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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:30 A.M. Blended

April 1

Lenten Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Lent Worship at 7:30 p.m.

9:20 p.m. Sunday School

(after Children's Sermon)

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

Confirmation Class

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: April 5,
9:00a.m. and 10:30a.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 9
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: April 10
7:30 p.m.

Easter Prayer Vigil: April 10 to 12

Easter Celebration: April 12

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship

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Message from Pastor Scott Johnson

"The Lord said to Moses, send men to spy out the land of Canaan, one from each of the twelve tribes."

—Numbers 13:1-2

The following is a devotion given to me by one of our members. I thought it was so appropriate considering our country's economic situation, that I thought I would share it with all of you.

When the twelve spies were sent into Canaan to spy out the land, ten returned with a bad report. Their assessment was that it was impossible to conquer the land that God had promised them. Forgetting how God had led them with a pillar of fire by night, and fed them manna from heaven during the day, brought forth water out of a rock, and parted the Red Sea, they saw the situation with only their natural eyes, failed to walk by faith, and succumbed to fear.

Joshua and Caleb however, returned with a good report. Refusing to be discouraged by what they saw, they fully trusted that their supernatural God was not going to break His promise to His people, Israel.

We are living in days where the world looks bleak, and the evils seem to grow more threatening and dangerous. How will we react? Will

we be devastated and terrorized like the 10 spies with a bad report? Or will we do something extraordinary — will we walk by faith like Joshua and Caleb, trust in the love and power of our God, and seize the opportunities that are at hand?

Let's walk by faith and stand firm in it, facing every challenge, and laying hold of every opportunity that awaits us. May Joshua and Caleb be our examples of faith and courage in these days. With our God going before us, we also, can take the land, glorifying Him in every battle.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Scott

NEWS & EVENTS

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 12th

7:30-9:00 AM

Cost: 30 pieces of silver

(30 nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, dollars or any combination) and

Easter Basket Raffle

Now until Easter morning 8:45 A.M

Sponsored by our Youth

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.

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

Book Study at 6:30pm on Wednesdays. Book Study will resume after Easter, April 12.

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.

A LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

"Do not worry about anything, instead, pray about everything."

PHIL 4:6, NJV

Come join friends for an evening of guided prayer and meditation. The St. Mark Great Room will be transformed into a room for quiet prayer. There will be live music, shared prayers, and readings in the sanctuary. Women of all faiths are welcome to attend this "Open House" style event. Stay as long as you like. Lift up those you love in prayers of comfort, healing, or thanksgiving; prayers for marriages, family members or friends; prayers for peace or renewed faith.

Where: ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH,
200 S. Wille Street, Mt. Prospect

When: Thursday, April 2, 2009

Time: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Joni Beaudry at 847-255-8671 or email:
JLBEAUDRY@yahoo.com

READ TO LEARN Literacy / Volunteer Program 2009 Schedule 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday

Spring Schedule

March 3, 10, 17, 31

(No Class on 24 Spring Break)

April 7, 14, 21

Fall Schedule

September 15 through November 17



W.E.L.C.A.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WE LEARN . WE LOVE . WE SERVE

APRIL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 14th, 7:30p.m. (Rebecca Circle)

Meet at Phyllis Olson, 502 Corrinthia Ct. E.G.V., 847-439-2331

Easter Sunday, 12th, Treats: Serves Cake, Rebecca Circle All

Wednesday, 8th, 7:00p.m. (Esther Circle)

Meet at Laurie Johnson, 5726 W. Windsor Ave., Chicago, 773-282-0563

*Sunday, May 17th, Treats

SPECIAL ACTIVITY: Spring Garage Sale, Friday, April 24, 12noon to 6:00 p.m.;

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

Save your junk for the Spring Rummage Sale

April 24, Friday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

April 25, Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Adult Education 2009 April 5, 12, 19, 26

April 5th: 10:15 a.m.

The Current State of the Economy

Back by popular demand, is Doug Townsey, Professor of Finance at the DePaul University. It seems that aspects of this topic change daily and we are bombarded with not so good news. Doug has a knack for giving simple explanations to not so simple situation. Please join us to hear his update and ask questions that you may have about what is going on.

April 12th:

No Adult Education : Easter Breakfast and Easter Services

April 19th : 10:15 a.m.

The Lutheran Handbook: How to Tell the Difference Between a Sinner and a Saint

Whichever way you slice it, the New Testament portrays the believer as righteous and sinful all at once ... in Latin its *simul iustus et peccator*. Join us for another session of two-handed thinking and stimulating discussion.

