

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

APRIL 2008

WORSHIP IN APRIL

The Easter Season is known as the 50 great days. During this time of year, we celebrate Holy Communion every other Sunday. You will notice that we will celebrate Holy Communion on April 6 and on April 20 as we rejoice and give thanks for the Resurrection of Christ our Lord.

In April we will celebrate the Baptisms of Maci Van Dyke and Audrey Lin Storms.

Maci is the daughter of Mason & Yvette Van Dyke. Audrey is the daughter of Mark & Deb (Mitchell) Storms and granddaughter of Phil & Donna Mitchell.

Our Prayers: Healing: Sue Bagent, Alice Meagher, Gladys Rinehart, Kathy Barger, Diane Sheppard, Jim Landis, Michael Greenwald, Eldon Peterson, Eric Santiago, Mary Lou Bradley, Jacob Santiago, Stephen Jeffrey, and friends & family members.

COMFORT IN GRIEF: the Family of Thelma Pinkerton, the Family of Julie Barker, the Family of Don burden, the Family of Rick Turner, the Family of Alicia Dunlap, and the Family of Chuck Iddens,

Our Service People: We continue to pray for peace in the world and for service people serving throughout the world, especially the friends and family of William "Tip" Turner.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Logan & Shannon Kretzmann on the birth of their son, Caleb James Kretzmann. Caleb is the grandson of Larry & Linda Kretzmann. We rejoice with them and ask God's blessings upon Caleb.

**Christian Education
Sunday School News**

The third and fourth-graders will learn about Jesus' return to heaven and the Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We also will talk about how Christians care for one another.

The K-2 Sunday School class has been very busy this winter. We have learned about the amazing works and teachings of Jesus, his death and his wonderful rising, and how he taught his disciples to love, just as we are taught to love. We will take the month of April to learn about how we can be like Jesus, even when we are only 6 years old!!

The Catechism Class will continue to learn about the Old Testament. We are taking a break over Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday but we will be back in class on March 30. We will learn about the great prophets of the Old Testament and how they spoke what God told them to speak, despite the obstacles that other people put in their path.

***Sunday School Classes and Catechism will continue through the third Sunday in May.**

Wednesday evening Bible Study will begin on Wednesday April 16, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

A regular time is established for Bible Study, prayer, fellowship, and midweek Christian education for adults. This Wednesday evening time will continue through the spring and summer. You can participate as often as you like.

God bless,
John & Kathy Schalip
(John & Kathy are Cindy Manning's parents)

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you to all Thrivent members and all who helped in any way with the Mystery Dinner Theater! A special thank you to Kathy Mahler and her drama club students for another year of providing an evening of great entertainment, fun, and fellowship for us. "A Wing and a Prayer" was a great success. Including our Thrivent supplement our Youth Ministry fund will be given \$1,186.24 to be used for attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, during the summer of 2009. Kathy's drama club received \$400.

Also a special thanks to the youth and their parents who helped setup, serve, and clean-up. You did a great job! And added thanks to Kathy's students for all their added help.

Joyce & Denise Thrivent Co-ordinators

Thank you to Carol Hughes, Karen Schmidt, Chris Fisher, Kathy Mehler, and Alice Meagher for sharing the Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship Reflections: "In His Presence: The New Testament Women whose lives were changed by Jesus". We were blessed by their messages! Thanks to all who prepared soup, sandwiches and desserts, to those who set-up and cleaned-up at the Soup Suppers. Thanks to all who cooked and served breakfast at the Lenten Breakfasts and devotions. And thank you also to everyone who helped with Lenten Wednesday Evening Worship and with the Holy Week Worship services.

Dear Friends,

There are not enough words to express the support from my church family in coping with the death of my mother. Thanks for the hugs, the cards, and calls, and most of all, your prayers. With love,
Carol Hill

Dear Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Thank you ladies so much for the beautiful prayer shawls. We have used them a lot. May the Lord bless each and every one of you.

CALLING FOR COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Over the years I'll occasionally talk with someone who describes growing up in a church where the prerequisite for serving on the Congregation Council was your parents, your grandparents and your great grandparents must have been life long members of the church, i.e., council was not for "newcomers!" That truly does not describe Christ Lutheran. I've also known of churches where major arm twisting is required to get people to serve on Council. I wouldn't describe Christ Lutheran in those terms either, though truthfulness requires me to admit some familiarity with the story!

Putting those descriptions aside, I write simply to encourage you to nominate someone to serve on Council whom you believe would serve well. And if you would like to serve, don't hesitate to nominate yourself! Nominations should be communicated to either Diane Pyle or me, preferably by April 27th. Council elections take place at the Congregational Meeting the first Sunday in May. If you'd like to know more about Council service please just ask any of the current members. We'd be happy to answer your questions. Council terms are two years.

God's blessings
Seth Patton, Congregation Council

Youth News

**Two Youth Groups: Jr. Youth grades 3-6,
Sr. Youth grades 7-12.**

Sunday April 6: *After the 10:30 a.m. worship-* Parents of youth going to New Orleans National ELCA gathering in 2009 will meet to have an update meeting on fundraising. Meet in Pastor's office.

