

# Faith in Action

# August

## Special Guest: Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Lowry Sunday, August 28, 2011

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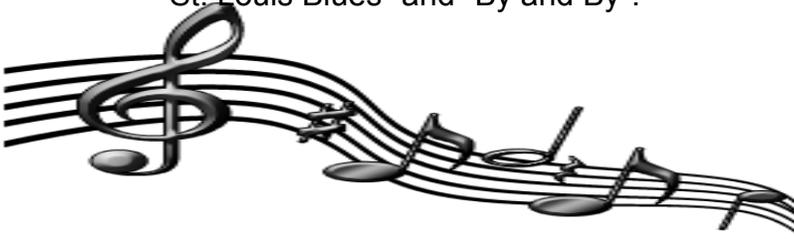
us to welcome Rev.

Dr. Eugene L. Lowry to our church!

He will be preaching at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00

a.m. services in addition to presenting a "Jazz and Christianity"

lecture/concert at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Lowry takes the listeners through the story of the birth of jazz, particularly as it relates to Christianity and the black experience in America. This little-known story of how the church participated in the formation of the art form of jazz is accomplished by a combination of narrative address and concert. Featured at the keyboard are such songs as "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", "Amazing Grace", "St. Louis Blues" and "By and By".



Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Lowry served as professor of preaching for over 30 years at Satin Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO. Ordained a United Methodist minister, Dr. Lowry's academic preparation includes four degrees, culminating with a doctorate in the philosophy of education from the University of Kansas. Through the years he has preached in hundreds of churches, conferences and regional events in over 20 denominations as well as lecturing in 50 graduate theological seminaries across North America. He was a guest professor at Drew University Theological School and Princeton Theological seminary. Lowry has been featured in the Great Preacher's Series on the Odessey Television channel. He delivered the 2009 Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School. The theme: "Keeping Time With the Word: The Sound of the Sermon". His writings included six books on narrative preaching, over twenty journal articles and book chapters on preaching, worship, Biblical study, educational philosophy and creativity.

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# August



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|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - James Jennings    | Rachel Woollen      | 19 - Jacob Brown      |
| 2 - Eugene Polhemus   | Calvin Mak          | 22 - Conner Henderson |
| Mike Duester          | 15 - Leigh Spellman | 23 - Eileen Anderson  |
| 3 - Burton Moomey     | 17 - Jan Pollat     | 27 - Thelma Tillery   |
| 5 - Zane Holoubeck    | Sharon Rouse        | Darlene Cerny         |
| 6 - Stan Grube        | Deb Jesch           | 28 - Sue Lamkin       |
| Jenny Hanson          | Jennifer White      | Landon Johnson        |
| 7 - Isabella Lester   | Macie Stubbs        | 31 - Sara Holoubeck   |
| 8 - Jordan Gilbertson | 18 - Judy Holoubeck | Roma Grube            |
| 10 - Amanda Antillon  | Roger Wisch         | Joshua Garrelts       |

## The word "ANNIVERSARIES" is written in a grey, serif font. The "A" is large and decorative, with a floral vine of red roses and green leaves winding around it. Small red hearts are scattered above the letters.

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| 3 - Larry & Roberta<br>Nansel     |  | 3 - Dan & Richelle<br>Schriner |
| 4 - Steve & Suzann<br>Christensen |  | 5 - Roger & Vicki<br>Wisch     |
| 6 - Pat & Kathy<br>Garrelts       | 19 - Tony & Jayne<br>Bray  | 21 - Peter & Mary<br>Rishel    |
|                                   |  | 14 - Otto & Elma<br>Lohrenz    |



Nurse's  
**Notes**



*Ten Prayers for Summer*

As the weather heats up, remember to give thanks for all the good times (and good weather) God grants us.

God, make it warm enough so my tomatoes will grow but not so hot that I can't sleep with the window open.

I will not hyperventilate at the prospect of a summer spot where there are no bars on my phone.

Lord, I know you "send rain on the just and unjust," but please not for the whole week I'm off.

May the hammock be soft and the book be absorbing.

Please don't let anybody take seriously the out-of-office email that says, "fee free to call me anytime."

Nobody really cares what I look like in my bathing suit... right, God?

Make me tolerant of others on the road and use quotable language behind the wheel of the car.

No mosquitoes, no poison ivy, no airport delays, no deer ticks.

Now's the time to remember when I said, "If I just had the time..."

