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SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:30 A.M. Family
9:20 p.m. Sunday School
(after Children's Sermon)
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class

SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP
10:00 A.M.. Family Worship

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essage from Pastor Scott Johnson

Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

A DEVOTION FOR THE NEW YEAR!

I have this verse on a pen that was given to me years ago. We often develop strategies, game-plans, life-plans – and then, at some obstacle or critical point, we say – “Just stick to the plan!” It’s usually good advice.

Life is always sending unexpected surprises, but praise God, nothing takes Him by surprise. He’s the master planner. Our family might turn against us, our friends let us down, illness, afflictions, problems and “situations” on every side...God still has a plan, for you, and for me.

Joseph is a prime example of life’s surprises. It took 13 years of endurance and character-building for him to fulfill this part of God’s plan. Sold as a slave into Egypt by his own brothers, betrayed and imprisoned, he must have wondered a lot where God was and what He was doing. But finally, Joseph was placed in the highest position in the land, second only to Pharaoh, and commissioned to execute God’s plan for saving the world from famine. So the Lord had surprises of His own. Revealing him-

self to his brothers, Joseph summed it up beautifully: “You intended to harm me, but *God intended it for good*, in order to bring about as [it is] this day, to preserve a numerous people.” (Genesis 50:20)

When our situations are difficult to handle and downright impossible to explain, we need to remind ourselves that God said, “I know the plans I have for you.” Through these situations we discover how faithful and sovereign He truly is. When the test is completed, we come out with character, stronger in faith, more in love, more useful to Him, and ready..... for our next test.

The fact that we have problems is a sign that we also have a promise. It’s only a matter of time before God reveals His good intentions – so until then, *let’s keep the faith and stick to the plan! His !!!*

Pastor Scott

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JANUARY 2010 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	3 RD	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st
COMMUNION SETUP AND ASSISTANTS	Lynnea Sekasko Julie Malin	Ken Miller Myrna Salazar	Greg Paddack Carl Malin	Anne Wurfel Dick Bukowski	Greg Paddack Bob Lempkowski
GREETERS	Klaus Schuetze Gail Schuetze Sue Jay	Tim Satherlie Phyllis Olson Doris Olson	Carolyn Bonness Anita Lambert Doris Olson	Laurie Johnson Debbie Paddack Joyce Johnson	Carole Campbell Anita Lambert Greta Kob
EXIT GREETERS	Jean Hineman Carolyn Ohman	Jody Check Greg Paddack	Jody Check Don Finney	Jody Check Jean Hineman	Carolyn Ohman Greg Paddack
LAY READERS	Jean Kinder	Al Haak	Anita Lambert	Carl Malin	Carolyn Ohman
LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS	Jean Hineman	Carl Malin	Tom Gnoyke	Carolyn Ohman	Dick Bukowski
COUNTERS	Marilyn Anderson Carolyn Ohman	Klaus Schuetze Phyllis Olson	Greg Paddack Joyce Johnson	Tom Fedro Jill Kummer	Ken Miller Jim Snosowski
USHERS	Sue Miller John Teppen Mary Teppen	Tom Fedro Jody Check Jim Lagerhausen	Ernest Wurfel Anne Wurfel Greg Paddack	Klaus Schuetze Gail Schuetze Joanne Szukala	Karl Becker Jan Fedanzo Don Finney
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Pancake Breakfast	Rebecca Circle Lynnea, Joyce, Sue	Esther Circle	Ken and Sue Miller	

If you are not able to serve on these dates, please call another member or youth to trade with, and notify the church office of the change. Tel: 847-437-5141 Thanks!

LOOK AT OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS



Our Confirmation Class not only attends classes, they also participate in our worship services, work in the nursery and please be sure to ask any of them about their trip to the corn maze!

Cross Roads is a monthly newsletter published by Lutheran Church of the Cross. We welcome your comments and input. Please send articles, updates of your team events, and pictures (in jpeg format) to : office@sharegodslove.org by second Thursday of the month.

JANUARY 2010						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	2 10:00AM Disciple Church
3 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Traditional Service 11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 1:00 PM Disciple Church	4 6:30pm Chicago Bronze	5 9:00 AM Food Pantry 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00PM Music Team 7:30pm Bell Choir	6 8:00PM Disciple Church	7 6:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Bell Practice 7:30PM Choir	8 8:00PM Disciple Church 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous	9 10:00AM Disciple Church
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December 3

Pancake Breakfast Fellowship at 11:00 am.

