
Mount Cross Chronicle

September 2011



Mount Cross Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m. Traditional
10:30 a.m. Praise Service

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²³Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. ²⁴Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" ²⁶He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. ²⁷The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" Matthew 8:23-27

There are many stories in the New Testament where Jesus wonders why the disciples do not have more faith. There are also many stories of Jesus being amazed at a person's faith and those people are usually non-Jewish people or Gentiles. One may recall the woman who touched the cloak of Jesus to be healed or the centurion who believed Jesus could heal just by saying the words. All of us are on our own Journey of Faith. Most people would say that they would like to have their faith increased, but how does one do that?

At Mount Cross, we have a plan to grow people in their faith. That plan revolves around the six "Marks of Discipleship" described in Jan's article. It is a plan found in *Power Surge* by Rev. Michael Foss, who has used this plan to grow churches in a variety of settings. It is Biblical and more importantly, it works! It was used by the early Christians in the book of Acts, (see Acts 2:43-47). The really neat thing is that the deeper we grow in our faith, the better life gets! We become changed people without even knowing it.

Now growing in one's faith usually doesn't just happen. Sometimes we are placed in situations which test us and grow us. More often, growing involves intentionality. It involves taking some steps that you may never have taken before. It may even be a bit uncomfortable and a bit scary for some, but that is what faith is about. It may mean doing something new or reclaiming a Spiritual Practice that you used to do. More importantly, it means being open to the Spirit to lead you. The interesting thing about faith growth, is that when you do trust that God will bless you, God will and that inspires us to want to grow even more!

The discipleship plan at Mount Cross will provide you with many opportunities to grow as people of God. These opportunities by the way are not just for Mount Cross people, invite a friend or neighbor to join you in the journey!

I pray that Mount Cross Lutheran Church will be a place where people are excited about God and want to grow in that relationship. I am also confident that when people invest in that relationship great things will happen.

Saying of the Month: A Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will build a Great Church.

God is loose in the world and it is fun and exciting to see what God will do!

Pastor Glenn



To proclaim Christ as Lord and Savior
through joyful worship, prayer,
life long learning,
active and loving service.

Our STATEMENT . . .

FAITH FORMATION

Matt. 28:18-20 Then Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.”

In these verses that we’ve heard many times, Jesus commands us to make disciples. So, just what is a disciple and how do we make disciples? According to wikipedia, “A disciple is a follower and a student of a mentor, teacher, or other wise figure.” We claim to be disciples of Christ. That means we are to be students of Christ, studying His teachings, communicating daily with Him, learning from Him. To be Jesus’ disciple or student, we need to learn everything we can from Him since He is our mentor and teacher. However, just being a student of Christ is not enough. Jesus commands (not requests, but commands) us to make disciples. I believe in order to make disciples, we also need to be teachers for Christ. So, what makes a good teacher? One who studies diligently the material to be taught, models behaviors that are taught, and spends time leading the student through the practices of faith. In other words, a good teacher is also a good student, constantly learning and growing.

A very practical question is, how do we become good students and good teachers of Christ? In his book, *Power Surge*, Michael Foss outlines six marks of discipleship; six areas in which to practice our faith, in order to be good students and teachers for Christ. These faith practices are based on scripture; Jesus himself practiced all of these marks of discipleship. So, if we want to be good students of Jesus and good teachers for Jesus, we need to practice our faith in the way Jesus did. These six marks of discipleship are: pray daily, worship weekly, daily Bible reading, develop spiritual friendships, serve church and community, give generously.

To help all of Mount Cross disciples become good students and teachers for Christ, we are implementing multiple opportunities to learn more about these six marks of discipleship and teach practical ways to be the students and teachers Jesus calls us to be. Look for the articles ‘**Discipleship/Faith Growth Opportunities**’ and ‘**Introducing Small Goups!!**’ listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

My prayer is that all Mount Cross disciples take advantage of all of these opportunities. When we do, our faith will grow and we will be blessed in ways we cannot imagine. We have a great and glorious God who wants to be our BFF (best friend forever). Let’s start learning more about who God is and what He wants for us!

