



THE MESSENGER

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- Pastor's Letter
- Intern Abigail's Report

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Pastor's Message

Called by God, we are Christians gathered and sent to serve our church, community and the world in the name of Christ."

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Lately I have been thinking and talking with you, the members of First English, about mission and about stewardship. If you read last month's messenger, you remember I wrote about beginning these conversations. Since that point I have discussed our mission statement with the church council and with various members of our congregation including an opportunity to hear from some of you who attended the adult Sunday School Hour. Yet I want to hear from all of you. As you come for worship or a meeting, find the large sheets of paper with the ideas from my prior conversations. Take a moment to look at them, then write your own observations on them. These will become the starting point for the council / vision team to plan our goals for 2012 and the years to come.

You might wonder what mission and stewardship have to do with each other. They are connected in a way you may not have thought about. If the church were any other type of business, a person might look at the data to determine if the business is a success. They would look at the net profit it made, or the increasing market share, or the greater number of workers hired or any number of other factors. If I asked you if you thought First English was a successful congregation, you might point to many of the same factors to prove your point. You might point to the increase in new members, the larger number of youth attending our Sunday School, or the fact we continue to receive enough contributions to pay our bills and to fulfill our financial obligations. For all these factors, I agree with you and give thanks to God.

While this might be the way the world would judge success, we are the Church, the body of Christ in the world, and should we determine success in the same manner? Mission and stewardship are both matters of discipleship. As a disciple of Christ we are called to live a life worthy of the Gospel. As a follower of Jesus, we are called to be stewards of the resources God has given us. Stewardship is not just about money, albeit money is often the most visible part, it is how we share our talents, give of our time and energy.

I have been reading a book on

stewardship called '*Not Your Parents' Offering Plate*' by J Clif Christopher. In it Clif argues that the health and vitality of a non-profit institution can be seen in the way it is supported. The current struggle for churches is they have not always made a good argument for support. Not long ago the church was the largest recipient of charitable dollars. Now they are just one of many institutions and organizations seeking your donation. Just think of how many phone calls or letters in the mail you have received in the last week.

Clif makes two main observations when it comes to giving and the church. In the first he offers three reasons for why people support institutions with their charitable dollars. The first is a belief in the mission; the second is a regard for staff leadership, and the third is fiscal responsibility. This book has driven me to begin asking the questions about how we are living out our mission statement here in this place. Because if this mission statement is not reflective of who we are as God's people at FELC, then we need to determine a new mission. I want to say first of all that I do believe our mission statement does reflect who we are here at First English. Secondly I continually give thanks to God for the staff and leadership here at FELC as they endeavor to lead and live out their faith in their everyday lives.

The second observation Clif makes in his book is; because we are a church, a faith based institution, we can make some determination about the health and faith life of our members in being aware of the changes in the support they offer. While stewardship can be mission driven, it is also a matter of faith. As a person grows in their faith, as they connect with the mission of the church, their commitment of support will most likely grow as well. Changes in a members support may indicate a change in their belief in the institution or a change in their personal situation. In other words, they may no longer agree with the mission or trust the leadership of the church; or they may be experiencing a crisis in their life which has caused them to have other priorities. Either way, it is a faith issue for them. Then I, as your pastor, should be in conversation with you and to walk

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Highlights of September, 2011, Council meeting

Old Business:

Discussed Wednesday worship – Pastor informed the council of the change of time. Also discussed the Alternative Worship being planned by our Intern for the last Wednesday of each month.

Homework – Discussed the mission statement for FELC. Reviewing how we are fulfilling our mission and how we might do so in the future.

New Business:

Guest Preacher – President Stan Olson from Wartburg Seminary will be with us on October 9th to preach and lead a discussion during our Adult Sunday School. President Olson is coming in honor of Pr Michael's 10th anniversary of ordination. He was the Bishop in Southwest Minnesota who ordained Pr Michael.

Reorganization of spaces – Discussed the use of spaces and how we might repurpose our current space for greater use. Such putting in comfortable chairs or a love seat in the space so it could be used for conversations or informal meetings.

Reports:

Received verbal and written reports from Pr Michael, Intern Abigail, and the FELC Teams

Pastor Mike informed the council of synod meetings on Sept 8th and 20th
 Working on a FELC Camp 'guidebook' to assist in proper operation of camp
 Attending the Bishop Convocation on Oct 16th – 18th
 Annual Pasty Dinner on Oct 12th (see information in newsletter)
 Abigail has musicians to play for the alternative worship service on the last Wed of month



Reminder—Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 6
Move your clocks BACK one hour and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!!!

