



# The Messenger

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

February 2010



Our Lenten Journey begins  
this February – worship times are...

- Ash Wednesday – February 17th, 6:30 pm
- Lenten Midweek Services – February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, 6:30 pm
- Palm-Passion Sunday – March 28th, 8:00 am and 10:15 am
- Maundy Thursday – April 1st, 6:30 pm (First Communion is celebrated)
- Good Friday – April 2nd, 6:30 pm
- Easter Sunday – April 4th, 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am (breakfast served at 9:30 am)

During Lent we will also be taking time as a congregation to reflect on Luther's Small Catechism. Many of you studied this during your confirmation classes. Whether this will be a "refresher" for you, or if it is your first exposure, we'll learn from Luther about the basics:

- Confession: Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>
- Ten Commandments: Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>
- Apostle's Creed: Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Lord's Prayer: Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Holy Baptism: Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>
- The Sacrament of the Altar: Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>



Discussion times will follow each Wednesday Lenten service and will be repeated the following Sunday between worship services. Also, watch as each week we "build" Luther's Rose during Children's Time.

## From Pastor Mike:

I read the e-mail in disbelief: *Cookies died.*

It was a message from my brother. Not so long ago, he and his wife bought a puppy for their young son and daughter—my nephew and niece—and needless to say, the kids were thrilled. They named the puppy “Cookies”, and my nephew and niece loved their dog to a depth that most of us adults are no longer able to reach.

But now, sadly, Cookies was gone. In the snap of a finger, the e-mail said. He'd been fine on Saturday. By Sunday morning, because of an infection, he had become lifeless—literally. The kids were stunned. My brother and his wife were stunned.

I never met Cookies, but I, too, was stunned. It just isn't right, I thought to myself. Young dogs are supposed to be frolicking around the house, playful and full of life. And I thought about the people of Haiti. I thought about the Haitian children lying motionless on the ground after that earthquake...kids who should have been frolicking, playful and full of life. But they weren't. And again, I thought to myself, it just isn't right.

How do we even begin to make sense of death—especially deaths that seem so senseless? Sometimes I wonder. Sometimes I want to scream at God for an answer. But I suspect, in my wondering... in my feelings of distraughtness...perhaps God wants to scream at me: “Empty tomb, Michael! Empty tomb!”

May Easter come soon. We REALLY need it this year!



### Adult Ed Opportunities

“Messin’ with Mike” — 9:15 a.m. Sundays

Each week Pastor Mike has to come up with some way—through the lens of faith—to lead a discussion about a mystery item placed in a box. Come and join the fun!! The class meets in the church basement.

“Genetics and Faith” — 9:15 a.m. Sundays

What is a “faith response” to the explosion of new scientific breakthroughs from the field of Genetics? Come and discuss! This class also meets in the church basement.

## Task Force Introduction:

**As announced during worship and shared during the annual meeting, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010:**

It's now been more than five months since our denomination's national assembly last summer where changes were made to the policies regarding clergy and other rostered leaders in open, committed, same-sex relationships, granting permission to congregations that choose to do so to call such individuals. Since that time there has been ongoing debate and discussion throughout the denomination and in our own congregation and community. There have been letters to the editor, letters written to the congregation, and many, many meetings and conversations with the pastors and with one another. Consequently, since there are still many questions being asked and much deliberation as to whether and how to respond to the policy changes, the American Lutheran Church Council, in consultation with our Synod's Bishop Jon Anderson, has formed a task force whose assignment is to research, find, and present to the congregation a variety of possible actions that the congregation may take.

First and foremost, please know that, based on the overwhelming majority of the sentiments that have been expressed to the congregational leadership, splitting up the congregation or pulling us out of the de-

### Adult Ed Opportunities

“Book of Faith” — 9:15 a.m. Sundays

The Book of Faith Bible studies help take some of that discomfort away, get back to the basics, and help you get more fluent in the first language of the Faith: the Bible. This group meets in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!!

“BLAST” — 9:15 a.m. Sundays (once every 3 weeks)

BLAST is a low-key, back-to-the-basics look at the same lessons being learned in BibleLand. The class meets in the BibleLand “big room.”



## From your Stewardship Committee:

In the beginning, God gave, and He continues to give. God's character is to give. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He holds nothing back from us; either in this world or the one to come. *"He Who did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?"* (Romans 8:32). To give and to keep on giving is the essential nature of God Who is love. As our faith grows and matures, we also become givers who, by God's grace, give freely and generously.



