

The Light of Christ February 2009 Newsletter and Calendar (see page 9)

February Worship News

February 1: Worship & Holy Communion

February 22: Transfiguration Sunday
We'll enjoy a special Children's Sermon time from the Promise Puppets and from Todd & Anne Carmer who will tell us about Lutheran Summer Camp opportunities.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tues. Feb. 24 from 5:00p.m.- 6:30p.m.

Hosted by members of Church Council. No cost. All welcome.
Shrove Tuesday traditionally began as a feast on the evening before the beginning of the fasting of Lent on Ash Wednesday. In our congregation, the Church Council hosts a wonderful pancake and sausages supper for everyone on this evening.

Help is needed to place the large wooden cross in the front of the sanctuary on Tuesday Feb. after the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. If you can help, just gather in the sanctuary after supper. 3 or 4 persons needed to lift this heavy cross in place.

Praise Team Practices will be held on Wednesdays, Feb. 4 & 11 at 6:30pm

Chimes Ensemble Practices will be held on Wed. Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m, also on Thursday evenings, Feb. 12 & 26th at 7:15pm.

The Season of Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25

Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes will be held at 7pm that evening. Chancel Choir will practice after worship at 7:45pm.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Wednesday Evening Prayer Services will be posted in mid-February in the church lobby. You may sign up to help with soup suppers, to bring food, and to help lead the Worship Services. The very first Soup Supper followed by Wed Evening Lenten Prayer will be Wednesday, March 4. Soup supper at 6pm open to the public, and Lenten Worship at 7pm all welcome.

Lenten Breakfasts & Devotions

shared among folks from Christ Lutheran, Heath United Methodist, and St. Leonard Catholic churches will begin at Christ Lutheran on Wed. March 4 from 8:00 am--- 9:00 am

UPDATE FROM ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD SUNDAY, JAN. 18:

There were two items of business considered on January 18. First of all the 2009 Proposed Budget was discussed and approved by motion and vote. Secondly, a new Statement of Purpose was affirmed following Council's authorship and affirmation. The meeting was held after each worship service and at both meetings the 2009 Budget was approved by congregational vote, and the new Statement of Purpose was affirmed with a majority show of hands.

New Statement of Purpose

"To worship God together, share our faith, and spread the love of Jesus through service to all".

This statement of purpose was affirmed at the Congregational Meeting on January 18, 2009. It helps us all to reaffirm and focus on a common vision of why we serve and in Whom we serve.

Births

Thomas James Braskie, born December 16, 2008, son of Jim & Kim Braskie and little brother to Kierra, Brinah, Tigan, and Falin.

Isaac William Alexander, born January 10, 2009, son of Joey & Heidi Alexander and little brother to Madelynn.

Baptism

Evan Gregory Gardner, son of Greg & Elizabeth Garder, baptized on Dec. 21, 2008.

First Holy Communion

Elizabeth Bonner received First Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. Olivia Mirmohamed and Hailey Quickle received First Holy Communion on January 4, 2009.

Congratulations! To Logan Kretzmann who graduated from the Ohio Police Academy on January 29, 2009. Logan will be commissioned at a formal ceremony on January 30, 2009. This congregation has known Logan all his life and we are proud and rejoice with him, and all his family at this time!

In Loving Memory

Suzanne Marie Ritter, passed from this earthly life into eternal life in Christ on January 2, 2009. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held at Christ Lutheran on January 6, 2009. Our prayers surround her children Jeanne (Bob) Andersen, and Jeff Ritter, and granddaughter Emily Andersen.

OUR PRAYERS

During December and January we prayed for healing and comfort for Mike Bell, Wilma Mathews, Becky Wilson, Barb Bell, Lois Scroggins, Sue Bagent, Paula Fitzgerald, Hank Fitzgerald, Bud Brooks, Phil Mitchell, Brandon Llwellyn, Gladys Rinehart, Connor Van Dyke, Jean Downey, Betty Meyer, Shirley Crane, Larry Ploetz, and many others as requested by our church members. Prayers for comfort in grief were lifted for the Family of Devin Reid, the Family of Madelilne Horst, the Family of Wayne Edwards, the Alexander Family, the Family of Jean Smith & Sheley families, the Family and Friends of Sue Ritter, the Bowers Family, the Family of Don Dilley, the Family of Scott Hughes, and the Family of Abe Ransom. We prayed for

all service people serving throughout the world especially Paul Fleming recently deployed to Iraq. We offered prayers of thanksgiving for the safe return from Iraq of Rich Horst , for Joe Duncan from Kuwait, and for Deb Storms from Afghanistan., Numerous other prayers for guidance, support, safety and thanksgiving were offered.

