



The Messenger

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Keep it up, Prayer Partners

A person has recovered from a major sickness. “How did you get through it?” the reporter asks. And the person answers, “It’s prayer. Prayer definitely sustained me.”

We can understand such a statement, but it can also be easily misunderstood. I think it would be better for a Christian to answer, “the *Lord* got me through it. Through all this, he sustained me by his Word. I’ve been praying to him, and he delivered me.”

It’s easy to fall into the idea that prayer is a mechanical activity, a chore, almost like brushing your teeth at night. Satan tempts us to go through the motions with prayer.

How did our Lord Jesus counter the devil’s attacks during his temptation in the desert? Jesus quoted Scripture. He defended himself with God’s Word. *That’s* exactly how we can stay wise regarding our attitude to prayer.

“Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again, he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops” (James 5:17,18).

With this example, holy Scripture declares to us the power of prayer. Knowing God will answer us through his Son, Jesus, we can pray for everyday things – getting over a sickness, having an early spring with birds chirping, gaining a more positive attitude toward life. We also have every reason to pray for each other. So says Ephesians 6:19. **“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”**

And Jesus promises us. **“Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7).**

My Grandma Jean (my father’s mother) has long been my pen pal. In letters she tells me about how such and such grand nephew of hers is entering the air force or so and

so cousin of hers is suffering from depression. I give her concerns of people in my life, too. We call each other “prayer partners” as we lay our requests before God’s throne for various people.

I do the same with you. Trinity friends, you’re my prayer partners, too.

Prayer is so very far from a chore, as we remember. This is our daily conversation with our God! He speaks to us, first, through Scripture. We then speak to him, in response, through our prayers.

“Thank you, Father, for sending your Son to live and die for me and be the atoning sacrifice for my sin. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for rising from death and being my access to the ear and heart of our almighty Father. Thank you Christ Jesus for winning and now for preparing my place in heaven with you. Also, Lord, rich thanks to you for blessing our dedication of the new addition a few weeks ago. Nice weather, good attendance, great teamwork, a hearty celebration. You give us all, dear God! Keep our congregation, and all its members as your faithful children. Lead our Trinity members – men and women, boys and girls – to pray for each other in our bodily and spiritual needs. Lead us to pray all through this new year of 2010 in the confidence that prayer will accomplish great things because you, LORD, are great and your promise to answer prayer is unbreakable, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

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Message From The President

VOTER MEETING SYNOPSIS

The semi-annual voters' meeting was held on January 26th in the refurbished church basement. The following is a brief account of what took place:

* Mark & Jen Knutson and daughter Robin were granted a peaceful transfer to Bethany, Manitowoc.
* Wally Woepse, Randall & Kim Siebert and their children, Zachary & Lucas were received by adult confirmation.

The voters approved \$750.00 for a provisional contract with Pastor's father to design a 6' x 12' wood mosaic to be hung in the new Narthex. This will cover the design and construction of a model. Upon congregational approval of the design the congregation will then be asked to fund the project. Approximate cost is \$5,500.00 with a tentative completion somewhere in spring of 2011.

The voters approved up to \$1,500.00 for a commercial water softener to be installed in the new addition. There are signs of rust from the new well.

The voters approved the changes to the Cemetery Committee Constitution and Bylaws with corrections.

The Building Expansion Committee along with all subcommittees except the Decorating Committee were released with thanks. All who serve on these committees deserve a very big thank you for a job well done.

A discussion on 3 year old Kindergarten and 3, 4, & 5 year old after care was the final order of business. The voters' expressed interest in more research of the proposal. The council was directed to call and question the parents of children in this age as to whether they would use and support the proposal. We will ask St. John's to do the same. A special meeting will be held on this matter after this has been done.

Thank you to Trinity Ladies Circle for the lunch served after the meeting. It was enjoyed by all.

CHURCH SIGNAGE

I would like to express, on behalf of the congregation, thank you to Bernice and Roger Vetting for the donation of the new signage on church.

The signage is in the design of our church logo and offers information on services.

