



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Some of you may be familiar with an individual by the name of Garrison Keillor. He has a weekly radio program on National Public Radio every Sunday called "Prairie Home Companion". If you have never listened to it, I recommend that you try it. It will certainly make you laugh. You see, in a subdued yet very funny way he describes life in the Upper Midwest, in particular Wisconsin and Minnesota. Such a life he is more than familiar with for he grew up and continues to live there.


Garrison Keillor also likes to poke fun at Lutherans. At times, he does a wonderful job of portraying Lutherans the way they are for he is a practicing Lutheran himself. Well during one particular show, he said, "For we Lutherans, it is Lent every day of the year". To emphasize his point he noted that "Lutheran tend to always be somber". He went on to say that this is due to the fact that they believe "it is only good, right and salutary" to daily reflect on the fact that they are "poor, miserable sinners." Such reflection results in making them humble themselves just as Jesus humbled Himself. And we all know extremely that we are commanded to be Christ like.

Now I must say that Keillor's observations do not hold true for most of us Lutherans on the East coast. Let's face it, we do like to have a good time. However, I will say that there is a hint of truth about what he says for certain "brands of Lutherans" in the Upper Midwest. At an Eastern District function I met a woman who lived just outside Buffalo. We somehow got on this topic of Lutherans and Lent. She said that while vacationing in Northern Minnesota she went to a Lutheran church one Sunday. After the service was over, she was nicely and gently "scolded" for leaving the altar after communion with a wide smile on her face. She was told that no one should ever smile after Holy Communion. It was a solemn gift from God made necessary because everyone were "poor, miserable, sinners."

The Season of Lent begins on February 22nd which is Ash Wednesday. It lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays. And there is no doubt that it is a very solemn time of the Church Year. This is because it is a special time to examine our lives in front of the mirror of God's Law. As we do so there is only one conclusion we can make - we, each and every one of us, are poor, miserable sinners. Let's be honest with ourselves. There are too many times that a majority of us push God to the outer periphery of our lives. Instead of our lives revolving around God - His love, and His will - other people and things become first and foremost. Too often many of us worry instead of placing our complete trust in Him. Worse yet, many of us have a tendency to take control of events, trying to work things out the way we think is best rather than first going to God and asking Him to guide us so that His will, which is always good, righteous, and perfect, be done. So many of us take His innumerable blessings for granted thereby failing to give Him the praise and thanksgiving He deserves.



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Special points of interest:

- ♦ 2nd Tuesday
Elders Mtg 7pm
- ♦ **NO DORCAS
JAN, FEB, MAR**
- ♦ **NO LADIES AID
JAN-FEB-MAR**
- ♦ 1st Wednesday
Evangelism Mtg 1pm
- ♦ 2nd Tuesday
Prop. Mtg 6pm
- ♦ 3rd Tuesday
Men's Club 6pm
- ♦ Saturday Bible St.
9:30am
- ♦ Saturday Worship
7:30pm
- ♦ Adult Bible Study & SS
Sunday 9:00am
- ♦ Sunday Worship 10:30am

Too often many of us do not pray continually. Then there is the fact that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. Many of us do not respect, honor, and obey those in authority over us; we call individuals who anger us or who we intensely dislike names; we are very reluctant to forgive; we lust; we gossip; we tear others down with our words rather than build them up; we tend to envy what others have rather than what God has given us; and the list can go forever. And the final result of all this sin? Since God is such a giving God, we deeply hurt Him! Since God is a holy God, we intensely anger Him. Finally, because God is a just God, He must punish sin. That punishment is death. First, the Bible says there is spiritual death. This means that we by our own reasoning cannot ever come to know and follow the true God. Thus there is total separation from Him here on this earth. Then the Bible says there is eternal death. This means that we would be eternally separated from Him. All we could ever look forward to is eternal despair and hopelessness causing the weeping and gnashing of teeth. Simply put, hell! What are we going to do? There is nothing we can do to deliver ourselves. The only hope is to hear the message of God through the Prophets and Apostles. Turn to God! REPENT.

