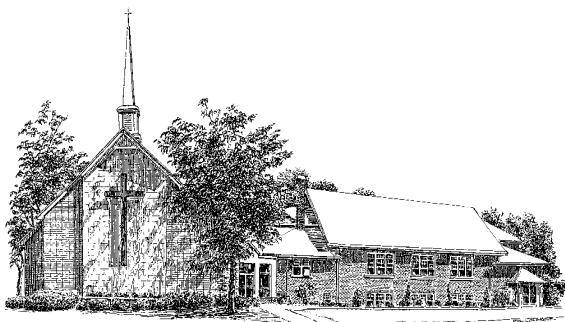


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## The CELEBRATE February/March 2008

*"We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following  
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith."*

### February Highlights

#### **February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Worship w/ Communion - Annual Congregational Meeting

#### **February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 12pm**

Young at Heart Luncheon

#### **February 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons  
Special Session Meeting after church

#### **February 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 10am**

Worship – Confirmands join the church

#### **February 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Ash Wednesday Worship service

### March Highlights

#### **March 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 10am**

Worship w/ Communion - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### **March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 12pm**

Young at Heart Luncheon

#### **Wednesdays, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30pm**

Lenten Journey Services

## PASTOR'S PLACE

The year 2008 did not end the way I expected it to. But as much as I would like to have my Father on the other end of the line when I pick up the phone I know he is now in a pain free existence with God. I will miss him and the grief that I feel for my loss and that of my family will continue to be here with me. It will come upon me at odd times and in situations that one would never expect it to. But that is ok. Grief works in each of us differently. So I thank you for all your kind condolences and prayers for me and for my family as we live through this passage in life. I thank you for the time away to be with my mother and for the folks who continually step up to the plate and help when it is needed.

Now I will say in the midst of my loss this has been an enriching experience for me as well because I let you know what was going on. I kept you informed. Some of you are less forthcoming to your congregational family when you need help and become hurt when you don't believe that support is there for you. Friends - tell the church. Let us know when you are hospitalized or homebound or in need of assistance. We can't help if we don't know the issue. My mother has been overwhelmed by the response of her church. They have brought meals and offered rides and sent messages of love and appreciation. And she doesn't think she deserves any of it. It is not a matter of deserving. It is a matter of allowing oneself to be ministered to. God loves her and shows that through the hands and feet of the church family. But they wouldn't have known what to do if we hadn't shared with them her needs. Let us all help one another to help each other so that all may know of God's blessings.

Thank you again for your blessings shared with me.


In gratitude,  
Bronwen

## FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

### February 2009

<i>February 1<sup>st</sup></i>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	<i>February 15<sup>th</sup></i>	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45
<i>February 8<sup>th</sup></i>	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	<i>February 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

### March 2009

<i>March 1<sup>st</sup></i>	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	<i>March 15<sup>th</sup></i>	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:1-22
<i>March 8<sup>th</sup></i>	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans. 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	<i>March 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
 <b>Lectionary</b> <small>Readings</small>		<i>March 29<sup>th</sup></i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

## FAITH EDUCATION



The Confirmation class has an exciting month ahead. In February they will meet with Session and on February 22nd they will join our Church. We hope you can be there to welcome our newest members.

We are planning to have an Easter Egg Hunt this April. Please watch your bulletin for more details. If you would like to help plan this event please come to our February Faith Ed meeting.



The Faith Ed committee will meet on February 2nd and March 2nd at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

FEBRUARY 2009						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion Annual Meeting	<b>2</b> All Committee Night 6:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10am Worship Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons Faith Education 11am Fellowship 11:15am Session Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship	<b>16</b> Session Meeting 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10am Worship Confirmands join church Faith Education 11am Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Ash Wednesday Worship service 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

**YOUNG AT HEART**

Here we are in a new year and still going strong. I would like to thank the YAH'S group for the Christmas card that was given to Edie and myself. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner with it and I did not have to cook it. We will be meeting on the following dates in February and March.

February 4<sup>th</sup>  
February 18<sup>th</sup>

March 4<sup>th</sup>  
March 18<sup>th</sup>

So mark these dates on your calendar and we hope to see you all there.

Your Happy Cooks: Dick & Edie

MARCH 2009						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion & Baptism Faith Education 11am Fellowship  <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>2</b> All Committee Night 6:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm  Lenten Journey Service @ John XXIII 7:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Lenten Journey Service @ St. John Lutheran 7:30pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>16</b> Session Meeting 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm  Lenten Journey Service @ Queen of Heaven 7:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Lenten Journey Service @ First Presbyterian 7:30pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship  <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**A GREAT BIG THANKS** goes to Carol Vaughan for making the new welcome banner. The old banner hung in at the front entrance for many years and it became well worn. Carol made a new banner to greet everyone as they enter the church. Please be sure to take a minute to tell Carol what a great job she did.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

Whew! It seems like we just got through with Christmas and already we are talking about Lent! But I don't want to jump too far too fast! In February we will have our annual meeting following the Worship service on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will also have the Ordination/Installation of officers later in the month.

