



# The Spirit of Our Lord's Lutheran Church



*"Called to Share Christ's Love with All"*

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## Weekend Worship Themes:

### WEEKEND WORSHIP THEMES: "JOURNEY WITH JESUS"

Mar 5-6: "Mountaintop  
Experiences" (Matt. 17:1-9)

Mar 12-13: "Faithful Mission"  
(Matt. 4:1-11)

Mar 19-20: "Big Questions"  
(John 3:1-17)

Mar 26-27: "Thirsting for More"  
(John 4:5-42)

## From Your Pastor

### JOURNEY WITH JESUS

A long and inspiring Epiphany Season is over. "You are the light of the world," Jesus has labeled the Spirit-led calling that we share with him.

In this month of March we begin the season of Lent, a very special time in our Church Year, where we consciously "Journey with Jesus" to Jerusalem and to the Cross.

Lent is a time of intentional reflection on our need for a renewed relationship with God whom we have come to know intimately in the compassionate mission of Jesus.

The traditional 40-day journey of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 9) and concludes with Holy Week (April 17-24) and Easter (April 24).

Ash Wednesday at Our Lord's Lutheran Church includes the ancient Christian tradition of the "Imposition of Ashes" as a sign of repentance and a turning away from those things that hinder us from experiencing the fullness of life that Jesus embodies.

Midweek Lenten Services, on Wednesday evenings after Ash Wednesday, include Soup Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer to facilitate our Lenten renewal.

Weekend Worship in Lent also joins our faith journey to the journey of Jesus. In profound readings from the Gospels, Jesus experiences temptation in the wilderness, encourages a religious elder to see all of life differently, offers welcome to an ethnic outcast, gives healing to a blind man, and brings a dear friend new life from death.

The result of Jesus' faithfulness to the mission of healing and love from his Heavenly Father is that he is killed by those who want to stop God's way of love in the world. But the brutality of the Cross leads finally to the New Life of the Resurrection.

In the Risen One, God has transformed even the darkest of times to bring the surprise of new life and eternal embrace. That is the Life we share with Jesus in our Baptism.

As we look at our mission personally and as a community of faith, God's Spirit grounds us in the faithfulness of Jesus. We see that more clearly in this holy season.

Blessed Lenten Journey,

Pastor John Lottes

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## WORSHIP

(For more information and details, see our "Worship Opportunities" brochure or visit our website: [www.ourlords.org](http://www.ourlords.org))

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Imposition of Ashes  
Holy Communion  
Wednesday, March 9, 2011  
7:00 pm  
Worship Center Sanctuary

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays in Lent, Mar 16-Apr 13  
6:00 pm, Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm, Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary  
Worship Center

### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Holy Communion  
Sundays, 8:00 & 10:45 am  
*Hospitality Hour, 9:15-10:30 am*  
Worship Center Sanctuary

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Holy Communion  
Saturdays, 5:00 pm  
*Hospitality Hour, 6:15 pm*  
Worship Center Sanctuary

## CHURCH FESTIVALS

Listed on our **MARCH** calendar are these Church Festivals that are on page 15 (with Scripture Readings and Prayers on p. 55) of our Hymnal:

- 9 – **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 19 – **JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF JESUS**
- 25 – **ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD**



On page 15 of the Hymnal, you will also notice other Commemorations of martyrs (**Thomas Cranmer, Bishop Romero**), church leaders, missionaries (**Patrick, Jonathan Edwards**), teachers, renewers of church (**John & Charles Wesley**) or society, hymn writers, and musicians.



### An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind always be at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



## January 2011

Receipts exceeded expenditures by 820.11

YTD receipts exceeded expenditures by 820.11

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Cash unrestricted                    | 39,159 |
| Replacement reserve                  | 28,424 |
| Cash—Designated for special purposes | 14,021 |

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| Venturing in Faith contributions        | 15,406  |
| Cumulative since campaign inception     | 338,723 |
| Principal paid on mortgage              | 3,107   |
| Remaining principal balance on mortgage | 571,253 |

Submitted by Matt Anderson

## The Pit

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.

*A subjective* person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

*An objective* person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

*A Pharisee* said, "Only bad people fall into pits."

*A mathematician* calculated how he fell into the pit.

*A news reporter* wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

*An IRS agent* asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

*A self-pitying* person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit!"

*A fire-and-brimstone preacher* said, "You deserve your pit."

*A Christian Scientist* observed, "The pit is just in your mind."

*A psychologist* noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."

*A self-esteem therapist* said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."

*An optimist* said, "Things could be worse."

*A pessimist* claimed, "Things will get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

Church bulletin in Australia

# EDUCATION

(For more information and details, see our "Adult Education Opportunities" and "Children & Youth" brochures or visit our website: [www.ourlords.org](http://www.ourlords.org))

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Ages: Pre-K to Grade 5  
Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am  
Location: Life Center Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Laura Schoenecker

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Topics: 10 Commandments & Lord's Prayer  
Time: Sundays, 9:15-10:30 am  
Location: Worship Center Fellowship Hall  
Leaders: Pastor John & Angie Nemsy & 8 Guides

## **HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY CLASS**

Topic: "Choices, Choices, Choices: Managing My Life"  
Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am  
Location: Worship Center Youth Room  
Leaders: Debby Gunderson & Dona Racich

## **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Topic: "Gospel Readings; Oberammergau Passion Play"  
Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am  
Location: Worship Center Conference Room  
Leader: Jim Lemke

## **TWO WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

### **Morning Glories Bible Study**

Topic: "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity"  
Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 10:00 A.M.  
Location: Life Center Conference Room  
Leader: Debby Gunderson

### **Questions Bible Study**

Topic: "The Historical Jesus," DVD Course by Dr. Bart Ehrman, Prof. of New Testament at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Time: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M.  
Location: Life Center Conference Room  
Leader: Dona Racich

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN PRESENTATION**

Topic: "Lent & Antarctica Travels"  
Time: Wednesday, Mar 16, after Evening Prayer  
Location: Worship Center Conference Room  
Leaders: Jim & Marcine Lemke  
Description: The Lemkes will share awe inspiring pictures taken on their expedition to the southernmost continent. This is truly a viewing of God's unspoiled Creation. All age groups are welcome.

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN STUDY**

Book: "Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers," by Martin Marty  
Time: 4 Wednesdays in Lent after Evening Prayer (Mar 23-Apr 13)  
Location: Worship Center Conference Room  
Leader: Pastor John

## **FOUR-POINT BIBLE STUDY**

Topic: "The Gospel of Matthew"  
Time: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 5:15 pm  
Location: Worship Center Conference Room  
Leader: Pastor John

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY**

Topic: Informal, determined by participants  
Time: Saturdays at 7:30 am (*other than Men's Club Saturdays*)  
Location: Worship Center Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Pastor John

## **PASSIONSSPIELE 2010**

A series of presentations at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings March 13, March 20, and March 27.

A synopsis of the Passion Play presented in Oberammergau, Germany, featuring the music of the drama.

Come journey with us:

- Jesus Enters Jerusalem
- Jesus in Bethany
- The Cleansing of the Temple
- Jesus' Meal With His Disciples
- Jesus on Mount Olive-The Arrest
- Jesus Interrogated and Mocked
- Peter's Denial, Judas' Despair
- Jesus Before Pilate
- The Way of the Cross-Crucifixion
- Encounter With the Risen Christ

This series will be led by Jim and Marcine Lemke

## **LAUGHTER**

Laughter is the purest form of our response to God. Whether or not the great saints were capable of levitation, I have no evidence. I do know that the saints had the power of levity . . . Laughter is the purest form of our response to God's acceptance of us. For when I laugh at myself I accept myself.  
 —H. A. Williams, **Tensions**



## FELLOWSHIP

(For more information and details, see our "Fellowship Ministries" brochure or visit our website: [www.ourlords.org](http://www.ourlords.org))

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

On Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30-7:30 pm, Our Lord's is hosting a traditional "SHROVE TUESDAY" PANCAKE SUPPER the day before Ash Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall of the Worship Center. The Menu includes pancakes, sausage, and fruit medley. (*Pancakes* are traditionally associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foodstuffs such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.) Tickets (\$5 for adults and \$2 for children five and under) will be available at Saturday and Sunday worship services. **Friends are welcome!**



### NEW MEMBERS & SPONSORS "SUNDAY DINNER"

On Sunday, March 13, at 12 Noon immediately after the second service, we are having a cooperative "Sunday Dinner" for New Members (and their Sponsors) who have joined Our Lord's during the past 12 months. The "cooperative" part is that participants are asked to bring a main dish, salad, cold side dish, or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Our goals are to celebrate the blessing of those who are new among us and facilitate getting to know one another. A letter of invitation has gone out to our 42 new members and the more than 30 sponsors. **NOTE TO CURRENT MEMBERS! We need a hospitality team to do the set-up and clean-up for the event.** If you can help, please let Dana know by calling her at 344-0752.

### COLLEGE STUDENT SPRING BREAK "CAMP-IN"

Who: College students and friends

Goals: Take a break, watch movies, play games, eat pizza

Time: Fri, Mar 11, at 4 pm to Sat, Mar 12, at 5 pm

Bring: Snack & beverage & games to share; and \$5.00 for pizza

Location: Life Center Fellowship Hall

Coordinators/More Info: Alison, Caleb, & Natalie

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Current Fixation: "Search for the Perfect Pizza"

Time: First Saturday at 6:30 pm

Location: recommended eateries (*carpool from church*)

Leaders: Pastor John & others

## OUR LORD'S RETREAT: A SUCCESS!

From the moment OLLC members began to gather on Saturday to design their family crests until the last dessert was eaten on Sunday, the retreat was a resounding success! 60 OLLC adults, families, teens, children, and grandchildren enjoyed recreation, thought provoking discussions around "Living Simply," activities for the children, worship, and fellowship.



January 22 and 23rd Our Lord's Retreat took place at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, Illinois. There were planned activities by age group, games, rock climbing, ping pong, racquetball, volleyball, basketball, and swimming. Families had the option to just relax or participate in the varied activities. The meals in the dining hall were delicious and plentiful. Many relationships were begun or renewed during this special time!

Adult discussion groups were led by Dave Gocken (Creation Care), Dana Callahan (Faith Formation at Home), and Karen Tilashalski (Re-energizing Your Life). Alisha Hoffmann, Melanie Robison and Ed and Laura Foppe led the teen workshops. Tweens participated in sessions led by Brian Robison, Alisha Hoffmann, and Dana Callahan. The younger children worked with Jaime and Brian Henderson, Dana Callahan, and Vicki Lottes.



Worship opportunities began with a beautiful and peaceful Taize meditation service Saturday night that was led by Brian Robison (our vicar last year). He also led Sunday's worship celebration that was planned by Pastor Lottes. Because

of illness our music changed at the last minute. Loretta Williams, Kathy Hoelscher and Vicki Lottes stepped in to assist. Dana Callahan provided a large labyrinth in a quiet room for individuals to "walk a prayer."

Members of the Retreat Planning Team were Dana Callahan, Vicki Lottes, Karen Tilashalski, Dave Gocken, Lynn Kampwerth, Ed and Laura Foppe, Jordan Wildermuth and Alisha Hoffmann.

The consensus from all participants was that this was a restful and fun midwinter retreat! A big thank you to a number of members who contributed generously to the scholarship fund! This made the weekend affordable so that families could participate. Pictures from the retreat will be posted around the church.

OLLC's Retreat next year is **January 21-22, 2012**. See you there! (*Vicki Lottes*)

## Men's Club:

The March Men's Club meeting will be the same as was intended for February which we missed because of the snow! Except, the chefs will be Fred Tatjenhorst and Jim Trucano! Come and enjoy the food, fellowship and fun!



## Daytrippers

Our Lord's DayTrippers will meet on Monday, March 21st for a trip south to O'Fallon. We'll have lunch at the 17th Street Bar and Grill on Route 50. This restaurant has a national reputation and was given the honor of having "best ribs" by Bon Appetit, so bring your appetite. After lunch everyone can choose an activity of choice such as the nearby movie (15 screens) or shopping at Garden Ridge for spring stuff! We'll carpool from church at 10:45 a.m. Sign up on the WC bulletin board. Call the Lemkes' for more details.

## Women's Book Club

Thursday, March 10, 7 pm. The book is **The Widower's Tale** by Julia Glass. Location to be announced. For more information, call Marcine Lemke.



## Late Boomers

We will be meeting on March 11. Time and place to be announced. Contact JoAnn Hartke or Lori Fremder for more information.



## ENCOURAGING E-MAIL FOR NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

In the interest of saving money related to postage, saving time used for folding and sorting newsletters, and saving paper and related costs, we are encouraging our members to receive their monthly newsletters by e-mail. If this option is workable for you, please contact Loretta in the office.

## PREVIEWS OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances:

### April

- Theme: "New Life in Christ" (Easter)
- Midweek Lenten Dinners & Evening Prayer, through Apr 13
- Red Cross Blood Drive, Apr 13
- Palm/Passion Weekend, Apr 16-17
- Holy Week, Apr 17-24
- Maundy Thursday & Seder Meal, Apr 21
- Good Friday, Apr 22
- Easter Vigil, Apr 23
- Easter, Apr 24

### May

- Theme: "Community in Christ"
- Maryville Mayor's Prayer Dinner, May 5
- Mother's Day, May 8
- Last Day of Sunday School, May 8
- Sunday School Teacher Appreciation, May 15
- Confirmation, May 22
- Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30

### June

- Theme: "Life in the Spirit"
- Annual Calendar Planning Meeting, June 1
- Ascension Day, June 2
- Summer Midweek Worship, *Wednesdays*
- Pentecost Weekend, June 4-5
- Father's Day, June 19

## NEW MEMBERS & SPONSORS

New Members were welcomed at our Annual Meeting on January 30. They include (with sponsors): **Terry & Kathie Brady** (Bill & Sarah Davidson); **Ryan Brakehane & Gared Dobsch** (Brian Lotz & Danté Hunter); **Dennis & Joette McNeilly** (Brian & JoAnn Hartke); **Denise Newbold** (Mary Goodwin); **Jeri Vosseller** (Jim & Marcine Lemke); and **Matthew, Stephanie, & Olivia Zipprich** (Joe & Kelly Stottler). **Welcome to the Our Lord's Family!**



## SERVICE

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: [www.ourlords.org](http://www.ourlords.org))

## LAY MINISTRY

### Lenten Offerings

The Social Ministry Team Lenten offering this year will go to Haiti Partners, an organization out of Vero Beach, FL, that uses its resources toward rebuilding Haiti, using Haitians in key jobs giving them a way to make a living.

For more information: [www.haitipartners.org](http://www.haitipartners.org)  
Please prayerfully donate to this worthy cause.

Thank you.

The Social Ministry Team

### THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF EVANGELISM

The gift that moves believers to reach nonbelievers in such a way that they are baptized and become active members of the Christian community is the Spiritual gift of Evangelism.

I believe that Our Lord's children and youth are filled with the gift of evangelism – just take notice of how many of them bring friends to worship and Sunday School. There are many opportunities for our adults to use this gift at Our Lord's, too.

At our Annual Meeting in January, we received the results of the Vision 2015 survey of the congregation. We learned that "the number one priority for the congregation according to our survey is Visitor and New Member support" (Report of Long Range Planning Team.)

To be effective in our mission of supporting visitors and new members, **we need a Ministry Team to organize new member classes, find sponsors for our prospective new members, and follow-up with our visitors** (see **Dream Team** article in today's newsletter.)

Our church would also benefit from having a long-term **Evangelism Ministry Team** that would advertise and publicize Our Lord's, bring the love of Christ to those who cannot walk through our doors, and develop a strategic plan for outreach.

If you feel called to lead or serve on one of these Ministry Teams, please contact Dana at 344-0752.

--Dana Callahan

### UNIVERSITY OF LIFE: Spring Semester 2011

In an effort to save paper and printing costs, the course catalog for the University of Life is going to be formatted differently. There is a **display in the Narthex** from which you can select only the "mini-brochures" which are of interest to you and your family.

## A CALL TO SERVE

Collinsville Faith in Action's Elder Connection is **in need of individuals (or couples) to drive and socialize with care receivers at social events scheduled once a month**, usually on a Saturday or Sunday, lasting no longer than 2 to 3 hours. Care receivers look forward to these monthly outings as a remedy for cabin fever and fellowship. The next event for which they need help is **Saturday, March 12 at 11:30-3:00 p.m.** Drivers are needed to pick up participants and drive them to St. John Evangelical UCC Church, 307 W. Clay St. in Collinsville for a special soup & salad luncheon and a movie in their theater. Please contact Nancy Kaprelian at 799-9085 if you can help with this event or one of the others listed below.

April – Visit Llama Farm in Fairview Heights/Lunch

May – Visit Confluence Tower in Alton

June – Visit Missouri Botanical Garden

July – No Event Scheduled

August – Lunch at Culver's in Collinsville

September – Lunch at the Happy Cow in Caseyville

October – Halloween Party in Collinsville

November – CAMA Thanksgiving Service

## MINISTRY "DREAM" TEAMS

Would you like to be part of a new ministry team? Not all good ideas for Ministry Teams have yet been implemented. And, you may be energized to begin a team that has not yet been identified. Here are some ideas for Ministry Teams that have been mentioned recently:

- **New Member/Visitor Team:** help visitors and new members feel welcome into the life of the congregation (*from Vision 2015*)
- **Coffee & Communion at Meridian Village:** In a recent tradition at OLLC over the last several years with the former Care & Concern Committee, members have hosted dessert and an informal Communion Service at Meridian Village in the fall and in the spring. (*recent conversation with some Meridian residents*)
- **Bread for the World:** help highlight the need to address World Hunger in tangible ways through such efforts as an annual "Offering of Letters" (*recent mailing*)

Let Dana or Pastor John know of your interest!

## SYNODICALLY AUTHORIZED MINISTRY:

A program that trains interested laypeople to help with pastoral responsibilities in synod congregations that are between pastors. The next course is "**Pastoral Care**" and will be held in Lincoln, IL on March 12, April 2 & 16, and May 7 & 21. Contact Pastor John if interested.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Prayed for and Protected

Prayed for and Protected. Isn't that how we all want to feel? All the time? In every circumstance?

Somehow when we know someone is praying for us or thinking of us we relax our hold on our fears and worries about even the smallest things. When serious troubles come to call we need that knowledge even more. That's where prayer shawls come in. They are an outward symbol of that "hug" you need. They do literally wrap around us or over us.

If you know someone who could really use that "hug" please take a prayer shawl to them. All we ask is that you pray for the recipient. There is a small prayer card attached to the shawls and lap robes. You do not need permission to take a shawl.

This month I'm also asking you to pray for anyone who has ever received one of the shawls. We don't keep count but I do know many, many shawls have been given away and the people who received one may still be in need of our support. Also I want to thank all who have donated to the PSM. God bless you.

Please join us! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Fellowship hall. For more information, please contact Mary Goodwin.

## If you love books, this story is for you.

For the past 13 years, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has brought incarcerated parents together with their children through our Storybook Project, making it possible for parents to read to their children from prison.



How Storybook works: Dedicated volunteers make recordings of parents reading to their children. Then the new books (all donated) and CDs are mailed to the children, helping them stay connected with their parents.

On March 19, Barnes & Noble is partnering with LSSI on a nationwide Book Fair to benefit The Storybook Project. Participation is easy. Buy what you like at Barnes & Noble and use the Book Fair ID # 10408748 as you check out. This opportunity is also good online at [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com) between March 19-24.

For more information, visit [www.lssi.org](http://www.lssi.org)

## THE LARGER CHURCH

### ELCA NEWS

For more information and current news releases, see the ELCA website: [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

### FAITH INKUBATORS FOUNDER & CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

On **Sunday, March 6, at 2:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield**, Rich Melheim (founder of Faith Inkubators, our Confirmation curriculum) will present a workshop on Family Faith Formation that will precede the Synod's West Central Conference Assembly. To go to one or both events, contact Pastor John.

### GOSPEL OF MARK PERFORMANCE

Begin Holy Week with an afternoon of Biblical Storytelling! On **Palm Sunday, April 17th, Pastor Zac Sturm** (Trinity, Kirkwood, MO) will perform from memory the Gospel of Mark **at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO**. It is his hope that people of all ages will have their understanding of the Gospel enhanced by this opportunity to hear the story as it was originally proclaimed. The performance will **begin at 4:00 pm** and last **two hours**. During an intermission a free-will offering will be collected to benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry in St. Louis.

## A PENCIL MAKER TOLD THE PENCIL FIVE IMPORTANT LESSONS JUST BEFORE PUTTING IT IN THE BOX:



- 1.) EVERYTHING YOU DO WILL ALWAYS LEAVE A MARK.
- 2.) YOU CAN ALWAYS CORRECT THE MISTAKES YOU MAKE.
- 3.) WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WHAT IS INSIDE OF YOU.
- 4.) IN LIFE, YOU WILL UNDERGO PAINFUL SHARPENINGS, WHICH WILL ONLY MAKE YOU BETTER.
- 5.) TO BE THE BEST PENCIL, YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE HELD AND GUIDED BY THE HAND THAT HOLDS YOU.

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are, is what's inside of you.

## Within Our Church Family

- **Steve, Kathy and the HS Youth** would like to thank all who made the 10th Annual Valentine Spaghetti Dinner and Play such a success. Thanks to the youth parents who helped clean and set-up beforehand and afterwards. A very special thank you to Ginger Trucano for her awesome spaghetti sauce.

Also ... **a huge thank you** to all who ordered bricks or blocks for the Chapel of the Pines area. We are in the process of getting everything ordered and look forward to placing them this spring. This project will further enhance our beautiful outdoor worship area. We will let you know the amount raised from this project for the ELCA 2012 Youth Convention after all expenses are met.

- **Congratulations to Elizabeth Beauchamp** for qualifying for High School State Individual Bowling and finishing 15th.
- **Congratulations to Jacob Callahan** who performed in front of several college scouts and because of his performance has been offered scholarships for drama at several colleges. For further details ask Jacob. He will be happy to fill you in.
- There are also several youth in Our Lord's who continuously make honor roll and thrive to achieve to do well and to make a difference in life. We are proud to be part of the lives of such an amazing group of High School Youth. (*Steve and Kathy Hoelscher*)
- **Many thanks to Wally Strieter**, general agent of Thrivent Financial, for generously providing coffee hour refreshments on Sunday, February 6. The sweet rolls, bananas, and yogurt were delicious and quickly gobbled up.
- **Congratulations to Paul Kampwerth, Blake Runyon, and Teagan Short** for being among the recipients of the "Do the Right Thing" citizenship award presented by the Edwardsville Public Schools.
- **Thank You** from Pastor Rebecca Boardman of Lutheran Campus Ministry in St. Louis for the generous contribution from OLLC's Local Benevolence Funds.
- **Thank You** from Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois for our Local Benevolence support for all the LCMs in the state.
- **Thank You** from Camp Wartburg (& *John Mohl*) for our Local Benevolence support "with gratitude to special friends like you."
- **Thank You** at year's end from "Africa Jam," the 2010 VBS Mission Offering recipient, which makes a difference in the lives of African children through camps, holiday clubs, after school programs, and more.



## Newsletter Articles

Please submit articles for the April Newsletter by March 15. Articles may be e-mailed to: newsletter@ourlords.org. Please include all pertinent information and digital pictures if desired.

## March Birthdays



- 1 Josh Eastby
- 2 Steve Hoelscher
- 3 Sarah Swofford  
Stefanie Vesper
- 4 Crystal Crosby
- 5 Faith Hoelscher
- 6 Angie Nemsky
- 7 Mark Callahan  
Brian Henderson
- 8 Erin Helms  
Megan Trucano
- 9 Ginger Trucano
- 10 Caleb Hancock  
Jake Hancock
- 13 Jakob Crabtree
- 14 Grace Olsen  
Sarah Estes
- 16 Don Simonson  
Penny Waterman
- 17 Tucker Downen
- 18 David Klingsick
- 19 Adam Runyon
- 20 Julie Gruber
- 22 Paul Huster  
Tyler Kamacho  
Nellie Pieper
- 23 Ralph Bueske  
Brennan Spencer
- 24 KaLonny Short  
Olivia Zipprich
- 25 Kate Henderson  
Vicki Lottes
- 26 Ian Comrie  
Rob Hancock  
Mitchell Olsen
- 27 Karen Mackey
- 28 Dom Echevarria
- 29 Rudy Kantola
- 30 Zach Palme  
Joe Signorino
- 31 Jack Hammond  
Abby Rien

## March Anniversaries



- 8 Jason & Julie Rien
- 9 Darren & Jonette Dukart
- 10 Bill & Linda Mann
- 12 Patrick & Katie Noga
- 16 Bob & Joy Kosten
- 18 Steve & Liz Tatjenhorst
- 28 Ted & Angie Nemsky



**During the week ahead, please pray for our brothers and sisters and for those afflicted in mind, body or spirit, especially remembering:**

**Jennifer** Antinette (Beauchamp's friend)  
**Tom** Arnottie (Erick Larson's friend)  
**Mark** Asbury (Becky Fremder's friend)  
**Elaine** Baden  
**Joe Baron Family**  
**Shirley** Baxter (Steve Hoelscher's mother)  
**Gloria** Becker  
**Greg** Becker  
**Grace** Bergstedt  
**Maureen** Blachfelner  
**Dave** Block (Tatjenhorst's brother-in-law)  
**Briggs Family**  
**Pr. Richard** Brzowsky  
**Emily** Callahan  
**Marty** Cavanaugh  
**Lavonne** Coffman  
**Barbara** Cooper (Karen Eastby's cousin)  
**Cathy** Clyde (Lynn Kempf's aunt)  
**Corinne** Comrie (Scott Comrie's mother)  
**Dee** Corbett  
**Kay** Crader (Jodi Becker's mother)  
**Kendra** Davis (Cindy Pugh's niece)  
**Chuck** Diggs  
**Priscilla** Donals  
**Pamela** Downour (Christina Shields' friend)  
**Ellen** Eden (Lynn Thiel's cousin)  
**Pr. Jim** Fackler  
**Norm** Fuesting (Mary Goodwin's friend)  
**Pr. Harold** Grafe  
**Bucky** Gruber  
**Dorothy** Gunderson (Brian & Krissy Gunderson's grandmother)  
**Bill** Hardy (Cindy Pugh's father)  
**Terri** Hoef (Carole Callahan's friend)  
**Sue** Homes  
**Patti** Hudak (Dana Callahan's friends)  
**Laura** Jines (Carol Gocken's family)  
**Ted** Johnson (Mary Goodwin's cousin)  
**Andrew** Kassing  
**Judy** Klein (Dona Racich's friend)  
**Xavier** Kurre (Sue Green's grandson)

**Lacey** (Mary Goodwin's friend)  
**Timothy** Lengel (Mary Olsen's brother)  
**Deborah** Lloyd (Mike Williams' sister)  
**David** Lottes (Pr. John & Vicki's son)  
**Vicki** Lowrie (Judy Dunne's friend)  
**Kellsie** Marchbanks (Kristie Becker's friend)  
**Carol** McCoskey  
**Prudi** Mogenson (Carol Gocken's friend)  
**Stephen** Moss  
**Donna** Nelson (Hoelscher Family friend)  
**Pr. Paul** Park  
**Ruby** Pashea  
**Gertrude** Peters (Carol Gocken's mother)  
**Cyndi** Peterson  
**Lena** Reinhardt (Loretta Williams' mother)  
**Laurie** Ricchezza  
**Jill** Schmidt (Mary Olsen's friend)  
**Mark** Schrader (Karen Tilashalski's brother-in-law)  
**Pat** Schuster  
**Elaine** Swagger (Caryl Kassing's aunt)  
**Stacey** Taylor  
**Kathy** Tiemann (Chris Tiemann's mother)  
**Matt** Turcol (Tilashalski's friend)  
**Bob** Vail  
**Starlene** Villareal (Loretta Williams' friend)  
**Eli** Vukson  
**Elizabeth** Wannan (Doug's mother)  
**Beth** Widholm (Carol Gocken's family)  
**Libby** Wood Ward  
**Lisa** White  
**Mike** Williams  
**Diane** Wooden  
**Kevin** Wyvell  
**Jason** Zotalis (Wannen's son-in-law)  
**Zachary** Zwaga (Dan & Sue Homes' nephew)



**Also, please pray for the health and safety of the following individuals, connected to our community**

**serving in the United States military:**

**Nathaniel** Brown  
 Lt. **Tom** Buller  
 Lance Cpl. **Clayton** Campbell  
 Major **James** Carmichael  
**Dustin** Crone  
**Jeff** Crone  
 Capt. **Blake** Crosby  
 Airborne Ranger **Keegan** Crosby  
 Staff Sgt. **Tyson** Crosby  
**Brent** Deemers  
**Charles** Homes  
**Shane** Lee  
 CPO **Shawn** Lee  
 PV2 **Courtney** Ligibel  
**Donnie** Madison  
 Major **David** Mann  
 Staff Sgt. **John** Maroney  
**John** Meyer  
 Airman **Nick** Muller  
**Kurtis** Neubauer  
**Zachary** Neubauer  
 Major **John** Perrine  
**Josh** Pace  
**Scott** Prengel  
**Jack** Scoles  
 Staff Sgt. **Skipper** Smith  
**Haley** Wagner

### **PRAYER VENTURES**

The two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, formerly printed in our newsletters, will be available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at:  
[www.elca.org/prayerventures](http://www.elca.org/prayerventures).

### **In Sympathy**

**Please remember these members and their families as they grieve their loss and share the sure promise of the resurrection:**

- **Traves & Felicia Crabtree Family** (at the death of his grandmother Jane Gibbons)
- **Wayne Eastby Family** (at the death of his father Marcus Eastby, Feb. 2)
- **Maddie Hayes & Family** (at the death of her paternal grandmother Virginia Lake, Feb. 14)

# March

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| <b>6 MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCES</b><br>8 - Worship<br>9:15 - Confirmation, Adult Choir<br>9:30 - Family Ed. Hour<br>10:45 - Worship<br>5 - HS Youth @ Hoelscher's   | <b>7</b><br>11 - Staff Mtg.  | <b>8</b><br>5:30 - 7:30 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper<br>7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry | <b>9 ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>7 - Ash Wednesday Worship  | <b>10</b><br>9 - Morning Glories Bible Study<br>10:30 - Office Angels<br>7 - Women's Book Club | <b>11</b><br>Pastor's Sabbath<br>4 - College Student Camp-In Beggins, LCFH | <b>12</b><br>7:30 - Men's Bible & Breakfast<br>3:30 - Praise Band<br>5 - Worship w/cc: "Faithful Mission, Camp-In Ends           |
| <b>13 FAITHFUL MISSION</b><br>8 - Worship<br>9:15 - Confirmation<br>9:30 - Family Ed. Hour<br>10:45 - Worship<br>12 - "Sunday Dinner" for New Members & Sponsors<br>12:15 - Bell Choir<br>5 - Confirmation 2 | <b>14</b><br>11 - Staff mtg.   | <b>15</b><br>10 - Questions Bible Study<br>7 - La Leche League                       | <b>16</b><br>5:15 - 4-Pt. Bible Study<br>6 - Soup Supper<br>7 - Lenten Worship<br>7:45 - Adult Choir, Lenten Study       | <b>17</b><br>10:30 - Office Angels   | <b>18</b><br>Pastor's Sabbath  | <b>19 JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF JESUS</b><br>7:30 - Men's Bible & Breakfast<br>3:30 - Praise Band<br>5 - Worship w/cc: "Big Questions" |
| <b>20 BIG QUESTIONS</b><br>8 - Worship<br>9:15 - Confirmation<br>9:30 - Family Ed. Hour<br>10:45 - Worship<br>5 - HS Youth @ Hoelscher's<br>5 - Confirmation 2   | <b>21</b><br>10:45 - DayTrippers<br>11 - Staff Mtg.<br>6:30 - Stephen Ministry, Church Council | <b>22</b><br>7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry   | <b>23</b><br>9 - 1 - SWIVC Mtg./Baden/WC-FH<br>6 - Soup Supper<br>7 - Lenten Worship<br>7:45 - Adult Choir, Lenten Study | <b>24</b><br>9 - Morning Glories Bible Study<br>10:30 - Office Angels<br>6:30 - MEHCCA Mtg.    | <b>25 ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD</b><br>Pastor's Sabbath                     | <b>26</b><br>7:30 - Men's Bible & Breakfast<br>3:30 - Praise Band<br>5 - Worship w/cc: "Thirsting for More"                      |
| <b>27 THIRSTING FOR MORE</b><br>8 - Worship<br>9:15 - Confirmation<br>9:30 - Family Ed. Hour<br>10:45 - Worship<br>12:15 - Bell Choir<br>5 - Confirmation 2  | <b>28</b><br>11 - Staff Mtg.   | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>9:30 - Newsletter Assembly<br>6 - Soup Supper<br>7 - Lenten Worship<br>7:45 - Adult Choir, Lenten Study     | <b>31</b><br>10:30 - Office Angels   | <h1>2011</h1>  |  |