If you haven't seen the front of our church at night I think you will be pleased with the signage and backlit cross.

Again, thank you for your generous donation.

THANK YOU

I have a number of people to acknowledge with a thank you on behalf of the congregation:

Lori Richter and her husband Doug and their business Auto Dynamics for the donation of a new DVD player for church.

The person who so graciously donated the carpet and installation in the church basement.

Jim Glaeser for taking on the job of repairing the walls, cleaning out the unused pews and furniture, and painting the church basement. I know he recruited others to help including Ron Kasten and Earl Glaeser. There were probably more but I'm not sure who they were.

To all those who helped clean the church basement and kitchen. That was a large task but many hands accomplished the task quickly.

I know I am missing someone but feel that we all do this out of thanks and love for what HE has done for us.

John Smith, Trinity Congregational President

News from the WELS

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

The Conference of Presidents (COP) met last week and discussed a wide range of issues. Its key decisions impact the new Congregational and Ministry Support Group (CMSG), reconfigured from the former area of ministry known as Parish Services and now refocused on supporting congregations by helping to better equip called workers.

The COP decided to issue calls in February for two positions: a permanent director of Lutheran Schools (a position now held on an interim basis by Greg Schmill) and a director of Youth Discipleship. The COP also tentatively decided to issue a call in April for the director of Congregational Planning and Assessment, the entity that will succeed the Parish Assistance program, which offers individualized consulting services to congregations.

The COP appointed a committee to recommend how congregational needs will be met when the Parish Assistance program comes to an end in June. The issuing of this call will depend on the recommendations of the committee now developing the new program. The committee will look at all options for serving congregations, including the establishment of a new commission with newly defined responsibilities. The committee will begin meeting in early February and will bring recommendations to the COP in April.

The COP's discussions about CMSG took place in view of the reduced budget adopted for those ministries. Due to budget reductions, the vacant position of director of Adult Discipleship cannot be filled at this time. Additionally, the proposed position of coordinator of Early Childhood Education will not be established at this time.

Other key developments from the COP meeting include:

In keeping with a convention resolution, the COP appointed a committee to review the doctrine of the divine call, particularly as it relates to the termination of divine calls for financial reasons. The committee, comprised of Prof. John Schuetze, Prof. Joel Fredrich, and Pastor Peter Prange, will submit a progress report to the COP in October and a final report to the synod convention in 2011. After a year in which the synod *Statistical Report* was available only online, a printed version of the 2009 report—now being prepared—will be made available for purchase through Northwestern Publishing House. The report will also be available online.

The COP began discussing areas of input that the COP will have in the long-range planning process being overseen by the Synodical Council. All areas of ministry and leadership groups will have input into this process. Some of the issues already raised include finding ways to ensure that synodical and parasynodical efforts are coordinated, the impact of demographic changes on the synod's mission and ministry, challenges faced by small rural congregations, and the potential use of digital technology in carrying out our mission. The Synodical Council and the COP will meet jointly in April to address long-range planning issues.

In the event that there are unassigned candidates at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Martin Luther College in May, the COP has encouraged both schools in their efforts to identify temporary ways for unassigned candidates to serve until they receive their assignments.

Planning continues in the effort to enhance and improve the circuit pastor system. In the coming months, district presidents will lead their circuit pastors in the discussion of a revised circuit pastor handbook and in a review of the duties of circuit pastors.

The Ministry of Christian Giving will oversee the development of the four-year stewardship program left incomplete when the administrator of Adult Discipleship accepted a call elsewhere. Authors have been identified for this project.

The COP looks forward to the day when WELS can once again begin to expand our mission efforts with new openings and additional mission manpower. Many opportunities have been identified. To a great extent, our ability to do this will depend on financial support provided through Congregation Mission Offerings. The COP will continue to encourage congregations to unite behind the joyful challenge of providing the resources to support expanded mission efforts.

