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February 2010

The deadline for the March 2010 newsletter is Saturday, January 20th at NOON.

FEBRUARY COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

February 7 Verona Gravich, Faye Kritzeck
February 14 Vasaloppet – Joan & Roy Tokle
February 21 Cindy Danielson, Deb McGovern
February 28 Cindy Cheney, Leann Limanen

MARCH COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

March 7 Kim Bankers, Phyllis Johnson
March 14 Library Team
March 21 Gail Lange, Jinx Greski
March 28 Palm Sunday – Kelly Erickson, Kris Johnson, Kris Elvehjem

APRIL COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

April 4 Easter Breakfast
April 11 Karen Simonich, Lynn Paulson
April 18 Sharon Holmstrom, Sara Kopka
April 25 Elaine Vandriel, Barb Schroeder

Attention Servers: Please bring 8 dozen goodies each to share. Thanks for your help- it's much appreciated!

COFFEE SERVING TIME: Coffee will be served between the services and after the 9:15 service. Please be at the church by 8:15 to get the coffee started and things set up. Please keep this copy, we will list your name in the bulletin the week before you are to serve.

If you are unable to serve on the Sunday listed please change a Sunday with someone else AND please let Dianne Larson know of the change at 679-2412.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

February 8 Earl & Betty Fredrickson, John Akkerman
February 9-10 Earl & Betty Fredrickson, John Akkerman Lucille Schultz



**Meals on
Wheels**

DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE EXPEDITE

Staff: Senior Pastor Doug Larson
Associate Pastor Brenda Wicklund
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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE-February 2010

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>
			<u>8:00</u>	
2/7	Pat Meyer & Pat Weiss-Meyer	Jim & Lynette Skolte	Kathy Hovland	Barb Ennis
2/14	Bob & Sue Oehrlein	Larry & Kathy Menze	Sue Oehrlein	
2/21	Kevin Nikodym	Russ & Donna Callander	Deb Schultz	Jaci Boxrud
2/28	Lester & Caroline Lindquist	John & Lynn Paulson	John Paulson	
			<u>9:15</u>	
2/7	Lynn Anderson & Kelly Kehr	Dean & Eleanor Funk	Lynn Anderson	Doyle & Vicki Jelsing Wade & Channa Lennox
2/14	Mike & Stacey Peterson and family	Mike & Stacey Peterson	Don Semelhack	
2/21	Tom & Judy Roeschlein	Bill & Laura Daher	Shirley Ulstrom	Dave & Shirley Ulstrom Don & Mary Olson
2/28	Janet Ludowese & Teri Heggernes	Barry & Colette Dickenson	Teri Heggernes	



	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	
	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:15</u>
Feb 7th	Derek Graves Daniel Peterson	Emma Anderson Austin Peterson
Feb 14th	Courtney Lindquist Hunter Baxley	Alyssa Erickson Slade Fore
Feb 21st	Aaron Tetnowski Tanner Baxley	Sara Kottke Jonathon Owens
Feb 28th	Emma Anderson Austin Peterson	Cassidy Carlisle Grace Marohn



From a church newsletter in Somerville, New Jersey:
 THANKS TO OUR BARE BARE VOLUNTEERS.
 New doors for the Memorial Garden and entry to the sanctuary are coming soon! They are double-paned and highly energy efficient.
 Remember to submit your newsletter articles.
 Sounds like those *panes* need a doctor.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please exchange your Sunday with someone else on this list and then let the church office know of the change as soon as possible (679-1062). Thank you for your willingness to serve.

SUNDAY, February 7, 2010
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Communion Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Communion Worship
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

SUNDAY, February 14, 2010
Transfiguration of Our Lord
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship

WEDNESDAY, February 17 – Ash Wednesday
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service

SUNDAY, February 21, 2010 - Friendship Sunday
First Sunday in Lent
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Communion Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Communion Worship
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

SUNDAY, February 28, 2010- Baptismal Anniversary
Second Sunday in Lent
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School



Fun Page

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Email Alert!

The church office is looking to compile email addresses to use for church communication only. Please email us at church@gracechurchmora.org. Thank you!

Word Find

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Word list:

February	Lent	Transfiguration
Lord	Ashes	Wednesday
Psalm	Jesus	Valentine
Vasaloppet	Groundhog	Sunday
Worship	Winter	Snow
Ski	Lutheran	Grace
Church	Family	

Family Sleigh Rides for hire in beautiful secluded woods along the Snake River. \$30.00 per sleigh. Weekends by appointment. For more information call Denise 320-282-3325.

DeColores,

Just wanted to send a note to let everyone know who is working on team and who is attending. I am thinking we may need palanca but don't know where we are at for that. Anyway please pray for ~

Charis Weekend ~ Sandstone FCI on Feb 12-15 ~ Don & Vicky Semelhack who are working on team

Via de Cristo weekend 540/541 Pastor Doug is working team 540 it is Feb 25-28

Via de Cristo Weekend 546/547 Al & Sherri Haggenmiller are working on team and they are sponsoring Scott & Angie Haggenmiller for this weekend also.

If someone is signed for a weekend please send a reply to all and let us know when you are serving or who your are sponsoring, that way we not only keep the weekend in prayer but you also.

God Loves You & So Do We

Randy and Bonnie Lemke

From Pastor Doug

“Now concerning the collection for the saints.” I Corinthians 16:1 St. Paul writes to the church at Corinth, asking them to put money aside to be taken to Jerusalem where the members of the Christian church are undergoing hardship. Not much has changed through the centuries. Their hardship may have been a severe drought and famine. We are in the midst of responding to a terrible earthquake in Haiti. This planet Earth is not real stable or consistent. Natural disasters are part of living and we only hope that it does not hit us. At the same time, we generously pour out help for those in need.

Why do these things happen? Unfortunately, a pastor by the name of Pat Robertson, declares it is God’s punishment upon the people of Haiti. He thinks it is in retaliation for something the people of Haiti did in the past. I think he is wrong, very wrong. In reality, bad things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people. There are laws of science that operate in our world. Giant, tectonic plates beneath the surface of the earth are constantly moving. Sometimes they move in such a way as we see happened in Haiti—and Nicaragua in 1972, and San Francisco in 1906 and again in 1989.

Apparently, for the last three years there have been warnings of a major earthquake in the area. Were they heeded? And what could be done? Unfortunately, Haiti is such a poor country they wouldn’t have had the resources to plan for it. Now, billions of dollars will pour in to help deal with a horrendous disaster. That will be a short-term response. What Haiti will need over the long haul is help for infrastructure—roads, water systems, electricity, schools, hospitals and houses. Most of the forests in Haiti have been cut down for firewood. The loss of forests makes flooding and landslides more prevalent. These issues need to be dealt with in the future for Haiti.

In our Gospel lesson for January 24th, Jesus comes to His hometown and reads from Isaiah 61, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to those in prison and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:18-21. Then Jesus says, “Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Did Jesus mean this only in spiritual ways, dealing only with sin? Or did He mean that God’s will is for all God’s creation, even down to dealing with earthquakes, deforestation, malaria, famine due to government neglect of people? What if Jesus really meant, that, “today is the start of God’s good news to all the poor, the oppressed, the left out or left behind people? How would that look for us and what we should be doing? Hmmm!!

YEA!!!! LENT IS COMING AGAIN!!!! We get to come together on Wednesday nights during February and March to “lenten” or lengthen in our faith. It is time to grow in our spiritual lives. This year, you will have the opportunity to learn about world religions and how they compare to Christianity. “Which Way To Heaven?—A Walk Through World Religions” will be our theme. Pastor Brenda and I are working on some unique ways to present this comparison. We hope you will attend! Ash Wednesday will begin Lent on February 17th and then on the 24th, you will learn about Hinduism. We aren’t encouraging you to try Hinduism, but to come and try Lent this year. Let’s have some fun as we grow.

Peace to you all,

Pastor Doug

General Information from Grace Lutheran Church

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, contact Barb Sjoberg 679-5373 or the church office, 679-1062. If you would like to be added to the e-mail prayer chain, e-mail Barb Sjoberg at encourager4him@hotmail.com or the church office at church@gracechurchmora.org



YOU ARE NEEDED! IT'S NOT HARD! We need to have some new faces helping with coffee and cookies on Sunday mornings. You would only need to serve once per year. We would like to have three people each Sunday morning as there are more and more people attending Sunday morning services. Please contact Dianne at 679-2412.

GRACE LUTHERAN ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Dale and Jean Hawkins	320-679-2025	Laird and Louise Mork	320-679-3491
Eldora Pearson	320-679-2406	Pearl Peterson	320-679-0470
Irene Johnson	320-679-2743		

Our Sympathy and Prayers go out to:

- *Marilyn Hovland and family along with Einar and Kathy Hovland and all their family* on the death of Einar's brother, Pastor Peter Hovland;
- *Eric & Marlene Marohn and family* on the death of Eric's grandmother Beatrice Thiede



The Mora Quilting Friends, a "community" group of quilters, meet at the Kanabec History Center in Mora on the third Monday of each month and is open to anyone with a quilt interest. For more information, call Bonnie Jobe at 679-5245. *Please note the change of location.*

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Julie Olen on the birth of a grandson, Isaac William Indrebo born to Rob & Larissa Indrebo (Olen). Proud great-grandparents are Walt & Joanne Olen.

Just a Reminder to save your Nelson's Receipts!

There is a box on the shelf by the church office for your Nelson's grocery store receipts. They need to be turned in to Nelson's on a quarterly basis so please put your receipts in the box in a timely fashion. The next time they are added up and returned to Nelson's is for the months of ***January, February, March only to be turned in April 2010.***

THE RECEIPT NEEDS TO LIST THE ITEMS PURCHASED AS THE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD RECEIPT DOES NOT QUALIFY.

Thank you!



Do You Know That We Are On The Radio?

The 8:00 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast on KBK 95.5 FM at 9:15 am every Sunday morning. It is recorded by the station and then played back at this time. If you can't make it to church, or have to work, but have access to a radio, you can tune in and be a part of worship that way.

A **RADIO SPONSOR** sign up chart is posted by the FLOWER CHART, located by the elevator, if you are interested in helping to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special dates, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each Sunday is \$115. Thanks to those of you who give to this important ministry of Grace!

Banner Ministry "Expressing the Faith"

Contact: Barb Sjoberg

January, February, March – Sharon Foster, Barbara Larson
July, August, September – Martha Gottfredson, Lee Moody

April, May, June – Mary Ann Nichols, Lucille Schultz
Oct., Nov., Dec. – Sharon Holmstrom, Barb Sjoberg

"We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God." Psalm 20:5

Where We Are In The Church Year? **What Are The Liturgical Colors For February?**

We'll Celebrate Two Seasons During This Month, The Time After Epiphany & The Beginning Of Lent

Colors Displayed During The Time After Epiphany

White, symbolizes the holiness of Jesus and a light to the world.

Sunday, February 14th is the Transfiguration of Our Lord and the color **white** is the liturgical color for this special Sunday.

Color Of The Lenten Season

Purple, the color of royalty, repentance, and self-discipline, is the traditional color for the season of Lent. Purple is indicated, as the stark color of repentance and solemnity.

YEAR C-SCRIPTURES READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday, February 7th - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 6:1-13, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11
Sunday, February 14th - Transfiguration of Our Lord
Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-437
Wednesday, February 17th - Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12,
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sunday, February 21st - First Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13
Sunday, February 28th - Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Special Days During - Time after Epiphany

Transfiguration of Our Lord - 02/14/10 Color: White

Special Days During - Lent

Ash Wednesday - 02/17/10 Color: Purple

MORE ABOUT THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

The Time After Epiphany, Transfiguration of Our Lord, Ash Wednesday and The Lenten Season

TIME AFTER EPIPHANY (January 11th through the day before Lent, which is Tuesday, February 16th, 2010)

The church calendar recognizes the season of Epiphany from January 6 until the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which is celebrated as the Transfiguration of our Lord. The length of the season of Epiphany varies and is determined by working backwards through the season of Lent from the moveable date for the celebration of Easter.

Principal Themes - The revelation of Christ to all nations Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, Christ as the light of the world, the public ministry of Jesus Christ, including Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana and growth in a Christian's baptized identity.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, the last Sunday after the Epiphany (Sunday, February 14th, 2010) is a celebration of the moment that Christ, in the company of Moses & Elijah, literally shined His glorious divine nature on Peter, James, & John, leaving them dazed and awestruck. This event, the greatest of Christ's epiphanies until His triumphant resurrection from the grave on Easter, is the astonishing climax of the season. Transfiguration Sunday stands in vivid contrast to what takes place just a few days later: Ash Wednesday, the day of sorrow and repentance that initiates the somber season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Is February 17th, 2010 - The Beginning Of The Season Of Lent

LENT Anglo-Saxon: "spring" (Lent begins on February 17th, 2010 and ends on April 3rd, 2010, the day before Easter.) As early as the mid-fourth century, Christians have observed a time of preparation before the Easter celebration. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days. (*We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection.*) The forty days of Lent recall the 40-day fast of Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism and Moses' 40-day fast on Mount Sinai. It is a time of simplicity and preparation.

Principal Themes - Penitence, Baptismal renewal, Preparation for baptism at the Easter Vigil, Prayer, fasting, and service, Confession of sin rooted in the promise of God that comes through the cross of Christ

Why and how do we use ashes on Ash Wednesday? Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice which many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Using ashes, as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible. The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return"
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. On Ash Wednesday ashes are a penitential substitute for water as a reminder of our baptism.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried: "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.



**Helping Hands For
February**



Coordinators:
Deb Schultz
Lynnae Christianson

Group Members:
Anderson, Brian G
Backlund, David & Deb
Carlson, Wesley & Roxann
Cheney, John & Cindy
Christianson, Ordean & Lynnae
Christianson, Ryan
Dahlof, Robert & Lenora
Dickinson, Barry & Colette
Ellingson, Jake
Ennis, Greg & Patricia
Ennis, Paul & Barb
Falk, Lloyd & Jan
Felland, Tim & Rhonda
Fredrickson, Earl & Betty
Grace, Ron & Gerri
Graham, Lesley & Kelly*
Haasken, Lorna
Hallin, Beth & James*
Hallin, Debbie & Mike *
Hanrehan, Derek
Danielson, Connie
Johnson, Randy & Kris
Kapinos, Keith & Sandra
Kehr, Kelly & John *
Knutson, James & Julie French
Kubat, Sheila
Larson, Thomas & Marri
Ludowese, Janet & Ray *
Menk, Ron & JoAnn
Menze, Larry & Kathy
Mulford, Joseph & Julie
Olson, Yvonne
Paulson, John & Lynn
Sampson, Michael & Kris
Schultz, Richard & Deborah
Simonich, Larry & Karin
Skolte, James & Lynette
Smith, Alan & Betty
Thomson, Jason & Jessica
Tipp, Wesley & Marlis
Ulstrom, David & Shirley
VanDriel, Don & Elaine
Voss, Peggy & Jerry*
Wicklund, Mark & Darlene
Wills, Steve & Patty

THANKS!

Once again, we have a disaster of epic size attracting our attentions. Like Christians everywhere, we want to do something to help. A number of people have asked me—are we doing anything or making anything to send to Haiti? My answer is—we’ve already done that, now we’re sending money. What do you mean we’ve already done that? Remember those health kits we made last year—they’re probably already in Haiti right now. I was listening to a reporter in Port-au-Prince commenting on how valuable a bar of soap would be right now. My thoughts went right away to the health kits that we had assembled. Wrapped in a hand towel is a washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, comb, nail clippers, and band-aids. On the scene, this bundle is more valuable than money.

How do we get them to Haiti? All items we make for Lutheran World Relief, including quilts, are brought to a warehouse in the Twin Cities. From that warehouse, plus others around the country, quilts, health kits, and layettes are sent to places around the world that need them. So, the kit we assembled last summer could very well be in use now by a Haitian. It is a special feeling to know that the bar of soap you handled and towel you carefully folded is now in use by another human being who desperately needs it.

If you would like that feeling, if you would like to, as a family, duplicate this gesture, assemble a kit at home and bring it in to church, here’s what to do. You will need a preferably dark colored hand towel (it can be gently used), a preferably dark colored wash cloth, an unwrapped bath size bar of soap, an adult toothbrush in its packaging, a sturdy comb, a metal nail file or nail clippers, and six band-aids secured with a rubber band. Do not leave anything out. Do not add anything. Wrap it all up in the hand towel and tie it up with string or twine or something sturdy. It’s best to wash the towel and washcloth if you purchase them new. Toothpaste used to be collected as well, but now it’s added at the distribution site.

We know that the supply of these health kits has been depleted by the events in Haiti, and many more are needed. Oftentimes, the women of Grace have asked for the supplies and then assembled kits. It is a tricky process, because we are always short of something or have an overabundance of something else. If individuals or families made and brought in the kits, it would be useful and quite an expression of compassion. Check out the ELCA website or Lutheran World Relief website and you will see more details about other kits and the process of distributing the kits. Lutheran World Relief has been given a grade of A by many independent sources for its response to disasters. They are experienced, and they are good.

There is a cost to delivering the kits, so money is always appreciated. You can make a check out to LWR.

During the year, if you ever come across supplies that would be useful for any of the kits, go ahead and make them. We do deliver quilts twice a year and all other kits can be delivered at the same time. We should try to stay motivated all the time to contribute, not just when the news stories of the day move us.

“Be doers of the Word, and not merely hearers.” (James 1:22)

~Sue Halsey, Volunteer Coordinator

WELCA

APPLICATION FOR BAZAAR FUNDS
Grace Lutheran Church - Mora, Minnesota

Once again, the members of Grace Lutheran Church generously gave of their time, talents, and resources to the Fall Harvest Bazaar 2009, knowing that the fruit of their labors will be used for the ministries at Grace. WELCA hopes to fairly and thoughtfully handle the responsibility of distributing the funds among the ministries. The amount of funds to be distributed is about \$12,000. Please use the form and indicate the needs or wishes or suggestions of a ministry.

Ministry _____ Amount requested: _____

How the funds will be used:

Name of person submitting request _____ Date: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**



WELCA will be meeting on February 8 to disburse the Bazaar funds. Please turn in the above request sheet by February 1, 2010. Thank you!

SUPPORT FOR THE MORA FOOD PANTRY

The number of families who access the Food Pantry is at an all time high! Support from our church family has been consistent and much appreciated! Over the next few weeks you will have other opportunities to show your support.

1) *"Souper Bowl of Caring" on Super Bowl Sunday.....*You will have an opportunity to share in a free-will offering for the Mora Food Pantry following each service.

2) *Woodbury Concert - March 14th - St. Mary's....*This Woodbury Choir and Orchestra includes Mora on their spring tour supporting food shelves around the state. Our own 2nd Ending Brass group joins in an amazing afternoon of music that you would certainly enjoy! There is no charge for this concert, but a free-will offering is received to benefit the local food shelves.

3) *Empty Bowls - March 22nd - Grace.....*a soup luncheon will be served by the Food Shelf Board made up of representatives from area churches. Enjoy some homemade soup, choose a bowl crafted by local art students, and make a monetary donation to the Food Shelf. Interesting silent auction items will also be available.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Evangelism – ‘Sharing the Faith’

Council: Greg Myers

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Ministers: Jim Oxberry, Barb Sjoberg, Dave Ulstrom, Shirley Ulstrom, Sharron Ahonen, Kim Bankers, Richard Larson, Jeanne Granlund, Sandy Broehl

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

Listen, Listen, Listen

If you would like a Stephen Minister to help you or know of someone who might enjoy and need a Stephen Minister, call Pastor Doug or Jim Oxberry.

Touch of Grace

This ministry is a way to more fully meet the needs of some of our home-bound and elderly members. There are lay members of the church that have been trained to visit the same person or persons on a monthly basis, providing a listening ear, prayer, support and care. This fills a need between the Coffee with a Friend and Stephen Ministry.

A driver is needed to transport a client with some memory loss to and from “The Gathering” meetings here at Grace on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday; and they are looking for someone to be able to get groceries for clients. If you could help with this please call Val Palmer at 1-877-321-7100.

Fellowship – ‘Celebrating the Faith’

Council: Bev Deis

Contacts: Kathy Hovland, Mary Rowley, Shirley Klepsa, Marlys Overson, Dianne Larson

Celebrate the faith by gathering people together in fellowship through activities and support.



Grace Lutheran received the following letter from Lutheran World Relief in thanks for our donation on July 29, 2009 of Quilts and Sewing Kits:

Dear Friend of Lutheran World Relief,
Thank you for your generous gift of material resources for LWR's distribution overseas. Your donations of handmade quilts, layettes, sewing fabric and soap, plus health, school and sewing kits show the love of Christ to people all around the world. They are reflections of care and compassion in places like Peru, where quilts, school kits and health kits were distributed in rural communities where LWR is working to improve agricultural techniques and irrigation and water management. Distribution of the quilts included families involved in the project, as well as others in the area.

In one case a woman selling produce in the city square had her vegetables spread out over a tattered, dirty blanket - the only one she owned. During the day, she displayed her vegetables on the blanket. At night, she relied on it to protect her from the cold. When she received her LWR quilt, she shared deep gratitude for the gift. Now she had a beautiful, clean quilt to cover herself or wrap around her baby, and the old tattered blanket would only be needed for displaying the vegetables.

On behalf of this woman, as well as countless others in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution.

In Christ, Brenda L. Meier, Director for Parish & Community Engagement



Stewardship – ‘Caring from the Faith’

Council: Laura Daher, Bonnie Boyer (WELCA & Finance), Ernie Blaisdell (Property)

Finance Ministry

Members: Doyle Jelsing, Roger Peterson, Bonnie Boyer, Kristin Nelson, Betty Smith, Sara Kopka

Checkbook information:

Beginning balance	(787.02)
Donations	41,518.47
Expenses	<u>(41,579.10)</u>
Ending balance	(696.39)

Dedicated Account Balance:

Undesignated General - \$10,000
Renovation - \$322.40
Banner - \$5.92
Youth Mission trip - \$2,162.66
Stained glass - \$3,232.42
Nelson's receipts – \$250.45
Unallocated - \$343.09
Library \$500.00

Stained Glass Window Information:

Available for next windows: 8,653.42
Cost is approx \$3,800 per window

Mortgage Information:

First of month balance	443,043.7
monthly payment	(2,111.37)
additional principal pmt	<u>(2,424.00)</u>
End of month balance	438,508.33

Property Ministry

Members: Dick Larson - chair, Ron Stark, Galen Brelie, Russ Callander, Bill Moody, Vern Nordeen, Don Overson, Don VanDriel, Larry Simonich

Mutual Ministry:

Members: Pam Johnstone (679-3311), Karen Rasmusson (679-5636), Walt Olen (679-1570)

If you have a spiritual concern or comment, let one of these people know. They are there for you!

Stewardship Ministry

Members: Bill Daher, Rollie Fredrickson, Pastor Doug

Personnel:

Members: Rich Rasmusson, Sharron Ahonen, John Sandy

Nominating Committee:

Members: Dolores Blaisdell, Ruth Mattison, Kathy Hovland, Vonnie Olson

Memorial Ministry

Members: Kris Johnson, Mary Nordenstrom

Foundation Ministry

Members: Doyle Jelsing, Deb Schultz, Laura Strand, Jeff Bangma

Social Concerns Ministry,

Members: Deb Schultz, Nicole Berry, Alyssa Wallace, Barb Orstad, Pam Hallauer, Mary Brelie, Kris Pulford, Bonnie Lemke, Jessica Olen

Empowered by Christ, will minister to the world by extending a hand to those in need.

Meeting Date: Jan.13 5:00 p.m. Wed.

Next Mtg Date: Feb.10

Members Present: Mary Brelie, Kris Pulford, Deb Schultz

Toys for Kids

Over 650 kids received gifts for Christmas.

World Hunger: Stand Up for Africa

Our annual hunger drive is off to a good start with the involvement of the Sunday School children. Congregational members can make a donation to World Hunger in an interactive giraffe booth which shows how their money is used in ELCA projects in Africa.

Sunday School children will man the booth.

Deb will do a mini- presentation on Jan 24.

Food Shelf

There will be an Empty Bowls event on March 22 at Grace.

One roaster of soup needs to be provided by Grace. Kris, Mary and Deb will work on a way to provide soup to school staff who wish to participate. Kris and Mary will talk to potters and Made in Mora for Silent Auction items for the event. Other opportunities that are forthcoming where the food shelf can be supported include: Souper Bowl Sunday Feb. 7th and the March 14th Woodbury Concert appeal. Mary will write a blurb for the newsletter and bulletins.

Missions:

Paintings by a Tanzanian student will be displayed throughout the church during our World Hunger Appeal. Anyone wishing to support this young man in his desire to go to school can purchase his art.

Soup for the Soul

Great success- serving around 90 . Tremendous amount of help is showing up from throughout the community. Grace workers are still needed to sign up for Jan.25th.

Relay for Life Chairperson still needed.

Education – ‘Passing on the Faith’

Council: Jodi Schultz, Ruth Mattison, Nicole Berry

Living Grace Library Ministry



Members: Sarah Berry, Penny Casavant, Lynnae Christianson, Jeanne Granlund, Sue Halsey, Mary Lykins, Char Mayer, Ruth Mills, Jane Myers, Karin Simonich, Laura Strand, Jackie Thompson, Brianna Winters

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Mission Statement

The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, hear, see and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.

Celebrate “I Love to Read Month”

The library team has been very busy recently processing new books into the system. Most of the new books are displayed on top of the book shelves. Many of the new books either complete or continue a series. We know many readers have been waiting for some of those. There are also many “stand alone” books. Come in and see what’s new. Here are a few suggestions:

A series by Joel C. Rosenberg. If you are interested in modern political suspense, this is a series for you. The cast of characters include U.S. President James “Mac” MacPherson and Senior White House Advisors Jon Bennett and Erin McCoy among many others. The titles are:

The Ezekiel Option

The Last Days

The Last Jihad

The Copper Scroll

Dead Heat

A series by Wanda Brunstetter. If you are among the many readers who are interested in books with an Amish theme, this is a series for you. The Brides of Lancaster County series include the following titles:

A Merry Heart

The Hope Chest

Plain & Fancy

Looking for a Miracle

Devotional Books

Are you finished with last year’s Devotional Book? Would you like to use a new one? Living Grace Library has a Devotional Exchange Section located on the “spinner rack” on top of the center section of book shelves. These devotional books are available to take out and keep or take out and return. The library also accepts any “gently used” devotional books you want to share with others. Just bring it in and place it on the “spinning rack” for others to use and enjoy.

Living Grace Library is open whenever the church is open. Come in any time.

Please remember to return your finished library books. The book you may have forgotten to return may be just the book someone else is patiently waiting to read. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School

Coordinators for 2010: Lisa Wren 679- 8178 & Kelly Kehr

Confirmation

Coordinator: Krista Elvehjem

Recorder: Kelly Erickson

Milestone Ministry

*The Milestones Ministry seeks to **RECOGNIZE, RESPOND, and REACH OUT** in celebration of the milestones of our Faith Journeys*

God comes into our world and graciously claims us for the Kingdom of God. This great event is often under-used in our life. On *February 28th* those baptized into new life by God’s Word and water will be invited to gather around the Baptismal font to celebrate this great gift of God. Following is a list of members that were baptized in February:

Baptismal Anniversaries

Amidan, Tammy	Greski, Jinx	Mattison, Ruth	Sjoberg, Barb
Blaisdell, Ernest	Halvorson, Sophia	Mattison, Zachary	Sjoberg, Todd
Boxrud, Jaci	Hams, Cassandra	Nikodym, Barrett	Skolte, Lynette
Brandt, Christopher	Herwig, Adam	Nordenstrom, Joey	Skramstad, Gregory
Broehl, Sandy	Herwig, Barbara	Norton, Laura	Strand, Brady
Broehl, Stefanie	Johnson, Kris	Pearson, Kelsey	Tetnowski, Jacob
Callander, Jason	Johnson, Patricia	Pierson, Trinity	Udstuen, Jody
Dahlof, Robert	Johnson, Sara	Piescher, Matthew	Weinreich, Benjamin
Dee, Christine	Kapinos, Brian	Rasmusson, Karrie	
Dee, Sarah	Kehr, Anna	Roeschlein, John F	
Dickinson, Emma	Klapmeier, Dorothy	Roeschlein, Sheri	
Franko, Helen	Kobberdahl, Arthur	Schultz, Benjamin	
Goude, Andrea	Larson, Rebecca	Schultz, Jodi	
Goude, Celeste	Lindquist, Courtney	Schultz, Lynn	
Graves, Kelsey	Mattison, Albert	Scullard, Rachel	

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Lange, Andrew	1	Boebel, Rikie Ley	11	Belgarde, Emily	21	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES		
Cheney, Joshua	3	Boxrud, Jaci	11	Funk, Eleanor	21			
Akkerman, John	4	Callander, John	11	Radeke, Brandon	21		Bangma, Jeff and Pauline	FEB 2 1980
Fore, Slade	4	Dee, Christine	11	Berry, Nicole	22		Hanson, Arthur and Dorothy	FEB 10 1951
Broekemeier, Sadie	5	Fredrickson, Dorothy	11	Franko, Donald	22		VanDriel, Don and Elaine	FEB 11 1956
Hass, Kaia	5	Schultz, Jodi	11	Oelkers, Candy	22		Bankers, Ted and Kim	FEB 14 1981
Nowling, Jacob	5	Bridges, Meghan Sue	15	Unger, Robert	23		Piescher, Ronald and Debra	FEB 14 1976
Gravich, Mark	6	Berry, Tanner	16	Nikodym, Amy	24		Salmonson, Shari and David*	FEB 14 2004
Lemke, Bonnie	6	Hass, Stacy	16	Ollestad, Hunter	24		Sjoberg, Todd and Barb	FEB 14 1981
Nielsen, Lance	6	Nordeen, Vernon	16	Schultz, Jessica	25		Weinreich, Jacob and Melissa	FEB 14 1998
Olson, Mariah	6	Rippentrop, Raymond	16	Allman, Glen	26		Danielson, Cindy and Curt *	FEB 15 1975
Meyer, Pat	7	Brandt, Christopher	17	Janousek, Sherry	26		Erickson, Wayne and Kelly	FEB 22 1994
Schroeder, Kam	7	Casavant, Penny	17	Moss, Heather	26		Blowers, Duane and Patricia	FEB 23 1955
Blegen, Paul	8	Haggenmiller, Anna	17	Nikodym, Greg	26		Johnson, Randy and Kris	FEB 25 1995
Fredrickson, Roland	9	Thomson, Sierra	17	Smith, Betty	26		Johnson, Linda and Christ *	FEB 27 1973
Klapmeier, David	9	Wicklund, Pastor Brenda	17	Anderson, Jake	27		McDermeit, Larry and Wendi	FEB 28 1987
Nikodym, Marilyn	9	McBroom, John	18	Capra, Renee	28			
Peterson, Tayven	9	Salmonson, Lorna	19	Kunst, Emma	28			
Graham, Lesley	10	Wollum, Nicole	19	Mills, Michael	28			
Graves, Dylan	10	Nordenstrom, Mary	20	Fladebo, Jay	29			
Hallin, Debbie	10	Semelhack, Amy	20	Kehr, Kelly	29			
Schultz, Zachary	10							
Sjoberg, Jason	10							

Via de Cristo 2010 Weekend Dates

February 18-21 & February 25-28 Our Saviors Lutheran Church 4831 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN
March 4-7 & March 11-14 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 301 N Lincoln St, Redwood Falls, MN 56283
April 15-18 & April 22-25 Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Ave SE, Bemidji, MN 56601
April 22-25 & April 29-May 2 Rejoice Lutheran Church 1155 County Road 75, Clearwater, MN 55320
June 17-20 & June 24-27 Lord of Life Lutheran Church 18500 County Road 101, Maple Grove, MN 55311
October 7-10 & October 14-17 St. Stephen’s Lutheran 1575 Charlton St. W. St. Paul, MN
October 21-24 & October 28-31 Faith Lutheran Church 127 2nd Ave. E, West Fargo, ND 58078
November 11-14 & November 18-21 To be determined

Sunday School Ministry: Members - Coordinator: Barb Sjoberg; Co-Coordinator: Marlene Marohn, Gathering & Music Leader: Jacki Peterson, Kindergarten & Preschool Teachers: Kristin Nelson, Becci Steffen, Marlene Marohn, Julie Mulford; Preschool Assistant: Kailey Berry

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED! Presenters & Shepherds are still needed to teach or assist the 1st – 6th grade classes. **We still need still 2 presenters for February**, plus 2 for March, April and May, too! We also need 1 shepherd for the 3rd – 6th graders for March and April! **Please sign up** on the sheet posted in the narthex (by the Family Life table) **Thank You!** If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sjoberg 679-5373 or Marlene Marohn 679-1076



JANUARY NEWS: On Sunday, January 10th, Kris Pulford was our special guest, educating all the Sunday school students together. She discussed and explained the ELCA World Hunger Appeal – Stand with Africa – Campaign of Hope – To Banish Hunger!

The Sunday school students all enjoyed creating their giraffes and the giraffe stand. It was a great way to remind us that when we “Stick Our Necks Out” for one another, we can give the gift of hope – together!!

Our Bible story in January was – The Prodigal Son – A Father Welcomes A Lost Son

The students all have really enjoyed learning about this parable, and how Jesus illustrates the overwhelming love encompassing someone who returns to God after having repented of his foolish ways.

Special Thanks To The Workshop Rotational Team For January:

Workshop Shepherds: Sara Nordenstrom and Barb Ennis

Workshop Presenters:

- ❖ **Special World Hunger Project:** Kris Pulford
- ❖ **Food Related:** Deb Schultz
- ❖ **Storytelling:** Vicky & Don Semelhack
- ❖ **Games:** Wade & Chana Lennox



FEBRUARY NEWS: **Don't forget to encourage your children to fill their special World Hunger boxes with change. Then, on February 7th at the 9:15 service the children will be singing a special song and be placing their World Hunger boxes at the altar for a special offering!**

PLEASE NOTE: There is **no Sunday school** on February 14th due to the Mora Vasaloppet



BIBLE STORY FOR FEBRUARY – Elijah, The Prophet Of Faith This Bible story is about the greatest of all prophets, Elijah. Elijah was a faithful man who believed in God and obeyed Him. Because of this God knew that Elijah could deal with all the unfaithful people that he was surrounded by including Ahab, Jezebel and their god Baal in what was probably considered the most evil time Israel had ever seen. God used this prophet to speak boldly to His people. Elijah trusted the Lord, and God provided for his every need. Again, another ordinary man that did extraordinary things with God.

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY WORKSHOPS: (1st – 6th GRADE STUDENTS)

FOOD RELATED: 1 Kings 17, God supplies our every need. We will see how God begins to use Elijah, and how he had to trust God for everything. First the students will make a “Cheerios® Cinnamon-Popcorn Snack” to remind them, how God took care of Elijah in the wilderness by having ravens bring food to him. Then they'll learn how the obedience of Elijah was used by God again. God brought together two people with different needs who both had to learn to trust in Him. The students will make “Oil and Flour Play Dough”, which is a great reminder of God's grace and provision for them, like He provided for the widow and her son.

VIDEO: 1 Kings 18, The Lord is the one true God. The students will view, *Bugtime Adventures: "You're All Wet"* - The Elijah Story. The people have turned away from the one true God and instead worship false gods. After three years of drought, God calls on the prophet Elijah to confront King Ahab and Queen Jezebel who are refusing to follow God's commandments. Elijah proposes a contest between himself and the more than 800 prophets of the false god, Baal. How can one man win against so many?

CREATE & DESIGN: 1 Kings 19:1-18, Listen to the still small voice, God is with us always. The students will create and design paper cups to make a simple string phone. This is an old craft done for many years, but can still teach us about communication and how the Lord wants to speak to us and into our lives. God doesn't always speak to us in the “BIG” things, but quite often in little ways and quiet ways. It is important for us to listen for the Lord's voice. Sometimes we can hear Him very loud and clear, other times it might be more difficult, especially when there is a lot of noise around us. This will encourage the students to listen for God's whisper in their hearts as Elijah learned to do.

Family Life Ministry

Council Liaison: Ernie Blaisdell

Director: Jessica Thomson contact 320-679-9099 (home) jasonjessica_thomson@msn.com

12 Facts of Chat and Chow

1 Dishwasher- sometimes a pan scrubber and a dish dryer! Anyone certified and willing to come help us stay green is welcome!!

2 Hundred dollar budget- most of the time we make it!

3 Hours prep- starts at 8:30 most Thursdays! This gets things hot and ready to go by 11:35!

4 Gallons of milk - and two pitchers of water.

5 Can of Beans - green or brown depending on what's on the menu.

6 Pans of Cornbread- 168 pieces of warm bread with butter and honey, usually served with chili!

7 Pans of Lasagna- served with all the fixings

8 Pans of Bars- WE ARE ALWAYS SHORT! Thank you to all who have brought treats in the past. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are able to bring a pan or two of bars. Do not feel like you have to bring two pans! Every little bit helps!!

9 People serving- WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE! If you are able to come early and help prep (9:00-11:30) or serve (two sessions 11:30-12:00 or 12:30-1:00) or clean up (12:00-1:30) COME JOIN THE FUN!

10 Cases of Pop- Mt.Dew, Root Beer and Sprite/Sierra Mist/7up seem to go the best.

11 Heads of Lettuce- with 1/3 of a gallon of dressing!

12 Dozen Buns- sometimes more!

Family Fun Night: We had 14 families participate in January's FFN. We made squirrel feeders from a pattern given to me by Russ Mills. A big THANK YOU to Galen Brelie for cutting out all the pieces for our feeders! Thank you to everyone who also helped assemble! Next Family Fun Night is February 24th. We will be making a fun tool to help kids understand the Lenten Season. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Jessica at 679-9099. We would like to encourage all families to participate so we will be needing volunteers who would not have kids involved!

Service Project Night: Wednesday January 21st the Confirmation youth helped organize some rooms around the church! On February 24th they will be making Prayer Braids that will be used during the Easter Service. Look for sales of Butter Braids to start during Lent. We will be selling on Sunday Mornings- dates to be announced. Delivery will be on Palm Sunday in time for Easter.

Join us starting February 24th and every Wednesday during Lent for Soup Suppers in the Family Life Center. Soup and bread will be served from 5:30-6:45.

We are still selling **Go Green With Grace bags** in the church office. These bags are part of our Go Green Ministry and are for sale for \$4.00, all proceeds go to the youth general fund.

SERRV - Fair Trade - The Gift That Gives Twice

We have our glass cabinet by the office filled with items for sale. Just ask for assistance during the week from Dianne or on Sundays from Barbara or Mary.

Check out the SALES on-line@ <http://www.serrv.org/Sale.aspx>

Attention: All Fair Trade Coffee is now being sold at cost.

Please support this mission that supports The Coffee Farmers and their families.

Thank you.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Barb 679-3523.

Invite a friend to worship on Sunday or any event at church!



Greetings from Luther Point! February 2010

Summer 2010—Put Us on Your Calendar Moms: This is a special word to our moms who are beginning to look ahead to the summer of 2010. The camp schedule is on the Luther Point website: LutherPoint.org. Online registration is available now so register early, especially for the Specialty Camps, like Horse Camp, Guitar, Drama, etc. those programs fill up early. Once again, there will be a number of Incentives and Discounts, so take advantage! **Camperships will also be available.** Look for Campership request form on the webpage: lutherpoint.org. Summer Brochures will be in congregations and homes by early February.

RETREAT OFFERINGS: Check our website for more details regarding upcoming retreat events scheduled for the winter months ahead, some of the offerings include:

- **Ambassador Retreats:** February 6 or February 27, 9 am
- **3rd-5th Grade Weekend Camp:** March 20-21, 2010
- **Prayer Shawl Retreat:** April 22, 2010, 9 am-3pm

Register online or call and talk with Lisa. 715-689-2347

Luther Point Ambassador Retreats: These retreats are a time to come together, get some fun, new ideas and receive information to promote Summer Camp and Retreats. The Retreats will be held February 6 and 27 from 9 am until after lunch. If your church does not have an Ambassador, please come to one and share in the fun!

Looking for Summer Ministry Team Applicants: Do you know of someone from your congregation who enjoys working with youth? Do they have a desire to share their life and faith with people? Please encourage those young college students to consider summer employment at Luther Point Bible Camp. Applications for summer employment are available on our website. Scroll down to the employment section on the left hand tool bar. Plant a seed in the life of a college student. Also, Jesse Weiss, Program Coordinator is looking for high school students who are interested in spending two weeks at camp in the **BUDDIES Program** (Building Up Dedicated Disciples Into Experienced Servants)

Congregations Set A Goal to Increase Camper Participation: I am asking each congregation to challenge themselves to set a specific goal for camper participation for this coming summer. I also ask that the goal be challenging. For the past two years the camp has seen a dramatic decline in the number campers coming to Bible Camp. **This trend simply cannot continue to happen.** If camper participation remains as it has been for the past two years, more pressure is put on congregational support, donor gifts and retreat source revenues.

Opening More Doors Together (OMDT) Capital Campaign Update: Congregational Leader training sessions were held January 9th and 10th. About 18 churches have leaders who have been trained on how to conduct a pledge drive in their congregations. Please consider being on a Congregational Task Force to conduct a campaign on behalf of Luther Point.

If you have questions regarding Luther Point Bible camp, Contact Tricia Otto at Home 320-679-9818 or cell 320-293-3001

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

Show your love with the gift of a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend, then bring that love into the rest of your lives. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend includes two nights in a comfortable hotel and five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm.

Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 12-14 & March 19-21 in Brooklyn Center; April 16-18 in Duluth or April 30 – May 2 in Alexandria.

Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org



Approved Council Minutes – December 10, 2009

Members present: Jodi Schultz, Ruth Mattison, Nicole Berry, Bev Deis, Bonnie Boyer, Laura Daher, Mike Sampson, Greg Myers, Ernie Blaisdel, Pastor Brenda and Pastor Doug.

The meeting was called to order by Greg at 6:35pm

Bev Deis did devotions

Review/additions to agenda: No additions or corrections. Motion to approve minutes made by Erine and seconded by Laura, motion carried.

President's report:

Greg mentioned the Lay Leaders Extravaganza which will be held on March 27, 2010 in Duluth, some youth events January 22-24, and other events through the Syond.

Pastor's report:

Pastor Brenda

Pastor Brenda reported on attending a Creation Care meeting and discussed about having a worship service about this. The Thanksgiving service and community dinner was again a success, as is the ongoing Soup for the Soul, which she served at recently. It was a very busy week with the Christmas Tea and 3 funerals last week, and also creating a lot of emotions for our community and congregation. Looking forward to the New Year.

Pastor Doug

Pastor Doug also discussed the effects of three funerals at our church in one week and the effects of them on our members/community. Consecration Sunday was successful and listening to the Temple Talks from members was appreciated. Pastor Doug also wanted to express his appreciation for having Pastor Brenda here with us during a busy and stressful time. Planning has started again for making home visits for shut ins in our congregation in the upcoming months.

Ministry Reports:

Family Life Ministry report was reviewed. It was noted that treats and pop were needed and appreciated, as they are running low most weeks.

Finance Committee report was reviewed. Bonnie will ask Finance to create a Sunday School pass through account from general, so that they know the amount available for projects. Motion was made by Bonnie that if the general fund can support it, \$2,200.00 should be moved to "undesignated savings" at the end of the year. Motion seconded by Ruth, motion carried.

Other Ministry reports were reviewed.

Old Business:

Budget planning – Motion to approved 2010 annual budget to present at annual meeting made by Bonnie, seconded by Ruth. Motion Carried.

Nominating Committee – will be meeting soon.

Church Council Retreat – will be held on January 31st from 11-3pm at church with a pot luck lunch.

New Business:

Annual Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2010. Agenda items should included Green Resolution. Write ups from committees should be submitted for annual meeting and Annual Meeting date should be published at least 2 Sunday's before the 24th. Quorum will be certified (10% confirmed members constitutes a quorum). Soup and chili and bars will be served by council after meeting. Will decide at next meeting who will be bringing what items.

Motion to adjourn made by Nicole, seconded by Laura. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.