



INCLUSIVE LOVE – MAJOR CHALLENGE!

One of the lessons for the final Sunday in January was I Corinthians 13. What a beautiful message. Marietta Evans told our Wednesday bible study that when she was in high school, her teacher often read this wonderful passage to the class (Back in the day when you could do that in a public classroom!). She believed this was done to continually teach the concept of love. First Corinthians 13 is often read at weddings. It presents such an ideal view of love, as God would teach it to us.

Our new 50 Day Spiritual Journey's title is "GOD'S INCLUSIVE LOVE – NO LIMITS!" Throughout these 50 days, which begin on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), we'll learn much about this love, from the vantage point of God's definitions. Loving people with no limits sounds so poetic, so beautiful, even divine, as only God can perfectly express. But looking more closely we note many circumstances and even "types" of people that one might not easily want to love, or include in our lives: people who do or have harmed us, or people who have done very shameful things in life, or people who simply annoy us greatly. Sometimes we might even wonder if we are included in the circle of God's love – on days when we feel spiritually alone or even abandoned, or when we have done things that we know are so totally unacceptable by normal standards, and we feel unlovable. Yes, accepting, understanding a love given in those circumstances is a major challenge, if not impossible for human beings.

Well, along comes God in Jesus Christ and he turns everything around – loving the unlovable, caring for those whom society has shunned. Moreso, we proclaim and celebrate that this God in Christ loves us so much, with no limits, that God was willing to go to the cross and die for us. Jesus was that focused, that determined to love everyone, that even when we were captured in our sins, he came to love, to sacrifice for our sake. Wow. Inclusive love, beyond human understanding.

Loving the world and its people, with all our warts, imperfections and errors is a challenge. But it is one that is accomplished by God, and who then invites us into these divine acts . . . of inclusive love! Praise God!

FEBRUARY LESSONS

Sun. Feb. 7 5 th Sun. after Epiphany	<u>Isaiah 6:1-8</u> ; Psalm 85:8-13; <u>Luke 5:1-11</u>
Sun. Feb. 14 Transfiguration of our Lord	<u>Jeremiah 17:5-10</u> ; Psalm 99:1-9; <u>Luke 9:28-36</u>
Sun. Feb. 21 1 st Sunday in Lent	<u>Acts 10:34-38</u> ; Psalm 145:8-19; <u>Luke 19:1-10</u>
Sun. Feb. 28 <u>52</u> 2 nd Sunday in Lent	<u>Romans 8:31-39</u> ; Psalm 25:1-7; 16-18; <u>Mark 10:46-52</u>

Underlined lessons are for Contemporary Service

OFFERINGS FOR HAITI RELIEF

We are all well aware of the tragedy in Haiti and the world-wide response to bring medical, food, water relief. Our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has an International Disaster Relief Fund, which provides immediate and lasting support for victims of such tragedies. The ELCA has already offered \$750,000 to support relief efforts and will continue to do so.

100% of all ELCA gifts for Haiti will go directly for these relief efforts. God calls us to be generous and respond to those in need. You may make your gift out to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and earmark that it is for "Haiti" or the "International Disaster Relief of ELCA." Thank you. In addition, all gifts given in February, 2010 may be counted as tax deductible gifts for one's 2009 tax preparations.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010
(Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion)

12:00 noon & 7:30pm

The prophet Joel calls us to a place of profound hope. As we "kick off" this 50 Day Spiritual Journey and message about God's unlimited love, Joel begins with these life giving words: *"Yet even now, return to me with all your heart . . . Return, for your God is gracious and merciful."*

We begin this 50 DSJ with confession and repentance, receiving ashes and the words of life. We are reminded of our baptism into the death of and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which proclaim that amazing, unlimited love for us.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Have you been or had a “prayer partner” before? It is a simple, rich spiritual experience. Two people who either choose to pray with each other, or are paired up by our prayer team, commit themselves to pray for each other. At St. Mark's, we find that committing ourselves to a 50 Day period is a wonderful spiritual discipline, and thus we use the 50 Day Spiritual Journey period.

More information will be coming your way, information about how to pray, when we'll be “pairing up” people who wish to be prayer partners, etc. Throughout February, we'll be “putting on the prayer rush” to hopefully sign up everyone. Each set of partners will simply share confidentially with each other their prayer requests or concerns. . . then each person prays on his or her own, privately, for the other person. No one is watching, checking or evaluating what you say to God.

