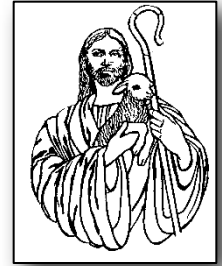


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The Newsletter of Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship & School 9:30 AM

Lent: Finding Christ in the Strangest Places

A community of Christians, called together by the Holy Spirit, where all people can come to know God's grace and grow in faith, give and receive the love of Jesus Christ and of one another, and serve one another and the community in which we live."

From the Desk of Pastor Jim

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins writes at the end of one of his sonnets:

"For Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of men's
faces."

The idea is that we can encounter Christ all over the place, in all kinds of people, events, and experiences. Wherever love, compassion, forgiveness, kindness - all the things that are bundled up in the term "grace" - are experienced, you could say we encounter Christ. That is, if we have our eyes and ears open to recognize those moments and name them for what they are, Christ "playing" in our presence.

There are a whole host of practices you could

engage in as part of a Lenten discipline looking for spiritual renewal and growth. From renewing daily prayer time, to spending more time reading scripture or some other spiritually uplifting text, to intentionally engaging in acts of kindness, on and on. Perhaps one spiritual discipline to consider engaging this Lent is the one of "attention." Also known as mindfulness or awareness, Frederick and Mary Ann Brussat on their website, spiritualityandpractice.com, call it one of the primary spiritual practices. They say, "We must stay alert or we risk missing critical elements of the spiritual life - moments of grace, opportunities for gratitude, evidence of our connections to others, signs of the presence of the Spirit." I would add missing possible encounters with Christ. For more on this spiritual practice and others I commend their website to you.

One of the obvious places to find Christ is in the Bible, particularly the Gospels. But there are many other, "strange," places in the scriptures that Christ can be found. That is the focus of this year's Lenten midweek theme - "Christ in the Strangest Places: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever." Over the course of the Lenten Wednesdays, from Ash Wednesday on March 9, to April 13, we will explore some of the "strange" places in the Old Testament that Christ can be found. That is to say, where our experience of Christ can be seen to be foreshadowed, foretold. God has acted in particular ways towards God's people throughout the course of what scholars sometimes call "salvation history," the history of God's caring for creation and God's people. Those ways reach their fulfillment or culmination in Jesus Christ.

I invite you to be with us on the Wednesdays of Lent to encounter the strange places where Christ can be found.
God's peace and joy to you,

Pastor Jim

Lent Begins

- **Sunday, March 6, Feast of the Transfiguration - Worship with Holy Communion, 9:30 am - followed by a Shrovetide Brunch pre-Lenten celebration. Bring breakfast goodies to share.**
- **Ash Wednesday, March 7 - 7:30 pm - Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.**
- **Wednesdays, March 16 - April 13 - Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers, 6:30 pm, followed by Lenten Evening Devotions on the theme: "Christ in the Strangest Places."**
- **Sunday Adult Forum, March 13 to April 10 - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm - "Embracing an Adult Faith" - exploring what it means to be a Christian.**

March Events:

- Sunday, Mar. 6 - **Worship w/Holy Communion** - 9:30 am - for Transfiguration Sunday; followed by a Shrovetide Brunch as a pre-Lenten party.
- Tuesday, Mar. 8 - **Church Council** - 7:00 pm.
- Wednesday, Mar. 9 - **Ash Wednesday Worship** - 7:30 pm - Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes.
- Sundays, Mar. 13 - Apr. 10 - **Adult Sunday Forum** - 11:00 am to 12 Noon - "Embracing an Adult Faith."
- Mondays, Mar. 14 & 28 - **Monday Adult Bible Study** - 10:00 am - Our Bible study continues looking at the Book of Genesis with the stories of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.
- Wednesdays, Mar. 16 - Apr. 13 - **Soup Supper** - 6:30 pm - **Lenten**
- **Evening Devotions** - 7:30 pm - "Christ in the Strangest Places."
- Monday, Mar. 21 - **CROP Walk Organizing Meeting** - 7:30 pm.
- Sunday, Mar. 20 - **Worship w/Holy Communion** - 9:30 am.
- Friday, Mar. 25 - **Movie Buffs** - 7:30 pm - location and movie to be determined.



