

FAYETTEVILLE BRETHREN CHURCH NEWS
November, 2012

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM

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Upcoming Events:

Nov 4 – Mission Emphasis Sunday; Christian Sisters meeting after worship service

Nov 11 – Veteran's Day **Joint worship service at Industry Brethren Church – 9 a.m.** (see below)

Nov 18 – Thanksgiving Service; Holy Communion

Nov 20 (Tues) – Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul Lutheran church in Fayetteville. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., worship at 7:00 p.m. Food will be provided by the Fayetteville and Ellinger Lutheran churches.

Nov 25 – Greening of the church; chili lunch – sign up sheet in foyer

Dec 1 – Fayetteville C of C Home Tour – Church is on the tour (see article below)

Dec 8 (Sat.) – Christmas Open House, 2-6 – Rev Kay & Ben Polasek's home in Caldwell

Dec 23 – Christmas Service – Choir will perform "His Name is Jesus"; Holy Communion

Dec 23 – Industry Brethren Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 3 PM; Choir will perform "His Name is Jesus" (stew will be served after the service)

Dec 24 (Mon) – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 PM

Feb 2, 2013 (Sat.) – Joint 4-church fellowship at Fayetteville Brethren Church – *(Watch for details!)*

Pastor's Message:

"AMEN! PRAISE THE LORD!"

Psalm 106:46-48 (NIV)

46 He caused all who held them captive to show them mercy.

47 Save us, Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

48 Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people

say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord.

Each Sunday after the last song, we end our service with verse 48. It feels good to praise the Lord! Never be shy about praising the Lord out loud. He wants to hear our praises in all seasons of our lives – good and challenging. When was the last time you praised the Lord other than at church?

Soon we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. For many it will be a time of family gathering together. There will lots of food, laughter, and football games. But for some, it will be a time of sadness as they grieve the loss of their family members,

there will be no laughter, no food and so on. Even for those who fall into this category, God wants to hear their praises. Whether we are walking through the valley or up on the mountain top, God wants to hear our praises.

In my hospice chaplain work, I have the privilege of working with families from many different walks of life. Our patients have heard that they have six months or less to live. When you are given that diagnosis, the meaning of life and what we think we need changes. Someone recently told me that their conclusion has been that nothing matters more than love.

I hear this over and over again.

I challenge you to make a list of all the things that you can praise the Lord for. During the next two months, take time to review that list as often as you can, and praise Him.

In addition, as our country draws closer to election day, please remember to pray daily for God's will to be done. Remember to pray for those who serve our country in the states and in other countries. God bless America!

And, let the people say: Amen! Praise the Lord!

May you all be blessed,

Pastor Kay

Prayer Concerns:

Our military	Barbara Roesler's granddaughter Candy
Shirley Herbst	Our missionaries
Char Wright	Jerry Marshall
Barbara Roesler's grandson	The family of Lillie Elsie Kasperek
Allen & Jeannie Stepan	Rusty Hight
Sue Stepan	Barbara Roesler's son after surgery
Guy Huffmann	Matthew Huffman & family
Elaine Kelly	Brenda Hammond

November Birthdays

1 - Shirley Herbst	8 - Tom Kubena
15 - Lillian Blinka	19 - Blaise MacKenzie

Flower and Communion Set - up: Liz and Joe Ripple - thank you. Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, November 7th.

Church News:

Sunday School - **Adult Class:** Martha and Jerry Dove are leading the adult class which is reviewing the beliefs of other religions and how as Christians we can share the good news of Jesus Christ with those of other faiths. **Children's Sunday School:** A Sunday School class is available for children. You are welcome to bring your children or grandchildren to this class.

November is Missionary Emphasis Month: Christ commissioned His followers to go out and tell all nations the good News of the Gospel. You have a part in this work! Members are encouraged to support missions through your prayers and donations. You may designate "Foreign Missions" or "Home Missions" on your check; checks marked "missions" will be split 50/50. The Board of Elders encourages all members to give as much as they can to support the denomination's missionary efforts. The 2013 budgets that were passed at the Fall Synodical Committee meeting are \$67,000.00 for Home Missions and \$67,000.00 for Foreign Missions – a total of \$134,000.00.

Joint "Honor our Veterans" Worship service – Nov 11, 9 A.M. at Industry Brethren Church: Please take the time this month to thank all of the veterans you know for their service to our country and for your freedom. On Sunday, November 11, we will pay tribute to these special people – those living and deceased - during our joint worship service at Industry Brethren Church. All veterans that participate will receive a name badge and small flag. If you have a deceased relative who was a veteran and you would like to have them recognized, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in their memory. To have your name printed in the program, you must contact Liz Ripple or Liz Treybig by Nov 2. After this date, you will still be able to be recognized at the service, but your name will not be in the program.