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Troy McKay

Fellow followers in Christ our Lord,

Again, it's October my favorite time of year, not just because it's our wedding anniversary, or because autumn in Wisconsin is beautiful with the leaves changing color, or because the hot and muggy weather should be behind us, or because bow hunting season is open. No, it's my favorite time of year because it's baseball playoffs, and for the 2nd time in recent years, the Brewers are in hunt. Therefore, perhaps the Lord did hear some prayers. Of course, we can't say the same for those Cubs fans out there and we shouldn't mention their names, but I can't help say maybe next year to Pastor, Bret and Phil. Now with the regular season behind us, we should rejoice and embrace each others differences and at least cheer for the same division or anyone playing the Yankee's. For as it says in the Bible, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:29-31.

But all kidding aside, we should remember what is most important to us, we are all playing in the game of life and the prize is eternal life with our Lord. "But every competitor in an athletic contest practices abstemiousness in all directions. They indeed do this for the sake of securing a perishable wreath, but we for the sake of securing one that will not perish." 1 Corinthians 9:25.

Your humble servant,

Troy

Special Guest speaker on Oct 9th will be Wartburg Seminary President Dr. Stan P. Olson, who was the bishop that ordained Pastor Short ten years ago. He will also be leading an adult information class between services.

Pastor's Message (cont.)

alongside you in the midst of your crisis or be bold enough to challenge you to recommit to the mission we all share.

So the basic principals of discipleship are mission and stewardship. They are connected because they are faith indicators. In the coming month, as we prepare for our annual stewardship drive, I ask you to be in

conversation with others about how we are currently living out our mission. I pray you will offer your suggestions and your support of God's mission in this place as we move into the future.

Pr Michael

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Abigail Letsinger, Intern



In preparation for the Bishop's Convocation in mid-October, I have spent some time the past few weeks re-reading one of my favorite books. "The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical" by Shane Claiborne is a text that challenges us to live out our faith in a radical way. Most specifically, by taking the message of Christ out into the heart of a broken world. Shane has lived in a leper colony, with the homeless on the east coast, and cared for the wounded in the Middle East. (A brave act of Christ's love that landed him on a terrorist watch list!) To me, the beauty in this is that it isn't all that radical. It seems absurd because as a society we are so far removed from this type of ministry, but it is the way Christ intended us to live. Shane writes "We are the body of Christ, the hands and feet of Jesus to the world. Christ is living inside of you and me, walking the earth." We are not called to disassociate ourselves with the broken sinners and so called evildoers of this world. We all need grace. And if we dare to look inside ourselves and embrace our own brokenness, radical things can happen. This month, I would encourage everyone to pick up a copy of anything Shane has written. (I own most of his works and am happy to lend them out.)

One parting thought... "Christianity is at its best when it is peculiar, marginalized, suffering, and it is at its worst when it is popular, credible, triumphal, and powerful." —Shane Claiborne

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**SCRIP—LCM**

Do you need to do some back-to school shopping, gas for your car? How about going out to eat? Why not do your shopping with Scrip! September Scrip orders will be collected on Sunday, October 9. Check with Koreena Wood or call church office (348-3022) if you need help ordering. Order blanks and listing of ALL participating merchants are on the table near the office. Thanks for supporting Lutheran Campus Ministry

CROP WALK

STOP HUNGER

OCTOBER 2, 2011

Registration: 12:30— Start: 1:00 pm

**First English Lutheran Church
Platteville
Walk 1 & 3M**

**For Info & Pledge Forms, contact:
Intern Abigail Letsinger—348-3022**

TABLE TALK

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm—Food & Worship

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

**Coming Soon: All parishioners invited to attend
We Need Musicians!!!!**

What exactly IS Alternative Worship? Often, Alternative worship includes elements from ancient Christian liturgy and the sacraments as well as new, modern ways of expressing our spirituality. (Such as contemporary music, instrumentation, or imagery.) This could also be referred to as Holistic Worship, Multisensory Worship, or Creative Worship.

Alternative worship is a chance for Christians to gather together and experiment with their faith expression in a new setting. I hope you'll join us! 7:00 pm on last Wednesday of the month.