Now I have to say that what I like most about Lent is when it is over. Lent ends with Jesus' death and His resting in the tomb. However, as we observe Lent to its end the unbelievable love and grace of our Lord God opens before our eyes and infiltrates our hearts. Why? The day after Lent is Easter. On that day we hear the cry, "Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!" Friends, we possess the hope of deliverance from sin and death. And it is a sure and certain hope. Jesus, by His suffering and death upon the cross, appeased the wrath of God toward us because of our sin against Him. Jesus, by His suffering and death upon the cross, paid the punishment of our sins for us. Think about this! Jesus never sinned. Thus, He should never have suffered the Father's anger and punishment of sin. Yet, He did! He willingly did! This is because God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - did not want us to live totally separated from Him here on this earth. Above all, He did not want us to suffer eternal separation from Him - hell. No, His greatest desire was to save us. His greatest desire was to make us His children who would live a glorious and perfect life in His presence in heaven forever and ever. I cannot even fathom this love. There is no greater love than this.

Friends as we heed the Lenten call, as we turn to Him, as we throw ourselves on His mercy, as we repent of our sins believing in Jesus as our Savior, all, and I mean all, our sins are completely forgiven. And as the Bible says, where there is forgiveness, there is life and salvation. Of this forgiveness, life, and salvation we can be absolutely, 100% certain for Jesus was raised from the dead. His resurrection is our guarantee that He defeated sin and death once and for all. If He was not victorious, He would never been raised from the dead.

There are those in Christendom who declare that it is wrong to have Lent because it is not in the Bible. Certainly, it isn't in the Bible. Not only that, but this examining ourselves in the mirror of God's Law, repenting of our sins, and turning to Christ for forgiveness and salvation should actually be a daily affair – not just in the Season of Lent. Yet, Lent is very good! It gives us the opportunity to examine more deeply God's Will. It gives us the opportunity to learn that we are more sinful than what we think we are. It gives us the opportunity to understand more earnestly that our only hope is to repent and trust in Christ and the forgiveness, life, and salvation which He won by His crucifixion and resurrection. And how so very great and even necessary this is. Such study, by the Holy Spirit's power, will grant us a greater understanding and belief in God's awesome, wondrous, overflowing, unconditional love for us. And as we grow in God's love for us, we grow in our love for Him and others thereby enabling us to glorify Him, strive to be better disciples, and finally witnessing His free gift of forgiveness and salvation through faith in Jesus as the Savior.

This year in order that the growth which I described above may take place, we will once again sponsor Midweek Lenten Services every Wednesday. This year's theme is "He Who Has An Ear, Let Him Hear". Each week we will examine one of Jesus' letters that He wrote to the seven churches in Asia Minor. These letters are written in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3. We will examine what Jesus is saying to us as individuals who are His people and also to our entire congregation. The schedule is as follows:

(see schedule on page 3)

LENT

1. FEBRUARY 22: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES at 7:00 PM. Theme: "The Church in Ephesus" (Rev. 2:1-7)
2. FEBRUARY 29: SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER (Fellowship Hall) at 5:45 PM and the LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (Sanctuary) at 6:15 PM. Theme: "The Church in Smyrna" (Rev. 2:8-11)
3. MARCH 7: SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER (Fellowship Hall) at 5:45 PM and the LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (Sanctuary) at 6:15 PM. Theme: "The Church in Pergamum" (Rev. 2:12-17)
4. MARCH 14: SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER (Fellowship Hall) at 5:45 PM and the LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (Sanctuary) at 6:15 PM. Theme: "The Church in Thyatira" (Rev. 2:18-29)
5. MARCH 21: SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER (Fellowship Hall) at 5:45 PM and the LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (Sanctuary) at 6:15 PM. Theme: "The Church in Sardis" (Rev. 3:1-6)
6. MARCH 28: SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER (Fellowship Hall) at 5:45 PM and the LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (Sanctuary) at 6:15 PM. Theme: "The Church in Philadelphia" (Rev. 3:7-13)

