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REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

Since the Holy Land is a stoney land where the bedrock is never far below the surface and often is the surface of the land, it's not surprising that stones and rocks lay a prominent role in the literature from the Holy Land, particularly the bible. In the Hebrew scriptures, there are at least 9 different Hebrew words for stones and rocks.

Stones were used to build altars and buildings. Stones were used for memorials, boundaries, and road markers. Stones were used as writing tablets such as the Ten Commandments and canvases for art. Stones were even used for killing people, eg Goliath and Stephen.

Stones were used symbolically in many ways. A cornerstone was the most important part of anything with multiple components. A foundation stone was something or someone that was trustworthy, dependable. A stumbling stone could change one's walk through life. The New Testament uses stones symbolically in all three of these senses for Jesus.

Jesus gave his disciple Simon a new name Rock, or Peter.

This Lenten season, we'll use stones to aid our memory, prompt our discussion and increase our understanding of our Christian faith. On Ash Wednesday on February 25, or the 1st Sunday in Lent on March 1, you can pick up a stone in worship, a stone to carry with you during the season of Lent. On Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday on April 5, we'll lay down our stones before the cross of Jesus. Then on Easter Sunday, we'll see what Jesus' resurrection can do with the Stoney burdens we've borne for the Lenten weeks.

Each Sunday in Lent, one of the scripture readings will focus on a particular stone in the Bible. The sermon will deal with the questions, "What did the stone mean then?" and "What does it mean now?" At the mid-week Lenten worship on the Wednesday following each Sunday, we'll discuss the question, "What does it mean for me?"

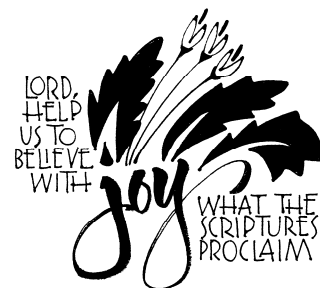
I invite you to participate in this Lenten journey up from ashes to the stoney mount of Golgotha.

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 25, Ash Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. **“STONES OF THE COVENANT”**

In Deuteronomy 5:1-22, the Lord gives Moses the Ten Commandments carved on two stones as the sign of the covenant that the Lord God made with the people of Israel.

March 1, 1st Sunday in Lent **“STONES OF FORGIVENESS”**

In Exodus 34:1-10, the Lord provides new stone tablets like the former ones that Moses had broken—a powerful image of forgiveness.

March 8, 2nd Sunday in Lent **“STONES OF SIN”**

In Matthew 18:6-9, Jesus speaks of stumbling blocks as metaphors for sins and a millstone as a metaphor for death.

March 15, 3rd Sunday in Lent **“STONE OF SALVATION”**

In Romans 9:30-33, the Apostle Paul writes about Jesus as a stone that trips people who rely on their own good deeds but the pavement to salvation for those people who trust him.

March 22, 4th Sunday in Lent **“STONES FOR BUILDING”**

In 1 Peter 2:1-10, we read a description of the church as living stones held together by the corner-stone who is Jesus.

March 29, 5 Sunday in Lent **“STONE FOUNDATION”**

According to Matthew 7:24-29, Jesus concludes the sermon on the mount with the little story of a person who lives a secure life by hearing and acting on the words of Jesus.



AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR January through February 22

8 Weeks 2009	95
8 Weeks 2008	103

In Memory of John Beeler

John and Dorothy Beeler moved to Quincy from Bowen and worshiped with us for just 9 months before John was called from this life to life eternal on January 25. Our prayers and support go out to Dorothy.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES

SOUP SUPPER AND DEVOTION

On Wednesdays during Lent, we'll have our traditional soup supper and Lenten devotion. You can sign up to bring a soup or relish or dessert. Not everyone needs to bring food every week. Our soup supper begins at 6:00 p.m.