WELS offers aid for Haiti earthquake relief

The WELS Committee on Relief (COR) has authorized the release of \$25,000 to the international relief agency CARE for immediate disaster relief supplies for Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake. The decision was made at the COR's meeting in Chicago on Jan. 16.

According to Mr. Mark Vance, COR director of operations, working with CARE allows money donated by WELS members to be put into immediate use for relief efforts in Haiti. "Being an international group, [CARE] always seems to have people on the ground in areas where we can't get into," he says.

"Please know that we at CARE in the United States as well as in Haiti greatly appreciate the support of WELS and its partners and parishioners," says Tom Hanschman, senior director of CARE Chicago. "This is going to be such a long-term recovery and rehabilitation process, and this support will go a long way to alleviating the suffering occurring in Haiti."

Vance reports that additional donations to COR will support any potential efforts undertaken by WELS contacts in the region and continue to support CARE's efforts as appropriate.

WELS has no resident missionaries or congregations in Haiti, but Rev. Philip Strackbein, a member of the Latin American Traveling Theological Educators team, is based in the Dominican Republic. Strackbein reports that no members of the Dominican Republic churches were hurt in the 7.0 magnitude quake, although some members have relatives in Haiti that they have been unable to contact. National pastor Rona Abraham—from Haiti but now residing in the Dominican Republic—traveled to Haiti this past weekend to contact his relatives and assess the situation firsthand. Strackbein and the COR are waiting to hear what he discovered. "He very much needs everyone's continued prayers because he is entering into a very dangerous situation even for him as a Haitian going to look for relatives," says Strackbein.

At its meeting, the COR also approved a possible assessment trip for COR and WELS World Missions representatives to the Dominican Republic in the next few weeks to meet with Strackbein and Haitian members of the Dominican churches. "The purpose of this meeting would be to begin assessing the physical needs of affected members' families, friends, and communities in Haiti as well as to look at opportunities to provide spiritual aid and gospel comfort," says Vance.

Donations to the earthquake relief effort can be made [online](#). Checks can be made out to WELS Committee on Relief. Designate Haiti earthquake and mail to: WELS Committee on Relief, 2929 N Mayfair Road, Milwaukee WI, 53222-4398.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is matching donations from its members to WELS Committee on Relief and other Lutheran relief agencies one dollar for every two dollars donated—up to \$1 million. To benefit WELS COR, checks should be made payable to WELS Committee on Relief. Make sure the memo line of the check reads "Helping Haiti" and mail it to Thrivent's home office: 4321 N Ballard Road, Appleton WI, 54919. Gifts can also be made online or by phone; go to www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti or call 800-236-3736 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday. When prompted, say "directory" then enter extension 83003.

New missionary calls authorized

The World Mission Board meeting at Redeemer Lutheran in Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 14-16, authorized the immediate calling of a missionary for Latin America and a friendly counselor for India. The calls will temporarily increase WELS manpower in those two fields.

The missionary to Latin America will be a shared call with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and funded through the existing authorized budget and special funds. Rev. Dan Koelpin, administrator for World Missions, says the missionary will be sent to either Brazil or Colombia where "the needs are real."

The new man is being called in anticipation of retirements within the ranks of the Latin American Traveling Theological Educators (LATTE) team. The call represents a change in strategy for World

Missions in Latin America as it seeks to better balance the number of "street" missionaries called to develop congregations and members of LATTE.

The friendly counselor to India will be the fourth WELS friendly counselor serving in that country. This call is also funded through the existing authorized budget and special funds; it is being issued in advance of the anticipated retirement of a WELS friendly counselor in India within the next two to four years. Koelpin says the new call is needed now because "it takes time to get a new man up to speed."

Thanks for congregations' gifts

The Ministry of Christian Giving is thanking congregations for their financial support of the synod during a particularly challenging year economically. "The end of the calendar year gives us all kinds of reasons to go to God's throne with prayers and praises," says Rev. Dave Liggett, director. Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO), the gifts offered by congregations for the synod's collective ministry, totaled \$21.2 million for 2009—that's about \$200,000, or one percent, less than the \$21.4 million projected at the beginning of the year.

