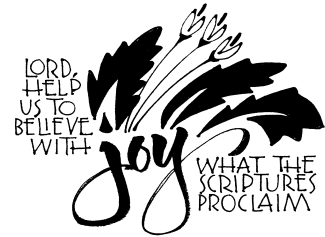


# THE SEED



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

NO. 2

February 2009

REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

We give thanks to God for the many gracious blessings given to us a congregation!

Thanks to the many generous pledges of financial support for 2009 and the continuing efforts of our church council to keep overhead expenses low, we adopted a budget for 2009 that projects a small surplus. And in this budget we increased our giving to the ELCA and Synod benevolence by \$1,200.00.

Also at the congregation's annual meeting on January 25—We had a quorum that silenced my fears as I watched the snow fall most of the morning.—we elected Jack Bousner, Reth Stollberg, and Sue Reeder to our church council. And we gave hearty thanks to Stu Bell, Bonnie Scranton, and Kathy Wolters for their years of service on our council.

After the annual meeting the new and continuing council members elected the following officers for 2009:

President	Stuart Peters
Vice– President	Sue Reeder
Secretary	Joan Kammerlohr
Treasurer	Bonnie Conover
Financial Secretary	Robin Lentz

Congratulations and thanks for your willingness to serve.

Most of the month of February, we continue to celebrate the epiphany of God in Jesus Christ our Savior, but the last Wednesday in February is Ash Wednesday. Our Worship Ministry Team has come up with a creative theme for our Lenten worship on the Wednesdays and Sundays in Lent. The theme is based on stones. Yes, stones.

There are many scripture references to stones with both literal and symbolic meanings. Through this Lenten season, stones will take a new significance in our lives. While I can't encourage you to come to worship "to get stoned", I do encourage you to come to worship "to get a stone" to carry with you during Lent as a reminder of many things about God, such as the stone tablets of the ten commandments, but most important is to think of Christ Jesus, the chief cornerstone.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul K. Schwartzkopf

# Come Get the Message

from Pastor Schwartzkopf



Enhance your worship by reading the theme for the day and the Biblical word on which it is based. Then come to worship round the Word of God.

February 1, 4th Sunday after Epiphany **"JESUS POWER"**

The old hymn by Edward Perronet calls for all to "hail the power of Jesus' name." In the Gospel of Mark 1:21-28, the demons are the first to recognize the power of Jesus.

February 8, 5th Sunday after Epiphany **"JESUS DOES THE GOOD NEWS"**

According to Mark 1:29-39, Jesus provides for people in need, retreats for prayer and proclaims the good news of God.

February 15, 6th Sunday after Epiphany **"GOOD CHOICE GOOD NEWS"**

In Mark 1:40-45, Jesus made a good choice to reach out and touch a leper to heal him, but the ramifications became not so good for Jesus.

February 22, Transfiguration of Our Lord **"CHRIST'S SIGNATURE GLORY"**

The glory of Christ's life on a higher level is revealed to three disciples in the Transfiguration, Mark 9:2-9. Jesus gives this life to us also.

February 25, Ash Wednesday **"COVENANT STONES"**  
**7:00 PM Worship**

In worship you can receive not only ashes but a stone as a symbol of Jesus. To make the connection, read Matthew 21:42-46.



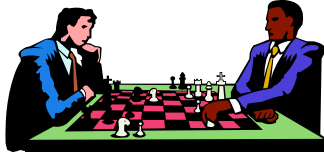
## AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

52 Weeks 2008 101

50 Weeks 2007 96

### USE 2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please throw away or re-cycle your leftover 2008 offering envelopes or use them for note paper; and use your 2009 offering envelopes. If you do not have your 2009 envelopes, they are on the table next to the weekly bulletins. The money counters and our financial secretary will appreciate your using only 2009 offering envelopes in 2009.



## Christ Lutheran Church

### GAME NIGHT

Everyone is Welcome  
Friday, February 20, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.  
Bring a dish for a potluck dinner.

We will have a chess, backgammon, & checkers tournament.  
**Hope to See You There!!!**

### Christ Lutheran Church Youth Groups

We are going to try to start two youth groups and our first activity is

Sunday, February 15, 2009

Casino's Lanes, 20th and Cedar, Quincy  
The first game will be covered. Please bring \$2.00 for additional games.

**Grades 7-12 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

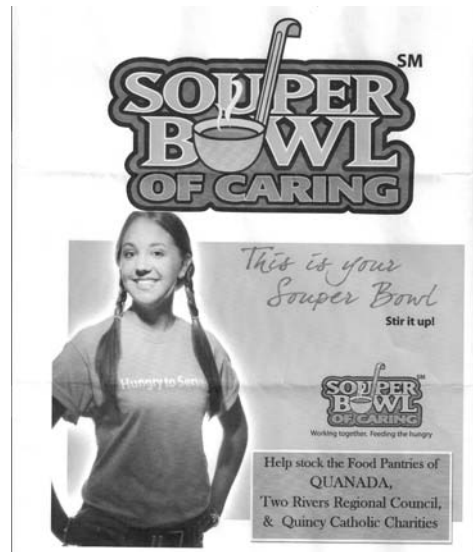
**Grades 4 – 6 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Please try to attend so that we can plan some future events!**

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The National Football League Super Bowl will be Sunday, February 1. In Quincy, we'll have our own Souper Bowl of Caring to collect food for our local food pantries.

Bring Non-perishable food items  
February 1.



### CORRECTION TO ANNUAL REPORT

Inadvertently, the name of Barb Rhinberger was omitted from the Fellowship Ministry Team report. The omission was a classic example of missing the obvious. We all see Barb involved in Fellowship activities and appreciate her contributions.

