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Fall FESTival of Opportunities

**Come explore
the possibilities
that Messiah
has to offer.**

**Sunday, September 13
after both services**

Soup & Sandwiches at noon

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Campus Ministry "DRIVE FOR FIVE"

**"DRIVE FOR FIVE" SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27**

The Lutheran Church has had close to a 500-year history of campus ministry. When Martin Luther was a professor at the University of Wittenberg, he also served the parish church, combining teaching with the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments.

In our synod the tradition of campus ministry is alive and well as Campus Chaplains continue to proclaim the Gospel in universities and post-secondary institutions. We already partially support our mission to students and staff through Messiah's financial support of our synod's budget.

We also celebrate Campus Ministry "Drive for Five" each year on the last Sunday in September. Whatever loose offering is placed on the offering plates during the services on that Sunday is given to support Campus Ministry at Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, where Pastor Craig Wentland serves as chaplain here in Camrose. Your designated offerings for "Campus Ministry, Augustana Campus" are also welcome.



CLERGY CORNER

As I put the final touches to this issue of *Messiah Messenger*, I'm about to head off for my summer vacation.

While I'm really looking forward to some badly needed rest, relaxation and rejuvenation, the many exciting ventures and opportunities that I have been watching unfold during this past summer already have me excited about getting back to work.

I've been sensing a renewed spirit emerging at Messiah. At Messiah one of our core values is "God gives everyone gifts to share." People are coming forward to breathe life into the new structure that we adopted at the Annual Meeting in June. If you are not already among them, please explore the many possibilities we have to offer at the **Fall FESTival of Opportunities**.

One of those who has stepped forward is Pastor Laverne Hoveland. My deepest appreciation goes to him. He is helping with visitation and is also available for funerals when needed.

When I return from vacation, I'm hoping that I will be greeted by news of a new Vice-President and full membership on our Witnessing and Service committees. I know that God has some rewarding adventures and surprises waiting for those who step into those positions.

As we grow in our worship, learning, witnessing, service and support, I am grateful for each person who has been responding to the Spirit's prompting to discover or rediscover new dimensions of life in each of these areas as we continue to strive to do our best to share Jesus Christ with all people.

At Messiah, I share Jesus Christ through my ministry of Word and Sacrament and through leadership and organization. Those are ways that God has gifted me. How about you? How would you complete this sentence: "At Messiah, I share Jesus Christ (through, as with) ..."?

I am also looking forward to sharing in ministry with the nine others on our staff. In this issue, we introduce Pastor Judy Jarvis and Dorina Brown and get some glimpses of what some of the other seven of us are doing to support the mission and ministry of Messiah. Please remember to thank and encourage each of them. We also are grateful for your prayer support.

*God bless,
Pastor Kenn Ward
Senior Pastor*

**WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP
SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:**

8:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

11 A.M. CONTEMPORARY COMMUNION

**BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 31,
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN
9 A.M. TO NOON AND 1 TO 3 P.M.
MONDAY TO FRIDAY.**

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR JUDY JARVIS



Pastor Judy Jarvis is serving Messiah as Interim Assistant Pastor. This means that she is a member of our staff team on a temporary basis to help us in the time of transition that we are going through. She is under special call from our Synod and is not available for call to be a pastor of Messiah.

I thought I would take some time to tell you a bit about myself and to let you know my schedule. I am married to Tony Jarvis who is a pilot for First Air. He flies the Hercules taking cargo anywhere in the world where they get a contract.

We have two sons, Steven, who is 35 years old, married to Jennifer, and has three children: Christian (13), Maddie (3), and Stephe (1). Steven is in the Canadian Forces and lives in Petawawa, Ontario. Our youngest son, Curtis, is 33, divorced, and has one son, Joshua who is 13 years old. They reside in Edmonton. Curtis works as a counselor for Living Positive which is an organization that educates and assists individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. He also gives presentations to schools, churches, etc. about this disease.

Tony and I have lived in Edmonton for 24 years. Prior to moving there we lived in a number of other places such as: Yellowknife, N.W.T. for four years and Fort MacMurray, for a year.

