

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRIES
NEWS & NOTES – MARCH 7, 2010
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Please silence electronic devices.**

THEME OF THE DAY: “CONSECRATED STEWARDS”

Consecrated Stewards continues today!

Every member is asked to come to Bible Class TODAY & next week at 10:10 am, and to worship at 9 or 11:10 a.m. We seek to find purpose & meaning through growth in discipleship and use of the gifts God has given us. See flyer today. Return blue “Faith Promises” next Sunday.

TODAY IS MITE SUNDAY! We have **only 1 more Sunday** to give our LWML “MITES” for missions for this biennium. God blesses our “mites” to aid Lutheran World Relief, Braille Workers, Earthquake Relief, Prison Ministry, & many mission churches, through the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. Extra envelopes are on the table.

Mid-week Lenten Service is each Wed. at 7 p.m. If you need a ride, please call the office. Marie Moeller & Helpers serve supper this week from 6-6:45: **Lasagna, Salad, & Dessert.** **Lenten Devotional Book** is available in the foyer. **Lenten Self Denial Offering** this year will support Seminarian-Mark Hesse, who will receive a call into the ministry in April. You may use the special envelope in your March Grace Notes or a plain one marked “Lenten Self Denial” or “Mark Hesse”.
Dedication of the Last Supper artwork in the foyer is Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 6:45 p.m., preceding the 7:00 service.

New Grace Team Leaders are:

Donna Nimmo-Community Connections Team;
Sherri & Mark Hume-Discipleship Team;
Anne Wilczek-Missions Team;
Bill Thompson-Worship Team.

Leadership Training is Sat., Mar. 20 & 27, 9-noon. Who MUST attend? All leaders. Who MAY attend? **ALL VOLUNTEERS**, so please mark your calendar now for both dates! (Note: Elders’ Meeting is changed to March 13-9 am.)

Today at 10:10, join us at a reception in the narthex for **Marge Ekardt’s 90th Birthday**. Her family also invites you to an OPEN HOUSE today from 2-4 p.m. at Four Towers Apartment Dining Room, 2732 E. Tower Dr, 1st fl.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Marge Ekardt’s 90th birthday by her family, and by Marie Moeller in memory of Al’s birthday. **The flowers are available on 3/28, 4/11 & 18.** The 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”.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins 3/14. “Spring forward” 1 hour **THIS SAT.** so you’re not late for church!

EASTER FLOWERS may be ordered from our high school youth to decorate the church at both services. Watch for kinds of flowers and cost. **Thanks** to all who supported the **RUMMAGE SALE**.

Thanks to Bells & April Seim for special music today.

Our Carillon Bells will ring at noon Thursday-“Just As I Am” by Rob & Jenny Whitman in honor of Glenn Heiob’s birthday.

55+ Club meets this Tuesday at 10:15 am w/program by *The Hat Lady*. Trip to *LaComedia* for “Phantom” is 4/15; \$66/person. Call Lois Young for res.-923-4901.

St. John Passion Play is March 7, 13, 14, 21, 27, & 28 at 2 locations. See the poster, or call 859-392-0129. It is free, but you must reserve a ticket, AND you get to see June Gilliland, Rose Adkins, & Lucas Reynolds in it!

WESTFED PANTRY thanks everyone at Grace for recent donations of \$466.50. 1/3 of food items comes from the 7 churches, plus approx. \$350/month is needed to supplement and serve 100 families/month. **March items are Toilet Paper, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit.** Boxes are in the narthex & fellowship hall; checks may be given to “WestFed” or GLC for Westfed.

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

Need Girl Scout Cookies? See Elisabeth Manor, Hannah Nimmo, or Jessica Whitman, or call the office.

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

We pray for healing for Kim Hopkins, 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, Nancy Evans, Tyler Eve, Mary Goddard, Ellie Lauer, 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.

Stewardship Corner: "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." **We are stewards of these words of eternal life.** We may speak of many things, but this message is the one of FIRST IMPORTANCE. May we speak these words with our mouths and our actions.

Thanks to everyone from Marie Moeller & Kim Hopkins for the cards, prayers, and other kindnesses.

Serving this week:

9-Acolyte-Brett Hume; 9-Lector-Bev Wullenweber;
9-PrPt-Donn Washburn; 11:10-PwrPoint-Sam Schablein;
Elders: Jerry Hesse & Richard Smith;
Altar Guild-Anne Wilczek, Linda Otten, Sherry Smith;
Acolyte-Wed, 3/10-Nolan Wullenweber;

Serving next week:

9-Lector-Clyde Wullenweber;
11:10-PwrPt-David Stamper.

St. Paul, Madisonville, hosts **Apple of his Eye** founder, Steve Cohen, on Sunday, March 14 at 10:30 am, and his wife-Nancy holds a friendship Tea at 4 pm for everyone. Call 271-4147 for more info.

"**Thank God For Heresy**" is Pastor Berner's title at the **Federation Seminar** on Sat., 3/20, 9-3:30, at St. Paul Village, Madisonville. Reg. is due 3/8; call 779-0172.

FYI: **Men's Lenten Breakfast** is 3/27, 7:30 am at WW 1st Presby, 3011 Harrison. Res. due 3/23, 661-6846, x105.

Tech Reach offers computer and Language classes at Elder High School in March & April at minimal cost. Call 921-3744, x3636.

"**Family Advantage**" pamphlets from Ohio Tuition Trust Authority are available on the table.

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.

Cincinnati Boy Choir Concert is Sat., March 13, 7:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 318 E. 4th St., and Sun., March 14, 4 pm at St. Mary's, Hyde Park.

HOLY WEEK:

March 28-Palm Sunday services - 9 & 11:10 a.m.

March 28-"The Passion of the Christ" - 1:30 p.m.

April 1-Maundy Thursday-Art Dedication-6:45 and Communion Service at 7 p.m.

April 2-Good Friday Tenebrae Service-7 p.m.

April 4-Easter Celebration-9 & 11:10 a.m.

Easter Breakfast-10-11 a.m. Egg Hunt-10:45 a.m.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
11TH-Glenn Heiob

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today Traditional Communion-9 am
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARGE - 10:10 am
Christian Ed. for all-10:30 am, including
CONSECRATED STEWARDS B. Class-ages 12-99!
Contemporary Communion-11:10 am
Girl Scouts-3 pm
Stewardship Leaders' Dinner-5:30 pm
Mon. 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
RES. DEADLINE FOR LUNCHEON ON 3/14
Thurs. Cub Scouts-7 PM
Sat. Elders' Mtg-9; *ChristCare* at Diane's-9 am
SPRING FORWARD! CHANGE CLOCKS!
Sun Traditional Worship -9 am
Christian Ed. for all-10:10 am, including
CONSECRATED STEWARDS B. Class-ages 12-99!
Contemporary Worship -11:10 am
CELEBRATION LUNCHEON FOR ALL-12:30
Girl Scouts-3 pm

Attendance last week: 146 (9 am=87; 11 am=59)
Attendance last Wednesday: 50
Christian Ed: Adults=25; Ages 3-18=21

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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