...HOW WIDE AND LONG  
AND HIGH AND DEEP  
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.  
EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

## From your Child In Our Hands Committee:

### PARENTING FROM A PEW (Faith Formation for Young Children)

God is truly amazing for many reasons, but the fact that God loves each of us, all of the time, regardless of what we do or fail to do, is one of the most amazing. Pray a prayer of thanks for God's amazing love using this prayer, and moving as the words suggest. "God loves me when I jump and God loves me when I wiggle. God loves me when I cry and God loves me when I giggle. God loves me every day and night. God loves me every hour. Thank you, God, for loving me, and for your awesome power. Amen."

Note: Worship Helper information is now printed on the backside of the calendar for easier reference.

## Because of You:

This month we are reporting on the Christmas Sharing Tree. The number of packages of pampers that were received and given to Helping Hands Pregnancy Center was 15. Also received were two baby blankets and five pair of slippers. For the two food shelves, we received a total of 318 pounds of food items. The items that were requested on the sharing tree represented the staples needed for the food shelves. These items were then divided and brought to the Manna Food Pantry and the Christian Church Food Shelf. Please be aware that in March again this year there will be a “Monetary” food drive. With the closing of local industries, the local food shelves are experiencing a greater demand than ever experienced before.



## Miscellaneous Information

### *February Scripture Lessons*

#### **February 7th - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Isa 6:1-8 [9-13]; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

#### **February 14th - Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Exod 34:29-35; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

#### **February 17th - Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

#### **February 21st - First Sunday in Lent**

Deut 26:1-11; Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

#### **February 28th - Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

## Council Update - November

Opening Devotions: led by Barb Williams

Secretary's report for Oct 22, 2009 meeting approved on motion by Remme / Saufley

Thank you from Prisoners of Hope, Mission Support statement from synod.

### **Ministry Team Report:**

Youth: Serving at The Banquet Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Pies, High School age mission trip being planned, Coordinate different events with First Lutheran, "The Well" is growing in attendees, 85-90 people showed up for tailgate party. Approaching point where could use some help with "The Well".

Staff: Receiving new members in a few weeks, need to get little clearer definition of responsibilities regarding new members as to helping them feel part of congregation. Dec 1 is women's salad program. Tried out new Dakota Road service, seemed to go over well. Christmas service schedule two services with one candle light late service.

We ended October with a balance of \$5019.41. October had \$32,273.76 in expenditures exceeding \$28,047.96 in giving resulting in negative cash flow of \$4225.80 for the month. Accepted treasurer's report on motion by Obermoller /Rickbeil.

### **Committee Reports:**

Worship and Music: New speakers should be getting installed after Thanksgiving. Designated funds for sound system planned to be used for new speakers.

Wills, Gifts, & Memorials: need clarification using undesignated funds for purchase of defibrillator.

Recommendation from personnel committee regarding wages and benefits packages for all staff for year 2010 received in closed session.

Safety: Defibrillator should be arriving shortly and needs to be paid for, estimated \$1700.00 cost.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Follow up regarding those members disapproving the decision of ELCA regarding actively homosexual clergy. Council was informed that they declined Pastor Ryan's offer to help them, but they are in the process of drafting a letter outlining their concerns. No other information was available as to what would be in the letter or when it would be presented. It was further discussed that any members supporting the decision should be given the same opportunity and assistance should they wish to present their viewpoint.

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Dear American Lutheran Church,

I hope that everyone's Christmas was exceptionally blessed, especially with all of the snow! Hopefully, you were snowed in with all of your families with nowhere to go!

Because American Lutheran Church has been an important part of my life with people that I care about, I want to let you all know what I am up to this year. After graduating from Concordia College in Moorhead this past July, I spent the summer working as a nanny in the Fargo/Moorhead area. I am SO EXCITED to share with you about the ministry that I have been a part of for the past four months! Beginning in August, I joined a year-long relational ministry team sponsored by Youth Encounter called Captive Free. Youth Encounter is a Christian organization that's mission is to partner with Christian communities to strengthen their youth ministry. Since 1965, Youth Encounter has served churches of all denominations, nationally and internationally. Being a member of Youth Encounter means devoting a year of volunteering with other young Christian adults, traveling throughout the United States and parts of the world with a faith-encouraging program, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through music and testimonies in congregations and church institutions. This year I have been and continue to be on a national team called Captive Free. I am traveling in the "East Lakes" region of the country, which is the states East of the Great Lakes (but not on the East Coast; that's another team!), generally covering the area between Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and western New York. I have been to churches, nursing homes, schools, detention centers, shelters and homes to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through music, puppets, skits, and relational ministry, which has been completely awesome! I am thoroughly enjoying using the musical and relational gifts God has given me to reach out to people across all backgrounds and walks of life. As with other mission organizations, Youth Encounter depends heavily on prayer and donations from individuals to make their ministry successful. I have committed to raise \$10,000, which is approximately half of what it costs to send me on the road. I want to thank American Lutheran as a church SO MUCH for the support that you have given me with a generous gift. It is also so comforting to know that you are praying for me and my teammates this year; it is certain that nothing that we do could be accomplished without it. I would love it if you would visit [www.youthencounter.org/AliciaPeterson](http://www.youthencounter.org/AliciaPeterson) to learn more about my teammates and me, where we are going, pictures of where we've

