
THE EVANGEL

Proclaiming God's Good News!

February 2009

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

In worship during February, we'll read straight through Mark 1:21-45, stories of Jesus healing the ill and confronting demons. Voices call out to Jesus, both in pleading and in opposition. Paired with these readings are stories of God calling people to God's work of prophecy and healing. Epiphany, the season of light grounded in baptism, is a good time for us to listen attentively to God and to what God might be calling us to.

Have you noticed that quilting is happening? These quilts are for Lutheran World Relief, and go to places and people for whom they'll serve as shelter and warmth. Has the donation basket for the food bank caught your eye? Have you heard the clamor of the "noisy offering" as we pour out our spare change to feed the hungry? Have you felt a tug towards the Monday ministers' visits to the nursing homes, or a hunger to carry communion to shut-ins?

In our busy lives, we've got many voices and messages clamoring for our attention. But if we stay present in our baptism, we may indeed be able to say "Listen! God is calling!"

Rev. Elizabeth A. Larsen

COMMUNITY DINNERS BEGIN AGAIN

The Community Dinners program in Troy, sponsored by UI Campus Kitchens, the UI Student Volunteers and Troy Lutheran Church has resumed Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm in the TLC social hall. Everyone is welcome.

We will need 2 to 3 people each Monday in the Troy Lutheran social hall to help the UI volunteers set up for the dinner. If you are interested, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall. The duties include: arriving at 4:45 pm, filling and starting the large coffee pot, unlocking social hall front and rear doors, greeting U of I volunteers, helping them find utensils, greeting community members coming to dinner, taking count, and generally supervising.

After dinner put away the two outside signs, lock

front & rear doors and put a note of the count in the secretary's box in the office. If you are interested, please sign up. It is a great opportunity to visit with the many wonderful members of our community.

MATERNITY LEAVE?

Pastor is having a baby! This is the first time in the long history of Troy and Zion Lutheran Churches that we've been able to say that. The baby boy is due March 2nd.

What happens now? Here are the plans (and keep in mind that babies don't always adhere to schedules): Pastor Elizabeth's last liturgical act will be to lead Ash Wednesday service at Troy Lutheran on Feb. 25th. Should any emergency or change of plans arise before Ash Wednesday, Pastor Elizabeth or husband Jon will telephone Rev. King Rockhill, Deacon Nancy Bardsley, Murray Stanton and the assisting minister for Troy. Between those four people, worship should happen on any given Sunday.

When Pastor Elizabeth's maternity leave formally begins, Rev. King Rockhill will be the "lead pastor", so that communion will be available every Sunday. Murray Stanton, in Deary, and Rev. Nancy Bardsley, in Troy, will see to visitation and pastoral care.

Rev. Mark Nelson, assistant to the bishop, will preside at both worship services on March 15th.

Pastor Elizabeth will return to lead worship the Sunday after Easter, April 19th.

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TLC

It is with great appreciation that we say thank you to Karen Nelson for stepping up and organizing the adult volunteers to take over the Sunday school duties. (Jon Cheskin will be retiring as Sunday school superintendent effective February 1, to attend to his role as parsonage support person.) The persons that have volunteered are: the teen bible study group will be leading Sunday school under the supervision of Karen Nelson for February, Kim & Gary Schlake for March, Misty Maxey for April, and Patti Heath for May. Thank you all for your

support and dedication to the Sunday school program.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING-JANUARY 11, 2009

Minutes from 2008 Annual meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Overall income is down. See budget last page. Budget passed.

Old Business:

Deary Day Float went well and unanimously approved to continue for this year.

Bible study will be revisited after Pastor's maternity leave.

Old Pews: Members interested in a pew have all taken theirs. Avon Busy Bees could possibly use a few; in the event they do take any they will not be charged for them.

Ceiling tiles in kitchen are water stained. After discussion it was agreed that the best solution would be to apply a stain block and new paint. It was agreed to replace the ceiling tiles in the entry way; the stained tiles in the sanctuary were tabled.

