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January 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

Reflections

This has been a strange time for me over the last couple of months. Within 6 weeks, I attended the funeral for my last living grandparent and my father. Realistically, my family has not had to deal a ton with death (thankfully). As I process my grief, part of my reflections has been upon the idea of journey.

This word came into my mind because of the electronic formation that I mentioned in the last newsletter (AdventWord). There is a group that publishes advent reflections based upon a word that comes from the readings during the Advent Season.

The ICU nurse called me on Friday night when I was with the Luther League enjoying an outing and decorating the church for Christmas. My dad did not have a good day and was needing even more oxygen. When I got home, Michelle and I talked and I decided that I should head to Columbus. I was planning on going Sunday afternoon and staying til Monday—but I wasn't sure I should wait to go (and honestly I would rather drive at night over against get up early and leave at the crack of dawn).

The word journey came to me when on Sunday morning I looked at my email. That Sunday was the first day of Advent and so the first devotional was sent to my email. On that first day, the word was journey—part of the reflection stated: 'pause and remember that God is our companion on this journey—present in the moments of pain and joy.' I thought about it a little but not a whole lot as I was in a hurry to get back to the hospital. After I got there, the doctors came in and talked a little. Essentially there wasn't anything new and the reality was that they did not think that my dad's lungs would heal and thus would need medical assistance to keep his oxygen level somewhat stable. At this point he was on the most oxygen they could supply to him short of having a ventilator.

An hour or so after the doctors left, my dad tried to say something. It was difficult with the mask he needed for the oxygen. We had started to give him some paper so that he could write notes. Which in itself was like a puzzle as his handwriting is just as bad as mine. He started to write, 'I want to go h.' I asked him if he was saying he wanted to go home. {Thinking he wanted not to be at the hospital anymore.} He shook his head and continue to struggle to write. He then added 'heav.' I asked if he was ready to go to heaven and he shook his head. He was ready to not be hooked up to the machines anymore. We got the nurses and the doctors and then within an hour or so—he breathed his last breath.

Later that night, my mind wandered back to that devotional about journey. That even though I would rather not have this experience as part of my journey, the reality is that we can't change and undo negative experiences. The good news in all this is found in what I read that morning—'God is our companion on this journey—present in the moments of pain.' Advent reminds us that Jesus comes to us as he was born as a babe in Bethlehem so that we would know God is with us. The big word for this is incarnation. Or as St. John writes: 'The word becomes flesh and dwells with us.' This is one of the major themes of Advent—that God comes to be with us—in joy and in pain. That no matter what happens—God is our companion and with us always.

All this lead me back to one of my favorite prayers from the Lutheran Book of Worship. 'Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.' (p. 137)

Pastor Steve

January Volunteers

Greeters

Jan. 6—
Jan. 13—
Jan. 20—
Jan. 27—

Please sign-up
at the Welcome Center

Communion Assistants

Mark Hoffmeier (8:00) Bill Wunning (10:15)

Communion Prep

Jan. 6— Judy Wunning (10:15)
Jan. 13—Phyllis Cupp (8:00)
Jan. 20— Judy Wunning (10:15)
Jan. 27—Jodi Brown

Lectors

Jan. 6—Anna Holle (8:00) Ed DeVoe (10:15)
Jan. 13—Ruth Ann Newkirk (8:00) Leon Seitz (10:15)
Jan. 20—Jamie Baker (8:00) Lois Bryden (10:15)
Jan. 27—Lou Ann Hoeverer (8:00) Kendall Alstatt (10:15)

Acolytes

Jan. 6—Vivian Newkirk (8:00) Elizabeth Rust (10:15)
Jan. 13—Annie Engelau (8:00) Eli Lane (10:15)
Jan. 20—Lizzie Morris (8:00) Saige Plummer (10:15)
Jan. 27—Kylie Eglan (8:00) John Harris, Jr. (10:15)

Projectors

Jan. 6—Erin Otte (8:00) Eli Wood (10:15)
Jan. 13—Natalie Fish (8:00) Charlotte Rust (10:15)
Jan. 20—Kayla Baker (8:00) Sam Browning (10:15)
Jan. 27—need volunteer (8:00) Eli Lane (10:15)

Children's Sermon— Jan. 6 — SIGN UP AT WELCOME CTR

Welcome Center—Shirley Lewis (8:00) Laberta Otte (10:15)