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

December 29, 2008

Lutheran Churches of Adams County  
% Congregational Champion

RE: Thrivent Builds/Quincy Area Habitat 2009 application results

In October 2008, the Adams Thrivent Chapter and Quincy Area Habitat filed for a grant, with Thrivent Financial to help finance a percentage of another Habitat house in rural Adams County in 2009. With Thrivent Financial joint venture with Habitat for Humanity, the local Habitat affiliate, Quincy Area Habitat, Adams Thrivent Chapter/thirteen Lutheran Churches, and all the volunteers we have been able to build three Habitat houses in rural Adams County over the last three years; 1 in Golden, 1 in Mendon and the third in Coatsburg. Without Thrivent Financial and all the volunteers help these three Habitat houses could have not been built. **However in 2009 we will not be building a home.** There was a stipulation to Quincy Area Habitat that they would have to build 2 houses in Quincy and 1 in the county. With the economy uncertainty and donations falling, the local Habitat would not have the resources to build 3 houses and has declined the county house.

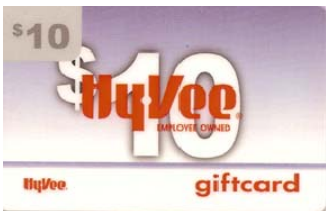
We have been blessed to get grants the last three years, so three out of four is not a bad average.

Thanks to everyone who has helped build the three rural Adams County Habitat houses thru your prayers, talents, expertise and wealth. **A job well done.**

Jim Albert/Roger Flesner  
Chapter Specialists

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## HyVee Donates to Christ Lutheran



**Thank you** to all purchasing HyVee gift cards.



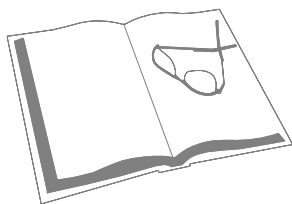
The cards will continue to be available every Sunday from Ann Schwartzkopf. You may pre-order them so that we are sure to have the denominations of gift cards that you desire.



Continue to use the cards for groceries, gas, garbage stickers, photos, prescriptions.

To pre-order or to inquire about the program talk to Ann Schwartzkopf (223-2989).





## **BOOKS 'N BREW**

We saw some new faces at the January gathering and had a good discussion. In February, we'll meet at the Broadway Hy-Vee at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26. Our book this month is "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus. Come join us!

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## **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank the entire congregation for the Gift that was presented to me at Christmas time. My family and I are truly grateful for the wonderful gift and everyone at Christ Lutheran Church.

Robin Lentz

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## **Sunday School**

Just wanted to make you aware of some changes in our Sunday School program. We are going to be focusing on Bible stories for the months of January, March, May, July and September and then in the months of February, April, June, August and October we will focus on Akaloo. November and December we'll be getting ready for the Holiday Season. Also, we will be having music the first 5 minutes of Sunday School instead of the last Sunday of the month.

**NEXT LEARNING TEAM MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AT 6:30 P.M.  
WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO BRING THEIR IDEAS AND FEEDBACK  
WE WANT TO MAKE 2009 A GREAT YEAR FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN'S KIDS**

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## **Pictures for New Church Directory**

Pictures for the new Church Directory will be taken after each service on the four Sundays in February. If you are happy with your present picture in the Directory, we will reuse it.

The pictures will be taken in the lounge.

The plan is to have the new directory available the first week of March.

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## **DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)**

The next course will begin Monday, February 2, at 6:00 p.m. Plan ahead. In these times of economic uncertainty, the Dave Ramsey FPU principles for financial management can help you.

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Barb Wilkinson	Ann Schwartzkopf Sue Reeder	Pat Bell Crystal Bernett	Joan Larner Sue McLennan
<b>USHER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters David Tooke	Bonnie Scranton Nona Miller	Stu Bell Jim Bailey	Ron Larner Butch Kuras
<b>READER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pat Bell Richard Klusmeyer	Virgene Gilkerson Duane McCulloch	Sue Tabb Misty Coyle	Sue Reeder Mary Reeve
<b>NURSERY</b>	Ashley Van Camp	Emily Stollberg	Ashley Van Camp	Kara Wolf
<b>ACOLYTE</b> 10:30 AM	Alex Rettenmeier	Katie Bigley	Savannah Santos	Nick Kruse
<b>GREETERS</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stu & Pat Bell Joan Kammerlohr	Dick & Sue Tabb Donna Leenerts	Bonnie Scranton Brent & Marcy Bigley	Joanne Brubaker Crystal Bernett
<b>DEACON</b> 10:30AM	Reth Stollberg	Joan Larner	Jerry Shank	Missy Kuras
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Bill Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Bonnie Scranton Olin Shuler	Ann Schwartzkopf Stuart Peters
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5

*If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and make a change on the appropriate sheet on the office bulletin board. Many Thanks!*



If you have a birthday in February and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.

February

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Arif Tayyab          | 12 Joe Brinkman     |
| 3 Dylan Probert        | 14 Peggy Bailey     |
| 4 Jerry Shackelford    | Randy Osterbur      |
| 5 Ethan Wolf           | 20 Amanda Bolte     |
| David Tooke            | Hila Leenerts       |
| 7 Paul Schwartzkopf II | 23 Hayley Simpson   |
| Daune McCulloch        | 26 Taylor Kruse     |
| 9 Alison Osterbur      | 27 Bill Wolters     |
| Anne Conover Alford    | 28 Michelle Conover |
| 11 Joanne Brubaker     |                     |



If you have a wedding anniversary in February and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

February

- 5 Bob and Esther Hufendick
- 12 Jerry and Mary Shank
- 19 Jim and Mindy Wolf