

The Light of Christ

February 2008 Newsletter

WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, February 3: The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Worship & Holy Communion
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. This is the last Sunday of the season of Epiphany and heralds the coming of Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent.

The Season of Lent

BEGINS: WED. FEB. 6

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion at 7:00PM**

Lent is a season of reflection and spiritual growth as followers of Christ Jesus. It is a time to look deeply at how we follow Jesus even as we know he journeyed toward the Cross. At Christ Lutheran, there are many possibilities to deepen your worship, prayer, and discipleship during Lent.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SOUP SUPPERS AND WORSHIP DATES:

WED. Feb. 13 – March 12

- **TIME: SOUP SUPPER
6:00 PM**
- A sign up sheet will be posted in the church entryway for help with the soup suppers. Volunteers sign up to bring soup, sandwiches, or dessert.

- **LENTEN EVENING
WORSHIP 7:00 PM**
- **WED. CHOIR
PRACTICES 7:45 PM**
(AFTER LENTEN WORSHIP)

LENTEN THEME FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES is “In His

Presence: Women whose lives were changed by Jesus”.

Last year our Lenten Wednesday Evening Worship Services focused on the First 12 Disciples, the men who followed Jesus. Volunteers from the congregation led one Wednesday evening service sermon reflection. This year, we hear from the women whose lives were changed by Jesus:

- Mary the Mother of Jesus- Feb. 13
- Mary & Martha of Bethany (2 volunteers lead this reflection as a team) - Feb.20
- The Woman of Samaria at the Well- Feb. 27
- The Woman Crippled for 18 years- March 5
- Mary Magdalene- March 12

If you would like to lead the reflection about one of these persons from the Bible, please sign up in the entryway. Pastor Kris has many resources to help you prepare a reflection.

Mentors Needed! If you would like to welcome first time visitors and help them feel welcome and comfortable in worship, please let Pastor know by writing a note on your blue attendance sheet. A mentor helps first time visitors by assisting them with a WELCOME BAG and introducing them to the usher, getting a bulletin to them and sharing a bit more conversation with them to welcome them.

A mentor is more involved than greeter when it comes to welcoming first time visitors. If you are not shy about introducing yourself and helping new folks get to know where the coffee, bulletins, and welcome bags are, and inviting them to join us again...then MENTORING is a ministry for you! When a first time visitor returns, you are someone who looks for them and welcomes them back. Talk to Pastor if you have questions about mentoring.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING THE CHIMES PLEASE SEE MARILYN YEKISA. A group is forming. You need to be able to read music to play the chimes.

Audio cassette tapes of the worship service are still being made and may be borrowed at any time and are kept following the service in the church office.
Our sincere thanks to Linda Kretzmann for making the audio cassettes of worship.

While it is snowy and icy
We thank all for help with clearing the sidewalks. We have sand and shovels inside the front doors to use on sidewalks. We cannot use

anykind of ice melt on the new concrete this first year after construction. Please be careful.

LENTEN BREAKFASTS & DEVOTIONS

DATES: WED. Feb. 13 – March 12
TIME: 8-9A.M. AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Bring your Bible. Please sign up to help with breakfast if you can.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP EVENT: **SUNDAY, FEB. 10** **“BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH”!**

Invite someone you know who is seeking a church home and does not have a church home. Let us welcome them in the love of Christ! The Sunday School Teachers will have some special breakfast snacks in each class. Goodie bags will be available for the children. Bring your friends!

Sunday School News

Third/Fourth Sunday School Class
In February, the topics third and fourth graders will be learning about are:

- 1) News about Jesus spreads,
- 2) Jesus gives the Beatitudes,
- 3) Jesus teaches that we are to be salt and light, and
- 4) Jesus explains eternal life to Nicodemus.

February 10 is "Bring a friend to Sunday School." Please remind your children to ask a friend to church that Sunday. We have some fun events planned!

Catechism Class has been learning about the faith of persons whose stories are told in the Old Testament: Moses & Pharaoh, Ruth, and King David are the ones we have studied most recently.

We will continue to study the Old Testament, including the 10 Commandments and why they are so important in our daily lives.

Several members of the High School class recently attended the Lutheran Youth Organization Winter Retreat. In class, they are looking at some of the less familiar stories from the Bible and appreciating the rich lessons gleaned from these stories.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Will be held on Sundays Feb 17 and Feb. 24 right after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Class time is about 30 minutes and includes more in-depth information about Christ Lutheran congregation. These meetings provide the opportunity to get to know others who are joining the church and to ask your specific questions about this congregation, its ministries, and/or about Christian faith in general.