March Lectionary Readings:

3/6 - Transfiguration Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	2 Corinthians 5:16-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	3/20 - Lent 2 Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	3/27 - Lent 3 Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
3/9 - Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-18	3/13 - Lent 1 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11		

Sunday Forum: "Embracing an Adult Faith"

- When: Sundays, Mar. 13 to Apr. 17, 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon.
- What: Five one hour discussions on central Christian topics: God, Jesus, Salvation, Christian Practice, and Community.

Some questions that will come up:

- What words best help you express the reality of God in your life?
- How have you experienced and understood God at various stages of your life?
- Why does Jesus matter to you?
- What does Easter mean to you?
- What words, images, memories and experiences do you associate with the word *salvation*?
- Sin can be a problematic word. What is your current understanding of this word?

- What spiritual or religious practices do you follow?
- What were some truly memorable moments of worship in your life?
- What communities in the Bible stand out for you? What qualities make them memorable?
- Where and how do you experience Christian community today?

These are some of the questions you will be asked to think about and discuss over the five one-hour sessions of the course. To facilitate the discussion will be a video conversation between renowned Christian scholar Dr. Marcus Borg and a small group of everyday Christians. I invite you for Lent to come hear and join in the conversation.

Pastor Jim

Church Council Meeting Minutes: February 8, 2011

Visitor: Pastor Kent Peterson from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund made a presentation to council about the investment opportunities there are with MIF. MIF is able to make loans to churches because of other churches and individuals investing with them. He felt we might want to also become investors and thus enable them to provide more loans to others in the future. At present, the MIF has 801 loans outstanding amounting to \$460M. Pastor Peterson described their different investment vehicles and left a number of packets with this information for anyone interested. (They are available on the table in the narthex.)

Minutes for the January 11, 2010, meeting were read and approved with changes.

Financial Reports:

Financial Secretary's Report:

Ending Jan. 31, 2011:
Total amount pledged: \$8,456.83
Total amount received: \$7,998.00
% Rec'd of Pledged: 94.7%

Gene Handler and Tim Krause have revised and corrected their year-end 2010 reports.

Treasurer's Report:

The February 8, 2011 Financial Report was handed out.

Year to date Income: \$10,262.91

Year to date Expenses: \$13,629.86

A question was raised as to why the flower expenses are more than income. Because the bills reflect the previous months flowers and the income is usually for that month's flowers. In December we had more flowers than we ordered in January. To make sure that the bills take into account the Sundays when flowers are not ordered, Pastor Jim will look at the flower bill before handing it off to Tim Krause for payment.

Financial reports were approved.

Board of Trustees:

Two programmable thermostats were installed in the sanctuary. All the thermostats will be set to 55 degrees except for Sunday when at 7:00 am they will go to 68 degrees. At 11:00 am, they will reset to 55 degrees. On Sundays the air conditioning will set to 75 degrees and return to 85 degrees at 11:00 am. When someone is working in the church at other times they will be able to manually set the temperature to a comfortable setting temporarily, thus cutting back on the heating and cooling of the building.

Modern Comfort was called in to check why there was no air going into the Sunday School room while the storage room was extremely warm. They discovered that one of the dampers in the duct to the Sunday School room had closed. Once they reopened it the air has flowed well.

The electric bill for last month was \$650, which can still be considered high. There might be a few reasons for this, such as higher building use than originally thought or thermostats are not working properly. Trustees will wait until the next bill to see if it continues high.

The trustees were alerted to a problem with the toilet in the men's room not flushing properly. A spring cleanup work day will be planned to deal with the trees and bushes damaged in the recent snow storm.

Board of Deacons:

February 20 - Rev. Susan Carole Roy will be the supply pastor.

February 27 - A dedication ceremony will be held for the fall and winter flower arrangement donated by Stephanie Ransom.

March 7 - Route 1 Day Center - Pastor Jim will send out an email to ask for help supplying food and serving on that day. We will be serving in two shifts this time, one from 1:00-3:00 pm, the other from 3:00 pm on. The congregation can bring foods not needing warming to church on Sunday. Anne Dunn, the Day

Center coordinator, has asked if SOTG would be willing to switch their service day to the fifth Mondays when they occur - May, August, and October. Pastor Jim will survey the current crew to see their preference.

Mariann Krueger was welcomed to council and thanked for volunteering.

