

## Community Outreach

**METRO LUTHERAN:** St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. in Minneapolis is helping Latinas develop a sewing ministry that builds resumes and job skills. This month's Metro Lutheran includes an article about its effort on page 13. Find out about the challenges of keeping such a ministry open in the heart of the city. Copies are available at the Welcome Center and the kiosks (one located near the library and the other near the west entrance.)

**NEW LIFE FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS:** "The First Annual Laugh for Life" featuring Bill Arnold, Bob Stromberg and Michael Pearce Donley (the original cast from Triple Espresso), this will be an unforgettable evening of fun and laughter. Come expecting to enjoy a program of original work, different from the Triple Espresso show, but sure to be equally gut-splitting! Beat the winter blues with a night of laughter as you support the life-saving work of New Life Family Services. The event will take place at Grace Church, Eden Prairie. Reserved seating tickets are \$10/ticket; group seating (20 or more) for \$8/ticket; VIP seating for \$40/ticket. VIP tickets include prime seating and an exclusive 30 minute "Meet & Greet" with the performers. The Meet & Greet takes place from 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. and consists of social time, photo opportunities and hors' d'oeuvres. A freewill offering will be taken during the even to benefit New Life Family Services. Contact Marie Anderson at (612)866-7643, ext. 169 to reserve your tickets.

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### WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 17 – JANUARY 23, 2010

If you would like a printed version of our service today, copies are available on the table as you enter the Worship Center or you may ask one of the ushers for a copy.

#### **TODAY:**

**7:30\*, 8:30, & 11:00\*AM** Worship Service - \* Communion Service

**9:45 AM** Education Hour

#### **MONDAY: NO PRESCHOOL**

**7:00 PM** LC (Business)

#### **TUESDAY:**

**9:00 AM** Tuesday Morning Work Crew

**1:30 PM** Program Staff Meeting

**7:30 PM** AA

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

**8:45 AM** Prince of Peace Chapel

**9:30 AM** Adult Bible Study

**4:45 PM** Wednesday Evening Meals

**5:00 PM** Joyful Ringers

**6:00 PM** New Song/Confirmation/Senior Youth

**6:30 PM** Good Vibrations

**6:45 PM** Wednesday Night Bible Study (Luke & Acts)

**7:00 PM** Messiah Singers/Kingdom Kids

#### **THURSDAY:**

**2:00 PM** Cribbage/Messiah Book Club

**7:00 PM** Jubilant Bells/Couples Bible Study

#### **FRIDAY:**

**6:00 AM** Men's Bible Study at RJ Riches

#### **SATURDAY:**

## TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

### 7:30\* & 8:30 SERVICES

Opening Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" # 411

Hymn of Response: "The Star Proclaims the King is Here" #399

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Offering Hymn: "Come Join in Cana's Feast" # 408

Sermon: "Being Prepared for Jesus In Your Life" John 2:1-11

### 7:30 Communion Hymns:

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" #400

Closing Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" # 643

### 11:00\* Service

### ENTIRE SERVICE DONE ON POWER POINT

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Sermon: Being Prepared for Jesus In Your Life" John 2:1-11

## THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY:

### 7:30, 8:30\*, & 11:00 Services:

Worship Leader & Proclaimer:

Pastor Del Wippich

Organist:

Kay A. Knutson

Acolytes: 8:30

Jake Goldsmith & Linnea Groscost

11:00

Shawn Bourgeois & Mark Frahm

Ushers: 7:30

Roleene Roehl & Nikki Roehl

8:30

Brad Brolsma, Chuck Hayes,

John Kvitrud, Wally Schuldt

11:00

Brady Bargman, Tom Lewnau, Alice Quiah

Worship Assistants: 7:30 Steve Gaynor 8:30 Jerry Steinhorst 11:00 Brad Brolsma

Readers: 7:30 Gail Ness 8:30 Brad Brolsma 11:00 Tom Relling

Greeters for January 17:

7:30 Steve & Barb Gaynor

8:30 Jerry & Eunice Hildebrandt – Jerry & Yvonne Peterson

11:00 Mike & Barb Marko – Nancy Clark

Greeters for January 24:

7:30 Midge Heidecker – Don Rossbach

8:30 Richard & Sharon LaBounty – Shirley Beyer

11:00 Tom & Sue Relling – Sharon Dallman

Communion Assistants for the Month:

7:30 Chuck Tarman

8:30 Jerry Hildebrandt

11:00 Sharon & Kirby Ehrreich

Welcome Center:

7:15 – 7:30 Myron & Betty Stickley 8:20 – 8:40 Bev Senske

9:25 – 9:50 Peggy Diehl 10:45 – 11:00 Bev Tikkanen

12:00 – 12:15 Joanne Meyer



## Kingdom Kids News



I hope that you all have had a great break! Kingdom Kids will now be focusing on starting the puppet ministry. We will be taking the stories from the bible and making them in to God inspired lessons. We will be trying to do some of these in Sunday school opening for the younger children, in a church service over lent, and a family night in April. If your child is a ham and would like to use that talent with a puppet, you can still sign up. Please come on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm in room 110 downstairs and we would love to have you. If you have any questions you can contact Mike G



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**YEAR END STATEMENTS FOR 2009** are available on a table by the Welcome Center. This statement covers all of your offerings for 2009 and serves as a receipt for your taxes. Please pick your envelope up as soon as possible. If you have a concern about your statement, please call Sarah B or Carol Hyatt at 763-784-1786.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2010.** A few boxes remain on the table in the Gathering Space. Those not picked up will be mailed in a couple weeks, at a cost of about \$2.00 per box. If you can deliver one or two boxes, feel free to do so.

## A Big Thank You From Your Staff

The staff extends our thanks to all who contributed to the staff gift this year. We appreciate your kind generosity and all you do in service to others. We are blessed to work and worship alongside of you. "...so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." **Romans 12:5**

*"I want to thank all my friends at Messiah for your prayers and kindness through cards, meals, calls and visits. You truly sustained me during this illness. My first CAT scan after these months of treatment reveal that I am cancer free. Praise be to God and his people for this blessing. You have truly been the heart, hands and feet of Jesus". Edith J*

## News & Notes – January 17, 2010

**Welcome friends! We're glad you're here today. 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.**

- **Directional Signage** is located throughout the building suspended from the ceilings. If you aren't sure which way to go, look UP!
- **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 **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** are on 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 worship assistants or an usher before the service and they will assist you.
- **FM 88.1** Are you experiencing difficulty hearing during the worship service? Try listening to the worship service on a FM radio tuned to 88.1 FM. We encourage you to bring a good quality FM radio with high quality ear buds, and then listen direct to the pastor and music without the distractions. FM radios are also available at the welcome center.

**LEADING OUR WORSHIP** this morning is **Pastor Del Wippich**. **Messiah's Public Worship** is currently conducted and the Word proclaimed by three worship leaders, **Pastor Richard Krogen, Pastor Del Wippich** and **Pastor Philemon Ngare**. All are members of Messiah and share the public worship duties. Later in the News and Notes there is an update on our calling of a permanent Senior Pastor. **Kay Knutson** is our Director of Music and plans our Order of Worship. **JoElla Kath** is our church secretary and prepares our bulletin and News and Notes.

**REMINDER: THERE IS NO PRESCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18 IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY.**

## Sunday Morning Adult Education Class Schedule

	8:30am		9:45am			
	Blue Room B	Room 210	Blue Room A	Blue Room B	Room 210	Fireside Room
1/17	Study of John	Thru the Bible		Study of John	Thru the Bible	Hearts Ablaze
1/24	Study of John	Thru the Bible	<b>New Life Testimonials</b>	Study of John	Thru the Bible	Hearts Ablaze
1/31	Study of John	Thru the Bible	<b>GUEST SPEAKERS: Brian &amp; Denise Walker</b>		Thru the Bible	Hearts Ablaze
2/7	Study of John	Thru the Bible	<b>Adoption</b>	Study of John	Thru the Bible	Hearts Ablaze
2/14	Study of John	Thru the Bible		Study of John	Thru the Bible	Hearts Ablaze

**NEW LIFE TESTIMONIALS** What do a pregnant teenage girl, a post-abortive woman, and a childless couple have in common? They were all clients at New Life Family Services, and they each share their story next Sunday at 9:45. These are the same people who spoke at the New Banquet in January. You will be blessed and moved by their testimonies.

