

notes from Hosanna APRIL 2009

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"CHRIST'S MARK IS ON ME - IT'S ON YOU TOO!"

During our journey through Lent we have been intentional about the Gospel travelling with us as we are sent into the world. The verse from this hymn could easily be a beginning point for each day of our lives.

I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.
My head is wet, and I'm on my way.
Christ's mark is on me; it's on you too;
It says he loves me, and he loves you, too! (ELW 446, v.1)

Each day is brand new and God comes to us new every day. A Roman Catholic priest friend of mine responds with the same refrain when he is asked this question by his parishioners,

"What's new today, Father?"
"Christ is risen!"
"Oh, yes, I know that, Father."
"That's good, because it's new every day."

This newsletter is coming to you just prior to Holy Week, which is more than a dismal, sad, black period. It is at its deepest level a time of calling to personal and communal reflection, contemplation, devotion and prayer, which leads us to the dawning light of Jesus' resurrection. What begins with an entry into Jerusalem appears to go very badly by Thursday of the same week and jolts to a sudden, horrific stop on Friday; only to take on a totally new transforming resurrection experience beginning with the women going to the tomb at dawn on Sunday morning.

"The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I shall make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."
(Jer. 31:31 NRSV)

These are words recorded by the prophet Jeremiah. The prophet goes on to say that this covenant will not be like the ones he made with his ancestors, but will be a new/renewed covenant.

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more." (Jer. 31: 33b - 34 NRSV)

Our Lenten journey leads us to proclaim throughout Easter and every day of our lives that God claims us, marks us and renews us, re - forms us, transforms us and shapes us daily into the likeness of the one we know and celebrate as the Messiah, the risen Saviour. No longer do we need to wonder about whom we are or whose we are or where we are going. We know we belong to the LORD, God of heaven and earth whose law is written into our hearts through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. Come and journey with the Saviour, and with us as we continuously move from darkness into God's marvelous light. Invite your friends and neighbours too!

Grace and peace, Pastor Ron.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On March 8, Hosanna voted to extend a call to Pastor Tim Graff. Pastor Graff received the call documents on March 11, and has 30 days to consider his response to our call. Please keep in your prayers our congregation, Pastor Graff, and the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church in Calgary.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to any member of our Call Committee: Nordahl Flakstad, Heidi Robinson, Gladys Goebel, Greg Springate, Susan Querengesser, Chris Vandermeer, Colleen Vogel, Chair

With Easter Sunday falling in mid-April this year, we find ourselves moving from Lent through Holy Week to Easter Sunday and then through the Sunday's after Easter. We will notice the change from darkness to light, not only outside, but within our worship space.

On Wednesday, April 1 we will have our final mid-week Lenten service as we sing through the Holden Evening Prayer and hear another faith journey. Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion marks the beginning of Holy Week, where we will celebrate a Seder meal together on Maundy Thursday and then continue with a communion service, and then gather together again on Good Friday morning. Easter Sunday will begin with a Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast, and culminate in our Easter Communion Services. Communion will be celebrated in both services for the remainder of the Easter Season. On April 26, we will have a Children's Emphasis Sunday.

Let's look at some of these services in a bit more detail:

Palm Sunday - Sunday of the Passion - April 5

Once again, there will be a Procession for the entire congregation on this Sunday, where, for all those who are able, we will meet in the Peace Hall prior to the service, and Process into the Sanctuary with Palm branches. For those who are not able, please be seated in the Sanctuary. During Holy Communion, our service will turn towards the Passion, and we will exit in silence. **There will be NO announcements made following these services, so please be sure your announcements are in the weekly bulletin.**

Maundy Thursday - April 9

We will celebrate the Seder Meal together in the North hall beginning around 5:30 (potluck meal), followed by a communion service in the sanctuary. The Altar will be stripped bare in preparation for our Good Friday service, and we will exit in silence. (For additional details on the Seder, see the article which follows.)

Good Friday - April 10, 10:00 am

We will gather on Friday morning for a service that will pick up from where we left the evening before and be taken through various songs and hymns, readings and prayers as we reflect on what Christ did for us.

Easter Sunday - April 12

Sunrise Service 7:00

This service of celebration and worship will be planned and led by the youth.