About 375 WELS congregations and other participants in WELS VEBA, the synod's healthcare plan, also have remitted savings from the premium holiday in November to the synod as encouraged by the synod convention—for a total of over \$600,000 to date. Those gifts combined with WELS VEBA savings from the synod's areas of ministry total about \$900,000 for the current fiscal year—an amount to be placed in the Financial Stabilization Fund (FSF) to support the next fiscal year budget. To date, more than \$4.5 million has been given by congregations and individuals to Year of Jubilee, the debt-reduction offering authorized by the 2007 synod convention. Almost \$.5 million of that has been given since the 2009 synod convention when official appeals for the offering came to a close. "These statistics are examples of how many congregations and their members have taken to heart Paul's encouragement to the Corinthians," Liggett says. He cites [2 Corinthians 8:7](#), "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

The Bible-Book of Hosea

This month's part of the Bible focus is on the Book of Hosea.

THE MINOR PROPHETS

We are now beginning the last division of Old Testament books, the division called the Minor Prophets. The Minor Prophets prophesied over a period of about 400 years. Some of them preached to the people of Israel (Northern Kingdom) and some to the people of Judah. They are called the "Minor Prophets" primarily because their books are shorter than those of the Major Prophets.

HOSEA, HIS TIMES AND MESSAGE

Hosea's name means "salvation" or "deliverance." The Prophet Hosea lived about the same time as Isaiah. But while Isaiah preached to Judah, Hosea was preaching to Israel. Hosea became a prophet at the end of the rule of Jeroboam II, the last strong king of Israel (793-753 B.C.). His work continued into the days of King Hezekiah of Judah (715-686 B.C.). It appears that he prophesied for over 50 years. Hosea was the last prophet to try to lead Israel to repentance. He was still alive when the unrepentant nation fell to Assyria. Israel was in a pitiful mess during the days of Hosea. The nation had fallen into religious and moral ruins and was falling quickly into political ruins. The political ruins can be seen by the fact that after Jeroboam II there were six different kings in twenty years time, and four of those kings had assassinated the king before them to take the throne. The religious and moral ruins can be seen by the open idolatry carried on in the land and the sins that

went with it. "They consult a wooden idol and are answered by a stick of wood" (4:12). "There is only cursing, lying, and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed" (4:2). "There is no faithful-ness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land" (4:1). The prime cause of this whole mess was Israel's idolatry. We might also call this sin of Israel "Spiritual Adultery." God's people deserted Him for other gods, just as an unfaithful wife might desert her faithful husband for other lovers and a life of prostitution. In his book the Prophet Hosea is even told to act this scene out in order to clearly picture Israel's "spiritual adultery." He marries a woman, Gomer, who proves to be adulterous and forsakes him - even as unfaithful Israel forsook its faithful God. Hosea's heart of love and mercy is evident in his preaching. His heart ached for the people of Israel as they deserted their God of love. While his love and mercy are evident, it is also clear from his preaching that he was not afraid to expose the sins of Israel. Love and sharp law preaching are not opposites. The prophet in his love wanted to lead Israel to repentance and back to her faithful "Husband," God. That is evident from his words in chapter 14: "Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: `Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously.'" (14:1-2)

THE BOOK OF HOSEA OUTLINE

1. Israel Is Like An Unfaithful Wife (1-3)
2. Israel Hears Messages of Judgment Mixed With Love And Mercy (4-12)
 - * Read chapter 1 to see unfaithful Israel pictured in Hosea's adulterous wife.
 - * Read chapter 4 to hear God's charge against Israel.
 - * Read chapter 11 to see God's continuing burning love for His people.

When reading the Book of Hosea it is helpful to know that the prophet often uses the name Ephraim as a synonym for Israel. "Ephraim" began to be used for "Israel" because of the leading position of the Tribe of Ephraim in the Northern Kingdom.



Remember Bible Class on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., we are studying Hebrews 11 - *Heroes of Faith*. We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays for this session. We will meet in the Church office.