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been, blogs about what we're up to, more opportunities to give, and our year of team ministry!! We have been "on the road" for about three months after a month of training up near Grand Rapids, MN, and I am really looking forward to the next months of our ministry! Thank you all so much for your support. If you would please include in your prayers that I would continue to trust that God will provide the funds and that He would watch over my team in our travels, that would be very encouraging! Please, feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have at aapeters@cord.edu. I'm really looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Alicia Peterson

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### **New Business:**

- Regarding managing rental house from men's group. Minimum balance maintained to pay the rent and any monthly amortized debts such as taxes, the congregation owns the house so the congregation through the congregational council controls the funds, and approval for donations should come to the council. Council approved request to donate \$3000.00 from the rental account to specific relief programs on motion by Obermoller / Williams.
- Budget and Finance will be attempting to present a realistic and reduced budget for 2010. All committees are asked to take a look at past spending and determine essential needs.
- Approved donation of \$1000 to 2009 Community Christmas Baskets on motion by Obermoller / Christensen.

### **Closing Notes:**

Next executive meeting is Dec 3 at 12:15, Heritage room.

Next council meeting is Dec 17 at 6:30 PM

Gary Brandt has hospital visits and devotions for December.

Closing prayer and Adjourned

Submitted by Doug Obermoller, Secretary



**Important February dates:**

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday  
BibleLand Kids sing at the 6:30 PM Service  
Sunday, February 21—Bowling/Camp-In Event  
3:00-7:00PM (Fifth Grade and younger)



**Bible Land**

*Parents—remember the opportunity to attend BLAST on February 21st.*

BibleLand kids will be finishing up their unit on the "Baptism of Jesus". On February 21st, the new unit will be "Moses—the Exodus from Egypt". This is a Bible Story that most of us are familiar with from our youth and from watching several movies and TV programs based on the story. I challenge you to see it through new eyes. What message has been hidden from your view in the past?

**Bowling/Camp-In Event** for Fifth Grade and Younger

Sunday, February 21 from 3:00-7:00 PM  
Bowling at Oxford Lanes

Meal and Activities at American Lutheran Church  
Games, Indoor campfire worship, tents...

Sign-up with Sylvia soon—watch email for more information

Parents are encouraged to participate

This event will include our First Lutheran friends!

**FREE! FREE! FREE!**

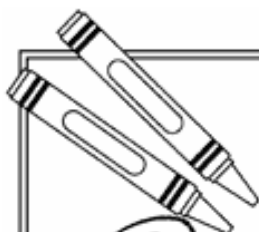
**FYI: In the event of a late start on a Tuesday,  
there is no Release Time.**

**CHILDREN/FAMILY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR**

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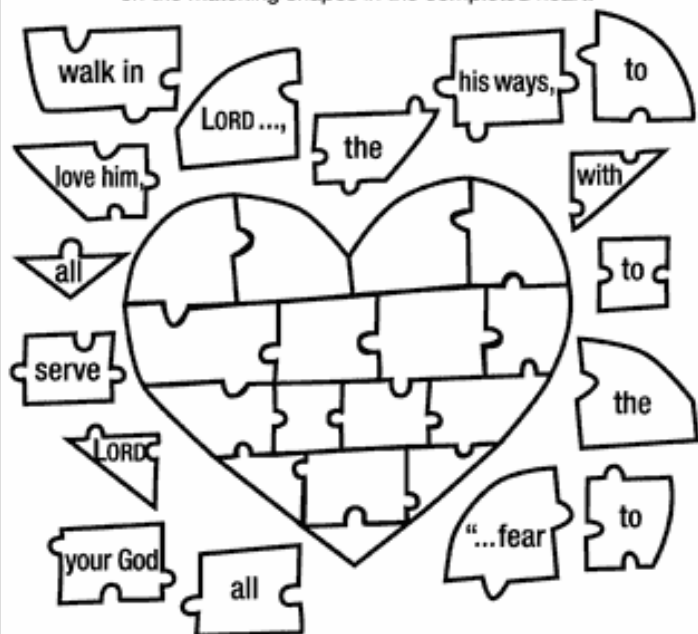