If you are interested in church membership, please write a note on your Sunday attendance blue sheet or call Pastor Kris.

If you have any questions about these classes, please feel free to talk to Pastor Kris.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER ON

FEBRUARY 5

TIME: 5:30-6:30 P.M.

HOSTED BY MEMBERS OF CHURCH COUNCIL.

All are welcome to come to supper and bring the family!

Shrove Tuesday is also called "Fat Tuesday". It traditionally marked the night before Ash Wednesday and was a time of feasting before the fasting of Lent. Whether you are feasting or fasting, this is a time to enjoy the company of your church family and have a great supper hosted by our Congregation Council.

Youth & Thrivent Event!

Mystery Dinner Theatre

Sunday March 2!

TIME 6:00 p.m.

Free will donation will go to the Youth Ministry Fund to help our High School youth attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Summer 2009.

It's That Time Again... get ready for our Fourth Mystery Dinner Theatre sponsored by Thrivent for Lutherans, Knox-Licking Chapter 30776. Kathy Mehler's middle school drama students will once again do an awesome job of entertaining us. The play is called "A Wing and a Prayer". Even though admission is freewill donation, reservations are necessary. Thrivent will supplement the donations up to \$800 so we would like to make at least that amount. Mark your calendars for a fun evening and watch for more details concerning menu and reservations. Call the church office to make your reservation.

We are asking our 7-12 grade youth to please help with the set up and serving and clean up of the dinner. Our sincere thanks to Kathy Mehler

and her drama students from Licking Valley Middle School for sharing their performance with us!

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday February 9 at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome! Come and meet some new friends. Great breakfasts too!

Women's Breakfast will meet Saturday, Feb. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Sunday, February 3: *After the 2nd service, so beginning at 12 noon:*

MENTAL HEALTH

EDUCATION PROGRAM

led by Joyce & Joy Williams.

Joyce & Joy are our congregational liaisons to the Lutheran Network on Mental Illness/ Brain Disorders. They will lead an informative meeting on all neuro-biological disorders (*such as bipolar, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, clinical depression, and general anxiety disorders*). There will be time for questions and a light lunch will be provided (*sandwiches, beverage, chips, dessert*). Informal but very informative. Please sign up in the entryway at church.

February 3: SuperBowl Sunday.

Bring a cash donation for the Licking County Food Pantry and put it into the "soup pot" of your favorite SuperBowl Team. We will announce which

team won the most donations on the following Sunday. All donations go to the Licking County Food Pantry to fight hunger in our community.

The Licking County Coalition of Care Volunteers will have their Volunteer Training at Christ Lutheran on Sat. Feb. 23 throughout the day.

The Licking County Coalition of Care is a non-profit, county-wide ministry supported by the churches. They help persons and families in crisis with rent and utilities assistance and do so in the compassion of Christ, in a way that respects the dignity of each person. This organization began about 2-3 years ago and is serving the community very well. They counsel each person who comes for help. This particular training day is for volunteers who have already begun their service. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol Hughes.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every second Tuesday of each month: all welcome

7:00 p.m. Feb. 12. If you want to learn to crochet or knit, they will teach you. Make prayer shawls and pocket prayer shawls for persons facing illness, grief, the joy of a new baby, or any time of transition in life. This is a very active ministry of the congregation. Come and see!

Many thanks to the Electronic Ministry Team and to Eldon Peterson for a fantastic podcast and website. You can get

all of the information here in the Light of Christ newsletter, plus a monthly calendar, listing or worship assistants, birthdays and anniversaries and Sunday podcasts of the worship service on-line!
Check it out at [www. Christ-in-heath.org](http://www.Christ-in-heath.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY

**Junior Youth Group (gr. 3-6)
Senior Youth Group (gr.7-12)**

**SWIMMING AT COCO KEY
Sunday, Feb. 17: 5-9pm
Cost is \$10 per person, adult swimming or youth swimming.
This activity is for both JR. & SR. Youth groups (grades 3- High School). A parent must accompany any child under 8th grade. SIGN UP BY FEB. 6 IN THE ENTRYWAY. COCO KEY WANTS TO KNOW WHO IS COMING AHEAD OF TIME.**

**MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE
SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT
NOTED ABOVE IN THIS
NEWSLETTER. Sr. Youth, grades 7-12 are asked to help set up, serve, and clean up on Sun. March 2.**

OUR PRAYERS

During December and January we prayed for healing and comfort for Bev Weaver, Jean Downey, Wilma Krueger, Bud & Betty Brooks, Alice Krauss, Wendy Jewell, Ann Williams, Mary Lou Bradley, Connie Swank, and many others as requested by our church family. We prayed for comfort in grief for the Paul Panek Family, the Family of Robin Drumm, the Larry Wilder Family, the Family of Emil Krueger, the Hoyt Family, the

James Deaver Family, and the Manos Family. We prayed for all service people serving throughout the world especially, Numerous other prayers for guidance, support, safety and thanksgiving were offered.

