

# THE LIGHTHOUSE

*July and August 2010*

*Mission State of Cerro Gordo Church of the Brethren  
Love God, Grow with others, Serve Faithfully, Reach the Lost, Find Peace*

## PASTOR'S MUSINGS

We had a great time on our cruise this past May. The trip on the ocean was very pleasant, and we had a great time seeing the sights in Hawaii.

Since we were celebrating a special event, I really wanted a table for two in the dining room. I wanted to be able to spend time with just Kay and share together the events of the day and our joys of being with each other.

We had requested a table for two, but were told there were no guarantees. On the first night, we arrived at our table and discovered it was a table for four. While it was important to me to have the table for two, we decided we would not request a change.

When the other couple arrived, we overheard them say to the waiter that they had requested a table for two. The waiter told them they could talk to the maitre de and ask for a table for two. The next evening we saw them at another table by themselves.

It reminded us that we need to show patience. Sometimes God gives us what we want as we wait on Him and allow him to work His will. Psalm 37:34 says, "Wait for the Lord and keep His way, and He will exalt you." As we wait on Him, he will direct our ways and we can please God in all we do.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**July 1** – 9:00 a.m. Executive Committee  
7:00 p.m. Commissions and Board

**July 11** – Troy Martina will be sharing some of his experiences from his mission trip this past spring. He went to New Hampshire for a week of ministry as part of his studies at Lincoln Christian.

**July 30-31** – City Wide Rummage Sale

The youth will have a lunch stand. Bring items to the church early in the week to be sorted and priced.

**August 2-6** – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Vacation Bible School – VBS will be at the Church of the Brethren this year.

**August 5** – 9:00 a.m. Executive Committee

**August 15** – 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Peaches and Cream Festival at the church

**August 22** – 4:00 p.m. CUIC Ice Cream Social at Born Park

**August 27** Fish Fry at the La Place Church of the Brethren

**September 25** – Church Conversation We will seek God's leading in planning for our future. More details will be coming.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Summer Outing** – Men and women: Watch for the date in July for our summer outing in Arthur. More details to follow in the Sunday bulletins.

### **Congratulations to our Graduates**

High School – Shannon Born

College – Tyceen West and Michelle Wright

### **Mother-Daughter Banquet**

The Mother-Daughter Banquet was held in the church fellowship hall on May 19. There were about 50 women and girls present. The theme was “The Garden of Weedin – Life Began in a Garden” or Sowing the Seeds of Family. Our program was presented by Heavenly Harmony, a group from the Hammond area. Special thanks to Nancy and Barb for food, and all who brought salads and desserts. We also thank Mary for decorating the tables. Marlene and Kay arranged the program. The men were extremely helpful in serving and clean up.

### **Strawberry Festival**

Thanks to all who helped make the Strawberry Festival a success! We had a great response with guests from many communities. Men’s Work and Women’s Fellowship worked together to make over \$650 for their projects.

### **Fat Hill Fest**

We had many people from our church involved in the activities of Fat Hill Fest. Nora and Ellis made a super poster for our church for the CUIC booth, which we will be able to use often. Ellis and Mary worked many hours in preparing a float for the parade. It was one of only two floats in the parade and a great testimony for our church. We had many attend the CUIC concert in the afternoon. Thanks for all you were involved in these projects.

### **Nurture Committee**

The nurture committee provided gifts for all the mothers and fathers of our congregation. On Mother’s Day, they presented mothers with a coin purse. Then on Father’s Day the men received a key chain and level. Thanks for these gifts.

### **Council Meeting – May 16**

We enjoyed a great meal of Bar B Q’s and Macaroni and Cheese prepared by our young people. All the commissions are active in the life of the church. Julie Frydenger and Wilma Cable were chosen to serve on the nominating committee. There was no other major new business.

### **Fall Council Meeting**

Please note a change in the fall council meeting. It will be held on November 21. Also, it will begin at 12:30 p.m. (instead of 1:00).

## SURPRISE BOX

On September 25 we will be having a church conversation. This event will be in the morning and last for one to two hours at the most. The idea is to discuss what we can do to help each other grow in the knowledge and grace of Christ. We want to discern what activities or programs would be most beneficial to helping our spiritual growth. We will also discuss ideas about how to share the love of Jesus with others. Please be praying for this conversation between now and September. Ask God to show you what you can do to help us grow in Christ and reach others. The emphasis should be what we are willing to do, not on what someone else should do. Pray and come with ideas to share. We need all the church to be involved in this conversation if we are to discern God’s leading for us.