In Christ’s love,
Jan Zimbelman

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

LOMONA IS AN ACRONYM FOR LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2011

CHURCH SPONSORED ACTIVITIES:

WEEKLY

MONDAY: BOY SCOUT MEETINGS
CUB SCOUT MEETINGS
THURSDAY: CUB SCOUT MEETINGS

MONTHLY

1ST THURSDAY: DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
2ND THURSDAY: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
3RD THURSDAY: MEN'S BREAKFAST
4TH THURSDAY: CUB SCOUT PACK MEETINGS
3RD WEDNESDAY: FRIENDSHIP CLUB
4TH WEDNESDAY: WELCA QUILTERS

RENTAL BOOKINGS FOR AUGUST:

WEEKENDS

1. PATTERNS OF GRACE
2. PAPER & METAL SCRAPPERS
3. GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

DAY USAGE

1. CUB SCOUT REGISTRATION NIGHT
2. TOM MORRISSEY BUSINESS MEETING

RETREAT WEEKENDS: 3 WEEKENDS/6 NIGHTS

TOTAL DAY USE: 2

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE: THE WASHERS AND SEATS WERE REPLACED ON THE KITCHEN FAUCETS IN THE LOG BUILDING. THE BALLAST WAS REPLACED IN THE LIGHT IN THE SERVICING AREA. SEMSTREAM RE-LIT THE PILOT LIGHT ON THE WATER HEATER IN THE DORM ON THE MEN SIDE.

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS IN CLEANING THE CLOSETS IN THE LOG BUILDING. THERE IS A PING BALL TABLE IN THE LARGEST CLOSET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING. I DON'T KNOW WHO IT BELONGS TO. CAN SOMEONE CONTACT ME OR CALL NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15. I HAVE NO CHOICE TO REMOVE IT. ANY ONE THAT HAS THINGS STORED IN THE CLOSETS YOU WILL NEED TO REMOVED THE ITEMS, OR LET ME KNOW WHO IT IS.

MARYANN ROWE
LOMONA DIRECTOR

MOUNT CROSS PRAYER PARTNERS

The Worship and Music Committee invites interested members who are not already members of our Prayer Partners to consider joining this group which prays for concerns of our members and others as requested.

Contact Lenore in the church office to join Prayer Partners:

secretary@mountcross.org

or

474 2552

You are notified either by email or by phone chain of a request for prayer. Each partner prays for the concerns or requests in his/her own manner.

All members are invited to call Lenore in the church office to request prayers for your loved ones.

****ONLY** if there is **an emergency** (examples: auto or sports accident with injury, hospitalization with injury) during the times that the office is closed, please contact René Apps at rene.apps@spansion.com or call Betty (BJ) Smith at 474-9852.



Mount Cross Financial Report (January- July 2011)

Approved Budget Commitment.	\$161,975.33 (58.33 % of 2011 budget)
Income.	\$168,702.26 (60.8 % of 2011 budget)
Expenditures.	\$150,465.42 (54.2 % of 2011 budget)

Total Contributions to the Building Fund as of 8-14-2011. \$555,151.65
 Total Commitments to the Building Fund.. . . . \$ 715,900.00

Income received from Safeway’s eScrip Program in 2011. \$292.41
 Have you registered for the Safeway Program? Forms are beneath the mailboxes. There is no cost to you, but there will be income for Mount Cross.

Total income received from Thrivent “Choice Dollars” as of 1 July 2011
 Mount Cross. \$2,140.00
 LOMONA. \$755.00

We have already surpassed the amount of “Choice Dollars” given to Mount Cross and LOMONA from last year, by one thousand sixty-eight dollars (\$1,068.00) A big “Thank You” to the Thriven members of Mount Cross who have made the decision to have their “dollars” directed here for causes which are important to you. I encourage those of you who haven’t taken the opportunity to look into this grant program. Please go to www.thrivent.com and click on Thriven Choice. Or you can call 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836)

Ray Wiebe
 Financial Secretary

NEW SIGN- UP BOARD

Need to post a sign up sheet or sign up for an event? Look at the corkboard sharing space with the church council member pictures and council minutes. This board is located on the south wall of Fellowship Hall next to the French doors.

