
THE EAGLE NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: v. 453

Pastor's Page February Eagle 2010

Once again the Lenten season is upon us. Lent is a season of the church that centers on the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

It is a time of penitence, and fasting, and it is a time to reflect on the sufferings of our Lord.

This year we will be asking the question – Why did Jesus have to endure such terrible suffering? We will use a novel by Bill Creed entitled: Comes the End. Bill has written a Christian Futuristic Thriller. This is a book that compares favorably to the Left Behind series.

(I personally believe it is a much healthier treatment of this subject!)

Now this might seem a strange combination – A Christian Futuristic Thriller and Lent. Actually I think they go together quite well. For when we ask the question - Why did Jesus have to endure such terrible suffering?

We have to confront Evil in all its demonic ways. During our Wednesday services we will look at the power of evil as it is portrayed in Bill's book and as we see unfold in the life of our Lord finally ending with His death on the cross.

Remember that our Wednesday service begins at seven o'clock, but you can come much earlier by attending our Lenten Soup Suppers! They begin at 5:30, and with all the different schedules that folks have – please note that you DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE AT 5:30 SHARP! If you get there

at 5:45 or even 6:00 the soup will still be on the stove-----so come and enjoy!

God's Peace,

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Worship Themes and Lessons for February 2010

February 6-7 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme - Into the Deep

Lessons - Isaiah 6:9-13 Psalm

138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Key

Text Luke 5:1-11

February 13-14 6th Sunday after the Epiphany Dave Hudson will be leading worship and preaching.

Theme - Astounding Glory

Lessons Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Key Text

Luke 9:28-36

February 20-21 Lent 1 - Annual Meeting

Theme - Wilderness Companions

Lessons - Key Text - Deuteronomy

26:1-11 Psalm 23 Romans 10:9-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 27-28 Lent 2

Theme - Strong and Tender

Lessons - Key Text Genesis 15:1-

7 Psalm 27:1-10 Philippians

3:12-16 Luke 13:31-35

St. John now has a facebook page. Be a fan at "stjohnlutheranromeo"





Church Group - Meets at 12:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the church.

Please feel welcome to attend these Bible studies at any time. For more information, call Kay Pauly at 810-724-1993, or Martha Kegler at 586-784-5439.

LOVE Day - Meets 9am-3pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the church basement. Contact Leona Thorman at 810-798-8532.

LOVE Day II - Meets 9am - 12pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the church basement. Contact Jan Alling at 586-752-7016.



JANUARY/FEBRUARY WELCA PROJECT

Health Kits

- * Bath Towel * Hand Towel
- * Washcloth * Bar of Soap
- * Toothbrush * Comb
- * Nail file or Clippers * Box of Band-aids

Please save your pop can tabs and turn them in at the church for the purchase of kidney machines. Over 162 lbs. have been collected since February 2007! This fundraiser is for the purchase of kidney machines.

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MORE WAYS YOU CAN SAVE:

1. Box Tops for Education
2. Campbell's Soup Labels

Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers, God is the Cure Giver

The role of a Stephen Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Call for more information:
Jan Alling 586-586-752-7016
Bob or Jan Gallardo
586-781-5803

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE RECYCLING



Thank you for the tremendous response with this! In **November** we recycled **4.49 tons** and received **\$67.36**. Year to date - **\$460.06**. Landfill space saved - **14.01** cubic yards. The total collected since the program began in 2005 is **\$3,959.38**. Thank you!

You can recycle:
+Magazines
+Mail
+Shopping Catalogs
+Newspaper
+Office & School Papers
You can recycle anything listed here from your business as well. The Bin is located in the back lot next to the garage.

PLEASE, NO CARDBOARD or PHONE BOOKS!

**FEBRUARY PANTRY NEEDS
FOR SAMARITAN HOUSE**



Peanut Butter * Jelly * Sugar * Pork & Beans * Diapers Size 4 & 6 * Juice * Cereal & Oatmeal * Soup type crackers * Baby Food #1 * Toilet Paper * Shampoo * Toothpaste * Laundry soap * Diabetic Appropriate Foods * Rice * Deodorant (Men's & Women's)

NOTE: We always need low-sodium, gluten-free and sugar-free foods.

We appreciate any non-perishable food items and toiletries that you can donate. Your donations helped provide emergency food orders in December that fed 607 individuals for 10-14 days. Thank you! Drop off your food donations during our normal business hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-6 and Friday 10 – 4.

**We are located at: 62324 Van Dyke
(between 28 & 29 Mile Roads in
Washington)**

New Phone Number: 586-336-9956

**Meijer Community Rewards for
November 2009**

\$19.67

YTD for 2010: \$266.27

NOTE: Purchases made at meijer.com, Meijer gas stations and convenience stores will now be included (must pay inside gas station.)

**Thank you,
Shoppers!**



Please bring a can a week
for our annual food
drive to benefit
Samaritan House.



