

THE SEED



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REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout the ELCA, there is an increasing interest in Bible study and study of theology in general. We are experiencing the same trend here. Therefore, in January, we have several learning opportunities for adults. They are:

1. **Adult Forum** Sunday 9:20—10:15 a.m.

The topic in January will be **PRAYER**. What are different ways of praying? Is there a 'right' way to pray. What about praying to saints? What can we say about God's answers to prayers?

2. **Wednesday Mornings** 10:00 a.m.—Noon with Lunch

On January 7, the group who began Lutheran 101 (an overview of the Lutheran understandings of the Christian faith) will conclude their study.

Beginning January 14 and continuing January 21 and 28, I will lead a study of the **GOSPEL** according to **MARK**. 2009 is the year of Mark when most of our Sunday Gospels will be read from Mark.

3. **Tuesday Evenings** 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Beginning January 20 and continuing January 27 and the first Tuesday in February, will be a repeat of **LUTHERAN 101** for people who could not attend the Wednesday morning sessions. This will be an overview of Lutheran understandings of the Christian faith based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

My prayer for the new year is that our congregation may grow in our understanding of scripture and the Christian faith through our study and discussion of these gifts that God has given the church.

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.

January 4, Epiphany Sunday

“UNEXPECTED GUESTS”

In Matthew 2:1-12, the story of the visit of the magi to the Christ child stretches our understanding of Jesus as the savior of all people.

January 11, Baptism of Our Lord

“A HOLY SIGNATURE”

In Mark 1:4-11, Jesus receives a sign from God. He passes it on to us in our baptisms and the sign of the cross.

January 18, 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

“FOLLOW THE LEADER”

As Nathaniel learned, according to John 1:43-51, following Jesus is no game, but it certainly is exciting.

January 25, 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

“BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS”

According to Mark 1:14-20, Jesus began his ministry by proclaiming the good news of the reign of God. Those who believe his good news follow him.

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).



Council Minutes December 9, 2008

Members present: Bonnie Conover, Bonnie Scranton, Joan Kammerlohr, Darrell Kruse, Bruce Holderbaum, Pastor Schwartzkopf, Stuart Peters, and Pam Schuering Absent: Kathy Wolters, Trish Santos, Stu Bell, David Tooke, Barb Wilkinson

Vice-President Stuart Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Darrell Kruse provided the opening devotions. Pam Schering will provide devotions for the January meeting.

Announcements: Mary Reeve provided information about Quincy Area Partnership for Unmet Needs. Motion was made to adopt this program as a part of the Service Ministry Team and to budget for it. Motion was also made to have periodic fundraising for Unmet Needs. Mary Reeve will discuss the program with the congregation in February. Motion was also passed to have Mary Reeve be the representative from Christ Lutheran.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 11, 2008, minutes were approved as printed in the Seed.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer: Reports for December were approved subject to audit.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Schwartzkopf will schedule a Lutheran 101 for an evening class in January. The Thanksgiving Eve service was attended by 83 people. The church contributed \$224.00 to Quanaa from the offering that evening.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Bonnie Scranton projected a 2009 budget based on pledges for 2009. There will be a new member orientation meeting in February. Thanks to the congregation for completing the pledge and talent sheets.

Service: Cards are on the Angel Tree.

Property: No report

Worship: Hymns have been chosen until January 18, 2009.

Witness: No report

Learning/Youth: Students will make cards to be distributed at the Senior Center when they meet on December 10. They will also wrap presents to be presented to children at Quanaa.

Fellowship: Plans are in place for meals after the Christmas program on December 14 and after taking down the greens on January 4, 2009.

Old Business:

- The proposed by-laws will be in the mail by next week.
- This Saturday, December 13, Habitat for Humanity work will include work on drywall, siding, and soffits. A check for \$200 will be sent to Habitat for Humanity.
- Feedback from Eric Conover on the Endowment and Investment Policy was discussed. This policy will be presented at the annual church meeting. A continuing resolution was approved to adopt the policy as written.
- The Souper Bowl of Caring will be discussed at the January Council meeting.
- Each Ministry Team needs to give a proposed budget to Bonnie Scranton by Sunday, December 14.

New Business:

a. A report of the nominating committee was presented. The following members have agreed to give of their time and talents to be nominated for service:

<u>Church Council:</u>		<u>Nominating Committee:</u>	
(2009—12)	Reth Stollberg	(2009—10)	Trish Santos
(2009—12)	Sue Reeder	(2009—10)	Bonnie Conover
(2009—12)	Jack Bousner	(2009—10)	Ron Lerner
		(2009—10)	Jerry Shackelford
		(2009—10)	Linda Dillman

- b. A special check will be sent to Synod Benevolence in January.
- c. The 2009 Ministry Team Reports need to be turned in by January 3, 2009.
- d. We discussed ways to introduce new members to the congregation. The Witness and Stewardship teams will develop a questionnaire form for new members. Someone from the Congregation will speak to the new members and this information will be printed in the Seed. We will discuss a new membership directory at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

Congregational Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 25, we'll have the Congregational Annual Meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We'll start the meeting shortly after 11:30 a.m. We'll look at the Annual Report for 2008, elect new council members, and adopt an Operating Budget for 2009. The Annual Report for 2008, the proposed Operating Budget for 2009, and the agenda for the meeting will be available to the congregation by Sunday, January 18, 2009.

