

*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham*

~The church on the hill, lighting the way
to God's love.~

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In February ...

- **Sunday, February 6** - Souper Bowl of Caring
- **Wednesday, February 16** - Next Soup Supper - Cream of Broccoli and Chicken Noodle
- **Saturday, February 12** at 9:30 AM - WELCA
- **Sunday, February 20** - Annual Congregational Meeting and Covered Dish Dinner
- **Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 22** Ladies' Bible Study

Coming in March:

- **Wednesday, March 9** - Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of LENT

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EVANGEL February 2011

God's Light of Grace & Mercy Continually Shines On Us & Through Us!

(NOTE: This article doubles as a newsletter article and as part of the Pastor's Report to the Congregation for the February 20th Congregational Meeting)

"ARISE, shine; for your light has come ..." Isaiah 60:1

In 2011, the Christian Church observes one of the longest Epiphany Seasons in recent memory. Beginning January 6, the season this year extends through Sunday, March 6, the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Epiphany is a manifestation of the glory of God in Jesus Christ to the nations. First, the Epiphany is shone to the Magi or Wise Men, then to John the Baptist and the first disciples. Jesus is shone to more and more throughout the centuries, and now His light shines on us. We experience Jesus Christ as the "... Lamb of God who has come to take away the sin of the world."

During the last 12 months of 2010, the light has shone on us in worship, forgiveness, healing, prayer, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Bible Study, and fellowship. And His light has shone through us in acts of compassion for one another, for our community, and for the world God loves. In capsule form, here are some of the highlights of God's Epiphany shining in 2010:

- ◆ Renewed emphasis on the Book of Faith (Bible).
- ◆ Spirit-filled "Spark" Sunday School, which has grown tremendously and now involves as many as 30 children and 16 adult and parent helpers, who assist with lessons, music, drama, crafts, games, movies, and snacks.
- ◆ Vibrant Vacation Bible School with St. Peter's Riegelsville.
- ◆ Consistent Children's' Sermons, resulting in increased attendance of children and young families in worship.
- ◆ Persistent and Precious Prayer Ministry.
- ◆ Faithful feeding of the hungry with canned goods, produce in season, soup suppers, and dollars.
- ◆ Special support of one another through illness, grief, and other challenges.

All of these marks of God's Epiphany to us and through us have made this a special community of faith for me to pastor and serve. I believe it has been the same for YOU!

Jesus' Light, I believe, is challenging us to shine in new or expanded ways in 2011.

- ◆ Greater adult participation in Christian Education, Bible Study, and Small Groups.
- ◆ Witnessing of our faith to neighbors who are not part of the church. Training will be offered through our Palisades Cluster and Synod.
- ◆ Participation in a newly forming Palisades Parish Nursing Program—watch for more news!
- ◆ Preparation for the 200th Anniversary Celebration in 2012. We celebrate our history and we re-commit to new forms of mission in the present and future.
- ◆ We transition to new leadership for our Church Council and Officers.



In our 199th year of existence, we can surely point to Christ's light in our lives and in this congregation. Even in the darkness, God can shine through our "little lights."

~ **Pastor David Deal**

GOD'S ROSEBUD

A new priest was walking with an older, more seasoned priest in the garden one day.

Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older priest for some advice.

The older priest walked up to a rosebush and handed the young priest a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young priest looked in disbelief at the older priest and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry.

But because of his great respect for the older priest, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact.

It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do.

Noticing the younger priest's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older priest began to recite the following poem...

"It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine."

"The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so easily,
But in my hands they die."

"If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?"

"So I'll trust in God for leading
Each moment of my day.
I will look to God for guidance
In each step of the way."

"The path that lies before me,
Only my Lord knows.
I'll trust God to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose."

-Submitted by George Kreitz

Let go and let God unfold your life!

Council Corner**From your Council President ...**

Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and Blessed New Year to all!