**GUEST SPEAKERS BRIAN AND DENISE WALKER** will be at Messiah on January 31 to share their powerful testimony. *Everlasting Light Ministries* was founded by Rev. Brian and Rev. Denise Walker in 1999. Brian and Denise desire to share the hope, forgiveness, and mercy of Jesus Christ, which they received, with anyone who has lost children through about abortion. Jesus Christ healed and restored their fractured, tortured lives and marriage from the devastation of three abortions. Since 1999, the Walkers have also been used by God to sensitize communities to the needs of post-abortive people. The Walkers are compassionate, articulate, and transparent public speakers who are willing to share the truth about abortion and its real life consequences. They are often called upon to be keynote speakers at local, statewide pro-life banquets and events, and participate on the speaker's bureaus for Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life (MCCL) and Silent No More Minnesota (SNMM). **Don't miss this class!**



**ADOPTION SUNDAY** on February 7 will feature a speaker from Bethany Christian Services at 9:45am in the Blue Room. Learn more about Orphan Care and Adoption!

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: TRANSFORM YOUR MIND** so that you will understand God's good, pleasing, and perfect will (Rom 12:2). **Together as the body of Christ at Messiah, let's read through the Bible in 2010!** At 8:30 and 9:45, Ron and Melea B and others will be facilitating weekly discussions based on the previous week's daily readings. Other small groups may choose to meet at other times throughout the week for those already in a Sunday Bible class. Think of how we can truly impact the world for God if together we are literally "on the same page!" *Today we will be discussing Genesis 25-40 and Matthew 3-8-11.* If you have not read these already, please find the reading schedule for the week of January 10 (below), read it, and join us next week!

**Read Through the Bible Reading Schedule for the week of January 17, 2010** (to be discussed in small groups on January 24). *Before reading each day, ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind (to set your heart ablaze!) to understand the words on the page. Then jot down any questions or insights that come to mind and bring those "jots" to your group to share.*

Sunday, January 17: Genesis 41-42, Matthew 12:1-23

Monday, Jan 18: Genesis 43-45, Matthew 12: 24-50

Tuesday, Jan 19: Genesis 46-48, Matthew 13:1-30

Wednesday, Jan 20: Genesis 49-50, Matthew 13:31-58

Thursday, Jan 21: Matthew 14:1-21, Exodus 1-3

Friday, Jan 22: Exodus 4-6, Matthew 14:22-36

Saturday, Jan 23: Exodus 7-8, Matthew 15:1-20

**WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY ARISES** do you need help to share your Christian faith? The Ablaze Committee has placed tracts at the Information Center to assist you. Please feel free to use them as a hand out to confirm your testimony of faith.

**PASTORAL CARE** is provided by Pastor Krogen and Pastor Wippich along with the assistance of other area clergy as needed. If you need pastoral assistance please call the church office at **763-784-1786**. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message for one of the pastors. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. If there is a **pastoral emergency** and no one is available to take your call, follow the instructions given on the voice mail system; then when prompted, leave a message with a phone number *where you can be reached*. The **Emergency Pastoral Care Response System** will page the "On Call" pastor as soon as you hang up.

## Life Quote

"Abortion must be fought one heart, one mind,  
and one life at a time.

This is what Christians have always done!"

*Diane E. Schroeder*

*President of Lutherans For Life*

From Lutherans For Life, [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**BAPTIZED THIS MORNING DURING THE 11:00 SERVICE** Julie Ann F, received through Adult Baptism, and her daughter, Farrah Lily F. May the Lord continue to bless you.



**LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OF NORTHWEST RAMSEY COUNTY** is an important ministry of OUR local churches to people in OUR community. To learn more about this organization and what we have been doing through it the past year, please go to <http://www.firstgiving.com/loveincnwrc>.

**SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH** We will be collecting donations for New Life Family Services in January. This can be in the form of "Forever" postage stamps or cash donations. Make a note of New Life on your check. Stamps can be dropped off in the office area. **IN HONOR OF ADOPTION** we will be collecting donations towards our "Orphan Ministry Fund" at Messiah. Again, make a note on your check to designate your donation. We will celebrate adoption on February 7 in all of our worship services and you will have the chance to honor a loved one on a special *Adoption Wall* in the gathering space that day.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE COMPOSITE PICTURE** that was given to Messiah by the photographer when the 2001 Picture Directory was done. It is poster size and was probably rolled up when the 2008 composite picture was put up. If you have seen it or know what has happened to it please call Kay K or let someone in the church office know. Thanks

**FOOD SHELF DONATIONS** – During the month of January we are collecting non-perishable items for the CEAP Food Shelf. Please leave your donations in the bin marked Food Shelf or you can make a monetary donation by marking "Food Shelf" on your offering envelope. The items they are in most need of currently are:

Peanut Butter

Beef Stew

Tuna

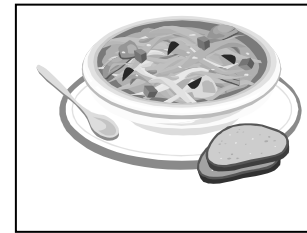
Spaghetti Sauce

Noodles

Boxed Dinners

Cereal

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**BEFORE WE KNOW IT, ASH WEDNESDAY** will be here. During the Lenten season, we have traditionally had groups sign up to do the suppers as a way to earn extra funds. The new sign up sheet is posted just inside the kitchen doorway. You may sign your group up or you may contact Carol in the church office for more information.

Check the signup sheet as soon as you can as the weeks available go really fast!

**OFFERINGS: General Fund: \$8,390 Expansion Fund: \$3,117 Missions: \$440 (5.0% of General Fund) \$420** Weekly Fund Needs: \$12,355 Weekly Expansion Fund Needs: \$4,053

**ATTENDANCE: Sunday: 361 Sunday School: 50**

## **Wednesday Evening Meals**

**January 20, 2010**

**4:45 – 6:15 PM**

**Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili,  
Bread and Dessert**

**\*\*\*Free Will Offering Taken\*\*\***

**NEW MEMBER CLASS > “Setting Hearts Ablaze!”** It is not too late – Today is our introduction to the material, next week is our first lesson. The class is from 9:45 to 10:45 AM Sundays and located in the Fireside Room. The class is for ALL those seeking membership through transfer from another church, and for those who are new or renewing their Christians faith. We also encourage long time members wishing to review the core of their Christian faith to attend this class. This is not a review of Luther’s Catechism, but designed to give us the tools that strengthen our faith. The class runs through April 18<sup>th</sup> with the new member welcome on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **SENIOR YOUTH UPDATES**

#### **Last week**

“Let’s talk” Bible Study

#### **This Week**

“Let’s Eat” Pizza & a Movie

#### **Sunday Youth Bible Study**

We are continuing our “*Secret Believers*” book study. Please make sure to come prepared again this morning and bring your books. Only a few short weeks left.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Sat. Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Youth Skiing at Trollhagen. All Jr. & Sr. Youth and their families are welcome. Come have an awesome day of skiing, tubing or just hanging out in the ski lodge. We will carpool together and stay late. Parents this could be a wonderful day

to just hang out with your teen and their peers. Please contact Becky Kunz at [bkunz@messiah-lutheran.org](mailto:bkunz@messiah-lutheran.org) if you plan on going. Cost will depend on equipment needs and how many attend to get a group rate. Lift tickets range \$31-\$41 and equipment varies. Check out their web page for more details [trollhaugen.com](http://trollhaugen.com)

Feb. 5-6<sup>th</sup> **Acquire the Fire** More than great worship. More than a great concert. More than great talks about God. It is 27 hrs set apart to give your teens a life transforming experience with Christ. Cost \$57. Contact Melea B or Becky Kunz if you are interested in attending this year.

**ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER:** Due to the deadline imposed by Liturgical Publishing with regards to receiving the monthly newsletter back after publication, we will be strictly adhering to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month deadline for articles for the newsletter.



**ADDRESS CHANGES** – Please report any address change as soon as possible to the church office so we can correct our database. The post office charges us for all returned newsletters, so help us be good stewards.