

The Light of Christ ***February 2010 Newsletter***



February Worship News

Thank you to all who completed and returned the Worship & Music Surveys. Based on feedback from persons completing the surveys, we will increase the opportunities to celebrate Holy Communion throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter. Throughout Lent and Easter seasons, we will celebrate Holy Communion every first and third Sunday of the month at each worship service.



Holy Communion in February will be celebrated Sundays Feb. 7 and Feb. 21 and on Ash Wednesday, Feb 17.

HOST FAMILY/HOST PERSONS NEEDED to help distribute Holy Communion. TRAINING HELD SUNDAY, FEB 7 AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY. Please sign up (in entryway) to serve as a host family or host person. Individuals will be paired with another individual. Or two family members may serve together.

Choir Festival Invitation!

The Southern Ohio Synod Annual Transfiguration Day Choir Festival will be held this year on February 14, 2010, 4:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg. If you'd like an

opportunity to sing Handel's "And the Glory of the Lord" and "Messiah" as well as Lloyd Larson's "From the Mountaintop", please plan to join us. Our Chancel choir will practice these selections during our January and February rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and Sunday Mornings.



The Season of Lent

BEGINS: WED. FEB. 17

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

Lent is the season of 40 days of self-examination, and reflection on what it means that we are baptized into Christ and belong to him so that we can be changed to become more like him in obedience and love for God the Father.

Lent is an old English word for "spring" and has to do with how repentance, (*turning around, changing our ways, so that we are more faithful and return to God*) leads us to renewed life. It is unfortunate that so many people consider Lent to be a "gloomy" time. Lent is actually a very rich time of returning to God. During Lent we pay special attention to the Christian disciplines of prayer, simplicity, and service in the love of Christ. We do not only observe these disciplines during Lent, but we pay special attention to them, so that we will mature in our relationship with God, and be ever more grateful and faithful to God.

The Midweek Worship Services, morning devotions, and soup suppers are provided so that you will have more opportunities to turn to God in prayer, simplicity, and service.



LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SOUP SUPPERS AND WORSHIP DATES/ TIME

WED. Feb. 24 – March 24

- **SOUP SUPPER 6 PM**
- *A sign up sheet will be posted in the church entryway for help with the soup suppers.*
- **LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP 7PM**
- *A sign up sheet will be posted in entryway for help with Lenten services. Acolytes, ushers, layreaders are needed.*
- **CHOIR PRACTICE, 7:45PM**

LENTEN BREAKFASTS & DEVOTIONS

DATES: WED. Feb. 24 – March 24
TIME: 8-9A.M. AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Bring your Bible.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER ON FEBRUARY 16
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 Lent 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.

OUR PRAYERS

During December and January we prayed for healing and comfort for Heather Bonner, Carl Crase, Joy Williams, Betty Meyer, Jean Downey, Cathy Mras, Christina Kennedy, Logan Kretzmann, Chuck Davis, Janice & Gerry Schulz, John Markham, Hannah Weaver, Jim Landis, Diane Pyle, Anne Carmer, Michael Bell, Yvette Van Dyke, Lynsey Whisner, Alice Meagher, Mary Lou Bradley, Shirley Crane, Glenn Foltzand many others as requested by our church family. We prayed for comfort in grief for the family and friends of Doug Mye, the family of Jim Leach, the family of Maci Randall, the family of James Rollen, the family of Deborah Wollenberg, the family of Dick Lohagen, the family of Pat, the family of Mary Lou Moody Black, the family of Brenda Ronk and the family of Ysabel Miller. We prayed for all service people serving throughout the world especially, Denver Greer, Zackary Sater, and Jonathan Ferguson, Numerous other prayers for guidance, support, safety and thanksgiving were offered.

Baptism: Micah Litton, son of Christina Eastman and Neil Litton was baptized on December 27. Micah's family are good friends of Joy Williams.

Births: Emery Whisner, infant daughter of Nate & Lynsey Whisner, and little sister to Chase Whisner was born Dec. 23! We rejoice with all of little Emery's family.

In Loving Memory: Our brother in Christ, Doug Mye, went home to the Lord on January 3. A Service in Celebration of Life was held in Memory of Doug here at the church on January 6. Please keep Sharon, Lori, Troy & Lisa, & Trevor in your prayers. We have all been so very blessed by Doug's ministry, his care, his great smile and warmth here among us.