Just for **KIDS**

## *Our first love*

In Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV), Israel is asked a question that's also for us to answer: "What does the LORD your God ask of you?"

To find the answer, write the words from the puzzle pieces on the matching shapes in the completed heart.



*... your heart and with all your soul ..."*

Answer:  
"... fear the LORD ..." to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all ..."

It is time for a battle of the churches,

## ROMANS & CHRISTIANS STYLE!

On Wednesday, Feb. 3rd all Middle School and High School Students are invited to ALC for desert and some healthy competition with First Lutheran Church and lots of Adults! Be here at 7:30 and we will finish up around 8:30. If you are an adult and would like to be a "Roman" please call Pastor Liz at 360-7230.

*Butter Braid Extravaganza month* is in full swing! Make sure you purchase many, many Butter Braids from our youth up until Feb. 17th when our fundraiser ends. Delivery will be on March 3rd. Any questions or for orders please call Pastor Liz.

Do you have a car? Would you like to use it to transport our youth to do servant projects? Well, we need you! On Wednesday, February 10th our youth will be making health kits to send to Haiti and we need help getting our youth to the store. If you would like to help please sign up on Pastor Liz's door.

**YOUTH:** Y'all want to make more money for your summer trips? Here is your opportunity! We are looking for servers for our Ash Wednesday night dinner, which is on Wednesday, February 17th this year. We will need you starting at 4 pm and going until 6 pm — we also need workers on Tuesday. You'll be paid based on how many hours you work. If you would like to serve your church and make some money too text or call Pastor Liz at 360-7230 or sign up on her door.

# FOOD

We are looking for people to feed hungry teenagers! If you would like to help us out and provide a meal for The W.E.L.L. (Wed nights @7:30) or for Play & Pray (2nd Sun after 2nd service), please sign up on Pastor Liz's door or talk to her. Our empty bellies thank you!

## Play & Pray (6th-8th grades)

This month we will be meeting on Sunday, February 14th right after 2nd service for food, fun, and fellowship! Come and play more fun games, come and listen to some awesomely groovy music, and come and eat some scrumptious food!

Any questions or you would like to help, please call or text Pastor Liz!

## THE W.E.L.L. (9TH-12TH GRADES)

### So what's happening this month?

Feb. 3rd— Along with the MS youth and First Lutheran we will have desert dinner and play ROMANS & CHRISTIANS starting at 7:30.

Feb. 10th— We're bring back the Health Kit competition. We will meet @ 7:30 for a light dinner and then head off (Wal-Mart???)!

Feb. 17th— We'll serve Ash Wednesday dinner (̄ make some \$), attend Ash Wednesday service together, and then we'll embrace another "S" (how many can we do in one night?!?! )!

Feb. 24th— We'll be hosting a guest who will help us help those who were effected by the earthquake in Haiti.

## YOU ROCK!!!

The youth council and Pastor Liz would like to thank all of the parents who helped out last minute and drove on our ski trip last month. We appreciate you so very much and want everybody to know that YOU ROCK!!!

**Troy & Gayla Aljets   Mike Purdy  
Sandy Demuth   Shauna Pham**

## Containers needed

The Banquet in Sioux Falls is in need of containers with lids. If you have any that you would like to donate please drop them off in the box in the back of the church. Thank you!

## NOTES from the Church Office

**THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF ALC MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM in the Heritage Room.** We invite congregation members to bring concerns, ideas and other topics of discussion to the committee meeting. Staff members have been asked to encourage members to use this avenue as their time is valuable in other areas. Please consider using this as a communication tool. Also, please contact the church office ahead of time to be placed on the agenda.

**MISSIONARIES**—Letters from our missionaries are posted on the wall in the narthex. Find out what is happening in their lives!

**KEEP YOUR E-MAIL CONTACT INFO UP-TO-DATE**—To help us save on postage, please inform the church office of your email address or if you have changed your address. Thank you!

