

OUR REDEEMER'S *PULSE...*

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During the Epiphany season, we emphasize that God's Son was sent to be the hope of all nations, not just Israel. The great news of this season is that God's love is for all the people.

The Angels of Christmas proclaim in Luke 2 that they bring us good news of great joy that will be for all the people. First John 2 says that Jesus is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And who could forget John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

God's love is amazing. The news is that Jesus bore on the cross the punishment for all our wrongdoing. All of them! He truly has given news of great joy! How can we keep it to ourselves?

At the start of Epiphany, we remember the wise men, or magi, of different nationalities who traveled to greet the new King. This is the recognition that Jesus is the true King of the whole world. Then in our readings came the Baptism of the Lord, where God's riches are bestowed upon His adopted children through the waters of Baptism. God's personal statement of His love is given to each of us individually and yet uniquely linking us together as the children of God. We now also have heard of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. This confirms that we are not just individuals, but God has made us into families, communities of people who are touched and changed by God's love and grace.

The culmination of Epiphany is on Transfiguration Sunday, which is February 14th. The disciples are bedazzled by the glorified appearance of Jesus. The truth of Jesus' claim to be the Son of God is made apparent, and the disciples go down the mountain to face the trials of life in the valley of the shadow of death.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17th with the imposition of Ashes. We will have our traditional Midweek Lenten services at 11am and 7pm. The 11am service will be followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. The 7pm service will be preceded at 6pm with a Lenten Supper.

Please make room in your schedules for the special spiritual opportunities for worship and learning during this holy season.



Jan 2010 Sun	
1/03	200
1/10	205
1/17	217
1/24	216

Jan 2009 Avg 212
Jan 2010 Avg 210

Board of Christian Education

Sunday School Classes

- Three year olds through fourth grade- meet in room 303 at 9:40am for their opening and class in a rotational format. Topics:
 - 1/31 – Jesus rejected in his hometown
 - 2/07 – Astonished by miraculous catch
 - 2/14 – Moses & Elijah with Jesus

- Pre-confirmation- meets in room 311 and class will continue for fifth grade with Ken Wedell.
- Confirmation- meets in room 306 with Kala Redlin and Delores Schwartz
 - Topic: 1/31 – Church and Saints
 - 2/07 – Forgiveness of Sins
 - 2/14 – Make up Session

Confirmation II – 1/31 – Meets in Library at 12:30pm
Review of Confirmation/Faith Story Info

- Post-confirmation- room 305 with Chris and Jennifer Noah
- High school class- will meet in the Luther Inn.



- Adult 307- Greg Murray – “Worship”
- Adult 309- Bill Bowers – Book of Revelation

Other Bible Classes throughout the week:

- Adult Information Class / Review of Christian Doctrine – Pastor Schwartz leads this class in the upstairs conference room for 8 weeks on Saturdays at 10:00am.
- Women’s Bible Study at Jennifer Noah’s – “Living Beyond Yourself” focusing on the Gifts of the Spirit as found in the Book of Galatians. Meets on the 3rd Saturday each month.
- Ladies Adult Midweek Bible Study (LAMBS) – Led by Lois Axson, this group meets each Thursday at 9:30am. They are currently studying the Gospel of Mark.
- Wednesday Midweek Study – Led by Pastor Schwartz each Wednesday at 9:30am to 10:45am. They are currently beginning a study of the book of Amos.
- Men’s Breakfast Bible Study (MBBS) – “That the World May Know” is the title of a new study led by Chris Noah each Friday morning at 6:30am. Breakfast is included!

FAMILY EDUCATION NIGHT - Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The New Year has come and many changes have followed. We had a very successful start to our Family Education Night on Jan. 13th with good turn out and positive feed back. At this point we are currently only offering one Family Night a month with the next one being on **Feb. 10th at 6:15pm**. Please take advantage of this opportunity as we pray it will be a blessing for you and your family to grow closer to God and to one another.

As the year progresses I would ask that you stay tuned in to all that is going on especially as our Sr. High youth are preparing to go to New Orleans in the summer for the LCMS Nat'l Youth Gathering in July. We will have some fundraisers and different things going on over the course of the next few months. As things continue to move forward let us keep our focus on Christ in all that we do while preparing for the many different ways in which God can use us to serve others and share the love of Christ. Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
DCE, Lamar Stewart

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS - from 1/17, 1/24. and 1/31 along with the Birthday Pennies will be sent to World Vision Haiti Disaster Relief Fund. For those of you who are not aware the Sunday School program supports a child through the World Vision program who lives very near the effected area. Please see our "Love" bulletin board in the first floor of the Education Building to learn more about Illiodie. Thank you for your support.

Next month every Sunday's Sunday School offering will go to help Kat Zielke accomplish her goal on a mission trip to Ecuador with ASU. Please watch for more information on our bulletin board next month.