April 26th: 6:30 p.m.

Amazing Grace

This full length feature film is remarkably uplifting; It dazzles the eye and touches the heart. Based on the true story of William Wilberforce, Amazing Grace follows his courageous quest to end the British slave trade and reform society. He often looked to the guidance of his pastor, John Newton, former slave trader, who penned the beloved hymn, Amazing Grace.

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

Disability Services

Township of Schaumburg

Schaumburg Township Disability Services is a selection center for the ITAC (Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation) FREE amplified phone program. Each phone has varying levels of amplification and adjustments for tone and clarity. There are no age or income requirements. Residents just need telephone service, a picture ID and a doctor or licensed audiologist's signature on the application.

For more information and an application, please call the Disability Department at 847-884-0030.

21st Annual Benefit Concert
Free Admission ; Freewill offering
Sunday, April 19, 4:00 p.m.

Reception immediately following
concert

Augustana Chapel at the Lutheran
School of Theology at Chicago

Contact Patricia Bartley at
773-256-0717 or pbartley@lstc.edu

Put the house on a clutter diet

D.E.W. List

- Dishes: Empty the dishwasher to be ready for the day
- Eat: Plan what you are going to eat later today
- Wash: Take the laundry to the next stage

"Triple S" routine

- Start the dishwasher (so the dishes are ready to be put away in the morning)
- Straighten up (do "clutter patrol" of flat surfaces and the floor)
- Set for tomorrow (gather whatever you need for the next day)

Check out www.clutterdiet.com for more tips on organizing your home.

Excerpts from The Cosco Connection :
Lorie Marrero.

Remember to save your unwanted belongings for the Rummage Sale in April. Thanks!

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



Editor's Note

Dear LCC Friends,

I was truly inspired by St. John on his account below. How about you?

Jesus Prays for All Believers -

John 17: 20-25

Blessings to you,

Anne Smith

APRIL 2009 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	5th	12th	19th	26th
COMMUNION SETUP	Dick Bukowski	Laurie Johnson	Bob Lempkowski	Anne Wurfel
and ASSISTANTS	Myrna Salazar	Greg Paddack	Joey Pacay	Lynnea Semasko
ACOLYTES	Kaity White	Ron Ecklund	Brad Ecklund	Nicole Lekas
	Mandy Ehlert			
GREETERS	John and Mary Teppen	Carol Campbell	Ken and Helen Ahlgren	Carolyn Bonness
	Klaus Schuetze	Anita Lambert	Karl Becker	Tom Fedro
		June Hanson		Joanne Szukala
EXIT GREETERS				
NORTH	Jody Check	Eric Knox	Jody Check	Eric Knox
SOUTH	Jean Hineman	Greg Paddack	Don Finney	Carolyn Ohman
LAY READERS	Al Haak	Joey Pacay	Karl Becker	Dick Bukowski
LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS	Ken Miller	Dick Bukowski	Jean Hineman	Carolyn Ohman
COUNTERS	Ken Miller	Bob Lempkowski	Greta Kob	Tom Gnoyke
	Jim Sosnowski	Erine Wurfel	Sue Jay	Greg Rabus
USHERS	Tom Fedro	Klaus and Gail Schuetze	Jim Lagerhausen	John and Mary Teppen
	Sue Miller	Janice Fedanzo	Ernest and Anne Wurfel	Don Finney
	Greg Paddack			
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Pancake Breakfast	Rebecca Circle	Joanne, Shannon, Szukala, and Michelle Papaioannou	John and Mary Teppen

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!



Thank you to all who supported the Signing Valentines. Five youth, along with the two leaders and four adult volunteers, delivered 85 valentines and raised \$322 for our New Orleans Youth Gathering Fund. For those recipients that we sang to in person, not voicemail, they seemed to really enjoy the valentines. We even had one person call us back because they hung up before they realized what we were doing.

We still have a long way to go (approximately \$6,000). Watch for our future fund raising events, which will include:

- World's Finest Chocolate candy sale in March
- Easter Basket Raffle
- Easter Breakfast
- Youth Silent Auction (Rent a youth for a minimum of 4 hours and \$50. This will be a silent auction with the highest bidders to be announced at the Spaghetti Dinner in late April, early May)
- Spaghetti Dinner with Youth made dessert auction (Early May)
- Bake sales and car washes (TBD)
- Plant sale

We also will accept donations of any denomination. A poster with the pictures and bios of each youth (including why they want to attend the National Youth Gathering), will be available in early March. Donations should be made out to Lutheran Church of the Cross, and placed in an envelope marked "New Orleans Gathering" or "NOG". You can put these in the offering plate, or give directly to Ellen Gnoyke or Karl Becker.