New Sunday Morning Bible Class

On Sunday, February 14, we will be starting a new Bible class, *The Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection*. This class is suggested for Lent and the two weeks of Easter, so we'll be starting just in time, before Ash Wednesday. We'll meet in the church basement at 8:15 am. Please join us!



Announcements

Sunday School

The children are learning more about God's Word. Parents please remember that K-3 will be singing March 4th. They should have received their hymn; so please help them with their memory work.

Youth Group

The Trinity Teens February Meeting and activity will be held on Sunday February 28 at 2:45PM. We will be ice skating at the Manitowoc County Ice Center. Sundays' public skate is 2:45 - 4:45. Cost is \$4 for adults \$3 for children 17 & under and seniors over 50. Skate rental is \$2. Bring your calendars along so a date can be picked for the March meeting/activity of bowling. We will be serving a Lenten Meal on Wednesday March 24. At this time we are planning on serving sloppy joes.

The April Meeting/activity, Saturday April 3, is our annual movie and pizza night. We will also be hiding eggs for the Sunday School children to find on Easter Morning. The movie will be "The Passion of the Christ".

Any member of the congregation in Grades 6 - 12 are members of Trinity Teens and can participate in as many or as few activities as you would like. Parents are always welcome to attend the meetings and activities.

Trinity Ladies Circle

The Trinity Ladies' Circle held their January meeting in the newly painted and carpeted meeting room on our churches lower level on January 26th. We had 13 ladies present and our "Ask the Pastor" topic for the evening was "Dealing with labels, good or bad."

Our next planned meeting is for February 23rd and our activity will be a book discussion on the book "Tending Roses". Our discussion topic will be on Public vs. Parochial education.

The always popular "Macho Nachos" were served for hot lunch at MLHS on February 2nd. We thank all the volunteers who helped serve this much appreciated meal, as well as those who gave financial support. We did not receive as much in monetary donations as in the past, so this year we ran a little short in funds. If you would still like to give a donation please see Cindy Williamson or Linda Wallander.

Some of the things that Trinity Ladies Circle has in the planning is buying table cloths for the tables and putting recycling bins in the kitchen, as well as selling Sunday Showcase tickets. Coming soon, we will begin sell "**SCRIPT**" after church services to benefit MLHS. More information will be coming soon regarding this.

Thanks to all the ladies who attend our monthly meetings. Each meeting is an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women and a wonderful way to serve our church and our Savior.

There is always room for more, so please feel free to join us at our next meeting on February 23rd and find out what TLC is all about.

Fellowship Committee

The Dedication service was very well attended with familiar faces and some not so familiar. Everyone liked the edition and was impressed with the added room. There were several comments about how the old was incorporated with the new. Our own Pastor Pope did the dedication. The Fellowship Committee did a fine job of organizing the food. There was plenty to go around and what a selection! The committees were thanked for all their hard work and dedication. To God be the Glory!

Lenten Meals & Pastor Rotation

The Lenten season is fast approaching. With the help of several groups a Lenten meal will be provided on Wednesdays at 6pm prior to the church service.

February 17	Trinity Ladies Circle (serving Hamburgers in gravy)
February 24	Church Council (to be announced)
March 3	Altar Guild (TBA)
March 10	Choir /Worship (TBA)
March 17	
March 24	Trinity Youth Group (serving Sloppy Joes)

We are still looking for someone to serve on March 17. If you are interested contact Diane Smith – 726-4323 or put a note in her mailbox. Please consider attending these Lenten meals. This is a great opportunity for fellowship.

The pastors will again be doing a rotation for the mid-week Lenten services. This year's theme for Lent will be: *"We Preach Christ Crucified."*

Feb. 17th – Pastor Pope
Feb. 24th – Pastor Headrick – from St. John's Newtonburg
March 3rd – Pastor Schaefer – from First German
March 10th – Pastor Schossow – from Immanuel
March 17th – Pastor Rosenow – from First German
March 24th – Pastor Maglietto – from Immanuel

Confirmation

The date has been set for Confirmation. Examination will be May 16th and Confirmation will be May 23rd. All confirmation parents should have received information pertaining to Confirmation; if not please let the church secretary know and she will get you that information.

