

LCC HAPPENINGS

Time is flying by once again. College kids are back to school and the younger children are hopefully getting back into a normal routine after the excitement of the holidays. We are trying to get into a new routine without a full-time pastor. It's never easy, but hopefully not too many things are falling through the cracks...

- **First, many thanks** to our guest pastors during the month of January. Both **Pastor Keurulainen and Pastor Anton** worshipped with us twice, and **Pastor Schipul** joined us for one Sunday. We also appreciate that they run an Adult Bible study after the service!
- **Another Thank You** to our guest organists for the month. We were blest with the talents of **Claire DeCusati, Barbara Hutchinson, and Maria Moyer**. Many thanks also to Gene Lancaster who shared his voice with us!
- **Many thanks** to Kyle McGivney who again coordinated Mainspring on January 9th. Once more we fed over 100 people!
- **A HUGE thank you to Ina Armstrong, Bruce Bakeberg, David and Melissa Bakeberg, Al Hieber, Chuck Lemke and Matt MacDougall** for all their help taking down the Christmas decorations this year.
- **Pastor Ed Harkey is back with us as a vacancy pastor (and has been all month)!** For the present, he is with us on Thursdays. For those wishing to speak with the pastor, please call him directly to make an appointment.
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- **The Hanover Clergy Association "Martin Luther King Day"** breakfast was held again this year. Each of the local churches helped contribute to the breakfast, our donation being juices. Many thanks to our members who attended and brought these supplies.
- **A Congregational Meeting** was held on Sunday, January 31, 2010, following the worship service.

FEBRUARY AND BEYOND

The New Bethlehem Coffee House in 2010 will only run the May cookout featuring the Flintlock band. More details on this event will be forthcoming as we approach May.

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, we will be holding a service at 7:00 PM!

Lenten Service Schedule: **WE WILL NOT** be holding Wednesday evening Lenten services this year. At this point it does not appear that Christ Lutheran Church in Scituate will be having Lenten services either. Lutheran Church of the Way in Raynham, Pastor Harkey's church, does hold Lenten services on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. They have a soup and salad supper at 6 PM prior to the service.

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday-Apr. 1 – 7:00 PM service, celebrating First Communion.

Good Friday-Apr. 2– 7:00 PM service

Easter Sunday-Apr. 4 – 9:00 AM service

Mainspring for February is being coordinated by Jackie Johnson and Kyle McGivney on February 13th. We have volunteers for the month of March, but the rest of the year looks mighty bare!

The 2010 flower chart is up! Please sign-up for flowers for next year. The cost is \$30.00. Thank you.

A membership registration form was sent out at the end of January to members and perspective members. The purpose is to get an accurate list of members of the church. If you did not receive this letter, please call the office at 781-826-5121. Responses are due back on February 15th.

First Communion Classes – So far we have five fourth graders who want to receive First Communion on Maundy Thursday this year. Pastor Harkey will be holding first communion classes on Thursdays during Lent. The tentative dates and times for these classes are February 25th, March 4th, March 11th and March 18th at 5:30 PM or 6:00 PM. A letter will be going out to these folks within the next week. If you have a child who wishes to receive First Communion and have not yet spoken with someone within the congregation, please give the office a call at 781-826-5121.

Easter Breakfast – One of the open church council positions is the Deacon of Parish Life. This is the person who would coordinate Easter breakfast. **SO**, if the congregation would like to continue with this tradition, we need a volunteer to run the breakfast (don't know if the cooks are even on board for this!). If you would like to take this on, please call the office at 781-826-5121!

Scrip Program – The order date for February Scrip cards is February 7, 2010, with pick-up on the 14th (just in time for Valentines Day – plan ahead for that special dinner out!). “On Demand” cards, as available, can be purchased any week. The next order date will be March 7, 2010.

A N.E.D. Senior High Youth Gathering is being held February 12-13 at Zion Lutheran Church in Wallingford, CT. The sign-up deadline is February 7th. Information, including all the sign-up details, is on the bulletin board – or you can call the office (781-826-5121) for more info.

Pastor schedule for February:

- Feb. 7 Pastor Keurulainen
- Feb. 14 Pastor Schkade
- Feb. 17 Pastor Schipul (as of now)
- Feb. 21 Pastor Schipul
- Feb. 28 (open as of now)

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The N.E.D.-LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) convention is being held in Plymouth on April 30-May 1. Details about the convention, plus sign-up material, are on the bulletin board– or you can call the office (781-826-5121) for more info.

May 7th, mark the date! The Concordia College – New York chorus will be performing at our church that Friday evening. The specific details on time, etc., will be available in future newsletters and bulletins, but we will be looking for families to house some of the singers that evening, and we will be providing a dinner for them prior to the concert.

Volunteer Opportunities

The strength of our church has always been largely due to the commitment of our members. It is important that we all continue to help and volunteer. There are many ways each of us can choose to help. Below are just a few...

Church council – At present we have a few deacon positions available, as well as an elder position. If interested in serving our church during this time of transition, please talk to Al Hieber, Bob Jackson or Jim Darcy.

Remember the Hanover Food Pantry. The Hanover Food Pantry can use as many donations as possible! All things are needed; paper products, soaps, pasta, juices, snacks – you name it! **Please help out!!!** Many thanks to all who continue to make contributions.

