

# THE VISITOR



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**Journey To the Cross:**  
**The Events of Holy Week!**  
*Lenten Mid-Week Bible Study*

Come and join us for this year's 2012 Lenten Mid-Week Bible Study Series on Journey **To the Cross: The Events of Holy Week!** Come at 6:00 pm (February 29 – March 28) for a great time of food & fellowship with our Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers in the undercroft. Then join us at 7:00 pm for our Bible Study Series in the main sanctuary. Bring your Bible!

February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Worship with Imposition of Ashes
February 29 <sup>th</sup>	PALM SUNDAY
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	THE UPPER ROOM
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	GETHSEMANE
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	THE TRIAL
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	THE CRUCIFIXION

**MISSION STATEMENT:** First English Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio

First English Lutheran Church exists as a visible sign of the continuing presence of Jesus Christ through his body on earth, the Church. Christ's presence is made known through the ministry of this congregation as:

We regularly worship and experience through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit the vitality of the Word, the assurance of God's acceptance through the divine commands and the earthly elements of the Sacraments, and the fellowship of our brother and sisters in the faith.

We invite those unfamiliar with the saving grace extended to all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior to unite with us and to join us in continually familiarizing all with the Grace of God through our nurturing and caring efforts.

We reach out to the needs of our community and our world in compassion, generosity, and equity. We practice stewardship of our resources (time, talent, and monetary) as responsive expressions of the blessings we have received from the Lord so that the ministry of this congregation will be assured of continuing viability.

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<sup>13</sup> Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. <sup>14</sup> Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

**Matthew 19:13-14 (NIV)**

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

Maybe many of you remember the Children's Sermon "Challenge" from November 13, 2011. The Gospel Lesson for the day was Matthew 25: 14-30, the Parable of the Talents. It spoke of how the good and faithful servants received their blessing of talents (a large sum of money) from their Master. They took what was entrusted to them and went out and doubled the sum and returned it all to their Master.

To drive the message home, I gave \$5.00 to each of the children that came forward for the Children's Sermon and then challenged them to be creative in seeing what they could do with GOD's MONEY to make it GROW! They were each charged with the assignment of reporting back to me in January with a letter that would tell the story of what they had done to:

1. Grow God's Money
2. Use God's Money to Share His Love.

Below you will find the Exciting and Inspiring stories from our wonderful children at FELC. *Truly, a little child shall lead us!*

**Christ's Joy to You!**

*Pastor Paul*

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Pastor Paul,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to have fun while multiplying God's money.

Mom decided right away to combine both of our \$5 because Justin wanted to buy a dog with his money and Tyler wanted to buy just one more book from school. After a talk from mom Tyler understood ore of what our mission was.

Mom and Grandma donated money to purchase candy bars. Selling candy bars to our church family, friends and mom's co-workers brought in \$112.

We also wrote a letter to our friends and family out of town and state. The letter explained the project in helping to spread God's Love and asked if they wanted to help us. It was exciting to check the mail every day to see what was arriving. The Christmas spirit was alive in our family and friends bringing in \$149.

So with our original \$10 that was kept we collected a total of \$271 of God's money to help spread his Love.

It was a big decision on how to spend the money. Many options were discussed. Tyler ultimately made the decision to share the money within our own church. \$135 was donated to the Wednesday noon lunch program and \$136 was donated to Malawi.

**Tyler and Justin Crall**

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Dear Pastor Larson,

Sorry this is so late, but I found out what I'm going to do with the money! Mom and I asked friends and family to give a matching donation of \$5 and we're going to buy food for the Salvation Army food bank once we find out what food they need. I started the donation by matching the \$5 you gave me. I raised \$75 total. Any money we have left over we will buy seeds and grow vegetables in the summer. We will donate the vegetables to the Wednesday Noon Lunch.

Sincerely,

**Taylor Grossenbacher**

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Pastor Paul,

I did chores to earn money for the church. Chores for: dad & mom, grandpa and granma, aunts and uncles, poppy and mama

Love,

**Malerie Stanley**

\$49.25 given to the General Fund

<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew**  
**18:1-4 (ESV)**

**ASH WEDNESDAY . . .**

Why ashes? On Ash Wednesday, we enter into the Lenten Season through a special service of penitence and reflection upon the quality of our faith and life. The Ash Wednesday liturgy marks the beginning of a penitential discipline. This season of

penitence climaxes in the absolution and the peace of the special Maundy Thursday Service of blessing, forgiveness, and Holy Communion.

Ashes are an extraordinarily rich symbol rooted in the ancient customs and practices of our faith. Coming from our Old Testament traditions, ashes in a Jewish or Christian context suggest God's judgement and His condemnation of sin. They remind us of our human frailty and our total dependence upon God for life. In churches where the imposition of ashes is practiced, the pastor uses ashes made from the burned palms of Palm Sunday to make the sign of the cross on the believer's forehead. As he does so, the pastor says to each person, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Thus we are forcefully reminded of the words of the committal in the burial service, "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." One day, these words will be said over all of us. Not only do the ashes become a visual reminder of our total dependence on God for our life and salvation, they also become a visual symbol of our repentance. They are our public humiliation in the spirit of the Old Testament tradition of repenting in sack cloth and ashes. In ashes we publicly admit to God and to our neighbors our failures to live in all righteousness toward them. We openly confess our sins, seeking forgiveness from God and from one another.

Moreover, ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were once used as a cleansing agent in the absence of soap, and on Ash Wednesday, the ashes have sometimes been understood as a penitential substitute for water, thus symbolizing our baptism.