GOD'S INCLUSIVE LOVE – NO LIMITS!!

St. Mark's 50 Day Spiritual Challenge

Feb. 17 – April 7, 2010

“The Lord is good to all and his compassion is over all that God has made.”

(Ps. 135:9)

Where does God's love begin . . . and does it end? Are there people, circumstances that are too problematic, too distant, so filled with evil or lost such that the love of God can not reach? Are there things we have done that cause us to worry – “Will God forgive, can God still love me?” Theologically, we probably know the answer to these questions. For nothing is beyond the limits of God's love. *But what does that mean?* How can this be possible? Surely this concept of “God's Inclusive Love” is beyond human understanding.

Join us throughout these 50 days as we explore this proclamation – that God's love has no limits.

- Join us Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, as we begin with confession and prayer.
- Faithfully attend 7 consecutive worship services, through Easter Sunday, as this wonderful, inclusive good news is proclaimed.
- Become a “Prayer Partner” with another throughout these 50 Days.
- Note our Wednesday evening presenters as part of our Lenten dinner / worship experience.
- On a daily basis, use the devotional materials that will be mailed to you and provided at the church.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Dinner - 6:00 PM

Speakers - 7:00 PM

February 24

March 3

March 10

March 17

March 24

All Church Potluck

Confirmation Class

Cooking Men of St. Mark's

Men's Bible Study Group

Baked Potato Event

Help begin our five Mid-Week Lenten Meals with a great potluck. Bring your covered dish special on February 24, then stay for the Lenten Speakers. Plan to come every Wednesday at 6 PM for food and fellowship followed by an enriching Lenten Worship Service at 7 PM. See you then! Contact Bill or Nancy Fuson (571-9333) for additional information.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services

“SHOWING GOD’S LOVE FOR ALL”

7:00pm

After our delicious Wednesday Lenten dinners at 6pm, be sure to stay for our Lenten Mid-Week Services of worship. They will include:

Wed. Feb. 24 – The Rev. Ron Bergman, Chaplain, Methodist Country House
Remembering, Responding to the Elderly in our Midst

Wed. Mar. 3 – Jeanne Lee - KenCrest Ministries
**10 Commandments for Communicating With People
With Disabilities**

Wed. Mar. 10 – Pastor Bo Gordy-Smith, Sky-Line Methodist Church
A Church's Journey: Gay/Lesbian Inclusiveness

Wed. Mar. 17 – **Ready to Forgive: An African Story of Grace**
ELCA video about violence and forgiveness in Uganda –
learning to love our enemies.

Wed. Mar. 24 – **Nazir Nasar, Afghan People: Here and Abroad**
Mr. Nasar is a Muslim, and works as manager for IT credit
card services at Barclay Bank. His family was originally
from
Afghanistan.

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**WELCOMING STRANGERS:
OUT OF THE BOX HOSPITALITY !
Our 50 Day Spiritual Journey RETREAT**

As Christians, we are called to offer HOSPITALITY by finding ways to make the stranger feel safe and comfortable. HOSPITALITY is offering "space" where strangers enter welcomed and leave feeling they have been in the company of friends. Isn't this a description of St. Mark's? So why do we need to attend a retreat where we sit around and discuss what we already do well? Come and help us determine whether we are in fact doing all we can do, and being all we can be! I am challenging you to THINK OUT OF THE BOX and BRING yourselves and others to engage in dynamic discussion about how we as a church family open our hearts to people. What does it mean to be in relationship with God and Jesus, and to be faithful to that relationship in the face of a stranger!

WHEN: Saturday, February 27

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

COST: \$10.00

WE WILL DO LUNCH!

REGISTRATION INFO WILL FOLLOW!

SEE YOU AT ST. MARK'S ON THE 27TH!

Bobbie, Gail, Nichole, & Pastor Fred – your friends in Christ.

2010 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

St. Mark's will host WORLD DAY OF PRAYER this year on March 5, 2010 at 10:30 A.M. The theme is "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God." Let us praise God, reflect on God's word, share our stories and renew our commitment to be a community of love and peace in every part of the world. This call to worship in the 2010 WDP service written by the women of Cameroon in West Africa takes its opening from Psalm 150 and begins the way the Psalm does, "Praise God." In the Cameroonian context, people praise God even in or especially during difficult times in their lives. This is because generally we consider life to be God's greatest gift to us. As long as one has breath, there is hope. So we sing in the hope that things will be better.

