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TOGETHER WE use our spiritual gifts to
WORSHIP and praise God,
GROW in Christ,
EQUIP our members for ministry, and
REACH OUT in the world to help others
KNOW JESUS.

March/April 2010

SEE THE HOLY WEEK & EASTER POSTER SENT SEPARATELY

The March & April 2010 Calendars of Events are also sent along with the eChronicle as a separate .pdf file.

FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

I see the journey of Lent as a time of the year when I let Christ move inside me and work on me. I desire to be more of what God wants me to be, so I make a point of disciplining myself in God's Word and also being disciplined about being with God's people at Christ Church.

On this journey I'm intentional about letting Christ work on me in worship. Worship resets who I am in relation to God and to others. I find that I need to confess my shortcomings. I need to pray, asking God to help me to enter into his Word. I need to sing God's praises. I need to share the "Peace of God." I need to give back to God in my offerings, I need to pray with my church family, and I need to let God physically into my life through his Holy Supper.

Finally, I sense that ultimately I need to let Christ out with regards to who I am and my need to carry the cross of Christ. But how do I live out this faith and carry Christ's cross? My plan this year is to be very intentional about filling a Lenten coin can and picking up another after I fill that one to remember the hurting and less fortunate than me in Haiti. I also plan to make some time when I'm out shopping to pick up some items for the Youth Box for the needy in the Cleveland area.

I want Christ to be inside me and to work on me, and I don't want the opportunities of this season to get by me. I prayerfully encourage you to do the same. I especially urge you to make a point of being a part of the Holy Week experiences which are listed above.

I pray for God to bless us together as we take this spiritual journey, and I pray that you find ways to draw closer to the Christ.

In Hope and Confidence,

Pastor Dave

P.S. Our midweek Lenten series, "Rediscovering Ancient Christian Practices" (prayer and meditation), continues March 17 with **the spiritual practice of examen** and concludes on March 24 with **meditation using an icon or cross**. I encourage you to come be part of these Lenten experiences. Join us for dinner at 6:30 and stay for worship beginning at 7:30.

PASTOR DAVE ON THE GO...

February 28	Lecture on Mozart's opera <i>Così fan tutte</i>
March 2	Pastors' meeting at the Body of Christ Church
March 4	Attending with Ruth the opera <i>Così fan tutte</i> by Mozart at Severance
March 18	Stewardship workshop in Parma
March 21	Cavs game against Detroit
April 2	Good Friday Community Cross Walk
April 5-11	Vacation
April 14	Pastors' meeting at Abundant Life Community Church
April 30	Cleveland Orchestra at Severance with Ruth



GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY EVENTS, APRIL 2

Annual Willoughby Cross Walk: The church community of Willoughby recalls the Stations of the Cross, or the events leading up to Christ's death. The walk begins at 10:45 am at Trinity Lutheran Church on Euclid Avenue and proceeds to First Presbyterian Church on Shankland Blvd. At the conclusion of the walk, a community worship service will be held at noon at First Presbyterian. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this special Good Friday journey.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT THE CONGREGATION (AND BEYOND!)

Thank You

I wish to thank all my church family for their cards, calls, visits, and prayers during my surgery and recovery. Knee surgery was a great success and I am doing well. I hope to be back very soon to thank you all personally. It is a great comfort to know so many care. Thanks again.

-- Carol Soos

USPLA Women's National Powerlifting Championships
Saturday & Sunday, May 22-23, at the Renaissance
Cleveland Hotel

Big K's Powerlifting Championships
Saturday, June 26, at Parma Heights Baptist
Church/School

From the Daycare Liaison

I would like to inform the congregation that Pembroke School (the daycare at our church) has passed its most recent inspection. Our congratulations go out to Lucy Miller and her team of teachers, as they have received the "One Star Award" for achieving higher quality instruction for children (beyond basic daycare). There are only 15 of 200 daycares in Lake County who have received this award. They passed their inspection with no violations and 99% compliance in all areas. If you have the opportunity, congratulate them on their achievement.