In Luther's Small Catechism, brother Martin writes: "What does Baptism mean for daily living?" "It means that our sinful self, with all evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever."

Baptism is a primary emphasis of Lent. Water both stifles and refreshes, drowns and makes alive. Likewise, the ashes also tell of both death and renewal. Another example of death and renewal found in the symbol of ashes comes from the ancient practice of burning the fields in the spring. The old is destroyed and from the ashes rises the new life of spring.

It is this death-to-life, repentance unto salvation motif which we find reflected in the very name of this season of Lent. "Lent" is from the old English word meaning "springtime," and so it is to be understood as the springtime of the soul, a time for repentance, a time for preparation, planting and growth. Yes, Lent is a time of death. It is a time of dying unto ourselves, being crucified with Christ. As surely as we have died with Him, so shall we be raised with Him to the glory of God our Father. Lent is a time for the cross and resurrection.

*-- Pastor Paul Larson*

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## ... *So Why LENT?*

At the end of this month we enter into the Season of Lent. Lent is often referred to as “the Spring-Time of the Soul.” Spiritually, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to open ourselves to a new and deeper relationship with Christ. The 40-Days of Lent are our special time - for us to prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate God’s Easter! Christians will often speak of giving up something for Lent. Some people give up all sweets and desserts. Some people give up all meat during Lent. One friend told me he gave up his “Pepsi” for Lent. He would drink a lot of pop each day on a regular basis. It was a well ingrained habit or pattern in his life-style. I wondered how he was growing spiritually by not drinking Pepsi.

I wondered, so I asked. This was his response: “Every time I reach for a pop or even think of it (which is many times a day) I am reminded that I have chosen to give it up for Lent. My little act of self-denial works like a spiritual trigger, reminding me many times a day of Christ’s infinite act of self-denial. I too easily take for granted Christ’s sacrifice for me. This is my way of reminding myself again and again: “Jesus – He’s the Real Thing!””

Now, we don’t earn “brownie points” with God by giving up something for Lent. But it is good to find a part of your life that may need some re-evaluation. All too easily many things in your life can get out of proportion. We all have those areas of our lives that need to come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ: spending habits, hobby habits, eating habits, television habits, just to name a few.

Lent really can be an especially fun time to try some new spiritual disciplines in your faith life. Start a new positive habit! Start a special time each day for just you and God — a time to pray and read His Word. Listen as God speaks to your heart and mind. Experience the blessing of Christ’s peace and strength in your daily needs. Try out a new family tradition: a special family night, family devotions, a family service project, etc. Say “YES!” to God’s Call to Tithe – this is giving back to God the first 10% of everything you make. Put God to the test and see how God truly does provide! The possibilities for you this Lent are as great as your imagination and the Holy Spirit’s inspiration.

What really is the goal of all our different Lenten activities: these special worship services; this call to an intense examination of conscience; these spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, tithing, and deeds of love and mercy? These are all God’s “spiritual can openers” by which He “opens us up.” God wants to fill you to overflowing with the treasures of His Love! Are you allowing God’s “spiritual can openers” to work His blessing in your life?

Through these experiences of service and devotion, we work to set our hearts and minds on Jesus only. It is to see Jesus – to know His mercy and healing power; to

experience His life-giving death and resurrection; to be transformed by the power of His Holy Will; and finally to live each new day in the promise of His steadfast love! Come! Let us follow Jesus!*Growing Together In Christ's Service, Pastor Paul*

**“ASHES TO ASHES – DUST TO DUST”  
So That's It?**

Will your life make an eternal difference? That's a big question. This is certainly God's plan for you. You can commit your life and your financial resources towards accomplishing all sorts of good causes. Certainly, they are out there, constantly seeking your support. But a far more important question to ask yourself is this: “Are my choices accomplishing the Eternal Purposes of Jesus?” In the end, will your life amount to just another pile of dust? Or, will your life become a beautiful and lasting witness to the Saving Love of Jesus?

In making your “Last Will and Testament,” you have the opportunity to give a witness to your great Love for Jesus – the only ONE who has the power to make your life ... more than dust. Remember your church in your estate planning. Consider the Biblical Model of Tithing (10%) of your estate to Christ's Kingdom Work. We need to grow our endowment fund resources here at FELC if we are to accomplish all the great things that Christ has for us to do! The local church really is the hope of the world. It is here, through the local church, where Jesus calls us to daily live out His Love for our community, nation, and world. Yes, we are the Body of Christ. Support your local congregation so that we can continue to be a Light to the world. Give a gift that will keep on doing the work of Christ's Kingdom until Jesus comes!

**BRING BACK YOUR PALMS!**

Remember the palm crosses you received last year on Palm Sunday? Many of you have kept them as visual reminders of Christ's life-giving death and resurrection for you. It's time again to bring them back to church.

Palms brought back to the Sunday services on February 19 will be burned to make the ashes used for the Imposition of Ashes (sign of the cross on our foreheads) at Ash Wednesday services, February 22.



**ASH WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 22**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Two opportunities for worship will be offered that day:

12:05 P.M. Chapel Worship with Imposition of Ashes  
(Lunch following in the undercroft)

7:00 P.M. Nave Worship with Imposition of Ashes

Please use the Mulberry Street entrance for the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service. The lift is available at that entrance for those who find stairs difficult. The east side Luther Hall entrance will not be open that evening.

**MEMORIALS**

**MEMORIALS – ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND**

**Donald White**

Wes and Sandie Volz

**MEMORIALS – RENEWING GOD’S HOUSE**

**Joanne Marth**

Shirley Bender

**MEMORIALS – RENEWING GOD’S HOUSE KITCHEN RENOVATION**

**Joanne Marth**

Wes and Sandie Volz

**Ruth Wolford**

Wes and Sandie Volz



## **OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY**

We remember the families and friends of those who died December 13-January 17, 2012.

