

February 2010



CrossTalk

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 17

10:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for the Lenten Meal

Lenten Meals & Worship

February 17, 24 & March 3, 10, 17, 24

6:30 p.m., worship to follow

All are welcome!



SUNDAY'S COOL — FEBRUARY

FAITH IN GOD

Hope you didn't miss ...

We began the month with LOTS of praise in the form of our "Rally Day Again!" celebration on Jan. 3rd. We enjoyed games and activities based on the stories we have heard or will hear in Sunday's Cool. Then we began our study of the Psalms concentrating on Psalm 23 as the backdrop to learning about worship and praise of our Lord. We used the handbells as we will prepare a song to do at our Celebration Sunday on Jan. 31st. It should be a great time for everyone so lets Rally around our church and bibles!

This Month

We will look at how the faith of the prophet Elijah inspired others to believe in God. Our primary story will be how he affected the lives of the widow of Zarephath and her son but we will, also, see how he used his faith in God to show the prophets of Baal that God is more powerful than Baal and they should not have faith in Baal. We will be making some things with food this month as well as seeing the story in video, using the computer to hear and experience the story, and making a special craft about the story and our faith.

Memory Verse:

So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

1 Kings 17:24

Don't forget, Adults ...

We have two classes for adults each Sunday morning. Elaine Albrecht meets with a group in the Lord's Little Angels building and Bill Haas leads a class in the upstairs room by the old original staircase.

God always has something to say to you through his scriptures no matter how old or young you are. Come see what these classes have for you!



Coming Up !!

- **Sunday, January 31st, 10:30 service:** We will share our handbell song, "The 23rd Psalm" with the congregation
- **Sunday, Feb. 21st, 10:30 service:** Children are invited to come forward for a story time with Terry.
- **Sunday, February 28th:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd graders lead Sunday's Cool opening
- **Sunday, February 28th:** Celebration Sunday during Sunday's Cool
- **June 28th—July 2nd:** Day Camp!! Mark the date on your calendars now!

Attendance

	1 st -3 rd	4 th -6 th	Confirmation
12/20	No Classes—Program held on Saturday		
12/27	No Classes—Christmas Vacation		
1/3	5	4	7
1/10	3	4	Pastor Out
1/17	4	5	6

NEWS FROM THE GOD SQUAD

Super Bowl Party

Feb. 7th — 4:45 p.m.

We did this last year and had a lot of fun. So ... here we go again!

If you want, join us at Terry & Susan Carmichael's home at approximately 4:45 p.m. Bring something to drink and snack on (we'll have some too) and we will watch the game. For those not interested in the game, other games and fun activities will be available.

Come! Let's have some fun together.

Super Bowl of Caring

Feb. 6th & 7th — Quarters for Haiti — All Services

The youth wish to invite the congregation to save their quarters and bring them to the worship services on the weekend of the Super Bowl Feb. 6th and 7th. We will have big "Soup Bowls" out for you to drop your quarters into.

All proceeds go towards helping those affected by the earthquakes in Haiti. If you saw the recent article in the paper, these will be turned over to Coach Crain and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group at the Jr. High to assist with their project to help those in Haiti. So start saving those quarters now.



Lock-In

Saturday, Feb. 20th, 7:30 p.m.

We will have a Lock-in on Saturday, Feb. 20th beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Building.

Bring the usual: sleeping bag and things needed for the evening, change of clothes for Sunday morning, drinks and snacks to share with others, running shoes, bible, and a stuffed animal to talk and share about.

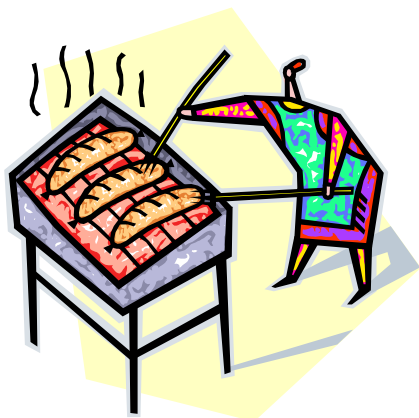
We will end after church on Sunday.