Christian Education News

Faith & Friendship Adult Bible Study and Small Group for prayer will meet On Thursdays, Feb. 5 and Feb. 19 From 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. We

continue study of Max Lucado's book, "Traveling Light: Releasing the Burdens you were never intended to bear" It is based on the 23rd Psalm. All are welcome. You can get a copy of this book at the library or any bookstore.

Fellowship News

Sunday Feb. 8: SWISS STEAK LUNCHEON AFTER THE 10:30 AM WORSHIP. ALL WELCOME! HOSTED BY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM. Donations of desserts are requested.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Will be held Sat. Feb.14 at 8am

Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held Sat. Feb. 21 at 8:30am and will include a Self-Defense Class led by church member Larry Brooks, who has a black-belt in Martial Arts. All are welcome.

SOCIAL HALL USE

Church members are welcome to use the social hall for birthday parties, anniversaries, etc. Church members may also use the social hall for your

non-profit group to meet. The church member requesting the use of the social hall must be present throughout the requested event. **ALL SOCIAL HALL REQUESTS MUST BE APPROVED BY OUR CHURCH COUNCIL AT THEIR MONTHLY MEETING AHEAD OF THE TIME OF THE REQUESTED DATE FOR SOCIAL HALL USE.** It will help us if you can please make your request known to Church council before their monthly meeting which is the First Tuesday of each Month. You can e-mail or phone in a request to the church secretary, Sally Kennedy. Thank you.

Funeral Lunch Donations. We have a fund for Funeral Luncheons that goes toward the costs of providing luncheons or suppers after a funeral or memorial service. This is an important ministry of our congregation, which we provide for families who are grieving. While many side dishes and desserts are donated, we do need to purchase food, beverage, and utensil items for the luncheons. Volunteers help to organize and serve the lunch or supper. If you would like to make a donation to the Funeral Luncheon Fund, we would appreciate your assistance. Just mark your donation "Funeral Luncheon Fund". Thank you.

THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR SIDEWALKS IN THE WINTER MONTHS

During these snowy and icy winter months we are grateful for the help of our ushers to come early before the First Service and check in-between the services to make sure our walkways are shoveled, sprinkled with ice melt if needed and safe for folks to walk on. Thank you for your help with maintaining the walks on Sunday mornings.

We appreciate the help of any volunteers who can keep an eye on the sidewalks of the church during the week too. We are a busy little church and have many activities throughout the week. If you happen to be passing by the church and notice a need for shoveling or salting, we appreciate your help.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Tuesday, Feb.10 at 7pm in the social hall

Neurobiological Support Group for persons who live with mental illness and for their family and friends meet Tuesday, Feb. 3 & 17 at 7pm in the large Green Sunday School Room.

MOPS- Mothers of Pre-school Children now meets at Christ Lutheran Church! They meet at 10am on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the church social hall and nursery.

This is a new group of Christian friendship and support for all mothers with infants, toddlers, and pre—schoolers. Please contact Yvette Van Dyke or Susan Falkenberg if you have questions.

All moms of young children are welcome to attend and bring friends along. MOPS International, Inc is a world-wide non-profit Christian organization for mothers and young children.

Folk Legends of Ohio Musical Group: Meets for practice on Monday evenings Feb. 2 & 16 at 6:45pm

Community Supper Volunteers: If you wish to help with community suppers to help feed the hungry and

welcome all folks to the church for fellowship and supper, please attend an organizing meeting on Sunday Feb. 15 after the 10:30 am worship service.

Community Suppers during Lent:

We want to open the Wednesday Evening Soup & Sandwich Suppers to all in the community this Lent.

