

Cross of Christ News

A Note from Pastor Sherry April 2009

As we have come to the end of the Lenten Season, I pray that through worship, reflection, contemplation, confession and forgiveness that you have found a new birth within! Now is the time for new life...new beginnings...and a time to celebrate!

Often in Lent we search for answers to the question, "Who am I as a Child of God?" And Easter reminds us...we are the vessels of such an unconditional love that we are blessed to share! Thank you to all who walked this journey together at our midweek services. You shared, sang, and prayerfully grew as children of God together, in all of our differences, rejoicing that God is our source of all that we are. In the darkness of winter we walked slowly, intentionally, and prayerfully through our worship services seeking God in the silence and now we enter the Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.

This year we will worship at Cross of Christ for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Easter Vigil will be held on Saturday at Emmanuel Episcopal Church and then we will celebrate Easter at Cross of Christ. Maundy Thursday invites us to take off our shoes and follow the command to be servants; tell the truth and receive forgiveness; share a meal; watch carefully as illusions are stripped away; and then we wait and watch.

On Good Friday, we hear about the trial, torture, suffering, and crucifixion of Jesus and though difficult, we give thanks for God's continuing presence in pain, grief, and death and we pray for the entire world.

And on Saturday at Easter Vigil, we hear how God creates and saves God's people, carrying them through the waters, breathing life into dry bones and we remember our own baptism.

Then on Easter Sunday, here at Cross of Christ, all of that changes! We will be dressed in a new way, worshipping with loud "Alleluia's" and break-

ing bread together as the Feast of Victory is celebrated boldly! What a difference from our Lenten journey. Christ is alive! And we are born anew! This is a great day of celebration!

We will celebrate new life...baptism, break bread together, sing bold strong hymns of praise and thanksgiving, share in the wonderful celebration of forgiveness and reconciliation with God and with one another. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

I do look forward to seeing all of you at the services for the three days. I also look forward to hearing how this season felt different, or how you experienced a difference in how you respond to the love of Christ! We are people of the living Lord...let us live with boldness on the rock of our salvation!

God's Peace,

Pastor Sherry

Readings and Lessons for the month of April 2009

April 5th (Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday)

Mark 11:1-11;
Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Philippians 2:5-11;
Mark 14:1—15:47

April 12th (Resurrection/Easter Day)

Acts 10:34-43;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
Mark 16:1-8

April 19th

Acts 4:32-35;
1 John 1:1—2:2;
John 20:19-31

April 26th

Acts 3:12-19;
1 John 3:1-7;
Luke 24:36b-48

WANTED!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Our Sunday School is in need of teachers for April and beyond. See Vicki Morgan (548-5091) for topics and lesson plans. Commit for as few or as many Sundays as you would like.

Give me an S!

Give me an O!

Give me a U!

Give me a P!

Put it together: SOUP!

Bring in Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry.

Phone volunteers!

Illness is inevitable and frequently strikes at the most inopportune times, even for our church secretary. Tricia is seeking volunteers who could be contacted to possibly answer the phone during her office hours if she gets sick. This would allow Pastor Sherry to be able to focus on her work for the morning. Please talk to or e-mail Tricia if you would like to be on the on-call list.

PRAYER CHAIN

We have had requests from a few of our members without e-mail access to be notified of prayer requests via the phone. Tricia is taking names and numbers of those who would like to be involved in this endeavor. Drop Tricia a note in the designated "Secretary" mailbox if you are interested in participating.

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CHAIN NEED:

Have: A "non-e-mail" person

Need: A reliable "e-mail" person

COLLECTION REMINDERS: We are collecting the following items:

- Pop can tabs for assisting the McDonald House
- Campbells UPCs/Lids for assisting Shepherd's Ministries (a program which helps those with developmental disabilities—see example notice on bulletin board)
- Oleson's receipts for Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Returnable cans and bottles for the Youth
- Used household batteries for recycling
- Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry
- Frequent Diner Reward Cards from Bob-In, J.W. Filmore, etc.

Veterans in need:

Please remember that the office of Emmet County Veterans Affairs is here to assist you: 200 Division St., Suite G92. 231-348-1780

Personal Growth Opportunity for the Ladies:

Win-Some Women

Registration for the 38th annual Win-Some Women Christian Retreat is now in progress. The dates are May 12 & 13; May 13 & 14; or May 14 & 15. Keynote speaker and musician Wintley Phipps will be joined by other keynote speaker Sue Thomas.