NEW STUDY FOR MEN’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY (MBBS) - MBBS will be traveling in the Holy Land for the next six months on Friday mornings. They will use the exciting video program from Focus on the Family called, “That the World May Know”. Early classes will center on Biblical archeology: studying “tels”, the purpose of the city gate, “standing stones” and the significance of the Jordan River. If you have questions, please call Chris Noah at: 706-855-7223 (email: noah5@knology.net).

Board of Youth



HEY YA'LL

(Young American Lutheran Leaders)

Please call Susan Shipman at 706/210-9251 or Louise Meadows at 706/855-7985 for more information.

Youth Group Schedule January:

January 31	5pm Dinner and Bible Study
February 7	5pm Dinner and Bible Study
February 14	5pm Dinner and Bible Study
February 21	3pm Brookdale Assisted Living Care and Dinner to follow
February 28	5pm Dinner and Bible Study

YOUNG ADULTS – will meet on Friday, February 19th at 6:30pm. They will be doing a short Bible study and fellowship time. Please bring your favorite appetizer and drink to share. They will meet at the home of Nick and Kala Redlin – 6012 Great Glen, Grovetown, GA (706)550-0528.

The Young Adults are doing a service project and need YOUR HELP! They are collecting twin blankets, twin sheet sets and women's business attire. Please drop off any of these items in the church office. More details coming soon on this project.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Special Worship Services

2/17 – Ash Wednesday

11am and 7pm

Topic: His Holy Head - Mark 15:16-20

2/24 - Lenten Service

11am and 7pm

Topic: His Holy Hands - Matthew 27:35-42

DEVOTIONALS: Pick up your copy of a Lenten Devotional on the table in the walk-thru area. There are several to choose from thanks to Lutheran Hour Ministries.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life - Abortion must be fought one heart, one mind, and one life at a time. This is what Christians have always done!"

Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life

MUSIC SUMMIT – The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 4th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting is open to all who are interested.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY In the beginning, God gave, and He continues to give. God's character is to give. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He holds nothing back from us, either in this world or the one to come. *"He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?"* (Romans 8:32). To give and to keep on giving is the essential nature of God Who is love. As our faith grows and matures, we also become givers who, by God's grace, give freely and generously.



CHURCH WORK DAY – The next series of work days are set for March 12th and 13th. Reserve these dates as we strive to get our facility cleaned and shined up before the Easter season.

THE MEMORIAL PROGRAM OF OUR REDEEMER - is overseen by the Board of Stewardship. Suggestions for new items for inclusion on this list for future purchase are now being requested and may be submitted to the Board of Stewardship by any member of the congregation. Recent items purchased with memorial funds include the projectors in the Fellowship Hall, the new mailbox cabinet and some the LSB hymnals for the sanctuary. Contact Eddie Kyser (Chair Board of Stewardship) or the church office for a request form.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP

GAME NIGHT – The next game night will be Saturday, Feb. 6th at 6:00pm. Come and bring your favorite games to play and share.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – You and your family can assist by signing up as a sponsor of a fellowship hour. These are typically held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's each month and the duties include: picking up donuts and juice, making the coffee, and cleaning up afterwards. It is very easy and it helps you get to know others, too! Call Sandy Boysworth if you are interested in sponsoring one. Thanks!



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – We are still looking for small business owners and those who work for businesses around town: examples – Banks, Doctors, Lawyers, appliance needs, printing services, home improvements, beauty needs, etc.... What we need is a business card along with payment and any other information you would like to include. The cost is \$25 for ¼ page, \$50 for ½ page and \$75 for whole page. The net proceeds will go to the Elders' Aid Fund to help those in need and also helps our members know who to recommend and trust for these services. Anyone interested please contact Kala Redlin at (706)550-0528. Also the last day to turn in photos for the directory is Sunday, February 15. Please place them in Kala Redlin's mail folder or email her at elmok2@juno.com

VALENTINE'S DINNER AND PROGRAM – Saturday, February 13th at 6:00pm is the date for our Valentine's Day Candlelight Dinner with Entertainment! The dinner will include: Salad, Rolls, Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast, Beef Tips in Burgundy Demi Glaze, Corn Soufflé, Buttered Mashed Potatoes, Oven Roasted Green Beans, Glazed Baby Carrots, Fresh Baked Apple Pie and Homemade Blueberry Crisp (of course both include ice cream!) Remember the only line you will wait in - is the buffet line!!!



There will be live musical entertainment during dinner and after dinner we will be playing “The Newlywed Game Show”! Contestants will be picked randomly from those who wish to participate and we will find out just how well you know your spouse – guaranteed to be lots of fun!!! (This will be an updated and clean version of the game.) The cost is \$17.00 per person. All ladies will receive a long stem rose. There is a sign up sheet and payment envelopes on the table in the walkway. Please invite your family and friends to join us for this special fun filled evening. Dinner and child care will be provided at no additional cost. Please sign-up or call the church office by February 7th!

We are also in need of some volunteers to help before (setup), during (childcare and kitchen help) and after (cleanup) for this event. There is also a sign up sheet for this on the table.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES Architect renderings and cost estimates to enlarge our narthex/greeting areas will be presented in the near future to ORLC members and friends. Next Trustee work meeting is Feb. 13th at 8:30am.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

THE SHEPEARD BLOODMOBILE - will be here on Sunday, February 7th from 10:00am - 12:30pm. If you can't donate that day, please stop by one of the Shepeard Blood Centers & give the gift of life. There is a sign-up sheet in the walkway.

HAITI DISASTER RESPONSE - We are working with the LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Mission Haiti, as well as President Marky Kessa of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Haiti (ELCH), and President Revenel Benoit of the Lutheran Church of Haiti (LCH) to distribute supplies. In addition to funds (We've raised \$1445 thus far), congregations are encouraged to assemble boxes of the following items:



Food in pop top cans, bottled water, Dishwashing liquid, soap, Antibiotic ointment, Bedsheets, Shovels, Buckets , Wash clothes, Clean used clothes

All items must be boxed and clearly identified. These boxes can be sent to

- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 7601 SW 39th Street, Davie, Florida, 33328 or
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

If you wish to contribute, please mark or tag your check with the words – “Haiti Earthquake”. Note: you can utilize one of the pew envelopes for this gift but still tag/mark your check. Thanks!

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY - Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday (LHM) proclaims the gospel around the world and equips congregations to share Jesus with others. On February 14th (change from the Jan. 14th Pulse), join us for LHM Sunday to learn more about their ministry. For more information about LHM, visit www.lhm.org or contact Marv Timm. LHM will sponsor the refreshments after the early service and all of the free will offerings will go to LHM. *Marvin Timm, Sr., LHM Ambassador*

LWML THINGS by *LaVon Dunker*

1. **Portals of Prayer** for Edgefield Federal Prison - Please do not write in them!
2. **Used eye glasses** for Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Warner Robins' mission trip to Ecuador in June of 2010.
3. **Plastic grocery bags** for DCCM. - Collection containers will be placed in the LWML corner located in the Cross walk.



MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE - Will meet February 3rd at 9:30am. Join us for a snack, Bible Study and fellowship. We will begin work on the 2010 confirmation banners.

CHURCH MOUSE NEWS:

The Church mouse noticed the smell of fresh paint in the Church. Lo and behold... The old wing conference room had been redone by Don & Sharon Berninger. Wow! What a great home for a humble mouse!



What is a mouse to do? This mouse thought he was the busiest person in the building but those darn quilters are really zipping along. They produced 14 quilts in a week for the Mission team to take to New Orleans. Now they have made 16 more quilts to be sent to Haiti. Their efforts are wearing out this poor mouse!

This mouse also saw pictures of six members of ORLC putting the final touches on a New Orleans house. Wow! What love of others, to take a week out of their lives and do something for others! Sure hope this catches on. I know the mice in that home are certainly going to appreciate it!

Synodical Theses on Worship:

Worship is not an adiaphoron. *(An adiaphoron is something that God has neither commanded in His holy word nor forbidden in His holy word.)*

- A. Worship is commanded by God (Ex 34:14; John 4:24; Luke 4:8)
- B. The highest form of worship is faith (John 6:29; Heb 11:6; Heb 9:9; AP IV, 49; AP IV, 154; AP IV 228; AP XXIV, 27-28)
- C. Worship is Trinitarian and centered on Jesus Christ (Num 6:22-27; 2Cor 13:14; Heb 12:1-2; John 6:28-29; John 20:31; AP XXIV,26)
- D. The means by which faith is created and nurtured are essential to worship (Rom 10:17; Col 2:12; 1 Cor 11:23-25; AC V, 1-2; AC XIII, 1; AP XXIV, 71)

Scriptures and Confessions give the people of God considerable freedom in choosing those forms, rites, and ceremonies that aid the worship of God.

- A. Neither the Scriptures nor the Confessions prescribe forms, rites or ceremonies for worship. (Gal 5:1; Eph 5:19; 1 Cor 14:26; AP VII/VII, 30-32; FC SD X,9; FC Ep X, 8,9,12)
- B. The Liturgy, a true service, is that which aids both the proclamation and the hearing of the Gospel for the sake of faith, that is true worship. (Rom 10:17; AC IV; AP XXVI, 3)

The Liturgy of the Church builds a framework for the worshiper to live the life of faith.

- A. Liturgy of the Church teaches the full counsel of God Acts 20:27; 2 Peter 3-4; Athanasian Creed; SD, V,15)
- B. The elements of Liturgy, tell the full story of salvation (Psalm 78:4-7; Acts 8:35;)
- C.** The Liturgy of the Church moves worshipers into the world to live for and to proclaim the Good News to others. (Luke 24:44-49; Acts 2:46-47; 1 Tim 2:1-4; LC, 103; AP IV, 125)