

Community Outreach

METRO LUTHERAN: One urban congregation has found a way to continue its ministry even as it prepares to merge with another congregation. As the building closes, members offered gifts of ecclesial furnishings to New Orleans congregations that lost their own relics in the disaster two years ago. Check out the article in this month's Metro Lutheran. Copies are available at the Welcome Center and in the two kiosks (one near the west entrance and one outside of the library).

REGISTER NOW FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL INTERFAITH TEEN DAY OF SERVICE on Monday, February 18. Join Twin Cities metropolitan area youth and adults from diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds as we come together to create understanding and respect by serving other communities. Individual youth in grades 7-12 and their families; religious, school, or community-based groups; and adult volunteers and mentors are all welcome to join this celebration of our traditions' teachings of service. Some advance group preparation will be expected and materials will be available upon registration. For more information or to register (groups by February 4, individuals by February 11), visit www.spacc.org/interfaith (follow the links to Interfaith Teen Day of Service) or contact Meghan at mpaul-cook@spacc.org or 651-789-3852.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE: CA invites all prospective families to their Winter Open Houses on January 28 at 7:00 p.m. or February 10 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Concordia Student Ambassadors will lead you on a tour of Concordia Academy-Roseville. Interact with the teachers and explore the opportunities for a Christian high school education. For the evening open house, a program begins at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Please email Marilyn Mick, Director of Admissions or phone her at 651-484-8429, ext. 136.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES – Since Lent begins February 6, it is not too early to start planning your family's Lent devotions. Visit www.lentendevotions.net to download devotions. You can also hear audio versions of Uncustomary Love or sign up to receive each day's devotion via e-mail.

DID YOU KNOW that 3,525 abortions are performed **daily** in the U.S.? 83% of women say they would have completed their pregnancy if they had support from someone in their lives. **New Life Family Services** offers the support that women in a crisis pregnancy need. We are now collecting money for this important ministry. Please pick up a baby bottle in the collection area, fill it with coins or cash and return it to the church office. Thanks for caring for women and their unborn children!

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WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 20 – JANUARY 26, 2008

TODAY:

7:30*, 8:30, 11:00* AM Worship Services - * Communion Service
9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group
9:45 AM Education Hour
6:30 PM Wallyball at Central Courts in Fridley

MONDAY:

10:00 AM Program Staff
7:00 PM Leadership Council (Business Meeting)/Women's Retreat Planning Mtg.

TUESDAY:

9:00 AM Tuesday Work Crew
6:30 PM Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM AA/Implementation Team

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
4:45 PM Wednesday Evening Dinner
5:00 PM Joyful Ringers
6:00 PM Senior Youth/Confirmation/3-5 Gr. Bells
6:30 PM K-2 Gr. Handchimes
7:00 PM Messiah Singers/Kingdom Kids

THURSDAY:

2:00 PM Cribbage
4:30 PM C.S. Lewis & More Study
7:00 PM Jubilant Bells/Computer Team

FRIDAY:

6:00 AM Bible Study – RJ Riches
10:00 AM MOPS Movie and Pizza

SATURDAY:

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

7:30* & 8:30 SERVICE

Opening Hymn: "Thy Strong Word" # 328

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 & John 1:29-42a

Offering Hymn: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" # 366

Sermon: "To come – to see – to abide with Christ Jesus"

7:30 Hymns During Communion

"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness" # 362

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" # 359

Closing Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" # 451

11:00 Service

ENTIRE SERVICE IS ON POWERPOINT

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Sermon: "To come – to see – to abide with Christ Jesus"

Flowers on the Altar Today

The flower arrangement today is a memorial to honor the American lives lost through abortion in the past 35 years. There are 48 carnations, each carnation represents *1 million* people who lost their lives through abortion. The bears are a symbol of love for these young ones and the balloons a celebration of life. "So that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:21 Let our prayers of love be everlasting like the evergreens and the lights symbolize each of us being God's light to the world through loving these mothers and fathers. The three roses represent the promise of a relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY:

7:30 & 8:30* Services

Worship Leader		Pastor Richard Krogen
Speaker		Pastor Philemon Ngare
Organist		Kay A. Knutson
Children's Message	8:30	Allison Burkhaw
Readers	7:30	Lloyd Kosbab
	8:30	Dave Kleba
Ushers	7:30	Roleene Roehl & Nikki Roehl
	8:30	Brad Brolsma, Chuck Hayes, Wally Schuldt
Elders	7:30	Oral Evanson
	8:30	Rollie Schwanz
Acolytes	8:30	Scott LaBounty & Chris Capistrant