Board of Christian Education:

The meeting for Relay for Life was being held tonight to consider fundraising ideas. Anne Gellner will be able to get any pertinent information from the meeting.

Pastor's Report:

Suggestions were made about the Annual Report:

- Make the reports available the Sunday before the meeting.

- Also, have the treasurer and financial secretary meet beforehand to compare reports and resolve any discrepancies.

The Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$92 for the World Hunger Appeal and received quite a few canned goods.

The decision was made to keep council meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.

March 9 - Ash Wednesday service at 7:30
On the following five Wednesdays there will be Soup Supper at 6:30, followed by Lenten Evening Devotions at 7:30. This year's theme: "Finding Christ in the Strangest Places."

Movie Buffs is on Feb. 25, place TBD.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned with prayer and the passing of the peace.

The next Council meeting is March 8, 2011, 7:00 pm.

Looking for Ocean City Lodging

From June 2-4, I will be attending the Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly in Ocean City, MD. I am looking for housing for Thursday and Friday nights. I thought I could save the church some expense if there were someone who

had a place in Ocean City, or knew someone who did, who would be willing to allow me to use it for a couple of nights while in O.C. If you can help with this need, let me know.

Pastor Jim



Keep In Your Prayers....

Eleanor Asher
 John Blackman
 Addison Blackwell
 Vinny DiGeralamo
 Elsie Dina
 Steve Evseeff
 Dale Gardner
 Cindy Glaser
 Grace Gunther
 Betty Hart
 Carmen Heil
 Katie Hill
 LaToya Jenkins
 John & Harriet Libertini
 Ruthanne Maynard
 Mary Moylan
 Kurt Muller
 Grace Nafziger
 Laurie Schlegel
 Helen Stratmann
 Carolyn Twigg

Marilyn Weiscarrers
 The Families of:
 Agatha Katzenbarger
 Dale Snyder

+Please pray for peace in our world and for the protection and safe return of those who are serving in the military, including:

Dan Cherry
 Brian Moody
 Thomas Olson

Shepherd of the Glen has a *Prayer Team* that meets once a month. We spend an hour discussing both personal and community prayer concerns. We have committed ourselves to praying during the rest of the month for the whole congregation, the whole church, and world needs. We would love to have

others become part of our group. Speak to Pastor Jim.



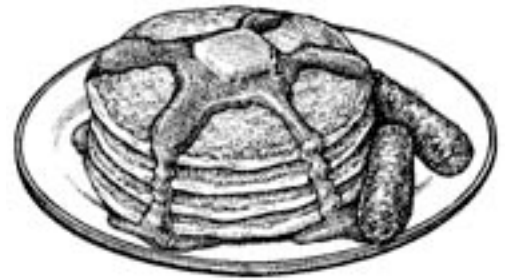
March Calendar of Saints

- March 1 - George Herbert, Priest, Poet, Hymnwriter, 1633.
- March 2 - John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788, Renewers of the Church.
- March 7 - Perpetua, Felicity, and Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202.
 Thomas Aquinas, Teacher, 1274.
- March 10 - Harriet Tubman, 1913; Sojourner Truth, 1883; Renewers of Society.
- March 12 - Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604.
- March 17 - Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland, 461.
- March 19 - Joseph, Guardian of Jesus
- March 21 - Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1556.
- March 22 - Jonathan Edwards, Teacher, Missionary to the American Indians, 1758.
- March 25 - The Annunciation of Our Lord
- March 29 - Hans Nielsen Hauge, Renewer of the Church, 1824.
- March 31 - John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631.

Youth News

It's Pancake Time!!!

Sunday, March 6, 9:30 - 11:30 am - Shrovetide Pancake Brunch. Time to get ready for Lent. It is a centuries old tradition to prepare for Lent with a feast. Your help is needed to cook and serve and participate in this year's Shrovetide feast. When you come for church you will be asked to get busy setting up and preparing to make the pancakes and other goodies for the feast to follow the Sunday morning worship service. I sure hope you can be present to take part. (Also, if you're into baking...homemade muffins, pastries, and other goodies would be welcomed and enjoyed.)