Then we get to jump into Lent. Watch the bulletin for news about the Ash Wednesday service on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Our worship throughout March will focus on the Lenten season in anticipation of Easter, which is in April this year.



The following are the greeters for February and March:

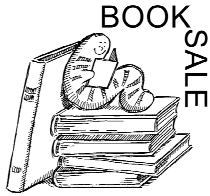


Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wilson Family	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Goggins Family
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	George Shaffer	Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Janice & Richard Jones
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Chrynowicz	Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tom & Diana Kalinowski
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob and Marsha Barnhart	Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Shriver Family
		Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Corless Family

## CHURCH & SOCIETY

### **BOOK SALE ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009**

The Church & Society Committee is planning a book sale. Please start bringing books in anytime. They can be left in the "garage sale" room. Books need to be in boxes (not bags) that are easy to carry and if possible with lids.



Please ask your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers if they have any books they would like to donate to our sale. There will also be a bake sale with drinks etc. for sale in the kitchen. We are in need of plastic bags. It would make it much less work for everyone if you could fold the bags before bringing them in. We will be having a planning meeting in the future. Please watch the bulletin for the date and if you have any questions please call Diane Molnar 675-2481.

### **MITTEN TREE UPDATE**

You people are really great. Items from the mitten tree were packed into three large shopping bags loaded with all sort of winter accessories plus socks and underwear for the women and children at Cornerstone Manor. Kathy, in charge of volunteer services, said thanks to everyone.

### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Thank you for continuously donating non-perishable food items. You may have noticed that the baskets are being emptied as soon as they are filled. Yes, your guess is right. The food is going to a different local pantry that is opened two days a week instead of one day a month. This puts groceries into the hands of those in need on a weekly basis.

Did you know that within a few miles of our church, we have four food pantries? One passed out 500 baskets at Thanksgiving time. Another handed out 300 baskets. Both places had to turn people away due to lack of supplies.

If you know of anyone in need, please see Corrine or a member of the committee for a list of locations. You must show proof of need (income) and be able to verify your address. A few of the pantries require additional information such as education, make of car, etc.

Again, thanks so much for your support during the holidays. This has not been an easy time for any of us but we appreciate your extra effort. We are a true example of sharing and giving.

## In The Life of The Church

### FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS

February	4 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Seifert
	7 <sup>th</sup>	John Christmann
		Nancy Kester
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Evan Reed
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Myrt Halligan
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Sommer
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Lindsay Hanna
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Vaughan
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Ron Piersa
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Crystal Giammarise
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Warren
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Fiegl

March	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynn Mohr
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cheryl Wilczak
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Perillo
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan Rodgers
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Hillary Stoklosa
		Sue Piersa
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Delaney Rodgers
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Megan Barnhart
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Denny Bengert
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Lindak
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Amber Messore
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ed Gutowski
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Karen Malyszka
		Betty Rasp
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Miller
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen George
		Tom Wilczak

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Marge Edignton ♦ Dawn Dulski ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert

### Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Barry McCaskey (Helen Sommer) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh & Dave Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Abigail Nathlich and her parents (Marcy Partacz) ♦ Erv Noblett (Diane Molnar) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Kathy Reinard (Sue Piersa) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Annalynn Surace (Sue Piersa) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakenham)

### **OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

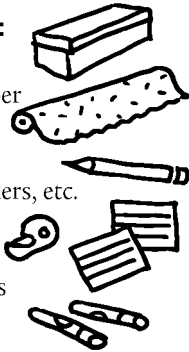
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# PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

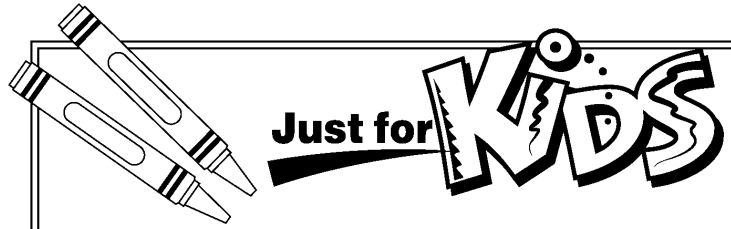
## What you need:

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens



## What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.



## A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

**KEY:** a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"H e \_\_\_nd \_\_\_ll h\_\_\_s f\_\_\_m\_\_\_l\_\_\_  
A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w\_\_\_r\_\_\_ d\_\_\_v\_\_\_ \_\_\_t\_\_\_nd  
A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G\_\_\_d-f\_\_\_ \_\_\_r\_\_\_ng; h\_\_\_ g\_\_\_v\_\_\_  
B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

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A+C A+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D B+D

r\_\_\_g\_\_\_l\_\_\_r l\_\_\_." \_\_\_cts 10:2, NIV  
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Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

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