HOLY WEEK

1. MARCH 5: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION at 7:00 PM.
Theme: "The Church in Laodicea" (Rev. 3:18-20)
2. MARCH 6: GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION at 12 Noon and the COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Time and Place to be Announced)

EASTER SERVICES – SUNDAY, APRIL 8

1. 7:30 AM: EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION. Theme: "The Promise of Hearing" (Rev. 3:21-22)
2. 9:00 AM: EASTER BREAKFAST (Fellowship Hall).
3. 10:30 AM: EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION.
Theme: "The Promise of Hearing" (Rev. 3:21-22)

May God's Peace Be With You Always!

Pastor

February Birthdays

- 1 Rocket Roeske
- 3 Gary Graham, Vickie Hand
- 4 Travis Dice; Terrence Monroe,
Doreen Taylor
- 5 Roger (RC) Klein, Justin Vossler
- 7 Julie Eldridge
- 8 Eric Stuck
- 9 Randy Moll
- 10 Peter Moll, Nicole Wesche
- 11 Debra Moll
- 12 Richard Kling, Robert Mangels,
Chuck White
- 13 Kato Aldrich
- 14 Pete Carlin, Deb Martin, John Nydegger
- 17 Andy Crawford, Jon Ebeling, Beth Klein
- 19 Jacob Cornelius, Arnold Hurd,
Zack Martin
- 20 Lou DiStrola
- 21 Dan English
- 22 Carlton Bledsoe
- 23 Lauren Moll
- 24 Schyler Kling, Alexis White
- 26 Scott Vossler
- 28 Toni Kling



& Anniversaries

- 20 Jim & Dena Helms





TRINITY CHRISTIAN DAYCARE

The Daycare Thrives

As reported many times in the past, the daycare continues on an upswing. Each week there are calls for open slots, but there is no room in the inn. This is apparently a good problem.

As January unfolds, we are building with boxes. The congregation is to be thanked for the many donations of boxes! We have enough boxes to build, explore, paint, have pretend play, construct trains and houses. Plus we are classifying and sorting boxes, examining the labels or print, finding out uses of boxes, etc. There's a lot of learning to this very simple theme and free materials.

On Wednesday, January 25th, 5:00-7:00 pm, the daycare is hosting the Chamber of Commerce for the monthly "After Hours" event. This will be a great opportunity for many people to come to our church and see our operation. You, the congregation, are also most welcome. It's a drop-in, very informal happening. Shelley Dunne, our creative gourmet chef, is preparing adult food a la child style, or is it child food a la adult. Two presentations will be playing; namely, a DVD of our Christmas program done by one of our parents and a PowerPoint showing our children playing, resting, eating, doing art activities, etc. Please come!

Many thanks go to Kato and Dee Roeske for being Mr. and Mrs. Santa as they listened to the children's wishes. Hopefully our one little, somewhat devilish, school-ager found out he wasn't really on Santa's naughty list.

A Bittersweet Gift

Please pray for one of our mothers of a cute little blond two-year old. The mother has recently been diagnosed with a major health, life-taking condition. This is so sad. The little gal has been part of our daycare since her early days in the baby room, and is now a bouncy, very verbal and energetic part of the toddler room. Due to the situation, the daycare is encouraging the little one to attend to keep some normalcy in her life, this without tuition charge. This is the least we can do as we feel so bad for the family.

On Monday, January 9, the family surprised us with a huge gift of many new toys and art supplies. It seems they and their relatives pooled their monies and had a big shopping expedition. We were overwhelmed, yet all was so bittersweet. Please remember them in your prayers.



FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Fellowship Club invites one and all to a soup and pie luncheon following services on Sunday, February 19th. We hope to have an impressive array for a soup “sipping,” or for those of you who know what you like, just savor a bowl of an old favorite. As for pie, who can stop at just one type? Whether you plan to tempt us with an entry, or simply delight us with your presence, please us the sign-up sheet in the lobby so that we can better prepare. This would be a great opportunity to bring in someone from outside the congregation for a visit, so please think about those who might enjoy this event. There will be a bean bag toss, and a suggestion box for Fellowship Club events. This event will be free of charge, but we will pass the basket to defray the expenses. We look forward to seeing you, and your friends.