Following supper, we'll do our Lenten devotion. This year our devotion will center around the themes of the scripture reading and sermon from the previous Sunday. To help us focus on the theme each week, we'll each carry a small stone as a reminder. Like a stone in a shoe, it can remind us of the theme with every step we take. We'll conclude each week by 7:30 p.m.

March 4	Exodus 34:1-10	Stones of Forgiveness
March 11	Matthew 18:6-9	Stones of Sin
March 18	Romans 9:30-33	Stone of Salvation
March 25	1 Peter 2:1-10	Stones of Building
April 1	Matthew 7:24-29	Stone Foundation

RELAY FOR LIFE

Can we get at least 8 volunteers to form a Christ Lutheran Church Relay for Life team? Sure we can do it! Pastor Paul has already joined the team and raised \$100.00 for the American Cancer Society.

Joyce Alford will serve as the team captain. Teams consist of 8 –15 members with each member expected to raise a minimum of \$100.00 for the American Cancer Society. Participants should be available to attend the Relay for Life event which is on June 5, 2009, at Flinn Stadium beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the team, call Joyce Alford at 222-3667 any day after 4 p.m. It's a fun event for a worthy cause!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The third Habitat for Humanity house built by Lutherans in Adams County was dedicated February 17. This house is in Coatsburg. Congratulations and thanks for your support.



Council Highlights – February 10, 2009

Present at the February 10 meeting of the Council were: Jack Bousner, Bruce Holderbaum, Darrell Kruse, Stuart Peters, Sue Reeder, Trish Santos, Pam Schuering, Pastor Schwartzkopf, Reth Stollberg, and David Tooke.

Excused: Bonnie Conover, Joan Kammerlohr, and Barb Wilkinson.

President Stuart Peters called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Opening devotion was given by David Tooke. Barb Wilkinson will have the opening devotions for March.

There were no minutes from the January 13, 2009 meeting. The Council Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2009, received a motion from Pam Schuering to be approved and were seconded by Dave Tooke.

Announcements: President Peters welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves for the benefit of new council members.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer: Motion by Dave Tooke and seconded by Darrell Kruse to approve Financial Secretary's Report. Correction to be made on Balance Sheet Christ Lutheran under "Other Allocated Funds". Figure should be \$9,421.35 not \$94,213.50. Approved subject to audit.

President's Report: No Report

Pastor's Report: Pastor added to his report that the hard drive on computer died approximately four weeks ago. Written report was filed.

MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: No report.

Service: No report.

Property: Darrell Kruse reported work is continuing on some projects inside the church. In April, work will begin on the outside of the church.

Worship: Bruce Holderbaum reported committee is planning Lenten services.

Witness: No report. Reth Stollberg agreed to be liaison.

Learning/Youth: Trish Santos reported new youth group being started this Sunday. There will be two groups: 4th through 6th grade and 7th through 12th grade. They want to have a family activity once a month. This ministry team will meet again next Tuesday. Plans have begun regarding Vacation Bible School.

Fellowship: No report. A sign-up sheet will be made available to sign up for soup suppers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership Directory:** Bruce Holderbaum said pictures will be taken throughout the month of February.
- **New Member Orientation:** No report. Tabled until March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Chairs of Ministry Teams:** Following is a list of chairpersons:
 - Witness—Linda Dillman
 - Fellowship—Char Tooke
 - Learning—Kathy Wolters
 - Worship—Sue McLennan
 - Service—Wendy Maas
 - Stewardship—Dick Tabb
 - Property—?
- **Unmet Needs Presentation & Appeal:** Mary Reeve will give a presentation on March 8. Details on a fundraiser to follow.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by Dave Tooke and seconded by Trish Santos. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Reeder, Acting Secretary

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING — Tuesday, March 10, 2009 -- 6:30 pm

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).

