

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRIES
NEWS & NOTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2010
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Please silence electronic devices.**

**THEME OF THE DAY:
“CONSECRATED STEWARDS”**

Consecrated Stewards begins TODAY!

Every member is asked to come to Bible Class TODAY & the next 3 weeks at 10:10 am, and to worship at 9 or 11:10 a.m. Alternate Bible Class is Thurs-7 pm. We seek to find purpose and meaning through growth in discipleship and use of the gifts God has given us.

RUMMAGE SALE is March 5 & 6, sponsored by C.I.A., high school youth. **Please bring items BY FEB. 27.** (If you must have your items picked up, call the Otten's, 251-0124.)

Mid-week Lenten Service is each Wed. at 7 p.m. If you need a ride, please call the office.

Supper: Catechism Class serves supper this week from 6-6:45: **Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Salad, Bread, & Dessert;** free will offering will support the Jr. High Youth. (Note: the Schobert's will serve supper on 3/17; they only need 2 or 3 helpers; call 941-7080.)
Get a **Lenten Devotional Book** from the ushers.

Thanks to Belinda Oberding and the choir for singing and Tami Gentil for playing trumpet on Ash Wednesday.

BLANKET MAKING DAY is NOT rescheduled, BUT you may take home 1 or 2 of our 25 fabrics to “fringe”, and then return them to Grace, so that they can still go to the Drop In Center this winter. See Sherry Smith or Sherri Thompson.

LADIES: we have through March 14 to give our LWML “MITES” for missions for this biennium. On a national level, God blesses our “mites” to aid Lutheran World Relief, Braille Workers, Earthquake Relief, Prison Ministry, & many other mission churches, through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Extra envelopes are on the table, and gifts may be put in the offering plate anytime.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Anne Wilczek in gratitude to God for her husband & grandson's birthdays. **The flowers are available on 3/28, 4/11 & 18.** The 2010 Flower Calendar is in the narthex. Sign up for the dates you would like, and Linda Otten will be in touch with you. Then put \$20 in the offering plate, memo “Altar Flowers”.

Dedication of the Last Supper artwork in the foyer is Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 6:45 p.m., preceding the service at 7 p.m.

Concordia Seminary Chorus Concert is today, 5 pm at Immanuel, 1285 Main St., Hamilton. Dinner follows (free will offering supports the Seminary Choir).

Valparaiso Univ. Chorale Concert is Tues., March 2, 7 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran, Greenhills, at Winton Woods.

Summer is coming! Grace Summer Reading Program will be Tuesdays in July. See Sherry Smith to volunteer.

PHOTOS ARE NEEDED for Grace archives. If you have any old pictures of people or events at GLC, please give/loan them to our archivist, Betty Lee, or to the office. If you want them back, we will make copies for GLC. Questions? Call Betty, 941-5798.

55+ Club meets Tuesday, Mar. 9, at 10:15 a.m. Trip to *LaComedia* for “Phantom” is April 15; \$66/person. Call Lois Young for reservations, 923-4901.

In Feb., WESTFED PANTRY needs Crackers, Soup & Tuna. Boxes are in the narthex & fellowship hall. Monetary gifts help fill the gaps.

We pray for healing for Jim Bollinger & Art Beinkemper; **those shut in:** Thelma Fischer, Martha Hirsch, Helen Hood, Ruth Hurlburt, Evelyn Kaiser, Ruth Kisro, Linda McCabe, Matilda Palfi, Rose Marie Rewwer, Clara Schablein, Esther Schulze, Susan Shultz, Ed & Vera Zimmerman; **friends of the parish:** Anne Rasch, Dave Burke, Nancy Evans, Tyler Eve, Carol Schilling, Grace Singler, Jamie Trost; **those serving our country:** especially Jason Burkee, Sarah Gass, Ben Gerdson, & Chris Harper; **God bless our seminarian**-Mark Hesse on vicarage in Ft. Wayne; **Missionaries**-the Esala's in Ghana & Roeske's in Alaska; *Transforming Congregations.* & all the ministries at GLC.

