

## The Joyful Noise



In the mid 1960's there was a singing group called "The Medical Mission Sisters". They sang songs that had very catchy tunes. If I would start to sing some of their songs, more than likely you would recognize them and start to sing along.

For Example: *I cannot come. I cannot come to the banquet...* Then there is: *I saw raindrops on my window. Joy is like the rain...* There is also: *God gives his people strength. If we believe in His way...*

I grew up with these songs. Listening to the vinyl spin on a machine that many children today would not recognize. The phonograph would spin the record and I would sing along.. I learned to play the songs on the piano. Eventually I learned to play them on the guitar too. I still have the old song book from those many years ago in my study. I pull it out and it brings back many memories.

One song I would like to share with you has this as the refrain:

*Ten unclean and nowhere to go.*

*Ten men cleansed as clean as snow.*

*One returned to give God thanks,*

*but nine went away.*

Miriam Therese Winter wrote both the lyrics and composed the tune. She based the song on the events recorded in the Word of God found in Luke 17. Ten men with leprosy stood at a distance calling to Jesus to have pity on them. Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests, which according to the Law is the way to be declared clean. On the way to the priests, the ten realize that they had been made clean. Their skin was restored. Healing was given them. One, turned

around and shouting praises to God, found Jesus and thanked him. All ten were cleaned. Only one returned and gave thanks.

Giving thanks.

- A verse from the song **Ten Lepers**.

*God gives gifts to us every day,  
favors His people in every way.  
Hope restored and pain relieved—  
do you ever give thanks for a gift received?*

Take time each day during November to give thanks. Begin the day with thanksgiving in your heart. Express out loud the thankfulness in your heart for the many gifts the Lord has given.

To help you get started, turn to the Prayer Moment in this Newsletter.

Finally, these thoughts of Paul, I have for you.

*<sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

**Ephesians 1:16-17 (NIV)**

Giving thanks for you!

*Pastor Jeff*

### **Prayer Moment:**

*<sup>16</sup> Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup> pray continually; <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)**

### **Psalm 100**

A psalm. For giving thanks.

*<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

*<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

*<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

### **Prayer from the Anglican Common Book of Prayer**

*Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits for the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship -  
Wednesday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.**

Come and Gather in Worship of the Living God with Thanksgiving! Our time of Thanksgiving in worship will include The Great Thanksgiving, Holy Communion.



**Decorating for Advent and Christmas Sat. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 10 A.M.**

Come and share in the joy of preparing for Advent and Christmas. We have numerous Christmas trees that need to be assembled and then decorated. There are tasks for all ages. We will also enjoy a snack together.



**Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night Bible Study will  
meet Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m.**

The Temple has been built and dedicated to the Living God. Solomon's name is becoming known and travelers are coming to Jerusalem to see for themselves. Now what will happen? Come and share in this faith deepening time together with your brothers and sisters in Christ. We concluded by 8:15 p.m.



**Sunday School**

**Children's Sunday School 9:00 A.M.**

Come and enjoy time together in the House of the Lord. Through Bible reading, songs, memory verses, and crafts children will be disciplined in the Faith.

Children's Sunday School will be exploring **Who Jesus Is** this year. We will be studying the names of Jesus from A-Z. We will learn about Jesus' character and power by exploring His titles and adjectives. Join us in learning about Jesus the Creator, Healer, and Teacher and MUCH, MUCH, MORE! Heather Lee looks forward to each week and discipling the children of Faith in Christ. Remember Children's Choir is included in this time each week.

**COMING SOON!**

It's almost time for the food collection for the Christmas Food Baskets so start collecting your food items today! A list of the items needed will be available very soon so watch for a list in upcoming Sunday bulletins and in the December newsletter as well.



**Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC)**  
Will meet on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in Perkins Restaurant on North Limestone at 12:00 noon for lunch, fellowship, and a brief meeting.