A sudden thundershower, fresh peaches, a mouthful of watermelon seeds, crushed mint, a Frisbee on the beach: For these I give you thanks, O God.

*Cancer Is So Limited*

It cannot cripple love. It cannot shatter hope.

It cannot corrode faith. It cannot remove peace.

It cannot destroy confidence. It cannot kill friendship.

It cannot shut out memories. It cannot silence courage

It cannot invade the soul. It cannot reduce eternal life.

It cannot quench the Spirit. It cannot lessen the power of the resurrection.

**Carol Larsen**

# Announcements & Events



## Buffalo County Fair Concession Stand

August 3-8, 2011

Help make this fundraiser a success! Donate food, time, money or prayers!

Check out the list of food items still needed that are posted in the Overflow Room. Sign up to help serve residents of Buffalo County as they enjoy this special time of year. Contact Pat or Kathy Garrelts at (308) 440-1412, (308) 440-1473 or (308) 237-0451 for more information.

*Are you on the look-out?*

Coming in September just for.... Your kids!

CCF will resume on Wednesday afternoons beginning in September. If you can help with or drive for CCF, call Dayla at 308-234-4225



## Nurture Meeting

**Tuesday August 9, 2011**

**5:30 p.m. in the Overflow Room**

## CASTING CROWNS



**August 20, 2011 ~ 7 p.m.**

@ the Viaero Events Center

Tickets are available for purchase June 3, 2011. Visit [www. Kearneyevents.com](http://www. Kearneyevents.com) or call (308) 338-8011.

Prices are \$15, \$24 & \$34 (plus fees).

## Blessing of the Backpacks

*August 21, 2011*

*8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*



Calling all students and teachers! Bring your backpack or book bag to service and Pastor Michelle will bless them in preparation of the upcoming school year.



Chancel Choir Practice  
Summer Break

Hobby Sunday

Break until further Notice.



CCF

Summer Break

Community Meal

August 28, 2011  
12:00 p.m.



USHERS THIS MONTH

8:45 AM

11:00 AM

7 - Steve & Suzann Christensen & Shauna & Ashley Brown. **Scripture** - Penny Buettner

14 - Darrell & Joan Epping & Doug & Deb Jesch. **Scripture** - Suzann Christensen

21 - Steve Christensen & Jacob Brown & Dan & Jason Odens. **Scripture** - Rachel Brown

28 - Marie Danburg, Kathy Larson, Dayla Rhodus & Diane Steinbrink. **Scripture** - Kathy Larson

7 - Rich Chandler Family

**Scripture** - Rich Chandler

14 - Mike & Sue Lamkin

**Scripture** - Karen McBride

21 - Pete Rishel Family

**Scripture** - Brooke Rishel

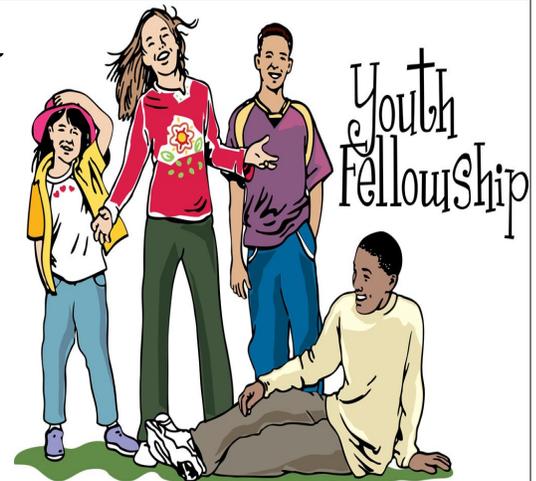
28 - Chuck & Pat Sadler

**Scripture** - Pat Sadler

August Youth Group Schedule

Wednesday nights 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

We will be meeting every week this month at the new time stated above. Come join us for fun, games and fellowship!



# CAPITAL FUND: QUARTERLY REPORT

Balance: March 31, 2011	\$ 182,829.66
Additions	105,003.33
Earnings	2259.20
Market Change (Minus)	3052.04
Balance: June 30, 2011	\$ 287,040.15

The Committee wants to thank all contributors most sincerely. As you can see we are only about \$ 13,000 from our goal of \$ 300,000.

We do not intend to nominate honorees each month as we formerly did but checks for the Capital Fund will be most graciously accepted. You can honor or memorialize someone or simply donate without listing a designee.

