



Faith *In Action*

NEWSLETTER

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July Update

July, hot weather, the 4th, fresh sweet corn and another month for Faith in Action as we charge forward on our vision goals. You were all good to our fund-raising for these special projects by giving a total of \$1,807 during the month of June. It is very gratifying to experience your votes of support by the dollars you are directing towards these goals.

This month we focus on the Parish Nurse project, and Sue Richards has been very active in this direction. Her summary is found in this Newsletter. Pastor Mark had forwarded us an excellent article on Granger Westberg who developed and promoted the concept of the Parish Nurse Ministry at a Chicago Hospital in the 60's. Pastor Mark had become acquainted with him through the Academy of Parish Clergy and found him to be a fascinating man. Sue will be taking Parish Nurse training in Madison during the month of August and will be studying at the Westberg Conference in September.

E-mail us at momofarsh@charter.net and we will be glad to send you the biography of Granger Westberg.

We also want you to know that the Projection Ministries is making good progress towards its goal. Bids for projection costs are currently being obtained from two companies, StudioGear and Einstein Communications.

David and Ann Nelson, Program Leaders



God's Work. Our Hands.

MISSION

To provide a clear vision for the Covenant Lutheran family to help it be purposeful and motivated in our ministries.

James 2:18b

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

WE WANT YOU!

Personal Visitation Team

A message from the "Personal Visitation Team" We will soon be forming another team to go call on those members that requested a visit at a later date. Any of the team members that worked on the Spring visits and would like to jump aboard for the Fall visits or any members that feel like they are missing out on making new friends please contact "lonely Bill Eversoll at 873-7778 or "bubbly Bird Bahnson at 334-5099.



Community Events Committee

The Faith in Action Community Events Committee which provided The Covenant Coffee Event at Sytende Mai is planning a similar event for Coffee Break Day August 13th.



Update: Parish Nurse Program

Letter received June 3rd from Sue Richards:

Hi Dave & Ann,

I have been meeting with the Dane County Parish (Faith Community Nursing) nurses for over 6 months now. I begin "formal" training this month. I am really learning a ton. I shadow Peggy Weber (awesome mentor) and several other nurses.

Last month I taught "Chest Compression only" resuscitation in Cottage Grove with several other nurses (Hands on Hearts) and plan to bring this to Covenant next year. Fall will bring blood pressure screening Sundays and health tips to our monthly newsletter.

In His Grace,
Sue Richards



Goals



Congregation

Begin a Parish Nurse Program

\$850/month

Fund a paid part-time nursing program to minister to the health needs of our congregation.

Projection Ministry Worship

\$700/month

Purchase and install projection equipment in our sanctuary to enhance worship.

Accelerate Debt Payment

\$1,000/month

Pay down Covenant's mortgage so that we can devote those resources to other program needs.



Community

Transportation Assistance

\$250/month

Provide transportation for those under 55 and coordinate transportation for those over 55 with existing services for appointments and shopping needs.

Youth Center Partnership

\$100/month

Provide people and money resources to enhance Youth Center programming.

Family Mentoring & Parenting Class/ Counseling

\$100/month

Provide and coordinate resources for families who need help coping with the challenges of parenting.



World

Expanded Mission Trip Experiences

\$500/month

One International mission trip every three years and at least one domestic mission trip every year.

Resettle one Refugee Family each Year

\$100/month

Help a family make a new home in Dane County.

Mid-wife/Hospice/Education Kits

\$200/month

Send 500 kits to ELCA per year.