-- Sue Krech

Upcoming Powerlifting Competitions



Our own **Lois Hummer** plans to compete in the following events. Let's show our support for this inspiring athlete!

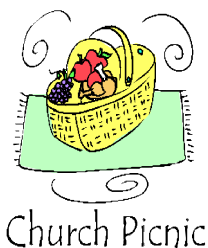
Annual Battle of the Great Lakes
Full Power
Saturday, March 27, at Parma Heights Baptist
Church/School Event Center

Wanted: Family Pictures

The picture board in the Gathering Area needs updated pictures of some of our families and pictures of our newest members. If your picture is a faded ghost of its former self, or you can't be found on the board, please bring a recent picture to church and give it to **Beth Christopherson** so that we can keep the board current. We appreciate your help with this.

Picnic Planners Needed

The annual church picnic will be held on June 13 at Chagrin River Park. We're looking for a few folks to be in charge of organizing the food, etc. Ruth Thielo organized this last year and would assist in letting folks know what we did last year. Please let Pastor know if you would be interested in helping to make this a great event.



New Photo Directory Booklet Needed

It is time for a new photo directory to be published for Christ Lutheran Church. If anyone would be willing to work on the project (alone or in a group), please let Pastor know as soon as possible so we can contact the company to set up photography dates in 2010.

A Communication of Hope, Inspiration, and Motivation from the Northeastern Ohio Synod Council to the Pastors and the People in the Pews

25 January 2010

Dear Members of the Northeastern Ohio Synod,

We greet you with blessings of joy and peace of our Lord Jesus!

... "for I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

As our synod, along with so many others across the nation, continues to move forward following the 2009 churchwide assembly, we as faithful people of God are given the opportunity to put our faith into action. We gather as faithful

servants knowing that God is always with us in our discussions and in our decisions, knowing that he knows our minds and understands our hearts; for certainly he was present at the 2009 assembly as so many hearts were challenged and searched for his understanding.

We, the members of the Northeastern Ohio Synod Council, are not of one mind regarding the decisions made at the 2009 churchwide assembly concerning the social statement on human sexuality and the resolutions on ministry policies. It is at times such as this that we call upon our faith and strength in Jesus Christ to endure and to make positive and educated decisions that affect not only ourselves and our own congregations, but people of God and congregations all over our synod.

As the governing body of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, we have asked ourselves, what is our witness as your leaders? It is clear that our church is and has always been recognized as a generous church, a loving church that does good works. The mission of this church has not changed. When we look at the overall picture of the 2009 assembly what do we see? We see a church that among other issues approved a proposal to raise \$10 million over three years to continue its support to its HIV and AIDS strategy; a church that approved continued development of an initiative to fight malaria, particularly in Africa; a church that approved development of a social statement on justice for women and adopted memorials on: Project Connect recognizing the immense contributions of communities of color and renewing the ELCA's commitment to confront racism; on producing worship liturgical materials in Braille; on a peaceful resolution to the conflict between Israel and Palestine; on immigration, calling for reforms; on the Lutheran Disaster Response encouraging the ELCA's continued work and the creation of a permanent LDR advisory committee. Praise God!

So, as we move forward, we pray for our leaders, we ask for your continued support of the church, and we share with you a witness of hope for the future, a witness of God's love, his promise that endures all things, and our faith in his presence as he watches over all that we have done and will do.

... "for I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Sincerely, in Christ,
The Northeastern Ohio Synod Council

From Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry

Volunteer with Men who are Homeless

There are a number of volunteer opportunities available at 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter:

- **Computer Lab Assistant:** volunteer to teach shelter residents basic computer skills, help with on-line job and educational search; days, evenings, preferably on a weekly basis. Basic computer skills and a patient, respectful presence is desired.
- **Artist:** assist with murals in shelter dorms & other art projects
- **Kitchen:** provide & serve breakfast, lunch, or dinner
- **Furniture Bank Assistant:** assist in scheduling, quality assurance, and coordinate furniture drives of colleges, churches, and other organizations
- **Listener:** volunteers willing to be caring listeners to residents; 2 hour training session required; quarterly get-togethers and continuing education

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lydia Bailey at 216-566-0240 x136 or LBailey@lutheranmetro.org.