FELC Holiday Bazaar

Calling all crafters, bakers, and volunteers! FELC's Holiday Bazaar planned for **Saturday, November 19th** will be here before we know it. Please consider donating your time and talents to make this year's bazaar another success. Contact Barb McVay for more information on how you can help.



OPENING HEARTS AND MINDS

A new mission trip is planned to UPAVIM Women's Co-op near Guatemala City February 11-20, 2012. If helping hard working women and learning more about the plight of our Guatemalan sisters tug at your heart, join us for this adventure. You'll meet women from at least three co-operatives (one formed by widows), help with work at UPAVIM and see some of the beautiful sights in a poor country. You'll return home with new understanding and hope. Housing is provided at the UPAVIM house or the home of a UPAVIMA. Private transportation is arranged. For more information, please contact Jane Harrison at 608-348-6862.

ELCA Malaria Campaign - We Join Hands To Help End Deaths from Malaria

Have you heard? The 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly passed the vote to launch the ELCA Malaria Campaign. We will join hands with our sisters and brothers in Africa to do our part and help end deaths from malaria -- for good. Nearly 800,000 people die each year from malaria. Most live in Africa. Most are children under 5. But it doesn't have to be that way. We know what it takes to stop malaria. The disease is completely preventable and treatable. Working as a church, through churches in Africa, we already have the structure in place to reach individuals and communities that other organizations cannot reach. We already have health care providers trained to save lives.

What's next?

You. Your Help Is Needed.

Please learn more and help **spread the word**. Tell your friends and family. Get your congregation and synod involved. And please **give generously** to support this important work. Your donations to the ELCA Malaria Campaign will help provide mosquito nets, health care, education and more to help those most in need.

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER – On October 9th Stan Olson, President of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque will be with us. President Olson will be preaching at both worship services and leading a discussion during the Sunday School Hour. President Olson is coming in honor of Pastor Michael's 10th Anniversary of his Ordination. Ten years ago, President Olson was the Bishop of the Southwest Synod of Minnesota and was the one to ordain Pr Michael.

We are thankful for President Olson coming. There will be a special offering received that will be given to Wartburg Seminary in honor of Pastor Michael's anniversary and in thanksgiving for the interns who have come to serve us.

Fall Music

The hand bell choir will continue to practice at 5:15 each Wednesday evening. The adult choir will practice at 6:15 pm. Both choirs are friendly, easygoing groups, and new members are always welcome? Please join us!



OCTOBER 2011 SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

8:00 am

10:30

October 2

GreetersDennis & Suzanne Neuser
 UshersPhil & Barb Karrmann
 ReadersLaura Wendorff & Grace Kronick
 Communion AsstsVirgil Pufahl, Louise Brockman
Mike Flanagan, Brenda Dalecki
 Communion CareLouise Brockman, Brenda Dalecki
 Coffee HourGary & Eileen Engelke
 Bread Bakers.....Anita Carns
 AcolytesEverett Ellingson
 NurseryOpen, Parent Supervision
 OrganistTonia Wagner

Joyce Jones & Lois Davies
 Jenna & Cheri Oftedal
 Jane Harrison
 Creg & Patti Reed, Jane Harrison
 Barry Ellis
 Oftedal Family

Holly Kasper

October 9

GreetersBob & Doris Pitts
 UshersKen & Mary Jo Kramer
 ReadersCarol Sedgwick
 Communion AsstsS. Saager-Bourret, Carol Sedgwick
Mary & Dick Doeringsfeld
 Communion CareKen & Mary Jo Kramer
 Coffee HourMary & Dick Doeringsfeld
 Bread Bakers.....Mary Jo Kramer
 AcolytesGrace Hammermeister
 NurseryOpen, Parent Supervision
 OrganistTerri Ellis

Bill & Judy Willis
 Nancy Weigel & Sandy Larson
 Debbie Short
 Amy Barraclough, Debbie Short
 Mary Baehler, Curt Kettler
 Nancy Weigel

Eric Wells

October 16

GreetersCarol Easler, Mike Kelly
 UshersVirgil & Marcia Pufahl
 ReadersKathy Udelhofen
 Communion AsstsKathy Udelhofen, Cheryl Schober
S. Saager-Bourret, Mary Doeringsfeld
 Communion CareCarol Easler & Mike Kelly
 Coffee HourClara Wolhowe
 Bread Bakers.....Stephanie Saager-Bourret
 AcolytesAbbie Wein
 NurseryOpen, Parent Supervision
 OrganistMary Baehler