New bathroom faucets were installed and water heaters for bathrooms have been purchased. It was agreed that only one would be necessary for both baths so the other will be returned and wiring and other supplies purchased.

Play room: Remaining 2008 Thrivent funds were used to purchase shelving and carpet for the kids' room. Thank you to Lydia Gerber for her clever wall chalkboard and work on painting the room. Shelly will check w/ Clearwater power for prices on wall heaters.

Trees were trimmed this summer and there is still concern as to whether some trees are problems or not. Pastor will ask her father Larry Larsen, who is a retired tree expert to give us a recommendation when he visits us this spring.

Antique 5-leg table in social hall has not yet been placed for sale and it was agreed to pursue doing that.

The Pastors' picture board has been placed in social hall from the sanctuary and still needs to be updated.

There was some discussion about floor maintenance in the sanctuary. It was agreed that there were enough projects for this year and we will revisit that next year.

Need for new linoleum in kitchen was discussed and it was agreed that new folding chairs would

have to come first so the old chairs don't scratch the new linoleum.

New Business:

New updated wiring is needed for bathrooms to accommodate the newly purchased water heaters and also for the organ and amplifier needs. Those outlets are not grounded and need to be. It was agreed that this would be a do-it-ourselves project.

Lydia Gerber has resigned her position on the church council. Murray Stanton was been nominated and unanimously voted in.

Synod Assembly delegates will be Byron Cannon and Murray Stanton. Assembly will be May 1-3.

Donations in memory of Beverly Whitney total \$435. After some discussion it was agreed that the new padded folding chairs for the kitchen and linoleum would be purchased, using Thrivent Care in congregation dollars for the balance.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TROY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JAN 4, 2009

The **Financial Secretary's Report** was accepted after review. A complete report of all investments will be included in the Annual Meeting II Reports.

The **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. Heating Bills were noted to be increasing as the winter months continue. The report was accepted and it was voted to pay the bills.

Benevolence will not be spent at this time, anticipating that we may have to supplement some heating bills as requests are made known.

Pastor Elizabeth submitted her Report for December, and noted that the contingency plan is going to work well, after her 'Trial Run' and our snow closure on December 28.

Further discussion occurred to determine the necessity of possibly forming a telephone tree notifying parishioners of special events. It was decided that the Good Shepherds are the best method for contacting all parishioners and it is already in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life: Potratz reported a fine Caroling session and treats at the Parsonage following, with gift bags were handed out along the way.

Property: Committee will be developing a Winter Check List and a Locator of items such as water, gas and electrical controls and other safety features.

Worship/Music: Meetings have been held at the McGahan's to make for easier access, and to keep from having to heat the building yet another time. They are resuming their regular potluck/ 3rd Thursday agenda on January 8, 2009.

Education: Jon Cheskin is resigning as of February to attend to his role as parsonage support person. Karen Nelson has secured the adult coverage through May.

It was noted that Henrienne Westberg and Misty Maxey are conducting a Teen Bible Study. These participants will conduct Sunday church school during one month.

A leader/liason position for the Youth Group is part of the Education Committee and is unfilled at this time. More members are needed for support on this committee.

OLD BUSINESS

The letters to non-active members have not been sent, as the Pastor is still reviewing data bases and addresses.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Council Officers President: Jim Lee; Vice President: Jena Gram; Secretary: Betty Leslie

Liaisons: Evangelism/Social Ministry: Marilyn Hoseid Parish Life: Clancy Potratz, Property: Denny Falk, Finance/Stewardship: Gary Schlake, Worship/Music: Betty Leslie, Education: Jena Gram & Sue Miller

Winter Damage Control: Mike Potratz and Carl Morrow will be sent thank you notes for their recent assistance during the roof slides in December. Morrow climbed the roof to clear vents that had been damaged. Potratz had secured and operated a 'bobcat' to assist in unplugging the entryways after same slides. A bobcat was rented from Moscow Building Supply for \$170. The Potratz backhoe was also used.

Greg Goodson has been contacted regarding chimney repair for social hall. Jon Cheskin had installed two carbon monoxide monitors in church office and in the meeting room upstairs.