PROPERTY PARTY

If you can join the volunteer workers at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month (January 7), you can help to maintain and improve our building and grounds. Current projects on the agenda are:

- Building shelves
- Repairing plumbing in the old men's restroom
- Enclose closet in kitchen
- Move and organize things in the new storage shed.

Talk to Stu Bell, 593-7309, if you can help on Wednesday or some other time.

DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)

The next course will begin Monday, February 2, at 6:15 p.m. Plan ahead. In these times of economic uncertainty, the Dave Ramsey FPU principles for financial management can help you.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

You can volunteer to work on the Habitat house being built in Coatsburg by contacting Roger Flesner at home, 696-4254, or on his cell, 740-2053, or by email dflesner@adams.net. You can also designate a donation for materials for the house. Make a check payable to Christ Lutheran Church and designate it for Habitat.

NEW MEMBERS

Please get to know our new members who were officially received in December:

Amy Lannerd Paige and Brianna
804 Woodbridge Dr.
Quincy, IL 62301
228-9085

January 4—EPIPHANY PARTY

Following the 10:30 worship on January 4, we'll share in a potluck meal and work off the calories by taking down and putting away the Christmas decorations—a traditional 12th night activity that we'll do in the daytime two days early. Bring a dish to share. Fellowship Ministry Team will provide a variety of soups.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, January 20, between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., you can donate blood. You can volunteer to unload the truck at 12:00 p.m. or to reload the truck at 6:00 p.m. You can volunteer to serve in the canteen. Phone the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, prompt 5, to schedule your time to donate blood. Talk to Virgene Gilkerson, 223-3744, to volunteer to help.

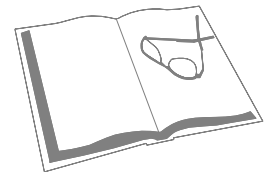
*AVERAGE SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
for January through December 21*



51 Weeks 2008	102
48 Weeks 2007	97

BOOKS 'N BREW

It's time to resume our monthly meetings and we hope you will join us Thursday, January 22, at 6 p.m. at Panera. We will be discussing "The Shack" by William P. Young. Ever wonder what it would be like to spend the week-end with God? read the book and find out!



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and concern for my mother. Her open heart valve replacement surgery was successful and she is recovering nicely. Your support has meant so much to all of us!

Ruth and Randy Osterbur

FINANCIAL PLEDGES FOR 2009

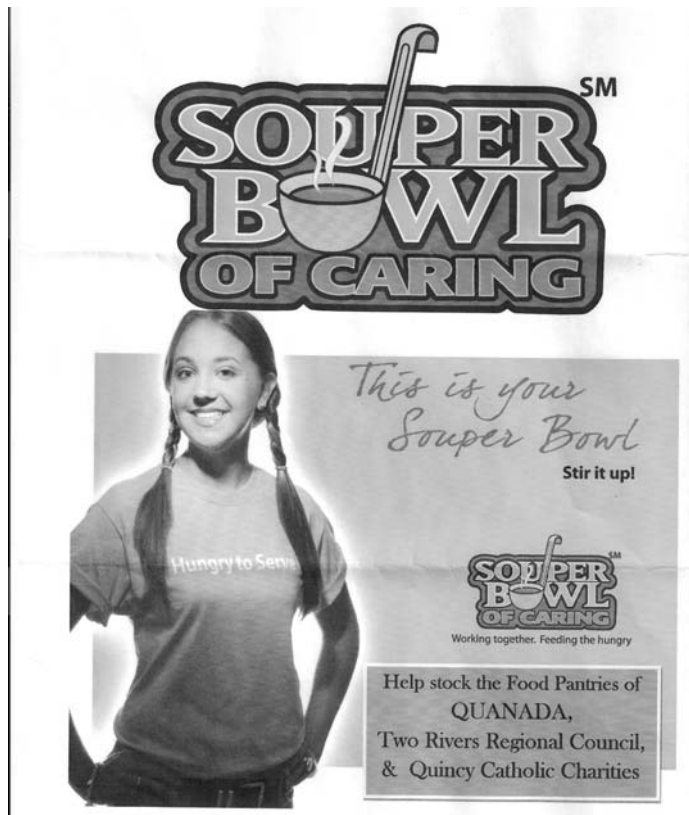
Thanks be to God! We are so blessed as a congregation. The total of our financial pledges for 2009 is an all-time high for the congregation. As of 12-22-08, we have received the following:

<u>For Operating Budget</u>		<u>For Building Fund</u>	
Number of Pledges	Total amount	Number of Pledges	Total Amount
51	\$120,466.00	39	\$32,466.00

If you have not yet returned a pledge form, you can pick one up in the gathering space (narthex), fill it out, and return it to the offering plate or the church office. Thanks to your generosity, our church council can prepare a ministry oriented budget for 2009.