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| <p>25. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg is best remembered as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a Christian who enlisted in the Revolutionary Army b. the first speaker of the House of Representatives c. a Lutheran pastor and church leader in colonial America | <p>30. Today one would find a large Lutheran church in all of the following except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Algeria b. Brazil c. Namibia d. Papua New Guinea | <p>35. In terms of human freedom, Lutherans teach that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. freedom was destroyed in the fall of Adam and Eve b. freedom was restored to all in the death of Christ c. freedom is an inalienable right from our Creator d. humans are free in some things, not free in others |
| <p>26. In the nineteenth century the largest number of Lutheran immigrants to the United States came from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Norway b. Sweden c. Finland d. Germany | <p>31. The American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church in America first began to ordain women in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1930 b. 1962 c. 1970 d. 1981 | <p>36. "I believe that by my own reason or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him" is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a statement by Paul in the letter to the Romans b. a statement by Luther in the Small Catechism c. a part of the prayer before communion d. none of the above |
| <p>27. During the Civil War, American Lutherans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. divided into Northern and Southern Churches b. maintained strict neutrality c. were united in their opposition to slavery | <p>32. The Augsburg Confession teaches that we "receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. by faith b. by grace c. for Christ's sake d. all of the above | <p>37. The "two kingdoms" doctrine for Lutherans refers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the differing ways God works in the church and the world b. the separation of church and state in modern times c. the division of Germany into East and West |
| <p>28. A social issue that occupied most American Protestant churches deeply in the early years of the twentieth century was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. abortion b. homosexuality c. mercy killing d. prohibition | <p>33. Luther's Small Catechism teaches that water in baptism "can produce such great effects" because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. water is a symbol of life b. John baptized Jesus c. God's word is connected to the water d. God is all powerful | |
| <p>29. A Lutheran theologian who led the fight against Hitler and eventually died in a Nazi prison was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bonhoeffer b. Bultmann c. Kierkegaard d. Schweitzer | <p>34. In the Lord's Supper, Christ's presence comes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. only to those who receive Christ in faith b. only to those who believe what the creeds teach c. only to those who have prepared by true confession d. to all, but unbelievers received judgment, not blessing | |

Answers to the Lutheran Check Up:

- Part I:**
 1. D 2. A 3. C 4. B 5. A 6. B 7. D 8. C 9. C 10. A 11. B 12. D 13. B 14. C 15. B 16. A
- Part II:**
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Scoring:
28-37 You don't need encouragement; you ought to be teaching
18-27 You haven't been asleep, but there's more to learn
10-17 Of course you're busy, but you could find some time
0-9 You're still welcome, even with a lot to learn

2010 FUNDRAISING RESULTS: \$9,560.20

Flea Market & Mini Book Sale: \$520.25
 Holiday Bazaar: Lisbon \$290.46
 Church on Sundays \$63.50
 TOTAL: \$353.96

Book sale:
 Pre sale: \$582.75
 Dealers: \$3,414.75
 Friday: \$1453.97
 Saturday: \$880.60
 TOTAL: \$6,332.50

Grocery Cards: \$2,066.99

Recycle: \$286.50
 At \$2.00 per cartridge, it was substantially more than the 13 – 30 cent average we were getting on only some of the cartridges we sent directly to escrip recycle. Many of the cartridges were refused by them.

Information Regarding Our Annual Fundraiser Programs

This year’s total fund raising was the highest we have ever had, except for the year (2005) when we collected money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. At that time we received donations for Katrina victims, from area residents and members of the congregation.

Our various fund raisers are getting to be more and more important to us, as we feel the budget crunch. There are several news items to report for 2010 and new slants on some of the programs coming up in 2011.

The two fund raising projects that run all year are the super market gift card program and the recycle program for cell phones, ink cartridges, toners, i- pods, & lap tops. Neither of these fund raisers requires members of the congregation to spend any money ---- just participate by buying gift cards for supermarkets at face value & by donating used ink cartridges.

GROCERY CARDS:

All of the supermarkets except Safeway use gift cards. Transactions are deducted from the cards each time you shop. This method makes participation very attractive to the customers. See Carole Kramer for details. It is so easy. If you shop at Safeway please give Carole Kramer the number of your club card. Once that is enrolled in the Safeway Escrip Program 1% of your total grocery bill is rebated back to the church each time you use your card.