Wintley Phipps is an ordained minister and world renowned vocal artist. He has appeared before US Presidents, Mother Teresa and President Nelson Mandela. He is the founder of the US Dream Academy, which targets children and at-risk youth through Family Learning Centers in many states. He is author of *The Power of a Dream*.

Sue Thomas lost her ability to hear at the age of 18 months, and is the author of the best selling autobiography *Silent Night*. After college and graduate school she was hired by the FBI in Washington for her ability to lip read. Thomas' adventures with the FBI have been dramatized in the original TV series, *Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye*. In 2001 she was diagnosed with MS and has since become a national ambassador for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

For all information take a brochure from the church bulletin board, see Kris Olsen, or check out the Win-Some Women web site at www.win-somewomen.org

Scholarships through Win-Some Women are available for the May 13/14 Retreat. Contact Pastor Sherry or WSW scholarship chairperson Penny at 231-439-5069.

Personal Growth Opportunity for the Gentlemen:

A Higher Call Men's Conference :

Saturday, April 18th, 8 am-5 pm, Gaylord Evangelical Free Church

Registration forms and details available at www.MyHigherCall.com or by calling 989-732-2647.

This inspirational conference is designed to bring you closer to God through the testimonies of four outstanding Christian men. Invite a friend or bring a family member. Dads are encouraged to bring their teenage sons. Young or old, you will be blessed, challenged, and encouraged by these motivating speakers.

Ernie Harwell: Ernie began his career as a radio commentator in 1940 and is the longtime voice of the Detroit Tigers. His vivid descriptions of games have earned him the respect of fans and his peers. Harwell was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 1998.

Bob Smiley: Bob had done stand-up for more than 12 years all over the U.S., Canada, England, Wales, and even third world countries like El Salvador and East Kentucky. He's opened for such groups as Newsboys, Mercy Me, Third Day, Switch Foot, Toby Mac and Audio Adrenaline.

Jimmy Gretzinger: Always on the water or in the woods while growing up in Ludington, MI, Jimmy learned many of his outdoor passions from his father and friends. In 1998 he jumped at the chance to join the Michigan Out-of-Doors team and in 2001 became the Executive Producer of the show.

Kent Bottenfield: So how does a kid from Portland end up on the mound of the Major League Baseball All Star game? How does that same guy become, after a near fatal heart conditions, a national CCM recording artist? The guy who has actually lived this life, sums it up in one word—God. To Kent there is no other explanation...no other possible answer. "I have seen God work through an empty vessel, me."

Council Corner

The March Council meeting was a “mini-retreat” where we started with a potluck dinner (what else?). Discussion topics included the addition of Bill Yingling to fill the vacancy left by Dean Tahtinen. We thank Dean for his input and dedication for many years and hope that he returns in the future!

The focus of the meeting was goal-setting – both short and long-term. It was nice to see that many of our past goals as a church have been met, and we continue to challenge ourselves in an effort to move forward despite difficult economic times.

A few short-term, or on-going goals:

- ⇒ Better / more effective communication
- ⇒ Development of an Evangelism Team
- ⇒ Increase in involvement / volunteer pool for both weekly and special events
- ⇒ Continued “green” efforts

Longer term goals:

- ⇒ Define position of part-time Youth Director / Family Ministry Leader
- ⇒ Attend 2 Global Mission Events
- ⇒ Increase Bible Study groups to 5
- ⇒ Create a plan for future building upgrades

We have also invited Clay Bates, assistant to the Bishop, to visit us for worship, fellowship and another council “retreat” on April 5th and 6th. We look forward to getting his insights on many of the above topics.

We continue to look for your input! We are but a handful of individuals that seek ideas and advice on how to best move forward by the grace of God. Meetings are typically held on the 2nd Monday of the month. All are welcome!

Submitted by Bryan Young – Council President

Council News:

Look on the bulletin board for meeting minutes.

COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 7 PM

Council members are asked to contact Betty High if they cannot attend in order to be excused. You can reach Betty at 347-6726 or at betty@hitech4you.com. The congregation is invited to attend the council meetings each month. They are open sessions and we welcome visitors. If you would like to add to the agenda, please contact Bryan Young at 439-9237.