In today's World this is a message that will benefit everyone, men and women, to hear. Bring your sandwich, and we will provide dessert and drinks as well as extra sandwiches. An offering will be taken. Information regarding services at the other churches will follow in the weekly bulletins when it becomes available.



February – March 2010
9:45 – 10:45am.

- Feb. 7** **Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC), 9:45am in the Great Room**
There will be a forum in the Great Room at 9:45am to learn more about LVC. The Rev. Amy Sens, Regional Director for LVC, 8 Wilmington based LVCers and our own Bill Fuson, Chairperson of the LVC National, will be with us.
- Feb. 14** **Family Promise – 9:45am.**
Family Promise is a metro-Wilmington ecumenical initiative to help house homeless families. It is spearheaded by several churches, and significant leadership is provided by Pastor Paul Lundmark, of Grace Lutheran and Pastor Patrick Downs of St. Phillips. Nancy Goyda will be our guest for this presentation.
- Feb. 21 -** **“Crash Course on the New Testament”**
Mar. 28 Led by Suzanne Singles and Karen Schuldt, this class will give an overview of the New Testament. Participants will discover the story of Christianity and its relevance for us today. The study guide is for sale in the narthex for \$9.00.
- Feb. 21 –** **“Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear”**
Mar. 28 Led by Judy Burns and Ellen Rendle, this DVD-led class is based on the book by Max Lucado. In Max’s words: “Fear seems to be in the driver’s seat these days. People are troubled and anxious. Finances are tumbling, rockets are launching, and seemingly solid institutions are teetering. It’s tough for folks to know where to turn.
The book is available in the narthex for \$15.00. It is not necessary to read the book to participate in the class.

LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Come to a special forum February 7 at 9:45am. Several members of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps will share their current experiences working as full time volunteers with local social justice organizations. Volunteers involved in this national program must commit to a year of service, and are assigned to an organization based on their skills and the needs of the “hiring” organization. There is no requirement that the volunteers be Lutheran, in fact a person of any faith can apply. They deepen their spirituality by living together in intentional household communities of four to seven people and by living a simple, sustainable lifestyle. A stipend that covers basic living expenses is provided, and the volunteers are expected to become involved in the community in which they are placed. There are LVC volunteers in sixteen cities in the US. Founded in 1979 in Washington DC, the organization has placed over 1800 volunteers over the years. This year Wilmington has two houses with a total of eight volunteers. The corps helps communities tackle the various challenges that face our cities today, such as education, public safety, human needs, and the environment. Social justice must be part of the goals of the organizations in which the volunteers are placed. The overall goal of the organization is to change communities by helping to provide services in fundraising, perhaps, or recruiting or creating better systems for dealing with local problems.

Come to this forum and meet these enthusiastic young adults from across the country. You will learn how they are making a difference in our city, and deepen your understanding of this ministry.

FAMILY PROMISE

Don't miss a special opportunity on February 14, 2010 to learn about an organization called Family Promise. This is an ecumenical initiative to keep homeless families together utilizing local churches as host churches. This program will start for the first time in Delaware in early March. Three area Lutheran churches, St. Phillips, Grace and Good Shepherd are serving as host churches. Host churches house homeless families one week each quarter. We will see you on the 14th during Sunday School Hour. Nancy Goyda will be our guest and will introduce us to this tremendous program. Maybe the Spirit will move us to be part of this program. For more information, see www.familypromisede.org.

CRASH COURSE ON THE NEW TESTAMENT

Come join us for this 6 week course that is good for a seasoned believer or a brand-new Christian. We'll see how Jesus has played a role in the world from creation to now. We'll also discover how the early church was born and how it survived great persecution. We'll take look at the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the early believers and our lives now. This is a story of a people that God so loved that he sent his Son as a sacrifice to redeem them. The New Testament is a story of the birth of Christianity, the fulfillment of the Old Testament, and the promise of God's kingdom to come. The class starts on Feb. 21, 2010 and runs through Palm Sunday. It will be led by Suzanne Singles and Karen Schuldt. The study guide is for sale in the narthex for \$9.00

FEARLESS

Come join us as we dig into the topic of fear. This study was written by New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado, based on his book titled Fearless. There is fear all around us, wars, crime, recession, layoffs, and epidemics. This study helps us to work towards replacing fear with faith as our default reaction to threats. Envision the day when you can trust more and fear less.