Do you enjoy knitting and crocheting but not sure if you need another afghan? Many others can benefit from your expertise. The ladies have an excess of yarn if you are interested in donating your time and talents to make lap robes or baby items for those in need. Please contact Leona Thorman at 810.798.8532 for further details.

Tuesday Night Euchre

Sponsored by the St. John Men's Club
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month (off during summer months.)

6:00 pm Registration
6:30 pm Start time
\$10 Fee includes
snacks



COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Help Fight Senior Hunger --- The Macomb County Community Services Agency, (MCCSA), Senior Nutrition Program (Meals-On-Wheels) is inviting you to join other volunteers in your community to fight senior hunger by delivering meals to Senior Citizens in your community! We need you!

Volunteers are asked to drive a lunch route, approximately 1 – 1.5 hours, **twice (2x) a month.** Drivers use their personal automobile. Mileage reimbursed. The meals are delivered daily, Monday through Friday.

We invite you to learn more about the Meals on Wheels mission...For more information and to sign up for a great and rewarding opportunity, please call Macomb County Community Services Agency, Senior Nutrition Program at (586) 469-5228 or sign up online at:

www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa

**St. John Lutheran Church
Dec. 2009 Finance Report**

General Fund: Dec., 2009

Total Contributions and Other Income:	\$	30,375
Expenses Paid in Dec.	\$	(20,360)
Surplus(Shortage) for Dec.	\$	10,014
Expenses Not Paid in Dec.	\$	-
Actual Surplus(Shortage) for Dec. 2009	\$	10,014

General Fund: Year to Date Through Dec. 2009

Total Contributions and Other Income Year to Date:	\$	249,354
Total Expenses paid Year to Date:	\$	(255,215)
Surplus(Shortage) Year to Date 2009:	\$	(5,861)
Add Unpaid Expenses:	\$	-
Actual Surplus/(Shortage) Year to Date 2009:	\$	(5,861)

Mortgage Reduction Fund Through Dec. 2009

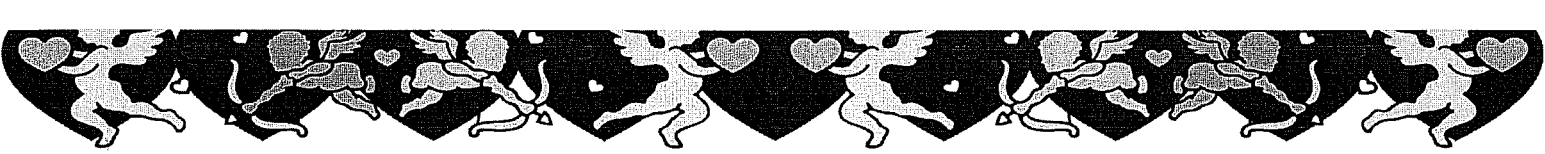
Contributions Dec.	\$	10,915
Interest Received:	\$	0
Total Income:	\$	10,915
Less Mortgage Payment to Thrivent:	\$	(6,401)
Surplus(Shortage) for Dec.	\$	4,514
Total Surplus(Shortage) Year to Date 2009	\$	(693)

	<u>05/15/1997</u>	<u>12/31/2009</u>
Mortgage Principal Balance Remaining:	\$ 900,000	\$ 395,103
Months of mortgage Remaining:	240	73

Thank you for your generous contributions that make all of our ministries possible.

In his name:

Finance Committee



ST. JOHN YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group will meet on February 3rd and 17th this month. Hope to see you there!

Super Bowl Subs

The confirmation classes will be selling super bowl subs on February 6th and 7th. We will need to make these subs up on the afternoon of February 6th just before the Saturday Service. Also, we will need to begin taking orders on the Sundays previous to that date. More information will be given at confirmation classes and youth group. This is a great fundraiser to help defer some of the cost of camp. The cost of each sub, which includes a bag of chips is \$5.

CONFIRMATION CAMP AT STONY LAKE

Have you registered for confirmation camp yet? Stony Lake Camp is a great place for students who have completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grades to explore their faith issues in an intentional Christian community. Swimming, horseback riding, canoeing, low and high ropes challenges, and singing around the campfire are part of the week-long adventure.

This year's camp will run from June 27-July 2nd.

The price for camp is \$350. However, if you register before February 15th, you will get the discounted rate of \$290. That is a \$60 savings. If you register before April 15th, you will get a discounted rate of \$320.

In light of the terrible state of our economy, we know the cost of camp is a real concern. Money should never be a reason for not going to camp! We have a Confirmation Camp Scholarship fund, and through donations and fund raising activities we will dramatically bring down the cost of summer camp.

Registration forms are available on the Youth Bulletin board. If you have any questions about Confirmation Camp, please see Jennifer Stark or Pastor Mark.