February Schedule

- 6th, 7th** "Super Bowl of Sharing" (bring quarters for Haiti!)
- 7th** 4:45 p.m. Super Bowl Party at Terry's House – bring drinks and snacks
- 14th** NO MEETING – Valentine's Day – spend it with loved ones!
- 17th** Ash Wed. - We provide Lenten Meal for church
- 20th** Saturday, 7:30 p.m.—Lock-in, games and fun
- 21st** NO MEETING – due to Lock-in Sat.
- 28th** 6:00 p.m. Meeting with fun Bible Study/Games

Youth Barbeque Plans Underway

Saturday, March 20th, in the Evening



Our annual Bar-B-Que will be held Saturday, March 20th in the evening at the Community Center Kitchen Drive Thru. Please note the change in day and the mealtime from last year. Tickets are \$7.00 and the meal includes chicken, potatoes, and green beans. Desserts will be sold extra. Tickets will go on sale soon. These funds help make our summer camping possible and will, also, help with our Summer Coast Trip and Service Project.

We Provide the Ash Wed. Meal

We will provide the meal for the Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday Lenten Meal. We traditionally provide the soup, salad, and sandwiches for this first Lenten supper and we will have the sign up for this soon.

We usually feed close to 100 people that night. Please bring yourself and the food to the Parish Hall **by 5:45 p.m.** so we will be ready to serve the meal at 6:30.

GREETINGS FROM INTERIM PASTOR JOHN K. STERN



When I turned the calendar to February there were a couple things that jumped out to me. The first is that big date circled with a big red heart called Valentine's Day (Sunday, February 14) and the second was the one with the smudge of ashes called Ash Wednesday (February 17). I thought of how the two could be related and John 3:16 came to mind as we affirm the wonderful that ***"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."*** Yes, God ***"sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."*** And we know what that meant: ***"He has saved and redeemed me...he has freed me from sin and death and the power of the devil...not with silver or gold but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death."*** God's love has been shown in this way: Christ Jesus died for our sins. God's love in Jesus Christ and our repentance, our trusting in God's grace for sinners, our being welcomed back like the Father welcomed back the prodigal son in the parable of Jesus -that's how the two are connected. Thanks be to God.

I encourage you to be sure you participate in one of the Ash Wednesday services (10am or 7:30pm) as we enter into the Passion of our Lord and reflect on all that he has done ***"for us and for our salvation"***. The Imposition of Ashes reminds us of our sins and need for repentance, for our coming to God with contrite hearts. The ashes remind us that in Christ Jesus and his cross, our sins are forgiven. We sin and fall short! But God, in his mercy, forgives the sins of all who cling to the cross of Christ and trust entirely in his sacrifice of atonement. I look forward to joining with you on Ash Wednesday – and then in the following Mid Week Services for Lent each Wednesday night. That is where I came among you last year and it is kind of hard to believe that it will soon be a year since I began as Interim Pastor for Holy Cross. This year we will walk the entire Lenten journey together – from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week and to Easter.

I would like to thank you for your concerns, prayers and many expressions of support for my shoulder surgery at the beginning of January. I get to discontinue the sling here in the first couple weeks of February but the physical therapy will continue for a while I am told. As you well know from your own experiences, these things shape who we are, calls upon our faith, increases our empathy and shows us

how valuable the expressions of concern, prayers and well wishes of others are for our moving forward. Thanks for your kindness.