Council Members—area code 231

Term Expires Jan 2010:

Trudy Day 348-5834
Marilynn Smith 622-4833
Bill Yingling 525-8950

Term Expires Jan 2011:

Jim Armstrong 347-1784
Vicki Morgan 548-5091
Joe Palm 347-2827

Term Expires Jan 2012:

Marla Hofmann 347-5073
Ernst Rusche 347-2108
Bryan Young 439-9237

THANK YOU!

From the family of the late Bishop John H.K. Schreiber :

“Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day, whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.”

From Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) to Deborah Circle:

“Thank you for your gift to the ministries of WELCA. The churchwide women’s organization is pleased to be a partner with you in supporting women at home and around the world. It is a special person who gives from the heart so that others may grow in Christ. You are indeed part of that long line of faith-filled women who meld their faith and finances into one, giving back to God the gifts entrusted to them.”

From Flowers for Friends:

“Thank you for all of the altar flowers you have faithfully donated to our Flowers for Friends project over the past year. Your generous support has allows us to recycle flowers and deliver smiles.” They report that as of the end of January, they have delivered over 5,000 arrangements. Wow!

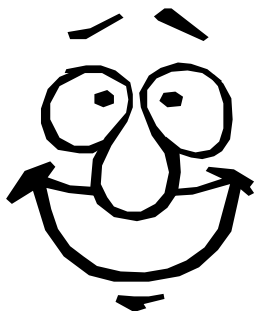
From the Manna Food Project:

“...On November 18, 2008, we received 66 lbs of Thanksgiving food packed in bags to give to our clients. Please be assured that your hard work was much appreciated!”

OFFICE NEWS

The church office will be closed on Wed. April 29th—Fri. May 1st. as both Pastor Sherry and Tricia will be out of town. Should an emergency arise, please contact Bryan Young (439-9237) or Jean Smith (547-7378).

Church office related items (newsletter/bulletin submissions, returned forms, re-usable bulletins, etc.) should be placed into one of the following mailboxes: **Bulletin Submissions**, **Newsletter Submissions**, or **Secretary**. They are all located on the bottom level of the mailboxes for your convenience.



Pastor Sherry attends Pericope Study on Tuesdays. She will be in Traverse City from 7 a.m. and return to Petoskey around 1 p.m. You can email (cofcoffice@sbcglobal.net) or leave a message (347-5448) with the secretary, Tricia Rodgers, should you need to reach Pastor or conduct church business.

Secretary Hours:

Monday, Tuesday	9—noon
Thursday	10-noon
Friday	9—11 a.m.

Pastor’s office hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9—noon **and by appointment (347-5448)**

Submission Deadlines:

- *Newsletter: Hard copy submissions:* 10th of prior month
- *Newsletter: Electronic submissions: (disk or email):* 15th of prior month
- *Bulletin Announcements:* 11 am Monday before
- *Web Page:* 1 week in advance of desired publish date.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Important
DATE!*

Sunday, April 5:
Thursday, April 9:
Friday, April 10:

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday at Cross of Christ
Good Friday Service at Cross of Christ, Father Greg
preaching

There will be a special worship service celebrating creation and our stewardship of creation on **Sunday, April 19**. We are looking for band members, so if you are interested, please contact Pastor Sherry as soon as possible to get the music.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Meets 12:30—1:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation class will meet on Sundays from 12:30-1:30 (lunch provided). If you would like to volunteer to bring in lunch, you can sign the schedule on Pastor Sherry's door.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

April 5: Reception and then meeting with Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Clay Bates beginning at 1 pm. Come with at least one question for the Bishop
April 12: No Confirmation (Easter)
April 19: No Confirmation
April 26 Parables of the Lost and Found

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Remember to sign up for the events on the sheet near the office or by emailing the church at

crossofc@sbcglobal.net

- ⇒ Sunday, April 5, 1-1:30 pm Gathering in the Lower Fellowship Area with Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Clay Bates. This will be a great time to ask questions about the church, youth, the world...anything! Please take time to come...this is a great opportunity to learn a little more about our church!
- ⇒ We will meet at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, April 22 as we celebrate Earth Day. We will take some time (weather permitting) to pick up loose trash around the church property and then head to the Bob-In for ice-cream. Please sign up on Pastor Sherry's door to make sure that we have enough drivers!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