**Ministries at
Lutheran Church
Of The Cross**

Adult Education

Chapel Service at Friendship Village

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School

Drama Team

Evangelical Team

Fellowship Team

Helping Hands

Home Communion Team

Outreach Team

Prayer Ministry

Small Group Bible Study

Social Ministry

Food Pantry

Worship and Music

Share God's Love



W.E.L.C.A. NEWS
Women of the ELCA
We learn...We Love...We Serve...

Finance Committee

Phyllis Olson, Jill Kummer,
Myrna Salazar, Muriel Tripp,
Debbie Paddack,
Lynnea Semasko

Communications

Lynnea Semasko

WELCA REMINDS EVERYONE
Continue saving items for St
Mathews. The next birthday
party will be held in January.
Small items such as soap, decks
of cards, postage stamps, sta-
tionery, long necklaces, small
stuff animals, etc. are appreci-
ated. Please place items in the
box above the mailboxes in the
Fellowship Hall

ESTHER CIRCLE

January 15 at 7PM
Linda Sosnowski
309 N. Emerson, MP
847-255-2766
Wrap Gifts for
St Matthews

REBECCA CIRCLE
January 12 at 7:30PM
Susan Martin 432 S.
Evanston, AH
847-255-3406

Outing
January 13

Special Activity
St. Matthews Birthday
Party
January 17th

KITCHEN CARE:
Front Kitchen—Esther Circle
Back Kitchen—Rebecca Circle

Isn't it great that our WELCA circles
take such good care of our kitch-
ens...Keeping them stocked and
keeping them clean!
Your service does not go un-noticed
and is much appreciated!
Thank you!

NEWS & EVENTS

READ TO LEARN
 Literacy / Volunteer Program
 2010 Schedule
 February 9 to April 13
 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday

Food Pantry

Sign Up to Help Pantry push 1st Sunday of the month. All food donations welcome!

Helping Hands Ministry

Just a reminder that we frequently have members of our church family who need assistance with rides, meal delivery or small chores. Accomplishing these tasks can seem insurmountable especially to those who are recovering from hospitalization. If you can help by cooking or providing a "helping hand" in another way, please sign up on the poster in the fellowship hall.

Nursery

The nursery is located down the North hallway is open to infants and toddlers during worship services. If you find it necessary to leave the Sanctuary, there is also a speaker system in the Narthex for your convenience.

The diakonia Program

Diakonia includes a whole new way of thinking and doing, of perception and reception, of defining and redefining our lives and purpose for living. The focus is no longer on ourselves, our fears, trials and tribulations, but on what God would have us say and do in the midst of those fears, trials and tribulations. God's call to ministry amidst the daily struggles of life is our call to Christian discipleship. For further information about this two-year theological program for lay people, please contact Pamela Marino at 773-763-0605 or go to the www.thediakoniaprogram.org website.

ADULT EDUCATION—10:15am Sundays

Girl Scout Troop

#40240 and #30176

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

On Saturday

1:00—2:30 PM on the

following dates

1/23/10, 2/20/10, 3/13/10

4/10/10, 5/15/10 and 6/12/10

Fellowship Hosts

Fellowship Hosts are needed for after the 9AM Sunday services. Please find a date that you can bring goodies. The coffee and juice will be set-up for you. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Daily Devotionals

January, February, March Daily Devotionals (Portals of Prayer) are now available in the back of the church. These have been purchased and donated by Esther Circle.



Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach ministry, so that we may continue to...

“Share God’s Love”

Walker R. Reach, Chairman

Adult Education in January:

January 10: How Lutherans Interpret the Bible

We tested this series out in a 7 part Bible study, last year. It was well received. We now want to introduce it on Sunday mornings to a different crowd.

This series, created for laity, is taught by Mark Allen Powell, a Lutheran Pastor and Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. The first session, THE WORD OF GOD is a DVD/discussion about how we, of the Lutheran faith, think about God's word. Come to learn about what being Lutheran is all about. (We will be weaving these sessions in throughout the year; feel free to come to any or all of themthey are independent of each other.)

January 17: Religions of the World: ISLAM

We made it ---- this is our 6th and last session in the series "Religions of the World". We have traveled the globe and through thousands of years of history. In this last session, Kathy Mills will lead us in viewing this DVD and subsequent discussion of this very relevant religious/cultural entity.

January 24: **6:30 PM**

Beyond the Gates of Splendor

You may remember in 2008, we showed the movie "The End of the Spear". Those who attended were very moved by this powerful story of missionaries and indigenous people in Ecuador in the 1950's. This feature goes beyond the "Hollywood" version. It is a documentary which talks about the people involved in this story, interviews both the surviving missionaries and many of the indigenous people, to get at the heart of what happened and why. It is not to be missed. Please join us for this inspiring true story of ultimate sacrifice.

January 31: Congregational Meeting ---- No Adult Education