Patti & Creg Reed
 Katelyn & Cheri Oftedal
 Brent Johnson
 Karen Bausch, Lois Davies
 Char Schenkel, Bill Willis
 Oftedal Family

Avery Johnson

October 23

GreetersPaul & Joni Talsma
 UshersBrooke Buch & Brenda Dalecki
 ReadersHarry Kronick
 Communion AsstsPam Stark, Bob & Doris Pitts
Tom Nall
 Communion CareTerry Benn & Betty Stark
 Coffee HourPam Stark, Terry Benn
 Bread Bakers.....Pam & Betty Stark, Terry Benn
 AcolytesDakota Meylor
 NurseryOpen, Parent Supervision
 OrganistRebecca Swenson
 Special MusicChoir

Sue Joslyn, Joyce Jones
 Jessie & Ken Kilian
 Debbie Short
 Jane Harrison, Nancy Weigel
 Debbie Short
 Nancy Weigel

Colton Clark

October 30

GreetersWayne & Chris Jentz
 UshersDale & Cindy Willis
 ReadersCarol Sedgwick
 Communion AsstsKathy Udelhofen, Carol Sedgwick
Louise Brockman, Fran Felton
 Communion CareCarol Sedgwick
 Coffee HourOftedal Family
 Bread Bakers.....Carol Sedgwick
 AcolytesGrace Hammermeister
 OrganistRebecca Swenson
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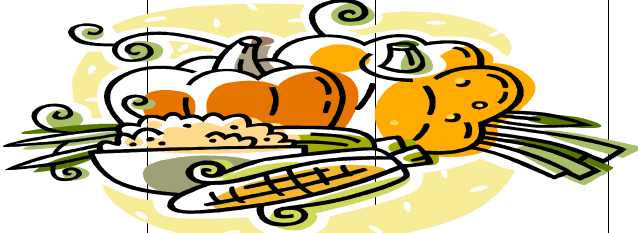


Lisa & Alex Hartz
 Pat & Candy Flynn
 James Swenson
 James Swenson, Karen Bausch
 Dan & Pauline Smith
 Pat Lange

Eric Wells

ALTAR GUILD: Donna Horne and Marcia Pufahl

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

October, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
						1:00—Wedding Bennett- Hawking
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:00—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Confirmation 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship 1:00—Crop Walk	6:30—Children's Choir	10:00—Exercise 6:30—Council Mtg 6:30—LCW Mtg 7:00—Boy Scouts	8:00—Wed Morn Men 9:00—Cover Girls 4:00— Busy Hands 5:30—Chimes 5:30—Potluck 5:30—Table Talk 6:15—Choir 7:00—Worship	10:00—Exercise 6:30—Gifts Team	8:00—LWR Pickup 2:00—Muslim Prayer Group 5:00—Wedding Rehearsal	2:00—White- Christianson Wedding
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:00—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Confirmation 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship	1:00—Golden Guild 6:30—Children's Choir	10:00—Exercise 6:30—Christian Formation Mtg 7:00—Boy Scouts	4:30 & 6:00 pm PASTY DINNER 7:00—Worship	10:00—Exercise 6:30 pm—No Frills Quilt Group 6:30—Bible Study Grp @ Short's	2:00 pm—Muslim Prayer Group	2:00—Gehin- Weigel Wedding
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:00—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Confirmation 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship 5:00—Bishop's Convocation	Today: Bishop's Convocation 6:30—Children's Choir 7:00—Women's Issues	Today: Bishop's Convocation 10:00—Exercise 7:00—Boy Scouts	8:00—Wed Morn Men 9:00—Cover Girls 4:00—Busy Hands 5:30—Chimes 5:30—Potluck 5:30—Table Talk 6:15—Choir 7:00—Worship	10:00—Exercise	10:00—LaLeche Group 2:00 pm—Muslim Prayer Group	7-9 am— SHARE Sat. 1:00—Baby Shower— Upper Fellowship
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:00—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Confirmation 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship	6:30—Children's Choir	10:00—Exercise 6:30—Book Club 7:00—Boy Scouts	4:00—Busy Hands 5:30—Chimes 5:30—Table Talk 5:30—Potluck 6:15—Choir 7:00—Alternative Worship	10:00—Exercise	9:30—Bible Study At Kilian's 2:00—Muslim Prayer Group	8:30-3:00 pm Women's Retreat @ UW-P Cooper Living & Learn Center
30	31					
8:00—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Confirmation 10:00—WPVL 10:30—Worship 10:30—Baptism	Today: Cluster Retreat @ Rockford 6:30—Children's Choir					

