

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**Our Mission is to live and share God's Word in Jesus Christ**

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**Pastor's Corner**

**October 2011**

*On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"*

-John 7:37 & 38

What a summer we just had. The eastern United States was inundated with water, water, water. And the western states, such as Texas, were and still are as dry as a bone. It brings home to me one of the realities of our spiritual lives. Sometimes, like the verse from John above indicates, we are dry. And sometimes, like that verse says, we are awash in the waters of God.

The theme of this year's stewardship program is aptly named - "Living Waters". We have likened water to prayer. On Sunday, September 27, we identified the first water of prayer. Our focus was the Samaritan woman who came to draw water from the well. She met Jesus, who gave her the living water. We identified the first water of prayer that day, namely the many attempts we make over and over again in our lives to connect with God through the prayers we say. On October 2 we will focus on the second water of prayer – often called the prayer of quiet. It is a prayer less of words and more of an interior change. On October 16 and 23 we will move into even deeper waters of prayer and deeper changes in our souls as we drink from ever deeper waters our Lord makes available to us. For it is God's desire to give us all that we need for life in him and union with him. [On October 9, of course, we will take leave of our program to enjoy our Polka Mass with St. Paul] And, on October 23 we will conclude our program with a celebration dinner in the Social Hall. There is only one service that day, and the dinner will take place immediately after the service. Everyone is invited, and during the Sundays of October reservation cards will be handed out in worship so you can sign up for the dinner.

And that brings me to the next thing I wish to share with you – our Polka Mass. This is our second venture with our sister congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church. You remember our first get together. It was a wonderful picnic at Kanawha State Forest a few months ago. When the picnic was over, people from St. Paul came up to me and said, "We should do things like this more often." St. Paul's pastor, Rev. Dana Holter, told me that several Trinity people come to him and said the same thing. So, Pastor Dana and I, and our two congregations' presidents, George McKinney and Debbie Flinner, put our heads together and came up with another joint service. This service too, will include a picnic (both congregations seem to be very good at making food and eating food). The service will begin at 10:00 (only one service that day also). We have rounded up one (or two) accordions and several brass players who will provide tunes to help us sing hymns we already know and love. There will be food – a – plenty, with an Oktoberfest theme. And between the time of the service and the time we eat, there will be entertainment. Originally we figured we would have some outdoor games handy, but someone found us a professional polka dance instructor who is willing to teach polka to anyone and everyone who wishes to learn. We figure this will provide sufficient entertainment for those learning to dance and all spectators. Of course, we will have tents set up and portable rest room facilities on site. This will take place in the parking lot across from the Kanawha School Board building on Elizabeth Street. In case of rain everything will happen at Trinity. I began this Pastor's Corner with a scripture reference. It occurs to me that I can end it with a few words from scripture also. In this case, Jeremiah 31:13

*Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.*

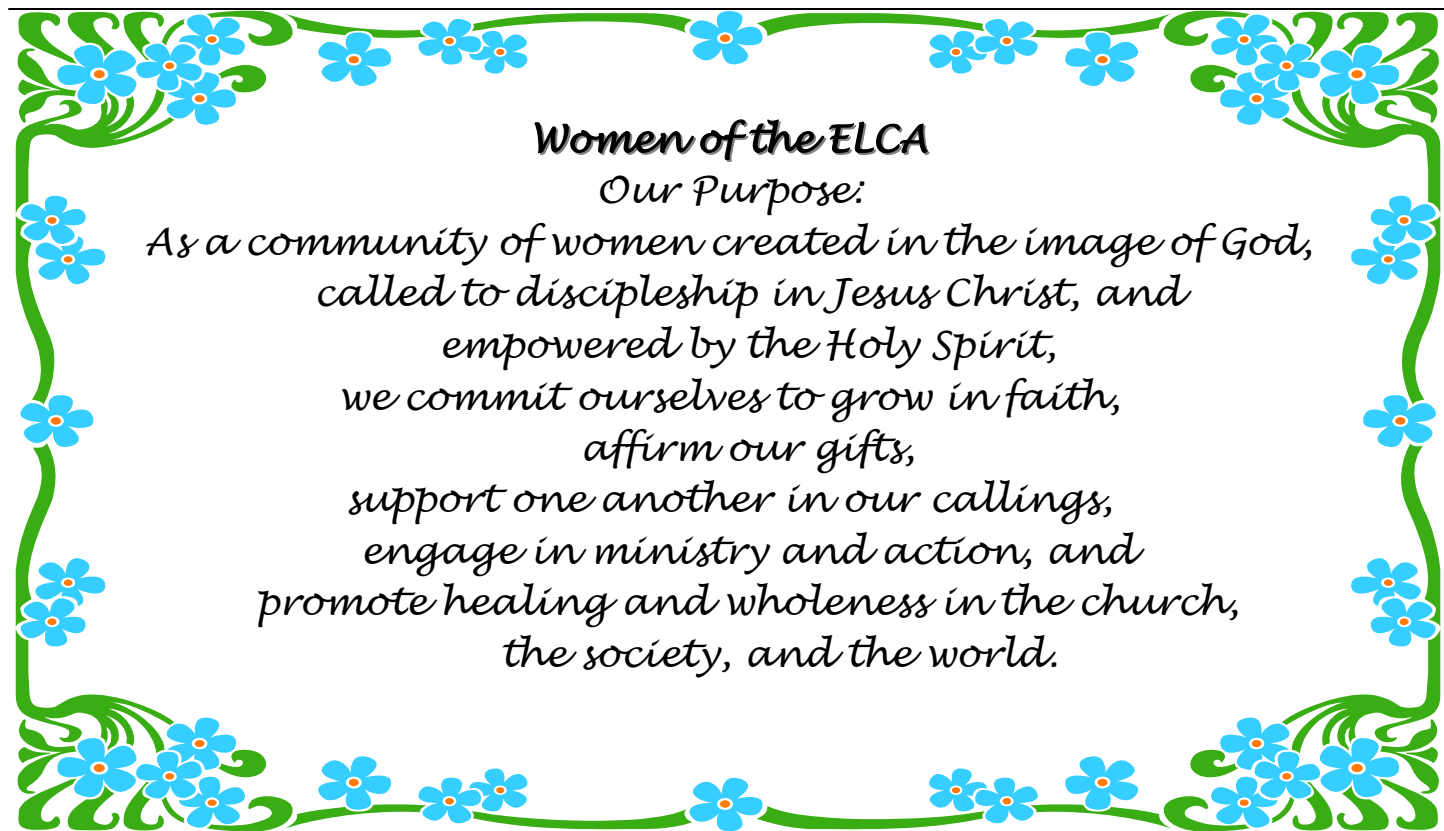
*God's Work ...  
Our Hands*

Pastor Ron



LUTHERAN LINES

The latest issue of *Lutheran Lines* is available at [www.Lutheransonline.com/mtnwelca](http://www.Lutheransonline.com/mtnwelca) A copy is also on the board in the Social Hall. Learn more about WELCA on the national website: [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)



### Women of the ELCA

#### Our Purpose:

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

#### WELCA Dates for 2011

October 15	<i>Hot Dog/ Bake Sale</i>
October 16	<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>
October 22-23	<i>Fall Retreat at Tygart Lake</i>
November ?	<i>Bean Soup Mix Sale</i>
November 20	<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>
December 18	<i>Coffee Fellowship (Christmas Program)</i>

#### September WELCA Brunch Highlights

The thirteen of us had a good time sharing some of our summer activities as well as delicious brunch food that gave us a good boost for the day. *Business*--We will need to elect a vice president of programs at our January Brunch. We will have our bean soup mix sale on November 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) and put the mixes together on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. If you would like to contribute a pound or more of soup beans to the mix either by purchasing them or giving a monetary donation, contact Pat S. (345-9003). Our Hot Dog/Bake sale is on October 15<sup>th</sup> and we understand Eddie has a special items for sale for breakfast! If you would like to share any treats for the bake sale that would be great! Please bring them labeled and priced. Thanks. Remember, the profits go to projects, not general funds.