Clint Illi has repaired frozen pipes in the Westdala area which occurred during the snow slides. The Troy pre-school did not meet during repairs. Supplies did not receive significant damage and had been moved out of harm's way.

Moscow Awning and Glass will be contacted to replace/repair the windows that were broken, estimated at \$150.

Redinger will be contacted for furnace repairs in the Westdala area. The furnaces for the Social Hall remain functional, but it was noted that venting might not be adequate.

It was noted that the recurring drainage problems with the drain tile for the social hall have reappeared. A special drainage installation and sump pump would take care of the back-up that occurs frequently. This process was estimated at \$600-\$800.

Payments for repairs/damage etc. may be taken from Insurance. There is \$1,000 Deductible. We could consider using 2009 Thrivent monies of \$1,300. We could also use the \$20,000 CD due January 15. After Discussion, we will determine what the difference will be for repairs, after estimates are completed, and following submission to Insurance for claim.

It was decided that the \$20,000 CD be divided for re-investment: \$10,000 for a very short-term, in-order to be available for potential repair expenses, and \$10,000 be invested for perhaps 6 months.

Approximately \$3,400 in interest will be available soonest from our Mission Fund re-investment. The principal has been re-invested for another 4 year term @ 5% with the interest being returned to us quarterly.

We were reminded of the soffit repair project estimated by Wilson construction at \$11,532 which will be placed before the congregation at Annual Meeting II.

LITURGY CHANGE

Troy Lutheran Church will use the maroon hymnal supplement through Feb 22, then change to the red ELW hymnal setting two starting with Ash Wednesday. From Feb 25, we will be using the red ELW and blue WOV book for hymns.

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesday night Lenten services will be held in the TLC social hall using Holden evening prayer and conducted by lay leaders. Vicki Brown and Annette Erickson are coordinating the worship.

FEBRUARY M & W DATE CHANGE

Change of date for February TLC worship & music committee meeting is Thursday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 at Dale & Kathryn McGahan's. The meeting date has been moved up due to needing to work on Lent and needing lead-time.

MONDAY MINISTERS VISITATION

The Monday Ministers visitation ministry will meet Wednesday, March 4th at 1:00pm at TLC, with a special program. Sarah Rial from Gritman will talk about the caregiver support group meeting at TLC, Skeeter Lynch will offer "gatekeeper" training, and Dale Murphy will discuss transportation. Please join us in the TLC social hall to learn more about the resources being developed for our elderly and home-bound brothers and sisters.

NOTE FROM THE DEACON

Since I've had a series of questions recently, Pastor Elizabeth and I have decided to issue a note regarding clergy states in the Episcopal church. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Episcopal church are in full fellowship, so it took only three Bishops to approve Pastor's request for me to help out in Troy. The title used for deacons and priests is "The Reverend," which implies that it is the position and not the person with the title.

The Diaconate is generally a servant ministry which may serve the poor, elderly, shut ins etc. although many serve in rural areas as principal clergy under the direction of a priest/pastor.

Anglican duties for the deacon include proclaiming the gospel, leading the people in prayer, preparing the table and dismissing the people, functions which the assisting minister fulfills here in Troy.

Currently my job as we see it is to fill in for Pastor where she needs me and where my ordination vows allow. I hope to remain flexible and available until she is able to resume her full duties after her leave. It's wonderful to be here. Thank you all for your kind encouragements.

Rev. Nancy Bardsley

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP ON HIS TRIP

Susan and I leave Monday, January 5, to join other bishops, spouses and church-wide staff for this unusual Academy in the Holy Land. I ask for your prayers for this troubled land, for her people, our Church, and the great Peace of Jerusalem. We

have considered the risks of this trip and have concluded that it is worthwhile as a sign of accompaniment in dark times.

Our other goals are advocacy on behalf of the Christian community and its ministries in the Holy Land, and continuing education -- awareness of the land, the people, the challenges. Neither Susan nor I have been to the Holy Land so this is really the trip of a lifetime, including a chance at the end of the Academy to spend a couple of days in Galilee, the site of so much of our Lords' ministry. Thank you for your prayers!

