



October 2014

Sharing  
God's  
Abundant  
Love

## October 26: Rededication Sunday, Worship and Reception

You are cordially invited to a special worship service on Sunday October 26th. At our 9:30 worship, our newly remodeled sanctuary will be rededicated. How appropriate that this special service is held on Reformation Sunday! Please join us for this service of prayer and celebration. Following worship we will have a reception at 10:45 in the Sunday school area. There will be no Sunday school classes that day so that all teachers and students can join in the celebration.

## COL Clean Up Day ....

...is Saturday, October 11 We have nearly completed our work in the sanctuary, but now it's time to clean up the yard, flower beds, windows, closets, and more. Please help us on Saturday the 11th. We start at 9am or whenever you can get there. Questions? E-mail Doris Petersen at [dcpetersen@verizon.net](mailto:dcpetersen@verizon.net).

## Takin' it to the Streets?

Our next Adopt-a-Highway clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. We will meet at the church office at 8:00 AM and then proceed together from there. Rain date is Saturday, October 25. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board.

## Walking the Walk

We are looking for walkers and sponsors for the Oxford Crop Walk. This year's walk will be Sunday, October 19, with 1:00 pm registration at Oxford Memorial Park. The walk supports local food needs with the remaining used by Church World Service to respond to national/international disasters and emergencies. Walkers can choose between a 1-mile, 3K or 5K routes. If unable to walk, consider donating, and sponsoring others. For questions, see Karen Pattinson.

# Tel Hai Retreat a Success

The reviews are in and the reviews are outstanding. The fourteen members of COL who spent a weekend in retreat at Tel Hai Retreat Center found the experience enlightening and renewing. It was a time to deepen our faith, acknowledge our gifts and share stories of our own faith journeys. Kudos to the planners of this intergenerational event – Lisa Deeves, Tina and Paul Sauk, Linda Hettinger and Mike Brandt. The presentations focused on the theme of Faith on Fire with fire as a metaphor for God's presence in our lives. The fire begins with God's breath, is fed by the tinder of our childhood Christian education and is sustained by our focus on God's word, prayer and real presence in our lives. All of this plus time for a lively game of miniature golf, walks in the woods, boating on the lake, crafts, music, a prayer room and s'mores around the campfire on Saturday night. We closed the weekend Sunday morning with worship and a discussion on how to sustain the fire of our renewed faith.



Tel Hai is a peaceful and comfortable retreat center. Please prayerfully consider attending next year's retreat. You won't regret it! Just ask this year's attendees and enjoy the temple talk soon to be presented.



# WOMEN OF WORSHIP WOW

## Fall Meetings

WOW has started their fall meetings on the first Thursday of the month. We are reading a book to prepare us to share insights as we seek God's direction for our everyday lives. The book is "Having a Mary Spirit" is the basis for dynamic discussions on hope, healing, wholeness and joy. We will gather at 6:30 at Lisa Deeves' home for a light supper and study.

Our next meeting will be on November 6th and all women are most welcome.

## The Lighthouse Benefit Auction

The Lighthouse Youth Center is requesting donated items for their 26th Annual Benefit Auction, which will be held Nov. 8th at 9:00 a.m. at the Oxford Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. If you have items to donate, please contact Buzz at 484-880-2018 or [buzz@oxfordlighthouse.org](mailto:buzz@oxfordlighthouse.org). The preview dinner will be the evening before from 4:30- 7:30 p.m. Contact the Lighthouse for tickets.



## Help Wanted

For many years, Mary Milley has coordinated the delivery of meals for those with special needs within our congregation. Special needs could be welcoming a new baby, dealing with major illness or recuperation, or coping with the grieving process. If you've been on the receiving end of this ministry, you know first-hand how much this outreach means. Mary is looking for someone to coordinate this important work. She has a list of the many fine cooks within our midst. The work means calling for volunteers to provide meals on an "as needed" basis. Please prayerfully consider whether you could take on this job. Please, too, say "yes" when you're asked to contribute a meal.

For more information visit us online at:  
[www.COLLutheranChurch.org](http://www.COLLutheranChurch.org)

# Our Worship in October

# Music Worship Notes

Throughout October we continue to learn from the Gospels of Matthew and John. At our Traditional service on October 5, we'll read of Jesus telling a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will bring about the fulfillment of scripture. The Gospel reading at our Blended service on October 12 is about Jesus telling a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly. At our Contemporary service on the third Sunday, we'll learn more about religious leaders trying to trap Jesus with questions. And October 26 is Reformation Sunday, a time for us to celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ that makes us free. Plus it is very special day for Community of Love as we celebrate the rededication of our newly remodeled sanctuary. Our special worship service will also include the children singing.

As a community, forgiven by God, we truly know and experience the generosity of God, which comes from the heart and empowers mutual forgiveness within the community. Please join us throughout October and be part of our community.