**Sewing & Service Circle** -- Will meet in the church on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

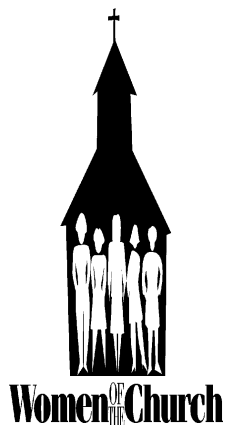
**Ruth Circle** --Will meet again Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00.

**Women of Today** – Will meet for their regular meeting on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in the church.

#### **MONTHLY EVENTS**

**First Sunday** of each month is Parish Nurse Sunday. Take a few minutes to stop by the nurse's table and have your blood pressure taken.

**Fourth Sunday** of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring in your non-perishable food items and place them in the container in the entrance hallway.



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| Dec 1  | Prayer Partner Meeting - changed to Dec 8th! |
| Dec 5  | Sewing & Service Christmas Luncheon          |
| Dec 6  | LFC Christmas Party                          |
| Dec 6  | Fox Ridge Condo Party @ FIC                  |
| Dec 7  | Breakfast with Santa                         |
| Dec 10 | Feed IHN                                     |
| Dec 19 | TNT Christmas Party & Visit at Villa         |
| Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Worship                        |
| Dec 25 | Christmas Day!                               |
| Jan 5  | TNT Brown Bag Luncheon Meeting               |
| Jan 21 | Scout Event @ FIC                            |
| Jan 24 | TNT Overnighter                              |
| Jan 26 | Congregation Annual Meeting                  |



**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**@ FIC - NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.**

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving dinner will once again be prepared and served, and enjoyed here at Faith in Christ Lutheran Church. This a perfect time to gather with others looking for a special day of fellowship and giving thanks to the Lord. The meal will be served beginning at 1 p.m. and conclude around 5:00 p.m.

Please join us here at Faith in Christ and feel free to invite anyone else you know who would also enjoy spending the day with us.

Should anyone feel moved to help with the dinner in any way, such as preparing food, serving, or donating an item, please call me at home @399-3249.

Sign up sheets will soon be on the Mission & Ministry Table in the Narthex of the church.

Your friend in Christ,  
**Marilyn Quick**

## Random Thoughts on Thankfulness

We're always hearing "sound bites" or seeing written articles about hunger in the world. It certainly should make us think. I'm sure that most of us have sufficient food for our needs. In fact, some of us may have more than enough. Even in our worst times, most of us have never gone to bed really, really hungry; we have never had to watch a child die from starvation; we've never had to dig a hole in a dry riverbed to get a cup of water; we've never had to sleep on the ground out in the open (perhaps when we've gone camping, but certainly not because we had no other choice). Surely we are thankful for what we have.



And what about those roofs over our heads? Sometimes we take them for granted. After all, we've worked hard, made the mortgage payments, done the painting and fixing, the flower planting and grass mowing. We've earned it! But guess what, there are people out there who have worked just as hard, made mortgage payments just as big, painted and fixed, planted and mowed -- and they are homeless. Newspapers and magazines are full of articles about people losing their homes. And I'm not talking about the stereotype "Bowery bum" with the bottle in the brown paper bag. I'm talking about blue collar workers and white collar workers, people like you and like me -- people who have lost their jobs and as a result their homes. I'm talking about the two men that Jim and I saw along the highway close to Piqua several years ago -- the men carrying the sign that said "will work for food". A co-worker of mine talked to these same men at the Upper Valley Mall a few days later. She was so moved by their story that she gave them \$20 from her limited funds and she was in tears as she related their story to us back at the office. The men were from Michigan. Both had been blue collar workers there. Both had lost their jobs and then their homes. Both had applied for public assistance and been denied because they had no permanent address. They joined forces and came to Ohio, hoping for work. Talk about a

“catch 22” -- you have no home because you have no money; you can’t get money because you have no home. Remember the saying, “There but for the grace of God go I”? Surely we are thankful for what we have.