The Committee has agreed that we will be patient and hope that the market in the third and fourth quarters will help us reach \$ 300,000 by December 31, 2011.

Otto Lohrenz, Chairman, The Capital Fund Committee

# CAPITAL FUND: DONATIONS

Donations without designee: Steve & Suzann Christensen, Breakfast Club, Dan & Zeanna Odens, Phillip & Pat Hilty and Carol McIntosh.

In honor of Kathy Larson: Bob & Phyllis Bennett

In memory of Sue James: Gayle Vavra

In honor of Thelma Wise upon her 80th birthday: Bob & Phyllis Bennett, Bob & Corinne Olmsted.

In honor of Bob Bradley: Dan & Zeanna Odens.

In honor of Bill & Alta Crapson upon their wedding anniversary: Peter & Mary Rishel.

In honor of Ed Poorman upon his birthday: Kent & Tari Maaske



Thank you for reminding me that I didn't mention the places I had been a nurse at for so many years in the Faith Family Spotlight last month.

I worked at YDC and Good Samaritan Hospital serving patients and enjoying co-workers while I was there.

Kathy Larson

I talked to Dennis this morning and as soon as I got on the phone with him he said "Rhonda, I have to tell you what I got yesterday"... He was all excited... He told me that he got a blanket in the mail and it was handmade. He proceeds to tell me that Peggy Mak and the ladies at her church made him a blanket and they wanted him to know he was covered in prayers... we both cried together.

Peggy, you made Dennis's day and I want to thank you so very much for what you did! You are a wonderful person!

(From a co-worker of Dennis's to Peggy Mak)

# Welcome July 2011 Visitors!

## 8:45 AM

Coco Arroyo \* Alan & Joy Davis

Xemena Diaz \* Lily Hasbrouck

Melody Rockefeller \* Lee Ann Young

Don & Ann Thober

Dennis, Jane & Megan Tiff

## 11:00 AM

Ron Alexander \* Eva Borsholm \* Su Cook

Carrie Bruggeman \* Alan & Joy Davis

Betty Ehlers \* Betty Lou Geist \* Dixie Hall

Mike & Cassandra Heuertz

Stephane Kousse \* Jim & Renae McKeon

Paul Mikkelsen & Esther Pemberton

Ryan, McKayla & Sandra Young

Dear Faith Community:

An apology is in order for not sending this sooner. I literally have written it over and over both on paper and in my mind, but have been unable to find a way to articulate what I wish to say. Words like "thanks" and "touched" and "grateful" and "humbled" haven't seemed enough and if you don't mind, I would like to explain. As you are aware, I began IV treatment for vector borne illnesses in mid-March and



although I was warned that it is a tough road, I didn't expect complications or the severity of the Jaresch-Herxheimer reactions that would come. The words "brutal" and "relentless" come to mind. By the end of May we were forced to reduce the medical IV dosing to 5 days on (treatment) and two days off. At the beginning of June we were seriously questioning if my body would be able to tolerate treatment long enough and at a strong enough dosage to fight the disease. I have to admit that by this point I was teetering between resolve and complete despair. Then something happened.

After a particularly distressful two weeks and one very fitful night, I awoke and felt different - like something had "shifted" inside me. By evening, it was evident that things had changed and I was actually feeling a bit better. Don and I spent the next tow days in a state of wonder at the quick turn around of circumstances. Suddenly my body was able to handle the therapy. Clearly there was a change and we needed to figure out what it was so that we could do more of it. There had been no changes in medications, schedule or life events, etc... we had eaten more fresh vegetable and watched a couple enjoyable videos, but seriously(?) that is all we could come up with and we didn't feel that had much credibility in the sudden improvement of my situation. Then on Thursday, a package came in the mail from our dear (and may I say neglected) friends at Faith Church and you can probably figure out the rest. Sunday June 12th was my awful night. Monday morning was the day that the "shift" occurred. On Tuesday I began to see a true, verifiable change. Wednesday, better yet. Thursday we got the answer to our puzzle. I'm not sure I would have believed this experience if it hadn't happened to me, myself. I have continued to improve and I hope that you have continued to pray. I hope that you understand what your prayers have meant to us. So back to the tardiness of this letter. After a couple of weeks of draft and re-writes, I was no close to finding the right words to express my thoughts and emotions. Then I discovered an explanation hanging right on the front of my refrigerator in the form of a little sign that I had printed off of an internet site.