<b>Ruth Wolford</b>	<b>December 23</b>
<b>Donald White</b>	<b>December 26</b>
<b>Vera Keller</b>	<b>December 31</b>
<i>aunt of Dave Carew</i>	
<b>JoAnne Marth</b>	<b>January 3</b>

We pray for Christ's gifts of healing and peace to touch their lives during this time of loss and sorrow that they may be comforted with the promise of the Resurrection through faith in Christ our Savior.

## **PASTORAL ACTS**

<b>Funerals/Memorial:</b>	December 29, 2011	Ruth Wolford
	December 30, 2011	Donald White
	January 6, 2012	JoAnne Marth

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# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## WOMEN'S CALENDAR

Circle	Date	Time	Place	Hostess
Eve (Prayer Shawl)	Tues. Feb. 7	7:00 PM	Emmaus Room	TBA, please join us for knitting or crocheting of shawls
Sarah	Mon. Feb. 6	1:00 PM	Emmaus Room	Margaret Battisti, hostess; Kay Jewitt, Proverbs Bible Study
Lydia	Mon. Feb. 6	10:00 AM	Emmaus Room	Valentine Cookie packing for college students
Mary	No longer meeting			
Women's Ministry Team Meeting	Mon. Feb. 20	1:30 PM	Emmaus Room	Officers and Circle Leaders attend
Workday Ladies	No meeting on Feb. 1, -- Feb. 15 (Wed.) we will meet to work on quilts.	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Third Floor	No hostess. All women are welcome to join us!

Funeral Squad Leader for February: To Be Announced

COMING UP ON MARCH 24, 2012 WE WILL HOLD OUR ANNUAL LENTEN BREAKFAST. WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM IN THE LUTHER HALL CHAPEL, BRUNCH AT 10:00 AM IN THE EMMAUS ROOM. PREREGISTRATION \$7.00 PER PERSON. EVERYONE WELCOME. PROGRAM WILL BE: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OHIO PRESENTED BY MRS. SUZY MAIYER. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

The ladies of Lydia Circle would greatly appreciate a few extra bakers for their Valentine Cookie packing. They have done this annually, sending the cookies out to our college students. Their numbers in the group are smaller, so they are asking for this help. If you can bake a few cookies (1-2 dozen) please deliver them to the undercroft kitchen on Sunday Feb. 5th, clearly marked for Valentine Cookie packing. They will be packing them on Monday Feb. 6th. Blessings for caring about our college kids.





## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### Fastnacht Dinner

Our annual Fastnacht pancake and sausage dinner will be served from 5:30-6:15 PM on Tuesday, February 21 in the undercroft. It will be followed by great musical entertainment until 7:00 PM that you won't want to miss! There will also be some surprise activities for the young ones. A free will offering box will be available for you to help cover the cost of the meal. Any excess money donated will be given to our youth groups. If you would enjoy flipping pancakes, please call Karen Ellis at 884-1882 to volunteer your griddle and your flipping hand for the evening.

### Lenten Soup Suppers

Our Wednesday Lenten soup suppers before each Bible Study service will again be offered to everyone. They will begin at 6 pm in the undercroft with the following hosts to serve you:

- Feb. 29 Ellis's small group
- Mar. 07 Ken and Karen Frayer
- Mar. 14 Jr. & Sr. High Youth
- Mar. 21 Chis Cichanowicz's small group
- Mar. 28 Teri Brenkus, Susan Hogsette, and Devera Ritz



**pray without ceasing**  
1 Thessalonians 5:17, NASB



An opportunity to pray will be available Wednesday evenings, before the Lenten soup suppers from 5:30 - 6:00pm, in the chapel. Gain confidence and comfort as you pray silently or join with your friends in prayer ~ seeking God ~ lifting praises. " For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." (Matthew 18:20 NASB) God has promised to be there! Be encouraged as you spend extra time in His presence this Lenten season.

## **JANUARY COUNCIL NOTES:**

President Ken Frayer called the January 10, 2012 meeting of the First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

**SENIOR PASTOR:** **Pastor Larson** expressed appreciation to Council members for a good 2011 and to Ken Frayer for his leadership of Council and the Congregation. Council approved the following persons to be received as new members of First English Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 15, 2012: Scott Berry, Ashley Bunch, Larry and Charlene Goracke, Jean Kaser, James and Angela Murphy, Kristen Slone, Gregg Thatcher, Kayla Thatcher and Nolan Thatcher. Council approved that the February, 2012 communion be moved to February 19, due to Pastor Jones being away February 5 and 12.

Alicia Schulz updated Council on progress of the Constitution Revision Committee. She commented that it is a long process and that the committee has looked at the NALC model constitution, the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church constitution and FELC constitution. The group is working hard to revise our constitution.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** **Pastor Jones** expressed appreciation to everyone who worked on the children's music programs and the Christmas Eve worship services. Pastor Jones will be in Miami, Florida February 2 through 6, 2012 where he has been invited to preach at the church of Pastor Eddy Perez. He will also be with our Junior High youth at the Youth Encounter Junior High Quake retreat February 10 to 12. He met with a very small Alpha group on Sunday, January 8, with the next meeting set for February 22. There is still time for more people to sign up for Alpha.

