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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


I write to you this unusually sunny late January afternoon both with a light heart and with a heart filled with compassion for what's going on in the larger world. Light heart because this day is good, the sun is warm, the park just ripe for a walk and my dog seems to be breathing easier with her daily dosage of antihistamines and steroids (what is the world coming to when our pets have asthma)? Also my heart is filled with compassion as I think of Haiti and how with a wild rumble of the earth many people's lives have been changed instantly and forever. When I was a missionary in Mexico, I served the ELCA twice working as part of disaster relief teams after both hurricane's Mitch and Paulina. I know from that work that after a disaster it takes months if not years for communities to recover. With that said, I am pleased with our response as a Church to this disaster (read Bishop Hanson's letter, included in this newsletter). I encourage us to continue giving so that we can be there as first responders. I also encourage prayer for the people of Haiti and for all the relief workers who are there as folks come to grips with what "a new normal" might be for them in the midst of deep loss.

It has been exciting this past week to plan for Lent. I appreciate you all and all the ways you have walked through Lent in the past. I'm looking forward to eating soup with you, singing, praying, and generally being in fellowship with the sweetest people I know! I am reminded that there are many ways to honor this liturgical season and hope that you will share meaningful experiences you have had during Lenten seasons past.

Both my daughter Caitlin and I celebrate birthdays soon. In order to celebrate both our birthdays and a late Christmas, I will be on vacation between February 21st-28th.

In January, I attended a wonderful conference on how to offer support to returning veterans and their families. I will be sharing from the pulpit about this experience and look forward to having conversations with you around this subject.

Meanwhile, thanks for your continued hospitality. It has been amazing to spend time visiting and getting to know you all better. If you haven't had the chance to meet one on one with me yet, please let me know. I've been calling on one or two families weekly and am enjoying the various places and ways of knowing you. Sometimes we share a meal, sometimes coffee, sometimes a good laugh in my office. This time with you continues to amaze me. Thank you for the grace you give me to be myself.

Peace,

Pastor JILL

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*“if one member suffers, all suffer together with it;
if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”*

Almost two weeks have passed since the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The outpouring of gifts from members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to ELCA Disaster Response has enabled a swift response on behalf of this church.

Thank you for your generous financial support which now totals more than \$1.6 million. Thousands of other gifts are still being counted. Our community-based partners are already providing:

- Two water purification systems to bring clean water to 25,000 people.
- Emergency food and medical supplies to thousands.
- \$300,000 has been sent to The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), a key responder and member of Action by Churches Together (ACT). The funds support LWF efforts to provide shelter to people left homeless by the quake.
- \$150,000 has been sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Baltimore, for material aid.
- \$150,000 has been sent to Church World Service (CWS) for construction of temporary water systems and distribution of water purification materials.

In addition, \$25,000 has been sent to Lutheran Service of Florida for initial support to refugees and Haitian Americans entering or returning to the United States.

We are pleased that Louis Dorvillier, director of International Development and Disaster Response in the ELCA Global Mission program unit, is part of a delegation to his country of origin with LWF and ACT.

Your generosity makes this life-saving work possible. As we celebrate this outpouring of gifts and prayers, we also, know that we have a long road to travel together. There is so much more to be done. This church is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Haiti for years to come; your continued support is needed to provide ongoing care.

I encourage you to visit the ELCA Disaster Response (www.elca.org/disaster) Web site for updated information, worship resources, bulletin inserts and details on how to offer financial support. General mission-support dollars and gifts to ELCA Vision for Mission make it possible for 100percent of your gifts designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief to be used entirely for this response effort.

To give today, go online (www.elca.org/haitiearthquake) or call 800-638-3522.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

February Worship Schedule

February 7, 2010

Worship Assistant: Open
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Kathy Sebree
Greeter: Walt & Ginger Mick
Ushers: JD Sundseth, Andy Sauer

February 14, 2010

Worship Assistants: Elisabeth Dunbar
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Open
Greeter: Bettie Roberts, Bonnie Eichler
Ushers: Open

February 21, 2010

Worship Assistant: Kathy Sebree
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Bonnie Eichler
Greeters: Open
Ushers: Open

February 28, 2010

Worship Assistant: Billie Hilton
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Marlene Libsack
Greeter: Open
Ushers: Open

Opportunities to serve that are still open are bolded. If you want to help, sign up on Sunday or call the Bryson's.

