

LCC HAPPENINGS

I feel we are like an energizer bunny, we keep going and going... in spite of all that is going on around us. This is a good thing right now – something we can thank the Lord for!

- **First, many thanks** to our guest pastors during the month of January; Pastor Keurulainen, Pastor Schipul and Pastor Landon. 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 again 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 February 13th. Once more we fed over 100 people!
- **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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- **We held an Ash Wednesday service** on February 17th, and were blessed to have Pastor Schipul preach and Claire DeCusati play the organ.
- **An LCC Membership questionnaire** was mailed out at the end of January, due back to church by February 15th. The purpose of this questionnaire is to get a more accurate accounting of our membership base. Approximately 45 people/families have yet to respond. If you have not sent your form back to the office, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!
- **First Communion Classes** for children in grade 4 began on Thursday, February 25th. These classes will be held four consecutive Thursday evenings, from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, ending on March 18th. Pastor Harkey is conducting these classes. First Communion will be received on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010.
- **Lea Bouchard is getting ready to send care packages** to our students away from home. She has been collecting boxes of Girl Scout cookies and/or cash donations to purchase Girl Scout cookies to send out. Donations can still be made through Sunday, March 7th. The care packages will be going out the next week! Thank you Lea for this great ministry. We know the college kids love it!!

MARCH 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.

Lenten Service Schedule: WE ARE NOT holding Wednesday evening Lenten services this year. Christ Lutheran Church in Scituate is not 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.

Pastor schedule for March:

- Mar. 7 Pastor Keurulainen
- Mar. 14 Pastor Schkade
- Mar. 21 Pastor Anton
- Mar. 28 Pastor Schipul

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

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 March is being coordinated by Ron and Maiju Balas on March 13th. We have volunteers for the month of April, but after that...??? The recipe for March and sign-up should be on the bulletin board at church next Sunday, March 7th.

Easter Plants can be ordered! As is our tradition, folks can purchase daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and Easter lilies to decorate the altar for Easter Sunday. The plants can then be taken home after the 9:00 AM service. A sign-up for plants is on the bulletin board in church.

VBS 2010 “To be or not to be, that is the question...” Should we let this long standing tradition drift away? We’ve done this without a Pastor before, but not without a Pastor and someone to lead the music. This year, with our smaller congregation, we need to get a commitment from our volunteers to know if we have adequate staff to keep our vibrant VBS program going, tentatively scheduled for the week of July 19th. So, please contact Cathy Hayes if you can help with the program this summer, or if you have any suggestions for person(s) to lead the music program. Call 781-829-6795 or email cpeckhayes@comcast.net. Many thanks in advance – and especially to all who have helped in the past.

Scrip Program – The order date for March Scrip cards is March 7, 2010, with pick-up on the 14th. These gift cards make great additions to any Easter baskets! “On Demand” cards, as available, can be purchased any week.

A Confirmation Lock-In is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 12-13 at Christ Lutheran Church in Scituate. Any teens in grades 8 and 9 not already signed up for this event should call the office at 781-826-5121 for more information.

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 at 7:00 PM. Denise Hendrickson is coordinating this event. We know that we need 10 volunteers to help house the choir the night of May 7th. Volunteers will be asked to accommodate 2 students or the one group of 3 adult leaders. We will also be providing a dinner for the choir prior to the concert on Friday evening. Please watch weekly bulletins for more information. However, if you KNOW you would be able and willing to house some of the singers, please let Denise Hendrickson know, or call the office at 781-826-5121.

Bake-Sale on March 21st, save the date! Sandy Sweetser is once again coordinating a bake sale on March 21st. (Yes, she and Bill will be back from Florida!) Additionally the Honey-Baked Ham Company will be present selling gift certificates to the Honey-Baked Ham store – just in time for Easter! This is a great fundraiser as the church receives 50% of the gross sales. Proceeds from both the bake sale and the ham sale will go towards sponsoring the Concordia College Choir.

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.

Concordia College Chorus Concert – We really need about 10 host families to house 2 students a piece the night of May 7th. Please see Denise Hendrickson if you are able to help with this!

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. We can assume that relief for the earthquake victims in Chile will be much the same!

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 April covered! As always, thank you Kyle for all you do!

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!!

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 March** are extended to **Amber Anderson, Bruce Bakeberg, Marielle Bouchard, Suzanne Bunker, Markus Donahoe, Bennett Evans, Samuel Evans, Bob Himberg, Kiera Kelliher, Chuck Lemke, Bob Rhoads, and Greta Willis.**
- **No Anniversaries!**

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...



John Adams, living with alzheimers

Marie Bain, for good health

Ed Beck, for continued sobriety and related health

Ethan Darcy, for continued healing related to his congenital heart defect

Rob Hendrickson, for continued health and healing
Bob Himberg, recovering from surgery for an abdominal aorta aneurism
Joyce Linde, for health and healing
Bella, Brayden and Brett Orrall, for health and growth
Elanor Pettine, recovering at Braintree Rehab from a stroke
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 and Chile
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
Bill Mahoney, Kathy MacDougall's nephew, deployed to Afghanistan
Lloyd Prestridge, Dan Prestridge's father, living with cancer
Jill Sidney, for healing, after losing a leg in a car accident
Greg Wehrwein, Gail Syriala's brother, for a transplant; and **Ann Wehrwein**, a donor

Ministry to the Persecuted Church:

On Jan. 11, seven Christians were detained in the city of Shiraz, Iran. A court reportedly set bail for each of the believers at the US equivalent of \$25,000. Six of the Christians are converts from Islam.

Meanwhile, three Iranian Christians remain in detention after their arrest by security forces in Pakdasht on Dec. 24. A sister of one of the three detained Christians was arrested in the city of Isfahan a few days later, along with another Christian convert from Islam. All of those detained are reportedly being denied family visits and access to legal representation. Pray for the release of these Christians. Pray that they will grow into a deeper relationship with Christ as they embrace the fellowship of his sufferings. Pray that the Lord will give strength and encouragement to their families.

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ADOPT AN EXPENSE PROGRAM

(January – December 2010)

The Adopt-An-Expense program could use some help! Last year we raised \$1,335.00. At the going rate, we'll be lucky to reach \$200.00!! We started fresh this year, with only a few expenses incurred at the end of the year carried forward. Let's see if we can adopt a few more expenses, 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	
Holy week bulletin covers	60.00	60.00	
Portals of Prayer – Qtr. 1	42.00	42.00	
Portals of Prayer – Qtr. 2	42.00	42.00	
Paschal Candle	85.00	85.00	
Christmas decorations containers	28.69	0.00	28.69
TOTAL ADOPTED:			\$ 28.69