RSVP to events by signing up on the sheet near the office or by emailing the church at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

- ⇒ Sunday, April 5, 1-1:30 pm Gathering in the Lower Fellowship Area with Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Clay Bates. This will be a great time to ask questions about the church, youth, the world...anything! Please take time to come...this is a great opportunity to learn a little more about our church!
- ⇒ Sunday, April 26 at Elliott and Michael Drake's house at 7 pm. There will be a gathering, and if weather permits, a bonfire. Come ready for outdoor fun, adventure and a time to regroup around the fire!

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

We are trying something new with the volunteer schedule. Scheduling volunteers to serve over the summer is always a dicey matter due to vacations. So, for the months of June, July, and August we are asking you to pick your own Sundays to volunteer for. The sign up sheets for the 3 months are located on the church office door, along with an envelope holding pencils for this purpose (please put the pencils back in the envelope) Just fill in your name in the appropriate date and duty - please write legibly!

Volunteer opportunities available for first service during summer include:

Greeter, Usher, Lector, Acolyte, Deacon, Coffee Hour.

Volunteer opportunities available for Second service during the summer include:

Greeter, Usher, Lector, Acolyte, Cantor, Deacon, Assist. Minister,
Coffee Hour (2 per each service), Nursery, Counters (2 per each service).

Volunteer opportunities available that are not tied to a particular service time:

Recycling for the month, baking communion bread.

We currently have only one single service planned during those dates -- Aug 30th is a 5th Sunday of the month and thus, a single service. Single Services have all the same opportunities to serve as a second service. Worship by the Bay date is also pending so some adjustments may be needed as the summer proceeds but this will get us started.

BOOK GROUP

Moloka'i by Alan Bremert

Meets: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23rd

Young Rachel Kalama, growing up in idyllic Honolulu in the 1890s, is part of a big, loving Hawaiian family, and dreams of seeing the far-off lands that her father, a merchant seaman, often visits. But at the age of seven, Rachel and her dreams are shattered by the discovery that she has leprosy. Forcibly removed from her family, she is sent to Kalaupapa, the isolated leper colony on the island of Moloka'i.

In her exile she finds a family of friends to replace the family she's lost: a native healer, Haleola, who becomes her adopted "auntie" and makes Rachel aware of the rich culture and mythology of her people; Sister Mary Catherine Voorhies, one of the Franciscan sisters who care for young girls at Kalaupapa; and the beautiful, worldly Leilani, who harbors a surprising secret. At Kalaupapa she also meets the man she will one day marry.

True to historical accounts, Moloka'i is the story of an extraordinary human drama, the full scope and pathos of which has never been told before in fiction. But Rachel's life, though shadowed by disease, isolation, and tragedy, is also one of joy, courage, and dignity. This is a story about life, not death; hope, not despair. It is not about the failings of flesh, but the strength of the human spirit.

ADULT FORUM

ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAYS AT 10 am. We are finishing our study of Bishop Spong's book. **BRING YOUR BIBLE TO MAKE NOTES AND UNDERLINE!**

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY will meet on Monday, April 20th and Monday, April 27th. All are invited and encouraged to invite someone who has never been before. We are continuing our study of the Epistles.