***We have stopped purchasing Super Fresh cards since they declared bankruptcy.

Once again we urge you, if you shop at Giant, Food Lion, Martins or Weis to use the church purchased gift cards as your payment of choice. (If you purchase your medications at the super market pharmacy you may also use the gift cards to pay the pharmacy bill). Each time the church sells \$1,000 worth of cards to church members & friends at face value the church earns \$50. This means you spend no more for your food, but the church earns \$50 for each \$1,000 spent at the supermarket by our members.

***Our earnings from gift cards was GREAT this year! It has been 6 years since we sold more gift cards! If you have not tried this please give it a trial run. Carole Kramer has cards on sale before & after church every Sunday. When Carole is not in church, Linda Krause has the gift cards.

All cards are in \$100 denominations except for Food Lion, which is \$50.00. As many as 5 cards may be used in one shopping visit. The cost of your groceries is deducted from the card & you use the card until it runs out. Each time you use the card your sales receipt shows the amount remaining on the card.

RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES, TONERS, CELL PHONES & LAP TOPS:

We collect ink & toner cartridges, i-pods, lap tops and used cell phones in a plastic bin located inside the door to the parking lot. We are paid for recycling those items. All money from the items goes toward the mortgage reduction fund. Don’t forget to ask at work if you can routinely collect the used items for us. Many businesses return ink cartridges & toners, but are not paid to do so. Therefore, they don’t care if you take them. This program helps the environment and because shipping is free, it is a freebie for us.

***We still send the cell phones & computers to the Escrip program. But, we can receive \$2.00 per cartridge from Staples via rebate certificates. There are two ways of using this program: A member of the board of trustees can use those certificates to get free church stationary supplies & cleaning supplies from Staples. The cartridges & toners are bagged into plastic bags of ten items & the bag is tied closed. OR, if you routinely shop at Staples see Carole Kramer to receive a bag of cartridges for \$20 payment to her when she is selling grocery cards. Drop the bag off at the checkout counter of Staples & save the receipt until you receive your rebate check 60 days later for \$20 to use at Staples (it has a 60 day time limit.) If that explanation is as clear as mud, ask Carole Kramer to give you a detailed explanation of the program.

BOOK SALE:

Our 15th Annual Media Sale, always held the weekend after Labor Day, was the most successful yet. We urge you to continue to drop off books, records, tapes, CD’s, & DVD’s in either the bench seat at the side door of the church or on the tables just inside the parking lot door. Please tell your friends and neighbors of our on going drive for media sale items. We would like to get your donations as early in the year as possible. It takes a long time to sort 18,000 books, not to mention tapes etc. We are always looking for paper grocery bags, especially the ones from organic food stores that have the handles. Our bag sale on Saturdays is more and popular. But the customers get upset if the bags are not all the same size. Leave your bags all year long where you leave books. ***PLANS ARE TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3 DAYS THIS YEAR ---- THUR. & FRI. 3-7pm & SAT. 9-3

BAZAAR:

This year we participated for the eleventh time in the Ecumenical Christmas Bazaar at the Lisbon Fire Hall. Following the bazaar a sampling of crafts remained on sale at the church. Nearly new items not sold there will be included in our flea market in the spring. Our sale was a disappointment this year.

FLEA MARKET:

We began a flea market in 2008 & continue to collect nearly new items and craft supplies to sell at the church sponsored tables at the flea market. We are doing this the first Saturday in June (after the spring rains) and before school closes. That necessitates the donation of nearly new items as early in the year as possible. As with books, all nearly new items can be left on the tables inside the parking lot door. ***In 2010 we added a mini book sale to the flea market sale. It did so well, that WE EXACTLY DOUBLED OUR EARNINGS. In 2011 we plan a slightly expanded mini sale with the flea market. If you have had occasion to look in the acolyte’s closet, the book shed, the small shed, or the storage room this fall, you are well aware that we are already overwhelmed with books for next September. In order to be able to clear space in the shed to move around, we are planning to sort books several days a week during the winter months.

As you can tell from this report, we are constantly re-evaluating our fund raising programs and revising them to reap the greatest potential from them. Your support of all of these activities through the year is greatly appreciated. Once again, thank you for your support in the past and for your anticipated continued support in the future.

Our ultimate goal is to be able to reach the point where these activities are no longer essential to help us meet our budget. Then we can channel the returns from these activities into outreach in other benevolent areas and our own mortgage reduction fund.