As I sit here and think back over the last couple of weeks about all the excitement and preparations that went on here at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham, it would not have happened without all of you. Thank you to everyone for being a part of the celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What a joy it is to see the children in church on Sunday. Parents and Grandparents, keep up the good work by getting those kids out of bed on Sunday, away from the computers and television and getting them to Sunday School and Church! They are the future of our church and I am so pleased to see them in Sunday School and to see how many come up front in church for the children's sermon. Please keep all the youth of today in our prayers and pray that those that do not know our Lord and Savior come to know him as their personal savior.

Now as we move into 2011 we will begin to think about exciting and new things happening. We will begin to make plans for our 200th Anniversary. Council has talked about having a new pictorial directory made in the Fall of 2011. This will be just the beginning of exciting and fun things happening for the anniversary. If you are interested in serving on a committee and/or if you have a great idea talk to Lynn Gaun as she has agreed to oversee the planning of our 200th Anniversary in 2012.

We are looking for new members to serve on Council and as most of you know Ken Anderson has served as our Financial Secretary and Ben Naska Jr. has served as our Treasurer for many years and they both are leaving council and their positions. We thank Ken and Ben for all their years of service to Council and congratulate them on a job well done. We are praying and searching for someone that has a financial background to step forward and agree to serve in an important financial position for the future of our church. If you are interested in finding more out about the responsibilities of Financial Secretary or Treasurer and serving on Council please see Ben, Ken or a Council Member.

Our annual Congregational Covered Dish Meeting will be held on February 20th immediately following church. We will begin with a covered dish dinner downstairs. The meeting will include a review of 2010, election of Church Council, reception of reports and opportunities for involvement in the congregation's ministries. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be held on the following Sunday, February 27th. Mark your calendars and I hope to see everyone there.

Be part of what is happening at the "church on the hill". Come and see! Get involved! Light the way of God's Love! Worship God in Praise and Thanksgiving! Support one another in faith and fellowship! Invite others to receive the joyous new life God offers to all! Care for the human needs of our neighbors both near and far! Come, Get Involved be a part of the Church on the Hill in Durham Township.

Your sister in Christ,
Barb Naska, Council President

LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

All women of the Congregation are invited to Bible Study - you can start any time!
The February dates for Ladies Bible Study are: Tuesday, February 1 at Barb Naska's
Tuesday, February 8 location TBA
Tuesday, February 22 location TBA



Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study Wants YOU!

Special thank you to:

- ◆ The Sunday school children and their teachers and all who were involved in "Sleepover at the Stable". Great job!!
- ◆ Bob & Evelyn Newcomb for purchasing a new Christian Flag for the church.
- ◆ Victoria & Adam Phillipps for overseeing the ordering and delivery of Christmas flowers.
- ◆ Miriam Anderson for preparing the advent wreath and supplying the wreaths for the outside of the church doors.
- ◆ Ben Naska Sr., Miriam and Becca Anderson for setting up the Christmas trees.
- ◆ Altar Guild members (especially Nancy Moskella and Mary Crouse) for their dedication in preparing the sanctuary for all the services during Advent and Christmas.
- ◆ All of you who came out to help decorate and undecorate the sanctuary.
- ◆ Carolyn and our choir members for their dedication and many hours of practice.
- ◆ Norma Fox and Dianna Streletz for their dedication and many hours of work to make our church look warm, clean and inviting.
- ◆ All of you who have donated food baskets and food over the last few months to our food pantries.
- ◆ Dave Helfrich and Joel Roney for faithfully plowing our parking lots, and Joe Hlavaty and Joe Aquino for shoveling the walkways.
- ◆ Fred Foerster for his meticulous care of our church and its grounds, and especially for the new sign for the Church Office.
- ◆ Ann Wong for her many hours at the computer and in the office, her concern, prayers, and love for all our members. Also thank you, Ann, for overseeing the Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study.
- ◆ Pastor Dave – for all that you do – your love for our Lord is an inspiration to all of us.
- ◆ THANK YOU to any who may have been missed here—God knows and appreciates all your efforts!



FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Choir: Regular choir rehearsals will now be at 6:30 PM instead of 7 PM on Wednesday Evenings.

Ladies Bible Study - We will meet on February 1st (re-scheduled from January 25th), 8th, and 22nd. We have been blessed to have Lois Altemose join us by speaker-phone from Florida!

SOUPer Bowl of Caring - Sunday, February 6, 2011 - SCORE! Tackle HUNGER with us in 2011! Bring cans of soup or \$\$\$ to put in our Souper Bowl soup post throughout the sanctuary on or before Sunday morning, February 6th.

February Soup Supper - Wednesday, February 16th, 4:00-6:30 PM - The soups are Cream of Broccoli and Chicken Noodle. All proceeds are used to combat local, national, and international hunger.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Covered Dish Dinner - Sunday, February 20th - Bring a covered dish to share at the luncheon which will precede the meeting, taking place right after worship. Agenda Highlights include:

1. Election of Council Members and other representatives
2. Special Reports
3. Introduction of an updated Congregational Constitution
4. Looking ahead to 200th Anniversary plans

In case of snow or other severe weather on February 20th, the meeting and luncheon will be held on February 27th.

Inclement Weather - If there has been a snowstorm or other severe weather and it is necessary to cancel Sunday School or and/or worship, notification will be made by telephone or e-mail.

Outreach - Helen Dungan

On **February 6th** we will be celebrating **Souper Bowl Sunday**. We are collecting soup and and/or money for the two food pantries. There will be soup kettles throughout the sanctuary in which to deposit your donations.

We will continue to collect soup and crackers through the month of February.

Consider celebrating a happy occasion or honoring a loved one by placing a food basket on the altar. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can either buy the basket yourself, or give the money to Helen Dungan, who will shop for you.



WELCA - Helen Dungan

Gerry Seipt led our last program, which compared some of the traits of bread-making with spiritual growth – following instructions, patience, and community. Gerry shared the story of a writer who boiled the water for her bread and then added the yeast; when it didn't bubble up, she used her mixer. A friend came in and helped her redo the mess. We chuckled over her experiences and shared some of our own; then feasted on Gerry's home made bread and sticky buns.

Our business meeting was devoted to preparations for the January soup supper.

The topic of our February meeting is Love. The leader is Helen Dungan; the hostess is Esther Crouse. The main agenda item in our business meeting is the February soup sale. Date: Saturday Feb. 12, 2010 Time: 9:30

All women are welcome.

February Soup - Helen Dungan

The February soup sale will be on Wednesday February 16th ; supper will be served from 4:30 to 6:30PM.

The soups will be **chicken noodle and cream of broccoli.**

Help is needed to bake cakes and bread for the supper.

Help is needed Wednesday morning (around 9:00) to peel and chop.

Help is needed Wednesday afternoon (around 3:30) to wash dishes, fill jars and serve those who eat in.

Help is needed around 6:30 to clean up and put the tables and chairs away.

Costs are \$5.00 per quart of soup (if possible bring your own container); supper is \$6.00 per adult, \$3 per child 6-12; under 6 is free. Supper includes all the soup you can eat, beverage, bread and desserts

All proceeds of the soup sales go to hunger causes!

Last year's proceeds were distributed as follows:

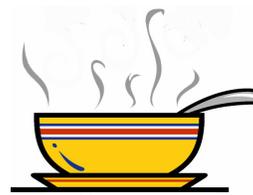
Lord's Pantry (Upper Bucks Food Bank) \$600

ProJeCt Easton Food Bank \$600

World Hunger Appeal \$500

Riegelsville Meals on Wheels \$200

Haiti Relief \$400



**Soup
Supper**

Thank you's ... Ruth Behm would like to thank everyone for remembering her 90th birthday. ... Irene Fox and Ruth Behm both enjoyed the Christmas Carolers - the children were precious. They would also like to thank Pastor Dave for the visits. ... Cleo Eck would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during her surgery.