Bulletin Boards?

If you have any poster that needs to be displayed please drop them off in the church office so it can be approved by Pastor, the church secretary will then take care of it. As soon as we have a bulletin board we will again be placing articles on it. Thank you!

Altar Flowers and WCUB Radio Broadcast

Please remember that you can put flowers on the altar for any occasion. Also remember the WCUB Radio Broadcast is \$87.00 to sponsor a Sunday, just make a check out to WCUB Radio and put it in the secretary's mailbox. The sign up sheets are now located in church.

Thank You

To Jim & Jodi Krim and Alan & Marlene Sieker for the donation of the wood replica of our church. It was made by Jim Krim's father. Thank you for sharing such a beautiful piece of art!

News from St. John's

Miss Kutzweg, teacher here recently had surgery: Resurgery thyroidectomy, Neck dissection, at Mayo Clinic on January 11th. If you would like to send cards the address is as follows:

Miss Connie Kutzweg
39792 226th St
Arlington, MN 55307-9467

Or if you prefer to send e-cards and e-mail wishes they can be sent to her school account;
ckurtzweg@sjln.org

The Division 1 Schools are having their Basketball tournament at MLHS starting February 5th –7th and also the weekend of the 12th –14th.

PIE (Parents In Education) is hosting an aluminum can drive for the next six weeks (through 3/12). Please put your cans (in sealed plastic bags) in the trailer near the storage garage. Proceeds will go towards sound equipment for the gym.

Gear Swap

Bring your outgrown spring sports equipment to swap or donate to other families who could use it. The swap (on tables in the entry way) will begin on 2/15 and run for two weeks.

A note from Pastor Pankow on the Dedication Service

Dear Pastor Pope and members of Trinity,

God's richest blessings to you as you thank Him and give Him glory on the occasion of your dedication of your building expansion. We join you in humbly noting how the Lord truly does work in and through His people. We pray that your new space and amenities will be a great asset to your gospel ministry.

Together we praise the Lord and work in His kingdom.

Your Brothers and sisters at Grace Lutheran of Manitowoc.

Family Fun Night/Benefit for Karen Kehl

Immanuel is hosting a special Family Fun Night as a benefit for Karen Kehl, our 3rd & 4th grade teacher and athletic director, on Friday, Feb. 19th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Karen was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma. We would love for you to join us at this special event. All proceeds will go to Karen to help her with her medical expenses.

What's happening at Family Fun Night?

A gym full of games for all ages and prizes galore

Hot Dog plates, Chili, Chili Dogs, Nachos, Popcorn and Soft Drinks for purchase

The Highlight! - A raffle with prizes ranging from infant to adult

The raffle drawings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For more information on the event you can go to ilutheran.org. If you have a donation for the raffle it can be dropped off at the church office, 916 Pine St., Manitowoc, on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. If these times do not work for you please contact Elizabeth at 901-4004. Please join us in this fun-filled benefit night for Karen, and please continue to lift your prayers to God for Karen's strength and healing!

MLHS Events

Sunday Showcase will be March 7th, from 11 a.m. to 4pm. This years proceeds will go to purchasing new bleachers. Lunch will be served from 11am to 2pm. The price of the ticket includes admission, entertainment, lunch and beverage. Advance tickets are \$5.00 for adult and \$4.00 for child.

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Church Attendance for January



Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

January 2007

Week 1: 29/140=169

Week 2: 22/146=168

Week 3: 28/141=169

Week 4: 43/190=233

Monthly: 739

January 2008

Week 1: 37/117=154

Week 2: 60/126=186

Week 3: 36/94=130

Week 4: 27/91=118

Monthly: 588

January 2009

Week 1: 32/42=74

Week 2: 42/142=185

Week 3: 41/151=192

Week 4: 44/87=131

Monthly: 582

January 2010

Week 1: 35/103=138

Epiphany: 28

Week 2: 45/113=158

Week 3: 40/117=157

Week 4: 32/90=122

Jan.24th = 203(Dedication)

Week 5: 39/109=148

Monthly: 954

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

John 4:24



A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...

