<u>11:00</u> VAUGHN LOLKEMA	<u>11:00</u> JUSTIN MATLOCK	<u>11:00</u> COLTON JURJIC	<u>11:00</u> CAMRYN LINDERS
<u>USHERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
<u>5:30</u> BOB SCHUSTER JOSH MIROWSKI	<u>5:30</u> BOB SCHUSTER	<u>5:30</u> BOB SCHUSTER	<u>5:30</u>	<u>5:30</u>
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<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
<u>8:30</u> SANDRA RUBAN	<u>8:30</u> MARILYN CAREY NINA MILLER	<u>8:30</u> ROGER & PAT SIMS	<u>8:30</u> NINA MILLER	<u>8:30</u> SANDRA RUBAN
<u>11:00</u>	<u>11:00</u> CARRIE SOVOLA	<u>11:00</u> SANDRA RUBAN	<u>11:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
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<u>8:30</u> JOHN DUDLICEK	<u>8:30</u> NINA MILLER	<u>8:30</u> ROGER SIMS	<u>8:30</u> NINA MILLER	<u>8:30</u> DEAN JOHANSON
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Wealth Advisor

**When:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 - 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Hammond Library, 564 State St Hammond, 46320

**Register:** Connie Rainey - 219-663-8699 or by E-mail  
connie.rainey@thrivent.com by October 7, 2011

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011  
SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES**

The September 12, 2011 Griffith Lutheran Church Council Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with Pastor Bailey leading the group in prayer. Council members present were: Dean Johanson (President), Les Bias, Mike Struebing, Sandra Ruban, Fred Steinke, JoEllen Pilipow, Diane Zurawski, Joanne Villa, Carolyn Connell, Annette Johanson, Cynthia Urbytes-Pagan and Jim Masters. Congregational members present were: Joyce & Archie McDonald, Nina Miller, John Kettwig, Gene Kregel, Gracia Dudlicek, Maryann Lovas and Roger Sims. **READING OF AUGUST MINUTES** – Motion made by Fred Steinke, seconded by Sandra Ruben to accept the August 2011 minutes, with one correction, passing 20-0. **FINANCIAL & TREASURER'S REPORT** –

On file in church office.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** – (September 12 report) Yesterday was a joyous day around here as we had both Rally Day and the Church Picnic. Both were well attended. It was great to have my confirmation students back in the classroom. This year we are covering the New Testament. I have a wonderful group of students again! Next Saturday, a number of the confirmation students, some of our youth and adults and I will be heading to Valparaiso University to help package food for Kids Against Hunger. Last year, we had just a couple of families who went, and we offered no financial support. This year, both the number of volunteers and the financial giving to the program have been outstanding! Our congregation received a bequest from the Glenn Appleton estate this month. Glen was a faithful member of this congregation and remembered us in his will, leaving a tithe. All you need to do is stipulate that 10 percent of the final estate is your gift to the church. In October, I plan to start an adult New Testament class. We will be watching videos on the life of Jesus, Mary, The Crucifixion, the Twelve Apostles, and Paul. There are also other videos in the series. I do not have dates in mind yet, but will have it announced in the October bulletin. The series is from the History Channel, A&E, and the Biography Channel, featuring key theologians and historians. I just watch the one on Jesus, and it was well presented and thought provoking. Finally, as the year is winding to a close, a reminder that a number of council positions are open and need to be filled. We are attempting to fill them, but are running into difficulties. If you know of anyone who you believe would be excellent in service, let me know. It would be best to not wait until the last minute to fill these positions.

It was 1757, and war was threatening the peaceful, Amish settlement where Jacob Hochstetler and his family lived. The feuding British and French colonies both wanted to claim the beautiful, untamed land of Pennsylvania. Caught in the middle were peace-loving Amish settlers and Native American Indian tribes.

Those living on the frontier's edge were especially in danger. Little did Jacob Hochstetler and his family realize that their quiet life was about to be shattered!

Would Jacob's family be able to stand the test and not fight back in self-defense? What would Jesus, the Prince of Peace, do? What had He taught His followers in the New Testament? How had they responded to injustice throughout history?

Would Jacob's family retaliate—like the professing Christians around them who still lived by Old Testament standards—and take revenge on those who hurt them? Or would they choose to obey Christ's commands and live by His perfect example, even if it meant giving their lives for His sake? Could their faith in God sustain them?