**WOMEN OF FELC:** **Jan Fisher** said the Lenten Breakfast is tentatively set for Saturday, March 10, 2012.

**FINANCE:** **Don Harruff** reported our congregation ended 2011 with a balance of \$12,470.13 in the black. It was noted that the congregation had ended the year in the black even though the CDS had posted a \$21,748. loss in operating expenses. Enrollment in the CDS during 2011 has been significantly lower in the past year due to the economy. Our new director, Angie Murphy, is working hard with her staff and the Finance Committee to turn this deficit around. The balance in the Renewing God's House Fund, as of December 31, 2011 is \$252,746.64, which includes a balance of \$22,734.02 in the kitchen renovation fund. It was noted that a new dishwasher has been installed costing \$11,651.27 from the kitchen renovation fund. A Kroger Rewards check in the amount of \$577.80 was received for a 3 month period ending October 30, 2011. This will benefit the Malawi Orphan Care Ministries. A bequest of \$22, 624.17 from the Naomi Buchholtz Estate was received and earmarked for sanctuary renovation.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** **Ken Frayer** reported for the Property Committee that Tom Pasheilich and Dan Obrynba recently met with the Executive Committee about plastering and painting of the back half of the sanctuary and about roofing concerns. A meeting will be set up soon with the insurance company representatives to assess sanctuary ceiling water damage. Regarding the undercroft kitchen fire suppression hood, Dan Obrynba will ask the mechanical engineer who was here earlier, to come and look at our kitchen again.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** **Karen Ellis** stated Fastnacht will be held February 21, with serving from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Council approved a free will offering to be received for Fastnacht, with any proceeds above expenses to benefit our youth. Lenten Soup Suppers will be held February 29, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2012. Council approved a reception in the undercroft to celebrate our new members on Sunday, January 15, 2012.

**EVANGELISM:** **Ken Frayer** reported for Susan Hogsette that her committee is looking forward to 2012 with its new members: Lois Brown, Clancy Lauthers, Chris and Angie Kaschube. They will have a kick-off meeting later in January to seek God's leading in this New Year.

**GLOBAL MISSION:** **Chris Cichanowicz** thanked everyone who purchased Achkii craft items from the sale to benefit Peruvian women. Total of the sales was \$410.15. Henrik and Patty Christopherson look forward to being part of a team of learners and teachers as they begin month-long Bible classes on January 10, 2012. Join them in prayer for the Holy Spirit's anointing during this time of focused study in God's Word.

**STEWARDSHIP:** **Jan Fisher** recommended, Council approved, that our church participate in the third annual Lenten challenge between the traditional service and the contemporary service, for the collection of hygiene items, paper products and cleaning products to benefit The Salvation Army.

**SERVICE:** **Becky Sarbach** reported she delivered 8 boxes of undergarments, hygiene and paper products to the Domestic Violence Shelter.

**YOUTH:** **Teri Brenkus** said 13 youth and 4 adults will attend the Junior High Quake retreat February 10 to 12 and 10 youth and 2 adults will attend the High School Zone retreat February 24 to 26. The Youth summer mission trip will be at Recreation Unlimited June 18 to 22, 2012.

**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL:** **Cindy Russell** stated there are 63 students enrolled in CDS and there were no staff changes. Federal mandates require new cribs and mattresses be purchased for the day school infant care room with a quotation of \$169 per crib plus \$59.99 per mattress. Council approved a special offering throughout the month of February 2012 with the goal of raising the needed \$2,300.00 in funds to purchase new cribs and mattresses for the Christian Day School infant care room to meet Federal guidelines for infant care centers.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council approved Teri Brenkus to set up a First English

Lutheran Church Facebook account.

**ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jones and all praying the Lord's Prayer.

*Mary M. Schwartz*, Secretary  
First English Lutheran Church Congregation Council

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

**Within The Fold**

**THE DECEMBER FOOD COLLECTION** totaled \$367.35 for our Wednesday Noon Worship and Lunch program. Four bags of grocery items and canned goods were collected Sunday, December 25, which were donated to Catholic Charities. Thank you for helping those less fortunate!

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Dear Pastoral Care Committee, Thank you very much for the delicious Christmas cookies. It was so thoughtful of you to include me. I am doing alright and back to doing my normal activities again. Best wishes for your continuing good work.  
Sincerely, *Wanda Donnan*

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Thank you so very much for the cookies. I enjoyed them so much. God Bless.  
*Louella Crall*

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Thank you for your generous donation of food and continued support of Catholic Charities. With such great community partners we are able to help the many in need.  
*Rebecca Owens*

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The Domestic Violence Shelter is once again very grateful for the support given to them by our members here at First English Lutheran Church. The donations of clothing and underwear were graciously received and badly needed. We delivered 8 computer paper sized boxes to them after Christmas. Blessings to everyone for their generosity!

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Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio sent a very nice Thank You letter for monetary donations we have made to them. Space did not permit me to include the entire letter. (editor)

## Malawi Mission Team

February, 2012



Thank you for your generous donations during the Advent season to the Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministry. The Advent offering for 2011 was \$1882.64! Thank you so much! This money will be used to purchase food for the children, pay school fees and help to subsidize a grant for the orphan project to begin a chicken business.

For several years, the orphan project has desired to start a chicken business to help increase their financial independence as well as increase the protein in the orphan's diets with surplus eggs and non-laying chickens. Shadreck's estimate to begin the business is \$1,300. We received a grant from Friends of Malawi for \$800 and a donation from a FELC member for \$100. The remaining \$400 will come from the Advent offering.

Please pray for the people of Kanyenyeva as they begin this business. Please pray for the chickens to stay healthy and for there to be a good market for the eggs in the surrounding communities.