Pr. Martin D. Wells

CELEBRATE BOLD WOMEN'S DAY!

Sunday, Feb 22 is Women of the ELCA Bold Women's Day. Some suggestions from the WELCA website:

- 1) Reflect on the question, "How have I acted boldly on my faith in Jesus Christ?" Think about ways you can commit to acting boldly on your faith during the coming year.
- 2) Move outside your comfort zone: take a continuing education class, volunteer with a new ministry, begin an exercise class, or take up a new sport.
- 3) Read the biography of a bold girl or woman.
- 4) Visit a local nursing home; invite women there to tell you their bold stories of faith.

Thank you to all of the wonderful, bold women who comprise the congregations of Troy and Zion Lutheran Churches.

On February 8th Deacon Nancy Bardsley will be preaching at worship at Troy Lutheran Church and Murray Stanton will be preaching at worship at Zion Lutheran Church in Deary. Pastor Elizabeth will be presiding.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT TLC

The poinsettias were donated by: the Blom family, the Dana Heath family in memory of Vada Heath, the Westberg family in memory of Gorden & Marty Westberg, Betty Trout in memory of Alice & Burl Trout, Archie & Norma Bendel in memory of Delbert Morrow, Irene Raymond, & Bessie Bendel, the Illi family in memory of Carol Illi, the Edgar family in memory of Hugh Edgar, Betty Bohman in memory of Clyde Bohman, and the Scharnhorst family in memory of Kyle Scharnhorst.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TAKING WORSHIP ON THE ROAD

Sunday February 15th, at 2:45pm the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church will be taking worship to Good Samaritan Care Center, located at 640 N. Eisenhower in Moscow, Idaho. The services at Good Samaritan on October 12th were such a success that Zion will be taking worship on the road again. If you have friends or family members at the nursing home, please consider joining us. Pastor Larsen will be providing communion and there will be an abbreviated version of worship to follow in the skilled nursing unit for those unable to make it up to the main lounge. This will not affect regular worship at Zion Lutheran Church, which is held Sundays at 9am.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Allana Davy and Corey Burnette, whose wedding will be celebrated at Troy Lutheran Church on February 14th, with Rev. Marcus Stroud presiding. Alanna is the daughter of Greg and Judy Goodson of Deary, and Corey is the son of Marvin and Pete Burnette, of Kendrick.

SNOWFALL DAMAGE TO TLC

Please prayerfully consider a contribution to the Troy Lutheran general fund. Heavy snowfall has damaged parts of the building; insurance will cover some of these expenses, but not all. Contributions may be sent to PO Box 9, Troy Idaho 83871, or placed in the offering plates during the worship service.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LUTHERHAVEN?

There will be another Cut, Crop and Quilt weekend at Lutherhaven on March 6-8th, 2009. This is an excellent way to use your creative energy and engage in a wonderful dynamic with other creative individuals.

The Annual Women's Retreat is coming up on March 27-29th, 2009. Please plan to attend. More information on both of these events if available at www.lutherhaven.com. Get registered now so you don't miss out on the fun!

There are job openings available at Lutherhaven, and it's never too early to think about a summer job! Lutherhaven Ministries is looking for college aged and young adult staff to serve in their various programs. More information and an application is available at www.lutherhaven.com.

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday February 8th during the 11am worship service, we will welcome Natalie McCollum and Bryce Heath into the family of God in the sacrament of baptism. Natalie is the daughter of Emily Scharnhorst and Scott McCollum, Bryce is the son of Kami and Travis Heath.

PASTORAL REVIEW THANK YOU

The Pastoral Review Committee would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all of those that took the time to complete the survey regarding your individual thoughts about the Pastor and the church. The information you all provided was received, considered and discussed with the committee and the pastor. As a committee, we feel it was a tremendous response at about 40% of those sent being returned. It gave evidence of areas that need attention and other areas that the good work can continue on, with God's help. It was a reminder for us all that as a part of a community of God we are all diverse in our needs and desires; the one constant is that we look to God, our Pastor, our congregations, and community for our daily needs and spiritual guidance. What a wonderful feeling to have that support in place. God Bless!