New Members: Were received on Sunday, January 17. **Please welcome:**

Tom & Amy Bunyard and their children Ryan and Adam;

Judd & Jessica Delancey and their children Jordan and Josephine.

Glenn Foltz- his wife Marlena has been a member of Christ Lutheran since 1983.

Vada Gleckler

Eric & Allison Hendrickson and their children: Bryn and Ethan;

Don & Rebecca Taulbee and children Taylor, Nathan, and Nicholas.

2010 Offering Envelopes and 2009 Annual Statements of Giving are in the sanctuary. Pick yours up. If you need envelopes, let us know. Thank you to Connie Swank for preparing both of these items.

Annual Congregational Meeting was held on the 45th Anniversary of our congregation, January 17, 2010. At the meeting the proposed 2010 Budget was approved.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who helped with the January 31 Community Dinner! This time we served a fine spaghetti supper at the church AND were able to take dinners out into the community to several local halfway

houses, the domestic violence shelter, the YES Youth Club, and the St. Vincent DePaul shelter. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!

THE GIVING TREE: In February will have tags on it for supplies needed to make **Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief ministry in Haiti.** Please take a tag and return it by the date shown and we will assemble the Health Kits at a date to be determined in Feb or early March.



Crisis in Haiti: You can help by donating.

1. Go to www.lwr.org and donate.
2. If Thrivent Member, every \$2 of your donation will be supplemented by an extra \$1 from Thrivent
3. Or make check to "Christ Lutheran Church" and write "LWR-HAITI" on the memo and we'll send your donation.

CLEANING FOR A REASON

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning – 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment.

All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.,

<http://www.cleaningforareaso.org/>



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING ON WED. FEB 10 AT 6:30PM PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND. IMPORTANT MEETING FOR TEACHERS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GATHERING TIME has been changed from the Opening (beginning) to the **SENDING (closing) time**. Teachers will send their classes into the social hall for closing prayer, recognition of monthly birthdays and Sunday School offering and announcements. Time for the Sending is 10:10am until 10:20am right before the 10:30 am worship service begins. Parents meet their children in the social hall at 10:20am.



NOTES OF THANKS

45th Anniversary Celebration Thank You -

I would like to thank all the people who helped make the music at our 45th Anniversary a truly wonderful celebration. Our brass trio, Todd Falkenberg (trumpet), Katie & Trevor Rodenberger (French Horn & Tuba) filled the sanctuary with a terrific addition to "A Mighty Fortress" & "The Church is One Foundation". The Chime Ensemble, Carol Hughes, Sally Kennedy, Julie, Chrislip, and Linda Patton, contributed chime accompaniment to "The Love of Christ". Thank you also to Dick Bailey for writing the lyrics for 40th Anniversary Sunday Hymn. Another special thank you to the Chancel Choir who performed the anthem, "One in Christ" (JPWilliams/JMMartin), selected by director Mary Ann Guilkey. The anthem reminds us that we are indeed all one in Christ regardless of which regular service we attend. A final thank you also to Mary Ann for preparing for our piano-organ duet for the offertory. I appreciate all the time you all have devoted to preparing for our celebration. We are very fortunate to have many talented people who are willing to provide music for our worship.

Blessings to all!
Marilyn Yekisa
Director of Music/Organist

Here are a few notes of thanks to the congregation for sharing the Love of Christ at Christmas...

In response to the bags of groceries given:

Thank You so much for blessing you all gave to our family. Because of you, we had a wonderful Christmas Dinner.

Teresa's Family

Thank you and Merry Christmas —
Skylyr, Michelle, and Carolyn, & Hayley

Thank you for opening your heart and sharing with others this Christmas. You are helping the holidays be special for us this year, and we are forever grateful. Thank you again and have a Merry Christmas.

From the families helped through the Job & Family Services Adopt a Child Gifts:

I wanted to thank you for helping me make Christmas for my children. I know that with the economy being bad this year that everyone is having a hard time. Thank you for helping. I know my children will be so excited with the things they got from Santa/You. Thank you again my Christmas Angels.

Check the bulletin board for even more letters. And let's all praise God for his blessings which have made it possible for us to help others.