Easter Breakfast 8:00

We will enjoy a wonderful breakfast together prepared and sponsored by the youth. A freewill offering will be received.

Easter Communion Services 9:00 and 11:15

We will rejoice together in the Risen Lord with a Procession, lots of music, listening to the Word, and celebrating Communion.

On this Sunday, we invite you to bring a single fresh cut flower to place on or around the cross (made from the trunk of our Christmas tree) as part of our recognition and celebration that Christ is no longer on the cross, and no longer in the grave - but He has risen! Alleluia!!



I wish you all a blessed Easter season as we celebrate our living hope brought to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Evelyn, Director of Worship and Music

OUR PRAYER CHAIN

To request prayer for yourself or for others, contact:
Del Bennett, Dan Wold, or the pastors at 780-484-3932.
If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain,
please also contact any of the above.

The 29th annual **Outdoor Way of the Cross**

is a community event sponsored by
the Edmonton and District Council of Churches.

Good Friday, April 10.

The walk begins at 10 AM at Boyle Street Community
League Hall (9515-104 Ave.)

For Christians observing the Seder:

On Maundy Thursday, we will observe a most ancient, colourful and significant festival by which the Jewish people relive their beginnings as a people. We are not Jewish, nor a family, yet we celebrate a Jewish family festival, because it is in this setting that Jesus gave us the sacrament we know as the Lord's Supper.

The Seder (order) is held during the Passover, a festival dating back to and celebrating Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt (about 1500 BCE). Families and friends gather around the table to read the Haggadah, the story of the exodus from Egypt. Customs include drinking four cups of wine, eating matza and partaking of symbolic foods. The Seder is derived from the Bible verse: "And you shall tell it to your son on that day, saying, 'Because of this God did for me when He took me out of Egypt'" (Exodus 13:8). With a Haggadah serving as a guide, the Seder is performed in much the same way all over the world.

Our event includes a pot-luck meal; please bring enough for your family plus a bit more. We have recipes which are traditional for the Seder available on the black counter that you are welcome to use, as we attempt to follow Jewish Passover traditions. *[(1) there should be no food served with yeast, (2) there can be no dairy products served since Jewish dietary food laws forbids the eating of dairy products with meat, and (3) no pork or pork derivatives can be served.*

From <http://www.crivoice.org/seder.html> Introduction to a Christian Seder]

The Fellowship Committee will be seeking additional help before, during and after this event. Tables, chairs, and dishes need to be set up in the Peace Hall, we will need coffee prepared and extra hands in the kitchen to set out food at the meal time, and finally the dishes need to be washed, tables & chairs put away, and the tablecloths laundered.

Watch for further announcements on how you can help.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Everyone is invited to celebrate with joy the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Once again the youth will be leading the Sunrise Service bright and early on Easter Sunday (7:00 am). The service will be followed by a delicious breakfast hosted by the youth. We hope to see many of you there supporting us! A free will offering will be taken to go towards the upcoming Alberta Synod Youth Gathering at Camp Caroline.

SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING:

The deadline for registration is April 10, please bring your completed forms (available on the youth bulletin board) and \$50 deposit cheques **NO LATER THAN** Sunday April 5, 2009 so that we can send them in all at once. Cheques should be made payable to "Hosanna Youth Group" so that we can send a single cheque on behalf of the group. There is some money in the youth budget allocated for this gathering, so the cost to you will be less than \$265. In addition, if we are able to raise a portion of the cost each participant will be reimbursed equally.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE POSTER
ON THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2009— PIZZA PARTY, EASTER EGG DECORATING AND EASTER PREP 5:30-9:30

We'll meet at the church for a delicious pizza dinner and then we'll color Easter eggs. This time will also be used to run through the Sunrise Service and to prep for the Easter Breakfast. Lots of helping hands are needed for this event, so please plan on being here! Each youth should bring 1 dozen **HARD BOILED** eggs with them to color.

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2009—6:30 AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST.

Rise and shine bright and early this morning (Don't worry, the coffee will be on). We'll lead the congregation in worship at 7:00 am before hosting a delicious meal at 8:00 am.

FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2009 LIVE, LOVE, SERVE!—7:00-9:30 An event about awareness and helping out in our community. More details to come.

SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2009—MUFFIN MORNING 10:00

Come out and support the youth and their marvelous muffins!

NEEDED:

1. VOLUNTEERS - We can always use an extra helping hand (ESPECIALLY FROM YOUNG ADULTS)! If you are interested in working with the youth this year please contact Lindsay for more information.
2. MUFFIN MAKERS -Please sign up on the youth bulletin board if you are able to bring muffins on SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2009 or at any other time during the year, or e-mail lindsay@hosannalutheran.ab.ca.
3. E-MAIL LIST - As we live in a technologically advanced society, I would like to compile a list of parent and youth e-mails so that I can make sure to get a hold of everyone when there are important youth announcements or upcoming events. Please write your e-mail legibly and put it in my mailbox. Thank you!
4. DRIVERS - We rely on the help of parents in this area. If you are able to drive at any time throughout the year, please sign up on the youth bulletin board and look forward to a phone call.

Hosanna Quilters - SPRING QUILT SALE

April 30, Thursday, 7-9 pm

May 1, Friday, 3- 6 pm

May 2, Saturday 11am -3 pm

May 3, Sunday 10-11am between services

Come early for best selection. Proceeds from the sale
will be donated to charitable organizations.

The Quilters have recently received a generous donation of a long-arm quilting machine. We are currently learning how to use it and hope to show off machine-sewn quilts in the fall.

Interested in sewing squares? We are looking for additional sewers to take bundles of squares, already laid out, and sew them together to make quilt tops. The bundles of squares are in a box in the church office; please help yourself. If you need help getting started, talk to Vi Bowdige, Karen Moore or Shirley Querengesser.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

CLEAN UP DAY

Thank you to everyone who helped with church clean up last week. The basement was sorted and cleaned; a truck-load was taken to the ECO station, and while not everything got done last Thursday, we have created much order out of much chaos!

Special thanks to Walter Adolf, Sonja Carmichael, Kari Heise, Karen Moore, Shirley Querengesser, Dorothy & Erven Rendflesh, Jack Smale and Ralph Trippel for your help.

Another day will need to be set aside to deal with an old sofa, sort through outdated paint, and look after a few other clean-up and disposal tasks. As well, our kitchens need a thorough cleaning. If you are available for any such tasks, especially if you have a truck for disposal items, please let Johanna know.

SPRING YARD CLEAN UP Friday, April 24, 6:00 pm

The Property Committee has their hopes up that the snow will be gone and the yard dried up enough by that date. Plan to come with rakes, pruners, and other garden tools to clean up the outside property. Lots of hands are needed, young and old, male and female. Donuts & refreshments provided. Alternate date is Friday May 1; if you aren't sure about April 24, give the church office a call to check.

THANK YOU!

Hosanna is fortunate to have a team of people who are willing to do the many big and little repair tasks that need to be around our church home. Erven Rendflesh and Frank Hammer spent quite a few days replacing ballasts and light bulbs to get a number of lights working again. Harold Rau delivered and moved in a file cabinet, and also installed a lock-box by the front door as required by the fire department. Alex Ropchan (and a crew - names are lost) spent an afternoon doing repairs to chairs. Louie Omerzu destroyed (on purpose!) the computer hard-drives before disposal. Walter Adolf continues to repair the snow blower as needed. (I may have missed someone - please include yourself in these thanks.)

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Serving as a member of the Property Committee is less hands-on, but no less important to the care of our building and property, and we are currently seeking additional people for that committee. If you think you could contribute in some

supportive way - identifying and prioritizing the needs, following up or finding the right person or company to do a repair, etc., your participation in the committee would be greatly appreciated. Women and men are equally suited for this committee, which meets only about once every two months.

To all those who have served on the Property Committee in the past, and to all the other volunteers who work hard to keep up the building, thank you.

If you are interested in learning more or offering your time to the Property Care Committee, please speak to any of the current members: Walter Adolf, Patrick Bella, Russ Hoffman, Harold Rau, Ron Vandermeer (Council rep.), or Johanna Borle.