Our Nursing Home Ministry:

The average communion attendance for December and January was 90.



**TELCO TREASURERS
REPORT**

	2011	2011
	BUDGET	ACTUAL

INCOME

OFFERINGS	150,000	148,372.34
OTHER INCOME		13,272.44
TOTAL INCOME		161,644.78

EXPENSES

PAYROLL EXPENSE	144,632	148,673.86
BOARD OF ELDERS	3,480	3,844.70
YOUTH	500	0.00
EDUCATION	3,650	2,853.24
CONVENTIONS	750	792.50
TREASURER EXPENSE	1,000	284.10
OFFICE EXPENSE	2,400	1,426.52
STEWARDSHIP	3,975	4,010.50
EVANGELISM	4,170	2,415.85
PROPERTIES	28,086	23,955.59
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	192,643	188,256.86

GALLMAN-HAWLEY

Custodian	18,000	20,027.00
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	9,000	5,944.00
Organ Maintenance	450	654.50
Repairs & Maintenance	25,550	18,608.50
TOTAL GALLMAN-HAWLEY	53,000	50,254.00

Transfers from other funds to meet expenses 44,208.72

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Gridley, Treasurer




LADIES AID



Cookies and toys were on our agenda for our December meeting. After a nice Christmas reading by President June we went about signing 18 Christmas Cards to accompany 18 plates of cookies put together by the ladies for our church shut-ins. After our job was done, we all enjoyed hot drinks and cookies. A good number of toys were brought in as well as many gloves, hats & scarves. Thanks to Jane & Dave Pinney for transporting them to our local Salvation Army for local distribution. We send our prayers for a safe, healthy & happy 2012.

Respectfully,
Sally Dannheim, Secretary

*****It was a decision of the board to cancel our meetings for January, February and March. This is due to the small amount of business to be discussed in these months. Should there be a funeral luncheon planned, each lady interested in helping & contributing will be personally notified. We will meet on April 3 at 7 pm and resume our regular evening hours.***

A  from your DCO

Compassion Clement Mission Update:

I hope everyone saw the December newsletter from Sheba. It is exciting to see the progress on the land and to know that they are beginning to reap some benefits from the land. That was quite a spinach crop.

However, even more exciting is seeing and hearing that others are being reached with the Gospel. I would like to share with you a recent email from Sheba.

“Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Hope your are all doing well. I remember you all in my fasting prayers. Thank you also for remember me and our children ministry. I am very much Blessed , comforted and guided by you all and always Thank the Lord about you. It is a great responsibility for us in our own campus. More children are waiting for help. We started visiting 2 new villages spreading gospel at a local school in midst of children. Please pray we want to start worship service soon under the trees. It is exciting for us. we just want to look towards the lord and do His work reaching souls for Him. Your prayers are a great strength for us. Every day is a challange for us. we are praying as many times as we can. Fasting prayer is doing wonders in our ministry. Another Good news I would like to share with you and that is,

we are the first people to share or proclaim the word of God in our area to the local people. Every time the village people kicked who ever came to tell about Jesus. But when we had christmas prayer meeting and told about the Love of Jesus every one listened with silence. I am so happy and i want our people to know Christ and through us the whole village should come to Christ. I need your prayers as we can do great things only through prayer.”

Your daughter in Christ
Sheba Sunayana

On behalf of Sheba, I would also like to thank everyone who has made donations and also thank you for your prayers. If you are familiar with Facebook, perhaps you would like to become friends with Sheba. She shares pictures, stories, and updates there.



These are the children at Christmas time.



These are children from the Banjara Tribe. They are considered the lowest caste people in India. Sheba invited them from a nearby village.



Some of the children at Christmas time. Extra donations at Christmas time allowed for them to have a special celebration.