Want to help out with an opportunity or event? Add your name to the sign up sheet that you will find on this new sign up board!

WORSHIP at MAJESTIC RIM

Mount Cross has the opportunity to lead a once a month worship on the second Monday of each month. We will be singing traditional hymns, reading some scripture, and having a short message. We need help with the following:

1. Volunteer Piano Players (Piano players pick the hymns from a list)
2. 4 or more people to join us so that we can have a welcoming and joyful worship.

First worship will be October 10th at 11 am at Majestic Rim Chapel. Majestic Rim is a ministry of the ELCA it is fantastic that Mount Cross can help them with ministry. Please sign up on the “new sign up board”!

MAKE IT SIMPLE

'MAKE IT SIMPLE' IS THE THEME SELECTED FOR OUR YEAR-LONG STEWARDSHIP FOCUS. THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE SELECTED "MAKE IT SIMPLE," BECAUSE THIS IS A TIME WHEN WE AS INDIVIDUALS, A CHURCH COMMUNITY AND A NATION ARE REASSESSING OUR LIFESTYLES AND ASSETS. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A CHURCH COMMUNITY TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE NOT ALONE AND TO RECOGNIZE GOD'S ABUNDANCE AND LOVE AS NEW UNCERTAINTIES ARE FACED.

"MAKE IT SIMPLE" WILL ASSIST ALL OF US AS WE DISCOVER WHAT ENOUGH IS, HOW GREAT IS GOD'S ABUNDANCE, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WITH OTHERS THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BE SHARING BULLETIN BLURBS, NEWS IN THE CHRONICLE, AND PERSONAL MESSAGES FROM MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION. PASTOR GLENN'S SERMONS WILL HELP GUIDE US AS WE AT MOUNT CROSS LEARN TO "MAKE IT SIMPLE." (SEPTEMBER 18 - FOLLOWING JESUS - MATTHEW 6:25-33, SEPTEMBER 25 - FACING THE TRUTH - MARK 4:37-41, AND ON OCTOBER 2 - SHARING ENOUGH - PHIL. 4:11B-13).

YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR PLEDGE CARD IN THE MAIL THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5TH. YOUR RESPONSE GIVES YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE YOUR ANTICIPATED GIVING, BASED ON THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOD. YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF MOUNT CROSS FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESPONSE IS TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER, PRAYERFULLY AND MINDFULLY, YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE RECEIVED. AFTER YOU HAVE REFLECTED ON MAKING YOUR LIFE MORE SIMPLE AND PRAYING FOR THE WORK OF MOUNT CROSS, YOU ARE ASKED TO RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS ON OCTOBER 2.

STEWARDSHIP IN OCTOBER WILL FOCUS ON SELF-EXAMINATION OF WAYS WE CAN SIMPLIFY OUR LIVES. WE CAN GROW AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS, STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH, AND BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS BY USING HEARTFELT CONVERSATIONS, PRAYERFUL REFLECTIONS, PRACTICE LIVING MORE SIMPLY, TRUSTING IN GOD'S PROMISES AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS, AND SHARING GENEROUSLY THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE RECEIVED. WE WILL BE SHARING MORE ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES AS OCTOBER APPROACHES. WHAT AN EXCITING YEAR IS AHEAD FOR US!

MOUNT CROSS STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

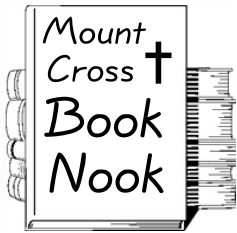


YUMMY, YUMMY for the TUMMY!

By the end of September, our talented Mount Cross bakers will begin using their ovens again. All Mount Cross bakers are invited to bake one or several items for a bake sale to be held from 8 A.M. until noon on Sunday, September 25. The free-will proceeds from this bake sale will help our goal of raising money for the heating bill for this coming winter at the Navajo Mission in Rock Point.

As of mid-August, our fund for Navajo Mission Heating has \$551. Much more is needed to reach our goal of \$6,000. Mount Cross disciples may add an amount to their Sunday offering and designate it for Navajo Mission Heating. This is a mission within our Grand Canyon Synod and one we can actually visit without a passport.

Karyl Blair
Global Missions Team



There are several donated books to tell you about this month.

Nonfiction:

The Faith Club

by Ranya Idliey, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner: a Muslim, a Christian and a Jew, three women's search for understanding.

Jesus

by Marcus Borg

Fiction:

Rahab's Redemption

by Cynthia Davis

The Poisonwood Bible

by Barbara Kingsolver

Your Librarian,

Eloise Jones



WHAT HAVE YOU TO DO WITH US, JESUS OF NAZARETH?

On Thursday, September 8, at 10 A.M., the women's Bible Study will meet at the home of Carol McNulty at 307 W. Christopher Point (behind Home Depot) in Payson. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:45 to pool rides. Bring a bag lunch if you are able to stay for fellowship after the Bible Study. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Call Carol at 474-9701 with questions. All women and their friends are invited to join us for whatever length of time you can stay.

This first lesson of the new September-May series will introduce us to the Gospel of Mark. Mark's gospel resulted from a need of the early Christians to write down their memories of Jesus' ministry as the gospel spread beyond the reach of the early eye-witnesses and the oral accounts. Thus, there was urgency about writing this account. Mark begins with Jesus' baptism when John the Baptist directs attention away from himself and toward someone more powerful who is Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus invited people to repent and believe in the *good news* and this invitation continues today. This is not something we do only with our heads; this claims our whole life. Thus, the cry of the demons, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" is answered in Mark as the writer allows the revelation of God in Jesus Christ to speak to us as the living, life-defining Word of God. How does your own life intersect with Jesus' identity and actions?



September Birthdays

- 3 Warren Armstead
- 6 Helen Rodgers
Betty Scott
- 7 Elmer Dretzter
- 8 Gary Karlowski
Jean Larson
- 11 Brian Cassens
Alan Douglas
Virginia McCall
- 13 Rose Brady
Madison Marley
- 14 René Apps
- 15 Rusty Perran
- 21 Jim Corrente
- 23 Eloise Jones
Barry Peiffer
- 24 Johnnie Johnson
- 29 Linda Rickard
Carol Shear

September Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Bob/Mary Walker
- 3 Ken/June Richter
- 4 Gary/Carole Wilder
- 14 Jim/Charlotte Garner



Caring Callers Organizational Meeting

Wow!! We have 31 people who have signed up to either drive, pray, make meals, or do communion. Way to go Mount Cross! You are a blessing. We will meet on Sunday, Sept. 18th at 11:30 a.m. to have an organizational meeting. This will involve laying out a plan to connect those who care with those who need care. If you have not signed up and want to be involved contact Pastor Glenn or come to the meeting!



Mount Cross Cares will be starting up for the 2011-2012 school year on Tuesday, August 23rd. We meet each Tuesday (6-week session) between 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in spending time with kids: assisting with homework, doing crafts, or playing games together, contact Roger or Sally Rohrbach at 474-9223.

We'd love to see you!!

Introducing Small Groups!!

What is a small group? A small group is a community of believers (usually 6-8 people) gathering together to study God's word, share life's highs and lows (wows and pows), pray together, help each other grow in the depth of their faith, and fellowship together. Usually small groups meet monthly in individual homes. It is a great way to develop deep spiritual friendships (spiritual friendships is a mark of discipleship), which does not happen on Sunday mornings. We will be launching small groups in October.

I am looking for people willing to be facilitators. If you can read and watch the clock to start/end on time, you are qualified to be a facilitator. Training for small group facilitators will be held on Sunday, Oct. 9th from 6:00 - 7:30PM. I've already identified a study guide that all groups will start with, making it easy to get started.

If you don't want to be a facilitator, but want to participate in a small group, let Jan Zimbelman know, or look for the sign up opportunities at church. It is expected that all Mount Cross disciples participate in a small group in order to grow in our faith walk.



Jan Zimbelman

In NEED of a FAITH Family?

Are you interested in becoming part of our Mount Cross faith family? Pastor Glenn is available to meet with persons who indicate an interest in becoming Mount Cross disciples. Please call Pastor Glenn (363-0155) and make an appointment to meet with him.

On Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m., there will be a New Disciples Orientation for people wishing to become part of Mount Cross. The orientation will occur in the Fellowship Hall (Narthex).

You will be welcomed into our church family at the worship service of your choice on Sunday, October 2nd.

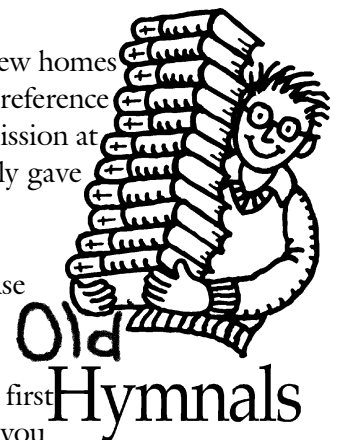


There has been a request expressed by Jodi Lorenz regarding the need for volunteers to help at the Julia Randall school library, as well as helpers for the classrooms. If you have some time and would like to give a helping hand, please contact Jodi Lorenz or Sharry Lien.

The Worship and Music Committee is helping to "de-clutter" the Music Room by finding new homes for the old pew hymnals. We have stored a supply in the lower right cabinet in the entry for reference or use by small groups. Hymnals will go to the Majestic Rim Retirement Center, Navajo Mission at Rock Point, and to Victoria for her students. We offered them back to those who originally gave them and are still with us.

There are hymnals in the back of the church for anyone who would like to take them. Please help yourself!

Looking forward, there are nine copies of the new red Evangelical Lutheran Worship in the first pews on the left side. They were given for the use of the Friday Morning Prayer group. If you would like to meditate using them, plan to sit on the front left side at Sunday worship. Our yearly online subscription to Sundays and Seasons allows the church secretary to download almost everything we would want from the old and new hymnals. If your group is planning a program, please talk to Lenore about the information available online that could be included in your program.



ELCA Assembly Officially Launched the ELCA Malaria Campaign

Every 45 seconds a child dies from malaria, a preventable and treatable disease. Now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will join with Lutheran churches in Africa, to work toward a malaria-free future. This effort is part of the ELCA Malaria Campaign, officially launched by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly on Aug. 15, 2011, by a 968-19 vote. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period.

"Throughout our life as the ELCA, we have focused our work with our global partners around the concept of accompaniment, our relationships with companion churches all over the world," said the Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl as she introduced the campaign to voting members.

"Poverty, hunger, disease -- they all go together, so we find malaria more prevalent where poverty and hunger are evident. That's where our relationship can make a difference. We stand beside (and partner with) those who suffer with malaria, those who are hungry, (and) those who live in poverty," she said.

"It is Lutheran relationships of accompaniment that bring us to this moment of launching the ELCA Malaria Campaign. The world is calling us together, to this moment, to this effort, because of our relationships -- church to church, people to God," she said.

The Rev. Daniel Rift, director of ELCA World Hunger, told the assembly that the campaign will help Lutheran churches in 11 countries in Africa.

"Malaria is not something to which a child should be resigned," Rift told the assembly. "We can do better than that -- as a church and as a people. For me, that is the image I'll take with me when one might ask, 'Why the ELCA Malaria Campaign?'"

With 1,025 voting members, the Churchwide Assembly is the ELCA's largest legislative authority. The Assembly met in Orlando, FL, Aug. 15-19 under the theme "Freed in Christ to Serve."

Mount Cross disciples may add an amount to their Sunday offering and designate it for the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Global Missions Team

The youth are invited to attend the first youth camp-out of the season!

When? Friday & Saturday, September 16 & 17
Where? Roosevelt Lake
Why? To have some fun in the outdoors

For more information, contact Jodi Lorenz



The August Bible study concluded the summer study provided in the "Lutheran Women Today" magazine. A new nine month study program begins this month. There is one surprise for those who receive the magazine. . .it is no longer called "Lutheran Woman Today;" it is now called "GATHER." While each month's study is part of the whole, each month stands alone; thus, every-month participation is not necessary to be involved in the study. We will be meeting at Carol McNulty's home on Thursday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited! Carpooling is available from church at 9:45 am. She lives at 307 W. Christopher Point in Payson. After we finish the study, every one is invited to stay for fellowship. The hostess supplies beverages and dessert so just bring a sandwich or salad and have lunch with us.