11:00 Service

Worship Leader	Pastor Richard Krogen
Speaker	Pastor Philemon Ngare
Musicians	Praise Team
Reader	Beth Stadler
Ushers	Tim Mahler, Brady Bargman, Alice Washington, Tom Lewnau
Elder	Brad Brolsma
Acolytes	Rachel Frederick & Sarah Frederick

Greeters:

7:30	Jim & Joyce Bukosky
8:30	Chet & Arlene Ewer – Keith & Phyllis Grubb
11:00	Ron & Dayle Boyce – Bev Tikkanen

Nursery:

8:30	9:45	11:00
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Communion Assistants for the Month:

7:30	John Miller	8:30	Jim Kinzie	11:00	Kirby & Sharon Ehrreich
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Welcome Center:

7:15 – 7:30	Myron & Betty Stickley	8:20 – 8:40	Bev Senske
9:25 – 9:50	Audrey Brutlag	10:45 – 11:00	Nancy Clark
		12:00 – 12:15	Lynn Radtke



WEDNESDAY MEAL THIS WEEK

Chicken noodle soup and chili with French bread, carrot & celery sticks and dessert.

MARK JANUARY 24 ON YOUR CALENDAR for a Men's Bible study opportunity. I will be beginning an Experiencing God class on Thursday nights, 7:00 PM. The class will be for 1 ½ hours. It is open for men from confirmation age and up. Experiencing God is a 12 week Bible study to learn how to know God better, how to know when God is speaking, and how to adjust your life and ministry to God's revelation of His will. A daily 30 minute self-study of the interactive workbook and the weekly group session will help you develop a confident, personal relationship with God through which He reveals Himself and His will. Please contact Allison in the church office or Carl Schwanbeck (651)488-3844 if you would like to attend so we can obtain the proper number of materials. *Carl Schwanbeck*

SUNDAY SCHOOL is looking for a volunteer to do some DVD editing. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Debi Parker at 763-780-2578 or Debster5@comcast.net.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS: Thanks to all who donated food items and monetary donations for the food shelf last month. We were able to give \$265.00 and 271 pounds of food to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. We will be collecting for the CEAP Food Shelf, which serves families in Anoka County. The items they are especially looking for are:

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| Boxed Dinners (tuna and hamburger helper) | Peanut Butter |
| Rice (regular) | Crackers - saltines |
| Mac & cheese | Toothpaste |
| Tuna | Shampoo |
| Canned chili and beef stew | Conditioner |

Snacks – healthy ones

Leave your donations in the bins located near the southwest entrance. You can also designate on your offering “Food Shelf” on the line listed as “Other”.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday: 447 ; Sunday School: 56

OFFERINGS: General Fund: \$10,436 Expansion Fund: \$2,585 Missions: \$405 (5.5% of General Fund) \$574 Weekly Fund Needs: \$13,750 Weekly Expansion Fund Needs: \$4,366

News & Notes –January 20, 2008

Welcome friends! We're glad you're here today. What people do on a Sunday morning depends on their priorities. We are happy to have you in God's house today, bearing witness to the priority you set on worshipping God in the company of fellow-believers. Whether you are a long- time member or a first-time visitor, please be sure to indicate so on one of the blue cards found in your bulletin. Please turn your blue card in during the time of the offerings. Visitors, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space for your gift.

THE NURSERY is available for parents and their children three years of age and younger and is located in the hallway across from the rear of the Sanctuary. **Busy Bags** are filled with quiet activities for your children to use during the service. They can be found in the entryway of the Gathering Space. The busy bags and their contents can be returned to the Gathering Space after the service. The **Guest Welcome Center** is located right outside the Worship Center and is filled with information about Messiah and its many activities. Feel free to ask the volunteer any questions you may have. **Restrooms** can be accessed from the south side of the Gathering Space. If you would like to receive **Holy Communion** and are unable to approach the Communion Rail, please talk to one of the elders or an usher before the service and they will assist you. **Hearing Assistance** – Worship services are broadcast on 88.1 FM. FM radios are available for your use at the Welcome Center.

GUEST SPEAKER Today, a new member of Messiah, Pastor Philemon Ngare will share God's Word with us. Philemon, his wife, Eva, and daughters Rachel and Julia recently joined Messiah. Pastor Nagre is from Kenya, East Africa, and is living, in our area, awaiting a call to serve as a pastor in one of the churches of our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Join them in praying that God would soon find a place for him to serve. And thank God for his gifts as a pastor and leader.