Although I was born in northern Ontario, I was raised mainly in northern Quebec. However, I must admit that my French is rather rusty as I have rarely used it since I left Quebec. Before beginning my studies for ministry I worked at a variety of jobs such as secretary/receptionist for a floral company, money counter for Loomis Armored Car, and dispatcher in Aviation. I have my Restricted Aeronautical Radio Operator's License. So, as you can see, my life experience is quite varied!

I am very happy to be here and able to serve you as your Interim Assistant Pastor. In the event you wish to contact me, I will be in Camrose from Saturday evening through to early Tuesday evening each week. The remainder of the week I will be home in Edmonton. My contract is for 20 hours a week which explains why I am not here full time. I look forward to visiting with you so please feel free to call and arrange a day and time for a visit.

*Peace,
Pastor Judy*

PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals Alice Skalin, Ken Nyback, Magdaleen Slabbert, Melvin Lassesen, Lois Lindholm

Marriages Lindsey Porter & Jesse Nesvold; Donna Bartman & Rosco Sanders; Danielle Faucher & Terrence McDonald; Sherry Rubuliak & Steve Nagy; Angela Ponto & Neil Boelman; Tara Pandachuck & Robin Cinq-Mars; Megan Bernes & Jeremy Hodges; Louise Gibson & Roger Schultz



FROM OUR SYNOD BISHOP

I have had to deal with an interesting dilemma. My car is a mainstay of my work as bishop. Because I am so dependent on it, I make sure it receives the preferred maintenance schedule. My thinking is that if they can keep the space shuttle fleet fully functional for 20 years, I should be able to maintain my vehicle for eight years. (That's a wishful prayer more than a realistic expectation, but one can live in hope!)

So here is the dilemma. A few months ago my ignition began occasionally locking up. The key would go into the ignition, but it would not turn. After fiercely rotating the steering wheel, I could coax the key to work. But that occasional ignition lock-up became a regular nuisance, and finally a daily occurrence. My car is in the shop as I write, receiving a new ignition cylinder and new keys. A well-maintained, cleaned, detailed, and fuelled vehicle with no ignition is simply a fancy occupier-of-space: it looks good, but no go.

This has me thinking. September is the month when the congregations and institutional ministries of the ABT Synod roll out their programs: Sunday School, Confirmation, learning events for all ages, new initiatives, and the list goes on. Bright and shiny, eager and ready — but what if there is no ignition? What if you don't have what it takes to get it running? No spark, not igniting, no flame.

Of course, I am speaking now of the flame of the Holy Spirit — the driving force of our individual faiths and of our communal life as congregation, Synod and Church. The old praise song says: "It only takes a spark to get a fire going..." We can expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God — but neither of these happens apart from the fire of God's Holy Spirit. Do we have ignition lock-up in our Church?

I gathered in mid-August with a number of our Synod's possibility thinkers and germinators to spend a day together as a "think tank." We reflected on questions like: Where is God at work in our Church?... In our world? What are the good things that are happening? What are the seemingly not-so-good things? Where is God working behind the scenes? We charted assets and liabilities. We spoke of future directions.

There was a joint recognition that what is needed — first and foremost — is a renewal in the Spirit. A spark. Some ignition please.

It will start inwardly, as we devote ourselves with renewed vigor, to Word and Sacrament, prayer and fellowship, conversation and consolation. It will move outward: one to one, one by one. [Keep your eyes open for WHAT IF...? Ordinary People Seeking God's Transforming Presence.] And by the grace of God, this renewal will soon be a tangible Force in our midst. "We have ignition, we have lift off..."

+Ronald B. Mayan, Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

MEET OUR NEW YOUTH WORKER



Dorina Brown has joined our staff as Youth Worker. In addition to arranging a variety of programs for our youth, occasionally she will assist Bev Swanson with Confirmation.

I am really excited for the potential this year has to offer. I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of the team here at Messiah working with the youth, and I am honored that this is where God decided to place me.

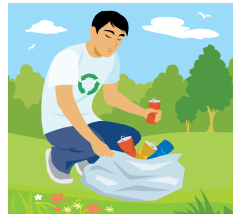
While I have had the pleasure to know some of you already, for those of you who don't know me, I grew up in Camrose, attended Augustana where I majored in Music, and I am currently entering my third year of my Grad Studies at Briercrest Seminary in Caronport, Saskatchewan, where I'm majoring in Youth and Family Ministry.