## Words to Think About (from [www.gratefulness.org](http://www.gratefulness.org))

In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## Correction

Please note Karen Bradley's corrected address:

Karen Bradley  
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Have you read Karen's blog? It's [www.seesomethingonce.wordpress.com](http://www.seesomethingonce.wordpress.com) and provides some pleasant armchair travel. (Proud Mom talking :-))

## Birthdays *October & November*

Renee LaBarge	10/02	Paige Blum	10/12	Denise Cordivano	11/08
John Hoffert	10/04	Amy Luke	10/16	Karen Bradley	11/09
Charles Mattson	10/04	Julia (Johnson) Patrick	10/16	Tina McHugh	11/13
Bob Bradley	10/06	Doug Hipkins	10/17	Michael Brandt	11/14
John Murphy	10/07	Willard Hunsinger	10/22	Jackie Plystak	11/18
Ian Hill	10/10	Karl Pollich	10/25	Susan LaBranche	11/22
Hunter McCardle	10/11	Karen Pattinson	10/26	Nanci Hunsinger	11/26
		Jon Raike	10/28	Nikki Cimino	11/29
				Thomas Repetz	11/29

# Turkey Feathers will Fly...

Our hope is that the special COL turkey feathers will fly out the door. Each feather has a Thanksgiving food item on it. You take a feather (or two or three or more) and buy the items on the feathers.

Bring the food items to church by Sunday November 23rd when we'll assemble food baskets. For the last two years, we've met our goal of 50 baskets. There is no doubt that we can do this again, BUT only with your help. If you wish, you can donate an entire basket. Just take the specially decorated turkeys. If you don't like shopping, you can donate money. We need money to buy grocery store gift cards that are used to purchase turkey and pie.



**Some special notes about donations – no items that need refrigeration can be accepted. If you want to donate dinner rolls, please bring them to church on Sunday November 23rd.**

**Another special note – we always need help assembling the baskets. So “all hands on deck” and join in the fun.**

**A final note – if you know of someone in need of a basket, please see Bob Milley.**

What a joy it is to give to this outreach mission! We are a Community of Love!

**Wishing  
Well**



As our improvement project progresses, we will have some items for which you might want to donate the purchase price.

- 2 Bathroom Faucets
- Blinds for Sanctuary, Narthex, Sacristries, Bath Rooms, and Crying Room/Information Center

We will make the actual purchase for you. Simply donate the necessary funds. If you have questions, please contact Doris Petersen [dcpetersen@verizon.net](mailto:dcpetersen@verizon.net).



# The Recipe Box

One of the food highlights of the retreat was a baked oatmeal casserole on the breakfast buffet. Melanie Lohr found this recipe from Taste of Home that comes very close. Just add raisins and some chopped nuts.

## Taste of Home Baked Oatmeal



You may think you're biting into a warm-from-the-oven oatmeal cookie with how good this breakfast treat tastes. It's wonderful served with milk. — Arlene Riehl, Dundee, New York

9 Servings    Prep: 10 min. Bake: 40 min.

### Ingredients

- 3 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- Additional milk

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine oats, brown sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. In another bowl, whisk eggs, milk and butter. Stir into oat mixture until blended.
- Spoon into a greased 9-in. square baking pan. Bake 40-45 minutes or until set. Serve warm with milk. Yield: 9 servings.

**Nutritional Facts:** One serving equals 318 calories, 14 g fat (7 g saturated fat), 78 mg cholesterol, 492 mg sodium, 43 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 7 g protein.

**If You Are a Life-long Lutheran,  
You're Going to Love This...  
Thank you Janis Walker for finding this gem.**

## I'm So Old That...

No, this is not a demonstration of how many years I've spent on this earth. It is about change.

I'm so old that I remember two years of confirmation class (once a week the first year, twice a week the second year), waiting, waiting, waiting for the big day. No, not because I would finally be confirmed, but because I could finally take communion with the adults.

I'm so old that I remember when communion was offered only the first Sunday of the month.

I'm so old that I remember the special sink where the women of the altar guild took care of the communion glasses, and I remember the white gloves they used to pick up the metal pieces on the altar.

I'm so old that I remember when altars were against a wall.

I'm so old that I remember a lectern and a pulpit. The lectern was used by the occasional lay person who helped with the service, and the pulpit was used by the pastor, who was the one who read the Gospel—never a lay person.

I'm so old that I remember when "Amen" was part of hymns.

I'm so old that I remember Luther League, and joining hundreds of other teens in singing "our" song—Oh, Christians Leagued Together.

I'm so old that I remember how modern I felt when using the Revised Standard Version of the Bible rather than the King James Version. I also remember how concerned my grandmother was when the New International Version came into use. For her, the change from the King James Version was radical enough.

I'm so old that I remember the excitement when the Lutheran Church in America (LCA), the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC) became the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

As you can tell, in my lifetime there have been many changes within the church and within worship, and so far, I have survived them all. This is because I know that God has not changed. Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and tomorrow." (NIV) As long as the changes don't come between God and me when I worship, I will adapt. As long as I feel that special connection with God and other worshippers, I will adapt. Not all changes are easy to absorb (why did we stop using the green hymnal?), but as long as I feel the Holy Spirit at work within me and within the congregation, I will adapt.

Prayer:

Dear God: Help us to remember that you are the constant unchanging focus of our worship. Let our lips and hearts reflect the joy you give us when we worship together. Make us worthy caretakers of your church on Earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.