



Faith *In Action*

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September Update

As we move in to September with the beautiful crisp fall weather and school starting we are energized to get organized and motivated after a busy and sometimes relaxed summer. Faith in Action is also gearing up, as we work towards fulfillment of our goals.

This month we feature our Hospitality Ministry and Welcoming New Members, and this team has been recently meeting and planning. Read carefully the *News Flash* below from that team.

Parish Nursing Ministry is very active with Sue Richards working hard towards her being added to our staff for 8 hours per week when the funds are available. Note the details of this area in the news item below.

The Projection Ministry is also busy and needs 3 or 4 additional members with laptop computer skills and a vision for new technology at worship. If you are one of those folks we could really use your gifts.

Some of us played a role in one way or the other with the receiving of the Bhutanese family on September 1st. Fulfilling this goal for 2011 was a wonderful accomplishment.

Faith in Action is committed to serve as a voice for these groups in identifying needs for volunteers. As you will notice we need volunteers for the Hospitality ministry and some more specialized volunteers in the Projection Ministry area. Please step forward. There is great satisfaction awaiting you.

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.


-- News FLASH --

The **Hospitality Ministry** and **Welcoming New Members** need twelve teams of two to visit new individuals or families that visit our worship services within 24-48 hours. They are looking for 24 people to help them reach out with the Good News in the Stoughton area. The Faith in Action Hospitality Team along with a number of others who are excited about our congregation growing will be providing a training on Sunday, October 9, after worship that includes lunch. The Packers are playing later – so no problem with that! This is a training that helps our congregation become a welcoming place developing invitational visitors and follow-up care for all new people gathering at worship for the first time! 


Refugee Family is Resettled

A Bhutanese family of four was welcomed at the Dane County Regional Airport on Thursday, September 1! An older mother, her 24-year-old son and his wife and one-year-old child arrived here after spending many years in a refugee camp in Nepal. Thanks to the efforts of many **members of Covenant**, a two bedroom apartment had been beautifully furnished and was ready for their arrival. The joy of having a new home was magnified because this family was reunited with another son and his family and an aunt in the same apartment building! Covenant has met this *Faith In Action* goal for 2011...thanks be to God! 

Projection Ministry Needs Volunteers!

The Projection Ministry Team met this month to plan projection ministry for worship. Karen Shilts is chairing this team. Out of this month's meeting came a few questions for Einstein who will be installing our new technology. The Covenant Foundation voted to join hands with this project and added another \$7,500.00 for the installation and training. Our leadership team is looking for 3 or 4 additional members with laptop computer skills and a vision for new technology at worship. If you are one of those folks we could really use your gifts. 

Connecting the Body, Mind, Spirit

Parish Nursing at Covenant is based on the belief that health is growth towards well-being of the body, mind and spirit. This ministry is available to all age levels in the congregation and is created to help individuals stay well and creates a feeling of deeper caring and connectedness throughout the church. Presently Sue Richards has successfully completed the Parish Nurse training at St. Mary's and has begun writing articles for our Promise Newsletter. She will be attending the International Parish Nurse Conference in St. Louis next week. Once we have the monies to begin and a Health Board established our goal is to add Sue to our staff for 8 hours a week. Council leadership will be talking about this new potential beginning this month. 

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.



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.