Flowers

Jan. 6—Cathy Schafstall
Jan. 13—
Jan. 20—
Jan. 27—

February Volunteers

Greeters

Feb. 3—
Feb. 10—
Feb. 17—
Feb. 24—

Please sign-up
at the Welcome Center

Communion Assistants

Leah Otte (8:00) Larry Guinn (10:15)

Communion Prep

Feb. 3— Marj Rust (10:15)
Feb. 10—Leah Otte (8:00)
Feb. 17— Teresa Browning (10:15)
Feb. 24—Wanda Engelau (8:00)

Lectors

Feb. 3—Mark Rorick (8:00) Terri DeVoe (10:15)
Feb. 10—Dot Goodwin (8:00) Judy Wunning (10:15)
Feb. 17—Mark Hoffmeier (8:00) Amy Rotert (10:15)
Feb. 24—Maggie Newkirk (8:00) Karen Davis (10:15)

Acolytes

Feb. 3—Melina Engelau (8:00) Owen Kruse (10:15)
Feb. 10—Michaela Smith & Isaac Rust (10:15)
Emily Reinbold (8:00)
Feb. 17—Brayden Rorick (8:00) Rusty Harris (10:15)
Feb. 24—Dagan Kleffman & Aden Kruse (10:15)
Greta Brown (8:00)

Projectors

Feb. 3—Jamie Baker (8:00) Elizabeth Rust (10:15)
Feb. 10—Erin Otte (8:00) Eli Wood (10:15)
Feb. 17—Natalie Fish (8:00) Sam Browning (10:15)
Feb. 24—Eliana Baker (8:00) Charlotte Rust (10:15)

Children's Sermon— Feb. 3 — SIGN UP AT WELCOME CTR

Welcome Center—Susan Holle (8:00) Terri DeVoe (10:15)

Flowers

Feb. 3—
Feb. 10—Tammi Reinbold
Feb. 17—
Feb. 24—

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GREETERS

People can now sign up for each Sunday individually. Sign up for just 1 Sunday, or as many as you want. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

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CHILDREN'S SERMONS

If you've always wanted to do the Children's Sermon, now is your chance! The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019

are available in the narthex

If you have not had envelopes and would like to have some

OR

if you no longer wish to have envelopes, please notify the church office.





Upcoming Worship

Below are the lessons and some thoughts about the upcoming Sundays. Please take some time to look over the lesson and reflect upon them in preparation of the upcoming weeks in worship.

January 6th:

Text— Matthew 2:1-12 (Epiphany)

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

January 13th:

Text Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Baptism of Our Lord)

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

January 20th:

Text—John 2:1-11

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God’s people “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride.” By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

January 27th:

Text—Luke 4:14-21

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

January Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Dot Goodwin | 18 Jerry Otte |
| 1 Bill Kidd | 18 Brylin Bush |
| 2 James Rust | 20 Kourtney Otte |
| 3 Clayton Wente | 20 Darla Rorick |
| 4 Sue Ann Shuler | 21 Cassandra Rotert |
| 4 Amy Rotert | 21 Kevin Kruse |
| 5 Linda Rust | 21 Erin Engelau |
| 5 Cody Wayt | 21 Kayla Brigdon |
| 6 Kenneth Runge | 21 Kim Douglass |
| 7 Paige Bush | 22 Eunice Lutes |
| 7 Wylie Jones | 22 Benny Kleffman |
| 8 Conner Douglass | 22 Jack Hoene |
| 9 Milton Otte | 22 Rick Brown |
| 9 Kendra Harris | 23 Deborah Rust |
| 10 Camden McCory | 23 Beth Albert |
| 13 Amy Rosenberger | 24 Kristina McIntosh |
| 13 Allen Morrison | 24 Ben Rorick |
| 14 Cam Mansfield | 25 Pastor Steve |
| 14 Skye Zakrzewski | 25 Jason Engelau |
| 15 Susie Schnitker | 25 Abby Hoene |
| 15 Brittney Runge | 27 Larry Lewis |
| 15 Hadley Siffard | 27 Colton Rieker |
| 16 Rachel Hildebrand | 28 Brandy Rotert |
| 16 Adam Newkirk | 28 Chloe Bryden |
| 17 Kay Hoene | 31 Delores Douglass |
| 17 Cora Paswater | |

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairman—Delores Douglass

Secretary—Judy Burke

Financial Secretary—Linda Guinn

Elders—Joe Hoene & Everett Newkirk

Deacons—Dean Dringenburg & Jim Rotert

Treasurer—Teresa Browning

Trustees—Brian Rorick & Mike Hoenver

Transfers in:

Tracey Engelau
from St. John’s, White Creek

Welcome to St. Paul!