December 23, 2009

Thank you! As of today your gifts and donations have been used to provide presents to 320 families with 750 children and gift cards for about 50 elderly adults. All of this is due to your generosity. Of the 750 children about 150 were not matched with particular donors, so case workers, social workers, and other staff members shopped, using the cash donations we received. Sufficient funds were left that we will be able

to take care of last minute “emergencies” this week as well as allowing us to help with other family emergencies that occur with our families.

On behalf of Families Helping Families,
John D. Fisher, Director

Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone at Catholic Social Services thank you all for your support of our “BASKETS OF LOVE” project. The seniors receiving the baskets are very appreciative of all that they receive. For many of them this was the one bright spot in the holiday.

In appreciation,
David Desender, Regional Director

Thank you to the Christmas Carolers:

Dear beautiful carolers & beloved friends,

God bless you for coming out in the cold to sing for me. It was a true honor to see your loving faces once again. I miss all of you. You filled my heart with your songs of God’s love Thank you, thank you.

With love in Christ,
Shirley Crane

P.S. Jacob, thank you for the box of goodies.

Thank you for the cookies and for caroling.
Mary Lou Bradley

Pastor Kris & My Church Family,

Thanks to Pastor for her love, visits, and prayers and to all others who also shared their love to me during the Christmas Season.

It is always a joy when the carolers, with your goodies, stop by. They are a friendly and fun group.

I will always remember your kindness.

God Bless You,
Love
Ruth Kassell

News from Joy

To my dear family at Christ Lutheran,

I just wanted to let all of you know how much I appreciate your thoughts, prayers, letters, gifts, and e-mails. I have felt them every day and they have pulled me through. I am drawing on the strength that you are sending my way. I pray for each and every one of you as well, and thank the Lord for allowing me to have such a wonderful church family. I am doing well here and healing a little more each day. Thanks you again for your support and love.

God Bless you all,

Joy

P.S. Please keep the mail coming!!

Joy’s address is:

**Joy Williams
28855 Lake Vista Dr.
Agoura Hills, CA 91301**

Dec. 14, 2009

All the Members,

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas from Afghanistan.. Being deployed I have seen a lot of changes. This country is starting to take on it own. Keep all the soldiers in your prayers as we are away from family. I will see you all when I get back to the states in two months.

PFC Jonathan Ferguson

Thank you to Paul Kennedy for making a new FOLDING CHAIR RACK on wheels!

This new chair rack makes it much easier for us to store and move the folding chairs in the sanctuary! Thank you Paul!

Thank you to Eldon Peterson and all who helped install our new entryway monitor!

Now you can see church photos and announcements while sipping your coffee in the church lobby. **Thank you to Eldon & Carolyn Peterson for all the time and hard work they have given to get this**

new system up and running. Thank you also to Eldon for fixing our front office computer and leading our electronic ministry!



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast will meet Saturday; February 13 at 8am

Women's Breakfast will meet Saturday, February 20 at 8:30am.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER-
HOSTED BY CHURCH COUNCIL,
TUESDAY, FEB 16 5PM-6:30PM**

Youth & Fellowship Event Combined!



CHILI COOK-OFF AND FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Fri. Feb. 12 6:30pm

Hosted by the Rising Christians Youth Group and by Fellowship Ministry- all welcome.

Bring your favorite chili to enter the cook off and bring your favorite board games or a deck of cards.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Older Youth (grades 7-12)

LOCK-IN! FRIDAY, FEB. 12-

9:30PM. At Church. Bring snack to share. Bowling, Rock Band and other games, Bible. Lock-in and clean-up ends by 8am Sat. morning 2/13.

Adult chaperones needed in order to be able to have the lock-in.

Sign up in entryway.

MARCH MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE!

**Youth Ministry -Mystery Dinner Theatre
More information will be coming. Mark the date:**

**Saturday MARCH 13
TIME 6:00 p.m.**

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1 Lynsey Whisner
Feb 2 Jill Mirmohamed
Feb 2 Taylor Taulbee
Feb 4 Tristan Weaver
Feb 5 Kim Geller
Feb 5 Payge Penrod
Feb 6 Jill Atkinson
Feb 6 Maranda Ward
Feb 6 Jessica Sullivan
Feb 6 Max Weinke
Feb 7 Marcie Terril
Feb 7 Kaitlyn Kennedy
Feb 8 Crysta Joehlin
Feb 11 Lillian Lovell
Feb 11 Brooke Diller
Feb 13 Greg Gardner
Feb 13 Dante Smith
Feb 13 Jerry Swank
Feb 15 Richard Crane
Feb 15 Eden Jones
Feb 16 Darcie Ransom
Feb 16 Hank Fitzgerald
Feb 16 William Lovell