If you have not done so, **please pick up your 2010 Offering Envelopes** in the narthex. If you notice an offering box that you could deliver, please do so! The cost of mailing has tripled from last year, so your help would be very much appreciated in keeping our costs down.

Next month the **Lutheran Women's Yearbook** will be included with the Messenger. Since Lutheran Women would like all members to have a hard copy of this booklet, all members will be receiving the March Messenger through the mail including those who requested it online. This will allow us to use our Permit Mailing on the entire mailing.



Birthday and Wedding Anniversary announcements will now appear weekly in the worship bulletin—that way, it will be easier to remember to greet those whose special day is coming up. And, of course, our birthday callers will still be phoning those who have added a tally under their age column!

# STATISTICS

## ATTENDANCE

January 3 - 255 (8:00-113; 10:15-142)

January 10 - 340 (8:00-148; 10:15-192)

January 17 - 337 (8:00-180; 10:15-157)

January 24 - 323 (8:00-118; 10:15-205)

## The Joy of Giving Report

**Total Receipts: \$27,015.69**  
**(January)**

Current = \$21076.87

Expansion = \$2276

Special = \$767

Reimbursables = \$1353.98

Christmas Offering = \$25

E.J. Scholarship = \$75

Endowment Fund = \$100

Rental House = \$500

Altar Flowers = \$201.84

Library Fund = \$10

Undesignated Mem. = \$55

Haiti Relief = \$345

Church Use = \$230

Simply Giving = \$8978.68

(as of January 27, 2010)

Current = \$7412.26

Expansion = \$496.59

Special = \$819.83

ALC Scholarship Fund = \$250

Noisy Offering for

January 2010 = \$224.43

Your 2009 Contribution Statements

will be available in the church office through April 15, 2010, Monday through Friday only.

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The last Sunday of each month we will be receiving a NOISY OFFERING to benefit World Hunger. This will be in addition to our regular offering. We invite you to share your loose change in the cans our kids pass and know that the clinking and clanging we'll hear will ultimately bring hope to someone in need. Let's make a difference together!!

Kenny Willers and Angie Lundin were united in marriage at American Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 30, 2010.



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## February Worship Helpers

### ACOLYTES

7 - (8:00 a.m.) Andrew Johnson, Jordan Steinle  
(10:15 a.m.) Alex Purdy, Kraig Zinnel  
14 - (8:00 a.m.) Bailey Andersen, Whitney Jensen  
(10:15 a.m.) Aubrey Anderso, Betsy Thompson\*  
Communion Servers: Morgan Johnson, Jonathan Vorwald  
17 - (6:30 p.m.) Theron Miller, Coltin Klosterman  
21 - (8:00 a.m.) Allie Bruns, Evan Eggers  
(10:15 a.m.) Kendra Dorn, Clara Solma  
24 - (6:30 p.m.) Morgan Metz, Nicole Prins  
28 - (8:00 a.m.) Katie Eggers, Tori Elsing  
(10:15 a.m.) Brenden Pham, Marissa Pham\*  
Communion Servers: Hannah Naab, Nicole Russell

### COFFEE SERVERS

7 - Jerry & Mavis Sandstrom, Dennis & Marie Weeks  
14 - Larry & Lori Voss, Mark & Marcia Shepherd  
21 - Roger & Clasine Lester, Don Basche, Duane Anderson  
28 - Russell & Ann Obermoller, Sandy Beckering,  
Pam Handevitd

### SENIOR CHARIOT DRIVERS

February 7 - Jim & Barb Williams  
February 14 - Don & Marcia Basche  
February 17 - Larry & Pat Boots  
February 21 - Jesse & Carolyn Leopold  
February 24 - Dave & Janelle Saufley  
February 28- Mark & Marcia Shepherd

### GREETERS

7 - (8:00 a.m.) Elaine Schuster, Kolleen Stubbe  
(10:15 a.m.) Kern & Jean Schwartz  
14 - (8:00 a.m.) George & Dee Weiland  
(10:15 a.m.) Bob & Ginger Sellberg  
17 (6:30 p.m.) Chuck & Shirley Barkuloo  
21 - (8:00 a.m.) David & Paulette Yates  
(10:15 a.m.) Rod & Kathy Smit  
24 - (6:30 p.m.) Don & Marcia Basche  
28 - (8:00 a.m.) Larry & Pat Boots  
(10:15 a.m.) Jason & Genny Turner