*Joy Jones, coordinator*



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December 31, 2011

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Dear Friends,

*"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8*

Warm greetings from Lutheran World Relief! Thank you for your recent gift of \$625.00 to Lutheran World Relief.

By sharing your gifts with our brothers and sisters in need, you change their lives. For impoverished communities who thirst, you share God's gift of water. Where hunger persists, you help farmers grow life-sustaining crops. Where chronic, oppressive poverty holds people down, your compassion lifts them up, equipping families and communities with the support and tools they need to free themselves from the grip of poverty and support themselves with dignity.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone at 800.597.5972 or by email at [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

On behalf of the entire staff of Lutheran World Relief, our partners, and those we serve in the name of Christ, thank you for this important gift. May God continue to bless you so that you may share your blessings with others.

In Christ,

John A. Nunes  
President and CEO

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$625.00--LWR.



## CDS February Newsletter

“...love one another as I have loved you.” John 13:34 will be our Bible theme for February. We will also be reading stories about Jesus’ life and teachings. The children will be learning about presidents past and present as well as writing letters and decorating cards for Valentines Day.

It’s that time of year when everyone is getting new and throwing out the old... If you have an old but nice couch and/or chairs that you would like to donate, our school agers would love to have them in the cozy area that we are putting in for them. We are also looking for crib sheets, large couch pillows and bean bag chairs. Thank you.

Just a reminder that summer camp forms will be going out for ages 6-12. Deadline for registration is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact C.D.S. office for details, 419-522-7500

Angie Murphy, Director

### **Our Christian Day School has a very special need.....**

Recently new regulations have been put into place whereby it has become necessary for our CDS to replace every baby crib and mattress in the infant room. (It’s not that we didn’t have quality furniture in there, we did!) But due to these new regulations it is necessary to purchase ten new cribs @ \$169.99/crib and 10 new mattresses @ \$59.99/mattress. In order to be in compliance this must happen in 2012. Angie Murphy, CDS Director has done a fine job getting the best possible price quoted. During the month of February we are asking for a special offering to cover these expenses. I have listed the individual prices in case someone would desire to pay for an entire unit. When you make your donation please mark clearly on the envelope “CDS cribs” or “CDS mattresses.” It can be turned in to Karen Frayer to be added to your giving record.

Blessings for caring!

CINDY RUSSELL, CDS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS 10:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<u><b>GREETERS</b></u>	<u><b>NAVE</b></u>
Entire month of February: Shelley Shupp	

<u><b>USHERS</b></u>	<u><b>NAVE</b></u>
Paul Theaker	Steve Ritz
Mike Anderson	Rob Hogsette

<u><b>8:30 AM SUNDAY PASTORS</b></u>	
<u><b>PRAYER PARTNERS TEAMS</b></u>	
February 5	Mary Schwartz, Jim Scheiber
February 12	Ken & Karen Frayer
February 19	Lowell Weeks, Chris Cichanowicz
February 26	Rob Hogsette, Steve Ritz

<u><b>COMMUNION</b></u>	<u><b>PREPARERS</b></u>
February 19	Margaret Runyon & Carol Fry

<u><b>COMMUNION</b></u>	<u><b>SERVERS</b></u>
February 19	
Bread Servers Pastor/Assisting Minister	
Wine West	Dawn Butterman
Cups West	Jane Sprang
Wine East	Dolores Esler
Cups East	Jodi Mumaw
Intinction	Ken Frayer

<u><b>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS</b></u>
Stewardship Committee

<u><b>ALTAR WORKERS</b></u>
Nave: Devera Ritz
Proclaim!: Jan Fisher

<u><b>LAY READERS</b></u>	<u><b>NAVE</b></u>
February 5	Devera Ritz
February 12	Alicia Schulz
February 19	Amy Skropits
February 26	Penny Ekegren

<b><u>PEW PAD GLEANERS</u></b>	
February 5	Elizabeth Sprang
February 12	Brenda Eyerly
February 19	Lolita Scheiber
February 26	Jodi Mumaw

<b><u>ASSISTING MINISTERS</u></b>	
February 5	Stan Cichanowicz
February 12	Greg Hughes
February 19	Chris Kaschube
February 26	Alicia Schulz

<b><u>ACOLYTES</u></b>	
February 5	Rachel Shupp
February 12	Paul Hogsette
February 19	Hannah Skropits
February 22	Katie Ritz
February 26	Renee Shupp

<b><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS</u></b>	
February 5	Wendy Large
February 12	Suzanne Rippel
February 19	Angie Murphy
February 26	Courtney Farnier

<b><u>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u></b>	
February 5	(9:00) Courtney Farnier; (10:00) Lu Diday
February 12	(9:00) Annette Doklovic; (10:00) Dawn Buttermann
February 19	(9:00) Stacey Crall; (10:00) Rachelle Zehe
February 26	(9:00) Amy Elgin; (10:00) Toni Zehe

<b><u>LUTHER HALL SUNDAY DOOR MONITORS</u></b>	
<b>8:40 to 10:05 am</b>	
February 5	Ron Rehm
February 12	Henry Keultjes
February 19	Tom Hillman
February 26	Wes Volz

<b><u>POWERPOINT OPERATOR</u></b>	
February 5	Paul Ward
February 12	Jim Scheiber
February 19	Jeff Kilgore
February 26	Paul Ward

# 10:00 A.M. PROCLAIM! CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

## **GREETERS/USHERS**

February 5	Haley Pittman and Elizabeth Volz
February 12	Gregg & Kayla Thatcher
February 19	Ted Ellis and Kaylie Ellington
February 26	Cindy Russell and Rachel Shupp