*The Pastoral Review Committee-Jim Lee,
Gary Schlake, Jim Sullins, & Debbie
Whitney*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: HEALING: Ken Smick (Annette Smith's father, total hip replacement), Margaret Bumby (Robert Hibler's sister, MS), Ron Bumby (Robert Hibler's brother-in-law, colon cancer), Ralph & Shirley Payne, Jenna Olitsky & family, Margaret Slaybaugh, Barb Jaworski, Bonnie Freytag, LaVerne Anderson, Bev Loyd, Steve Parkins (rheumatoid arthritis), Linda Smith Carrico (cancer), Donald Buzga (inoperable brain tumor), George Rivetti (corticobasal degeneration), Mike Edgar, Melba Ann Zook (liver & kidney surgery), Pastor Dave Halvorsen (heart surgery), Tracy Brown, Pastor Dennis Nickel (cancer), Crystal Baumgartner (MRSA infection), Spark Jacot (congestive heart failure), **CONTINUING NEEDS:** Darin & Virginia Anderson, Cynthia Cox, Lucille Flodin, Nathan Gilbert, Alex Hagen, Carlot McGahan, Miriam Miller, Ryan Miller, Anna Million, Amanda Stoll Moorner, Ann & Otis Parks, Ilene Rauch, Irene Sanchez, Bill Schnider, Lenora Schumacher, Maxine Smith, Trina Swanson, Vance Uden (brother of Cheryl Tribble, thyroid cancer), Ken Whitney, Angie Williams
IN MOURNING: Friends and family of Robert Abell jr, Willis Arneberg, Geri Lucks.

MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES: Eric Larsen & Michael Winn (who has been deployed to Baghdad for a year. His wife, Keri, and daughter wait for his return at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.)

CORRECTIONS, ETC.

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Because of the Pastor's Maternity Leave, the deadline will be February 18th for the March edition of the Evangel. No late submissions will be accepted.

TROY LUTHERAN CHURCH DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTER	ACOLYTE	LECTOR
FEBRUARY 1	Kathleen Johnson	Tricia Maxey	Doris Homan
FEBRUARY 8	Vicki Brown	Hailee Maxey	Gary Schlake
FEBRUARY 15	Nancy Bardsley	Ross Dunworth	Amy Westberg
FEBRUARY 22	Henrienne Westberg	Monica Miller	Hugh Homan
FEBRUARY 25 ASH WEDNESDAY	Annette Erickson	Bonnie Dunworth	Norma Bendel

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2009

Operating Expenses	08 Proposed	08 Actual	Difference	09 Proposed	Increase
Shared Ministry w/Troy	\$9,267.00	\$9,273.00	\$6.00	\$9,395.00	\$128.00
Misc. Supplies	\$300.00	\$677.27	\$377.27	\$300.00	
Music	\$1,590.00	\$1,350.00	(\$140.00)	\$1,590.00	\$30 per Sunday
Electric	\$2,000.00	\$2,314.20	\$318.20	\$2,000.00	
Water/Sewer	\$675.00	*	(\$675.00)	\$720.00	*
Insurance	\$650.00	\$650.00		\$675.00	\$25.00
Giving/Benevolence	\$1,600.00	\$1,200.00	(\$400.00)	\$1,600.00	**
Pulpit Supply (subs)	\$300.00	\$315.00	\$15.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
Synod Conv/VBS/SS	\$1,000.00	\$310.75	\$689.25	\$1,000.00	
Building Expenses		\$195.81			
Totals	\$17,382.00	\$16,286.03	(\$1,095.97)	\$17,880.00	\$498.00

Shared ministry with Troy: Zion pays 15% of the Pastor's salary and benefits, 15% of joint office supplies and mailing costs, and 15% of parsonage expenses.

*Bob and Doris have been paying the water bills.