Treasurer's Report

	<u>September - December 2010</u>	<u>YTD 2010</u>
Total Income	\$47,852.83	\$118,180.93
Total Expense	\$45,070.55	\$124,340.76
Net Over (Short)	\$ 2,782.28	\$(6,159.83)
Loans (from Improvement Fund into General Fund)	\$ 2,554.91	\$ 5,048.91

Congratulations !



Congratulations to Alyse Loran Mesko, daughter of Wayne and Cheryl Mesko, who graduated cum laude from Kutztown University on December 18, 2010. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Alyse is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society. She is employed by the YMCA in Allentown, teaching inner city children to read. Alyse was a 2007 graduate of Palisades High School.

Clayton Helfrich welcomes a baby brother! Congratulations to Laura and Dave Helfrich on the birth of their second son, Landon William Helfrich, who was born on January 12, 2011.



LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IS COMING TO THE POCONOS!

(and other PA locations)

Shake off those winter blahs and pump some new life into your marriage as you re-discover the romance in your relationship!

Now is the time to register while there are still openings for the **Apr. 29 -- May 1 Weekend at the Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA approximately 2 hours north of Philadelphia** in the beautiful Pocono Mountains just off Interstate 80.

Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES.

There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are covered.

If these dates don't fit your schedule, you may also sign up for: March 25-27 at the Toftrees Resort and Conference Center in State College, PA; Sept. 16-18 at the Olmsted Mansion & Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA; or Nov. 4-6 at the Radisson Hotel Sharon in West Middlesex, PA.

To register for any of the Weekends, go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using your credit card, or for questions, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

Health Info from the Palisades Cluster Parish Nurse Mary Hurley, RN

In a previous article, I discussed depression and factors that may trigger it. Some of the factors being: the shorter days (less sunlight), the cold weather (keeping us indoors), and the holidays. On Sunday (1/16/11), the Tincum Health Ministry partnered with Care Minders Home Care Agency and hosted at Point Pleasant Baptist Church a roundtable discussion on depression, loneliness, and caregiver burnout. The presenters were Barbara Kimball and Donna, both licensed social workers from the hospice program at Grand View Hospital. The discussion was attended by quite a few church members.

Barbara and Donna discussed the different types of losses; the loss of a loved one, the loss of independence due to health or age, or the loss of the extended family due to relocating. Any of these losses create an environment for loneliness and/or depression. One of the first signs something is wrong, is when we experience a change in our sleeping patterns. Many of us, as we age, struggle with falling asleep or sleeping through the night; but if this struggle increases and we are becoming chronically fatigued, we should contact the doctor. Another sign is a change in appetite, either by cutting back and not eating as much or eating more, especially calorie packed comfort foods. Lack of energy or lack of interest are other signs. Some of us may withdraw, not wanting to see people as we don't want to be a "burden" to anyone.

Reaching out for help is one of the hardest things we have to do, but letting someone know that you are not "your old self" is vital. We need to ask questions of the individual if we think something is wrong. Ask questions such as: "you seem much quieter lately or we haven't seen you for a-while, is there anything wrong?" Be direct in your questioning, always reinforcing that you are there to help. If need be, contact a family member, the parish nurse, the pastor, or a friend for advice. Visiting with another person or making regular phone calls also helps. Be a "buddy," this allows the person to call you when they are blue or just need to talk. Don't give up and don't feel like you are being a "pest." For the individual, knowing you are there to help has a tremendous impact and they do not feel like they are alone. For yourself, take a break; don't go at it alone. Talking and brainstorming with others helps put things into perspective.

Contact the parish nurse or the Pastor with updates or concerns, they are one of your greatest resources. Contact information for the Parish Nurse/Tincum Health Ministry is: telephone # 215-766-8730; email www.tincumparishnurse@verizon.net.

