

The *LIGHT* of *CHRIST*

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MARCH 2009



THE SEASON OF LENT LENTEN THEME FOR 2009

“Lord You Can Open Hearts of Stone”

Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, March 4 – April 1, 7pm

Lent is the 40-day period of more intense focus on self-examination, prayer, and service shared in the love of Christ. The theme of the Lenten Worship this year will encourage us to look closer at the “stones” we carry in our hearts that we need to let go of and ask God for help with so that our “hearts of stone” may be changed and molded into open hearts that are more like the heart of Jesus our Lord.

Wednesday Evening Soup & Sandwich Suppers

March 4- April 1- at 6:00 p.m

Sign up sheets to bring soup, sandwiches, desserts and to help with set-up and clean-up are posted in the church lobby.

This year, we are opening the soup and sandwich suppers to the larger community so we can welcome neighbors to a warm meal in a loving church community.

That means we will need a bit more soup and sandwiches and some additional help with set-up and clean-up—all for a very good cause in these hard times.

Set up is always at 5:30 pm.

Lenten Breakfasts & Devotions

Wednesday mornings Mar 4- Apr.1

8:00 am- 9:00 am All Welcome. A special time during Lent for Bible Study and fellowship.

A LOOK AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

“Journey to the Cross”

Sunday, April 5: 6-9pm

Monday, April 6: 6-9 pm

This is a very moving, quiet, individual opportunity to journey with Jesus toward the cross and resurrection. The entire journey takes about 1 hour.

It provides the chance to really reflect on how we are all called to be transformed by the dying and rising of Christ our Lord.

Please sign up in the church lobby for one of these two night as we need to have no more than 30 people each evening. It is appropriate for children age 11 and older.

3 volunteers are needed on April 5 to set up after worship. 3 volunteers are needed to help with “JOURNEY” each evening.

Please write a note on your blue worship sheet or let Pastor Kris know if you want to help with the “Journey”.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.

The Seder Meal is much like the traditional Jewish Passover meal which Jesus ate with his disciples in the Upper Room on the night of his betrayal.

A sign up sheet is posted in the church lobby for help with food & drink items for the Seder.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 10, 8:00 p.m.

With special music led by the Chancel Choir. We will focus on the last words Christ spoke from the cross.

JOIN IN A MUSICAL MONTH OF MARCH

Singing the Psalms!

During the season of Lent we will put into practice the tradition of chanting the Psalms. If you would like to lead a chanting the Psalm, please contact Marilyn Yekisa. You do not need to be a member of the choir to serve as a cantor.

Chime Opportunities

During Lent we will be using the chimes at the beginning of the services to lead a "Call to Worship." If you'd like to try playing the chimes, this is a very easy one to play. We also will be preparing music for Easter and Lent. If you have basic music reading skills, please give this group a try. We have rehearsals on Thursday evenings. Check the calendar for details.

Praise Team reJOYce needs you!

Please consider joining reJOYce. We sing once a month and generally have two rehearsals to prepare for our worship. Check the calendar for our rehearsal schedule or contact Marilyn Yekisa for more information.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir meets after Wednesday evening worship services in March as well as Sunday mornings at 9:30. Consider joining us for the Lenten season as we prepare for Good Friday and Easter music.

"BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY" IS MARCH 15

Invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor who is searching for a church home! Special activities in Sunday School that day are being organized by Christi Brooks and Dianne Sullivan. Spread the word!

SUNDAY, MARCH 1: TRAINING FOR PERSONS WHO WANT TO HELP SERVE HOLY COMMUNION AT 10:30 AM

WORSHIP. If you wish to begin to serve in this ministry, please come for the training at 9:30 am. If you already serve but would like a refresher, you are welcome to attend.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM WILL MEET THURSDAY, MAR. 12--7:30 P.M.

OUR PRAYERS:

FOR HEALING AND COMFORT: Ali Calvert, Mary Redd, Jean Downey, Lois Scroggins, Mike Bell, Hank Fitzgerald, Gladys Rinehart, Dave Armstrong, Stan Porter, Margo King, Myrna Jackson, Becky Wilson, Ben Gainer, Kathy Barger, Caleb Kretzmann, Sue Bagent, Bud Brooks, Barb Bell, Hilde Hildebrandt, Heather Bonner, Bill Hardy, Mary Lou Bradley, and many others as requested weekly.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS : The Family of Bill Sharp, the Family of Florence Klink, the Family of Harmon Davis, the Family of Jean Carrelli, the Family of Wayne Edwards, the Family of Abe Ransom, the Family of Lois Morgan, and the Family of Tracy Reed, the family of Dave Smith.