I'm also entering my third year of leading the youth group at Bethel Lutheran Church, and I'm excited about the possibilities that could come from combining the two groups every once in a while, especially with the Canadian Lutheran Youth Gathering coming up August 2010 in London, Ontario.

I look forward to this year and getting to know the people here better so feel free to drop me a line or stop by my office.

Dorina Brown

SUPPORTING YOUTH MINISTRY BY RECYCLING



We have made arrangements with the Universal Bottle Depot so that you can take your bottles, pop cans and milk cartons there and simply ask them to credit the amount to Messiah Lutheran Church Youth.

You can still drop them off in the boxes at the church and Messiah Youth will take them over and sort them out as they have been doing. (No milk cartons or milk jugs please)



KIDFEST

Akaloo!! How are you?!

Welcome back to fall after your summer activities! I'm sure you've had some exciting adventures! (Bible camp? travel? VBS? visits to relatives? zipline-ing? playing at the spray park? camping? soccer? bike rides? reading? sleeping in??.....)

Information and registration for KidFEST will take place at our **Fall FESTival of Opportunities**. Classes will begin the following Sunday. Again we will have classes for Age 4 - Gr. 9. Children need to be turning 4 by the end of December.

We could still use a couple teachers. Could this be for you? We like to have two teachers per class, so it is a shared blessing! Let me know if you would like to help us out. Lessons are provided online, and are easy to follow.

Christian education and example are important gifts we give our children. I am excited again to be a part of our children's faith journeys. If I can be of help in any way to your family, please let me know.

Marlys Sorenson
Children's Ministry Coordinator

SUMMER'S LAST FLING -

A FAMILY CAMPING OUTING AT MIQUELON LAKE!!

Last year a number of families had a blast together at Miquelon Lake! It was a great way to end summer, and a good way to get together again as we started up fall activities. We have booked a group site for Friday, Sept. 11 (evening) - Saturday Sept. 12 (afternoon) Cost would be approx. \$25-30/unit, depending on number of units camping, and if you have power. If you are interested, please sign up on The Link bulletin board! Everyone welcome! We will "grill and chill" together!

WORLD MISSION GROUP

Opening meeting for the fall
Monday, September 7, 7:30 p.m.
at the home of Ray and Norma Blacklock
4706 - 47 Ave 672-7902
Study, Prayer, Fellowship, Action

You are Welcome!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

From July 27-31, Messiah was the site of a week-long drama, centering around *Paul and the Underground Church* from Bible days.

Seventy-five kids met in six family groups (Octavius, Marius, etc.) and "roamed" from Extollo (praise) Time, to visit Paul (& his guard Brutus) under house arrest, to the underground church in a dark, secret cave, to Apprenticeship games and to the Roman marketplace where they could spend three denarii a day at various shops (ie. leatherworking, carpentry, architecture, scribe, grammaticus school, wreath making, food shop, toga shop, and metalworking)

Each shopkeeper played a role all week too, discussing with their customers their beliefs and ideas (i.e. some were Jewish, some Christian, others non-Christians). There were dramas taking place every day in the marketplace. A slave was freed by Governor Atticus. Architect Severus was elected to build the Emperor's home in Capri, having to leave his shop and family. The food shop owner paid up for a loaf of bread stolen from her own shop, and pardoned the thief! All these dramas played into the themes of each day.

These themes were repeated often -

- Day 1 - God's love is a gift
- Day 2 - God's love changes us.
- Day 3 - God's love is always with us.
- Day 4 - God's love saves us.
- Day 5 - God's love is worth sharing.

Soldiers were seen often around the Marketplace. Being a Christian in these early times was not easy, or safe.

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Paul encouraged them and sent back answers to each student who wrote him a letter! (written by the CLBI team, who were fantastic all week!)

Many people donated snack items for our Food Shop. Many others let us use their sheets, baskets, plants, and canopy tents to make our marketplace very realistic. Over 50 people volunteered in various roles over the course of the week. Others were in the background gathering supplies, or preparing crafts, etc. Still others worked hard on the setting up and the taking down of Rome! What a success it was. I wish everyone could have seen it! (I have loads of pictures, and the kids each got their picture taken at the Toga Shop dressed up.)