2/5 Connie Mangin

2/5 Jeff Tuschel

2/6 Elizabeth Otto

2/11 Lynda Carstens

2/13 Lois Fischer

2/14 Betsy Kenneke

2/16 Emma Wallander

2/17 Hope Lovell

2/19 Heidi Knutson

2/22 Shanna Bratz

2/22 Ann Luebke

2/27 Sharon Arnold

2/27 Edward Matthias-86 Yrs. Young



Happy Anniversary To...

None to report

If you have a February birthday or anniversary and it is not listed correctly please let us know so we can update your information. Thanks!

Date: Ushers on Schedule:

February 6th David Schultz, Steve Pleuss

February 7th Ron Kasten, Uriah Matznick, Larry Hochkammer, Todd Petersen

February 13th John Smith (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Mark Kiesow

February 14th Alan Sieker (Server), Gary Vetter (Server), Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten

Ash Wednesday

February 17th David Schultz (Server), James Ott (Server), Peter Liermann, August Teesch

February 20th Dave Williamson, Derrick Krey

February 21st Ron Kasten, Brett Glaeser, Wayne Otto, Joseph Nagel

Lenten Service

February 24th David Schultz, Mike Kiesow

February 27th John Smith (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Steve Pleuss

February 28th James Glaeser (Server), Gary Vetter (Server), Len Arnold, Jeff Tuschel

Lenten Service

March 3rd Dave Williamson, Peter Liermann

March 6th David Schultz, August Teesch

March 7th Keith Petersen, Todd Petersen, Marty Kiesow, Larry Hochkammer

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser @ 775-3941.

Communion Liturgy: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your sins.

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Altar Guild: February – Group 2:

Lois Glaeser, Sharon Arnold, Mary Liermann

Our Greeters For February



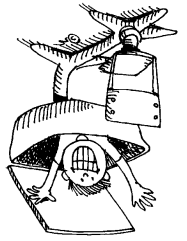
Feb. 7th – Fred & Janice Wehausen

Feb. 14th – Shelby & Ivy Johnson

Feb. 21st – Earl & Lois Glaeser

Feb. 28th – Len & Sharon Arnold

Kids Corner



Bible Quiz – “Biblical Feet”

1. What did the Israelites do in Egypt with their feet so that their crops would grow?
 - a. Plucked the weeds
 - b. Did a rain dance
 - c. Irrigated the crops
 - d. Fertilized the crops
2. Before the Israelites could enter the promised land, the priests had to place the soles of their feet where?
 - a. On the desert sands
 - b. In the Mediterranean
 - c. On Mt. Sinai
 - d. In the waters of the Jordan
3. The Psalmist prophesied of the Messiah that God would make whom his footstool?
 - a. His mother
 - b. His disciples
 - c. The Pharisees
 - d. His enemies
4. In the New Testament, who prophesied of the Messiah that he would guide their feet in the way of peace?
 - a. Nicodemus
 - b. Mary
 - c. Zechariah
 - d. John the Baptist
5. Who did not want Jesus to wash his feet?
 - a. Mary
 - b. John
 - c. A Roman Centurion
 - d. Peter

Answers: 1.) c [Deuteronomy 11:10] 2.) d [Joshua 3:13] 3.) d [Psalm 110:1] 4.) c [Luke 1:67,Luke 1:79] 5.) d [John 13:6-8]

"Welcome"

Matthew 10:40-42



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P Y N R C M J J E J P R Z L H
K A Y W A I G T S T E J C U D
L R O E Y O H B Y L R H C E V
C S N S H G K U P H E L A O M
R B E W I Q J I L S C I J L X
Y E S R C I C E O W E T H A L
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Z P J A I M E N C U V L Z K X
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"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." Matthew 10:40-42 (NIV)

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