Last, in reflection on the vote of the congregation of Holy Cross to begin the process of withdrawing from the ELCA, I want to express my appreciation for how well you as a congregation are doing in making difficult decisions that affect the future of Holy Cross so profoundly. Next comes a time for the Bishop of our Southwestern Texas Synod to confer with the congregation. I encourage you to openly welcome that conversation and have opportunity to dialog together about how this decision affects Holy Cross. Then the second vote takes place. If the resolution to leave the ELCA again passes with the required vote, the withdrawal will then be ratified. I plan to be your Interim Pastor until that time as we keep focused on God's call to be his church in mission and in ministry. As you pray, ask for clarity, wisdom and discernment in the leading of the Holy Spirit for Holy Cross, for the Call Committee, and for the pastor that God is preparing for his calling to come to Holy Cross.

My daily prayer for you is that the gifts of Christ – Peace, Joy and Abundant Life – will be yours in an ever increasing and greater measure in your life!

Pastor Stern

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 21
Following 10:30 a.m. worship

GOLDEN NUGGETS

Monday, Feb. 1st
11:30 a.m. ???
Join us!

NEWS FROM LORD'S LITTLE ANGELS

The New Year is off to a great start. We continue our Bible focus this month with the Beatitudes at Canaan, healing a blind man, and bringing a little girl back to life. The lesson is when we put our faith in Jesus, nothing is impossible!

Also this month, with Valentines Day and discussing love, we will talk about how God's love for us is the best love. We will also learn about ways to show the people we love that we care by doing kind actions. The children will have a Valentines party on February 12.

We are also welcoming anyone interested in being a Friend of LLA. If anyone has some time periodically or talents to share, we'd love it — reading to the kids, coming to play piano for a sing-along, simple cooking projects with the pre-K classes, extra chaperoning on field trips, for class parties or water days in the summer — almost any-

thing that you enjoy doing that you think our kiddos might enjoy as well. Volunteering doesn't have to be daily or weekly, or even on any kind of set schedule. Just whenever you have some spare time that you would like to share with us, give me a call to set it up. The staff and I appreciate it so much, and the kid's love it!

We are in need of cribs and crib mattresses. If anyone has a gently used crib or mattress you would like to donate, please let me know. Thank you!



SR. HIGH GATHERING WRAP-UP

Three youth attended the gathering in Austin this year. They had a great time as we worshipped together and worked at the local Austin Goodwill store. They had a great musician named Peder Eide (pronounced "eyed") who kept all of the about 250 youth from around the Synod intrigued and singing and hopping. We again thank the congregation for their support.

UPCOMING YOUTH BARBEQUE

Saturday, March 20, 2010
Kitchen behind the Community Center
\$7.00 per plate

Barbeque Chicken—German Potatoes—Green Beans—Bake Sale

To-Go Only!!

Shiner Heritage
Quilters
Presents

The Supper Quilt

The "Supper Quilt" is a magnificent interpretation of da Vinci's *Last Supper*. The quilt is composed of 51,816 half-inch squares.

Friday, March 19, 2010
10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. Lecture —
Spiritual Aspects of the Quilt

Saturday, March 20, 2010
9:30 a.m. — noon
9:45 a.m. Lecture—
Making the Quilt

The quilt will be on display at
the First United Methodist
Church Activity Center,
Shiner, Texas

For more information, email
shinerquilts@gmail.com,
Or
visit our web site:
shinerheritagequilters.org
Or
call (361) 594-3185

No charge for admission.
Free-will offerings
appreciated.