After the service, a brunch will be served in the fellowship hall. There will be a display table in the hall with biographies, pictures and any other memorabilia that any veteran would like to display. **If you would like to write a biography, please include:** Your full name, branch of service, rank, years served, places where you were stationed and any other information you would like to share (where you grew up, went to school, your profession, who you married, list your children, where you live now, etc) **BRING PICTURES!**

If anyone would like to help with the food, please contact Liz T. or Liz R. to see what we still need. Over 100 people are expected to attend this event. We will also need help in the kitchen to set up and serve food. Thank you all in advance for your support and we hope to see you at this special event. Please keep all our active duty military personnel in your prayers. God Bless the USA!

Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Tuesday, Nov 20 at the St. Paul Lutheran church in Fayetteville. Food will be provided by the St. Paul Fayetteville and St. John Ellinger Lutheran churches. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m; worship will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

The Christian Sisters' Society: The Christian sisters will be selling raffle tickets starting in November. The raffle proceeds will benefit various projects, missions and charity work. The drawing will be held on February 9, 2013. A box has been set up in the foyer to collect food donations for the AMEN food pantry. Items are also being collected for Operation Christmas Child – see Kathy Voshalike. The next meeting will be Nov 4. **Dues are \$20 and are payable now for 2013** to Martha Dove. You do not have to be a member of the church to join.

Christmas Open House at Pastor Kay and Ben Polasek's: In place of our Progressive Christmas Dinner, this year we are invited to attend a Christmas Open House at the home of Pastor Kay and Ben Polasek on Saturday, December 8 from 2 – 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet to help with the food is in the foyer. Mark your calendar as you will not want to miss the fun, fellowship and food! Directions will be forth-coming.

Memorials received – To the **Cemetery Fund** – For Joseph and Mary Ripple by Joe & Liz Ripple; for John V. Jecmenek by Joe & Liz Ripple. To the **Building Fund** – In honor of Laddie Ripple's 90th birthday by Joe & Liz Ripple. If you would like to make a memorial for a friend or a loved one you may do so at any time.

Operation Cade Lake – The Christian Sisters are collecting Christmas gifts for the children of the Cade Lake Community Chapel. If you would like to provide a Christmas gift for a child, please see Martha Dove for names and ages of the children and the gift they are requesting. Gifts are suggested to be from \$20-\$25. Each of these gifts can be treated as a Gospel opportunity. Please try to take a name or two to help support this rewarding project. Plans are being made to take the gifts to the children in December (to be announced). Anyone who would like to help deliver the gifts is welcome to come along.

Church is on the Fayetteville C of C Home Tour: There are many in the community that has not had the opportunity to see our newly restored sanctuary. Our church will be on the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Home tour on Saturday, December 8 from 1-4 pm. We will need volunteers to welcome and hand out information to our visitors and to help in the kitchen. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer for volunteer duties. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to bring cookies, please sign-up for that. Wassail, water and coffee will be provided.

Synodical Committee report: Representatives from our church attending the Fall Synodical Committee meeting held Oct 20 were Liz Ripple and Pastor Kay. Steve Davis brought the devotional and challenged the committee to make the sometimes difficult decisions that need to be made. The 65th Unity of the Brethren Convention will be held on July 18-20 at the Taylor Brethren Church. Plans will be made for all Brethren churches the opportunity to share with everyone what is happening in their church. Claren Kotrla was appointed to the Home Missions Board. A nominating committee is being formed for the 2013 Convention. It was reported that 18 ministers and their spouses attended the minister's retreat – the cost was a little over \$18,000.00 which will be paid for from the Brethren Fund. It was suggested for the ministers to try to meet every 2 years if they can to share their thoughts and seek spiritual growth. Jim Baletka was appointed to Chair the Hus School Anniversary Committee which will be celebrated in 2014. The home and foreign mission budgets were discussed at length. Budgets of \$67,000.00 for each mission outreach was approved – a total of \$134,000.00. The mission boards plan to visit Brethren churches and relay plans for raising money and share their visions. Getting a new Unity Brochure was discussed. In the Unity congregations, Rev Charles Amos and Rev Whitney Amos will be resigning from the Granger Brethren Church at the end of the year and Rev. Larry Zabcik will resign effective Nov 7 from the Temple Brethren Church. A sandwich lunch was served at noon. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. A copy of the complete minutes will be available on the Unity website later this month.