As Missionaries of Christ, we bring everyone we come in contact with closer to the Savior.

CENTENNIAL LUTHERAN’S GOOD NEWS

THIS ISSUE:

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

I WILL LEAD THE BLIND BY WAYS THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN, ALONG UNFAMILIAR PATHS I WILL GUIDE THEM; I WILL TURN THE DARKNESS INTO LIGHT BEFORE THEM AND MAKE THE ROUGH PLACES SMOOTH. THESE ARE THE THINGS I WILL DO; I WILL NOT FORSAKE THEM.

ISAIAH 42:16

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our church committees give an update on their efforts and events.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Church Council meets every month. The Council President brings us to date with the news of the church.

Follow the Leader; Follow Jesus

Growing up, people learn many different things. I remember learning about our five different senses. We have the sense of smelling, hearing, touching, tasting and of course seeing. I remember when my class and I learned about those senses, we would ask each other, “Which sense, if you had to give up one sense, would you be willing to give up?” It is a very hard question. How could we possibly choose? All of these senses are wonderful blessings from God. But for me, I know one I would not want to lose - the sense of sight. A sad yet truthful statement is that blind people cannot see. Most of the time, blind people rely upon other people to lead them through life.

Imagine now losing your sense of sight for a moment. Imagine becoming blind. How do you think you will feel? All those wonderful colors you once saw, you no longer can see. Imagine not being able to look upon the face of your spouse or your children ever again.

Or imagine trying to lead a person who lost their sight. Not only are they frustrated because they lost that precious gift God gives to us, but now you may become frustrated too. They need to... (continued page 2)
be led everywhere. Things around the house need to be moved so they do not trip over anything. Lives completely change.

Now, of course there is a reason why I am talking about becoming blind. Take a look at our text again. God tells us that he is going to lead the blind. We are the blind. We thought we were able to see, to see all the beautiful colors of life. But in reality, we have been blind from birth. We have tried to wander through this life on our own, but we forget we are blind. Sometimes we have been led by different leaders. Some of these leaders take us to places we do not want to go. These leaders have led us down the wrong paths away from God. And we allow them to lead us down these paths. Sometimes we feel we can find our own way through life, until we get lost. What we need is a good leader, a guide, to help us make it through life.

God tells us: I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. God, our guide in life, makes our lives easy. He knows we are blind and not only is he willing to guide us, but he also makes our path ways easy. He turns darkness into light and smooths out the rough places. But this text has one more important thing for us today. No matter how frustrated we can get in our lives with our blindness, God as our guide and leader will never get frustrated.

God has patience, for each one of us, for me. When we fall down or get lost, God does not give up on us. When we allow others to lead us away from God, God continues to have patience with us. And when we struggle in life and fall, it is not because God was not there because he forsakes us. Instead it is because we forsake him. God will never forsake us. God will never leave us. He will always be there. That is the promise he has made to us. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. Instead, he does whatever it takes to keep us close to him.

He gave us the perfect guide. He gave us the perfect leader – the guide and leader who was willing to give up everything for us – which included giving up his life. God gave us Jesus. Never will he leave us. Never will he forsake us. Instead, he will lead us every day of our lives until he will lead us to our finally resting place – in his arms and in his kingdom forever. Follow the Leader. Follow Jesus.
Christmas for Kids:
Our committee is starting to plan for our Annual Christmas for Kids event. The event will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 9:30am – 12:30 pm. We are looking at various ways we can improve this event with more of a focus on sharing the Christmas Story in different ways for the different levels of ages. We will again be asking the congregation for help, both in gifts of service and of food items to donate. Be looking for bulletin inserts in November for where or what you can volunteer for.

Gifts for Needy Kids Program:
Our committee will again be hosting the 2nd Annual Gifts for Needy Kids Program. We will be asking the congregation to donate gifts at Christmas time for needy families in our school or in the community. There will be a paper Christmas tree posted in the church with tags (girl or boy) and different ages of children that you can purchase a gift, wrap it, and then place it in a box provided.

This is a great way for you to show Christian love and respond to the blessing of the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

A Different Form of Advertising:
Our committee is researching a different form of advertising by using Valpak. Valpak is that pack of coupons you receive once a month in the mail. Because the voters cut the Evangelism budget in half for this fiscal year (along with other areas as well), we need to be cautious in what we spend. Our advertising dollars are probably 75% of the new budget numbers for our committee. Our committee feels it is wise and good stewardship to check out all options.
LYFE Youth Group

Our next youth outing will be Sunday, October 26th. If it is not raining, LYFE will be going to Green Meadows Petting Farm in Waterford to enjoy a day of petting the animals, picking pumpkins and going on a hayride. Chaperones and drivers will be needed for our event!! Please let us know if you can drive and help us out! However, if the weather does not cooperate, we will be raking leaves for our members in the rain, just like we did last year, followed by some hot chocolate, food and a maybe a movie. Time has yet to be determined, but seeing it's on a Sunday and the Packers play the Saints at 730pm, it'll be early afternoon!! Any questions, feel free to contact us by calling 414.640.1124. Or you can email at tozorro120305@gmail.com. As always, you can talk to Rick Martinez, Bob Mayer, Amber Baneck or Michelle Chapman.

Take care and God Bless you and your families,
Rick, Bob, Amber and Michelle.