We will host the suppers and open the invitation to all our neighbors in the larger Heath/ Newark areas.p

More help will be needed to set up, serve and clean up from the Soup suppers. We pray that we may bring some hope and love to folks in need by sharing the Soup Suppers every week in Lent and inviting folks to the worship of Evening Prayer during Lent.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Report on the Youth Group Lock-In held Jan 9-10. :Thanks to overnight

chaperones, Eric Santiago, Dianne Sullivan, and Mason Van Dyke for staying with the youth all night long.

Thanks to Jarrod & Dianne Sullivan for hosting our Bowling at Park Lanes and for providing breakfast Sat. morning.

Our youth had a lot of fun, learned more about the Biblical roots of what a covenant is and wrote their own covenant for the upcoming LYO Retreat and the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We prayed, sang, played games and had a great time as Christian youth. We are blessed by our faith-filled, enthusiastic, and caring Middle School & High School Youth!

Youth Groups, both the Rising Christian Group and the older Youth Group will meet on Sunday, Feb. 8 after the

10:30 am service in the social hall. We'll meet during the luncheon that day.

NOTES OF THANKS

Fellow Members of Christ Lutheran,

I wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of condolence and sympathy on the death of my brother Scott, age 62, who died on Tuesday, December 9, in Chicago. Though I mourn his passing I rejoice that he is now with Jesus.

The strife is o'er, the battle done.

The difficulties with cancer he endured over the past two years are now ended.

Scott was very interested in politics . His wife, Ruth, wrote "Scott was alert almost to the end so he was able to communicate his wishes. He was even alert enough to hear about our Governor being arrested. That put a slight smile on his face as we have been expecting that for years to happen.

A memorial service will be held next Spring."

We look forward to the ultimate reunion that God promises us all in the final Resurrection.

Jim Hughes

Our family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers offered for our entire family. Especially we want to thank you for the prayers for Donna's mother during her dying process and peaceful passing. Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful Prayer Shawl you made Donna's mother. Thank you for all the cards and letters sent to us and to our daughter, Deb Storms, in Afghanistan. We truly appreciate all of your prayers for our entire family.

Phil & Donna Mitchell

Thank you once again for making our Christmas dinner a success. With your help we were able to feed over 100 people. As always, we thank you for making this possible.

The Curry Family

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful to you for your partnership in ministry in Christ Jesus. What inspires me about ministry is to see how people respond to the love of Christ by actively and willingly sharing his love with others. I thank God when that love is shared with joy! Because jobs are scarce and economic times are difficult, I had asked our Church Council to request that instead of giving a gift to me for Christmas, folks give donations to the Christ Lutheran Care Fund to help persons in need during these times. I am grateful that you indeed gave so graciously to the Care Fund, so that together we can help those who need assistance. I am grateful to you. There is no greater gift than to humbly share the gifts and blessings of Christ's love. This is why we are here to serve.

Thank you for all your love and prayers too!

Bless you!

Pastor Kris Santiago

Thank you to John Markham for making a beautiful new table for our church lobby. Thank you John!

BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Lynsey Whisner
February 2	Jill Mirmohamed
February 4	Tristan Weaver
February 5	Kim Geller
February 6	Jill Atkinson
February 6	Maranda Ward
February 6	Jessica Sullivan
February 6	Max Weinke
February 7	Marcie Terril

February 7 Kaitlyn Kennedy
 February 8 Crysta Joehlin
 February 11 Lillian Lovell
 February 11 Brooke Diller
 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 23 Bethany Thompson
 February 26 Renee Bristow
 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

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
 ASSISTING MINISTER**

Feb. 1 Denney Morris

ALTAR GUILD

Diane Pyle, Lois Antritt, Nancy Kraning

HOST FAMILY

Feb. 1 8:15am V. Blubaugh & J. Miller
 10:30am R. Fies/C. Brooks
 (ogan side)
 Dick & Kay Bailey (pulpit side)

Wed. Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday

Jim & Carol Hughes

COUNTERS

Feb. 1 Chrislip
 Feb. 8 Kretzmann
 Feb. 15 Rosato
 Feb. 22 Kennedy

USHERS

Head Ushers:

Gary Williams **Denney Morris**
 1st service 2nd service

Feb. 1 Communion

Williams Peterson/Patton

Feb. 8

Hardy Morris

Feb. 15

Sheley Weaver/ HS Youth

Feb. 22

Groff White

ACOLYTES

Feb. 1 MacKenzie Ebel/ Claire Zehnal
 Feb. 8 MacKenzie Ebel/Claire Zehnal
 Feb. 15 Kaitlin Fitzgerald/ Samantha
 Weinke
 Feb. 22 Kaitlin Fitzgerald/ Samantha
 Weinke

GREETERS

Feb. 1 John & Kim Geller
 Feb. 8 Larry & Denise Ploetz
 Feb. 15 Doug & Sharon Mye
 Feb. 22 Denney Morris

NURSERY

Feb. 1 Rhonda White
 Feb. 8 Anne & Taylor Carmer
 Feb/ 15 Susan Falkenberg
 Feb. 22 Kay Bailey

LAYREADERS

Feb. 1 8:15am Dave McKitrick
 10:30am Carol Hughes
 Feb. 8 8:15am Joni Miller

10:30am Eldon Peterson
Feb. 15 8:15am DeDe Dudgeon
10:30am Jim Hughes
Feb. 22 8:15am Gary Williams
10:20am Carol Hill

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feb. 1 Linda Patton/Faye Landis
Feb. 8 Joy Williams/Lisa Zehnal
Feb. 15 Puppets: R. White/D. Krueger
Feb. 22 Anne Carmer/Chris Fisher

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 1 are given by Diane Pyle in honor of Lynsey's birthday.

Feb. 8 are given to the Glory of God.

Feb. 15 are given to the Glory of God.

Feb. 22 are given by Lynn Hunt in honor of Hailey and Makayla's birthdays.

NURSES Blood Pressures Taken

Feb. 8th

1ST Service

8:15 – Joyce Williams & Karen Schmidt

2nd Service

10:30 – Kay Bailey

**Blood pressures are taken the
SECOND SUNDAY of the month.**

**VOLUNTEER PARISH NURSE WILL
TAKE MEMBERS OR VISITOR
BLOOD PRESSURES ANYTIME ON
REQUEST.**

**PHARMACIST JONI MILLER WILL
BE AVAILABLE TO CHECK
MEDICATIONS.**

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Worship Services 8:15 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am Catechism 9:30am Holy Communion	2 TOPS Folk Legends 6:45om	3 9-noon ABLE Class 7pm Church Council 7pm Neurobiological Support Group	4 6:30pm Praise Team 7:15pm Chancel Choir	5 9-noon ABLE Class 3-5pm Girl Scouts 7-8:30pm Faith & Friendship	6	7 Youth Ministry workshop in Grove City 1-5pm
8 Worship 8:15 & 10:30am/ SS, 9:30am Swiss Steak Luncheon hosted by Fellowship Ministry team after 10:30 am all welcome! Youth Groups meet during luncheon.	9 TOPS	10 9-noon ABLE Class 7pm Prayer Shawl Mtg. 7pm 4-Church Farm	11 6:30pm Praise Team 7:15pm Chancel Choir	12 LOC articles due 9-noon ABLE Class 3-5pm Girl Scouts 7pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Chimes	13	14 Valentine's Day Men's Breakfast 8am
15 Worship 8:15am & 10:30 am Sunday School & Catechism 9:30am	16 President's Day TOPS Folk Legends 6:45om	17 9-noon ABLE Class 7pm Neurobiological Support Group	18 6:30pm Chimes 7:15pm Chancel Choir	19 LOC Assembled 9am 9-noon ABLE Class 3-5pm Girl Scouts 7-8:30pm Faith & Friendship	20	21 Women's Breakfast 8:30am includes Self Defense Instruction Social hall in use after 12noon
22 Transfiguration Sunday Flint Ridge Apts worship at 2pm	23 TOPS	24 9-noon ABLE Class 9:30am Sewing Group Council hosts SHROVE TUES Pancake Supper, 5pm -6:30pm all welcome!	25 Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm- Holy Communion Chancel Choir following worship service	26 9-noon ABLE Class 3-5pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Chimes	27	28 MOPS- Mothers of Pre-school children meets 10am- all welcome!