Also, please turn in a Time and Talent Sheet so that the council and ministry teams can recruit you to serve in areas of ministry that you would like to do. The Time and Talent sheets are also available in the gathering space.

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. Watch for information on ways that you can participate.





POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias

We thank the following for the beautiful flowers which have decorated our church this Advent and Christmas.

In memory of Gerald & Virginia Stollberg	<i>by Jeff & Amy Stollberg</i>
In honor of Bruce & Kathy Bringer	<i>by Jeff & Amy Stollberg</i>
To the Glory of God	<i>by Floyd & Joyce Leenerts</i>
In memory of Our Parents	<i>by Bill & Kathy Wolters</i>
In memory of Bob Tofall	<i>by Norma Tofall</i>
In memory of Donald Caldwell	<i>by Jo Caldwell</i>
In memory of Our Parents, Guy & Bernice Davis and Harry & Ruby Larner	<i>by Ron & Joan Larner</i>
In memory of Mary Larner	<i>by Her Family</i>
In memory of William (Bill) Gilkerson	<i>by Virgene Gilkerson</i>
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Ward (my Parents)	<i>by Virgene Gilkerson</i>
In memory of Henry & Ruth Marshall	<i>by Kaye Marshall</i>
In memory of Bruce Fantz	<i>by Marcia Fantz</i>
In memory of Jim Kauffman	<i>by Judy Kauffman</i>
In memory of Paul & Thelma Merritt	<i>by Judy Kauffman</i>
In memory of Harold & Frances McLennan	<i>by Wayne & Sue McLennan</i>
In memory of John Clark, In honor of Lois Clark	
In memory of Our Parents	<i>by Robert & Barbara Rhinberger</i>
In honor of Our Mothers, Delma Weber and Bergit Kammerlohr Trautz	<i>by Joan Kammerlohr</i>
In memory of Our Dads, Woodrow Weber and Frank Kammerlohr	<i>by Joan Kammerlohr</i>
In thanks to Christ Lutheran's prayer for our friends and family	<i>by Conny Bakker</i>
In honor and thanks for Jim, Mitch and Paul	<i>by Paul & Mary Hess</i>
In memory of Josh Leenerts	<i>by John & Donna Leenerts and Jodi & Jordyn Summy</i>
In memory of our Parents and Grandparents, Lawrence & Geneva Leenerts and Leland Craig	<i>by John & Donna Leenerts and Jodi & Jordyn Summy</i>

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY

	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Barb Wilkinson	Sue Reeder Crystal Bernett	Ann Schwartzkopf Sue McLennan	Pat Bell Joan Larner
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Larner Cheryl Brinkman	Virgene Gilkerson Wendy Maas	Jeff Van Camp Mary Shank	Dick Tabb Scott Coyle
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron Larner Bonnie Clark	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Dick Tabb Ashley Stollberg	Stu Bell Kim Glasgow
NURSERY	Ashley Van Camp	Emily Stollberg	Ashley Van Camp	Kara Wolf
ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	Ian Jones	Dylan Probert	Emily Stollberg	Tyler Turnbaugh
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Phil & Bonnie Conover Randy & Ruth Osterbur	Joanne Brubaker Jerry & Mary Shank	Bill & Kathy Wolters Norma Tofall	Virgene Gilkerson Butch & Missy Kuras
DEACON 10:30AM	Barb Rhinberger	Cheryl Brinkman	Wayne McLennan	Jim Bailey
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ann Schwartzkopf Stuart Peters	Bill Wolters Olin Shuler	Kathy Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Bonnie Scranton Olin Shuler
COFFEE HOUR	Epiphany Party	Group 7	Group 8	Group 1

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 January 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.

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| January
3 Erika Stollberg
Noah Hoff
5 Kent Alford
6 Shelby Hoff
8 Barb Rhinberger
11 Sarah Peters
12 Eric Conover
17 Pastor Paul Schwartzkopf
19 Brandi Ufkes
22 Lynn Hicks, Jr.
22 Phil Conover
Carrie Kimber | 22 Bob Bolte
23 Sue McLennan
24 Barb Hicks
Oneta Burner
26 John Bartlow
27 Lielei Wahlmann
28 Patty Kruse
29 Karn Haubrich
30 Amy Franken
Stephanie Glore
Jeff Stollberg
31 Michael Wahlman |
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If you have a wedding anniversary in January and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

January