Lenten Services for Confirmation Classes

Starting on February 17, Ash Wednesday, Confirmation Classes will be extended by 15 minutes. They will still start at 6:30 as usual, but then the confirmation classes will attend the Wednesday services, which normally run until 7:45. This schedule will run every Wednesday from February 17th through March 31st. Please make note of the time change to adjust your schedule. Youth group will still be scheduled on the first and third Wednesday immediately following the Lenten Service and last until 8:30.



Greetings and God's blessings,

HERE IS THE BASIC INFORMATION FOR RAFTING 2010

The big news for this year is two fold. First, it's come to my attention that some folks would like to do the work project, but not go rafting. Why sure we can make that happen! You could work for three days or the entire week. I know that Mark Bollinger, our Park Ranger can line up enough work for three or five days. At the end of the letter I'll show you the difference in price.

As for those who still want the thrill of rafting? Not to worry! We will still have the same set up of three days of work followed by two days of rafting. Again the break down in price you will find at the bottom of the letter.

Second, we are going with another Rafting company. This year we will raft with *Rivermen*. This is a company that just merged with Class VI. They are located right across from each other right on the edge of the New River Gorge. *Rivermen* has gone through a major upgrade of its facilities, and just last summer build new cabins and a new dining facility. So we will be staying in Cabins for about the same price as the platforms tents we stayed in last year.

CONCERNING OUR WORK PROJECTS

I've been in contact with Mark Bollinger, who is the Ranger that we work with through the National Park Service. Last year was one of our most challenging work projects! We helped clear the side of mountain of trash and major stuff. (Like parts of a Chevy truck!), and there is no telling what we might be doing this year. We could be restoring trails, or reclaiming abandoned cemeteries or whatever Mark has in store for us.

The dates for this year's trip are JULY 25TH – July 31st. We will arrive in Fayetteville on Sunday evening. The rafting group will work Monday through Wednesday, and then raft on Thursday and Friday.

Those who want to come just for the work will continue with what their work projects. Please fill out the registration form attached to this letter with a \$25 dollar no-refundable deposit. BY FEBRUARY 19TH..! Make your check out to Mark Evans. The balance is due by May 26th.

For those going *Rafting and Working* the cost is **\$400 DOLLARS A PERSON.**

For those doing *just the work project* the cost is **\$300 DOLLARS A PERSON**

See you on the River! PM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CIRCLE: ADULT YOUTH COLLEGE

CIRCLE: WORK/RAFTING or WORKING ONLY

St. John Building Use Calendar

FEBRUARY 2010

B=Basement C=Conference Rm CH=Choir Rm F=Fellowship Hall G=Gathering Area L=Library/Sisson St. Rm S=Sanctuary X=Extra Classroom Y=Youth Rm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Pack 259 Committee Mtg., (L) 7pm Stephen Ministry Training (G) 7pm	2 Rental (F) 5:30-8pm Weight Watchers (B) 7pm Symphonia Chorale (S) 7pm	3 LOVE Day II (B) 9am-12pm Tai Chi (F) 10:30am WELCA (G) 12:30pm Confirmation, 6:30pm Praise Ringers 6:30pm Praise Singers 7:30pm Youth Choir (CH) 7:30pm Youth Group, 7:30pm	4 Open Basketball (F) 6-8:30pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm	5	6 Worship w/Communion, 5pm
7 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School, 10:15am	8 Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Training (G) 7pm Stephen Ministry (C)	9 LOVE Day (B) 9am-3pm Men's Club Euchre 6:30pm Weight Watchers (B) 7pm Symphonia Chorale (S) 7pm	10 Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Confirmation, 6:30pm Praise Ringers 6:30pm Praise Singers 7:30pm Youth Choir (CH) 7:30pm Youth Group, 7:30pm	11 Open Basketball (F) 6-8:30pm Bible Study (G), 6:30pm Finance (C) 5:30pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm	12	13 Worship (S) 5pm
14 Worship w/ Communion 8:30 & 10:30am Blood Pressure, 9:30am Sunday School, 10:15am	15 Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm	16 Church Council (C) 7pm Weight Watchers (B) 7pm Symphonia Chorale (S) 7pm	17 ASH WEDNESDAY Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Soup Supper 5:30pm Confirmation, 6:30pm Praise Ringers 6:00pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Praise Singers 7:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm	18 Open Basketball (F) 6-8:30pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm	19	20 Worship w/Communion 5pm
21 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School, 10:15am ANNUAL MEETING	22 Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Pack 259 (F) 6:30pm Quilting (C) 7pm	23 Men's Club, 6:30pm Weight Watchers (B) 7pm Symphonia Chorale (S) 7pm	24 Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Soup Supper 5:30pm Confirmation, 6:30pm Praise Ringers 6:00pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Praise Singers 7:30pm Youth Choir (CH)7:30pm	25 Open Basketball (F) 6-8:30pm Bible Study (G), 6:30pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm	26	27 Worship (S) 5pm
28 Worship w/ Comm. 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School 10:15am						