Special Nursing Home Visitation

On Saturday, February 18th, our Evangelism Committee is coordinating a short visit to both Highland and Manor Nursing Homes to have a hymn sing and deliver a small gift to each of the residents. Please consider joining us. Watch the bulletin for times or contact Kay McCulloch for more information. The residents are so thankful for the opportunity to participate in something like this. What a blessing it will be for everyone.

Community Health and Wellness Fair

On March 10th, here at our church we will once again host a Wellness Fair. Organizations from Allegany County and the surrounding area will explain what services and programs are out there. We will offer a delicious lunch to benefit Youth For Christ. We ask every member of our congregation to stop and grab a bite to eat and support these organizations. If you want to help in other ways, please contact Kay McCulloch or Betty Wood.



Trinity Christian Daycare

The Christmas program was held for parents and the children on December 15th. How exciting it was to see the church full of parents, grandparents, and other relatives. The children had the opportunity to re-enact the Christmas story as told in the book of Luke. In order for the children to understand their role in the play, we first had to share the story with them. For many of the children, this was the first time that they had heard the real story of Christmas and the reason we celebrate this holiday. Usually when asked “Why do we celebrate Christmas?” The response was to get presents and to see Santa Claus. The children eagerly listened as we read from the book of Luke. As a result of our opportunity to share the real Christmas story, the children will now tell you that Christmas is the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Praise be to God for this wonderful opportunity. May the Holy Spirit continue to work in the lives of these children and their families.

Quote for the Day: “Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death”

Word Search Puzzle

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words in a straight line in all directions

S E V L E S M E H T I W
S I X R E T E P W R D K
S E M A J E S U S A V O
A N D K N H O J Y P S O
D E R U G I F S N A R T
L A N I A T N U O M N Y
M I H L A T E R O F E B

Word List

TRANSFIGURED THEMSELVES MOUNTAIN
BEFORE PETER LATER JESUS JAMES APART
WITH TOOK NRSV MARK JOHN HIGH DAYS
WAS SIX LED HIM AND UP BY

(Mark 9:2) Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, (NRSV)

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J J B D E S C E N D I N G N S W J
O O A F U L F I L L E D B A A E E
R H R J U S T A F T E R E Z T L S
D N R F R O M N R S V E A A A L U
A I E C Z N E W S A W P S R N K S
N N S A G A L I L E E E T E D I H
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O O E E Y A N G E L S T E H E G A
R C D O V E H A S P I R I T M D V
T O R N P L E A S E D A Y S P O E
Y M O F B E L O V E D Y O U T M N
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I P R O C L A I M I N G T A D A W
T I M E C O M I N G E M H Y E T A
H G O O D R O V E O A V O I C E I
E B A P T I Z E D D R I S N U R T
M A R K W A S A P A R T E G P M E
L I K E H I M M E D I A T E L Y D

Word List

PROCLAIMING IMMEDIATELY WILDERNESS DESCENDING FULFILLED
NAZARETH BAPTIZED ARRESTED TEMPTED PLEASED KINGDOM HEAVENS
GALILEE BELOVED BELIEVE WAITED SPIRIT SAYING REPENT JORDAN
COMING BEASTS ANGELS WATER VOICE THOSE SATAN JESUS FORTY
DROVE APART AFTER WITH WELL TORN TIME NRSV NEWS NEAR
MARK LIKE JUST JOHN INTO GOOD FROM DOVE DAYS COME
CAME YOU WAS THE SON SAW OUT NOW HIM HAS GOD AND
UP OF MY IS BY

(Mark 1:9-15 NRSV) In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. (10) And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. (11) And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (12) And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. (13) He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. (14) Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, (15) and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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Director Of Music: Carole A. Aldrich



CARD SHOWER

**John Nydegger will be celebrating his 98th Birthday
on February 15th, 2012.**

If you would like to participate, you may bring a card to the church office or
send it directly to John at:

*52 Hill Street
Wellsville, NY 14895*

TRAVEL with Concordia College to Germany!

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Contact Rev. Gregory Dwyer at 914-337-9300, x 2198
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