By the end of the week we rejoiced to hear that Brutus, Paul's guard, became a Christian! Finally Paul was able to join us for Extollo Time, even though he was still chained up to Brutus. These dramas became very real to the kids, and were excellent teaching tools!

On Thursday, after a couple days of cooperative planning and building, Resurrection Lutheran Church and Messiah had a float in the Camrose parade. The theme was Rome, with students from our VBS, and others from their church. We handed out postcards about Resurrection's Rome VBS in Aug. and about Messiah's activities for the coming fall. What a surprise to us to get 1st place in non-commercial! (even got a plaque)

Before our VBS started, I visited Rome in Strome and they lent/gave us a number of pillars/props/posters/costumes etc. for us to use. After our VBS, the same stuff continued to "roam" to Beaumont, Edmonton, and Resurrection. It is great to be able to collaborate with other churches and work together to help each other out. Many thanks to Rachel Olson & her sister (from Beaumont church) who painted all our backdrops and cardboard posters! They did a fantastic job!

The CLBI "Journey" team was an immense help, especially as they have been doing this VBS curriculum all summer. How can I thank everyone from Messiah, and other places, who gave of themselves in so many ways to make this week an amazing experience?? I shouldn't be surprised as I know the hearts you all have for our children, and for the Lord. I pray you are encouraged by Paul's example, who pointed people to Jesus, and who always was willing to share God's love, even amidst adverse situations. You gave abundantly and willingly. God bless you all.

Kids, thanks for coming! You made it all worthwhile!

*Marlys Sorenson
Children's Ministry Coordinator*

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WOMEN



All too soon, the summer of 2009 will become part of our memories. There were the blessings enjoyed with family, friends, and the beauty and bounty of God's creation. Yes, there are also disappointments and discouragement for those who laboured well but will have no harvest. Let us not forget to bear one another's burdens.

Many ELW enjoyed two memory-creating events. On June 29 Hastings Lake Bible Camp extended wonderful hospitality to us. There was time for a walk before a delicious supper, an opportunity to meet friends from other congregations, an inspirational service accompanied by a chorus of raindrops. The ELW was blessed to share a financial gift with the camp.

A sister congregation, Wilhelmina Lutheran Church, graciously opened its doors to our second event on July 27 under the theme "Celebrating Heritage". The ringing of the bell called us to share an afternoon of historical information, inspiration and fun. Deanna Margell, formerly president of the congregation, presented a historical review of the congregation and a testimony to the presence of God in its ministry. The beauty of the day invited some to reminisce among the gravestones in the cemetery.

Thank you to Patience Circle for planning the program and to Faith Circle for providing "ice cream social" refreshments.

submitted by Lorene Pinno

DATES TO CALENDARIZE

September 3, 7:00 p.m., A007, Bible Study Briefing

September 8-11, Circle Bible studies

September 23, first call for quilters, 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

September 28, supper at CLBI. Details in September circle letter.

Circle Bible studies will resume during the second week of September. Pastor David Kaiser has prepared the 2009 Bible studies using the theme Cords of Love. The study for September is Learning: A Strengthening of Hope. This study is found in the summer 2009 issue of *ESPRIT* which covers July, August and September. All women are invited to attend a circle of their choosing.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Do MEN discuss matters of faith differently than do women? Are there issues which MEN welcome the opportunity to discuss from a Biblical point of view?

The Men's Saturday morning Bible Studies

will be resuming on
September 19 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.
in the Basement Auditorium
All MEN are welcome!

(Organized under the Learning Committee)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, September 17 - 7 p.m.

Organizing meeting for parents and students

Thursday, October 1 - 7 p.m.

First regular class

Friday, November 13 to Sunday, November 15

Fall Retreat at Camp Kuriakos

COMING TO CONFIRMATION!!



Fall is setting in and soon our confirmation program will begin. I am looking forward to spending time with the youth who will be gathering to grow deeper into their faith, knowledge and relationship with our gracious and loving God.

We will begin with a parent/student gathering on Thursday, September the 17th at 7 pm. to talk about the year and get the schedules and plans in order. During this time

we will also do some group building and have some fun opening our time together which will include the parents. It is very important that all of you can plan to attend this evening event if at all possible. Please make sure you sign up at the **Fall FESTIVAL of Opportunities** or through the Church Office if you plan to take part in Confirmation this year. (Confirmation classes usually begin at Grade 8 or the similar age.)