OUR PRAYERS FOR COURAGE AND PROTECTION FOR SERVICE PEOPLE: All service people serving in harm's way,

BIRTHS

Joshua Daniel Antritt, son of Dusty & Daniel, grandson of Wendy Jewel, and great-grandson of Lois Antritt was born on February 14, 2009. We rejoice with the family!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Alec Van Dyke became the President of the Southern Ohio Synod Lutheran Youth Organization at the SOS-LYO Winter Youth Retreat held Jan 23-25. God bless you Alec!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

EVE ELLIOTT EASTER BASKET PROJECT
A note from Mental Health America of Licking County:

A key component of good mental health is having a sense of connectedness to the rest of

society and it is for that reason that our Agency has a continuing Easter outreach project where we provide a basket of treats to families in shelters, persons in senior care facilities and even those persons in detention. Your generosity has enabled us to offer this connection for more than 50 years.

Christ Lutheran will again participate in this project. **You can help by donating needed items. Please bring the items to church by Friday, April 3. The Catechism and High School classes will assemble the baskets on Sunday, April 5. Items to donate include:**

- Chocolate marshmallow eggs**
- Chocolate candies**
- Marshmallow chicks or rabbits**
- Pre-wrapped candies**
- Small unmarked margarine containers**
- Berry Baskets**

Community Dinners served every Wednesday in Lent at 6pm to offer a warm meal and loving hospitality to the larger community. All welcome. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please spread the word and invite everyone!

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN) MEETS AT CHURCH!

Contact Persons: Yvette Van Dyke and Susan Falkenberg

First Meeting: Sat. Feb. 28 at 10am

Wanted! Mothers of Children (Birth-Kindergarten) who are eager to make new friends and develop your relationship with God! Please join us the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Mothers and children are invited to each meeting. For more information please contact Yvette Van Dyke, 522-8892

Prayer Shawl Ministry NEEDS YOU!

Please see the special announcement included in this issue of the Light of Christ. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church parish hall. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, they will even teach you!

THE MV CHRISTIAN—still hope

This letter was sent to Hilde Hildebrandt about the missionary work using the boat the MV Christian.

Dear All,

I think you probably know by now that the MV Christian is up on dry land for awhile.

“Lutheran Associates donor giving over the last quarter has taken a huge drop—economy, of course. So much that extreme measures had to be taken”, Don Johnson, the Director, thought.

He notified Stan and Sharon to bring the boat home (in the middle of their rounds) and dry dock it for up to a year. (What a shocking disappointment to them, just having started their ministry.) It hardly seems real.

That happened a couple weeks ago. El helped Stan and in 3 days got it taken care of—there's a lot to mothballing a boat. They took all their things off and headed back to Ketchikan. Other cuts and salary reductions are being made. I imagine word will be out in a donor letter or Northern Lights soon.

But since then, a groundswell has arisen to raise funds and get it on the water for summer. However, that is a still-in-the-head idea of a former bishop and some others. It will take some forceful leadership if that's to happen, I imagine.

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Our church has supported the ministry of the MV Christian for many years. How sad that all the children who looked forward to the visits of the boat and its skipper and first mate will no longer be able to learn of God's love through the activities and Bible studies provided on the MV Christian.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Although it has been quite awhile since we have been able to attend Sunday services, we are pleased the congregation continues to include us. Wilma appreciates the prayers and concern of the Christ Lutheran family. Her spirits are lifted with visits from Pastor Kris. We hope for a good year in 2009.

Mike & Linda Mathews
Monte & Kathy Mathews

Wilma Mathews

Thank you Christ Lutheran Church Family
Love,
Alyssa (Ali) Calvert

Thank you to John Markham for building the two new oak tables in the entryway. They are a beautiful addition.

Thank you to our Fellowship Ministry Team for the wonderful and delicious lunch served on Sunday, Feb. 8.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There is a list of mental health resource numbers for Licking Co. posted on the middle bulletin board. Also, some informative brochures on mental illnesses: clinical depression, bipolar, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and other anxiety disorders are available. There is a CRISIS phone number to call for emergency help, information, and guidance. The Neurobiological Support Group for people living with a mental illness, their family, and friends meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7pm in the large green Sunday School room. If you have any questions or need help and guidance in any way, please call Joyce Williams at 366-2885 or Joy Williams at 403-3894.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Sunday School rooms which had water damage due to a water pipe break during the extreme cold temperatures of January are now on the way to completed repairs.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we hope that the Nursery Room and other classrooms will soon be finished with repairs. Thank you to Dick Bailey for being our contact person in working with the repair professionals.