EASTER LILIES

We will decorate our chancel with lilies this Easter season. The Altar Guild will purchase the plants. We invite you to donate a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Your order and check need to be received in the church office by March 29. If lilies are purchased at a more reasonable cost, the remainder of the money received will be deposited in the flower fund, to reduce costs for future flower purchases.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

___ Lilies at \$10.00 each

___ Given to the Glory of God

___ Given in Memory of _____

___ Given in Honor of _____



Please make check payable to *Christ Lutheran Church Altar Guild* and return to the church office or place in Sunday offering by Sunday, March 29. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION



We have a number of baptized children who are ready to receive their instruction for first communion. Parents, pick up a packet of materials from Pastor Paul so that you can do the study at home with your child. Schedule an appointment with Pastor to review the study and answer any lingering questions. Schedule your child's celebration of first communion on one of these dates which are all very appropriate:

Palm/Passion Sunday	April 5
Maundy Thursday	April 9
Easter Sunday	April 12
2nd Sunday of Easter	April 19

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Congratulations! We have come through again. Our small congregation donated 435 items of food on Souper Bowl Sunday for the food pantries of Two Rivers, Catholic Charities and Quanaa. The volunteers who picked up the food were really impressed by what we had collected, and we filled their pickup.



EASTER BRUNCH—APRIL 12

Plan ahead to eat brunch between worship services 9:00—10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 12. Our junior high and senior high youth and their parents have traditionally prepared and served this brunch as a fund-raiser to support youth ministry. Your free-will donations will be matched by Thrivent. The first use of the funds will be to send our confirmands to Confirmation Camp at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center near Oregon, Illinois. Please plan to help send a kid to camp.

PERENNIALS FOR CHURCH GROUNDS

If you are dividing perennials this spring, bring some to church. The Property Ministry Team wants to plant perennials near our sign on 36th Street and at other places on our property. Questions, phone Property Ministry Team Liaison, Darrell Kruse, 223-4339, or Property Ministry Team member, Stu Bell, 593-7309.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Weekday morning Bible study will resume on either Tuesday, March 10, or Wednesday, March 11, depending upon which day can have the greater attendance. Check Sunday announcements on March 8 to learn which date we'll meet. We'll continue our study of the Gospel according to Mark.

UN-MET NEEDS COMMITTEE

Following the flood of 1993, there were a number of people in Quincy and Adams County who still had a variety of legitimate human needs that could not be met by any of the relief agencies because the specific needs did not meet the criteria of the agencies. (Such is life in the real world!) Therefore, some enlightened and concerned people formed the Unmet Needs Committee as an association of representatives from the relief agencies in the area. The Unmet Needs Committee continues to help people whose needs 'fall between the cracks' of the guidelines of the relief agencies. The Unmet Needs Committee is funded by congregations and individuals. In 2008, Christ Lutheran Church joined the congregations supporting the Unmet Needs Committee. Our representative is Mary Reeve and she will give a presentation on the work of the Unmet Needs Committee at our worship services on Sunday, March 8. Following the presentation, we'll take a special collection to donate to the work of the Unmet Needs Committee. Or you can contribute anytime by designating your check or cash for Unmet Needs Committee. Please make your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church. In the past 10 years, we have had at least two of our members helped by Unmet Needs Committee.

Evie Jorgenson Has Moved

Evie has moved to:

Bradford Villa
1122 Koch's Lane
Quincy, IL 62305
Phone—221-4216

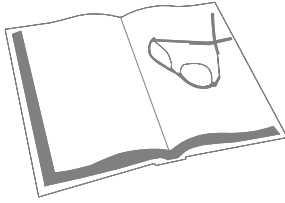
Are there some people who can give her a ride to church? If you can, give her a call.

ADULT FORUM

Sundays—9:25—10:15 a.m.