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Congregation Members:

On behalf of the Licking County Coalition of Housing Board of Directors and staff, I want to thank you for your recent contribution of \$177.25 which we received on October 15, 2007. Your continued support in our mission to provide housing resources for all Licking County residents is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Deborah L. Tegteyer
Executive Director

I'd like to thank my church family for the lovely gifts for the ten days of Christmas. God bless each and everyone of you.

Thank you!
Nancy Kraning

Dear Pastor Kris & Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers, visits, and love in the past year. Also for thinking of me and your kindness in many ways during the Christmas holidays.
God Bless You,
Ruth Kassell

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Family,
We are deeply touched and humbled by the outpouring of thoughtfulness, generosity, and love by our Church family following Dad's death.

You embraced the Krueger family during our time of grieving with the Lord's comfort and care.

Sincerely,
Douglas Vernon Krueger

To Pastor Kris & the loving family of Christ Lutheran Church,

We want to give our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Kris for her visits to the hospital and our home. Especially, the uplifting prayers that we shared before and following my surgery and recovering at home. We were blessed on the evening of Dec. 23rd by a visit by a group of Christmas Carollers. Their music was a wonderful experience for me. They brought a tray of cookies, a very special get well card to me from the Children's Sunday School and a beautiful cross Christmas tree ornament. Thank everyone who sent get well cards and the entire Christ congregation for their prayers.
Alice & Paul Krauss

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Eric and I, Elisa, and Jacob thank you with all our hearts for the gracious gifts you shared with us on Christmas Eve. We love you all very much and thank you for the blessings of serving among you. I am grateful to serve the Lord as your Pastor. Blessings always!
-Pastor Kris Santiago

Thank you so much for helping our family help others. We were able to serve 125 meals and supply each person with gloves and hats and many take-home items. Again thank you.

The Curry Family

FOUR CHURCH FARM NEWS

If you are interested in volunteering outdoors in a beautiful setting, please consider helping out at the Four Church Farm. **There is no Four Church Farm meeting in February.** But in March, we get busy again getting things ready for **the 6:30 a.m. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE on Sunday, March 23.** **Work days to prepare for Easter are Wed. March 12 at 9a.m. or the rain date of Wed. March 19 at 9a.m.**

TUESDAY MARCH 11 IS THE NEXT FOUR CHURCH FARM MEETING AT 7PM AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ON WEST MAIN STREET IN NEWARK.

If you are interested, please join us!

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

- Cell Phone # for Kathy Barger
973-3638
- Phone # for Ruth Fies
788-8322
- Christina Gainer
(740) 281-7495

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Please mark your new directories with these changes.

The new church directories have been completed and are located on the back table in the sanctuary and on the table in the entryway.

UPDATES FROM OUR JANUARY 20, 2008 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be made available in the Sunday bulletins following that meeting and in the March 2008 newsletter as this February newsletter is mailed before the meeting.

“THE LIGHT OF CHRIST” MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF OUR CONGREGATION will now be assembled and mailed to you on the **THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH.** In March, all news items and articles are due Friday, March 14. The March Newsletter will be assembled on Thursday, March 20.

BIRTHDAYS

February 1 Lynsey Pyle.
February 2 Jill Mirmohamed
February 4 Tristan Weaver
February 5 Kim Geller
February 6 Maranda Ward
February 6 Jessica Sullivan
February 6 Matt Weinke
February 6 Jill Atkinson
February 7 Marcie Terril
February 7 Kaitlyn Kennedy
February 8 Crysta Joehlin
February 11 Lillian Lovell
February 13 Greg Gardner
February 13 Dante Smith
February 13 Jerry Swank
February 15 Richard Crane
February 15 Eden Jones
February 16 Darcie Ransom
February 16 Hank Fitzgerald
February 16 William Lovell
February 16 Makayla Smart
February 17 Amy Block
February 19 Mike Groseclose
February 20 Carolyn Peterson
February 23 Anthony Rosato
February 23 James Hughes
February 23 Larry Brooks
February 27 Hailey Hunt
February 28 Rod Sheley
February 28 DeLane King

ANNIVERSARIES

February 1 Bob & Barb Moody
February 4 Doug & Jane Krueger
February 12 Bill & Gloria Hardy
February 22 Paul & Sally Kennedy