Sunday School continues to meet every Sunday at 9:30am. Please join us for fun and learning. Thank you to all our Sunday School teachers! **Please join us for Sunday School!**

Weekend of March 13-15 The Catechism Class will attend the Lutheran Memorial Camp Confirmation Weekend Program. Thank you to Todd & Anne Carmer for participating with them as chaperones!

THERE WILL BE A VERY BRIEF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING FOR ALL TEACHERS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1 AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE.

NEW MEMBERS MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT 9:30 AM ON SUNDAYS, MARCH 1 & 8 IN PASTOR'S OFFICE. Please let Pastor Kris know if you would like to join the congregation as a member. **New Members will be welcomed on Sunday March 15.** Each meeting provides helpful information about Christ Lutheran Church so that you can feel welcome to join in the ministry of the congregation as together we journey with Jesus Christ.

"DEATH & TAXES": Mystery Dinner Theatre- March 21, 6pm

The Licking Valley Middle School play cast will once again be doing their annual Dinner Theatre. The production is called, "Death & Taxes". it will be at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21st.

YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS to attend. Our space is limited to approximately 130, so sign up ASAP.

We always sell out. Thrivent will match our donations, and that makes this an excellent fund raiser for our church! Cost of the evening is donation only. Door prizes will be given to those who correctly guess "whodunit" Come join the fun!

YOUTH MINISTRY

**March 8: after 10:30 am worship
Both Youth Groups meet.**

**Light of Lutherans- Older Youth
(grades 7-12)**

March 8: Meet with Habitat for Humanity :
Devotions led by Dustin

Sunday, March 15: After 10:30 am- Youth and Chaperones going to New Orleans meet. Parents of youth going are welcome.

Saturday, March 21: We need the help of our older youth at the Mystery Dinner Theatre. Please come to help out beginning at 5:15pm. Thanks!

Sunday, March 29: After 10:30 am worship the older youth will meet for pizza and then we'll plant some flowers and clean up debris in the church side yard.

Rising Christians- Younger Youth (GRADES 3-6)

Meeting on March 8-Devotions led by Hank & Jacob

Sunday, March 8: 1pm Bowling at Park Lanes (sign up on Feb 22 or Mar 1)
Bring \$2 per person to go toward bowling. Parent drivers needed to help transport from church to bowling then pick up your child at 3pm

BOTH YOUTH GROUPS...

Wednesday March 11: Youth Service Ministry- Youth of Both Youth Groups and their parents will set-up, bring soup and sandwiches, desserts and clean up for the Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper. Set up at 5:15pm. Please see the sign up sheet for Lenten Suppers in the church lobby.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in March will meet the FIRST SATURDAY, March 7 at 8am. All welcome!

Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet Sat. March 21 at 8:30 am

BIRTHDAYS

March 1 Abby Holman
March 4 Dick Dudgeon
March 4 Kenny Calvert
March 4 Elise Duncan
March 6 Paige Trusler
March 6 Clayton Lannan

March 8 Caleb Kretzmann
March 11 Jim Hickman
March 14 Heidi Mehler.
March 14 Taylor Carmer
March 15 Deb Bell
March 15 Cheryl Nutter
March 16 Kierra Braskie
March 16 Olivia Mirmohamed
March 17 Connor Van Dyke
March 19 David Armstrong
March 20 Sue Bagent
March 21 Beth Annarino
March 23 Courtney Weinke
March 25 Brinah Braskie
March 26 Sally Kennedy
March 27 Mark Manning
March 27 Jay Fisher
March 28 Elisa Santiago
March 29 Jon Morrison
March 30 Dick Bailey
March 31 Chase Pyle
March 31 Kaleb Vermillion

ANNIVERSARIES

March 14 Ross & Pam Shannon
March 19 Blake & Jennifer Duncan

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER

March 1 Diane Pyle

ALTAR GUILD

Diane Pyle, Lois Antritt, Nancy Kraning

HOST FAMILY

March 1 8:15am Dave & Lynda McKitrick
10:30am Seth & Linda Patton(organ side)
Dick & Kay Bailey (pulpit side)

COUNTERS

March 1 Ploetz
March 8 Swank
March 15 Chrislip
March 22 Swank
March 29 Rosato

USHERS

	Head Usher: Williams	Morris
	1st	2nd
March 1 Communion	Schmidt	Morris/Wilson
March 8	McKitrick	Kraning/Morris
March 15	Patton	HSYouth/Pyle
March 22	Schulz	Bodle