DISHWASHER FOR SALE:

Some time ago, a household dishwasher was donated to Hosanna, but this is not something we can use, so we are offering it for sale. It's a basic model, a Maytag, brand new, and was still wrapped in its box until we opened it to take a few photos (on the round kiosk). If you are interested in the dishwasher, please talk to Johanna or Erven Rendflesh.

**The Twelfth Biennial Convention of the ELCIC will be held
June 25-28, at UBC, Vancouver**

The Convention begins with Opening Worship on Thursday at 1:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to attend the Convention and can observe the proceedings from the visitor's gallery. Registered visitors also receive a copy of the Bulletin of Reports.

Registration fees are: Visitors with meals \$290; without meals \$190

<http://www.elcic.ca/In-Convention/2009-Vancouver/default.cfm>

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE, January 1, 2009			\$14,923.
	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	
January	\$22,418	\$30,407	
February	\$25,834	\$31,529	
	BALANCE, February 28, 2009		\$1,238.55

EDUCATION and FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sunday School

Sunday School meets from 10 - 11am in the Peace Hall, at the north end of the church. Please note that there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Children's Emphasis in Worship - Sunday, April 26th

We would like to focus on and encourage the participation of children in both worship services this day. If your child would like to be involved by reading a lesson, helping hand out bulletins, collecting the offering, bringing communion bread forward, etc. please talk to Sonja. This is also the Sunday that we will present Bibles to grade 2 students. If your child is in Grade 2 and you have not received a letter, please let Sonja know - we don't want to miss anyone!

Vacation Bible School 2009

**Mark your calendars for our summer VBS program
Sunday, July 5 - Thursday, July 9 (evenings)**

Plan your holidays so that you can attend this exciting week! As usual, we will be looking for lots of volunteers to make the fun happen! We are currently looking for people to help with planning the week, especially in the areas of music, drama, decorating, publicity, science, crafts and snacks. Dividing the work up among several people will help lighten the load - not to mention, it's really a lot of fun! Talk to Gaylene Layden or Sonja if one of these areas is up your alley and to see how you can help.

Parents' Group

A group of parents has been meeting informally, usually the last Sunday of the month between service, to give parents a chance to connect with other parents and support each other in raising faith-filled children. The meeting location varies depending on what is going on in the rest of the church on that particular day so listen for announcements or just ask. For more information about this group, please talk to Kirstin Veugelers or Sonja. For those who missed the recent parenting series based on Barbara Coloroso's video "Winning at Parenting ... without beating your kids", the DVD as well as her book are available to borrow. Please talk to Sonja if interested.

Adult Forum

After a break for Palm Sunday and Easter, we continue with the series *Adult Crossings: God's Journey with Us* during the education time between services. This Biblical overview, led by our pastors, explores what many scholars consider the eight core stories of the Bible. April topics are:

April 19 Jesus' life

April 26 The cross

Each session stands on its own so feel free to join in this study, even if you have not attended before.

Passing on the Faith: Church-Home Connection

During Lent we have been focussing on "the journey". Visually and musically, during worship we are reminded of the journey we all take. Each week we hear someone tell their faith journey at our Lenten services. The following is excerpted from an article by Debbie Trafton O'Neal entitled "Journey Together" originally published in Parish Teacher Magazine.

"When Jesus invited the little children to come to him, the disciples and other adults around him were amazed. Certainly children could not understand the importance of God's kingdom! Yet Jesus insisted, even to the point of telling these adults that they must have faith like a child's to really know God and live in God's kingdom.

Many teachers say that they learn more about faith from the children than they are able to teach to the children. We miss out on a lot if we don't share our faith journeys with our children and participate in theirs as well.

Ask your children how they think your family shares their faith ...

(She goes on to tell of some of the faith-sharing experiences that her family discussed)

Talk together about your faith journey. Tell your children about the life-changing faith experiences you have had, but also share with them the small daily things that happen that let you know God is with you. Make this a conversation, giving them time to share their thoughts and struggles with faith as well. Use these questions as a springboard for your discussion:

1.. How might God communicate through the word of other people?

What are some good times to explore the Bible?

2. What does it mean to pray?
3. When are good times to listen to God, as well as talk to God in prayer?
4. How can we help each other grow in faith in our family?
5. What are some ways that your family experiences faith in daily life?"