PRAYER VIGIL

Friday, April 10 – Sunday to Sunday, April 12, 2009

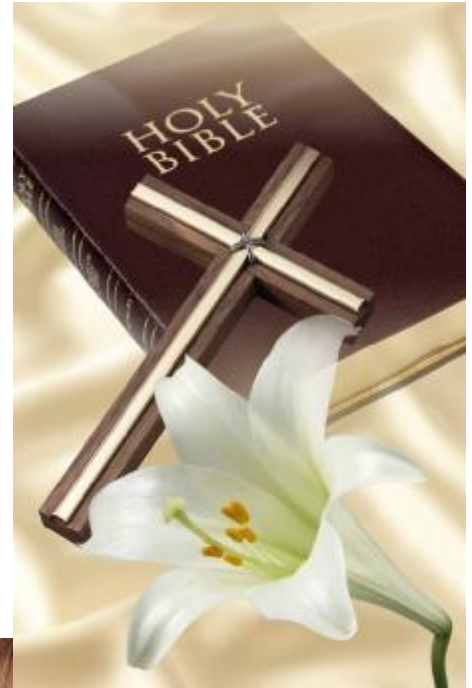
35½ Hours of Prayer, and Contemplation

Please join your fellow members, and friends of Lutheran Church of the Cross as we pray continuously in our Sanctuary from the close of our Good Friday Service until our Easter Celebration. You ask, why do we pray?

Then Jesus went back to his followers, and found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake and pray for strength against temptation. The spirit wants to do what is right, but the body is weak." Mark 14:37-38

Need I say more? Then, let us pray that God's will be carried out in this congregation, for all the concerns and needs of our members and friends. There are many in our congregation who need our prayers. We hear the names of many each week during our services. There are more whose names we never hear, but are no less needful of prayer.

Watch for the sign up sheet.





Easter Lily Garden

***You may purchase Easter Lilies
for our altar garden at \$6.00 each.***

***Choose an envelope to state your
dedication and you may take the
plant home after the second
service on Easter Sunday,
April 12th.***

Social Ministry 2009 Fund Raising Activities

Pancake Breakfast	First Sunday of the Month: February, March, April (Youth Sponsored), May
Bunco Party	Friday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. Adults \$7 . Guests \$6 . Members with Guests \$6 Students \$5 . Children 5 and under FREE
Rummage Sale	Friday, April 24 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Volunteer Fest	Saturday, May 2 (time to be announced) At Forrest View School. Event guests will be brought to LCC for a food pantry full set up demonstration.
Postal Food Drive	Saturday, May 9 (time to be announced)
Hunger Walk	(Date and time to be announced) Sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository
Bunco Party	Friday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Bunco Party	Friday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Jewel-Osco Shop & Share Program	(Dates to be announced)

Our Food Pantry, more than ever needs your support for these events. For our volunteers, some are more work than fun, others are more fun than work. For our participants, it's all fun. We welcome your participation, contributions and your ideas on how to keep this LCC Outreach Ministry viable. The numbers continue to grow. On Tuesday, February 17 we distributed food to 155 families which is double from what we have given previously. The Food Pantry is made possible from the support of this community and you, the LCC family. For the Food Pantry, as always, thank you for sharing God's love,

Walker Reach, Social Ministry



FAMILY BUNCO
SOCIAL MINISTRY FUNDRAISER
You are invited to join us for a
Fun-filled Family Bunco Party!



- PLACE: Lutheran Church of the Cross
- DATE: Friday, April 3
- TIME: 6:30 P.M.
- TICKETS: Adults : \$7 (Bring a guest for \$6)
All Students: \$5
Ages 5 and under for FREE!
- F&B: *SUBS, SALADS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS, AND DESSERT*
For the children.

**** BABYSITTING AVAILABLE.**

Please sign up at the South Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Are you a member of THRIVENT FOR LUTHERANS COMPANY
(formally known as Lutheran Brotherhood)?

If you currently are an owner of one of their insurance or financial products would you please make your name known to Tanya Haak: tbergman@harpercollege.edu. Since Thrivent is a "fraternal organization" they distribute profits back to the community.

We have the opportunity to request matching funds from them for many of our programs serving the community (in addition to funds they distribute to our congregation). When asking for matching funds for community activities, we must show that there are at least 6 Thrivent Financial member households involved with the project. Knowing names in advance will help when future requests are submitted.

Thanks,
Tanya Haak