Sunday April 6: 4:00 p.m. Both youth groups meet at the church for pizza and to make treats to take to persons from our church who reside

in nursing homes. All youth in grades 3-12 are welcome to participate!

Youth News continued....

Saturday, April 19: 8am-12noon The Middle School and High School Youth have been asked to serve the annual Thrivent Chapter Leader's breakfast at our church. This is a fundraiser for the youth ministry. A sign up sheet is at the church for the older youth to sign up to help. Parental help and supervision is needed as we prepare and serve the breakfast.

Thank you to Thrivent leaders for inviting our youth to have the opportunity to do this as a fundraiser for youth ministry.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Give Away Day is Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring good, used household items to give away. Give Away Day is an opportunity to give away things you may not need anymore, but someone else could really use. Not a fundraiser. Please do not donate clothing. Drop off times are posted in the one-page announcement about Give Away Day. You can sign up to help at a drop off time or on the Give Away Day. Sign-up is posted in the church lobby. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Mehler.

Relay for Life, May 17 at the TJ Evans Sports Complex off Sharon Valley Road in Newark. We are forming a Christ Lutheran Team to participate on Saturday May 17. Please sign up in the lobby if you want to be a part of our church team at the RELAY. Relay for Life is hosted by the American Cancer Society as a team/community event to fight cancer. The Relay includes games and activities for children, a continuous walk around the track, music, food, and community groups participating together to fight cancer and be a source of hope for those who face cancer. **Sign up by April 6 to be on the Christ Lutheran Team,** so we can get materials to you. We will have a tent for folks from our church at the Relay. Cancer Survivors are welcome to walk in the opening lap around the track in the morning of May 17. A Luminaria Ceremony is held around the track after dark.

You can purchase a luminaria in memory or in honor of someone you know who has faced cancer.

The Flamingos are coming! From April 12 through May 11 there will be several pink flamingos circulating among church members as a fun way to support the Relay for Life. How it works...if you find a pink flamingo in your yard, you may chose to voluntarily donate \$5 into a donation box at the church for the Relay for Life. You do not have to make any donation, only if you wish to. Then you take the pink flamingo and secretly place it in another church member's yard, but be careful not to be caught! If you are caught, then you are asked to once again donate \$5 to the Relay for Life. Once you have received a flamingo, please write your name on the Flamingo poster at church. We ask that no one be "flamingoed" more than 4 times at the very most.

Women's Breakfast Date change:

Due to the Thrivent Chapter Breakfast being held at the usual time of the Women's Prayer breakfast, we will change the date of the monthly Women's Prayer Breakfast to Saturday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m.

CHURCHES

I think that I shall never see,
A church that's all it ought to be;
A church whose members never stray,
Beyond the straight and narrow way.
A church that has no empty pews,
Whose preacher never has the blues;
Where elders "eld" and deacons "deek"
And none is proud, and all are meek.
Where gossip never peddles lies;
Or makes complaints, nor criticize(s).
Whose members all are sweet and kind,
And to each other's faults are blind.
Such congregations there may be,
But none of them is known to me;
So let us work and play and plan
To make this church the best we can.

**INFORMATION FOR PERSONS SUFFERING
FROM ADDICTIONS, MENTAL ILLNESS, OR
WHO ARE LOW INCOME**

There are some agencies that may offer help.

Suicide Lifeline 800-273-8255
Hopeline 800-784-2433
Addiction Referral (24hr.) 800-577-4740
Treatment Referral 800-454-8966

Franklin County
First Link 614-221-5445
Doctors/Medication/Food Pantry

Fairfield County
New Horizons 740-687-0835
Doctors/Medication (Sliding Fees)

Licking County
Moundbuilders 740-522-8477
Referrals, Doctors, Medications

Some generic medications are offered at Giant Eagle and WalMart for \$4.00 per prescription. At Kroger they are offered for \$9.00 per prescription. You can call to see if your medication qualifies. Your local health department can help with referrals.

submitted by Cheryl Record

BIRTHDAYS

April 2 Stephen Jeffrey
April 3 Paula Fitzgerald
April 4 Carole Spearman
April 4 Jordan Maier
April 8 Fern Briggs
April 9 Barb Bell
April 9 Jim Landis
April 10 Tigan Braskie
April 10 Chase Back
April 12 Jeremy Rother
April 13 Dylan Elliott
April 17 Bev Weaver
April 17 Elizabeth Gardner
April 20 Wendy Jewell
April 21 Andrea Bowermaster
April 21 Junior Morrow
April 22 Logan Kretzmann
April 22 Chris Manning
April 22 Sue Ritter
April 23 Susanna Zellner
April 23 Frank Rosato
April 23 Madison Knighton
April 26 DeeDee Morris
April 27 Bill Clapp

ANNIVERSARIES

April 18 Bud & Betty Brooks
April 23 Frank & Linda Edwards
April 23 Bob & Karen Ewing
April 26 Stephen & Kay Jeffrey
April 28 John & Barb Markham