March 29 Moody Fisher

ACOLYTES

March 1 Jake Brooks/Trevor Mye
March 8 Jake Brooks/Trevor Mye
March 15 Olivia Mirmohamed/Jenna Sullivan
March 22 Olivia Mirmohamed/Jenna Sullivan
March 29 Jake Brooks/Hank Fitzgerald

GREETERS

March 1 Nancy Kraning
March 8 Cliff Neighbarger
March 15 Alice Meagher
March 22 Roger Pyle
March 29 Susan Falkenberg

NURSERY

March 1 Susan Falkenberg
March 8 Kim Geller
March 15 Kay Bailey
March 22 Anne & Taylor Carmer
March 29 Becky Wilson

LAYREADERS

March 1 8:15am Joyce Williams
 10:30am Chris Fisher
March 8 8:15am Karen Schmidt
 10:30am Paul Krauss
March 15 8:15am Vickie Blubaugh
 10:30am Hank Fitzgerald
March 22 8:15am Alice Krauss
 10:30am Roger Pyle
March 29 8:15am Joni Miller
 10:30am Denney Morris

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

March 1 Eric Santiago/Elisa Santiago
March 8 Dianne Sullivan, Jenna,
 Jessica, Dustin
March 15 Puppets: R. White/D. Krueger
March 22 Faye Landis/Lisa Zehnal
March 29 Joy Williams/Linda Patton

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 1 are given by Deb Hunt in honor of Hailey's birthday.
March 8 are given by DeDe Dudgeon in honor of Dick's birthday..

March 15 are given by the family in honor of the wedding of Lisa Mye & Troy Coulter.
March 22 are given in honor of Elisa's birthday by Eric & Pastor Kris Santiago.
March 29 are given by Diane Pyle in honor of Chase's birthday.

NURSES Blood Pressures Taken March 8th 1st Service

8:15 – Joyce Williams & Karen Schmidt

2nd Service

10:30 – Linda Edwards

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Needs You!



Please come! Visit with us and see for yourself. We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

- We are few in number and the need for prayer shawls is great
- If you are not already a knitter or crocheter, we have people who will be happy to teach you
- We have the yarn and the knitting needles or crochet hooks but....
- We need YOU

Prayer shawls bring comfort to the recipients, but they bless the makers also!

Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Christ Lutheran Church and share in the blessings of this ministry.

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion Worship 8:15 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30am Catechism 9:30am New Members 9:30am New Host Fam Training 9:30am In sanctuary.	2 TOPS Folk Legends 6:45pm	3 ABLE Class 9-noon Church Council 7pm Neurobiological Support Group 7ipm	4 Lent Bfast & Dev. 8-9am Soup Supper 6pm Worship 7pm Chancel Choir 7:45pm	5 ABLE Class 9-noon Girl Scouts 3-5pm Praise Team 6:30pm Chimes 7:30pm	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8am
8 Worship 8:15 & 10:30 SunSch & Cat 9:30am New Members, 9:30am Youth meeting 11:30am RC -Bowling at 1pm	9 TOPS	10 ABLE Class 9-noon Prayer Shawl 7pm Four Church Farm @ Holy Trinity 7pm	11 Lent Bfast & Dev. 8-9am Soup Supper 6pm Worship 7pm Chancel Choir 7:45pm	12 ABLE Class 9-noon Girl Scouts 3-6:45pm Praise Team 6:30pm Worship & Music Team meet at 7:30pm Chimes at 7:30pm LOC articles due	13 Mye/ Coulter Rehearsal Catechism Youth go to Lutheran Mem. Camp....	14 Mye/ Coulter Wedding
15 Bring A Friend Sunday! Worship 8:15 & 10:30 New Members Welcome Sunday School 9:30am New Orleans Meeting	16 TOPS Folk Legends 6:45pm	17 ABLE Class 9-noon Neurobiological Support Group 7ipm	18 Lent Bfast & Dev. 8-9am Soup Supper 6pm Worship 7pm Chancel Choir 7:45pm	19 ABLE Class 9-noon Girl Scouts 3-5pm Praise Team 6:30pm Chimes 7:30pm LOC assembled 9am	20	21 Women's Breakfast 8:30am
22 Worship 8:15 & 10:30am SunSch & Cat. 9:30am Flint Ridge Worship 2pm	23 TOPS	24 ABLE Class 9-noon Sewing Group 9:30am	25 Lent Bfast & Dev. 8-9am Soup Supper 6pm Worship 7pm Chancel Choir 7:45pm	26 ABLE Class 9-noon Girl Scouts 3-6:45pm Chimes 7:30pm	27	28
29 Worship 8:15 & 10:30 SunSch & Cat, 9:30am Older Youth Pizza and Yard Project 12 noon	30 TOPS	31				