

News from the Brick

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Continuing the Work of Jesus.
Peacefully. Simply. Together.

Mission Statement of Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren: As the body of Christ, we are Christ-centered in our caring, sharing, and service.

Carol's Comments

"A Life Celebrated"

John 11:25- 27 "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

My mother-in-law, Lova Waneta Pfeiffer, died Sunday, March 21, 2004 at age 89. She lived a simple life. Lova was a true servant going about doing things for others without fanfare. If you would have asked her what she contributed to life, she would say she hadn't contributed anything of significance. Yet she did. She touched many lives.



She worked alongside her husband, Mark, at the Phillipsburg Grain Elevator business, which he built in 1939. It existed for over fifty years, closing in June of 1996. She did about everything in the Elevator from bookkeeping to waiting on customers to carrying out feedbags for customers in her elderly years, even for able men. Lova, in her twenties, went to the home of her cousins to help with housekeeping and raising the children when their mother died. She cooked for Phillipsburg Rotary Club for over forty years, visited the elderly, took her physically challenged cousin out to shop, canned garden vegetables every summer keeping our family supplied in canned goods, and cleaned the church oven unbeknownst to anyone.

Lova was a lifelong member of the Phillipsburg United Methodist Church and active up until her heart attack in 1998, which prevented her from participating fully. She served the church quietly in many ways from financial secretary to helping cook for church dinners. She would not have thought these were grand things or even noteworthy. Though Lova was a quiet person, she loved and cared deeply for those in her life. Yes, she touched and shaped many lives from helping raise cousins to nurturing her grandsons, to visiting others to her servant attitude. She will be missed. She lived a long and faithful Christian life and we celebrate her life and the gifts of love and caring she brought to us. We celebrate her life with the joy of knowing she was a good and faithful servant having done what she could, and who has now gone to her eternal rest in Christ Jesus.

It seems appropriate during this season of the year that my mother-in-law died. As the disciples mourned the death of our Savior Jesus Christ, we as Christians can understand their loss. Yet it is by his death that we have the hope of eternal life and the glory of the Resurrection. In him we have everlasting life. We can let our loved ones rest in the arms of our dear Savior, because he paved the way for us to be with God eternally. **Christ is a life celebrated** and one we **keep** celebrating for his Spirit is alive in us. This Easter "lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name" (*Hymnal: a Worship Book*, p.321).

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Easter blessings,
Pastor Carol M. Pfeiffer

Easter is to our faith what water is to the ocean, what stone is to the mountain, what blood is to your body.

- Ray I. Lindquist