FOOD PANTRY and HEALTH CLINIC

A food pantry and health clinic are located at

St. John the Baptist Church, 4050 Durham Road, Ottsville
(Rte. 412, 1/4-mile north of Rte. 611).

The Lord's Pantry is located inside the church and is open
Monday 3-5, Tuesday 9-11:30 and Thursday 9:30 to 1:30.

The Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic

is located in the rectory behind the church
and is open on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays from 9:30 am until the last patient is seen.

For information and to schedule an appointment,
patients should call the main clinic number, 215-345-2260, select #2.

Free dental care is available in Doylestown.



News from the Palisades Cluster of Lutheran Churches - Helen Dungan

Disaster Relief: The next trips going from our area are: February 6 to February 12, 2011 to Ocean Springs Mississippi; March 12 to March 20, 2011 to Lakeshore, Mississippi; and April 3 to April 9, 2011 to Nashville, Tennessee. If you are interested in helping, contact Linda at 610-657-4730 or lwfrey@epix.net.

Winter Clothing Donations: A thank you was received from St Luke's UCC for our donations of warm clothes; clothing was handed out to more than 50 men (and one woman!) just in time for the frigid weather.

Cluster Website: The Cluster website is down and a new webmaster is needed. If you have any skills or interest in this area, please let pastor or Helen Dungan know.

Goals for 2011: We reviewed the past year's goals and set goals for 2011. Most of our goals are ongoing, but we did add a few new ones for this year.

- ◆ **Ministry which still has no name** -- offer help to members of our community who need minor repairs or cleanup. There was only one call for this during 2010 and it came through the parish nurse ministry. If you know of someone who needs help tell Pastor or Linda Frey. We expect to get more referrals from the parish nurse ministry as it develops. We are still looking for a name for this ministry.
- ◆ **Cluster wide Ascension Service** -- To be held Thursday June 27, 2011 at Trinity Pleasant Valley. Again there will be a joint choir performing the anthem. Part of our goal is to increase attendance.
- ◆ **Bear Creek Day Camp** - To be held June 27-July 1, 2011 at St Peters Riegelsville.
- ◆ **Lenten worship:** The five geographically close Cluster churches will offer a joint Lenten worship program using *Nooma* videos (which take 10-20 minutes to view) followed by discussion. We will begin with a light supper at 6:30 PM followed by the program at 7:15. The schedule is as follows: **3/17 Evangelical, Durham,**; 3/24 St Peters, Riegelsville; 3/31 Trinity, Pleasant Valley; 4/7 Christ, Springtown; and 4/14 St Luke's, Ferndale.
- ◆ **Evangelism:** We are asking the Synod staff member who specializes in evangelism to preach at either Trinity Pleasant Valley or St Luke's. Tentative dates are March 27th, April 3rd or April 10th. After worship she will meet with cluster representatives to explain the hands on training program which the Cluster hopes to sponsor.
- ◆ **Parish Nurse Ministry**
- ◆ **Continued participation in community events** such as Nockamixon and Durham Days, both as individual churches and as a group. To use these gatherings a opportunities for evangelism.
- ◆ **Communicate and support:** Share information about Vacation Bible School and other congregational events, and serve as a clearing house for date coordination. Also, to better advertise within our individual congregations the opportunities available in other congregations for special worship activities; to urge better participation; and to investigate more joint worship opportunities.
- ◆ To investigate and if possible hold a **concert by Lyra**, the Russian church and folk music group which performed for us in 2004 and 2005 with the possibility of having any profits used for the Parish nurse ministry.
- ◆ Investigate and implement a **joint Advent worship** opportunity



LENTEN WORSHIP



- ◆ **Ash Wednesday, March 9** - 1:00 PM Spoken Communion Service
7:30 PM Communion Service with Choir
- ◆ **Thursday Evenings during Lent** - The Palisades Cluster is sponsoring an Inspirational Mid-Week Lenten Worship experience featuring the "NOOMA" DVD series by Rob Bell. There will be a light supper starting at 6:30, followed by the movie and devotions at 7:15 PM. The first one, on Thursday, March 17, will be hosted here at Durham. The other dates and locations are March 24 at St Peters, Riegelsville; March 31 at Trinity, Pleasant Valley; April 7 at Christ, Springtown, and April 14 at St Luke's, Ferndale.