## **COMMUNION PREPARER**

February 19	Ronda Rehm
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## **COMMUNION SERVERS**

February 19	Cindy and Robyn Russell; Donna Rettig & Rachel Shupp
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## **POWERPOINT ASSISTANTS**

February 5	Robyn Russell
February 12	Haley Pittman
February 19	Nolan Thatcher
February 26	Ed Farner

## **BEVERAGE PREP/CLEAN-UP**

February 5	Karen Ellis
February 12	Ronda Rehm
February 19	Gregg Thatcher
February 26	Jan Fisher

**GREETERS/USHERS**

January 1	Combined Worship in Nave
January 8	Sarah Jones & Elizabeth Volz
January 15	Cindy Russell & Rachel Shupp
January 22	Gregg & Kayla Thatcher
January 29	Ted Ellis & Haley Pittman

**POWERPOINT ASSISTANTS**

January 1	Combined Worship in Nave
January 8	Haley Pittman
January 15	Robyn Russell
January 22	Nolan Thatcher
January 29	Kayla Thatcher

**BEVERAGE PREP/CLEAN-UP**

January 1	Combined Worship in Nave
January 8	Jan Fisher
January 15	Karen Ellis
January 22	Ronda Rehm
January 29	Gregg Thatcher

<b>Volunteer Scheduling Contacts</b>	The monthly volunteers are published in Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.
<b>Worship Committee</b> <b>Devera Ritz</b> <b>419.362.6526</b> Acolytes <b>Cindy Russell</b> <b>419.544.0878</b> Assisting Ministers and Lay Readers	<b>Gene Luedy,</b> <b>419.526.4304</b> Pew Pad Gleaners
<b>Beth Harruff,</b> <b>419.589.2762</b> Communion Preparers, Communion Assistants Nave	Pastors Prayer Partners Scheduler TBA
<b>Gene Harsch,</b> <b>419.774.0247</b> Ushers	<b>Becky Pittman,</b> <b>419.529.3876</b> Proclaim! Ushers/ Greeters Proclaim! Communion Preparers Proclaim! Communion Assistants
<b>Evangelism Committee</b> <b>Susan Hogsette</b> <b>419.884.1446</b> Greeters	<b>Paul Ward,</b> <b>419.884.3324</b> Power Point, Nave

<b>Volunteer Scheduling Contacts</b>	The monthly volunteers are published in Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.
<b>Property Committee</b> <b>Gary Lane</b> <b>419.775.8822</b> Luther Hall Sunday Door Duty	<b>Becky Pittman,</b> <b>419.529.3876</b> Children's Church Leaders
<b>Gary Simmons,</b> <b>419.529.3396</b> and <b>Dan Shupp</b> <b>419.589.7631</b> Sound Board/Audio	<b>Chris Cichanowicz,</b> <b>419.529.6593</b> Sunday School Superintendent



## **A Message from our caring group of Communion Deacons and home visitors.....**

If you know of anyone who wants a Communion Deacon to give Communion to them in their home, or if you just want a home visit, please contact the Church Office or call Larry Lantz at 419.756.5506. *Larry Lantz, Coordinator*

Beth Harruff has offered her services to be the pianist at the Nursing Home Services. We would like to have a substitute when she cannot make it to a service. Anyone who can play the piano and would like to volunteer please contact Larry Lantz at 419-756-5506.

### **Nursing Home and Assisted Living Communion Services**

February 21, 2012	Tues. 9:00 AM	Elmcroft
February 21, 2012	Tues.10:15 AM	Waterford
February 21, 2012	Tues. 2:00 PM	Mifflin Care
February 23, 2012	Thurs 9:30 AM	Brookdale Sterling House

A Thank You to the Communion Deacons for visiting and giving communion to our Shut-ins. Our Communion Deacons are: Pastor Paul, Pastor Andy, Chris and Stan Cichanowicz, Clancy and Carol Lauthers, Gary Lane, Joan Wirstrom, Larry Lantz, Norm McCracken, Marilyn Calver, Mike Hill, Wes and Sandie Volz. A Thank you to the helpers at the monthly Nursing Home and Assisted Living Services:

Pastors - Pastor Paul and Pastor Andy

Deacons - Marilyn Calver, Jackie Moxley, Mary Schwartz, Larry Lantz

Pianist - Beth Harruff

A Special Thank You to Pastor Kress, Gene Luedy, Mariyn Motson, Wanda Donnan, Wilma Ammons, and Betty Baehrens that have given many years of service to the Monthly Nursing Home Services.



**Bishop John Bradosky of the North American Lutheran Church** has joined other American Christian leaders and religious leaders from other faith communities in an open letter defending marriage and religious freedom.

“Marriage and Religious Freedom: Fundamental Goods That Stand or Fall Together — An Open Letter from Religious Leaders in the United States to All Americans” was released on Thursday, Jan. 12.

“As religious leaders across a wide variety of faith communities, we join together to affirm that marriage in its true definition must be protected for its own sake and for the good of society,” the letter states.

“We encourage all people of good will to protect marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and to consider carefully the far-reaching consequences for the religious freedom of all Americans if marriage is redefined,” the letter says.

The letter notes that changing the definition of marriage will change hundreds of laws. It also states that those who hold to traditional religious beliefs about marriage would face discrimination and legal sanctions for holding to their faith if the definition of marriage is changed.

“We especially urge those entrusted with the public good to support laws that uphold the time-honored definition of marriage, and so avoid threatening the religious freedom of countless institutions and citizens in this country. Marriage and religious freedom are both deeply woven into the fabric of this nation,” the letter says.