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday morning October 4th at 9:30 in the Social Hall .Margie Bettinger will host and give the devotion. Plan on joining us for a morning of study and fellowship.

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### **REBEKAH CIRCLE**

Our next **Rebekah Circle** meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm. in the church social hall. Heather Harper will present our Bible study *People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity*, Session 4—*Gifts of the Spirit*. Our gifts come from the Holy Spirit for the good of the church. They help us act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ! Betty Schillings will provide us with our tasty treat during fellowship. Hope you can come and join in our study and fellowship.

### **Women of the ELCA Information**

#### **Lutheran Lines**

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There is a 2008-2011 Triennial Report on the board in the social hall!

#### **The Widow's Mite:**

#### **A Devotion for October**

#### **Reading** Mark 12: 38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

#### **Questions to ponder**

- Why does Jesus call his disciples over?
- What is this teaching moment for you?
- What do you think is the primary meaning of the story?

How can this story relate to your stewardship?

#### **Reflection**

If you paint a visual picture in your mind of this passage from Mark, you will see an official treasury where people are not only bringing their offerings but announcing them for all to witness. And what is Jesus doing? He is watching the crowd and seeing the poor widow put in everything she had. Yes, Jesus honors her sacrifice but at the same time, isn't he also disapproving of those who have so much more and are only giving "out of their abundance"? Isn't Jesus condemning a system where the "least of these" is sacrificing TOO much? This passage is asking us to think about why this woman was in such a position of poverty and why there is not equal sacrifice from all who were in the temple that day. This story is not just about generous giving. This story is about compassion and justice.

#### **Closing prayer**

Good and gracious God, help us to always see Jesus' compassion for others. Let his justice and love for all of us transform our relationship with our own blessings that are from God, for God and all of God's people. Amen.

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**Women of the ELCA news continued:****Coffee Fellowship**

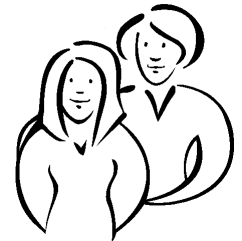
The Susanna Circle invites you to come and visit with friends with coffee and tasty treats on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the social hall. See you there.

**Sunday School News**

We started our 2011-2012 Sunday School Program on **Rally Day, September 18<sup>th</sup>** at 9:45 in the social hall with fellowship, opening, a special craft, and a tasty treat at the Coffee Fellowship! Our variety of classes began on September 25<sup>th</sup>! Because of one service Sunday's on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will **not** have classes. See you in class on October 2, 16, and 30.

**Fall Retreat**

We will be meeting at Tygart Lake again this year on October 22-23 starting at 1:00pm. Great plans are in the works for a fantastic inspiring time!! If you are interested in going please contact Pat Schillings, Lynn Schillings or Karen Stouch.



It's not too early to start planning for our annual fall **YARD SALE** !! As the summer winds down and you are cleaning up, don't throw any treasures away, please save them for the Yard Sale! As you know, the Yard Sale is our primary fund-raiser for Trinity's Christmas Food Baskets, so the more great stuff we can sell, the better!

**Church Yard Sale****Meadowbrook**

You are invited to join us in our nursing home ministry at Meadowbrook Acres Nursing Home on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. We will celebrate birthdays as we sing songs, offer prayers, and eat cake. For more information, please call Jonalee Young at 304-346-1851 or Pat Schillings at 304-345-9003.

**Coffee Providers**

**Thanks** to all the people who have been keeping our coffee hutch in the Social Hall filled with supplies. We are still in need of volunteers for 2011 and the volunteer list is at the hutch. Thanks again for your helpfulness!