	Greeter	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Cantor	Deacon	Asst. Minister	Coffee Hour	Nursery	Lead Counter	Counter
April 5 8:30AM 11AM	Swender	Pemberton	D. Wehrenberg	J. Pemberton		Marilynn Smith		Bernier	G. Matzinger	V. Morgan	Marilynn Smith
	Chaveriat	Drake	C. Matzinger	G. Matzinger	Choir	D. Chaveriat	C. Matzinger	Tahtinen/ Young			
April 12 8:30 AM 11 AM	Meyer	Swender	J. Pemberton	S. Armstrong	Choir	J. Armstrong	B. Young	Easter Brunch	M. Hansen	G. Drake	D. Rodgers
	Drake	High	J. Smith	A. Young	Choir	C. Matzinger	J. Smith	Clark/ Drakes			
April 19 8:30 AM 11 AM	Pemberton	Morford	B. Swender	J. Pemberton		T. Day		Cox	J. Chaveriat	T. Day	D. Meckstroth
	Frederick		M. Hansen	H. Jaskowski	Choir	D. Meckstroth	G. Drake	Tollefson/ P. Wehrenberg			
April 26 8:30 AM 11 AM	Marilynn Smith	Scott	R. Morford	S. Armstrong	Choir	B. Yingling		Gauthier	K. Meckstroth	B. Drake	G. Engel
	Matzinger/ Marshall	Chaveriat	Josilyn Clark	J. Young	J. Smith	R. Moorehead	J. Smith	Woldt/ Backus			
May 3 8:30AM 11AM	Swender	Day	D. Wehrenberg	S. Armstrong		Marilynn Smith		T. Day	R. Manges	B. Drake	E. Rusche
	P&N Wehrenberg	Drakes	E. Chaveriat	H. Jaskowski	J. Smith	B. Manges	J. Smith	Moorehead/ Bozell			
May 10 8:30 AM 11 AM	D. Wehrenberg	Hofmann	J. Pemberton	J. Pemberton		D. Cox		Ebert	J. Chaveriat	G. Engel	J. Armstrong
	Drakes	Hansen	J. Clark	A. Young	Choir	V. Morgan	G. Drake	Chaveriat/ Collins/Klosinski			
May 17 8:30 AM 11 AM	Meyer	Pemberton	M. Hofmann	A. Honaker	Choir	B. Yingling	R. Morford	G & B Engel	G. Marshall	C. Matzinger	D. Rodgers
	N. Cutshall & M. Frederick	Matzinger/ Marshall	G. Drake	G. Marshall	J. Smith	Meckstroth	J. Smith	Cusenza/ Feeley			
May 24 8:30AM 11 AM	Hamal	Swender	K.Hamal	J. Pemberton		Morford		Finley	M. Hansen	D. Meckstroth	B. Young
	Marshall/Matzingers	Moorehead	B. High	J. Young	Choir	Moorehead	B. Young	Hoffman/ Drakes			
May 31 10 AM	Confirmation Students and graduates	6 th Graders	Confirmation Students	6 th Graders		E. Rusche	Confirmation Students	6 th graders	6 th graders	G. Drake	V. Morgan

April Recycling: Hansen

May Recycling: Young



A Sneak Peek: Annual Church Picnic

Location: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Date: June 7th (tentative date)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**Contact: Susan Hoffman 348-8189
or Tom Olsen 347-1194**

The Church Hammers Cookbooks are available for purchase. \$15/each. Please see Susan Hoffman or stop by the church office to purchase. Plans are in the works for the 2009 build. Watch for more details as the summer approaches.

DEBORAH CIRCLE Contact: Dolores Wehrenberg 535-2942

The ladies of the Deborah Circle meet at Cross of Christ on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. All women welcome. Do join us. Contact Dolores Wehrenberg or any of the circle members (Carol Swender 526-6553, Adele Sjoberg 348-1281, Maggie Frederick 347-0559, Karen Roberts 347-1102) for more information.

THURSDAY FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

By Cyndi Yingling

Take a break from your busy life and help us help others. The sign up sheet is by the office. It only takes a couple of hours out of a Thursday. April is our month. If you work, you can provide part of the meal, drop it off at the church. I will be glad to pick it up. Just call Cyndi at 525-8950.

CRAFT NIGHT

Contact: Tricia Rodgers 347-4287

Crafters of all varieties are invited to join us for Craft Night on the first and third Fridays of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Bring your craft, a snack if you like, and join us for creativity, fellowship and fun. In the month of April we will meet Friday, April 3rd and Friday April 17th. *If you think you will be attending, please call the church (347-5448) or drop a line to cofcoffice@sbcglobal.net by 10 a.m. that morning.* Do you have a craft in mind that you'd like to try but don't know how to do? Let Tricia know and maybe she can find a teacher for you.

ELDERBERRIES

**PRESIDENT: Norm Cutshall
347-2575**

**SECRETARY: Cyndi Yingling
525-8950**

The April meeting will be at the Perry on Friday, April 17th at 12:30 p.m.. We will be ordering from the menu with a business meeting following. Please call Maggie Frederick (347-0559) by the 11th so she will know how many people to make reservations for. All seniors/retirees are invited to join us. After the meeting we are going to 438 E. Mitchell St. to see the art work "My Father's Love" by artist Ed Lantzer.