The class starts on Feb. 21, 2010 and runs through Palm Sunday

It will be led by Judy Burns and Ellen Rendle

The book "Fearless" is on sale in the Narthex for \$15.00

It is not necessary to read the book to participate in the class

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study continues each Monday night from 7:00-8:30pm. We will continue our study of the book of Hebrews, comparing the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. I hope to see you as we study God's Word and have some good relaxed fellowship. If you have any questions call John Rendle at 302-425-4977.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study resumed meeting again **Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7pm**. They will decide together their study plan for the next few months. If you have ideas, please bring them (the Holy Spirit may be working through you!). One possibility is "The Purpose Driven Life," but there are many other good studies available. For more information, contact Kitty Dombroski (302-373-5109).

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DOMBROSKI'S DEN Bible Study

They are now studying "Jesus Christ" found at www.electronicgospel.org. It is a thirteen week study of the many metaphors and idioms used to refer to Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday night at 6:00 PM or check out the website for FREE bible studies for your own use. If you are interested in joining us, please call Kitty Dombroski for directions to her house. (302-373-5109).

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

The St. Mark's Altar Guild needs you! The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing and tending to the altar and sanctuary for weekly worship services. We are looking for anyone interested in being a Guild Member or an Altar Guild Aide.

The time commitment is minimal, just an hour or two every couple months and the spiritual reward significant.

If you have an interest or feel a calling to support the congregation in this manner, please contact:

Kristin Olsen at 302-981-7622 or Peg Belak at 302-475-8408.

Also feel free to join us at our next meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 8 in the Seminary Room at church.

SUPERSTARS FOR HILLTOP

March 6, 2010

SuperStars for Hilltop, the Center's annual fundraiser, will be held on Saturday evening, March 6, starting at 7:00 (teams are requested to arrive around 6:30) at the Washington Street, Wilmington YMCA. Teams from the Lutheran Churches around New Castle County compete in: basket shooting, walleyball, a relay race, and swimming races.

Each team should consist of 8 to 10 people (at least 2 female) age 15 years and over. We need 5 people (again 2 women) for the swimming races.

Cost is \$15 per contestant. T-shirts and refreshments are provided. Each church is requested to give a \$250 entrance fee. People can contribute to this by writing a check to St. Mark's with "Hilltop SuperStars" on the memo. Please give to ushers. Thank you!

ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR A TEAM CAPTAIN AND CONTESTANTS!

Lois Greeff 999-0501

SOJOURNER'S PLACE BREAKFAST MINISTRY

On the fourth Sunday of the month, St. Mark's members provide breakfast for the residents at Sojourners. We meet at Sojourner's Place about 7:10am on the fourth Sunday of the month. We bring food, prepare the meal and serve breakfast for about 35 people. Interaction with the residents and developing relationships is a key part of the morning. Dates for 2010:

February 28	March 28	April 26
May 23	June 27	July 25
August 22	September 26	October 24
November 28	December 26	

In addition to the breakfast ministry, St. Mark's members also provide transportation to worship and other functions for the residents. Is God calling you to this special ministry? Pray for God's guidance. We invite you to join us on the fourth Sunday of the month for breakfast – you will find this most rewarding. Or, perhaps you would like to help with transportation. For information, contact Greg Landrey (302-761-9476) or email him at glandrey@winterthur.org.

BUSY, BUSY CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!!

This year the confirmation class is studying the bible in depth. Having finished a survey of the Old Testament in the fall and early winter, we are now studying the New Testament, particularly the ministry of Jesus Christ. In addition to these studies during our Wednesday classes, we completed in January, or will be doing in February - - wonderful social, service, and learning things!

- Jan. 27, we visited Sojourner's Place, brought home-baked cupcakes to share and learned from the residents about their life experiences.
- Jan. 29 – “Burgers and Bowling Night” was a blast! (Ok, ok, you got me. This article was written before the 29th, but we expect that it be a blast!!)
- Feb. 12-14 – Hold your breath – it's the annual Winter Retreat! We'll be learning about the “Last Supper,” in preparation for Lent, and, of course, playing in the snow, skiing, etc.