**Men's Breakfast**

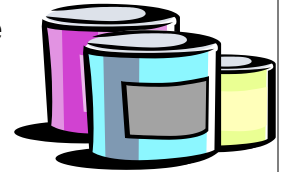
The Men's Breakfast will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Y'all come and bring your appetites. It is a great way to start your Saturday with fellowship and good food.

## ON-GOING MINISTRY

In each monthly newsletter there is usually included a list of the needs of various agencies in our area such as the Gabriel Project, Covenant House, and the Food Pantry. You may sometimes ask yourself "when do I have time to take my donations to these different places, where exactly are these various agencies located, and what hours might they be open to accept donations?" Those are very good questions, and Trinity's Social Ministry Committee has the answers! To make it easier for Trinity's members to donate to the many needs of these local groups, there is a collection box in the Church foyer. At the end of the month, the Committee will deliver all of the donated items.

### Food Pantry Needs

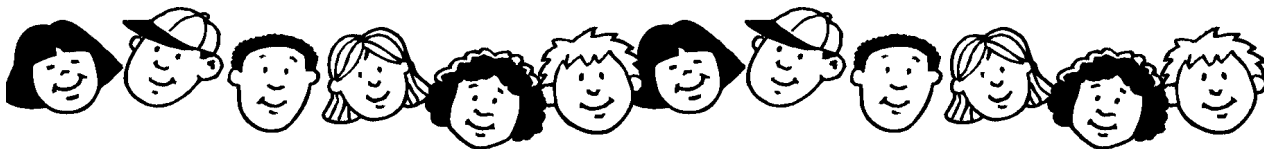
Donations are welcome in the Food Pantry. The food pantry is in need of any type of grain items such as cereal, macaroni and cheese, and plain macaroni. Canned fruit and vegetables, and canned meats, pasta sauce, and peanut butter are also appreciated. Canned soup is especially needed right now.



### The Gabriel Project

Please bring in new or used onesies, sleepers, socks, and receiving blankets. Also, diapers, baby food, and baby toiletries are always needed. Similac Sensitive Formula is particularly needed.

**The local Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group is looking for good volunteers to love on their little ones during meetings. The moms' group meets from 9:10 to 11:30 a.m., on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month starting in September. They meet at River Ridge Church on Greenbrier Street. This is a wonderful ministry for moms with young children, and it is a Christian-based organization. For more details, please contact Rachel Hall at**



### Wednesday Evening Hymn Sing

On Wednesday evening, October 12, we will enjoy our usual covered dish dinner. But after the dinner we will not move into our usual Bible study. Instead, we will sing hymns. Jonathon Moyers will be with us that night on the piano. Whatever hymn you select from our ELW hymnal – or ANY OTHER HYMNAL (if you can provide copies for everyone) will be the featured music that night. Whenever we do something like this, we are always amazed at the cherished hymns people learned in their youth and have carried in their heart ever since. We'll sing until 7:30.

### Luther Fest

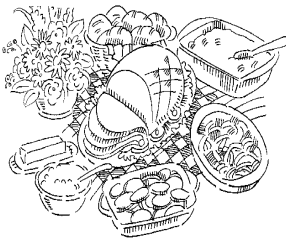
We are making arrangements to secure the 1953 Martin Luther movie so that we can show it Saturday evening, October 29. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with a German dinner. The film will be shown immediately after the dinner. This is one of the oldest, and one of the best film biographies of the great reformer. The National Board of Review named this film the fourth best of 1953. It was nominated for two academy awards, including best cinematography (this is the black and white Martin Luther film you remember from days gone by). The music was composed by Mark Lothar and performed by the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra. This movie was filmed in Wiesbaden, Germany.