Haiti Earthquake Relief – Many organizations are taking donations to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti last month. One such organization is LCMS World Relief and Human Care. A very small percentage of donations to this group go towards administrative costs – around 90% goes to help the cause. If interested, checks can be made out to “LCMS World Relief and Human Care” with a notation in the memo field indicating Haiti Earthquake Relief, and sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. You can visit www.lcms.org/worldrelief for more information.

Mainspring – We supply meals to Mainspring on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A menu is usually posted around the first of the month and we can always use a few more cooks and bakers. We have been feeding 100 people the last few months! The monthly schedule for 2010 is on the bulletin board. Kyle McGivney has been doing the lion’s share of the work, so it would be great to find a few more people to help him coordinate the meals in 2010! So far we only have dates through March covered! As always, thank you Kyle for all you do!

Easter Breakfast Coordination – We need someone!

Coffee Hours – This year we need people to supplement the confirmation families in hosting the weekly coffee hour after church. A sign-up is on the bulletin board for volunteers to help out! We can still use a few more volunteers this year, so thanks in advance for all your help!!

Norwell Knoll mission work – Dottie Hayes is planning another visitation and worship service at Norwell Knoll on February 21st at 2 PM. If you would like to help with and participate in this wonderful outreach event, please see Dottie.

Worship assistants – We can always use more worship assistants. Right now we have a special need for more counters. People to help with Altar Guild and serving communion would be more than welcome! Please call Kathy in the office, 781-826-5121, if you would be willing to help with one of these groups.

Habitat for Humanity – We recently received new information from the Hanover Habitat for Humanity. The house in Hanover is being built and they are looking for us to help with feeding volunteers, or putting together a volunteer group to work a Saturday. At present, Kyle McGivney is coordinating, so please see him for more details.

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Personal Mention

- **Happy Birthday wishes in February** are extended to **Rachele Bouchard, Tomi Donahoe, Alexander DeGuzman, Jerry Gorichs, Delaney Leahy, Gail Lemke, Marlene McGivney, George Olson and Janice Sidney.**

- **Happy Anniversary to Lea and William Bouchard!**

- **Congratulations to Satu Donahoe,** who became a citizen of the United States in January!

- **We say “good-bye” to Holly Brazel and the Donahoe family,** who have recently moved away from the Hanover area. You will be missed!

- **Our prayers and condolences** go out to **the Burroughs family** on the death of Don’s father in late January.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...



- Marie Bain**, for good health
- Ed Beck**, for continued sobriety and related health
- The Burroughs family**, on the death sudden death of Don's father in late January
- Ethan Darcy**, for continued healing related to his congenital heart defect
- Rob Hendrickson**, for continued health and healing
- Bob Himberg**, undergoing surgery for an abdominal aorta aneurism on February 12th
- Joyce Linde**, for health and healing
- Bella, Brayden and Brett Orrall**, for health and growth.
- Bill Williamson**, for health and healing
- Harriet Williamson**, recovering from a broken hip
- Audrey Yeingst**, undergoing treatment for cancer of the liver and bile duct
- All the people of Haiti**
- Vickie Beck**, dealing with serious health issues
- Eva Churchill**, the Hendricksons' friend, for healing from multiple health issues
- Harrison Collett**, brother of a Nursery School student, diagnosed with bone cancer
- Carla Errichiello-Hill**, for continued health and healing
- Anna Fitzgerald**, Agnes Abrahamson's granddaughter, dealing with epilepsy and autism
- Jerry Haley**, friend of the Sweetsers, diagnosed with a brain tumor
- Wilma Hennig**, Kathy MacDougall's mother, for health and healing
- Erik Johnson**, 6 yr. old cousin of Stacey Stahl, diagnosed with non-hodgkins lymphoma
- Nancy Northrop**, Kathy MacDougall's sister, recovering from surgery
- Lloyd Prestridge**, Dan Prestridge's father, living with cancer
- Pastor Riss**, recovering from surgery in December
- Jill Sidney**, for healing, after losing a leg in a car accident
- Greg Wehrwein**, Gail Syriala's brother, needs a transplant; and for **Ann Wehrwein**, a potential donor
- Ministry to the Persecuted Church:**

On Jan. 11, Hikmat Sleiman, a 75-year-old Christian man, was shot to death by unknown assailants in Mosul, Iraq. Sleiman had just returned home from closing his grocery shop when a group of assailants opened fire, killing him instantly. Local Christians see his murder and a string of other recent attacks against believers as evidence of "ethnic cleansing" designed to force Christians from the area. Some believe Muslim extremists are targeting shopkeepers in an effort to wipe out the Christian community's economic activity and drive believers from the area. Pray for comfort for those mourning the loss of Hikmat Sleiman. Pray that his attackers will come to know the Lord as their Savior. Pray that Christians in Mosul will be filled with Christ's peace during in these difficult times.

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ADOPT AN EXPENSE PROGRAM
(January – December 2010)

Here we go, a new year for our Adopt-An-Expense program. Last year we raised \$1,335.00, \$265.00 short of the \$1600.00 goal set by Church Council. We are starting fresh this year, with only a few expenses incurred at the end of the year carried forward. Let's see if we can do better this year, but of course any "adoptions" help our church. Thank you in advance!!

<u>Item</u>	<u>Approx. cost</u>	<u>Remain. Amt</u>	<u>Adopted</u> (this year)
2010 Expenses			
Eternal Candles (6 month supply)	135.00	135.00	
Christmas bulletin covers	30.00	30.00	
Christmas decorations containers	28.69	0.00	<u>28.69</u>
TOTAL ADOPTED:			\$ 28.69