### READERS

7 - (8:00 a.m.) Linden Olson (10:15 a.m.) Nancy Marco  
14- (8:00 a.m.) Stacy Sauerbrei (10:15 a.m.)  
21 - (8:00 a.m.) Mark Shepherd (10:15 a.m.) Kieth Olson  
28 - (8:00 a.m.) Judy Knuth (10:15 a.m.) Shauna Petersen/Pham

### ALTAR COMMITTEE:

Judi Hoebet, Joyce Soderholm, Carole Wiese, Susan Obermoller

**BUSY BAGS** - Rachel Ponto

### SOUND SYSTEM

7 - Doug Obermoller  
14 - Bob Wieme  
21 - Nick Steinle  
28 - Craig Pfeifer

### CAMCORDER

7 - Greg Kvilhaug  
14 - Tim Bickett  
21 - Mark Demuth  
28 - Bob Wieme

### COMMUNION HELPERS:

7- (8:00 a.m.) Cammie Dorn, Jake Dorn, Kendra Dorn, Lori Glawe  
(10:15 a.m.) Mike & Lisa Peterson, Brad & Sheryl Hoekstra  
17 - (6:30 p.m.) Bob & Ginger Sellberg, Mark & Marcia Shepherd  
21 - (8:00 a.m.) Harlan & Pam Handevitd, Steve & Vernietta Hansberger  
(10:15 a.m.) Ellen Dudley, William Dudley, Craig & Karen Pfeifer

**COUNCIL HOSPITAL VISITATION** - Doug Obermoller

### **LUTHERAN WOMEN HOSPITAL VISITATION** -

Diane Chapa (February 1-7); Vernietta Hansberger (February 8-14); Kathy Harberts (February 15-21); Gloria Hibma (February 22-28)

### **COMMUNION PREPARATION HELPERS**

3- Fill (& if possible, clean-up) Tara Thompson  
7 - Saturday Fill: Clasine & Roger Lester  
Refill: Ann & Russell Obermoller Clean-Up: Marj & Kieth Olson  
10 - Fill: (& if possible, clean-up) Carole Wiese  
14 - Fill: Karen Pfeifer; Clean-up: Megan Prins  
17- Fill: Sue Rose Clean-up: Sally Darling (Ash Wednesday)  
21- Saturday Fill: Jan & Larry Petersen  
Refill: Darlene White, Shirly Wieme Clean-Up: Connie Wienrank, Barb Williams  
28- Fill: Judy Benson Clean-up: Marlys Busse

**FINANCIAL COUNTERS** - (Team 1) Bob Sellberg, Rosella Nerem, Dorothy Hoef, Jean Bastian, Dale Knuth

### **USHERS**

**Team 1 (8 a.m.):** Ray Henning, Glad Henning, Jason Behrens, Stephanie Behrens, Paul Landberg, Martha Naab, Troy Aljets, Lori Glawe

**Team 2 (10:15 a.m.):** Lyle Gadda, Larry Petersen, Jan Petersen, Ron Vorwald, Gary Brandt, Marlin Clausen, Ronald Prins

Ash Wednesday-2/17 - Team 6; February 24th - Team 7

### **BIRTHDAY CALLERS**

Megan Prins (February 1-15), Shirley Rempel (February 16-28)

### **NURSERY**

7 -(8:00) Kari Sauerbrei (10:15) Sandra Beckering, Anndi & Nikki Russell  
14 -(8:00) Shauna Pham & children (10:15) Tara, Betsy & Amy Thompson  
21 -(8:00) David & Hollie Hibma (10:15) Mark & Kay Prunty  
24 -(6:30) Lori Glawe  
28-(8:00) Jayne & Morgan Johnson (10:15) Keri Murphy, Zoe Baerenwald