FEBRUARY 2010

<p>7 Annual Reports Distributed Transfiguration Sunday 8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 9:10 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion 4:45 PM Youth Superbowl Party at Terry's</p>	<p>1 Terry Carmichael out in AM 9:00 AM LWR Quilting 11:30 AM Golden Nuggets 5:00 PM Executive Council Meeting</p>	<p>2 2:00 PM LCW Bible Study 7:00 PM All Committee Meeting (PH)</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM LLA Chapel 4:30 PM After-School LLA Chapel 6:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>4 2:30 PM LCW Meeting</p>	<p>5 TERRY'S DAY OFF</p>	<p>6 Annual Reports Distributed Equipping the Saints - Trinity Luth., Victoria 5:00 PM Worship w/ Communion</p>
<p>8 6:00 PM LLA Staff Mng</p>	<p>9 2:00 PM LCW Bible Study 7:00 PM All Committee Meeting (PH)</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM LLA Chapel 12:00 PM Ministerial Alliance 4:30 PM After-School LLA Chapel 6:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>11 5:15 PM Habitat for Humanity 7:00 PM LLA Board Meeting</p>	<p>12 TERRY'S DAY OFF</p>	<p>13 5:00 PM Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p>14 Transfiguration Sunday 8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 9:10 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion</p>
<p>15 No Nursing Home services today! 8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 9:10 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion, Children's storytime & Congregational Meeting to follow</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Ash Wednesday 10:00 AM Ash Wednesday Worship 3:00 PM Stevens Nursing Home 4:00 PM Yoakum Nursing & Rehab 6:30 PM Lenten Meal 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service</p>	<p>18 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 Newsletter Articles Due! TERRY'S DAY OFF</p>	<p>20 5:00 PM Worship w/ Communion 7:30 PM Youth Lock-In</p>	<p>21 8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 9:10 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion, Children's storytime & Congregational Meeting to follow</p>
<p>22 8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 9:10 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion & Sunday School Celebration 6:00 PM Jr. / Sr. High Meeting (YB)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM LLA Chapel 4:30 PM After-School LLA Chapel 6:30 PM Lenten Meal & Worship 8:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM LWR Quilting</p>	<p>26 TERRY'S DAY OFF</p>	<p>27 5:00 PM Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 9:10 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion & Sunday School Celebration 6:00 PM Jr. / Sr. High Meeting (YB)</p>

Worship Schedule:

- Saturday, 5 pm with Communion
- Sunday, 8 am & 10:30 am with Communion
- Sunday School: 9:10 a.m.
- Children's Church: 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

February 2010 - Ushers/Readers/Greeters Schedule

Saturday night - 5:00 PM			Sunday morning - 8:00 AM			Sunday morning - 10:30 AM			
	USHERS	READERS		USHERS	READER		USHERS	GREETER	READER
6th	Colleen Heidaker Leon Heidaker Juetta Johnson Jacqueline Kyle	Colleen Heidaker	7th	Michael Chumchal Peggy Chumchal	Michael Chumchal	7th	Douglas Cook Marjorie Cook Gery Maneth Jody Maneth	Eric Eckhardt Gladys Eckhardt	Sue Schneider
13th	Donna Macha Larry Macha June Hagens Irene Harbus	June Hagens	14th	Mark Simecek Melissa Simecek	Bill Haas	14th	James Faltesek Rhonda Faltesek Kelsey Faltesek Linda Colman	Dorothy Moore Iris Riske	Linda Colman
20th	Mary Pargmann Wilburn Pargmann Joyce Manning Lily Mae Fojt	Earl Wyatt	21st	Anita Hagens Kaye Kaiser	Kaye Kaiser	21st	Linda Hiller Mark Hiller Brian Schoenemann Alexandra Schoenemann	Petrina Eggemeyer Steven Eggemeyer	Linda Hiller
27th	Debra Vahalik Charles Vahalik Tommy Barre Birdie Tenberg	Debra Vahalik	28th	Leroy Mueller Lillian Mueller	Gayle Stasa	28th	Sandra Bergey William Bergey Aileen Boening Louis Boening	Melton Hiller Eltorine Knape	Sandra Bergey

Accolyte Schedule

7th Lindsey Dekowski / Kara Pohl
14th Jordan Dixon / Chelsea Kelley
17th (Ash Wed.) Tristan Nordstrand / Emily Rudolph
21st Troy Ogg / Kyle Schoenemann
24th (Wed) Holly Jacob
28th Korey Kyle / Justin Dixon

