

Good News

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Wednesday, February 17

Annual

Serving begins at 5:30 P.M.

Menu includes baked
potato with all the
trimmings.

Proceeds from the free-will offering will be given to OCWM. Sign up at the back table or call the church office.



Plan to stay for

Ash Wednesday Worship

at 7:00 P.M.

Getting ready for church

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

February Sunday Worship Notes

February 7

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Pot luck

Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13); Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11

February 21

1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1–11;
Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16; Romans 10:8b–13;
Luke 4:1–13

February 14

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2;
Luke 9:28–36 (37–43)

February 28

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17–4:1;
Luke 13:31–35

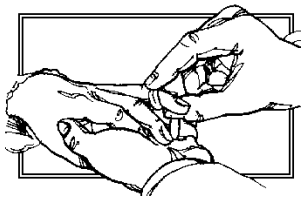
In February, we are praying for these individuals/families: Stacy Kleist, Susie Kleist, Bill Knight, Charline Kozlowski, Dorothy Kruschke, Tom & Arvilla Kruschke

Food for Thought

Our pot luck this month will be on February 7. Since we are celebrating Valentine's Day this month, let's bring the foods we love to eat!

Renew Your Marriage Vows

This year Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday, so during worship we will do a renewal of marriage vows for any married couples who wish to do so. We did this two years ago with great success, and are happy to do so again. Also, if you have a copy of the vows you made, please get them to Pastor David before February 12 so he can incorporate them into the sermon that day. Bring your wedding photos on the 14th for display in the sanctuary as well.



St. Francis is in desperate need of money and food. Please do not forget to give generously. St. Francis Food Pantry can still use grocery bags (plastic and paper), motel-size soaps, lotions, shampoos and body wash. We will continue to take our special offering for them on the first Sunday of the month.

Our offering for February will go to St. Francis Food Pantry but it will go through our Youth and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Let's help them send in a great total this year!

Memorials

The Stewardship Commission has determined the following items/projects to which memorials may be designated: new flooring for the nursery, a lighting upgrade, on-demand water heater, the General Fund.

- ! Designated gifts to the **Memorial Fund:** *For the Youth in memory of Mary Lou Welk:* John & Sandy Moore
- ! Gifts to the **General Fund:** *In honor of Bill Knight's birthday:* Jerry & Joanne Lowry

Financial Summary

As reported at the January 11 meeting of the Executive Council

Income:	\$11,959.23
Expenses:	\$11,169.56
December Gain:	\$789.67

- ★ \$2000.00 was taken out of the Reserve Fund
- ★ \$795.00 was received from the Nut Fund
- ★ \$500.00 was paid to OCWM
- ★ \$1365.00 was paid to OCWM-Special Supports
- ★ \$490.00 was paid to St. Francis Food Pantry

February Birthdays

- 3 Jerry Tubbs
- 5 Jean Phillips
- 12 Dick Gosbin
- 16 Kristina Champion
Charline Kozlowski
- 18 Joshua Champion
Travis Eisberner
- 19 Jeff Green
Gloria Polden
- 28 Richard Leuck
Kenny Polden

February Film Festival!

Once again the Christian Education folks are having a "February Film Festival!" to help chase away the winter blahs! The rules are simple: choose a movie, make a donation, enjoy the movie for a week, bring it back, choose another movie... well, you get the "picture." We suggest \$3.00 per movie, but all donations are gladly accepted. And all the proceeds go to help our campers at Moon Beach. How great is that? You get to curl up with a good movie and our kids get to go to camp! This year's movie selection will be everything from kids and family movies, classic dramas, comedies, and musicals, to contemporary films and documentaries. So let's enjoy our own "February Film Festival!" at Plymouth! Roll 'em!!!

Put Yourself in Their Place

Wednesday Nights of Lent

This year our Wednesday evening Lenten gatherings will look at Holy Week through the eyes of the people around Jesus. Each evening we will explore a different person through scripture passages, some historical background, and discussion asking such questions as— What might they have felt? How might you feel if you were them? Why did they do what they did? What might have been the reaction of people around them? How did they react to Jesus? How do we react to Jesus?—all the questions one brings when reading scripture. We begin each mid-week Lenten evening after Ash Wednesday with a soup supper at 6:00 P.M., followed by worship ending about 7:00 P.M.

- February 17 Ash Wednesday (with Potato Supper at 5:30 and worship at 7:00 P.M.)
- February 24 Peter
- March 3 Mary Magdalene
- March 10 Judas
- March 17 Joseph of Arimathea
- March 24 Mary (Jesus' mother)

Schedule
for



Dear Friends of Plymouth,

Pastor's Pen



Winter continues its slow march of cold, snow, and darkness, and February can be a dreary month. But it need not be dreary—it can also be cozy and an opportunity for some family fun time. Play a game together at night. Take advantage of the February Film Festival and rent a movie from our collection. You might even wish to get wild and crazy and spend a half hour each night reading from the Bible—the Gospel of Luke, Ruth, or Genesis are good books to share. February also sees us begin our Lenten season, with Ash Wednesday on the 17th. Our tradition is to have a worship service on Ash Wednesday with a baked potato supper before, which we are doing again this year. Lent is a time to look within ourselves, to see our dark

areas and sinful nature and shine God's grace into them and bring a change to our lives. And while the dreariness of the outside weather seems a natural match for the time of Lent, just as winter always leads into the new life and growth of spring, so also Lent always leads into the new life and hope of Easter morning. Lent is not about feeling guilty and shameful about who we are, but is a time to look to the joy of Easter and jettison the stuff might keep us from fully experiencing God's resurrection love. I pray that God bless you in this sometimes dreary and dark month, and that you find time to connect with friends and family, and also reconnect with yourself and God.