Thank you to the parents and adults who will be helping us in February, and all the support this past month.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THANKS

I cannot begin to express the gratitude and the warmth in my heart for the Bazaar Committee and all of our church supporters who worked tirelessly to make the Christmas Bazaar such a success. Our total this year grossed \$12,000, but that is only a number. What we have truly achieved is a positive event where everyone can celebrate, enjoy fellowship and secure monies for our church needs and outreach programs. The success of this event goes to the wonderful committee who worked tirelessly, donated as necessary and who possessed a creative spirit that amazed our church community and me. Thanks also is extended to our church family who supported this event, crafted, baked, cooked, served, covered table shifts, made signs, or helped to set up and clean up. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful church community.

God's peace in the New Year.

Karen Hansell

HILLTOP LUTHERAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER THANKS

THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS were made joyous through the generous gifts from members of St. Mark's and other congregations. St. Mark's provided 11 overflowing baskets at Thanksgiving for Hilltop area families. For Christmas we provided 24 beautifully wrapped toy and clothing gifts for very young children who attend the Hilltop programs. Sincere thanks to all who helped provide these gifts. You helped reassure these struggling families that God loves them abundantly, even in difficult times!

Thank you, Lois Greeff

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

As we begin another new year, let me first thank all who participated in our exceptional Christmas Pageant, "Christmas Special Delivery." It was wonderful to have the students and adults join together and present such a meaningful and uplifting program emphasizing the real reason for the season. I want to acknowledge and give special thanks to those listed below for sharing their talents with us.

- Adults: Larry Friday, Gene Beachboard, Morgan Seward, Romie Lutz and Beverly Lewis-Carpenter
- Students: Nyah Wilson, Makada and Hareena Houston, Rebecca Lewis-Carpenter, Michael and Mariya Gilbert, Alexander and Michael Lutz, Ben Mills, Alec Augustine, Lauren Singles, Emmi Irwin and Nick Lauber
- Soloists: Sierra Plath, Dana Schrack, Kristina Johnson and Morgan Nicholson
- Set Crew: Tim Gilbert, Alan Singles, Barbara Cymbala, Tyler Cymbala and Clay Helmick
- All Sunday School children and teachers who sang, participated and helped

Also, we were blessed and truly grateful to have Gail Rodger and Liz Lauber provide their directing and music expertise. What a special time for each of us to grow in our faith and fellowship, together preparing to share the most wonderful message of hope and love – God's best gift – Jesus!

MANY THANKS to all who have been supporting our Sunday School Service Projects.

Along with our local community, the Sunday School once again supported **Stockings for Soldiers** and helped in sending over 4,000 Stockings to deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We especially need to thank our talented Sunday School teacher, Lois Jones, who sewed several hundred stockings! Everyone's generosity and caring spirit touched many of our servicemen and women so far away from home at Christmas. Thank you for supporting our community and for sharing God's love with members of our military.

The Sunday School also supports **L.I.F.E. Lutherans Involved in Food Emergencies** two times per year. Food items were donated in November and we will once again support this ministry in March. In these hard economic times, what a great way we can, together with our church family, offer love and support to those in our community.

On January 10, students and their families brought in much needed items for the

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homeless. Thank you for joining **St. Mark's Coat Ministry** and supporting those in need.

We look forward to our special Sundays where we join our church family in worship and service. Please note the special SOS dates below:

- **February 14 – SOS** – Students will hand out special Valentine treats to members of the congregation during both Services. At 4:00pm, students will be sharing songs and love with residents from Luther Towers during their church service. Please mark this day on your calendar and join us as we share God's love with our church family and with those at Luther Towers.
- **March 14 - SOS** - We are asking students and their families to join us in supporting L.I.F.E. Lutherans Involved in Food Emergencies by donating non-perishable food items (i.e. canned goods, peanut butter, cereal, etc). These items will be given to the Food Pantry at Lutheran Community Services. Students and their families will bring forward their donated items at both services.
- **March 28 - Palm Sunday** – Students will help distribute palms
- **April 11 - SOS**

As always, we ask for your support and continued prayers. We give thanks for the opportunity to share God's love with you, your children, and with those in our community.