Chancel Committee

Sat Irene Harbus / Doris Zimmerman
Sun Elda Mae Petrich

Council-in-Charge

Janice Boehm
 Allen Dieringer

March 2010 - Ushers/Readers/Greeters Schedule

Saturday night - 5:00 PM			Sunday morning - 8:00 AM			Sunday morning - 10:30 AM			
	USHERS	READERS		USHERS	READER		USHERS	GREETER	READER
6th	Butch Hickey Mabel Hickey Ann Sapp Irene Harbus	Mabel Hickey	7th	Stephanie Almand Robert Almand	Stephanie Almand	7th	John Langhoff Kathryn Langhoff Dorothy Kuempel Dorothy Mgebroff	Kathy Hall Richard Josephus	John Langhoff
13th	Georgie Clark Gerald Clark Colleen Heidaker Leon Heidaker	Colleen Heidaker	14th	Janice Boehm Ron Boehm	Janice Boehm	14th	Sandra Bergey William Bergey Aileen Boening Louis Boening	Wanda Kaiser Meredith Hairrell	Sandra Bergey
20th	Connie Zimmerman Randy Zimmerman Doris Zimmerman Lester Zimmerman	Marilyn Muehlstein	21st	William Renken Lanelle Renken	Gayle Stasa	21st	Wayne Rudolph Beverly Rudolph Gale Schneider Billy Goodrich	Linda Schmidt Sherri Kusak	Linda Schmidt
27th	Liz Ewing Shirley Kuehn Barbara Kaiser Robert Kaiser	Robert Kaiser	28th	Allen Dieringer Patrick Frank	Allen Dieringer	28th	Charles Soehnge David Soehnge Judy Soehnge Tomi Soehnge	Camille Soehnge Paige Soehnge	Tomi Soehnge

Accolyte Schedule

3rd (Wed.) Wesley Kelley
7th Emily Kelley / Ashton Schneider
10th (Wed.) Troy Ogg
14th Paige Soehnge / Kara Pohl
17th (Wed.) Justin Dixon
21st Emily Rudolph / Lindsey Dekowski
24th (Wed.) Holly Jacob

Chancel Committee

Sat Peggy Oliver
Sun Lillian Mueller, Betty Borchers,
 Suzi Brewer
Sat, Sun Debbie Cliffe

Council-in-Charge

TBD

If unable to perform your duties, please help the office by switching with someone on the list. If unable to switch, find a replacement. Then notify the church office of the change. Thank you for your assistance and service to the church!

RECOGNITION GIVEN TO ...

Birthdays



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|----|----|--|
| | | Tyler Kusak |
| 2 | 13 | Terry Chumchal |
| 3 | 14 | Pastor John Stern
Wilmon Steinmann |
| 4 | 15 | Leona Picha
Thomas Cliffe, Sr. |
| 5 | 16 | Esther Walicek
Christie Riojaz
Jacklynn Thormahlen
Shelby Hajek |
| 6 | 17 | Gerald Clark
Scott Prause
Bridgette Bland
Trevor Seekamp |
| 7 | 18 | Adam Findeisen
Brooke Schneider
Valauri Stasa |
| 8 | 19 | Raven Pierce
Max Kaiser |
| 9 | 20 | Corliss Lynn Smith |
| 10 | 22 | Georgie Clark |
| 11 | 24 | Mary Pargmann
Gregory Pilzner
Korey Kyle |
| 12 | 25 | Melton Hiller |
| | 26 | Jade Hall |
| | 27 | Jean Shindler
Kara Pohl |
| | 28 | Amanda Beck |
| | 29 | Lane Weischwill |
| | | Karen Soehnge |
| | | Deloris Gaus
Sarah Colman
Joshua Hiller |
| | | Zane Hairell |
| | | Jane Hill
Ashley Janca |
| | | Ora Mae Hough |
| | | Billy Taylor
Luella Dvorak |
| | | Janie Rudolph
Deborah Pisciotta
Tammy Brasher
Kheili Hiller |
| | | Bernice Laufer
Lisa Hiller |
| | | Arlyn Oliver
Adelia Lippe |
| | | Robert Ward
Natalie Hajek
Elizabeth Jendrzey |
| | | Dorothy Moore |