**ELDERS – Pastor's report:** Pastor Bailey performed one non-member wedding, one member wedding and two non-member funerals. Pastor's expense report was approved. Motion made by Mike Struebing, seconded by Roger Sims, passing 20-0 to accept as new GLC members; Bo and Suellen Cain (a former member) and Mae Blount. Motion made by Mike Struebing, seconded by Roger Sims, passing 20-0 to approve the transfer of Scott and Beth Bort. Motion made by Mike Struebing, seconded by Sandra Ruben, passing 20-0 the following members be placed on the inactive list: Matthew Lewis, Paul Lewis, Mindy Hershberger, Caroll Portman, Bo Radtke, Tyler Radtke, Becky Rodriguez, Dawn Rodriguez, Todd Thirion, Tim Thirion, Russ and Jane Radtke (per their request – moved to Valparaiso), Art Volk (per his request – moved to Indianapolis). All members who did not respond to the Letter of Intent will receive a final letter giving them until October 1 to respond. If not response, they will be removed from the church rolls. In new business, Carrie Sovola will be the Elder representative for the Mako baptism on September 24. **MISSIONS** – Hospice of the Calumet Area (\$250) was the August mission, with \$15 added to Love INC's September gift. ELCA Malaria Initiative is the September mission, and the October mission is the Griffith Emergency Fund / Shop With a Cop. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Rally Day (September 11) was the start of Sunday School. We had 26 children sign up. They made smiley faces to put on the bulletin board and received a treat bag with "Smile, Jesus loves you" treats in it. Our annual hayride will be October 9 at Oakridge Prairie. There are two hayrides scheduled, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. There is no cost for the hayride, but we ask everyone who attends to bring, chips, cookies or cupcakes to share. We will provide hot dogs and drinks. This hayride is for the whole congregation, so come on out for a fun filled time of fellowship. The balance of the Sunday School fund is about \$3,183.75. **STEWARDSHIP** – October 2 will be the kick-off for Commitment Sunday. Nancy Nyland from I-K Synod will be our guest speaker for the weekend. She will be available between services for meet-and-greet time. Temple talks have been scheduled: October 2, Nancy Nyland (plus sermon); October 9, Youth; October 16, Dennis Robbins; October 23, Nina Miller (Simply Giving); October 30, Committed cards collected, Reformation Sunday thank you meal. Envelopes for the congregation have been ordered. **EVANGELISM** – The Evangelism Board would like to send a big thank you to everyone who donated their time, cookies and golf gear, and to those who help make our participation in the Griffith Rock 'n Rail Festival a success. Thanks also to those who came out to see us. We had clowns again both days, and handed out pens, clips, post-its and GLC brochures. We will have a booth at the Boy Scout Craft Fair and will be selling ornaments. Craft nights have been designated to create the ornaments. Proceeds will cover any Evangelism expenditures over budget. Anything over that will be decided by the Board at their next meeting.

## About Your Synod: *LivingLutheran.com*

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## Around the I-K Synod: *Synodfest!: One Word. Many Voices.*

*Synod Fest!  
One Word.  
Many Voices.*

*Declare  
his glory  
among the  
nations, his  
marvelous  
works  
among all  
the peoples.  
Psalm 96:3*

**Synodfest! One Word. Many Voices.**  
October 29, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Christ Church, 600 North Ford Road, Zionsville, IN 4607

Join Bishop Gafkjen, Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Metro New York Synod and a line up of other gifted leaders poised to facilitate a day of worship, wonder, and holy hilarity. Together, our voices will blend into conversations and break into song about the new things God is doing within, among, and through us.

Break-out conversations will offer opportunities for hands-on explorations of music, prayer, drama, art, ritual, preaching, and more. Plan to be part of this energizing and empowering day!

Cost will cover grilled brats, refreshments, materials and activities.  
\$20 per person; \$25 at the door; \$10 for persons under age 18; child care provided.

Register for this event online and send your check to the I-K Lutheran Center. Make checks payable to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. The address is:  
**Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240**

Visit the home page of [www.iksynod.org](http://www.iksynod.org) and click on Synodfest to register by Oct. 21.

## 2011 I-K Synod Events & Opportunities



### How do we get more young people in church?

Wondering how you and your congregation can connect with young adults (ages 18-35ish) and nurture their spiritual growth?

You're not alone, and we here at the Indiana-Kentucky Synod want to help you do that!

For more information, contact Rev. Carolyn Lesmeister, assistant to the bishop, at [clesmeister@iksynod.org](mailto:clesmeister@iksynod.org) and find us on facebook under "Inky Young Adults." More resources will be coming soon to the I-K Synod website, too.