Feb 16 Makayla Smart
 Feb 17 Amy Block
 Feb 19 Mike Groseclose
 Feb 20 Carolyn Peterson
 Feb 23 Anthony Rosato
 Feb 23 James Hughes
 Feb 23 Larry Brooks
 Feb 23 Bethany Thompson-Mead
 Feb 23 Tyler Cain
 Feb 27 Hailey Hunt
 Feb 28 Rod Sheley
 Feb 28 DeLane King

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 1 Bob & Barb Moody
 Feb 4 Doug & Jane Krueger
 Feb 12 Bill & Gloria Hardy
 Feb 22 Paul & Sally Kennedy
 Feb. 29 Judd & Jessica Delancey

February Worship Assistants

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Please note that we now celebrate Holy Communion the First and Third Sundays each month during the seasons of Lent and Easter

ASSISTING MINISTER (10:30 am only)

Feb 7 Kathy Mehler
 Feb. 21 Denney Morris

ALTAR GUILD

Carole Spearman, Mary Redd, Sally Kennedy

HOST FAMILY

Feb. 7 8:15 Joyce & Gary Williams
 10:30 Larry & Linda Kretzmann
Organ side
 Julie Chrislip & Lindsey Fawcett
Pulpit side
 Feb. 17 -7pm (Ash Wed.)
 Joyce & Gary Williams

Feb. 21 8:15am Dave & Lynda McKittrick
 10:30am Jim & Carol Hughes
Organ side
 Dick & Kay Bailey
Pulpit side

COUNTERS

Feb 7 Kennedy
 Feb 14 Ploetz
 Feb 21 Swank
 Feb 28 Chrislip

USHERS

Head Usher: Williams Morris
1st 2nd

Feb 7 Communion Schmidt Pyle/Clapp
 Feb 14 McKittrick Fisher
 Feb 17 Communion 7pm Krueger/Morris
 Feb 21 Communion Patton HSYouth/White
 Feb 28 Williams Morris

ACOLYTES

Feb 7 Trevor Mye/Bryce Carmer
 Feb 14 Crucifer: Dustin Weaver
 Torchbearers: A. Holman; E. Santiago
 Feb 21 Connor Van Dyke/Hank Fitzgerald
 Feb 28 Connor Van Dyke/Hank Fitzgerald

GREETERS

Feb 7 Nancy Kraning
 Feb 14 Mason & Yvette Van Dyke
 Feb 21 Cliff Neighbarger
 Feb 28 Alice Meagher

NURSERY

Feb 7 Becky Wilson
 Feb 14 Sally Kennedy
 Feb 21 Kay Bailey
 Feb 28 Todd & Susan Falkenberg

LAYREADERS

Feb 7 8:15am Larry Kretzmann
10 30am Carol Hughes
Feb 14 8:15am Paul Krauss
10:30am Denney Morris
Feb. 17 7pm Diane Pyle
Feb 21 8:15am Gary Williams
10:30am HS Youth
Feb 28 8:15am Joyce Williams
10:30am Alice Kruass

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feb 7 Dianne Sullivan, Jessica, Jenna,
Dustin
Feb 14 Linda Patton/Kaitlyn White
Feb 21 Puppets: D. Krueger/R. White &
One HS Youth
Feb. 28 Faye Landis/Alec Van Dyke

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb 7 are given by the Sullivan Family in
honor of Jessica's birthday.
Feb 14 are given by Dick & DeDe Dudgeon
in thanksgiving for the Christ Lutheran
Loving Family.
Feb 21 are given to the Glory of God
Feb 28 are given to the Glory of God.

NURSES

1st Service

8:15 – Joyce Williams & Karen Schmidt
Ross & Pam Shannon

2nd Service

10:30 –Kay Bailey

**Blood pressures will be taken Feb 14th ,
the SECOND SUNDAY of the month,
following each worship service.**

**VOLUNTEER PARISH NURSES WILL
TAKE MEMBERS OR VISITOR BLOOD
PRESSURES ANYTIME ON REQUEST.
PHARMACIST JONI MILLER WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO CHECK MEDICATIONS.**