October, 2011

CHAPTER A DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2 Kings 12
2 2 Kings 13	3 2 Kings 14	4 2 Kings 15	5 2 Kings 16	6 2 Kings 17	7 2 Kings 18	8 2 Kings 19
9 2 Kings 20	10 2 Kings 21	11 2 Kings 22	12 2 Kings 23	13 2 Kings 24	14 2 Kings 25	15 Acts 22
16 Acts 23	17 Acts 24	18 Acts 25	19 Acts 26	20 Acts 27	21 Acts 28	22 1 Chronicles 1-9
23 1Chronicles 10	24 1Chronicles 11	25 1Chronicles 12	26 1Chronicles 13	27 1Chronicles 14	28 Romans 1	29 Romans 2
30 Romans 3	31 Romans 4					

Congregational activities

LCW

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. at church.

LCW BIBLE STUDY

Theme verse: Mark 3:35

All in the family: From our family of origin to the family of God, who we are and how we see the world depends on where we feel we belong.

Come join our studies. The evening group will meet on October 13th at 6:30 pm at Debbie Short's and the morning session will be Friday at 9:30 am on October 28th at Jessie's Kilian's.

Coffee Restocked and New Tea Added

Check out the variety of coffee available just in time for the fall weather. We've also added a variety of tea, including decaffeinated, to help more struggling farmers. While picking up Sister's Blend or whole bean coffee, take a look at French Roast. OR while getting some English Breakfast Tea, try Roobois, Mint Green or Darjeeling tea. All are organic.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

We got off to a fun start In September meeting for dinner at Take 2 Restaurant. We decided to continue to meet the third Monday of each month and have a good program planned. There's always room for a few more, so we'd love to have you join us on October 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisons, 955 Hillcrest Circle. Call Jane at 348-6862 for directions,.

GOLDEN GUILD

Golden Guild will meet on Monday, October 10 at 1:00 pm.



Pasty Dinner

Wednesday, October 12

serving at 4:30 & 6:00 pm



\$8.00 per person/2 for \$15

Advance tickets Available

***For more information contact:
First English Lutheran Church
Ph:348-3022***



THE PLATTEVILLE THRIFT SHOP

"A small community with a large community." It is a mission sponsored business which provides free and low cost clothing to those in need. Other services provided are: Farm Advocates, Holiday and Food Baskets, Financial Assistance, Charity drives and Platteville Youth Sports. The shop has a board of directors, a number of employees, a manager, and many volunteers. It has the usual expenses of any business.

We volunteers help by increasing the cash flow back into the community. Without our help, there would more paid employee hours. Many of our Platteville Churches supply volunteers for specific days. Our church is responsible for supplying help for Tuesdays. We have provided many great volunteers, but the need is great right now. Please step up and show the Thrift Shop Community what our congregation can do for them. If you can only volunteer on other days of the week, or for only a few hours at a time, your help will be appreciated. We need people to renew supplies on the floor and at the cash register.

The shop is open 6 days a week and on Wednesday evenings. If you would like more information, call Linda Witz (FELC representative) at 348-5422 or the Platteville Thrift Shop at 348-7947 and ask for Robin, our manager. We not only work, but we socialize!



"I Am She"

Women's Fall Retreat
Saturday, October 29th
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
UW-Platteville Cooper
Living and Learning
Center



Discover your boldest bold, and discover ways to put it into action!

Learn to act boldly in the present, and more so into the future, on your faith in Christ Jesus.

You are she! Open to all women. Invite your friends!

Hosted by First English Lutheran Church LCW.
 Registration forms may be obtained in the church office.
 Cost to attend the retreat is \$10 and includes lunch.
 Registration and payment are due October 20th.
 Child care will be available at the church.

Pre-registration greatly appreciated. To register, call the FELC office at 348-3022, leave this form at the office, or send an email to Rebecca Swenson @jamesandbecca.com

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

Will you need childcare? If so...

Child's name _____	Sex _____	Age _____
Child's name _____	Sex _____	Age _____
Child's name _____	Sex _____	Age _____
Child's name _____	Sex _____	Age _____

Childcare will be at First English Lutheran Church, on the corner of Chestnut and Pine, beginning at 8:00 am. Please send a sack lunch with your child. A snack will be provided.

