

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Message from Pastor Scott Johnson

*"And hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into
our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has
been given to us."*

—Romans 5:5

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:30 A.M. Blended

Ash Wednesday Service on
February 25th, at 7:30 p.m.

March 4, 11, 18, 25,
and April 1

Lent Worship at 7:30 p.m.
Lenten Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

9:20 p.m. Sunday School
(right after

Children's Sermon)

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class

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The first part of Paul's letter to the Romans deals with the righteousness of God and that through faith we too are justified by God's grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Paul also talks about sufferings and the power of hope. It is that little word – hope - that can sustain us in difficult times.

Hope in making a comeback is what helps the boxer pick himself up off the canvas after being knocked down. Hope is what gives the cancer patient strength to endure another radiation or chemo treatment. Hope that tomorrow may finally bring a new job is what keeps a person searching. We cannot turn on the radio or television without hearing how bad the economy is doing. We need to turn to God more than ever.

Someone passed this saying along to me so now I'll pass it along as well. "I am too blessed to be stressed!" "The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything."

We can live without a lot of things in this life, but not hope. Our hope comes from placing our trust and faith in Jesus because we know, "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). Paul was certainly right, hope does not disappoint us.

See you in church,

Pastor Scott

NEWS & EVENTS

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.

Lay Reader Volunteers

It is time to update the list of Lay Reader volunteers! If you want to share your reading talent, please contact Ryann Uden at ryann@uden.org to be added to the reader rotation.

Bible Study every Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the LCC.

Book Study at 6:30pm on Wednesdays. We will continue to study the book, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You Got to Get Out of the Boat", by John Ortberg. Our last session will be on February 4. Book Study will then resume after Easter.

Children Sunday School right after Children's Sermon (appx. 9:20 a.m.)

Confirmation Class at 11:30am to 12:30pm right after second service.

Nursery 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.

Fellowship Sunday, coffee, juice and treats will be provided after the first service.

READ TO LEARN

Literacy / Volunteer Program

Spring 2009 Schedule

February 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 31

(No Class on 24 Spring Break)

April 7, 14, 21



Jesus + Justice + Jazz. This is the theme of the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering, July 22 to 26th in New Orleans. We have 6 youth and 2 adults attending this event. They need your support in prayers and financially. Several fund raising events are planned between now and June. We also will offer an opportunity for you to sponsor the youth by making a donation. Our first fundraiser is singing valentines. Get yours now. If you have questions about the event, talk to Karl Becker or Ellen Gnoyke.

Editor's Note: "A Picture said a Thousand Words"

You can send in pictures from your ministries, activities involving the Church to share in the LCC circulations. For those who might not be able to attend some of the wonderful events in 2009, it will be nice to see the pictures instead!

Thank you for the lovely pictures of the St. Matthew Birthday Party held in January. (See pictures on page 9).

Question: What kind of light did Noah use on the Ark? (Answer on page 4)



W.E.L.C.A.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WE LEARN . WE LOVE . WE SERVE

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 10th, 7:30p.m. (Rebecca Circle)

Meet at Peg Teske, "The Moorings": 811 E. Central #405, Arlington Heights, 847-956-4386

Sunday, 8th, Treats: Peg, Phyllis, Muriel

Wednesday, 11th, 7:00p.m. (Esther Circle)

Meet at Katherine Ehlert : 201 S. Wa Pella, Mt. Prospect, 847-670-7343

*Sunday, March 15th, Treats

W.E.L.C.A. Committee Members:

Financial Committee: Phyllis Olson, Jill Kummer, Myrna Salazar, Muriel Tripp, Lynnea Semasko, Debbie Paddack. Communication Coordinator: Lynnea Semasko.

Please join us: See Lynnea Semasko, Jill Kummer or Myrna Salazar.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

Save your junk for the Spring Rummage Sale!



Adult Education 2009 February 8, 15, 22 at 10:15 a.m.

February 8th:

THREE FAITHS, ONE GOD: Judaism, Christianity, Islam

(The third and final session ---- even if you haven't attended the others, please come.)

This ground-breaking documentary compares similarities and differences in religious beliefs and practices that Islam has with Christianity and Judaism. It also examines how people of goodwill in the Abrahamic faith communities are coming to terms with historical conflicts that impact their lives today, the crisis of the fundamentalist approach to religious pluralism and tearing down barriers to understanding and respect. Facilitated by a Rabbi, a Pastor and an Iman.

February 15th:

THE EXODUS REVEALED: Search for the Red Sea Crossing

During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, more than 3000 years ago, one of the most famous miracles of the Old Testament took place. Come explore with us some new archeological evidence that sheds light on the precise route the Israelites may have followed to freedom, their crossing site on the shores of the Red Sea and the location of Mt. Sinai.

February 22nd:

HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE DAILY

Is salvation something you choose or something that God chooses for you? Come join us for a DVD presentation from the Lutheran Handbook II, followed by thought provoking discussion on the topics of grace and salvation.

School-Age Care Program



First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have given their support and encouragement these past two and a half years as this program finally becomes a reality. The School-Age Care Program at Lutheran Church of the Cross is now licensed to operate.

Getting our program off to a good start when school reopens is now my top priority. I would be very grateful if anyone in the congregation who knows a family whose children attend Forest View Elementary, Holmes Middle, or John Jay Schools to give them one of our coupon flyers. The flyers are located on the entrance table in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take as many as you need.

Sharon R. Stephan
Director

RECYCLE AND CONTRIBUTE!

Do you know that you can save your unwanted printer cartridges and donate them to the church for recycling and fundraising? The drop-off box is located in the South Fellowship Hall by the mailboxes.

HAPPY VALENTINES AND HEALTHY HEARTS

Got a few tips from the Northwest Community Hospital!

