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Newsletter

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Angels in the Bible Is the Lenten Series Focus

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on March 1st. The Ash Wednesday service will be a service at 7 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. by the Filiae Pacis Circle.

Each Wednesday then for the next five weeks, there will be a Lenten Bible study. This year the series focuses on Angels.



- March 8 - Angels and Messengers
- March 15 - Abraham and Angels
- March 22 - Cherubim and Seraphim
- March 29 - Angels with Names
(Gabriel, Raphael, Michael and Satan)
- April 5 - New Testament Angels

There will be a supper between 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Then the study begins at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Different groups will provide the meal each week.

Happy Birthday Dr.



Suess!

The Church of Peace Book Nook personnel will celebrate Dr. Seuss' March 2nd birthday on

Friday, March 3rd at the Primary Academy by selling Dr. Seuss books. Please help to enrich the lives of young children by introducing them to the readings of Dr. Seuss! You can purchase a Dr. Seuss book, and drop in our special drop box on Sunday,

LENTEN

For quiet, meditation

Reflection, prayer

Inspirational music

Deepen your faith

At 9:45 to 10:15 am

Your opportunity

Starts March 3 - April 14

Every Friday during Lent

Church of Peace

Worship in March

March 1—*Ash Wednesday -7:00 pm*

Sermon: "Spring Cleaning"

Scripture: Joel 2:12-19; Psalm 51; II Corinthians 5:20b-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Reader: Bob Steeber

Music: Chancel Choir

March 5—Sermon: "Turn Off the

Radio" Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17;

Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22;

Mark 1:9-15 Reader: Dave Kirk

Music: Chancel Choir

Communion and Food Pantry

March 12—Sermon: "Take Up the

Cross" Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7,

15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans

4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Reader: Linda Schmitt

Music: Bell Choir

March 19—Sermon: "Inside/

Outside" Scripture: Exodus 20:1-

17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25;

John 2:13-22 Reader: Deb Holmes

Music: Chancel Choir

March 26—Sermon: "Gift of God"

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm

103; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Reader: Virginia Milligan

Music: Children's Choir



Memo From Michael



Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter in which Christians fast and pray in preparation for celebrating the resurrection. Christians have been marking time in this way since at least 325! So it is a good, long-lived tradition.

I think of it as spring training. Here at the Church of Peace, we will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. Supper will be served beginning at 5:30 pm. Worship will be at 7:00 pm. We will continue with a series of suppers at 5:30 pm and study sessions at 6:45 pm. The studies will be on Angels in the Bible through April 5. Be an angel and attend.

Mason Elliott will be confirmed this year. He will give his essay on April 2 and be confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 5. We will welcome other new members on Palm Sunday, too.

This year there will be a series of Friday morning services throughout Lent. These will be short, focusing on music, scripture and prayer. This is a wonderful addition to the devotional life of our church. Please come and give these services a try if you are available in the daytime.

Holy Week will include services at 7:00 pm on Thursday and Friday. There will be the Cross Walk on Friday morning, and the last of the Friday prayer services will take place that day as well.

On Easter there will be an early morning community service at First Lutheran Church and Easter services at 10:00 am in our sanctuary.

In the New Testament, the Gospel writers emphasize the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life. That one week takes up about 30% of their whole story. Lent and Easter are the most significant parts of the Christian year.

Come and enrich your life through participation in any or all of these opportunities here at the Church of Peace. Come to spring training, Christian.

See you in church.

- Michael

Council Briefs

Due to this year's "Storm of the Century", the monthly council meeting was delayed until after church on Feb. 19th. Even though the meeting was delayed, it didn't prevent important council issues from being discussed.

After being approached by the Rock Island schools, the church council voted to again have a children lunch program during the summer of 2006. We will try to capitalize on what we learned last year. The council also authorized the purchase of a new desktop computer for the office staff. The topic of the amount of interest earned in 2005 from the Sustaining Fund was brought up. The investment allocation will be looked at before the Sustaining Fund committee's next meeting.

The Western Association is looking for six churches to align in a "Revitalization" project. The council would like to bring in the representative of this group to see if what they are offering matches what our church needs. Even if this project is not a good fit, the council is interested in making changes that could help increase attendance and membership.

Jimmy Sederquist, Secretary

Mary Kae Waytenick wrote these words and music to go with them in honor of Women's Sunday on Feb. 5th.

Vision of Healing, Voice of Hope

*As I look around, I get so discouraged, I see hatred and fighting on the earth's scorched grass.
Where is my God whom I have trusted?
Will I see His face before I pass?
And then I see a stranger's kind wave;
And then I see a baby's sweet smile.
I see the blossoms in the garden, songbirds in the tree.
It's there I see God—a vision of healing.
But who shall be the voice of God?
And who will be His messenger?
The prophets of old are silent! I will be His voice.
I can sing His praises!
I can testify to the good He does, to the strength He gives,
To the love He shows, to His Son who died,
And now He lives! I can be the voice of hope.*

Different organizations will be taking care of the Lenten series suppers on Wednesday nights.

March 8 - Education Committee

March 15 - Martha Rolf Circle

March 22 - Worship and Music Committee

March 29 - Church Council

April 5 - Tri Mu Circle

Thanks to all our volunteers!




The Quilters Group is selling tickets for a Grandmother' Flower Quilt give-away! Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held at the Salad Luncheon on April 27th.





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 ★ **MONTH!** We will ★
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 ★ organizations as well. ★
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Clean-Up Day
 It's time to do some spring cleaning at the church—both inside and outside. On Saturday, April 1, come for breakfast, and then everyone will tackle some projects!



Women's Guild Minutes
 Eleven members and Rev. Swartz attended the noon potluck hosted by Ida Krueger Circle. After the food was served, we played "Traveling Bingo". Ash Wednesday is March 1st, and volunteers have signed up for the Lenten dinners. The next meeting will be March 2nd as a cleaning and sack lunch meeting.
 Bea Anderson, Secretary

Annual Meeting Wrap-Up
 The new Church Council officers for the year are:
President—Ed Johnson
Vice-President—Virginia Milligan
Secretary—Jimmy Sederquist
Treasurer—John Love

The other council members are:

- Carla McGreevey '08
- Debbie Holmes '08
- Aaron Waytenick '08
- Rhys Fullerlove '07
- Linda Etheridge '07
- Sylvia Elliott '06
- Bob Steeber '06
- Pat Ward '06

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting.

Dave and Nora Steele became grandparents for a fourth time on January 31st when Landon Lee Miller came into the world at 11:22 am. Landon weighed 8 lbs. and 12 oz., and was 21 inches long. He is the son of Kara and Corey Miller of Wausau, WI, and is welcomed at home by big brother, Teagan, who is 2 years old. Dave and Nora are delighted!

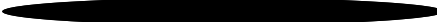
World Day of Prayer
 Friday, March 3rd
 Memorial Christian Church

The program on "Signs of the Times" was written by women of South Africa. Registration is at 9 am. If you have any questions, please see Vieno Martensen!

Around the Circles

Martha Rolf Circle
 Ten members were present for the February 9th meeting at Joann Love's home. Change of date for the Salad Luncheon was announced. The new date is April 27th. Ticket books for the Quilter's Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt were distributed. The circle will provide treats for Fellowship hour in March, and serve the Lenten dinner on March 15th. Corinne Colclasure will take care of towels for the next month. March hostess will be Judy Hansen.
 Virginia Milligan,
 Secretary

Tri Mu Circle
 Ten members of Tri Mu Circle met at the home of Grace Franck for the February meeting. Grace led devotions of "Love Gifts". The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved as read. Guild Report – Donna Boyle announced that a salad luncheon will be held on April 27th and salad donations and workers will be needed. A quilt will be raffled at a price of one ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Carla McGreevey reported that the breakfast/brunch that was held in December for teachers at two Rock Island school Academies went well. Our bake sale is February 12th during Fellowship Hour, and the March meeting will be held at the home of Emilie Braughton.
 Emilie Braughton,
 Secretary



Altar Guild Schedule

March

01 Bea Anderson
 05 Mary Oelschlaeger
 12 Carla McGreevey
 19 Pat Ward
 26 Marge Murphy

march Flowers

March 5 - To the glory of God
 from Dick Lohrens

March 12 - None

March 19 - In memory of my
 mother, Hildegard, from Dick
 Lohrens

March 26 - In honor of Matthew's
 birthday from the Elliott Family

March Greeters

05 Tyne Thompson
 12 Georgia Steeber
 19 Sue Spurgetis
 26 Roma Nesseler

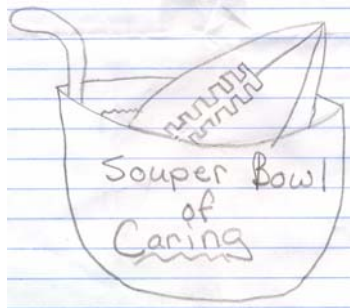
Church Staff Members

Michael SwartzPastor
 Rachel Bationo.....Outreach Director
 Nora Steele.....Secretary
 Brian Wischnak.....Sexton
 Mary Oelschlaeger Parish Nurse
 Mary Kae Waytenick ... Music Director
 Jessica Waytenick Choir Director
 Curtis Oelschlaeger Bell Choir Director

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1. Robbie Myers
3. Karen Anderson
 Amy Radosevich
4. Richard Lohrens
6. Ed Johnson
7. Travis Porter
10. Paul Waytenick
13. Fred Oelschlaeger
14. June Nesseler
19. Roxanne Lucas
 Jim H. Nesseler
 Cheryl Seyb
20. Mark Bethell
21. Charles Seyb
24. Madalyn Elliott
25. Marie Timmer
26. Sally Jean
 Matthew Elliott
28. Emilie Braughton
29. Bernice Janecke
 Linda Schroeder
30. Gary Wetherall



By Mike Sederquist

Thank you to everyone who contrib-
 uted to the Souper Bowl of Caring and
 brought in canned goods to stock our
 shelves!

Thank you to everyone
 for the cards, prayers,
 and well wishes after
 I broke my leg and
 during my continued
 recovery.



Aaron Waytenick

Thank you everyone for all the cards
 we received for our 50th anniversary!
 Thanks also to Virginia Milligan for
 the flowers! We appreciate you all!
 Everett and Shirley Franks

A New Orleans Tour and Update

As many of you know, I have an
 apartment in the French Quarter of New
 Orleans, and have worked on a
 steamboat down there during school
 vacations. I just returned from my first
 visit there, post-Katrina, and have a
 collection of photos and slides of the
 destruction and reconstruction efforts.

I visited several of my friends'
 houses and have the 'inside view' of
 what they are dealing with in trying to
 get rebuilt. I'd be glad to share these
 with any groups who would like some
 insight from a part-time resident of the
 Crescent City.

Please call me at 786-8019, or email
 me at wzc8491@aol.com if you'd be
 interested in a presentation.

- Judy Patsch

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