# February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> Pastor Radtkes' Day Off  2:00 Leah Circle - (Naomi Evensen's home)	<b>2</b> 8:45 Elementary R.T 9:30 Mary Circle (FH) 10:00 S. Shore Care Center Communion 6:30 New Members' Class 7:00 Esther Circle 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	<b>3</b> :30 Men's Fellowship 9:00 Quilt Tying 1:30 Staff  5:30 T.T. Worship / Bell Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:15 Chancel Choir 7:30 The WELL	<b>4</b>  10:30 Bulletin Deadline	<b>5</b> Pastor Mike's Day Off  6:30 McPrayer	<b>6</b> 8:30 Council Retreat 9:00 HR Reserved
<b>7</b> 8 & 10:15 Worship/Comm 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland / S.S. 10:15 Children's Church Youth Singers	<b>8</b> Radtkes' at FCTE 8-11  11:30 Sr. Saints	<b>9</b> 8:45 Elementary R.T  5:45 Stewardship Meeting 6:30 New Members' Class (FH)  8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	<b>10</b> 6:30 Men's Fellowship 9:00 Quilt Tying <b>9:00 Martha Circle</b> 1:30 Staff 12:30 Ext. Meeting 5:30 T.T. Worship / Bell Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:15 Chancel Choir 7:30 The WELL	<b>11</b> 8:30 WACMA 10:30 Bulletin Deadline  5:30 Youth Council	<b>12</b> Pastor Mike's Day Off  6:30 McPrayer	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00 & 10:15 Worship 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland/S.S. Youth Singers 11:30 Play & Pray - (M S Youth Group)	<b>15</b> <b>President's Day - Church Offices Closed</b> Pastor Radtkes' Day Off  No Personnel Mtg.	<b>16</b> 8:45 Elementary R.T  8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	<b>17</b> 6:30 Men's Fellowship 9:00 Quilt Tying 1:30 Staff Meeting 5:00 Ash Wednesday Supper 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Youth Council 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship Chancel Choir following service 7:30 The WELL	<b>18</b>  10:30 Bulletin Deadline  6:30 Church Council 6:30 Wills, Gifts & Memorial Mtg.	<b>19</b> Pastor Mike's Day Off  6:30 McPrayer	<b>20</b> 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>21</b> 8:00 Worship/Comm. 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland / S.S./BLAST 10:15 Alternative Worship with Children's Church Youth Singers 3-7:00 Bowling/Camp-in (5th grade & younger)	<b>22</b> Pastor Radtkes' Day Off  <b>MESSANGER DEADLINE</b>	<b>23</b> 8:45 Elementary R.T  8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	<b>24</b> 6:30 Men's Fellowship 9:00 Quilt Tying 1:30 Staff Mtg. 5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir/Parish Ed 6:30 Lenten Worship Adult Lenten Study following service Chancel Choir following worship 7:30 The WELL	<b>25</b>  10:30 Bulletin Deadline	<b>26</b> Pastor Mike's Day Off  6:30 McPrayer	<b>27</b> 9:00 Kitchen Cleaning — Everyone is welcome to help!
<b>28</b> New Member Sunday <b>Noisy Offering Sunday</b> 8:00 & 10:15 Worship 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland / S.S. 2:00 Conference Assembly (Grace Lutheran-Luverne)						

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February 2010

## New Officers Elected

Thank you to the following women who have agreed to serve as officers for the Lutheran women's organization for the coming year.

Julie Nystrom	Co-Chairpersons
Karen Pfeifer	
Lora Lee Timm-Knuth	Secretary
Lori Dudley	Treasurer
Shirly Wieme	Recognition
Marie Weeks	Mission Action
Carole Wiese	
Clasine Lester	Mission Community
Joanne Carlson	Mission Growth

*Please offer them your support this year.*



### New Purchases

Be sure to notice some recent purchases. Ten new thermal coffee servers were bought at a cost of \$326 as well as two "Five-stage feeding chairs" which strap on the existing chairs in the Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$54. (Two more chairs will be coming in the near future.) These were identified as needed items following the Scandinavian Smorgasbord. Funds used for these purchases were from our "Kitchen Fund", which includes donations from families for serving funerals.



### Mark your calendar

*February is the month for our semi-annual kitchen cleaning. The date is Saturday, February 24 at 9:00. Leah Circle is hosting.*

*Please plan to lend a hand.*

## Goal – 150 more Health Kits

Our Lutheran World Relief Health Kit project is resuming from now until June. Congratulations on the 113 kits we made last fall with help of the adults and youth of our congregation. Since the need is urgent around the world for these vital hygiene products, we will be assembling as many kits as we can, beginning immediately until the SWMN Synod Women's Convention in June. All congregations are encouraged to bring as many kits as possible to the convention. Each kit contains:

- Hand towel (dark color)
- Washcloth (dark color)
- Bath-size bar of soap (in package)
- Adult-size toothbrush (in package)
- Wide-tooth comb (remove package)
- Metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached (remove packaging)
- Six band-aids, 1/2" to 3/4", secure with rubber band

These health kits are used in refugee camps to help contain the spread of disease; in schools to teach children about good hygiene; and in other emergency situations to provide personal care items, often allowing people affected by the emergency to use their money to buy other desperately needed items such as food and water.