Keep up with your activities and keep up with your exercise routine. Join a free walking club. You can call 847-618-7440 for more information.

Back to basics—healthy eating!

Fruits and vegetables—shop the rainbow colors. Food with rich colors contain a good supply of antioxidants that may reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke and eye problems.

Grains—prevent type 2 diabetes.

Meat and beans—Protein found in

this food group, meat, chicken, seafood, eggs, and beans, is rich in B vitamins and helps build and repair muscle.

Dairy—Calcium in milk, yogurt, and cottage cheese helps build and maintain your bones.

VOCAL TECHNIQUES CLINIC

Vocal Workshop led by
Janene Bergen and
Wilbert O. Watkins

9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Registration starts at 8:30a.m.

Saturday, February 28, at the
Pilgrim Congregational Church
460 Lake Street Oak Park, IL 60302

Please call Carol Klingbeil at
773-631-0898 to reserve a space.
Cost is \$5.00 and may be paid the
day of the clinic.

Answer to Question on page 3: Flood Lights.

Ministries at Lutheran Church Of The Cross

Adult Education

Chapel Service at
Friendship Village

Christian Education

Drama Team

Evangelical Team

Fellowship Team

Helping Hands

Home Communion Team

Outreach Team

Prayer Ministry

Small Group Bible Study

Social Ministry

Worship and Music



FEBRUARY 2009 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	1st	8th	15th	22nd
COMMUNION SETUP and ASSISTANTS	Julie Malin Myrna Salazar	Laurie Johnson Jean Hineman	Bob Lempkowski Rainey Koga	Greg Paddack Lynnea Semasko
ACOLYTES	Kaity White Mandy Ehlert	Mike Garbis	Nicole Lekas	Brad Ecklund
GREETERS	Ken Ahlgren Helen Ahlgren Tom Fedro	Carolyn Bonness Mary Ferraro Joanne Szukala	Stacy Uden Ryann Uden Doris Olson	Linda Dustin Mary Ferraro Karl Becker
EXIT GREETERS				
NORTH	Don Finney	Jean Hineman	Karl Becker	Greg Paddack
SOUTH	Jean Hineman	Don Finney	Stacy Uden	Jody Check
LAY READERS	Lynnea Semasko	Bob Lempkowski	Ken Miller	Carl Malin
LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS	Bob Lempkowski	Dick Bukowski	Ken Miller	Jean Hineman
COUNTERS	Tom Fedro Jill Kummer	Ken Miller Jim Sosnowski	Bob Lempkowski Ernest Wurfel	Greta Kob Sue Jay
USHERS	Ernest & Anne Wurfel Janice Fedanzo	Don Finney Tom Fedro Jody Check	Karl Becker Sue Miller Jim Lagerhausen	Klaus and Gail Schuetze Jean Hineman
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Pancake Breakfast	Rebecca Circle		

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!

Sunday School Registration

Join us for Sunday School

Family Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Member: Yes No

Child's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

School Grade Fall 2008: _____

Child's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

School Grade Fall 2008: _____

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Birth Date: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

School Grade Fall 2008: _____

Child's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

School Grade Fall 2008: _____

Does your child require special accommodations?

Does your child have any allergies we should be aware of?

Please return registration form to the Education Ministry Committee mailbox in Fellowship Hall.

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Questions? Call: 847-437-5141

APPENDIX FORM IV

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

CONSENT FOR SINGLE SUPERVISION

I am aware that as part of the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention policy, Lutheran Church of the Cross strives to provide "dual supervision" for children and youth participating in classes and programming wherever possible. I am also aware, however, that single supervision to such events may be permitted with written consent of parents or guardians of the children involved in the activity.

With these guidelines in mind, I hereby consent to the single supervision of my child/children:

By Mr. / Ms. : _____

For the purpose of the activity known as _____

For the period of _____ through _____

(Signature of parent / guardian)

FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:20 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 10:30 AM Blended Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM Disciple Church	2 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze	3 9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Worship & Music 6:00 PM Music Team 7:00 PM Writing Team 7:30 PM Bell Choir	4 6:30 PM Book Study 8:00 PM Disciple Church	5 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6 8:00 PM Disciple Church	7 10:00 AM SDA Church
8 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:20 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Adult Education 10:30 AM Blended Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM Disciple Church	9 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze	10 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Rebecca Circle: Meet at Peg Teske	11 7:00 PM Esther Circle: Meet at Katherine Ehlert 8:00 PM Disciple Church	12 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Music Team 7:30 PM Choir Practice	13 8:00 PM Disciple Church	14 10:00 AM SDA Church
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THANK YOU FROM ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle would like to thank all of you for your generous donations of gifts for the residents of St Matthew Center for Health (Nursing Home). We distributed gifts to 7 residents having January birthdays and played bingo with about 60 residents, making sure that everyone received a prize.

After bingo we sang Happy Birthday and then everyone enjoyed having cake. We would especially like to thank all our helpers who cut and served cake, helped the residents play bingo, distributed bingo prizes and participated in a short skit. We were fortunate this year to have 7 children from our church helping out. A special thank you to Amanda & Ethan Check, Mandy, Jessie & Luke Ehlert, and Amanda & Chrissy Loeb. We always enjoy having the children with us. You all helped make this a happy and special day!

Remember, Esther Circle will be visiting St Matthew's on August 9, 2009 to celebrate the August birthdays. Please keep us in mind next time you are passing by that Dollar Store. We keep a box marked St Matthew above the mail slots for anyone wishing to donate items. The residents of St Matthew really do appreciate someone remembering them on their birthday. Of course, a day of bingo is always fun and who doesn't like cake!

Hope you can join us on August 9, 2009.