Somehow at the time it had spoken to me and I hope that now, it speaks for me to you. I am including it. It reads: PIGLET: How do you spell love? POOH: You don't spell, you feel it. I cannot "spell" how I feel. It is just too big. There are not words that seem enough so I will have to make due with the ones available. Thank you for the prayers and wonderful cover. I use it every day. It warms my heart along with my body. I am very touched to know that our old friends still remember and care for us.. Our lives have become quite isolated by the rigors of chronic illness. Your love, support and prayers mean more to us than you can imagine. I am grateful to each and everyone who prayer over my "cover". I have no doubt that God heard your prayers and in His wisdom answered them as a blessing to my struggle and hopefully, through my story, encouragement for you to continue your ministry of "covering" his children. Lastly, I am humbled by the mercy and grace that has been heaped upon all of us during our time on earth. The power of God's immeasurable love is breathtaking. Your ministry has reminded me of that just when I needed it the most. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. ~ Yours with a very full heart, Shirley Krysl ~

*Faith UMC Family Spotlight*

Otto & Elma grew up in Kansas; Elma holds a Bachelors Degree in education & Otto has Masters & Doctorate degrees in history from the University of Kansas. They first taught in the public schools of Kansas but in 1966 moved to Kearney. Elma taught in the public school until her retirement in 1989 & Otto was professor of history at UNK until his retirement in 1990. In 1985 the Kearney public schools honored Elma with the prestigious Pratt-Heins award for her contributions to education & in 1989 UNK recognized Otto for his contributions in historical research with the Pratt-Heins award. Since their retirement Otto & Elma have enjoyed traveling, having made 18 foreign trips. At retirement Otto took up running & has run about 13,000 miles & won about 125 medals in local & state competitive races & about ten ribbons & a bronze

medal in national races. Elma has worked at the Ten Thousand Villages shop as a volunteer for more than two decades. Otto has engaged in much research & writing & 50 of his articles on the Anglican Clergy of Revolutionary Virginia have appeared in reputable history journals. Otto & Elma have two sons, four grandchildren & three great-grandchildren. Otto & Elma have been members of Faith UMC since 1966 where they have been very active in the governance of the church, choir, and UM Women. Otto has chaired the Capital Fund Committee for many years with considerable success.

*Otto & Elma Lorenz*

Randy and Marji Shackelton have been married for 30 years October 17th. They have two biological children and two foster daughters. Randy & Marji have been associated with Faith Church since January 1983. During that time they have been youth directors, bell choir director, organist/pianist, youth choir director, children choir director, accompanist for many weddings and funerals, Praise team director, all around flunky. Marji works as Manager of the Cabela's call center in Grand Island and Randy will



begin teaching vocal music in Centura this fall. Marji loves to cook and is great at preparing for large numbers of people while keeping a calm attitude. Randy loves going to musical productions and traveling. They both enjoy spending time with their children and grand children. Randy and Marji are in the process of moving to Grand Island. August 19th they will live at 2820 Brentwood Blvd, Grand Island, NE.

Faith church has been and always will be considered our church home. We raised our family here and the church has raised Marji and Randy. We love you all and think of you as family.

*Randy & Marji Shackleton*



## *Faith UMC Family Spotlight*



John & Annette have been married for 27 years.

John has worked at Killion Motors for 23 years while Annette has had an in home daycare for 17 years. John enjoys Husker football, Nascar racing and playing golf. Annette enjoys making quilts and playing golf.

John & Annette have two children; Zach and Jessie. Zach is going to be sophomore at Wayne State College; he is studying Communications. He enjoys listening to music and going to concerts. Jessie is going to be a freshman at Kearney High this fall. She enjoys being in the Orchestra and on the swim team.

# *John & Annette Harris*

Mike and Denise are from upstate New York. They moved to Kearney in 1994 with their three daughters Nicole, Kristi and Mindy.

Denise has worked for Dandee Concrete as Office Manager since 2005. Mike has been a postal carrier since 1997 and works in the Kearney Post Office. Mike also owns his own company repairing computers, writing programs and designing websites.

He also takes care of the flags on the Veterans Memorial Overpass.

Mike enjoys playing guitar with his daughters, building things in his shop and doing yard work. Denise loves to garden, read and go to garage sales.

She is also on a bowling team.

Both Mike and Denise love spending time with their 6 grandchildren: Tyler (10), Ethan (8), Kaylei (6), Max (4), Jacob (4), and Isabella (11 months).



# *Mike & Denise Streeter*