**Please bring any of these items to the collection bin in the Information Center in the narthex.** Thank you for your help in this important project.

### **Special Thank You**

*A very special thank is extended to Barb Karsten for serving as Chair of Lutheran Women until illness prevented her from continuing. Thanks to Joanne Carlson for assuming the leadership duties for the completion of the year. Also thank you to Karen Pfeifer for preparing the monthly newsletter as Mission Community chair.*

American Lutheran Women Board Meeting  
Monday January 11, 2010  
6:30 P.M. Heritage Room

### ***Ecumenical Lenten Lunch***

*ALC will host this community Lenten worship service and luncheon on Thursday, March 18. There will be sign up sheet to bring food or help serve available in the narthex. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.*

## **God's Bodily Foods**

God first separated the water from fresh, made dry land, planted a garden, made animals and fish ... all before making a human. He made and provided what we'd need before we were born. The following food is best and more powerful when eaten raw. We're such slow learners. God left us a great clue as to what foods help what part of our body.

Celery, Bok Choy, Rhubarb and many more look just like bones. These foods specifically target bone strength. Bones are 23% sodium and these foods are 23% sodium. If you don't have enough sodium in your diet, the body pulls it from the bones, thus making them weak. These foods replenish the skeletal needs of the body.

## **Women's Yearbook in Production**

*Every year a new Lutheran Women's yearbook is printed and sent to all households in the March newsletter. This yearbook contains names of officers, Circle information, meetings and special event dates, committee chairpersons and important schedules for our many activities such as preparing communion and making hospital visits. Committee Chairpersons will soon be drafting their schedules for the year. In February, the church secretaries will type the yearbook for us. Be watching for your important Lutheran Women's yearbook.*

Thirteen board members and circle chairpersons were present. Joanne Carlson, acting president, opened the meeting with a devotion based on 1 Kings 20:40. The November 9<sup>th</sup> secretaries report was approved. An e-mail from Lori Dudley stated the treasurer's report was the same as reported last month.

**Correspondence:** Lora Lee Timm-Knuth read thank you letters acknowledging our \$100.00 donations. Other acknowledgements included \$400.00 given to Lutheran World Relief and Women of ELCA Thankoffering of \$1,177.00. Letters from other organizations requesting financial assistance were read.

### **Committee Reports:**

- A. **Mission Action:** Carole Wiese and Marie Weeks remind everyone the Health Kit Project is continuing until the June's Synod meeting.  
NEW-collections will begin soon for church literature as devotion books, prayer books, Bibles etc. and spiritual music. All items need to be without a church affiliation.  
The financial contribution at the synod meeting will support the water projects in underdeveloped countries.
- B. **Mission Community:** Karen Pfeifer welcomes any women's news for the Messenger.
- C. **Mission Growth:** Joanne Carlson and Karen Pfeifer continue to review the programs and circle lists for the yearbook. The senior brunch will no longer be hosted by the ALC women. The seniors will be recognized at a fellowship coffee and church service.
- D. **Recognition:** Shirley Wieme will be ordering the Confirmation devotion Books and flowers.

### **Old Business:**

- A. The Christmas Salad Buffet was well received by the 108 guests.
- B. Circles are reminded to give their list of 2010-2011 officers to the church office as soon as possible. Plans are to review the yearbook in its entirety and be printed in February.
- C. The Nominating committee has filled all but 3 positions.
- D. The outreach project checks have been sent by Lori Dudley.
- E. Carol Fleming has purchased 2 "Grow Chairs" and ten (10) new thermal coffee servers.

### **New Business:**

- A. The position of Co-chairpersons for the ALC Women's Board has been filled by Julie Nystrom and Karen Pfeifer.
- B. Joanne Carlson installed the board members.
- C. The L.W. Time table for 2010-2011 was reviewed and revised as necessary.
- D. Subscriptions to the Communicator and Interchange will be ordered for the board officers.
- F. Kitchen Cleaning will be headed by Leah Circle on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.
- G. The Ecumenical Lenten Lunch date has not been set at this time.
- H. A list of new members (women) has been compiled and their name will be added to circles as they best fit. Board leaders plan an orientation and information meeting for the new members.

The next board meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.  
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted by  
Lora Lee Timm-Knuth

***Next Lutheran Women's Board Meeting***

***Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30***