**HANDBELL NEWS** The Bell Tones had their first rehearsal on September 19th and would you believe, everyone remembered how to ring their bells? Our rehearsal was quite good, and we realize that there are several positions open that could be filled by **YOU** if you read either treble clef or bass clef music.

Other than reading music, we ask that you are committed to the rehearsal time and performance times. We practice every Monday evening from 7:15 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. We will be planning a time to ring in church as soon as the music is learned properly. Don't hesitate to talk with one of the ringers or Karen if you are interested in joining us.

**FRIENDLY LUTHERANS Friendly Lutheran News**



In October, Pat and Karen are going to fix baked spaghetti as the main entrée for Friendly Lutherans. The members are asked to bring something to go with the spaghetti—i.e. salad, dessert, garlic toast or bread, wheat rolls (they are better for us, you know!) anything else you might be able to think of. Of course, you could always bring a snack to share, since we start with visiting around 11 a.m. We will also be having 2 guest at our meeting. Melissa Douty from Covenant House will talk with us and Pauline Schafer will be there to give flu shots to any who need or want them.

**TYG update`**

Many thanks to all who are assisting the youth group with the fund-raising efforts. We are taking 9 Trinity members to New Orleans for the gathering in July, which will cost approximately \$1000 per person. The youth and chaperon(s) who will be attending have each already paid at least \$275 as the deposit. These nine members will be required to make the next payment in February- hopefully TYG will be successful in several fund-raising campaigns to cover the next amount due. In addition to monthly donations for the bread from Panera, TYG will place envelops in the social hall. Anyone who would like to do so may place a donation of any size in the envelop, marked for TYG, and place it in the offering or church office. Thank you again for all of your support!

The next TYG meeting will be October 23rd- youth, please be at the church at 2:00 p.m. to assist in food preparation for Trinity's Table.

Attention parents of college students- TYG will set out bags for the members of Trinity in college. Students look forward to these care packages every year. Please provide the church office and/or Kristin Mallory (kleemallory@hotmail.com) with your student's mailing address by October 23rd.

**Members of Trinity-** It's time to gather goodies for Trinity's college students! Please bring your items for the care boxes beginning October 16th. We plan to package and mail the boxes by the end of October. We are still gathering information on how many college students we will be mailing to- so please plan on 15 -20 students. Thank you for your generosity!



Do you enjoy the **Children's Sermon**? See Laura Knauff or any of the presenters listed to volunteer.

October 2	Greg Mallory
October 9	Pastor Ron
October 16	Linda Cook
October 23	Laura Knauff
October 30	Rosa McKinney

Believe it or not while you are melting in the summer heat--Christmas is coming! In the past few years we have used the puppets at Christmas time. Last Christmas, we were visited by two angels. One was a somewhat frantic angel and the other one was a very level headed angel. Izabel Dorst did a great job of being the level headed angel getting ready to announce the birth of Jesus. If you enjoyed that message and would like to hide behind a curtain, become someone else, and have some fun let us know. We would like to once again announce the coming of Jesus using the puppets. There are many puppet skits for Christmas but most require two or more puppets. If you would like to join in this special and joyous way of announcing Jesus birth let Laura Knauff know. (304-343-4735).



Eddies info.



# CARE LIST



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer on a Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer card and hand it to the usher (as we have done for some time). The usher will give the cards to Pastor Ron, who will mention those names in the prayer of the church that morning. If you or the person whose name you present is in need of prayer over a long period of time, please call the church office so we can put the name on Trinity's prayer list.

*Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed.*

Please pray for:  
 Rose Anadei  
 Cathryn Angel  
 Bob Busse  
 2nd Lt. Jonathan Chapman  
 Martha Cox  
 Kitty DeBolt  
 Ruth DeBolt  
 Dewey Dixon  
 Jonathan Lee England  
 Nancy Entley  
 Rachel Farnsworth  
 Heather Harper  
 Florence Heilman  
 Barron Helgoe  
 Sharon Henson  
 Vera Howe  
 Judith Judy  
 David McCormick

George McKinney, III  
 Shawn McKinney  
 Michele Kelling  
 Penny and Alan Meadows  
 Avrie Nelms  
 Cynthia Pratt  
 Linda Ruthers  
 Jeanette Simpson  
 Susan Slater  
 Dorothy Strohmenger  
 Raelyn Strader  
 Dennis Straton  
 John and Gwen Taylor  
 Amy Swann  
 Norma Weddington  
 Laveda Winkler  
 Charlie Young Sr.  
 Marian Zamiela

The dear ones below would love calls, cards, or prayers from their friends at Trinity. Won't you contact one of these folks today?

<p><b>Laveda Winkler</b>                  220 Kelly Avenue                  Oak Hill, WV 25901                  304-222-2387</p>	<p><b>Ruth DeBolt</b>                  2537 Kay Lane                  Charleston, WV 25302                  304-343-2360                  304-343-6934                  304-925-2771</p>
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Too much clutter ??  
No more room in your closets  
and cupboards ??

**WELL, YOU ARE IN LUCK!!**

Trinity's **YARD SALE** is almost here!  
**Saturday, October 15, 2011**  
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bring clothes, books, toys, games, dishes, appliances (ones that work!) – anything you have to donate - to the Church Social Hall anytime from **Monday October 10 through Friday October 14**

Need help carting your donations to the Church? Call Susan Riggs at 304-542-8678 – we will be happy to help!

Proceeds from the Yard Sale go toward Trinity's holiday food baskets donated to Covenant House each year.

*What makes the Yard Sale even better?*

**WELCA's delicious Hotdog and Bake Sale . . . don't miss it!**

*Thanks very much for your support!*

## NEEDS LIST COVENANT HOUSE FOR OCTOBER 2011

### DROP- IN CENTER

A day shelter open weekdays from 8:00 – 4:00 pm, Laundry and shower facilities, Telephone and mail service, referrals to health, education, employment and other agencies, vouchers for Food Pantry and Clothing Closet, Emergency assistance with rent and utilities

#### ***Current Needs of the Drop-In Center***

Spray Deodorant

**WASH CLOTHS AND TOWELS**

### FOOD PANTRY

Pasta, pasta sauce, cereals, spinach, and macaroni & cheese, rice dinners, canned fruit and canned beans

### HOUSING FIRST

Housing First is a relatively new program that provides housing vouchers and supportive services to chronically homeless individuals. Great News! We have placed eleven (11) individuals in housing. Jack, a 60 year old man, celebrated his birthday in a transitional housing unit and he said this was his best birthday ever.

#### ***Housing First Needs***

Kitchenware, toilet paper, paper towels, full-size sheets, dish soap, dishrags/sponges, and all purpose cleaning supplies.

### COMMUNITY HOUSING

Covenant House maintains three residences in Charleston to provide permanent housing for persons with certain disabilities or medical diagnoses.

#### ***Community Housing needs***

Kitchenware, rugs, furniture, pictures, "anything that makes a house feel like a home."

## **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ARE RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS**

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a Non-Profit Organization who serves children between the ages of 6-16 from Single-Parent family homes in Kanawha, Putnam, & Jackson County. They are currently looking for volunteers who would be interested in becoming a Mentor/Big in the program. Volunteers are matched up with a child, in which, they would spend at least twice a month with the child doing various activities throughout the community and forming a friendship together. The following is a letter from Carl and Annie Hostler:

Ann and I have been "bigs" for Sean, our "little" for 4 years. We spend some time with him just about every Saturday. We do simple things like movies, the Clay Center, Chuck E. Cheese and Coonskin Park. The kids wind up in BB/BS at the request of their parents. Most parents are single Mom's who are hoping to give their kids some, positive alternatives. Annie and I have gotten just as much as Sean has out of the experience. I would recommend the program to anyone. Please call me at 304-767-0233 if you would like more information.

Carl and Annie Hostler