Meanwhile, check out how one Episcopalian answers a similar question at:

[www.azdiocese.org/dfc/newsdetail\\_2/1039](http://www.azdiocese.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/1039)



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## THE BEST LIST

The most destructive habit.....Worry  
The greatest joy.....Giving  
The greatest loss.....Loss of self-respect  
The most satisfying work.....Helping others  
The ugliest personality trait.....Selfishness  
The most endangered species.....Dedicated leaders  
Our greatest natural resource.....Our youth  
The greatest "shot in the arm".....Encouragement  
The greatest problem to overcome.....Fear  
The most effective sleeping pill.....Peace of mind  
The most crippling failure disease.....Excuses  
The most powerful force in life.....Love  
The most dangerous pariah.....A gossip  
The world's most incredible computer.....The brain  
The worst thing to be without.....Hope  
The deadliest weapon.....The tongue  
The two most power-filled words....."I Can"  
The greatest asset.....Faith  
The most worthless emotion.....Self-pity  
The most beautiful attire.....SMILE!  
The most prized possession.....Integrity  
The most powerful channel of communication.....Prayer  
The most contagious spirit.....Enthusiasm

**Everyone needs this list to live by!!**

This year our congregation is participating in a stewardship program entitled

# MAKE IT SIMPLE

We will focus on this theme in four weekly worship services beginning Sunday, October 2nd. The four weekly themes are:

- MAKE IT SIMPLE: Following Jesus
- MAKE IT SIMPLE: Facing the Truth
- MAKE IT SIMPLE: Acting Together
- MAKE IT SIMPLE: Sharing Enough

The theme for MAKE IT SIMPLE provides opportunities for study, reflection, and discussion about the choices we make in our daily lives.

Please join us on Sunday, October 31st for our  
MAKE IT SIMPLE Luncheon

We need to continue to grow in our stewardship ministry, with a focus on simply living the stewardship of our abundant blessings from God.

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Yes, I will be attending the luncheon  
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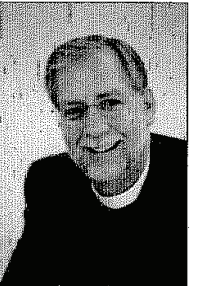
## I-K Lutheran

*Where mission meets the road*

From Bishop Bill Gafkjen

Dear Companions in Mission,

The 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August left us with much to explore, celebrate and implement as a synod and as congregations. Of course, the Malaria Campaign rises toward the top of that list. The adoption of the social statement entitled "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" is near the top of the list, too, as it provides guidance and resources for making our way through the very complicated, multifaceted concerns that swirl around genetics. You can check out the actions of the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and related resources, at [www.elca.org/assembly](http://www.elca.org/assembly).



Bishop William O. Gafkjen

One action of the assembly that has direct and immediate connection with your congregation's mission and ministry - and which aligns very closely with our priorities as a synod - is found in the LIFT (Living into the Future Together) recommendations that were adopted. In part, this section of LIFT commits us "to make support for the work of congregations one of the highest priorities of this church." One expression of that commitment requests that "congregations, in collaboration with synods...begin, develop, review or redefine their unique mission plans by the end of 2012, so that each congregation strengthens its capabilities and resources for witness and mission."

Note that this is a request, not a requirement. Nevertheless, it is a very good idea and we plan to make it a priority throughout the Indiana-Kentucky Mission Territory over the next 15 months. In fact, many congregations have already engaged such planning and we have some synodical resources already focused in this direction. Director for Evangelical Mission, Nancy Nyland, and I have begun to work with other synod leadership to strengthen these existing resources and to create new ways to provide catalyst, resources, guidance, and accompaniment for every congregation of this mission territory to engage intentional, prayerful, Christ-centered planning for mission. It is very likely that these planning processes in this mission territory will be done collaboratively with other congregations, involve a cadre of folks trained to provide accompaniment in effective mission planning, and be based and/or implemented through conferences. Look for more about this exciting and important journey in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, if you have experiences, materials, processes or other resources that you have found helpful with such missional planning in your congregation, please share it with Nancy ([nnyland@iksynod.org](mailto:nnyland@iksynod.org)) and me ([bishopbill@iksynod.org](mailto:bishopbill@iksynod.org)). We'll add it to the simmering stew of new things to which God is calling us. If you don't know whether or not your congregation has a mission plan, ask your pastor and other congregational leadership about it and see how you can get involved.

Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel!

**Bishop Bill Gafkjen**

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People of God to make Christ Known*