PARSONAGE TELEPHONE

The church council has decided to cancel the parsonage telephone. If you need to reach Pastor Steve, please use his cell phone number (812) 498-7827.



CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27
after the 10:15 service

TREASURER BOOKS & ANNUAL REPORTS

Due by January 13

They may be placed in the marked box in the church office. Thank you.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

CHURCH SERVICES

will be held no matter what the weather since Pastor Steve lives right next to the church. Please make your own decision if you want to venture out in inclement weather. WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAFE!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, January 15
7:00 p.m. in the narthex

Do you like to knit or crochet?
Would you like to learn how?

This ministry makes items for those on our prayer list and others we learn of in need.

If you are interested, please contact Michelle Wood or Connie Knoke.

Ordination for Christie Beckmann

Saturday, January 12
1:00 p.m.

at

Resurrection Lutheran Church
445 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis

*Sign up at the Welcome Center
if you're interested in
riding the church bus or carpooling.*

Christie will be the pastor at
Hope Lutheran Church in Cincinnati.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Each Sunday in January

9:00 a.m.

in the Adult Sunday School room

This study is an examination of some of the differences between the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the ELCA.

Some of the areas that we are examining:

- 1) understanding and view of scripture
- 2) ordination standards & role of women
- 3) understanding of communion
- 4) role of ecumenism

Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this study.

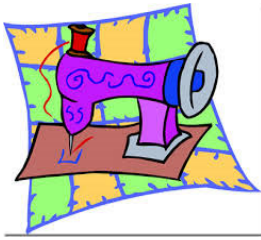


BOOK BUZZ

Monday, January 28
at 1:00 p.m. in the narthex

We will discuss
"The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin.

Please contact Michelle Wood or Trish Tangman with questions or suggestions.



LWR Blanket Making

Beginning on Friday, January 4
at 1:00 p.m.
in the adult Sunday
School room

We will meet on Mondays and Fridays
at 1:00 p.m. from January thru March
to make blankets for Lutheran World
Relief to send all over the world.

Everyone is welcome to help!



& PITCH-IN

Friday, January 25
beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite game(s)
to share and enjoy an evening
of fun and fellowship.



Drinks and table service
will be provided.



*Sponsored by
Ruth Circle*



Dartball

Games are on Monday nights
at 8:00 p.m.

January 7 — at home
January 14—at White Creek
January 21 — at home
January 28—Bye

*Please contact Merrell Otte
if you are interested in playing.*

thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cookie Walk.
We sold 42 boxes and made \$730.

Luther League

Thank you to everyone for their cards and words of com-
fort on the death of my dad, Don. Special thanks to those
who helped while Michelle and I were out of the office.

Pastor Steve

Thank you for the beautiful angel, cards and prayers upon
the death of Don. It means a lot to me.

Carolyn Wood

Thank you for your kindness to me these many years.
May God continue to bless you with His love—joy—and
Peace! May all of you have a blessed Christmas and a
wonderful New Year!

Love in our Savior,
Edna Spiehler



GROUP MEETINGS

WINGS

will meet Thursday, January 10
at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Susan Kaiser
for our Chocolate Party

RUTH CIRCLE

will meet Thursday, January 3
at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth Ann Newkirk
Laberta Otte is the Bible Study leader.

HANNAH CIRCLE

will not meet in January



Piggy Banks for World Hunger Totals:

We raised \$799.59 with the World Hunger Piggy
Banks this year!! Thanks for your support!

MUSIC NEWS

Kids Bells

Sunday, January 6 and 13
NO PRACTICE

Sunday, February 3 and 10
at 11:30 a.m.

Our next performance will be on Feb. 17.

Choir

Sunday, January 6
NO PRACTICE

Sunday, January 20
Sunday, February 3 and 17
at 6:30 p.m.

Our next performance will be on February 10.

Adult Bells

NO PRACTICE IN JANUARY

All are welcome!