Management Team News:

STEWARDSHIP TEAM IS FORMING FOR 2009-2010 and will hold the first meeting on Thursday, April 2 at the church in the upper level fellowship hall at 5:30-6:30PM. We will look at stewardship programs, time and talent sheets, and talk about keeping the congregation informed each month on how to give and where we are financially. There will be a sign up sheet for different committees that will have different functions and ministries for stewardship such as the luncheon, various programs, speakers, mailings, etc. All who are interested, who have signed up on their time and talent sheets and who would like to step in to volunteer in a new way, please attend. Some volunteer jobs will last one hour while others may take more time. We pray that the entire congregation will be able to commit to some part of the team! Please contact Pastor Sherry McGuffin at crossofc@sbcglobal.net or by calling her at 347-5448 for more information or if you would like to participate but cannot attend the meeting on April 2 at 5:30 pm.

The Stewardship Team meetings will take place monthly via internet, phone, or meetings at the church, which ever is planned by the committee and those in attendance. We are trying to make sure that we are using your time to the best of our ability! Come and join the team!

Facility Improvement Committee – aka Visioning Committee:

The Visioning Committee has no new news to report for the month, except that it has been decided that the name of the committee is confusing.

Yes, the “Vision” of what Cross of Christ is / means / supplies to the community needs to be defined first. Then, the “Facility Improvement Committee” takes that vision and figures out what needs to happen to accommodate those needs. The first step was a survey of the congregation.

We are scanning all the surveys that were turned in so that there is more than just “hard copies”. A summary will be in the next newsletter.

The committee would once again like to clearly state that there is no intention of initiating any construction projects in the near future. Our goal is to define a “facilities needs plan” based on the input from the congregation. That is where we stand right now.

Prioritizing the needs will be the next step. There are no immediate plans to discuss actual building renovations, fundraising or financing of any type. This is a long-term effort. However, there are some simple “fixes” or adjustments that can happen right away. Some of these will be addressed at the April meeting.

Thanks again to all of you who gave your input on the surveys!

Bryan Young – Facilities Improvement Committee

Global Mission Annual is available in the foyer pamphlet stand and the *Global Mission Events* is in the folder on the bulletin board.

Community Life Ministries

Noisy Offering: **April 2009:** support of Red Cross disaster relief

If you would like to help with other Community Life ministries or have any suggestions for ministries, please contact Vicki Morgan (548-5091) or Joe Palm (347-2827).

Thanks for your continuing support for these benevolences.

EVANGELISM TEAM: April 20 at 7 PM in the upper level fellowship hall

What is Evangelism? Evangelism is sharing the Gospel through the way we choose to live our lives, share the story of Christ, and serve one another so that those who meet us begin to ask...what makes them so wonderful?!?!?!?

We are looking for a team of people who are willing to

- ⇒ do home visits to those who are homebound or sick or in the hospital
- ⇒ help others by picking up medicines or groceries
- ⇒ share a ride to church
- ⇒ invite a friend to participate in our congregation and community events
- ⇒ make new friends but keep the old!
- ⇒ Attend community events wearing their Cross of Christ name badge
- ⇒ Minister to those in need, those in worship, and
- ⇒ Celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ what it means to be a child of God!

I am sure that everyone has one of these gifts! If so, please fill out the information sheet (forthcoming), and try to attend the Evangelism Team Meeting on Monday, April 20 at 7 PM.

SPRING GARAGE SALE

As you sort and organize your home for the new year don't forget about the Annual Cross of Christ Garage Sale. Your junk may be another's treasure. May will be here sooner than you think. The church's sale is a great place to donate your lightly or gently used items for our sale. Please remember if you think it belongs in the trash it probably does! We are only looking for good condition, working, clean items. That is only one of the ways you can help. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this effort.