Baptismal Anniversaries

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|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Marsha Wauson
Lacie Rab | 19 | Dorothy Mgebhoff |
| 2 | Alexandra Schoenemann
Kelsey Faltesek | 20 | Steven Rab |
| 3 | Christopher Gasch
Joseph Ponton
Joseph Ponton, Jr. | 21 | Donald Prause
Robert Ward
Vonni Stasa |
| 4 | Adelia Lippe
Marilyn Muehlstein | 22 | Lillian Mueller |
| 7 | Wilburn Pargmann
Karli Soehnge | 23 | Nancy Migl
Brianna Fabriguze |
| 8 | Tim Sweeney
Jessica Kaiser | 24 | Kathryn Langhoff
Melanie Weischwill |
| 10 | Tiffany Ogg | 26 | Roger Meyer
Judy Soehnge
William Weischwill |
| 11 | Henry Wieting, Jr.
Michelle Alvarez
Courtney Steinmann | 27 | Otilie Schoenfeld
Larry Zaruba |
| 13 | Kayla Janssen | 28 | Sandra Tate
Nathan Brewer
Randy Zaruba
Scott Zaruba
Ryan Hiller
Ryan Sweeney
Holly Nicole Jacob |
| 14 | Amy Eggemeyer
Dustin Hencerling | | |
| 15 | Roger Frank | | |
| 18 | Robert Dedear | | |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| 1 | Wayne & Beverly Rudolph |
| 9 | Terry & Susan Carmichael
David & Rita Walicek |
| 17 | Weldon & Kaye Kaiser |
| 21 | Andre & Kara Hairell Clark |



Bulletin deadline: Tuesday

PRAYER CONCERNS

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|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Patricia Kram | • Bobby Bland | • Tillie Koch |
| • Virginia Putnam | • Bud Weiser | • Melvin & Manetta Hairell |
| • Ruth Barre | • Carly Long | • Martha Lehnert |
| • Clarence & Myrtle Zinke | • Mikal Gasch | • Darlene Lehnert |
| • Cynthia Chumchal | • Joye Walker | • Autry Haskell |
| • Rebecca Proschko | • Alice Bennett | • Our Soldiers and their families |
| • Larry Zaruba | | |

Bible Quiz

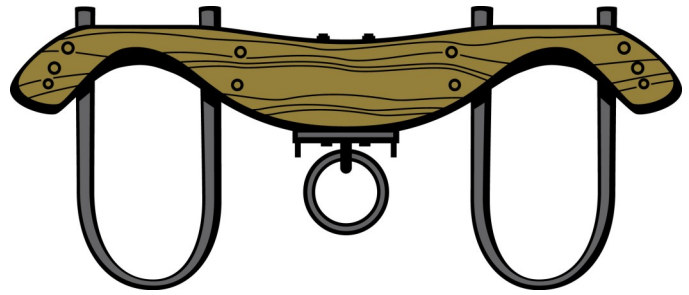
What did Jesus say his earthly mission was all about? Choose the correct answer from the list below. *Hint: (See John 5:30.)*

- A. Doing his own will
- B. Doing God's will
- C. Doing the will of the people
- D. All of the above



CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

The Yoke



The yoke is a burden of hardship and toil, as well as of subservience. But Jesus said the "yoke" of serving him is "easy" and that he provides rest for the weary (Matthew 11:28-30). The yoke also symbolizes human allegiance, as in marriage (2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV).



Choir Is FUN!

There are no special requirements to be part of our choir and we have fun each week as well as when we perform. If you just love singing music, that's all we need. You don't have to know music or be an expert. Some of us began not even knowing what the notes

were. We just get together and want to praise God through the gift of music and have fun doing it! Come join us and try it!

