

News from the Women of the ELCA

The Women would like to extend to the congregation a very special **THANK YOU** to all those who contributed in any way to our Soup and Sandwich Sale. Whether you donated baked goods, crafts, food, or money or purchased soup and sandwiches, you helped make this a very successful event! This was the most we have cleared in a few years. We had just under \$1800 in pre-orders alone. Pre-orders included 233 quarts of soup and 277 sandwiches. That new refrigerator really came in handy!! I'll fill you in on that in a minute. A total of 741 sandwiches were made and all we had left on Monday were 23 country ham sandwiches. Our treasurer, Pat Weinrich is working on a spread sheet where she breaks down everything we sell from the forms that are filled out when you purchase items. So yes, those forms are important! I can't give you a total on quarts of soup yet, but I can tell you Betty Lou and Pat and all the gals who helped with soup are just wonderful! They worked very hard those 3 days and kept that soup coming. I think we had a dozen quarts of bean soup left. It was just a great year and we can't thank you enough for supporting us. And again I have to thank all those who helped in any way! Those who work in the kitchen love it and we have a great time! Come and join us!! The Bake Table made \$372.50 and thank you Andrea Prytz and her group for working that. Linda McQuaid was in charge of take-out orders and that seemed to do very well this year as well. Becky Roberts handled the Dining Room and I do think we had more eat-in business this year. Glad-Abouts Craft Group had a table also and were very appreciative of those who donated items for them. As I have rambled on with all these wonderful facts, I do need to tell you that we cleared \$3,253.24 with \$912.81 in expenses. Pastor Neal reported that we will probably receive \$500 from Thrivent and we have about \$500 left that we didn't spend last year. Some suggestions for disbursement so far have been The Back-Pack Program, C/CAP Loaves and Fishes, Warm the Children and The Humane Society.

Now to fill you in on the Refrigerator Fund. We were recipients of \$750 from Rhonda Banks, who hosted our Premier Jewelry Party. We made \$955.25 at the Apple Harvest Parade Food Sale. We also received several personal donations from church members who we thank very much! So this along with what we had already saved will allow us to pay for the refrigerator as soon as the final bill comes. That total should be \$2,990. I can't believe it! We really thought we'd have to do a few more fundraisers. Again thank you to all who made donations, supported the jewelry party and the Apple Harvest Parade Food Sale.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

December 8 – Mustard Seed Teacher Appreciation Lunch at 1:00PM. Donations will be accepted for meal – See Betty Lou – need helpers to stay with children about an hour – it's naptime!

December 20 – Christmas Lunch at the Coffinberger's at 12:00PM. Light lunch has been suggested – soup and sandwich Watch the bulletin for details. Special Collection for Friends Feeding Friends will be taken.

The Book Club Christmas Lunch will be on January 15, 2012 at the Coffinberger's at 1:00PM. We will be reading *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. If you read a good Christmas book bring it along. Watch the bulletin for details.

WE HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS ARE HAPPY AND WE THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT YOU GIVE TO US DURING THE YEAR!!

Linda Riley, Co-President