Serving this week:

9-Lector-Bill Thompson; 9-PowerPt-Donn Washburn;
11:10-PowerPoint-Kathryne Smith;
Elders: Glenn Heiob & Ken Ross;
Acolyte-Wed, 2/24-Sam Schablein.

Serving next week:

9-Lector-Mark Eggerding; 9-PowerPt-Matt Seim.

Stewardship Prayer: "Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God, my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." Ps. 25:4-5 May we give of our time, talent & treasure with thanks in worship of our Savior.

Girl Scout Cookies are here! See Elisabeth Manor, Hannah Nimmo, or Jessica Whitman, or call the office.

Could you visit 1 or 2 shut-in members in February? See Sherri Thompson or call the office.

What to save: old Portals of Prayer (and other devotional materials), cancelled commemorative stamps (with a border around them), empty inkjet cartridges, brown paper grocery bags for WestFed, and paper for recycling. Boxes are upstairs and in the fellowship hall, and the paper dumpster is in the Verdin parking lot.

BHITC: Gas cards or cash donations are needed for the VAN, which is used for 67 kids for Kids' Church. Make checks payable to "Building Hope in the City", send to the office, put it in the plate, or give to S. Smith. THANKS!

"A WITNESSING WORKSHOP", led by Pastor Mark Etter, is this Sat., Feb. 27, 9 am-3 pm at Zion Lutheran, 1175 Birney Lane, in Mt. Washington/Anderson. It will help you w/your personal witness and "elevator statement of faith". Workshop w/lunch is \$10. Call 232-6974 SOON.

UC and NKU Campus Ministry continue to touch lives for Christ. If you would like to be involved, contact Jamie at jamie.noyd@gmail.com. or 859-802-4515.

Bethany Lutheran, Erlanger, is working with a local family to update and clean up playgrounds at local parks in Greater Cinti. See the bulletin board re. **Xavier's Park Project** on March 13 at the Waterfront.

Do you need a career where you can receive financial rewards AND help others? Call Randy Krise of **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** at 317-215-2293, or go to www.thrivent.com/careers.

FYI: Camp Lakeview (near Seymour) accepts registrations now. See flyers on the table or call 1-812-342-4815. Another option is to call 1-800-431-5666 re. **Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio.**

FREE tax preparation is done at Elder High School. Call 363-4693 to see if you qualify.

Faith Weekend at Newport Aquarium is March 13-14. All tickets are \$12 each. Call 859-815-1471.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

21st-Rachel Hopkins 22nd-Dave Hampton
23rd-Shirley Fischvogt 24th-Janet Manning
25th-Amber Limle 26th-Linda Bader
27th-Adam Gerdson

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today Traditional Communion -9 am
Christian Ed. for all-10:10 am, including
CONSECRATED STEWARDS B. Class-ages 12-99!
Contemporary Communion-11:10 am
Girl Scouts-3 pm
Mon. Braille-1; Tutoring-6:30; *ChristCare*-6:30 pm
Tues. Bible Study-9:15 am
Wed. LENTEN SUPPER-6-6:45; SERVICE-7 PM
Bells-6:30; Choir-8 pm
Thurs. WestFed Pantry-1:30 pm
Stewardship Bible Class-7; Cub Scouts-7 PM
Sat. *ChristCare* at Diane's Restaurant-9 am
Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet-here
Sun Traditional Worship -9 am
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Attendance last week: 134 (9 am=63; 11 am=71)
Attendance last Wednesday: 54
Christian Ed: Adults=23; Ages 3-18=26

GLC MISSION STATEMENT:

"We go in service to all people-sharing, caring, and teaching-to bring them to Christ."

VISION MARKS:

Together we will

Grow in God's Word

Proclaim the Redemption through God's Grace

Be increasingly Active in service to the Lord

Bring Christ's Care to our community & beyond

Constantly Equip believers for a life of discipleship



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