October 2011 BIRTHDAYS

BRUNTON, ADELINE	1-Oct
SLATER (STEERS), SHAWNA	10/1
SLATER (STEERS),	10/1
WACKERSHAUSER, BARBARA	10/1
WOLF, ZACKARY	10/1
HEINZ, LAURA	10/2
POPPLE, JANICE	10/2
BOHLKEN, EMILIA	10/5
BRUNTON, DAMIEN	10/5
OFTEDAL, JENNA	10/5
BAUSCH, KELSEY	10/6
JOHNSON, FLETCHER	10/6
PETERSON, KAY	10/8
Walter, Chris	10/8
ELLIS, TERRI	10/9
FORSETH, JODY	10/10
SPERLE, BRADY	10/10
BARRACLOUGH, AMY	10/13
Fitzsimmons, Ronald	10/13
HEINZ JR., CHRISTOPHER	10/13
SCHMOEKEL, DAVID	10/13
ERICKSON, BRETT	10/14
HARRISON, BRAYDEN	10/14
FLANAGAN, MIKE	10/15
REED, PATTI	10/16
JENTZ, DUSTY	10/17
BUSS, MICHAEL	10/18
BOHLKEN, MEGAN	10/19
KRONICK, SAMUEL	10/19
WILLIS, JUDY	10/20
Edge, Addalynn	10/21
VAN NATTA, DIANE	10/22
SCHNEPPER, NOAH	10/24
TROST, ALLISON	10/24
UITENBROEK, TIFFANY	10/24
STEINBACH, CHARLES	10/26
WEIGEL, BRADLEY	10/27
WHITE, LISA	10/29

BOOK CLUB



October's selection is "Room" by Emma Donoghue

To five-year-old Jack, Room is the world. . . . It's where he was born, it's where he and his Ma eat and sleep and play and learn. At night, his Ma shuts him safely in the wardrobe, where he is meant to be asleep when Old Nick visits. Room is home to Jack, but to Ma it's the prison where she has been held for seven years. Through her fierce love for her son, she has created a life for him in this eleven-by-eleven-foot space. But with Jack's curiosity building alongside her own desperation, she knows that Room cannot contain either much longer. *Room* is a tale at once shocking, riveting, exhilarating--a story of unconquerable love in harrowing circumstances, and of the diamond-hard bond between a mother and her child.

The book club will meet on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 pm in the Love Room at First English. Come join in on the lively conversations.

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As soon as I see bags of fresh apples in the supermarket, announcing the new fall crop, I'm digging in my recipe files for my favorite apple desserts. On our recent visit to Matt's, I made his all-time favorite for him and considered using it for this issue. I recalled, however, that most of you already have it in the church Centennial Cookbook. It's called Apple Pudding and appears on page 181 (accompanying caramel topping on page 182). If you haven't tried it, you should. My splattered old recipe card reads "Alice's Madrigal Dessert" because the recipe was given to me many years ago by Dick's cousin Alice, who had served it for Southwest Tech's Madrigal Dinner when she cooked there. I usually make it several times each fall and winter. I'll ask Kathy to print some copies and have it available in the office for anyone who does not have a cookbook but wants to try it.

I've chosen instead another oldie, an apple cake recipe that was published in the Platteville Journal many years ago. The recipe belonged to Gail Otte, whose husband Brian, is a teacher in the Platteville school system. Pastor Mike, who makes a fantastic apple pie, mentioned that he hasn't found an apple cake recipe that he likes. Hopefully, he and everyone else will like this one as much as I do.

Tastefully yours,
Mary D.

COMPANY'S COMING

German Walnut Apple Cake

- 2 large or 3 small eggs
- 1 cup salad oil
- 2 cups sugar (I use 1 c white, 1 c brown)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 3 tsp (1T) cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 4 cups diced apples (I use Granny Smith or mix of GS w/ others)
- 1 cup chopped walnuts



Beat eggs and salad oil until light and fluffy; add sugar and vanilla and continue beating. Add dry ingredients and mix well. Fold in apples and walnuts. Pour into greased 9 X 13 pan. Bake for 45-55 minutes at 350 degrees. Great served warm with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce. (I used the sauce recipe from my Apple Pudding but have also used caramel ice cream topping). Leftovers are delicious with a cup of coffee the next day.