Focus on Fellowship

Do you know everyone in the congregation? Does everyone know you?

Stay after first service or come early for second on April 5 (Palm Sunday) and April 12 (Easter Sunday) for some intentional fellowship time. Introduce yourself to someone new, or just take time to talk to someone that you don't always get a chance to. Don't be shy! All of us recognize faces and know we should be able to put a name to them. Introduce yourself to them - chances are that they recognize your face, maybe even know your name, but don't know much about you. Grab some coffee, tea, or juice and mingle away! (There is no Adult Forum on these dates)

Women's Bible Study

This month's study is Friday, April 17th, 7:30 pm at Maureen Lyall's home. All women are invited to join this group for study and fellowship. Bring along your Bible (any version). Come once, or as often as you can.

Heidi Wachowiak and Krister Ulmanis

invite you to celebrate with them as they reaffirm their wedding vows
in a service of Holy Communion Friday May 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 810 King St E, Cambridge, Ontario
Finger-food reception to follow in the Fellowship hall at St Peter's.
Everyone is welcome! Come for a group photo to be taken at 6:45 p.m.
In lieu of gifts, donations to either Waterloo Lutheran Seminary or
Global Hunger and Development Appeal would be appreciated.
Please RSVP by April 24 so we can plan accordingly

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

The Lenten journey is quickly leading on to the cross and the tumultuous events of Good Friday, followed by the joy of the Resurrection, and then the doubts and uncertainty of what lay ahead after Christ's ascension. What a time for the 12 apostles! Jesus left them with a calling - to carry out his ministry among all of God's people here on earth, but he didn't leave them with much of a structure to work with. There was no transition team, no Call Committee, no Church Council to guide them, no pastor to point them in the right direction. They were concerned about what resources they would have to help them accomplish their task. They were on their own. Or so they might have thought.

We at Hosanna will be entering our 2009 Time and Talents Campaign at the end of May. It will be a time of renewing our own personal commitment to answering God's call. As part of considering how to answer this call, we are often encouraged to discern what gifts we have, and then to select the areas of ministry where we think we can have an impact. This is all very good, but sometimes God's ways are different than our's.

Prof. Rolf Jacobson of the Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota wrote in an article that:

"In the Lord's household, career counseling works backwards. First God calls and then God supplies the gifts necessary. First God commissions for a task and then God provides spiritual gifts to help see that the task is accomplished. If we reason only from what gifts we already possess, then we believe in a God who only works in the past. But we should trust that God will continue to work in the future and we should trust that God will provide the gifts necessary to accomplish what God intends. When we do, we can go to work as stewards of God's household, trusting that the master's mission will be fulfilled."

Thanks be to God for the many gifts that he has provided to us, but more importantly thanks be to God for the calling that he has first given to us. Let us trust that God will provide us with the gifts necessary to fulfill his ministry.

The Stewardship Committee

News From the El Salvador Support Group

Oscar Romero Service

First, a big thanks to Hosanna members who participated in the special ecumenical service held March 21 at the Providence Centre in recognition of the 29th anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. The participants included four members of Hosanna's Choir (Nils Hahn, Ailsa Flynne, and Carl and Doreen Betke) as well as Pastor Ron, who sang two very well-received songs during the service. Pastor Ron also participated by receiving symbolic offerings made by various groups participating in the service. On behalf of the El Salvador Support Group (ESSG), Eugene and Barb Ulmer presented a montage with photos of the nine scholarship students we currently support at our sister parish of Divine Redeemer in San Miguel.

The service was preceded by a day of reflection on the life of Archbishop Romero and an update by Guillermo Denaux on the current conditions facing El Salvador. Guillermo has long been involved in El Salvador's Ecclesiastically Based Communities, a grass-roots Christian organization engaged with poor and marginalized people. Guillermo was able to comment on the March presidential election, which saw the election of the first

left-of-centre president since the end of the bloody civil war that raged in El Salvador in the 1980s. While many see the new presidency as holding promise of new dawning in El Salvador, Guillermo cautioned that the opposition parties still have a majority in congress and the presidential vote was close, which may result in instability.