Blessings and peace,

Barb Gilbert
Sunday School Coordinator



STEPHEN MINISTRY

CHANGE

One of the few things we can count on in life is change. As January starts a new year, we think about the many changes that have occurred or will occur in our lives. Some changes are good; others cause much difficulty. Children grow up, friends move away, we change jobs, homes, even spouses. If we are lucky, we get to retire from our jobs and start new activities. Change can bring joy, but it can also bring loneliness, sadness, and anxiety. Stephen Ministers understand these difficulties, and can help during difficult periods. Stephen Ministers have been trained to “be there” and to provide support during times of loss or adjustment. Caring friends can also help in times of stress.

As we travel through life, the one thing that does not change is God’s presence in our lives. We can call on God during times of difficulty or despair and feel his love and compassion. We can take a few minutes each day to step away from our hurried distractions to pray, to be alone with God, and to experience his healing.

Barbara Sheridan



LCS Served Record Numbers in 2009 – over 70,000!

Altogether, through its various emergency food and housing services – including that of the LCS FAITH Center – LCS served 70,236 people in 2009. That is a significant increase since the previous year (2008), when we served 66,614 people. All this shows how the demand for the safety net of services LCS provides has continued to grow. To serve this need, LCS has been operating at full capacity.

Food continues to be the largest area of LCS service. In 2009, we provided food for 56,139 people, up from 55,354 the year before.

LCS **housing** grants and no-interest loans for back rent, mortgage and security deposits helped 522 people in 2009, up slightly from 2009. Senior home repairs stayed about the same, and helped 175 elderly folks.

Free clothing went to 4,860 people, up about 20%. Smoking cessation assistance was also up about 20%, reaching 5,470 people. Medical rides (1,687) and the Retired Men's Luncheon Club (200) activity remained relatively constant.

Growth at the LCS FAITH Center was everywhere apparent. Operating from its offices on Walnut Street in Wilmington, the LCS FAITH Center provides low income folks with emergency housing, utility and other back-to-work grants. It helped 1,158 people in 2009, **almost double** the 603 served a year earlier.

Wow! What a year. LCS sincerely thanks its supporters and volunteers for making it possible to meet the need among those less fortunate.

News from Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware: Our mission is to show our Faith in God through fellowship, outreach and service.

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware was reviewed by the Quadrennial Review Ministry team on December 1st and 2nd. The team consisted of Nancy Gable (Region 8 Coordinator) Gettysburg Theological Seminary; Pastor John Ranney, Delaware-Maryland Synod Council Representative Lutheran Office of Public Policy for Delaware and Pastor Matthew Riegel, Lutheran Campus Ministry West Virginia University. The two day event included interviews with Alumni, Director of Student Services, Pastors of local churches, Director of Lutheran Community Services, Student leaders, Pastor Heggen, University staff members and members of the Board. The visit included Tuesday evening worship and meal. The review committee approved the written Quadrennial Review Ministry Plan completed by LCM. The committee was impressed with the combined effort of the Board, students, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Lutheran Community Services. The LCM Board will be reviewing the completed written report at a retreat in February. Special thanks to Matt and Kathy Kazmar and Chris Ebert.

Each Lutheran Congregation in New Castle County is encouraged to support LCM at the University of Delaware by planning a youth group fund-raiser to benefit the FISH program, recruit people to provide a meal for a Tuesday evening in February, March or April, continue to raise prayers for the students, Board members and Pastor Heggen. Please call Pastor Heggen or Ann Warner at 368-3078 to volunteer or to schedule a meal.

It is easy to support Lutheran Campus Ministry every day at www.igive.com/LCM-DE and www.goodsearch.com. Both sites provide taskbars for your browser, so every time you do an internet search, LCM will benefit. Both sites provide portals for on-line shopping. Participating vendors donate a portion of your purchase to your designated charity. There's no additional cost to you and LCM can benefit for the shopping you are doing. Please join in this easy way to support Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware.
Shirley Glines LCM Secretary

Praying+Caring+Thinking+Daring+in the Name of Jesus

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LITURGISTS & COM. WORKERS

Coordinator - Fred Meckley (traditional)
Bobbie Dukes & Diana Longhenry (contemporary)