We will be doing something different in October. Instead of meeting in a home, we will meet in the log building at 10:00 a.m. for the study and then work on a project for the October Dinner Variety Show. This is a fundraiser for the Building Fund, so I hope everyone will help out. (We are not planning on performing).

The Synod WELCA convention is on November 4th-6th in Tucson. Thus far, we have five people attending and our delegate this year is Jan Zimbelman. There is still time to register if you would like to attend. Information is available by the mailboxes.

Nancy Peiffer
WELCA president



Just a reminder that your contributions through the eScrip program must be renewed annually. Renewals began as of August 1st and will continue until November 1st. How do you renew? Just click on the checkmark, you will be asked to identify yourself, you at that point will be renewed. It's that easy. If you do not have access to the internet, just call Lenore at the office and she will renew it for you.

Friendship Club Happenings

Our Mavis tells of going around the world!

When? At Friendship Club on Wednesday, September 21 at noon

Where? The friendly log building

What? Mavis Denofsky went around the world, at age 80, in 77 days to exotic places –

- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Thailand
- Tibet

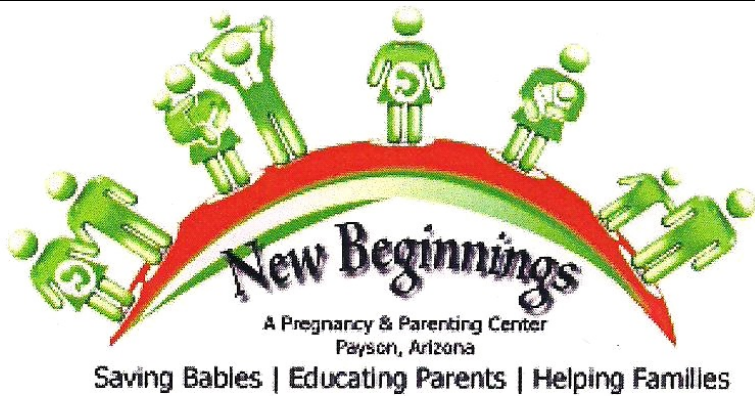
Bring some potluck food items and yourself! Maybe, since she was on so many different planes, we should do the "Lutern Airlines" commercial again. We'll have fun.

Ed
Friendship Club Acting President



Mount Cross Family,
Thank you all for the lovely cards and well wishes for my graduation! It was nice to hear from so many of you in my Mount Cross Family. I'm settling into my new job as a pharmacist for Medicap (an independent pharmacy) in Iowa, and I'm loving it. Thank you all again!
Sincerely,
Lauren Vlahopoulos (Bartoli)

Many, many thanks for the prayers, cards, notes, and expressions of love when the pneumonia bug grabbed my attention and halted my activities. You have made God's love concrete for me in so many ways. The symptoms are subsiding but several of you have warned about relapses, so I'm trying to stay fairly quiet.
Gratefully,
Karyl Blair



Walk for New Beginnings 2011

Saturday, September 17, 2011
Rumsey Park, Payson

- **Early Registration**- See your Church Representative or call New Beginnings, 474-7466
- **Walk Check** –In on Sat. Sept. 17th, 7:30am-8:10am
- **After-the-Walk Celebration** will include a Continental Breakfast & Music
- **All Walkers** will receive a New Beginnings sports bottle & a souvenir lanyard keychain

Further information: **Contact Carol McCraney**

New Beginnings Pregnancy Center
701 S Ponderosa St, Suite A, Payson
Telephone #: 474-7466

All proceeds benefit New Beginnings, a Pregnancy and Parent Education Center serving women and families of the Payson area since 1994.



Wrapped in Prayer A Prayer Shawl Ministry

On one of my worst days, Lynn Shoemaker brought me a beautiful Prayer Shawl. I knew I was on the prayer list and that friends were praying for me. The Prayer Shawl brought all of those prayers into something I could see, touch and actually feel the love that made it. The shawl has brought me such comfort as I have recovered. Thanks!