St. Paul Borchers Care Team

MISSION CARE/ COMMUNITY CARE:



Barn Quilt Workshop

Barn Quilt workshop #3 is coming

January 25 and 26

at Natalie & Doug Fish's Shop
at 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 25

We will work on the barn quilts Friday evening and Saturday, January 26 and they'll be ready to pick up after church on Sunday, January 27.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.
Choose either 2' x 2' OR 4' x 4'

*Sign-up priority will be given
to individuals who **were not able**
to attend one of our previous workshops.*

Questions? See Natalie Fish or Trish Tangman



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Red Cross Blood Drive

January 6, 2019

the Fellowship Room between 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Walk-ins are always welcome, but if you'd rather reserve a favorite time slot, please look for a sign up at the Welcome Center. Thank you for continuing to support St. Paul-Borchers efforts to be a part of this vital ministry!

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION CONTINUES

Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio is accepting recycled pill bottles. The pill bottles will be used in developing countries where medicines-when actually obtainable-are often dispensed into hands, pockets, leaves, or any other available container. Donations of clean, unlabeled pill bottles help the poorest of the poor receive medicines from hospitals and clinics in sterile containers.

PLEASE NOTE:

Prescription AND over the counter bottles are accepted, with or without labels. If you are able to remove labels cleanly, please do so. Clean, amber-colored pill bottles are given to hospitals, clinics and other healthcare facilities in need of medical supplies. Pill bottles with labels on them or sticky residue remaining are recycled and used to make containers for use in Matthew 25 Ministries' food processing center.



FOOD PANTRY

canned soup

Please place your donations in the wooden box in the hallway near the kitchen, or in the basket near the main entry doors. Donations will be given to Anchor House and Provisions.



Community Diner

The next meal St. Paul-Borchers prepares will be **Monday, April 29, 2019**

If you are willing to help with donations please watch for a sign-up at the Welcome Center next April.

Thanks to all who support this community effort!

HINT: Placing a nickel, dime, or quarter in each pill bottle helps Matthew 25 Ministries cover shipping costs to send the pill bottles to developing countries. (coins will be removed before shipping.)

A container for collecting pill bottles is near the Welcome Center.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING PICK-UP

St. Paul-Borchers Church bus picks up members from local nursing homes and assisted living facilities one Sunday a month for the 10:15 worship service.

Bill & Marlis Kidd have graciously volunteered to make the trip once a month, alternating between Brownstown and Seymour.

Schedules have been given to residents at Seymour Place, Covered Bridge, Lutheran Community Home, and Hoosier Christian Village.

Schedules are available from Michelle or Trish.

JANUARY 20 - Seymour

FEBRUARY 17—Brownstown



St. Paul Borchers Care Team

SENIOR CARE:

Borchers Devotions

Thursday, January 3

8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

Devotions will be led by Pastor Steve. Everyone from the congregation and community is invited to attend. Everyone is also invited to enjoy breakfast after the service if desired!



HOT SOUP IN A COLD MONTH

begins on January 3!

Please check the sign up on the Welcome Center if you are willing to donate soup for our seniors.

All types of soup are welcome in amounts of 1 gallon to 4 gallons.

Each person who attends Breakfast Club is offered a pint of soup to take home, and soup is delivered to neighborhood shut-ins.

Seniors who receive soup are SO appreciative!!

BORCHERS BREAKFAST CLUB

Borchers Breakfast Club (BBC) meets every Thursday from 9:00 to 12:00 for breakfast, activities, and social time. YOU are welcome to join the group just for breakfast, or for the entire morning.

Leftovers from weekly BBC breakfasts are available to be delivered to anyone who would appreciate this effort. If you or someone you know might like a weekly or occasional delivery, please let Joe Hoene or Trish Tangman know.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Borchers Breakfast Club will coincide with the Seymour School Corporation's decisions for school closings and delays.

If Seymour schools are closed OR delayed, Borchers Breakfast Club will be CANCELLED.

Please listen to WZZB 1390 AM or 99.3 FM, or watch for closings on television stations.

HEALTH & WELLNESS CARE:



SUGGESTIONS STILL NEEDED FOR THE NEXT AGING WITH GRACE TOPIC

Please talk to Pastor or Trish with your ideas.