From Lutheran Family Services

Volunteer Program Coordinator Needed

Position Type: Volunteer
Position: Program Coordinator
Program: Clothes Line
Reports to: Executive Director Lutheran Family Services
Hours: Approx. 15 hrs/wk

The Clothes Line, a program being developed by Lutheran Family Services, will coordinate clothing drives twice a year and through a volunteer network will distribute the items where needed. The Coordinator will develop a volunteer team to manage the collection and distribution of clothing to those in need. The Coordinator works closely with the agency staff in identifying community needs and meeting those needs through the utilization of the time and talents of other volunteers.

Please send a letter of interest to Lutheran Family Services, 4100 Franklin Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44113, ATTN: Volunteer Position, or via fax to (216) 281-2506.

GROUP HAPPENINGS

Education Committee

submitted by Sue Krech, Sunday School Superintendent



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 4 at 10:00am. All children are invited to participate. Reminder to everyone: there is no Sunday School or Bible class on Easter Sunday. Come worship our Risen Savior. Alleluia!

Children's Craft

A children's Lenten craft activity will be held after worship on March 21. Please sign up in the Gathering Area to participate.

Men's Group

Three guys (**John Pund, Marty Soos & Roger Heston**) met Saturday, February 13, and

discussed the following topics: Classic Car Cruise-In, roof leaks, parking lot maintenance/repairs, installation of a concrete pad and walkway in the south property areas, Easter breakfast duties, possible creation of a maintenance record log, creation of a partition between the bathroom area and gathering area, and two fundraising dinners.

The dinners will be held on April 18 and June 27 to benefit projects in and around the church and provide fellowship opportunities for the congregation (just ask anyone who attended the Dubrovnik Gardens Christmas dinner). Look forward for details soon.

As always, we invite all men 16 years and older to join us on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 for coffee, donuts and talk and at times, some "honey-do list" work.

-- submitted by John Pund

OTHER IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN MARCH & APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

March		April	
3	Alyssa Dodaro	6	Karen Snyder
4	Gary Krech	11	Bill Dalton
7	Art Conell	14	Maggie Gibson
8	Lisa Butke	18	Lois Hummer
15	Mark Butke	21	Lindsey Dodaro
18	Linda Hazen	23	Andrew Vokic
	Laura Johnson	24	Scott Vild
20	Lauren Segler		
27	Jackie Sielaff		
29	Bob Johnston		

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

March		April	
10	Renee Segler	5	Art Conell
23	Alexis Vokic	10	Erma Heston
25	Darlene Carroll	19	Barbara Conell

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/12 Bill and Karol Dalton

4/10 Mario and Ann Picciano

ATTENDANCE

Date	THIS YEAR			Date	LAST YEAR	
	Sun.	Sch.	Church		Church	Communion
01-24-10	31		76	01-25-09	72	60
01-31-10	28		71	02-01-09	62	59
02-07-10	20		67	02-08-09	59	
02-14-10	18		78	02-15-09	112	88 (Pr. Dave's anniversary)
02-17-10			39	02-22-09	76	45
02-21-10	14		74	02-25-09	41	34 (Ash Wed.)
02-28-10	18		46	03-01-09	70 (est.)	
03-07-10	18		90	03-08-09	67	57

THOSE SERVING US IN MARCH/APRIL

ACOLYTES

3/21 Lisa Butke
3/28 Brittany Carroll
4/1 (7:30 p.m.) Lisa Butke
4/2 (7:30 p.m.) Evan Conell
4/4 Lisa Butke, Brittany Carroll
4/11 Tim Carroll
4/18 Lindsey Dodaro
4/25 Colin Farrington

ALTAR GUILD

March: Ruth Thielo
April: John and Patti Pund

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3/21 Beth Farrington
4/1 (7:30 p.m.) Brock Hoover
4/4 Wendy Johnston
4/11 Sue Krech
4/18 John Pund
4/25 Barb Conell