We currently meet at 6:00 p.m. each Wed. in the church. We especially can use some male voices.

LENTEN MEALS

Committees have been assigned to serve the soup/salad/sandwich meal that precedes Lenten worship. Committee Chairpersons should contact those in their committees to make arrangements.

- Feb. 17th: Youth
- Feb 24th: Social Ministry
- Mar. 3rd: Education
- Mar. 10th: Evangelism
- Mar. 17th: Church Council
- March 24th: Women of the E.L.C.A.

"THE LUTHERAN" MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

At the request of the Christian Education Committee, all subscriptions to "The Lutheran" magazine, the magazine of the E.L.C.A., have been discontinued.

If you would like your own subscription to the magazine, you may purchase one at a cost of \$17.50 per year by calling 1-800-328-4648.

**Remember to pray ...
Pray daily,
pray without ceasing.**

Newsletters: Due Feb. 18

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The Lutheran Church Women met January 9, 2010.

Georgie Clark gave a devotional, "You can't walk on water." Changes are inevitable. This was taken from a book written by Ron Burke.

Four guests from Yoakum Community Hospital Services spoke on the Swing Bed Program and the Geriatric Assessment Program offered by the hospital.

January birthday recognized: Katherine Petering.

The minutes of the November and December meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported the balance for December is \$1,123.87 in the checking account and \$2,032.78 in the savings account.

Under old business: Collected food labels will go to Lord's Little

Angels.

Under new business an abridged 2010 year book was handed out. A discussion was held concerning a name for our WELCA group since we may be withdrawing from WELCA organization. A motion and was made and seconded to change our name to Women of Holy Cross. After discussion, an amendment to the motion was made to call ourselves Lutheran Church Women (LCW). The amendment was voted on and passed.

Motion carried to donate \$1,000 to the "\$100 X \$1,000" campaign.

Motion carried to give a refund of \$15 to Holy Cross for paper used for year book.

Motion carried to give gift of \$40 to Rachael for all the help she has given LCW.

There was a discussion on clari-

fying the guidelines of food for bereavement. Tabled until February.

Dolores Sengelmann reminded everyone to bring plastic grocery bags for the food pantry.

Committee Reports: Bereavement (1), Card remembrance (14), LWR will quilt on January 11 and on the fourth Thursday. Bible Study next Tuesday will begin study on Hinduism. Attendance today (38).

Evelyn Chumchal thanked everyone for their prayers and all everyone did for her. She said she was cancer free.

Hostesses for today are: Donna Macha, Jean Shindler, Liz Ewing and Katherine Petering.

Our next meeting will be February 4, at 2:30 p.m. The program will be "Yoakum Shape Shop" given by Christy Talbert.

The meeting adjourned.

Now Collecting Health Kits and Soap

The Lutheran Church Women voted to participate in other Lutheran World Relief projects this year in addition to our quilting project. We will collect health kits and soap.

The congregation is invited to participate in these projects. Boxes are in the narthex and Parish Hall where you can place either objects for the health kits or the soap.



Soap

- New unopened bars of any brand
- Preferably 4-5 oz, but any size is acceptable
- Leave in its original wrapping



Health Kits

- Hand towel, dark color
- Washcloth, dark color
- Bath-size bar of soap (4-5 oz.), any brand, original wrapping
- Adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- Sturdy comb
- Metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (no cardboard emery boards)
- Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"

"Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your god."
Micah 6:8

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTE SUMMARY

Council President Gery Maneth called the Jan 21, 2010 meeting to order .

The minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting were accepted as printed.

Gery reported that the elevator maintenance agreement for 2010 was received. There was a 5.75% increase in price over 2009. Annual cost for 2010 is \$447.42.

On behalf of the Insurance Committee, John Langhoff provided a summary of current insurance costs, which include facilities, worker's compensation, automobile, and liability policies.