Adult Forum topics for the first 3 Sundays in March are:

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| March 1 | What do you do when you don't get an answer to prayer? |
| March 8 | "His eyes say hope"
Pastor with ALS writes, listens and prays.
Article on page 33 of the March 2009 issue of <u>The Lutheran</u> |
| March 15 | "2 Museums, Two Worlds"
A visit reveals opposing views of Earth's beginning
Article on pages 28-29 in the March 2009 issue of <u>The Lutheran</u> |



BOOKS 'N BREW

Our March meeting will be at Panera at 6 p.m. March 26. We will discuss "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan. If you would like to read ahead our selection for April is "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen and May is "The Virgin Queen's Daughter" by Ella March Chase. We are looking forward to more lively discussions and of course the good food!

THANK YOU

Thanks to all for your prayer and concern when Paul had his hernia surgery—walk-in and walk-out! He has done fine, but he couldn't lift my big wheelchair (then Larry, our Son-in-law got us a lighter one).

God is good—We love you all

Mary and Paul Hesse



P.s. He didn't like the surgery—wanted to know what was going on! I said—"Why"?

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all the nice things done for us while I was recovering from knee replacement. First thanks to Pastor for his prayers and being there for me. You always need Pastor in your corner when undergoing surgery! I received pretty flowers, candy, food and more food, and lots of encouraging words in the many cards I received. Also appreciate the phone calls, the visits from one and all. By the way, Jerry thanks all of you also. You made his life a little easier.

Mary Shank

DISCOVERY CANYON

"I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart and tell about the wonders you have worked." - Psalm 9:1

Vacation Bible School will be June 22—26, 2009, with a special worship celebration on June 28. Discovery Canyon has five concentrations: Rejoice, Ask, Seek, Pray, Tell. The bible verses are from the Book of Psalms with a variety of bible stories. The great addition this year is an adult bible study reflecting on the same stories the children learn about during the week. This truly is a program for everyone in the church family! As you can tell, this is a canyon theme; so, as you do your spring cleaning, if you have any blankets, pictures, plants, books, or anything canyon/western/Native American-like things to decorate with please keep us in mind. This is an exciting event for you! More information is to come! If you have questions now, please contact Misty Coyle at 228-0831 or email coylej07@att.net.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH

	March 5	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Bonnie Scranton	Sue Reeder Sue Reeder	Ann Schwartzkopf Barb Wilkinson	Pat Bell Crystal Bernett	Joan Larner Sue McLennan
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Larner Bruce Holderbaum	Virgene Gilkerson David Maas	Bonnie Scranton Ashley Stollberg	Bill Wolters Joe Brinkman	Dick Tabb Wendy Maas
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron Larner Jerri Klusmeyer	Ann Schwartzkopf Barb Wilkinson	Kathy Wolters Peggy Bailey	Stu Bell Sue McLennan	Sue Tabb Bill Shuler
NURSERY	Summer Santos	Emily Stollberg	Emily Stollberg	Kara Wolf	Summer Santos
ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	Erika Stollberg	Summer Santos	Kara Wolf	Reed Haubrich	Ian Jones
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson Reth & Jennifer Stollberg	Bill & Kathy Wolters Keith & Kim Glasgow	Stu & Pat Bell Jim & Peggy Bailey	Bonnie Scranton Wayne & Sue McLennan	Phil & Bonnie Conover David & Charlotte Tooke
DEACON 10:30AM	Crystal Bernett	Misty Coyle	Barb Rhinberger	Cheryl Brinkman	Wayne McLennan
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ann Schwartzkopf Olin Shuler	Bonnie Scranton Stuart Peters	Bill Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Kathy Wolters Olin Shuler	Ann Schwartzkopf Stuart Peters
COFFEE HOUR	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 1	Group 3

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 March 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.

March	6 Melvin Dillman	20 Madelyn Kimber
	12 Joe Brinkman	21 Kristen McEwen
	Scott Kimber	22 Virgene Gilkerson
	15 Ashley Stollberg	25 Rachel Zimmerman
	16 Evan Conover	26 Samantha Conover
	David Reeder	29 Delaney Dillman
	17 Konner Glasgow	31 Paul Hesse
	19 Bonnie Scranton	Pat Bueltmann



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

March	4 Wayne and Sue McLennan
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