"Aging with Grace" is a series of informational forums on issues related to retirement and aging. Forums last about 90 minutes, with an expert speaking the first half of the session, and a Q & A time the last half. Topics covered so far have included the following: passing on your faith to grandchildren, Alzheimer's, hospice care, palliative care, and legal issues regarding healthcare and estate planning. Forums will be scheduled approximately every other month or so and participants may attend any or all the forums. An effort will be made to choose speakers who will not "pitch" products but will provide facts and information so attendees can feel confident in making informed decisions about complicated issues.



Walking

Every Thursday morning at 10:00, a small but determined group makes its way on a specific path throughout the church building.

Join the group any Thursday for a quick way to maintain strength and stamina.

Sunday School News

Sunday School Youth Sing

We will not sing the Prelude in January

We will sing the Prelude on Sunday, February 3.

We practice our songs during Sunday School Opening and all children are invited to join us up front to help us sing!

Thank You!

Thank you to our Sunday School families for all of the hard work put into our Christmas Eve Program!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

January 13

5:30-8:00 p.m.



SKY ZONE
INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK

Jr. High Event

SkyZone in Indianapolis.

January 2

Leave church at 3:00 PM

Cost: \$19
for jumping for 90 minutes
+ money for food afterwards

Parents need to fill out a waiver
online for each jumper.

Sign up on YFM bulletin board.

Any questions, talk with Pastor Steve

Youth News

Youth Bible Studies

Sunday, January 27

6:30-8:00 p.m.

1st-12th grades

Luther League

Sunday, January 6

Take down Christmas decorations
after 10:15 service

Sunday, January 13

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Servant Group

Sunday, January 13

6:30 pm.

We will be focusing on animals this month! Our projects will be items for local pet shelters.

Looking Ahead: we WILL NOT MEET in February

Youth Ministry Board

will meet on

Sunday, January 13

at 4:30 p.m.

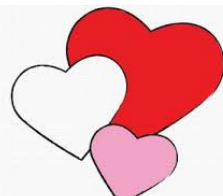
Jr. High

Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 13

at 5:30 p.m.

in the Jr. High Sunday School Room



We will discuss
Valentine Dinner
and
Jr. High Lock-in

Both to be held on
Friday, February 8



January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 NO PRESCHOOL 3:00 pm Jr. High to Sky Zone	3 8:30 am Devotions in sanctuary 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 7:00 pm Ruth Circle	4 NO PRESCHOOL 1:00 pm Blanket making	5
Trish on vacation						
6 Blood Drive 8:00 am LBW Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am WOV Communion 11:15 am Luther League take down Christmas decorations	7 NO PRESCHOOL 1:00 pm Blanket making 8:00 pm Dartball at home	8	9 9:00 am Preschool Preschool Chapel	10 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club 6:30 pm WINGS at Susan Kaiser's	11 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making	12 Christie Beckmann Ordination in Indy 1:00 p.m.
13 Treasurer Books & Annual Reports due 8:00 am WOV Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am LBW Worship 4:30 pm Youth Ministry Board 5:30 pm Jr. High Parent Mtg. 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Luther League 6:30 pm Servant Group	14 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket making 7:00 pm Church Council 8:00 pm Dartball at White Creek	15 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl	16 9:00 am Preschool Preschool Chapel	17 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club	18 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making	19
20 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am LBW Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am LBW Communion 6:30 pm Choir	21 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket making 8:00 pm Dartball at home	22	23 9:00 am Preschool Preschool Chapel	24 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club	25 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket Making 6:00 pm Game Night 6:00 pm Barn Quilt Workshop	26 9:00 am Barn Quilt Workshop
27 8:00 am LBW Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am LBW Worship 11:15 am Annual Congregation Mtg. 6:30 pm Youth Bible Studies	28 9:00 am Preschool 1:00 pm Blanket making 8:00 pm Dartball - bye	29	30 9:00 am Preschool (Stone Soup) Preschool Chapel	31 9:00 am Borchers Breakfast Club		

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Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

NEW ITEMS TO COLLECT!

Gently used adult t-shirts size L and larger

*These will be sewn into
diapers for the baby kits.*

Gently used onesies sizes 6-24 months

*These will be made into
baby t-shirts for baby kits*

Items can be placed in the containers marked in the church office

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Sewing assistance needed!

Would you like to help with making t-shirts into diapers and onesies into baby t-shirts?

If so, please talk to Jan Otte or Ruth Ann Newkirk

Thanks in advance for your help!