Lord's Little Angels Director, Lawren Hagan reported 64 children currently enrolled. She also welcomed participation in the Friend of LLA program. Participation can include reading to children, playing the piano, sing-a-long time, simple cooking ideas, chaperone on water days, etc.

Treasurer's Report: T

- The General Fund shows a deficit balance of (\$9,472.33) as of 12/31/09.
- Billy Goodrich recommends the need to revisit the established purpose of all accounts.
- Treasurer Sharla Pohl updated signature cards on accounts at local banks. Gery Maneth will be included on the signature card.
- The non-operating Mothers' Day Out account. Will be closed.
- Gery Maneth thanked Billy for his many years of service as Treasurer for Holy Cross.

Youth and Education: The chili cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. Students are planning and preparing to lead the Clown Worship Services January 30 and 31. The Youth will also collect quarters the first Sunday in February in support of the Haiti disaster,

which will be passed on to the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), who are leading this drive.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Stern thanked Terry for his time and service during his recent absence. He extended appreciation for concerns and encouragement following his surgery. Pastor and Terry are planning Ash Wednesday and Lenten services. He's been asked to conduct a wedding in November at 3:00 p.m. Current Church policy states no Saturday wedding after 2:30 p.m. Following discussion, Dorothy Mgebhoff moved to change the current policy to allow for a wedding anytime on Saturday as long as it is complete by 4:00 p.m. Elaine Albrecht added a second and the motion carried. Pastor Stern also requested a letter from council stating that his current housing allowance of \$1,600/month continues. Tommy Barre moved with a second by Tom Kelley to provide continued housing allowance. The motion carried.

Report of Standing Committees:

- Property – the roof would be complete within 2-2 ½ weeks.
- Personnel – Following changes to the Personnel Policies and Practices Manual approved: Salary payments for all employees shall be made by weekly instead of by monthly and the stated holidays in the manual shall be recognized as paid holidays (clarification of paid holidays).

Unfinished Business:

- Update on the 100 x \$1,000 program. We have \$40,000 in commitments; \$35,000 received and \$5,000 in commitments.
- Terry Carmichael has a scheduled telephone call Monday, January 25 to discuss the Multi-Media project.

- On behalf of the Call Committee, Gery reported that he continues to research Bishop Tie-mann's concern of voting to join another church body (LCMC) Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, while still holding membership in the ELCA.

New Business:

- 2010 Committee Assignments were established. The following council members are assigned to the following committees as liaisons.
Christian Education—Beverly Rudolph
Evangelism—Jan Boehm, Mabel Hickey
Golden Nuggets—Sherri Kusak
Investments—Gery Maneth
Lutheran Church Women—Beverly Rudolph
Personnel—Tom Kelley, Linda Schmidt
Property—Dorothy Mgebhoff
Social Ministry—Tommy Barre
Stewardship -
Worship and Music—Elaine Albrecht
- Distributed council contact information and assigned months of council-in-charge duties.
- Gery Maneth initiated discussion topics for the scheduled Council Retreat Sunday afternoon, January 24. Topics identified were; financial situation and balanced budget, timing of 2nd vote to leave ELCA, communications with congregation, and campus repairs.
- Gery reminded everyone of All Committee Night Tuesday, February 09, 2010.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

OUR SHUT-INS & NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

These shut-ins would gladly take phone calls or visits from our church family. Also, please remember them in your daily prayers.

Home Shut-Ins

Julia Bernshausen
 Grady & Lorine Glass
 Viola Hagens
 William & Adele Hahn
 Florine Harwood
 Jane Hill
 Charlotte Kuester
 Minnie Pietsch
 Dolores Sengelmann
 Esther Walicek
 E. V. "Bud" Weiser
 Clarence & Myrtle Zinke

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Mary Haas
 Bernice Laufer
 Martha Lehnert
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 Hulda Roden
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