Dear Palisades Cluster Members,

In October the Palisades Lutheran Cluster joined St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Ottsville, in the collection of warm winter clothing for the men living under the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia. Our donations were delivered after the November 7th Cluster meeting, and we did have a car load! Below is the "thank you" email received from Betz Schwalm from St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Ottsville. The Cluster participation was appreciated.

In Christ's Love,

Linda Frey

(610) 847-5775 --- (610) 657-4730 (c)

A great big THANK YOU for all the wonderful warm clothes for the men who are homeless. We distributed the items on November 20th and they were greatly appreciated. About 50 people visited the cupboard that day.

We had several new faces, younger than the norm. If I had to guess, these young men were new to the streets and were so, so grateful when they heard we had warm coats. While they were in line outside we assured them several times that there were plenty for all this week and we would have one for them too.

And I'd like to share one other story. There was one woman's coat that was white and fluffy. A female guest LOVED IT and had it on before she left, and you could tell it would be a very special item to her for a long time.

We thank God that we did have enough to go around. We are blessed. Our next trip is December 18th.

Many thanks.

*Together in Faith,
Betz*



UPDATE



Updated Congregational Directories (1/2011) are now available in the Narthex.

Please check the information in your listing, and let the Church



Care-A-Lot News



Love is in the air! The Care-A-Lot children will be learning about love and trust as we talk about God's love in our Church Chats with Pastor Dave and our love for each other at our Valentine's Day celebration.

The Green Turtles and Blue Whales will be learning about sizes and measurements and how we use measuring in the kitchen and in the classroom.

We will measure each other and learn how we use measurement and sizes in our everyday lives. We will also be learning about all different types of tools.

We will be taking a field trip to the DaVinci Science Center where we will learn about tools, our bodies and more! We will continue with our yearly theme of Helping Hands by learning how animals can help us and the children will bring in their favorite animal for Tell and Show.

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year!

Love,

Mrs. Hower, Mrs. Naska and Mrs. Pason

Care-A-Lot Preschool normal schedule is
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

PRAYER

Please speak to the pastor before the service if you have someone you would like him to lift up in prayer. To place someone on the Prayer List, call the Church Office. For urgent

prayer needs, start the Prayer Chain by calling Virginia Hager. Please make updates to Prayer List in the Narthex on the condition of anyone you've placed on the list. If you are on the Prayer List and are ready to be removed, please let us know!



"God of love, thank you for those that we love, our families and our church family. Let Your compassion, generosity, and power continue to shine in our lives long after the flowers and chocolates from Valentines Day are gone, that we and all who we love might remember that You love us, now and always. Amen.

FOR HEALING: Clarence Fox, Leo Fox, Norma Fox, Betty Hahn, Johnny Hesser, Sue Kehler, Michael Kempf, Betty Kiefer, Elfriede Marschewski, Evelyn Newcomb, Harold Nicholas and Silas Rodenbach.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Private 1st Class Michael Hesser (USMC, Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan), Private Nicholas Squartino (USMC, Camp Geiger, North Carolina), Private Blake Rodd (US Army, Fort Wainwright, Alaska), Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves), Ensign Randall Reichenbach (US Navy, USS Preble, San Diego), Sergeant Jimmy Apgar (US Army, Ft. Richardson, Alaska), and Lt. Col. Matt Trauger (USMC – Special Ground Forces, 3rd tour in Afghanistan).