News About Divine Redeemer

In one of his recent emails, Pastor Miguel Fernandez of Divine Redeemer mentioned the violence that has continued to grip the country. It includes two recent killings in the neighbourhood where Divine Redeemer is located. The church compound, which also contains living quarters for Pastor Miguel and his family, was recently broken into and some items were stolen. In response, the ESSG has decided to draw \$400US from our El Salvador Parish Fund to help Divine Redeemer install some added security measures in the church. Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania that also support Divine Redeemer will be making similar contributions.

June Service

In June, we expect to have our annual El Salvador service with special music and liturgy. The ESSG is planning to offer a lunch following the service

with a free-will offering going to the El Salvador Student Fund. Council has approved the ESSG request to apply for a matching grant from Faith Life.

Lois Flakstad Chair,
El Salvador Support Group

Possible Delegation

Finally, the ESSG is considering organizing a delegation from Hosanna to visit to El Salvador - possibly right after Christmas this year (Dec. 27 to Jan. 6 are possible dates). If you are interested and would like more information, please speak to someone in the ESSG.

SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE May 7-9, 2009

Hungry for Justice: the World Food Crisis and You

Connecting our Christian faith with action for food justice.

WORKSHOP TOPICS include: Climate Change and Food: Where Are We Headed and What Can We Do About It? by Paul Hagerman; Liturgy and Food by Rev. Cathy Campbell; Hunger in the Land of Milk and Honey by Marjorie Bencz, Edmonton Foodbank; Urban Abundance: Growing Food in the City by Ron Berezan, the Urban Farmer; Church Congregations Encountering Inner City Hunger by Linda Winski, Inner City Pastoral Ministry and Bob McKeon.

For more information: www.albertasynod.ca/social_ministry/sji_2009

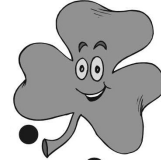
Registration and other info also posted on our bulletin board.

Conference to be held at King's University College, 9125-50 st.

This ecumenical event is organized in cooperation with: Alberta Synod-ELCIC; Anglican Diocese of Edmonton; Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace; Office of Social Justice, Catholic Archdiocese of Edm.; Edmonton Catholic Schools; Kairos-Edmonton; The King's University College/The Micah Centre; St. Joseph's College, U of A; United Church of Canada.

You are cordially invited to a **Friends of CLWR Appreciation Reception** Tuesday, April 14, 2:00-4:00 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church 9901-107 St. Edmonton. Everyone is welcome. Meet Tom Brook, Resource Generation Director, enjoy coffee, tea and dainties, and hear a brief program (15minutes, at 3 pm) about CLWR..

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling ...



We were all Irish for a day on March 21 at our most recent Community Meal.

The Peace Hall was decorated in festive green, and our menu featured a hearty Irish stew (which many of our guests had been asking about at the January meal!). Thank you to everyone who helped to make this meal a success - those who donated items such as socks and underwear and toiletries for our "store", those who helped set up and did the food preparation on Friday night, those who did the final food preparation on Saturday morning along with the hosts and servers, and last but certainly not least, the clean up crew (both for the Peace Hall and the kitchen). It takes many hands to bring these meals to our guests, and it is the enthusiasm and commitment of our volunteers that helps to make these meals special for all involved.

A special note of thanks goes out to Joshua and Elijah Propp, who came on Friday along with their Dad, Ron Propp, to help with the set up. In addition to helping out with the set up in the Peace Hall, Joshua and Elijah brought some toys from the Social Room that they had previously donated to the church to put out on the tables in our store for our guests to take home. By the end of the meal on Saturday, none of those toys were left - all of them had found new homes. Thank you for your spirit of sharing and generosity Joshua and Elijah!

Our next meal is on June 6, 2009. We will be serving the ever popular beef on skewers. The sign up sheet for volunteers will be put out on the black counter in the narthex in mid-May. Watch for your opportunity to help out with this meal. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please feel free to contact either John Campbell, 780-439-0939, or Gerry Landro, 780-481-3260, for more information. Our next planning meeting is on May 25th at 7:30 p.m., and we would be pleased to have you join us to learn more about this exciting ministry.

Thanks for your support.

The Community Meal Committee