Our first formal confirmation class will start Thursday, October 1st and take place most Thursday evenings other than some school holidays. (you will get a schedule at our meeting)

We will attend a fall retreat at Camp Kuriakos on the weekend of Nov.13-15, so please set that time aside and plan for that as it is a wonderful time for fun, fellowship and learning. (This date is not flexible as the retreat is set by the camp.) We will let you know the costs of such when we meet.

It is always such an honor to join you on this journey of spiritual learning and growth. Those of us who teach confirmation find our faith journey enriched and strengthened along with the confirmands.

Blessings,
Bev Swanson,
Diaconal Minister



Retreat of Our Own 2009

Reserve Oct. 2-4 to experience a Retreat of Our Own in Canmore, AB. Rev. Kevin Ogilvie, president of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon will be the retreat leader. Rev. Ogilvie graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, served as a Resident Fellow at Harvard Divinity School and is working towards a PhD at the School of Religion and Theology at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He served two terms as a missionary to Madagascar and was the Director of Seminary and Instructor of Homiletics and Church History at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Bezaha, Madagascar. Rev. Ogilvie also served parish ministries in the United States. The three topics to be explored are: Radical Hospitality, Raw Mission, and Ministry as Leaving and Staying. The registration fee is \$199/person. Participants book their own accommodations. More information, including a list of possible accommodations, is available at www.retreatofourown.ca. For more information, contact Dave or Gail Stolee at dgstolee@telusplanet.net or Dianne or Tom Kieren at tkieren@telusplanet.net.



Pastor Brian Rude, our sponsored missionary in El Salvador wants us to be aware of the following situation and urges us to express our concern.

MINING ACTIVIST BRUTALLY MURDERED IN EL SALVADOR

KAIROS was deeply saddened to learn of the murder of Marcelo Rivera, an outspoken mining activist and community leader in El Salvador. He was disappeared on June 18 and his body was found 13 days later in a dry well near the community of Ilobasco. His body showed signs of serious abuse and torture.

Marcelo was a leader within the broad movement to oppose large-scale open pit mining in El Salvador. In recent months, as a result of his community organizing and activism, he had faced death threats and at least one attempt on his life.

KAIROS, together with over 100 other civil society groups in Canada and the US, has sent an open letter to the Attorney-General of El Salvador, urging him to investigate the murder fully and bring to justice those who killed Marcelo Rivera and those who gave the orders.

Given the significant role of Canadian foreign direct investment in El Salvador's mining sector, the Americas Policy Group, which includes KAIROS, has called on the Government of Canada to put pressure on authorities in El Salvador to investigate fully the circumstances of Marcelo's disappearance, torture and killing. In a July 23rd letter to the Hon. Peter Kent, Minister of State for the Americas, the Americas Policy Group states, in part:

"We share the concern of our colleagues in El Salvador that the killing of Mr. Rivera could be related to his activities as a human rights defender and his work with the National Roundtable Against Metallic Mining. Further investigation is required to clarify the circumstances of Marcelo Rivera's death."

Before the facts of Mr. Rivera's murder came to light, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) had written to Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon, expressing their concern over the activities of Pacific Rim Mining, a Vancouver-based mineral exploration company operating in El Salvador: "According to information provided by the Archdiocese of San Salvador and the El Salvador Episcopal Conference, we have learned this company's mining activities pose a serious threat to the quality of life for the people of the region."

The Bishop's letter asks Minister Cannon to ensure the company respects human rights and the environment, and to comply with the Salvadoran government's decision not to allow large-scale open-pit mining. Earlier this year, the government effectively banned open-pit mining, based on citizens' concerns that mining could seriously threaten human health and local agricultural livelihoods. In response, Pacific Rim has filed a lawsuit against the Salvadoran government under an investor protection chapter of the US free trade agreement with Central America, also known as CAFTA.

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For more information on El Salvador's popular movement on mining, check out "El Salvador's Gold Fight":
<http://www.fpif.org/fpifxt/6273>

TAKE ACTION ON MINING AND CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

KAIROS has been working with other members of Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA) to support Bill C-300 (An Act Respecting Corporate Accountability for the Activities of Mining, Oil or Gas in Developing Countries), a private member's bill that has passed second reading in the House of Commons. It is currently being reviewed by the House foreign affairs committee. If adopted, the bill would ensure that the Canadian government only provides financial and political support to companies that adhere to international human rights and environmental standards in their overseas operations.