Altar Guild

Rose Hamilton
Avis Hatheway

Chancel Flowers

7 Open
14 Sebree family in celebration of Jimmy's,
Crystal's, Ilene's and Jim's birthday!!
21 Open
28 Open

Counters

Al Bryson
Bettie Roberts

February Birthdays***

1 Marlene Libsack
3 Jay Carroll
Katie Carroll
10 Elisabeth Dunbar
14 Ilene Bushnell
22 Jim Sebree
24 Crystal Lehman
26 Whitney Murphy
27 Yvonne Daniels

***If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office 966-1720, we would be happy to add you to our list.

Our 2010 Lenten Journey

February 17 7:00pm Ash Wednesday
Service

February 24----March 3----March 10----March 17
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Soup & Bread at 6pm

Lenten Service at 7pm

Women's Valentine Luncheon Olive Garden

11:30 am

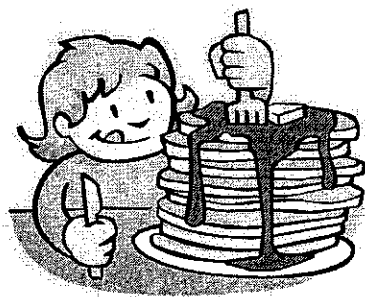
February 13, 2010

Come and join in the fun and good food. It's been a long time since the gals have been together to visit. Take time out of your busy schedules and enjoy a couple of hours of fellowship.

If you participated in the Secret Sister fun, it's time to tell your secret sister who you are!!!

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Support 7pm Scouts	<i>3</i> 9am Text Study Noon Executive Board Meeting 12:30pm Quilters Confirmation	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 9:30 Music Selection
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<i>14</i> 8:30 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship/Comm 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Learning & Youth	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 10:30am Women's Bible Study Noon Social Ministry 6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner	<i>17</i> 9am Text Study 12:30pm Quilters Confirmation 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	<i>18</i> 3pm Fellowship Committee 7pm Worship & Music	<i>19</i> Newslet- ter deadline	<i>20</i> 6pm Pinochle at the Sauer's
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<i>28</i> 8:30 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship/Comm 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Learning & Youth 2:30-4:30—Bowling at Nob Hill Bowl—Pizza at the church after.						



Shrove Tuesday

It's time to pig out on pancakes! But first, let's fill up on some facts and a little history.

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began.

As far back as 1000AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. (Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses).

Historically, Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden by the church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods they all would go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do?

Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs not later than Shrove Tuesday. And so with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in...pancakes---and lots of 'em.

Today, the Shrove Tuesday pancake tradition lives on throughout Western Europe, the United States, Canada and Australia, but is mostly associated with the UK where it is simply known as Pancake Day with a traditional recipe, although these can be as varied in the UK as there are British households.

In France, (as well as here in the US---or more famously---in New Orleans) it's known as Fat Tuesday, which kicks off the Mardi Gras festival with wild celebrations just before the austere Lenten season.

In Sweden, Fat Tuesday translates to Fettisdagen, and in Lithuania it's Uzgavens. In Poland, traditional celebrations take place on a Thursday a week before Ash Wednesday and so it's Tłusty Czwartek, or Fat Thursday.

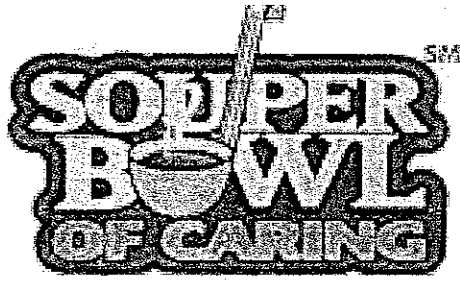
At Christ Lutheran,

we will celebrate
Shrove Tuesday
on February 16
at 6pm.

The dinner will be sponsored by the men who will be serving up generous portions of 'forbidden' meat along with our famous butter, eggs, milk, and flour concoction. Come & eat!!!

**Valentine Boxes
for the elderly and
disabled
sponsored by
Volunteer Chore
Services.**

Each year, with your help, VCS delivers a "Valentine Box" of food to help our low-income elders and low-income adults with disabilities deal with winter budgets. There is a decorated box to collect your generous donations of non-perishable food items



More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Christ Lutheran Church has been a part of this mission for several years. The Social Ministry committee would like to continue to participate. We are asking that each member donate at least \$1.00 on Sunday, February 7th. We will also have a collection basket during the month of February for non-perishable food items. All money and food collected will be given to Northwest Harvest, which has donated food for our Thanksgiving boxes in years past.

Be a part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to Northwest Harvest, our 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.