There are young people the world over who have no adult to lead them, guide them, teach them right from wrong, teach them about hard work and sacrifice and the love of God. Most of us have at least one family member that has helped shape our lives. Perhaps I’m more fortunate than some because I’ve had several people. One was my great grandmother. She was a little old lady, no bigger than a minute, with a soft voice and her hair pinned up in a bun. She lived by herself in an old house in the country. She had a couple of chickens and a fair-sized kitchen garden. I look back now and wonder how she lived. Because, you see, this was before the days of retirement pensions and Social Security. She didn’t have much in the way of material possessions to share, but she had lots of love to give **and** she taught me to shell peas. For her I’m truly thankful.

My grandfather Moore taught me to tell time and to tie my shoes. He taught me about creativity and resourcefulness. He also taught me, **IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS** (after the fact) that I was not to cross the highway by myself. For him I’m thankful.

My other grandparents taught me what it meant to work together and help other people. I don’t think it had anything to do with the fact that my grandfather’s name was Martin Luther Shirley. I think it was just because they were good people. They were farmers, people who had crops to harvest and animals to butcher. I remember neighboring farmers coming to help -- women in the kitchen, men in the fields. They would all pitch in to finish the harvesting and threshing and the butchering and canning. The next day my grandparents would go to someone else’s home and everyone would repeat the process. They didn’t have much money to pass out, but they did have values that they passed on. For them I’m thankful.

Dad taught me to play softball. He never could teach me to catch a fly ball; but he sure taught me how to throw it in from center field when I finally got my hands on it. Mom made my clothes when I was young and taught me how to sew for myself when I was older. They didn’t have much money; but they did give time and care. For them I’m thankful.

We have washers and dryers to shorten our laundry time; we have dishwashers to keep us from having dishpan hands; we have microwave ovens to shorten our time in the kitchen; we have leaf blowers to eliminate raking and snow blowers to eliminate shoveling; we have air conditioners to keep us comfortable at home, at work and in our cars; we have TVs, VCRs, iPods, iPads and every electronic gadget imaginable to keep us from being bored. For all this we should be truly thankful.

We live in a country that has plenty of space for all of it’s people, a country where people have opportunities--the opportunity to learn, to work hard and be the best that we can be. We live in a country where we have rights -- the right to say what we want (even to criticize our leaders) and, yes, the right to worship where and how we like. For this we should be truly thankful.

**And we, all of us, have God.** He has been good to us, providing us with all the people and the things that we need in our lives -- even to the point of giving up His own Son for us so that if we believe we will be saved. Surely we are thankful for Him and His sacrifice for us.

*Pat Kunce*  
Church Council Member

## *Special Sundays Coming Up 2013*



November 3<sup>rd</sup> - The church celebrates All Saints' on the Sunday immediately following November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints' Day. This year it falls on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. On this day we remember with thanksgiving those who have joined the 'church triumphant' since the last All Saints' Day.



November 24<sup>th</sup> - This is the last Sunday of the church year. At this festival we celebrate the ultimate conclusion of the Gospel - Christ is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord. Christ has triumphed over death. Christ has promised to come again. On this day we celebrate this wonderful news and place ourselves again under the reign of Christ.



December 1st - As Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday in the current church year, the First Sunday in Advent is the first Sunday in the new church year. This year the First Sunday in Advent falls on December 1st.

## **I AM THANKFUL**

**For the teenager who is not doing dishes but is watching T.V.,  
Because that means he is at home and not on the streets.**

**For the taxes that I pay, Because it means that I am  
employed.**

**For the mess to clean after a party, Because it means that I  
have been surrounded by friends.**

**For the clothes that fit a little too snug, Because it means I  
have enough to eat.**

**For my shadow that watches me work, Because it means I  
am out in the sunshine.**

**For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning,  
and gutters that need fixing, Because it means I have a  
home.**

**For all the complaining I hear about the government,**

**Because it means that we have freedom of speech.**

**For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot,  
Because it means I am capable of walking and that I have  
been blessed with transportation.**

**For my huge heating bill, Because it means I am warm.**

**For the lady behind me in church that sings off key,**

**Because it means that I can hear.**

**For the pile of laundry and ironing, Because it means I have  
clothes to wear.**

**For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours,  
Because it means that I am alive.**