Please write to your Member of Parliament, and send copies to all members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, calling on them to support this important bill.

For background information and a sample letter, visit the MiningWatch Canada website:
http://www.miningwatch.ca/index.php?/corporate_social_res/bill_c300_corporate

WEDNESDAY WORKERS

We do odd jobs around the building (carpentry, plumbing, painting, drywalling, renovation, repairs, special clean-up, etc.)

We start up again on Wednesday, September 9. We get together at Humpty's at 9 a.m. for coffee and then start at the church around 10 a.m.



Once in a while some of us take part in a more extensive renovation or painting project than can be done in an hour or two on a Wednesday morning. We can also use extra help on a one-time basis for such projects. For more information, please contact Bernie Williams or Ordean Broen or visit us at our display at the **Fall FESTIVAL of Activities**.

No special skills needed. All are welcome.

CORRECTION OF CONVENTION DATES

The next Synod Convention will take place **June 3 - 6, 2010** at the University of Alberta, Augustana Campus in Camrose. In the last issue of *Messiah Messenger*, we reported dates that had been originally considered. At least one of the convention services will be taking place at Messiah.

JUNE COFFEE PARTIES

In June our annual "Coffee Party," was held for seniors who are 80 or over. This was a special time of reminiscing, visiting and of course COFFEE. Twelve homes hosted this group, with each home inviting about eight guests.

We would like to acknowledge and thank each host and hostess for inviting this special group into their homes: Ivar & Carole Saugen, Nita Specht, Marie & Jim Brager, Berniece Sogge, Arlene & Ken Skriver, Marilyn & Laverne Hoveland, Gail & Art Pfeiffer, Audrey Lett, Nora Gilbertson, Ann & Art Reiten, Frieda Ness, Carol & Murray Roy.

with thanks from Messiah Ministry with Seniors



CYCLE TO CHURCH

We now have a bicycle rack next the The Link entrance where you can safely park and lock up your bicycle. Thank you to the Hohm Family for this gift.

REBUILDING ... BEGINNING AGAIN

An educational process designed to assist and give support to people as they work through the ending of partner relationships, separating and/or divorcing. Some have completed this process legally, but not emotionally.

Facilitators: Jane Arial, Spiritual Director and Educator, Helen Samm, Pastoral Counsellor and leader.

\$150 for 10 sessions, plus \$45 for course materials and supplies (financial assistance is available if needed). Class size is limited as balanced gender enrollment is preferred. Professional individual counseling may be recommended as required.

To register call: 780-672-4300

Sponsored by the Service Committee

CHOIR ROOM RENOVATED



During the summer, Tova Olson and Deanna Didriksen repainted and renovated the Choir Room. Thank you, Deanna & Tova. Check it out during **Fall FESTIVAL of Activities**. While you are there, why not sign up for one of our choirs?

STUDENTS AWAY FROM HOME

Please let the Church Office know who among us is now studying away from home this year so that we can list them here.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Beauty Beyond the Ashes is a true love story written by Cheryl McGuiness. On the morning of September 11, 2001 Cheryl kissed her husband good-bye as he headed off to work. She never saw him again! Tom McGuiness was the co-pilot of American Airlines Flight 11, which was the first airplane to crash into the World Trade Center in New York.

In addition to revealing her touching personal story, Cheryl also shares twelve powerful principles (one with each chapter) that guided her through her loss and that will guide us all on our life's journey. No matter what kind of personal tragedy or loss we experience, God can bring us through the ashes of destruction to the beauty of life.

The emphasis of this book is the possibility to choose hope after a crisis, with the help of God. We can choose to remain bound in our grief of our personal suffering and not live, even though we are alive; or we can choose to call on God for help in the healing process.

Christians can have hope not despair, courage not fear, love and not hate because "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 14:18)

This book is honest, well-written, easy to read, inspiring and challenging. I am glad that I had the opportunity to borrow it

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Members, staff, committees and groups are encouraged to submit articles so that we are aware of who we are, what we are doing and where we may be going in our congregation.

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SEPTEMBER 2009

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