PASTOR DAN SIEDENBURG will be installed as our Intentional Interim Senior Pastor on February 3, 2008 at all three worship services. A reception to welcome Pastor Siedenburger will be held after each service.

WANTED: A few friendly faces to serve as hosts to those persons coming to have their pictures taken for Messiah's new picture directory. You may work alone or with a partner for a three hour shift; dates are Feb. 14-Feb. 23. You may sign up for a shift today at the Welcome Center, or contact Denise Rust, 763 560-7747 to schedule your time. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Adult Education Class Schedule

	8:30am	9:45am		
	Blue Rm B	Blue Room A	Blue Room B	Fireside Room
1/20	NO CLASS	Sanctity of Life Series: Who Broke the Baby?	For Those Who Have Ears That Hear	Questions of Life
1/27	NO CLASS	Sanctity of Life Series: Stem Cell Research Update	For Those Who Have Ears That Hear	Questions of Life

WHO BROKE THE BABY?

This week represents the 35th anniversary since the *Roe vs. Wade* decision which legalized abortion in America. Today we will view 2 short videos to better understand why abortion is a spiritual issue. **Who Broke the Baby?** is a powerful video that confronts the arguments of abortion advocates and clearly disputes them one by one. This video is based on the book by Dr. Jean Garton, co-founder of Lutherans for Life. We will also watch a short interview of Sarah Smith, who survived an attempted abortion, while her twin brother, Andrew, did not. Sarah has become one of the most powerful Pro-Life voices in the battle against abortion. Her stirring testimony breaks hearts, changes minds, and saves lives. Sarah shatters pro-abortion lies as she tells her very compelling story.

ADULT ED NEXT WEEK We welcome back Marie Larson from Human Life Alliance to give us an update on Stem Cell research and again explain the differences between embryonic and adult stem cells. Marie will explain the uses of both types of cells in research and medical treatments, explain the terminology used, and clarify the controversy in stem cell use. This class was very well received last year and participants commented that they had a clearer understanding of this complex subject after class. Please come for a very educational topic that will help you to form your OWN opinions on the subject!

A RECEPTION TO THANK PASTOR BRUCE FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS SENIOR PASTOR will be held on Sunday, January 27, following all three services. Join us in thanking him and wishing him well in his new position as Part-Time Associate Pastor.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS! The speaker for January 23rd would like to talk to you! Mark Probasco from the Center for Abstinence Education will speak to the 6-8th grade boys from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. He would like to have the opportunity to meet with you and answer your questions too. Please come at 7:15 p.m. to the Blue Room. He will speak and answer questions from 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.

Girls in confirmation – remember to be here at church at 5:30 p.m. on January 23rd.

WOMEN'S RETREAT PLANNING MEETING January 21 at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space. Join us to help plan the upcoming women's retreat, "Resurrection Restoration" to be held on February 22-24 at the Carondelet Center in St. Paul. No experience required! Questions? Contact Amy O'Malley at 612-529-6084 or Jen Knoebel at 651-490-1268.

YEAR END STATEMENTS are on the table by the Welcome Center. These cover all contributions from January 1 to December 31, 2007. This will also serve as your official receipt for tax purposes. Please pick up your statement soon.

JESUS LITTLE LAMBS the new nursery program is looking for a coordinator to work in the nursery and help plan the activities for our little ones. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact Diane in the church office.

LENTEN SUPPER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – If there are any groups who would like to serve a Lenten Suppers as a fundraiser there are still 2 dates available (February 20 & 27), please contact Carol in the office by January 20th.

WANT TO HELP US SAVE MONEY? There are 114 boxes of envelopes to be mailed at a cost of about \$2.00 each. You can help lower that expense of \$228.00 by hand delivering a box or two. Those boxes on the table by the end of January will be mailed.

A NEW YEAR, A NEW SKILL? If you are interested in learning how to play piano, I have several openings for child or adult. Lessons are taught here at church. Give Kay a call: #763-784-1786 ext. 123.

KINDGOM KIDS QUILTING is progressing nicely. Last week blocks were made with pictures of things from creation. This week we will be doing some more work. Please join us. This activity is for those in 1-5th grade.