Blessings,

PASTOR JAW

10th Annual Empty Bowls Benefit

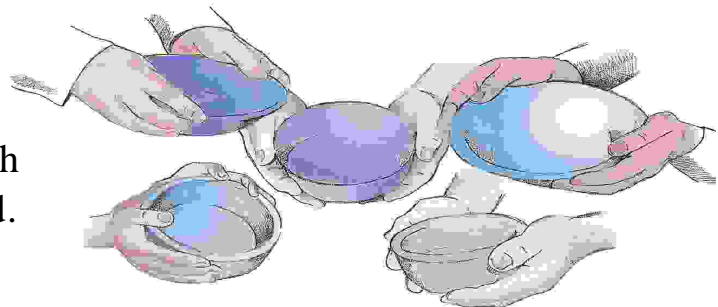
for Feed My People Food Bank

Thursday, March 11
11:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M.

at

Trinity Lutheran Church
1314 E Lexington Blvd.

Meal includes choice of five soups, delicious breads, beverage and choice of dessert. The price for the meal and a hand-made pottery bowl is \$18; the meal alone is \$8. Children 10 and under may eat for free. Tickets are available from Barb Kleist. Please make checks payable to Feed My People.



Executive Council Minutes

January 11, 2010

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Nancy Wendt, Kay Stecher, Rob Jaenke, Louise Partlow, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening and Pastor David Huber

Nancy called the meeting to order and opened with devotional reading. The December Council minutes were reviewed. Louise's name was omitted from the members present and will be added. Minutes were accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of December 31, 2009

Year to Date Income	\$112,385.15
Year to Date Expenses	\$113,487.90
Ahead (Behind)	(\$1,102.75)
Building Fund Balance	\$30,793.78
Memorial Fund Balance	\$7,261.21

Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$11,959.23 expenses were \$11,169.56 leaving us with December gain of \$789.67 and a check book balance of \$56.20. \$2800.00 was taken out of the Reserve Fund, leaving a balance in the reserve fund of \$358.96. A deposit from the Nut Fund of \$795.00 was also put into the General Fund. We cleared up all the OCWM special supports and were able to give \$500 to OCWM. Another \$490.00 was given to St. Francis Food Pantry, bringing that total for the year to \$3958.22. Rob reported that the envelope giving ended up down about \$11,000 for the year. There were several large pledges given at the end of last year. Louise will put our yearly \$5000 from the Building Fund into the General Fund.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$7261.21. We still owe the Memorial Fund \$1497.35 from the General Fund.

Building Fund Report:

The balance for the end of December is \$30,793.78. The Building Fund pledges ended up \$8700 short of what was pledged, but \$3800 more was actually collected. A letter will be going out to all those who pledged the Building Fund.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

Kay reported that the Christmas Pageant was a success and thanks the youth and Nancy Wendt for all their help. They have started to learn about Elijah since returning from Christmas break. They made bird feeders for the Christmas tree which is now outside. The youth will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring again this year on February 7. They are having the February Film Fest again this year. Donations go to the Camp Fund. Adult Education begins on January 17 with the study of hymns.

Stewardship Commission:

Larry will be meeting with the Interior Committee to discuss the first banner to be selected. Audrey and Dorothy Kruschke will be going through our artifacts to determine what is worth keeping. So far the Stewardship campaign has produced the same



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number of pledges as last year, with about \$1500–\$2000 more in money pledged. They will send out a letter regarding Building Fund pledges shortly. The nut sale produced a total of \$1043.50 profit. Community Days at Younkers is the end of February. We will once again be selling the coupon books. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to sell them some time at Younkers, contact Larry. The Ash Wednesday potato supper will be February 17.

Worship Commission:

Barb reported that Christmas Eve was well attended, in spite of the weather. George did a great job filling in for Pastor David. They took down the Christmas tree and decorations on January 9.

Service Commission

Pastor David reported that Christmas gifts were given to the shut ins and all were served communion before Christmas.

Building & Grounds:

The snow removal seems to be working well.

Women of Plymouth:

They did not meet in January.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David made 40 visits in December. He led worship at Heatherwood again on December 2. There will be no ecumenical prayer service this year. In Conference news, on January 16 the Executive Committees of the four Associations will meet to talk about the restructuring of the Conference.

Nominating Committee:

Larry has a full slate ready to present at the Annual Meeting. There is room for a few more members on the commissions.

One Great Mission:

There will be pot luck February 7. The theme will be "Foods We Love."

Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting is January 31, after the church service. Nancy asked the Council to bring bars and cheese and crackers.

Other Business:

Nancy thanked everyone on Council and the Commissions for all their work. The Council gave a special thanks to Nancy for all her work.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Barb Kleist

Be a sponsor!

Sponsor an issue of the newsletter, a weekly bulletin, or the illumination of the cross on the front of our building in memory or in honor of someone or in honor of a special event, or even just because! Bulletin and newsletter sponsors will be recognized in the issue they sponsor. Cross sponsors will be listed in all publications for the month of sponsorship. Support a bulletin for \$15, a newsletter for \$50, or illuminate the cross for \$50. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>February 2010</h1>						
	1 7:00 P.M. WOP Board	2 9:00 A.M. Bible study	3	4	5	6
7 St. Francis Pantry 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	8 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	9 9:00 A.M. Bible study	10	11	12	13
14 Prayers for the People 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	15 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	16 9:00 A.M. Bible study	17 Ash Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Baked Potato Supper 7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Worship	18	19	20
21 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23 9:00 A.M. NO Bible study	24 6:00 P.M. Soup supper & Lenten worship	25	26	27
28 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission						