

Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS MARCH 2010

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church



Wednesday Evening Lenten Service
7:00 PM Every Wednesday Thru March 24
“The Scandal of Lent”
6:15 PM Soup
Bring your own sandwich

We're using the Gospel of John this year for our inspiration.
Here's a quick outline of our themes and readings:

Wednesday, March 3 - John 2:12-22	The Scandal of Belief
Wednesday, March 10 - John 6:53-58	The Scandal of Sensuality
Wednesday, March 17 - John 5:21-27	The Scandal of Heaven on Earth
Wednesday, March 24 - John 12:25	The Scandal of Self-Hatred

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, March 28 - 10:00 AM Service
Maundy Thursday, April 1 - 7:00 PM Service
Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 2 - 8:00 PM Service
Easter Vigil, April 3 - 9:00 - 4:00 PM
Easter Service, April 4 - 10:00 AM
Continental Breakfast at 9:00 AM before Easter Service, No Sunday School that morning

From your Pastor.....



What should you say when...

...someone you care about says they see no point in going to church?

For those of us who do worship regularly, it can be difficult to understand why others don't. Here are some random thoughts about how you might respond:

1. Before you say *anything*, **listen**...and take their message seriously! You might think they're trying to justify (excuse) their disconnect from the religious establishment, but their reason(s) are genuine *to them*: "I pray. I worship God in my own way. I don't need to belong to a church to be a Christian." "I haven't found a church I really like." "My life is too busy already; why would I want to add another commitment to my hectic schedule?" "I don't believe you have to go to church to be 'saved.' I'm a good person; that's all that matters to God." "Churches are full of hypocrites. All they want is your money." "Church worship is too (fill in the blank): stuffy, traditional, contemporary, boring..." "I had a bad experience once with a church/pastor/church member..." Maybe they're right...*for them!* Your uncritical listening will communicate that you care about them. And when they sense that you *care*, they'll be more inclined (maybe some later time) to listen to *you*.
2. Let your **actions** speak louder than your words. Practice the Christian virtues of charity (love), honesty, generosity, kindness, patience and faithfulness. Live out your faith with integrity (*uncompromising adherence to what you believe*). Refuse to gossip. Participate in a Bible study. Don't be afraid to pray in their presence (yes, even bow your head and pray silently or out loud before a meal in a restaurant). When the people you care about are weekend guests in your home, invite them to church with you on Sunday morning. If they choose not to attend with you, go anyway! They can sleep in and join you for brunch after church...and your example will make a lasting impression!
3. **Pray** for those you'd like to see closer to Jesus and his church. Pray for your kids and grandchildren...your neighbors...those you work with and relax with. Pray some more. Remember that *conversion* is the work of the Holy Spirit...but remember, also, that the Holy Spirit works through ordinary believers like you and me.

Pastor Rich

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES, 7:00 P.M. THRU MARCH 24.

The Scandal of Lent – Reflections on the Gospel of John

Soup (and bring your own sandwich) at 6:15 p.m.



Lady Saint's News

Eleven ladies met on Saturday, January 13 at 9:00 AM at the church. The hostesses were Wilma Lupe, Lynda Meyer, Pat Toepfer, Ann Miller and Laura Myers. The food was delicious as usual and enjoyed by all. The table was beautiful with a lot of candy kisses all over it.

Mary Lou read a selection called "Volunteers Needed, Here I Am, Send Me", for the devotions. The minutes from the January 9 meeting were accepted with no change being made. A one-day retreat was suggested to be held at 577 Foundation sometime in early September or October from 10:00 - 4:00. LaVerne will check for a day and Julie B. will be asked to guide us or help us to plan the activities.

Bethel wants us to come again to their church as we did last year and they would like 3 people to attend the meeting to help plan! Donna Jean and LaVerne volunteered. Rose, Mary Lou and Marilyn G. said they will go the day the event is held and others are welcome to attend.

The subject of the quilt show and the rummage sale were brought up, but decided to discuss these later. \$23.00 was the collection today.

Joan Moomey will give the devotions and Judy Reber, Mary Lou, Eloise, and LaVerne will be the hostesses for the next meeting on Saturday, March 13. Thank you Gals!!

The meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Gabriel
Secretary/Treasurer

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

Mar. 7 Rose Thomson
Mar. 14 LaVerne Bussdieker
Mar. 21 Nancy Klawitter
Mar. 28 McCanns

READER

Peg Loehrke
Rick McCann
Bob Krueger
Jim Ter Doest

COMMUNION PREP/ASSIST

Mar. 7 Mary Lou Houle
Mar. 14 Norm & Sue Merkel
Mar. 21 Pam Hershberger & LaVerne Bussdieker
Mar. 28 Stockmasters

MONTH

March

ALTAR

Rose Thomson

MEDIA

Don Sundby

SOUND

Mike Okoneski

COUNTERS

Mar. 7 Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel
Mar. 14 Mary Lou Houle & Carole Johnson
Mar. 21 Pat Toepfer & Ann Miller
Mar. 28 Mary Lou Houle & Carole Johnson

OFFERING

Mar. 7 Rose Thomson
Mar. 14 Mary Lou Houle
Mar. 21 Judy Reber
Mar. 28 Judy Grimes

USHERS

Mar. 7 Bob Krueger, Ralph Fritsch, Jim Ter Doest, Hassan Brown
Mar. 14 Tim Merkel, Ralph Fritsch, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown
Mar. 21 Bob Krueger, Ralph Fritsch, Jim Ter Doest, Hassan Brown
Mar. 28 Tim Merkel, Ralph Fritsch, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown



3/1 Katie Both

3/31 Mike & Barb Zaborski - 21 yrs.

3/7 Pat Toepfer

3/8 Marilyn Krueger
Don Sundby

3/21 Joan Moomey

3/24 Jim Ter Doest
Eloise Way

3/25 Wilma Lupe

3/30 Jeff MacKenzie

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