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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I couldn't think of anything particularly profound this month so I've turned to whimsy. I am acutely aware of getting older, not as old as some of you but older than others of you. This manifests itself in my memory, or more correctly, the failing of same. I will walk from our living room to the kitchen and forget why. It seems I have the memory of an elephant: gray and fuzzy.

I share this and the following stories with you for two reasons: 1) If I momentarily forget your name or something you've asked me to do, please understand it's not that I don't care; it's that I'm getting older and my memory drawers are sticking, and 2) if you are having the same experience maybe now you'll feel better that you have company. And now to the stories:

Three older ladies were discussing the travails of getting older.

One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich."

The second lady chimed in, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one responded, "Well, I'm glad I don't have that problem; knock on wood," as she rapped her knuckles on the table, then told them, "That must be the door, I'll get it!"

Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. It's amazing, this pill."

The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?"

The first man says, "Euf! The name of the pill ... Let's see ... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower ... with the thorns? It's red ... You give it on Valentine's Day."

The other man says, "A rose?"

The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill?"

I ask for you smile, your understanding, and your forgiveness.

Pastor Dan



ALL SAINTS' IN MEMORIOM

On All Saints' Sunday, November 1, the organist will toll a bell in memory of loved ones of the congregation who have died. If you have a loved one whose name you wish to be read as part of the Prayer of the Church please complete an In Memoriam bulletin insert in the October worship bulletin.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

- September 6 – "Introducing the Defibrillator" by Kim Comstock
- September 13 – "Film from New Orleans" - Youth Group
- September 20 – "Organs of England, Part 1" by Gene Eggers
- September 27 – "Organs of England, Part 2" by Gene Eggers.



Welcome
Our New
Members

NEW MEMBERS

With great joy on Sunday, August 23, we welcomed as Associate Members Donald and Susan Kjerland (pronounced "Chairland") They have been summer residents in Estes Park since 1999. They have two adult children: Ann Marie, living in Denver; and Eric in Arlington Hts. IL. Contact information: 400 Whispering Pines, 577-7326, dkjerland@aol.com.

WHEEL CHAIR



Some have wondered where the wheel chair at church came from. Several years ago a one-time visitor who had a great concern for those unable to walk learned that we were planning to build our own church facility. He wanted to make sure our new church had a wheel chair available for anyone who needed one. He donated \$500 for that purpose. That financial gift was held until we moved into our new building and then used for the purchase of the wheel chair.

Treasurer's Report – July 31, 2009

	Actual	Budgeted YTD
July Income	9,519.58	
July Expenses	13,944.77	
Income YTD	119,459.87	98,784.56
Expenses YTD	117,695.31	
Difference	1,764.56	

SEPTEMBER BIBLE READINGS

September 6

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 20

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37



September 27

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING we celebrate



that we have received pledges for **\$195,400** of our \$200,000 capital appeal campaign. A BIG THANK YOU to all who pledged! We appreciate your generosity

and thank God for your giving spirit, especially in these times. If you have not pledged and would like to do so, we are always open to your gifts.

WELCA News



Women's Bible Study

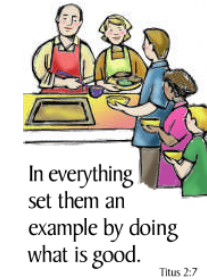
Our September meeting is scheduled to take place at Mardy Groskreutz's home at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Leading our Bible Study will be Marilyn Kienker. Our 2009-2010 study series is entitled "To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans." This epistle is one of the foundations of Christian theology.

At our August meeting the women decided to support Sky Ranch Bible Camp and to make health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Both of these causes are in greater need this year. If you would like to help us in these projects contact Nancy Knoll.

GUIDANCE FROM WESLEY

John Wesley (1703-1792) offered the following "Rules of Conduct" for Christians"

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.



In everything
set them an
example by doing
what is good.

Titus 2:7

ENDING HUNGER SUMMIT



On Saturday, October 17, you can do something about hunger. The Fourth Ending Hunger Summit will convene at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills Village. This year's summit theme is "Global Recession: We're All in This Together". We will welcome three exceptional guest preachers:

Nancy Arnison, Director of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal
David Creech, Director of ELCA Hunger Education
Ellen Teller, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Food Research and Action Center (Washington, D.C.)

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The summit officially opens at 9:00 a.m. and the morning will feature presentations by our three guests. After lunch, there will be "snapshot studies" that explore the global impact of hunger and recession in Madagascar as well as specific domestic impacts here in the United States. There will be ample opportunity for questions and answers and discussion. The event is scheduled to end at 3:30 p.m.

Registration is \$15 for the Summit. Registration materials will be available in September. If you have further questions, please contact Carol McDivitt (mcdivittc@mindspring.com, or 970-669-4090).



Cranberry – Pistachio Biscotti
From Mary Banken

Recipes Ingredients:

(altitude adjustments...)

- 2-1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder (3/4 teaspoon)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter at room temperature
- 2 large eggs (jumbo size)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 scant cup dried cranberries
- 1 scant cup shelled pistachios
- 1 egg white

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl; whisk to blend. Using an electric mixer, beat sugar, eggs, butter, and extract together. Mix in flour and then dried cranberries and pistachios. Divide dough in half. Using floured hands, shape each piece into a log directly on the baking sheet. Whisk egg white and brush top and sides of each log. Bake 30 to 35 minutes until golden. Cool completely. Slice logs with serrated knife and bake 10 (or 7-8) minutes on baking sheet without parchment. Turn biscotti over and bake an additional 5 (or less) minutes. (I find that at 8000', the biscotti dries out faster, so I make the 2nd bake time a little shorter.)

Prayer Requests for August 2009

Herb and Jean Siddle: Herb is in a lot of pain and confined to a wheel chair with foot elevated. Difficult time for both Herb and Jean. Pray for healing, patience, good therapy and treatment to restore the foot.

Prayers continue for Scott Lindemann and his family, especially his parents, June and Dick Lindemann, as Scott undergoes chemo.

Prayers for Kim Comstock who is recovering from surgery

Prayers of thanksgiving for Peggy Lorenz' pulmonary condition which is stable at this time and not advancing, requiring no treatment.

Prayers for Karianne Auberg on the death of her mother, Eva, Aug. 9, 2009

Mary Evenson's mother died in South Dakota. Please keep Mary in your prayers.

Elda Mae Lange ...moving to new Memory Wing of Porter Place in Denver.

Carolyn and Dan Mangler: Daughter Heather is out of hospital and at home on bed rest. Please pray for a healthy baby and mom and that the delivery won't be too soon.

We ask prayers for Cecilia, a friend of Sarah Lickfett (daughter of Don and Gloria). Cecilia has advanced liver cancer that was brought on by a blood transfusion that gave her Hep. C which led to the liver cancer. There seems to be no treatment options left for Cecilia.

We have recently learned that Mary's mother, Dorothy Banken, has what appears to be a rapidly-growing tumor deep in her left brain. In just a few weeks, her muscle control and mobility have significantly decreased, and we expect to see that decrease continue for some unknown time period. Dorothy and her family are now in the mode of preparing for a transition, and we are deeply grateful for the faith that allows us to approach this time with peace and a quiet joy knowing that she will soon participate in that great feast that is to come. Please pray for Dorothy as she goes through these coming weeks, helping her to painlessly adjust to all of the changes in her body and mind. Please pray for her family, that we may find a way to attend to her needs during this time, and that we may fully experience the richness of this special closing season of life. May we all feel God's constant loving arms surround and support us in our strength and in our weariness.