In addition to Bishop Bradosky, signers to the letter include leaders from a wide range of Christian church bodies — from Roman Catholics and Anglicans to Baptists and Pentecostals.

The Rev. Matthew Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, was among the 35 signatories.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and some other liberal Protestant church bodies did not have any leaders sign the letter.

“Being bold in on our confession of Christ to a hostile culture is never easy. There are times when making a stand for what we believe brings us into relationship with those of diverse theological perspectives. That is certainly the case among those who have joined together to sign the statement released today regarding the preservation of religious freedom, the sanctity of marriage, and the definition of marriage preserved in the Scripture and the faithful interpretation of the Scriptures over thousands of years,” said Bishop Bradosky.

“While we believe these understandings and values are essential for the good of all people in our nation and throughout the world, and further believe that political pressure exerted on the church to acquiesce or redefine marriage according to relativistic cultural understandings is a perversion of rights guaranteed by our Constitution, it is abhorrent to us because it is contrary to the teaching of the Scriptures. The definition of marriage is established by the Creator, affirmed by the Savior and blessed by the Holy Spirit. It is therefore impossible for the Church to redefine or acquiesce to such changes and remain faithful.

“It is sad to admit that our culture has reached a point where such a statement is necessary, and yet it is for just such a time as this that the Lord has called the North American Lutheran Church into being, to be able to make such a stand and offer our support to this important cause,” Bishop Bradosky said. “For all those reasons I am honored to sign this document.”

In December of 2010, Bishop Paull Spring of the NALC joined other American religious leaders in signing “The Protection of Marriage: A Shared Commitment.”

The letter including the list of signers is available online at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org). A list of frequently asked questions and an executive summary are also available online.

**“SOUPER” BOWL**  
**of**  
**CARING**

**BANG! BANG! BANG!** Remember the enthusiastic beating of the soup kettles last year? Better bring some ear plugs! The kids are excited once again to participate in this event. **ALL** the money will be given to help feed the poor and homeless in **Mansfield**.

Please remember to bring an extra dollar or more to our worship service on

**FEBRUARY 5!!!**

**Matthew 25: 34**... come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”



**WHEN PLANNING FOR YOUR FINAL RESTING PLACE**, consider our First English Lutheran Church Columbarium. Brochures about our Columbarium are available in the tract racks, or contact the church office, 419-522-0662.



Please use this form if you would like to give an **Easter lily or daffodil plant** in honor or in memory of a loved one.

**DO NOT PUT YOUR ORDER IN THE OFFERING PLATE.** Bring your order and payment in directly to the church office or drop it in the mail. This will help us prevent names from being inadvertently omitted from the listing.

The deadline for orders is **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26.** The cost of lilies is \$9.00 per plant; the cost of daffodils is \$9.00 per plant.

The lilies and daffodils will decorate the church Easter morning, April 8; they may be taken after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**INSTEAD OF RECEIVING A PLANT,** you may make a donation to one of the listed funds.

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**2012**

**Lily Order:**      Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_      \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$9.00 per plant)

**Daffodil Order:**      Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_      \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$9.00 per plant)

**Donation (no plants):**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Renewing God's House of Prayer Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ General Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Building Maintenance Fund

In **Memory** of \_\_\_\_\_

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In **Honor** of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Person ordering \_\_\_\_\_



## ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS FOR 2012



January 22, 29	July 1, 8, 15, 29
February 5	August 5
March-no flowers during Lent	September 2, 9, 16
April 8, 22, 29	October 21, 28
May 13,	November 4, 18, 21
June 10,	December 2, 9, 30

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE A DATE.**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT FELC HAS A VERY NICE LIBRARY UP ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF LUTHER HALL?**

Come and see! Check out some books to read this winter. Among new additions:"She Shall Be Called Woman." Powerful insights of 29 Old Testament Women, find out why God told us about each of these sisters of ours. You have read about Eve, Sarah, Leah, Miriam, and Deborah. But what about Noah's Wife - Life in a Floating Zoo? And Jochebed - A Basketful of Faith? Widow of Zarephath - From Famine to Faith? Or, Naaman's Servant Girl - Big Faith in a Little Package?

You have probably seen John C. Maxwell on TV. One of his books in the FELC Library is titled, "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership: Follow Them and People Will Follow You." Stephen Arterburn, founder and chairman of New Life Clinics, writes that they truly are the foundation upon which all of us, no matter our position, can build a life, a purpose, and a mission. Zig Ziglar writes in part, "It's loaded with hope, direction, encouragement, and specific procedures."

Be sure to pick up the study guide to accompany the above book,"Learning The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John C. Maxwell.

Wondering what to do with some of your books that you have read and don't have room for? The FELC library accepts donations.

*Jeanne Hillman*, Library Volunteer

Be sure to pick up the study guide to accompany the above book, "Learning The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John C. Maxwell.