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alexa Bailey, Ryan Beer, Eric Beerer, Charles and Rita Bolesta, Al Boorse, Vance Bowman, Lena Carafa, John Corliss, Pam D'Angelo, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, Fred Donatelli, Jr., Virginia Fisher, Carol Fluck and Family, Elaine Gawronski, John Goodbread, Marie Gustafson, Avery Noelle Hanrahan, Betty Helm, David Inscho, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Seth Klinger, Frances Mammana, Bob Manship, Dave Morrell, Carol Mutter, Elfriede Newcomb, Sandy Patten, Howard Pensack, Esther Perry, Chase Pfeiffer, Chelsea Pursell, Ruth Sauter, Laurel Scheetz, Orville Shoemaker, Debbie Statler, Alex Ulrey, Vincent Viscomi, Sharon Walker, Kelly Walsh, Todd Walsh, Abby Walton, and Karen Wright.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND: Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Virginia Fisher, Clarence Fox, Irene Fox, Jean Haas, Marcella Krager, Lillian Melchior, Evelyn Peterman, and Mildred Seifert.

FOR THE GRIEVING: The families of Betty Kirkpatrick, Uwe Marschewski, Nancy Jean Xander, Helen E. Nicholas, George Fox, and Dot Scholl.

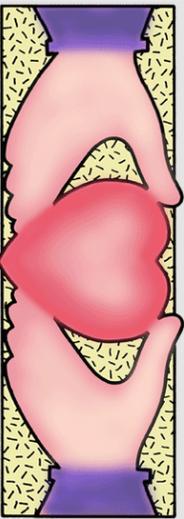
February Worship Assistants

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Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Clayton Lechliter	Danny Codd	Sharron Streletz	Steven Streletz
Greeter(s)	The Aquino/Hlavaty Families	Gerry & Don Seipt	Helen Dungan	The Streletz Family
Lector(s)	Linda Sauter	Ben Naska	Barbara Naska	Tom Gaun
Council Communion Assistants	Ben Naska & David Sauter		Ben Naska & David Sauter	
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson and Beth Ross		* Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.	
Head Usher	TBA			
Counters	Ben Naska and David Sauter			

	February Birthdays		February Anniversaries
2	Amanda Frey		
5	Laura Helrich		
7	Dianna Streletz		
10	Wayne Mesko		
12	Jean Haas (88th); Steven Streletz		
13	Miriam Anderson		
15	Norma Fox (80th)	15	Betty and George Kreitz (53rd)
16	Kathy Haney		
17	Betty Kreitz		
20	Esther Crouse		
27	Tanya Naska		
28	Grace Litzenberger		
29	Becky Harrison		

A Prayer for Every Day of the Week ... **Monday - Wash Day:** Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead. --- **Tuesday - Ironing Day:** Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others. --- **Wednesday - Mending Day:** O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others. --- **Thursday - Cleaning Day:** Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart. --- **Friday - Shopping Day:** O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love. --- **Saturday - Cooking Day:** Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness. --- **Sunday - The Lord's Day:** O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales	2 Presentation of Our Lord 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 6:30 PM Choir	3 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 7 PM Choir	4	5
6 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Soupier Bowl of Carling - Bring canned goods & \$\$\$ 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School - Wedding at Cana 10:30 Holy Communion	7	8 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 7:00 PM Church Council	9 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 6:30 PM Choir	10 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 7 PM Choir	11	12 WELCA 9:30 AM
13 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School - The Lord's Prayer 10:30 Worship	14 Valentine's Day	15 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales	16 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 4:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Choir	17 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 7 PM Choir	18	19
20 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Annual Congregational Meeting 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School - Lord's Prayer 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Covered Dish Meal, followed by Annual Congregational Meeting (Snow Date = 2/27)	21 Presidents' Day	22 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales	23 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 6:30 PM Choir	24 St. Matthias, Apostle 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 7 PM Choir	25	26
27 Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School - The Lord's Prayer 10:30 Worship (Snow Date for Annual Congregational Meeting)	28					

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