Feb. 7

8:30 Barbara Gilbert CA Karen Johnson
11:00 WL Annette Friday R Lori Weniger
CA Lisa & Amanda Rosenblatt Setup: A. Friday

Feb. 14

8:30 Steve Mills
11:00 WL Lois Broeker R Demeter Picciotti
CA John & Lori Weniger Setup S. Dembowczyk

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday

12:00 Fred Meckley CA Allen Kirk
7:30pm Romie Lutz CA Bryan Longhenry

Feb. 21 – Youth Sunday

8:30 Al Leigh CA Rob Shindel
11:00 WL Rob Shindel R Rebecca Shindel
CA L. Broeker & D. Picciotti Setup: J. Sullivan

Feb. 24 – Midweek Service

7:30pm Annette Friday

Feb. 28

8:30 Barbara Sheridan
11:00 WL Kathy Watson R Andrew Watson
CA Frank & Judy Burns Setup: D. Longhenry
CA - Communion Assistant WL – Worship Leader
R – Reader Setup – Communion Setup

ACOLYTES

Coordinator – Susan Shustack

Feb. 7

8:30 HC John Augustine/Jessica Lepre
11:00 HC Keegan Lane

Feb. 14

8:30 Emily McAllister
11:00 HC Amanda Rosenblatt

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday

7:30pm HC EmilyShustack/ Molly Shustack

Feb. 21

8:30 HC Nicole Morken/Shannon Morken
11:00 HC Colin Scanlan

Feb. 28

8:30 Paige Burkett
11:00 Andrew Watson

Coordinators: Openers – Rick Siple; Closers – Rick Johnson

OPENERS CLOSERS

1st Sunday	Elise Mitchell	Robert Fitch
2nd Sunday	Rick Siple	Rick Johnson
3rd Sunday	Arloe Olsen	Lori & John Weniger
4th Sunday	Rick Siple	Bob Fehrman
5th Sunday	Barbara Breisch	Bob Fehrman

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<p>NURSERY Coordinator –</p> <p><u>Feb. 7</u> 8:30 Linda Lange, Judy Burns 11:00 Jeanne Higley, Beverly Carpenter</p> <p><u>Feb. 14</u> 8:30 Elise Mitchell, Tina & Paige Burkert 11:00 Jennifer Melvin, Katie Scanlan</p> <p><u>Feb. 21</u> 8:30 Kitty Dombroski, Maddie Helmick 11:00 Romie Lutz, John Swift</p> <p><u>Feb. 28</u> 8:30 Barbara Breisch, Jessica Lepre 11:00 Kelly Simmons, Emily McAllister</p>	<p>USHERS Coordinators - Bob Pierson (traditional) Lori Weniger (contemporary)</p> <p><u>Feb. 7</u> 8:30 Charles James, Bob Pierson Mike Johnson, Don Bowlby 11:00 Francine Passerini & Robert Fitch</p> <p><u>Feb. 14</u> 8:30 George Griebel, Richard Johnson Rick Siple, Charles Bartlett 11:00 Susan Dembowczyk, Joseph Dordell</p> <p><u>Feb. 21</u> 8:30 Arloe Olsen, Walt Thompson Sean Thompson, Veronika Miketa 11:00 John & Lori Weniger</p> <p><u>Feb. 28</u> 8:30 Vic & Carol Antes Chuck & Judy Stadler 11:00 volunteers</p>
<p>GREETERS Coordinators: Gladys Kleiss-8:30 Harold Heitmann – 11:00</p> <p><u>Feb. 7</u> 8:30 Arloe & Terry Olsen 11:00 Joe Dordell, Kris McMahan</p> <p><u>Feb. 14</u> 8:30 Ray & Karen Hansell 11:00 John & Lori Weniger</p> <p><u>Feb. 21</u> 8:30 Gladys Kleiss, Jackie Hathaway 11:00 Tim & Nichole Bishop</p> <p><u>Feb. 28</u> 8:30 Barbara Breisch 11:00 Rob & Rebecca Shindel</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</p> <p>1st Sunday – Puppet Ministry 2nd Sunday – Katie Pollock 3rd Sunday – (8:30) Tim & Shannon Kadtko (11:00) 4th Sunday – Barbara Melvin (8:30) Selma Tepper (11:00) 5th Sunday – Ellen Rendle</p>