COMMUNION BREAD

March: Patti Pund
April: Beth Farrington

COUNTERS

March: Linda Hazen and Laura Johnson
April: Mario and Ann Picciano

GREETERS

3/21 Kevin and Maggie Gibson
3/28 Jeff and Roger Heston
4/1 (7:30 p.m.) Brock and Zachary Hoover
4/2 (7:30 p.m.) Mario and Ann Picciano
4/4 John and Patti Pund
4/11 Mike and Lois Sbrocco
4/18 Shane and Tori Segler
4/25 Steve and Velta Winkler

NURSERY

3/21 Maggie Gibson
3/28 Becky Fricke
March snack: provided by the Frickes
4/4 Cheryl Hoover
4/11 Barb Conell
4/18 Linda Hazen
4/25 Heather Vokic
April snack: provided by the Vokics

PRAYER LEADERS

3/21 Sue Krech
3/28 John Roeland
4/1 (7:30 p.m.) Pastor Dave
4/2 (7:30 p.m.) Pastor Dave
4/4 Pat Batich
4/11 Beth Christopherson
4/18 Beth Farrington
4/25 Brock Hoover

READERS

3/21 John Pund
3/28 Pat Batich
4/1 (7:30 p.m.) Betsy Butke
4/2 (7:30 p.m.) Darlene Carroll
4/4 Barb Conell
4/11 Beth Christopherson
4/18 Mark DeLaney
4/25 Beth and Anna Farrington

OPEN/CLOSE

3/21 Hestons
3/28 Thielos
4/4 Punds
4/11 Seglers open, Soos' close
4/18 Krechs open, Gibsons close
4/25 Whittingtons

USHERS

March: Maggie Gibson and John Pund
(back-up: John Roeland and Connon Thompson)
April: Dave Dodaro and Kevin Gibson
(back-up: Darlene Carroll and Ted Whittington)

FLOWERS

3/21 _____
3/28 _____
4/4 lilies
4/11 _____
4/18 _____
4/25 _____

COFFEE HOUR / FELLOWSHIP TIME

3/21 _____
3/28 _____
4/4 Easter breakfast
4/11 _____
4/18 _____
4/25 _____

If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to arrange for a substitute and let the church office know. If you would like to serve, sign up at the table in the Gathering Area, or speak to Beth Christopherson and she'll put you in touch with the person in charge of that ministry.

A LOOK AHEAD: THOSE SERVING US IN MAY

ACOLYTES

(To be determined)

ALTAR GUILD

Darlene Carroll and Carol Soos

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 2 Mark DeLaney
- 9 Beth Farrington
- 16 Brock Hoover
- 23 Sue Krech
- 30 Wendy Johnston

COMMUNION BREAD

Becky Fricke

COUNTERS

Roger and Erma Heston

GREETERS

- 2 Ray and Pat Batich
- 9 Dave Dodaro and Caley Bodjiak
- 16 Kevin and Maggie Gibson
- 23 Jeff and Roger Heston
- 30 Brock and Zach Hoover

NURSERY

- 2 Maggie Gibson
 - 9 Becky Fricke
 - 16 Cheryl Hoover
 - 23 Barb Conell
 - 30 Linda Hazen
- snack provided by the Gibsons

OPEN/CLOSE

- 2 Hestons
- 9 Thielos
- 16 Punds
- 23 Seglers open, Gibsons close
- 30 Krechs open, Soos' close

PRAYER LEADERS

- 2 Sue Krech
- 9 John Roeland
- 16 Pat Batich
- 23 Beth Christopherson
- 30 Beth Farrington

READERS

- 2 Keith Fricke
- 9 Brock Hoover
- 16 Laura Johnson
- 23 John Pund
- 30 Pat Batich

USHERS

Darlene Carroll and Ted Whittington
(back-up: Jeff and Roger Heston)

FLOWERS

- 2 _____
- 9 _____
- 16 _____
- 23 _____
- 30 _____

COFFEE HOUR / FELLOWSHIP TIME

- 2 _____
- 9 _____
- 16 _____
- 23 _____
- 30 _____

Need to look further ahead? Check out the schedules posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and the sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Area.