Looking for Unused Cell Phones

One more thing to recycle and for a great reason, your old Cell Phones. We will be collecting old working and not working Cell Phones to raise money for Mitchell Tahtinen's bicycle trip across Africa, (www.reachtheworld.org). Phones can be dropped off in the recycling bins. All proceeds will go to Reach the World a non-profit educational program for elementary children. Any questions? Contact Dean Tahtinen (535-2615)

	GENERAL FUND	BENEVOLENCE FUND	PROPERTY FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTAL
OPENING BAL.	11,357.89	5,212.31	13,535.49	163,534.76	193,640.45
+ INCOME	7,018.40	1,079.01	1,465.00	660.00	10,222.41
- EXPENSE	9,097.40	866.63	1,863.00	50.00	11,877.03
ENDING BAL.	9,278.89	5,424.69	13,137.49	164,144.76	191,985.83
2009 CHANGE	-2,079.00	212.38	-398.00	610.00	-1,654.62

BIRTHDAYS

April

- 4: Trisha Sarki
- 5: Janece Clark
- 8: Skylar Smith
- 9: Andrew Smith
- 12: Ken Michelsen
- 14: Lynnette Engdahl
- 16: Kathy Rusche
- 17: Elvira Kortesoja
- 18: Clete Beaubien
- 18: Cheryl Morford
- 20: Cindy Alexander
- 22: Wes Meckstroth
- 23: James Gerlach
- 24: Bradley Lehky
- 27: Mildred Jons
- 29: Robert Schanski
- 29: Kathy Will

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April:

- 2: DeWayne & Joan Cox
- 7: Ken & Mary Michelsen
- 16: Gary & Betty High
- 23: Ron & Vicki Morgan
- 30: Shane & Jean Brown

Congratulations!



There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

- Ephesians 4:4-6

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

April

- 1: Priscilla Meyer
- 2: Barbara Antoine
- 2: Anne Marie Antoine
- 4: Jordan Young
- 5: Sherry McGuffin
- 13: Derek Sears
- 15: Shawn Connin
- 15: Megan Connin
- 15: Molly Connin
- 16: Samantha Young
- 16: Michael Nehr
- 16: Hannah Nehr
- 18: Alex Kloss
- 18: Kayla Peterson
- 18: Linda Peterson
- 18: D.J. Peterson
- 18: Tammy Cooper
- 19: Andrew Smith
- 20: Nick Tahtinen
- 24: Craig Antoine
- 27: Mary Michelsen
- 27: Jeff Hofmann

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Noisy Offering: support of Red Cross disaster relief			1 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper/ Worship 7 p.m. Choir	2 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Team (p. 10)	3 7 p.m. Craft Night	4
5 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 & 11 AM Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School Noon Reception for As- sistant to Bishop—All youth to attend (p. 6) Council Retreat	6 Council Retreat NO Bible Study	7 Pastor in TC	8 7 p.m. Choir	9 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. Cross of Christ	10 Good Friday 7 p.m. Cross of Christ	11 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil @ Emmanuel Episcopal
12 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 & 11 AM Holy Communion 9:45 Easter Brunch	13 NO Bible Study	14 Pastor in TC 6:30 Girl Scout Leaders	15 1 p.m. Deborah Circle (p. 9) 7 p.m. Choir	16	17 12:30 Elderberries (p.9) 7 p.m. Craft Night	18 9 a.m. Adopt-A-Highway 9 a.m. Recorder Society Pastor in Lansing
19 EARTH DAY SERVICES 8:30 & 11 AM Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School	20 6 p.m. Orchestra 6 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Manna 7 p.m. Evangelism Mtg (p. 11)	21 Pastor in TC	22 EARTH DAY 3:30 Middle School Youth (p.6) 7 p.m. Choir	23 7 p.m. Book Study (p.7)	24	25
26 8:30 & 11 AM Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School 12:30 Confirmation Senior High Youth (p.6)	27 6 p.m. Bible Study	28 Pastor in TC	29 OFFICE CLOSED 7 p.m. Choir	30 OFFICE CLOSED		

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Holy Week

**Palm Sunday
April 5th**

**Come Visit with
Assistant to the
Bishop**

**Maundy Thursday
7 p.m. Cross of
Christ**

**Good Friday
7 p.m. Cross of
Christ**

**Saturday
Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m.
Emmanuel**

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Easter Brunch

Join us for Easter
Brunch between
services on Easter,
Sunday April 12th.
Please RSVP to the
church
347-5448 or
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by Sunday, April 5th
if you expect to attend
so we can plan
accordingly.

A free-will offering will
be accepted.