Sharon Bryant

TAI CHI

Keep a lookout for announcements in the bulletins for tai chi classes; there are plans in the works for another session to begin in October.



**** Carol McCraney will be involved in the "New Beginnings" walk and would love to have your support through sponsorship.****



Bell Choir Rehearsals will begin again on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

Please plan to come to begin to practice again for the coming season.

Invite anyone else who you think might be interested in ringing and singing!
All are welcome!

Discipleship/Faith Growth Opportunities

It is hoped that all Mount Cross disciples attend these educational opportunities in order to grow in our faith journey. If you are not able to work these into your calendar, please let Jan Zimbelman know so we may schedule additional sessions.

Catch a Vision (attend ONE session)

Provides an opportunity to discuss the future of Mount Cross with respect to current church culture and how we can plan for both future campus and programming. It will help explain why we need to celebrate our present ministry and reframe our mission for the future; taught by Pr. Glenn.

Sept 21	6:30 - 8:00 PM
Sept 22	1:30 - 3:00 PM
Oct 23	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Oct 24	10:30AM - noon

Discipleship 101: What in the world is discipleship? (attend ONE session)

Learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We will provide an overview of the marks of discipleship as a guide for growing in our faith walk with Christ; taught by Pastor Glenn and Jan.

Sept 11	6:30 - 8:00 PM
Sept 12	10:30AM - noon
Sept 28	6:30 - 8:00 PM
Sept 29	1:30 - 3:00 PM

Prayer 101: Ways to communicate with God (attend ONE session)

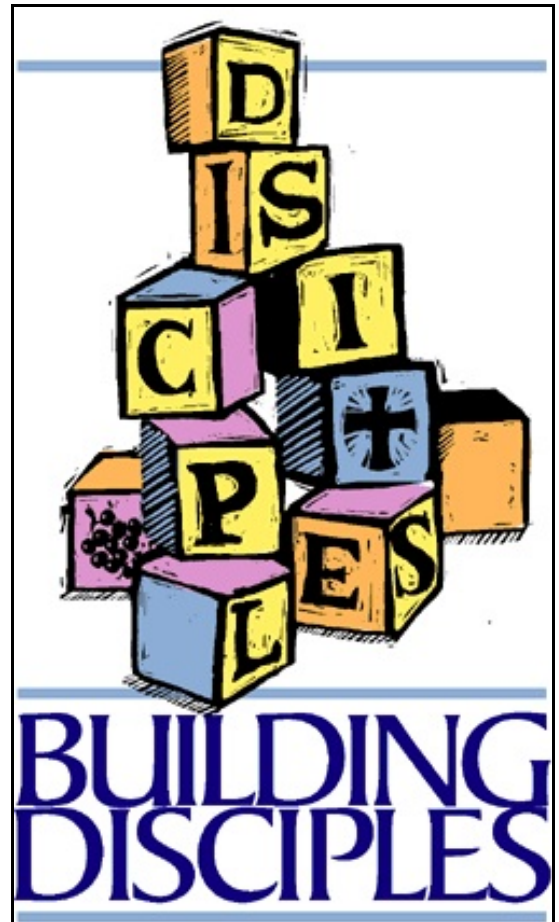
The first mark of discipleship is *pray daily*. Learn different ways to communicate with God and strategies to incorporate more prayer in your daily life; taught by Jan.

Oct 2	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Oct 5	1:30 - 3:00 PM
Oct 11	10:30AM - noon
Oct 13	6:30 - 8:00 PM

Bible the Big Book (must attend 101, 201, and 301)

Provides an overview of the entire Bible; taught by Pastor Glenn. This will provide a framework for understanding the Bible so people are more comfortable with God's word.

101: Oct 12	9:30 - 11:00 AM or 6:30 - 8:00 PM
201: Oct 19	9:30 - 11:00 AM or 6:30 - 8:00 PM
301: Oct 26	9:30 - 11:00 AM or 6:30 - 8:00 PM



Weekly Bible Studies

Weekly Bible studies will be held on Sundays from 9:40–10:15 a.m. (between services) beginning on September 11th.