## **WORKDAY LADIES NEED MACHINE SEWERS!**

**IF YOU WOULD HAVE TIME TO DONATE AS A MEANS OF HELPING "ASSEMBLE" QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF WE COULD USE YOUR HELP! WE NEED TO GET HELPERS TO CUT SQUARES, SEW SQUARES, KNOT AND TIE THE QUILTS, AND PIN THE HEMS IN PLACE TO BE FINISHED BY MACHINE. AS YOU CAN SEE THERE ARE VARIOUS TASKS THAT CAN BE COMPLETED. PLEASE CONTACT PAT REED AT 419.756.1372 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CAN HELP. (YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SEAMSTRESS TO BE A VALUE IN THIS PROJECT.)**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIME: FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM.**

## ***WARM UP AMERICA PROJECT***

*We continue with the Warm Up America Project which consists of knitting or crocheting a specific size square. Eventually Jane Sprang will take the completed squares and crochet them together into a lovely warm afghan. If you can help produce the squares, see Jane Sprang on Sunday after the 10:00 service. A nice supply of yarn is available at no charge!*

## **LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2012 EMPLOYMENT**

If you are 18 years old, love Jesus, love kids and need a meaningful summer job why not consider applying to LOMO? They are presently accepting applications for various summer positions (counselors, kitchen aids, lifeguards, etc.) You can apply online at: [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org). We have wonderful Camp Mowana right here on the East side of Mansfield, plus there is Camp Luther in Conneaut and Lutheran Memorial Camp in Fulton, OH.

## February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship&Lunch (C/UC) 5:30pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 11:30am Bulletin Assy(3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC)	<b>3</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>**Souper Bowl of Caring**</b> 8:30am PastorsPrayerPartners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 10:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffec 11:30am Alpha (ER) 11:30am Senior Choir Reh	<b>6</b> CHURCHOFFICECLOSED 9:30am Men's Group @ Denny's 10:00am Lydia Circle cookie packing (ER) 1:00pm Sarah Circle (ER) 7:00pm Property Committee (UC)	<b>7</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 pm Bible Study (ER) 7:00pm Prayer Shawl/Evc Circle (ER)	<b>8</b> 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship&Lunch (C/UC) 5:30pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 11:30am Bulletin Assy(3rd fl) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Constitution Revision Committee (ER)	<b>10</b> <b>*Junior High Quake*</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	<b>11</b> <b>*Junior High Quake*</b>
<b>12</b> <b>*Junior High Quake*</b> 8:30am PastorsPrayerPartners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 10:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:30am Alpha (ER) 11:30am Senior Choir Reh	<b>13</b> CHURCHOFFICECLOSED 11:30am Lydia Circle(ER) 1:00pm Finance Committee (FR) 5:00pm Malawi Orphan Care Project (FR) 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	<b>14</b> <b>**Visitor deadline**</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 pm Bible Study (ER) 1:30pm Small group (FR) 7:00pm Council (UC)	<b>15</b> 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship&Lunch (C/UC) 1:00pm Workday Ladies (3rd fl) 5:30pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 11:30am Bulletin Assy(3rd fl) 2:00pm Staff Meeting (FR) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Constitution Revision Committee (ER)	<b>17</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL) 10:30am - 2 PM Friendly Friday Srs (ER)	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30am PastorsPrayerPartners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 10:00am Holy Communion(Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:30am Senior Choir Reh 11:30am Alpha (ER) 5:30pm Confirm Class (UC)	<b>20</b> CHURCHOFFICECLOSED 1:30pm Women's Ministry Team Meeting (ER)	<b>21</b> 9:00am Holy Comm@Elmcroft 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 10:15am Holy Comm@Waterford 12:00pm -1 pm Bible Study (ER) 2:00pm Holy Comm @ Mifflin Care 5:30pm Fastnacht dinner (UC)	<b>22</b> <b>***ASH WEDNESDAY***</b> 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Imposition of Ashes&Lunch (C/UC) 7:00pm Imposition of Ashes (Nave)	<b>23</b> 9:30am Holy Comm@Sterling 11:30am Bulletin Assy(3rd fl) 12:30pm Visitor Assy (3rd fl) 5:30pm Proclaim Reh (UC) 7:00pm Constitution Revision Committee (ER)	<b>24</b> <b>**Senior High Zone**</b> 7:00am Prayer Partners (NL)	<b>25</b> <b>**Senior High Zone**</b> 12:00pm 3 pm Private party (ER)
<b>26</b> <b>**Senior High Zone**</b> 8:30am PastorsPrayerPartners 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Proclaim! (UC) 10:00am Worship (Nave) 11:00am Fellowship/Coffee 11:30am Alpha (ER) 11:30am Senior Choir Reh	<b>27</b> CHURCHOFFICECLOSED 6:30pm Small Group (ER)	<b>28</b> 9:30am CDS (Chapel) 12:00pm -1 pm Bible Study (ER) 1:30pm Small Group (FR) 7:00pm Worship Committee (ER)	<b>29</b> 9:30am CDS Music (UC) 12:10pm Worship&Lunch (C/UC) 5:30pm Lenten Prayer (C) 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers (UC) 7:00pm Lenten Study (Nave)			

**Legend:**

BRC - Blackfork Retreat Center  
 C - Chapel in Luther Hall  
 CDS - Christian Day School  
 Ch Rm - Choir Room  
 ER - Emmaus Room  
     First Floor, Luther Hall  
 FR - Fireside Room  
     Second Floor, Luther Hall  
 Nave - Main Sanctuary  
 UC - Undercroft  
     (church basement)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Third Floor, Luther Hall  
 NL - Narthex Lounge

## Requests for Prayer Chain

Please call **Carol Lauthers** at **419.884.0243** (new home #) or **419.612.4088** (cell) with any requests for special prayers and support. Prayers can be for members or non-members. Also please consider joining this group of prayer warriors!

**Visitor Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, February 14, 2012**  
**Assembled and mailed: Thursday, February 23, 2012**

PLEASE EMAIL ALL ARTICLES TO: [newslettereditor53@yahoo.com](mailto:newslettereditor53@yahoo.com) or leave in the mailslot at upper left of the slots (marked Visitor Editor and/or Connie Stewart. Volunteer editor Jan Fisher can be reached at 419.589.2820.

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