Meet and Eat

Where: Meyer’s Restaurant
4260 S 76th Street in Greenfield
When: Sunday, October 19th, at 5 PM
RSVP: Please sign up on the church bulletin board if possible.

Do you want to get to know people at Centennial better? Come to a Meet and Eat! This month, we are meeting at Meyer’s Restaurant, known for “comfort food at comfortable prices.” To see a full menu, go to www.meyersrestaurant.com Each family is responsible for paying for their meal. Please call Jenny at #840-8019 if you have any questions or recommendations for next time.

TOT TIME

WHERE: SWAN’S PUMPKIN FARM
5930 COUNTY HIGHWAY H IN FRANKSVILLE
WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 3:30 PM
SWAN’S HAS FREE ADMISSION, PARKING, AND A PETTING ZOO. FOR A FEE, THEY ALSO HAVE PUMPKINS, HAY RIDES, PEDAL CARTS, PONY RIDES, AND FRESH SEASONAL PRODUCE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SWAN’S, PLEASE GO TO WWW.THEPUMPKINFARM.COM. TOT TIME IS SET UP FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 AND THEIR PARENTS TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. OLDER SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME. IF IT IS RAINY, WE WILL MEET AT THE PUFALHS’ HOUSE.

Sunday School

Our Sunday School year is off to a great start! We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers. There are 2-3 teachers for each class. We were so excited to meet so many new students in September. We are hoping for even more children this month. Please consider bringing your family to Sunday School. We meet in the church for Praise Time at 8:15 AM.

We are also blessed to offer a Teen Bible Study. They meet in Mr. Morgan’s room at 8:15 AM.
Birthdays are a wonderful time to reflect on the many gifts God showers on us daily. Take a moment and wish our special family members in Christ a blessed birthday!

Laurelin Iles  10-03  Kim Larson  10-14  Maranda Chapman  10-21
Gail Ellsworth  10-03  Zachary Nath  10-14  Barbara Dallmann  10-21
Brandon Sze  10-06  Amber Baneck  10-15  Karen Pappas  10-21
Dominic Bezie  10-07  Jeff Prothero  10-15  Gregory Huth  10-25
Kathy Hahlbeck  10-08  Michael Otto  10-17  Charlotte Zimmer  10-28
Keith Hahlbeck  10-09  Rebecca Clark  10-18  Stephanie Rozga  10-29
Carol Litkowiec  10-09  Steve Peske  10-19  Marion Janik  10-30
Jeffrey Loskot  10-10  Joshua Mayer  10-20  Nicole Rauch  10-31

"So they are no longer two, but one flesh: Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
Matthew 19:6
Happy Anniversary!

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY AND IN YEARS TO COME!

BILL & JUNE TREDE  10-07-1950
ANTHONY & REBECCA GOGLIO  10-08-2009
ROBERT & SHARON GARBE  10-12-1963
KEITH & KATHY HAHILBECK  10-23-1982
MAURICE & VICKI BELL  10-25-1980
MATTHEW & MICHELLE KRUEGER  10-26-2002
RICHARD & ANGEL HOFMEISTER  10-28-2000

USHERS

Thursday 6:30 PM
Lump BROWN

Sunday 9:30 AM
Lump BROWN

If you would like to be an Usher, please let Lump know. We are always looking for men to serve at any of our services. Thank you

Altar Flowers

Thursday / Sunday

OCTOBER

______5
______12
______19 Maury & Vicki Bell celebrating 34th Anniv.
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Now is the time to choose that special date when you would like to provide flowers for our altar area whether it be your birthday, wedding anniversary or other special remembrance.
Dear fellow members of Centennial,

Our congregation mission is to proclaim the Gospel through which Christ calls all who are burdened by sin to come to him for rest. To accomplish this ministry, we use the power of God's Word and Sacraments to nurture believers for service to Christ and to evangelize the community and the world, all to the glory of God. Our congregation constitution and bylaws provide the structure of a Co-ordinating Council and Church Boards serving to plan, supervise and coordinate our mission work together with our Pastor and Staff Minister. The Co-ordinating Council consists of the elected president and secretary together with the chairmen of the Board of Trustees and Board of Elders; each of these offices are two-year terms. Our Treasurer is appointed by the Board of Trustees and approved by the congregation, and the Financial Secretary is an elected one-year term. Our church committees are Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship, Evangelism, Christian Education, Visitation, Worship and Outreach, and Fellowship. Chairmen for each of these committees are elected to one-year terms. We have been blessed through the years with men willing to use their God-given time and talents in service to the Lord, serving in these positions and helping with the work of this congregation.

Annual elections for offices will be conducted at the next Voters' Meeting in November. Pastor and the Co-ordinating Council members are presently seeking nominees for the 2-year term offices of president and chairman of Board of Trustees, and the 1-year terms of Financial Secretary and each of the committee chairs. Please prayerfully consider where you may be willing and able to use your time and talents by serving in elected office, chairing a committee, or working within one of the committees. Our constitution and bylaws provide details about the council and committee duties and responsibilities; copies are available. Pastor and councilmen are glad to discuss this with you as well.

May we all be blessed with continuing spiritual growth in our lives of service to the Lord during our time of grace.

Yours in Christ,

David Rochester,

Congregation President