TRAVEL MEETING – Join us on Sunday, February 10 for another informational travel meeting. We'll have Irish Stew for lunch at 12:15. Our meeting will start with a brief time of very preliminary information about a planned trip to the world-renowned Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany in 2010. Come even if you aren't interested in Ireland.

Ireland – Then we continue with more details about the Ireland tour in August. We'll have several special reports, and further site information. So far, registrations put us about half-way to our goal of a group of 26. There is one single women looking for a roommate. Contact Pastor Bruce or Ann or more information!

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: Through God I have been called to discipleship training in Arvada Colorado through Youth With A Mission (YWAM). YWAM is a volunteer movement of many thousands of Christians in hundreds of locations worldwide who are seeking to make Christ known in word and deed. I will spend 3 months in Colorado for discipleship training and then 2 months in the mission field outside of the United States. I am in need of financial partners in order to complete this ministry. Any amount you can contribute towards my mission work is greatly appreciated. If you cannot make a financial contribution, please pray for me during my time in discipleship training and the mission field. Please indicate on the bottom left corner of your offering envelope "Justin LaBounty – YWAM". *Thank you, Justin LaBounty*

CAMP OMEGA WINTER RETREATS: Join them for a fun weekend February 1-3 for a Mother/Daughter/Grandmother/Granddaughter Retreat. Also the weekend of February 15-17 is Winter Kidcamp for children 4-6 and an adult. Visit their website: www.campomega.org/retreat-programs for more information and registration details.

THANK YOU! Messiah would like to acknowledge the outgoing members of the Leadership Council for their dedication and service. Jon Althoff (2 years), Jeremy Masso (2 years), Tom Relling (3 years), and especially Phyllis Grubb for 6 years of service, two of which were as Executive Director. Thank you all for your efforts in building God's kingdom from here at Messiah. May God bless you as you continue His work.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE - MESSIAH PRESCHOOL will be holding an open house and registration on Wednesday, February 6, from 6:30-7:30 PM in the preschool rooms. It's time to start thinking about preschool for your 3-5 year old child for the fall 2008. Messiah Preschool has a place for you! At Messiah, we celebrate the uniqueness of each child and the love that Christ has for each of them. We minister to the whole child; socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually in a loving and caring atmosphere. For more information, call Shirley Beyer at 763-784-1786.

2008 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY...THERE'S STILL TIME to make an appointment for your portrait session in February. You can make an appointment Sundays at church at the Welcome Center or go online to Messiah's website www.messiah-lutheran.org. Click on "Home Page", go to announcements and click on the link to the scheduling page.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP #51755 are looking for some wire hangers and baby food jars to use in their Silver Award. If you would like to help, please mark all donations with #51755 and leave them in the Sunday School Resource room. Thanks! Rebecca and Kaitlyn Parker

HELP NEEDED with making phone calls to assist members with scheduling portrait appointments. There will be a meeting on **Thursday, January 31** at church at 6:30 p.m. (*Note: this is a date change from the original meeting time*). A representative from Lifetouch will be there to help us and give some training. If you are interested, but unable to make the meeting, please contact Betty Delano at 651-787-0534 or e.delano@comcast.net.

PICTURES NEEDED: As the pictorial directory comes together we would like to show the various activities that go on at Messiah through the year. If you have any pictures from a Messiah activity from this past year (or 2) please leave them in the marked box in the office. Pictures may be of one or more persons, or just a general scene. Examples: Easter, children's programs, children in program costumes, Rally Day, youth outings, Fall Bazaar, scrabble, church dinners, meetings/groups, service projects, trips, etc. Pictures may be printed or on CD (preferred). Please note what the picture is of and if you would like the picture(s) back. Thank you very much!

COLUMBARIUM - We have had several people show interest in this project but so far, no one has come forward to help with the planning stage. If you are interested and would like to see this happen at Messiah, please e-mail or call. Hitzeman, Leanhi@isd.net, 651-653-0863.

SENIOR YOUTH UPDATE

Last week:

We had so much fun going sledding.

Next Week

"Let's talk" Bible Study.

Upcoming events to be thinking about:

Sunday Jan. 27th @ 12PM Teenserve informational meeting.

Feb 16th18th Ski Trip to Spirit Mountain.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The question here is not whether black women have access to reproductive 'choices,' but rather why we are fooled into thinking that we have to make a choice at all. It's the pro-abortionists who are trying to suggest that we fix societal problems by reducing the number of black Americans through abortion."

Day Gardner, founder and president of the National Black Pro-Life Union.

www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE