

VOICE Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk

We have begun our Lenten Journey. Lent is a 40-day liturgical season that began on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and concludes on Easter Sunday (April 4). Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Though not biblical, Lent has long been a tradition in the Christian Church and the 40 days of Lent recall the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted by Satan (Luke 4:1-13). Lent is considered a time of penance and discipline. Because of Lent's penitential nature, worship tends to be more solemn, and purple is the liturgical color of the season. Expressions of joy like the exclamation "Alleluia" are removed from the worship service and are proclaimed in all their glory on Easter Sunday.

Each Wednesday throughout Lent we gather with a soup supper at 6:00 pm, followed by worship at 7:00 pm. The liturgy we are using is written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl entitled *That You May Have Life*. It is a wonderful, easy-to-sing, contemplative service written in the same style as Marty Haugen's familiar *Holden Evening Prayer*.

Our theme this year is entitled *The Voices of Lent*. Each week we will meet someone whom Jesus befriended: Dora, the woman at

COMMUNITY



LENTEN SERVICES

March 3, 10, 17, 24
Soup Supper: 6:00 pm
Service: 7:00 pm
Theme: *The Voices of Lent*

the well; Nicodemus, who came to Jesus at night; Stephanus, the rich young ruler. Their lives were changed through their encounter with Jesus. He brought each of them new life, abundant life, by calling them out of brokenness into friendship with himself.

Lent is a chance to draw closer to the central message of our faith and to walk toward Easter through the footsteps of our Lord. Your Easter will never look so bright as when you have walked through Lent and Holy Week through word and song and community gathering. May God richly bless our Lenten Journey this year.

Pastor Benson



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March 14



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Council Corner

Highlights from the February 6 Council Retreat

We welcome three new Council members: Gale Brandstetter, Eric Stewart, and Scott Sutton. The following officers were elected to serve for the next year: President—Sue Wilson, Vice President—Courtney Stepp,

Treasurer—Irma Gross, and Secretary—Scott Sutton. Shelly Benda has submitted her resignation from Council. We thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting January 31 and those who returned the recent survey. Your participation is valuable. The Council is continuing to review the survey results.



Sunday Education Preschool

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

At the end of February, we learned about baby Moses. We begin March with:

- 3/7 - Moses—Escape from Egypt
- 3/14 - 10 Commandments
- 3/21 - Passion
- 3/28 - Resurrection

Before class time we gather with Mrs. Vickery to sing many old and new songs. The children enjoy participating especially in the active, energizing songs.

We continue to collect offerings for our sponsored child in Ethiopia.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM, 9:40 AM

Don Wilson will continue a discussion about genetics and faith. The ELCA is preparing a social statement addressing the issues in genetics and biotechnology. Everyone is encouraged to come and explore how genetics affect us today.

EDUCATION NEWS



Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 17. What does your child think of when he or she hears the word "Lent." Sometimes children hear words in church but don't understand what they mean.

Many people give up something for Lent to commemorate how much Jesus gave up for us. Others decide to do something good to remind them of the wonderful gift Jesus gave us. Your child could decide to do a good deed for a family member, friend, or neighbor.

Another way to celebrate Lent would be to read in their Bibles about the days before Jesus died (Matthew 26:36-46, John 18, and John 19:1-30). Before he was arrested he was sad and wanted to pray. He took some friends with him but they fell asleep. Ask your child if they could have stayed awake. Having small talks will help your child comprehend more about the Lenten season so they are ready to celebrate on Easter Sunday.



February has arrived, and we're excited to have some spring weather, sunshine, and blue sky.

- Our Pre-K classes had an adventure day to the Reptile Zoo located in Monroe. The children explored the zoo identifying viper snakes, snapping turtles, an albino alligator, an Iguana, and tortoises. The zoo keepers let the children hold some snakes and feel them in their hands. The kids and adults had a fun adventure day!
- Our Bible lessons this month will be on how Jesus gives us new life and cares for us always. The kids will have fun with palm leaves and making a parade to welcome Jesus when he went through Jerusalem to prepare for his last supper.
- Our unit themes this month will be on the five senses: hearing, touching, seeing, smelling, and tasting. On the tasting day the kids will make yummy Cheerios treats. Our 2-day classes will make some fun kites to fly around at recess and have a visit from Casimir the caterpillar. They will learn the life cycle of the caterpillar as he gets ready to take a rest in his cocoon and then pop out as a beautiful butterfly.

2010-2011 Fall Registration



Enroll now for preschool Registration is open for our church families and the community. Please make sure to pick up your registration forms and turn them in to the Preschool office to secure your child's place for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Lisa at 425-397-6374.

W.A.T.C.H.

WATCH classes will resume on Wednesday, April 7, after Easter. Be sure to check the April VOICE for details.

Service Project During Lent

We are putting together 100 LWR Layette Kits for our Centennial year. Each Wednesday during Lent we will meet from 5-6 pm to work on cutting 400 diapers which will go into the Layette Kits.

We need light-colored flannel material, flannel bed sheets (that will be cut into diapers, pinked, or serged), or diapers. We will need your help to cut the diapers each week in the Fellowship Hall. The kits will be put together on Wednesday, April 21, during WATCH.

Items needed for the Layettes:

- 2 shirts or onesies
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 receiving blankets
- 4 cloth diapers
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 washcloths
- 1 bath-size bar of *gentle* soap (in the original wrapping)
- 2 diaper pins
- Gently used items are O.K.
- Sizes to 24 months

Come to work with others each Wednesday from 5-6 pm ... help make a difference in the lives of needy people around the world ... let's meet our goal. Then stay for a wonderful soup supper at 6 pm and the Lenten service at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please call Betty Bauer, 425-334-6332.

SOFIA TALVIK LIVE IN CONCERT

Date & Time: Friday, March 5, at 8 pm.
Location: The Historic Hartley Mansion, 2320 Rucker Avenue, Everett.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 6, at 8:30 pm. *Location:* Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle.

Tickets on sale: www.worldsound.com or 206-244-5355.

Events Page

CENTENNIAL KICKOFF & CELEBRATION

A centennial brings together the past, the present, and a glimpse of the future—from old photos of the shared hall in Hartford to the “White Church” to the church we worship in today. What is not so easily seen is the sustainability of the mission so long ago started by 19 Swede-Finns. What a cause for celebration—100 years of God’s faithfulness and grace.

It doesn’t matter how long you’ve attended Ebenezer. Each of us has added a rock to the foundation that supports the work of seeking God’s word, sharing Christ’s love, and serving God in the world. *We* are the past, present, and future.

In the coming months watch for info on the Centennial Kickoff on April 11 and a series of events culminating with our celebration on Sunday, May 23.

CONFIRMATION REUNION

We are coordinating a Confirmation reunion. We need your help to contact as many confirmands as possible. If you were confirmed at Ebenezer, have a relative who was, or know someone who was, we need names and addresses. Please leave your list in the church office or call Loydeen Chapman, 425-334-3557.

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY, MARCH 7

The first Sunday of each month Social Ministry is selling Fair Trade items such as coffee, tea, and chocolate bars between services in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please call Diana Cross, 425-334-8540.

LAVIK LECTURE ~ IT’S FREE! FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 16-17

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing. Her book, *The Rapture Exposed*, sheds light on the book of Revelation. A pastor, geologist, and professor, she demonstrates connections between earth, justice, and the Gospel. *Location:* Trinity Lutheran College in Everett. *Times:* Friday, 4:30-8:30 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 8, AT 7 PM

We need lots of help to make this event a success. Will you be available to help on Saturday, April 3? If so, please come to this final meeting. This is a wonderful outreach to our community. Last year 180 youth from preschool through 5th grade attended. Community service hours are available. Interested in helping? Call Eric and Sabrina Stewart, 425-308-3522.



ORDER YOUR AZALEAS DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Flowering azaleas will adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The azaleas are \$7.60 each. They are potted and can be planted in your garden. Remember to write the names of loved ones and to circle HONOR and/or MEMORY on the order form and turn it in with your payment. Questions? Contact Carolyn Lund, 425-334-2535.



NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARCH 20 ~ 7:30-11:00 AM

Yummy toppings. Delicious pancakes. Smell the coffee? Come to the all-you-can-eat breakfast on the third Saturday of the month. Suggested donation of \$5 per person.



SPRING ALL-CHURCH WORK PARTY SATURDAY, MARCH 27 ~ 9 AM-2 PM



Lunch will be served at our annual spring work party. We plan to use our time to ready the church and grounds to celebrate Easter. There is something for everyone to do. Come for an hour or come for the day. If you can’t come on the 27th, be sure to check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for tasks that can be done at a time that is convenient for you. Thanks, volunteers!

WHAT’S UP WITH FELLOWSHIP?

- *Snowshoe or Ski ~ Saturday, March 13, 8 am.* We plan to snowshoe or cross-country ski. The location will depend on the weather (snowline) but, rest assured, God always supplies amazing scenery. Some snowshoes are available to borrow. We plan to leave the church at 8 am. A donation for van expenses would be appreciated. Please contact Arden Olson, 360-568-3939, or Ken Cross, 425-334-8540, for details.
- *Pinochle ~ Saturday, March 13, 5-9 pm.* Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll begin promptly at 5 pm. Bring a dinner snack to share and a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Jackson, 425-334-7781.
- *Taste of Your “Family’s Favorite Recipe” ~ Sunday, March 14, at 9:30 am.* Bring a treat—your family’s favorite dish to share (small servings) between services in the Fellowship Hall. Fill out a card with your name, name of your dish, and the recipe. This event is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.
- *Cribbage ~ Sunday, March 21, 2-5 pm.* Bring your cribbage board; a snack to share; and family, friends, and neighbors. Join us. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- *Lenten Angels.* During Lent remember to pray for each person whose name you picked from inside the colored eggs. God bless you for blessing others.
- *Upcoming Fellowship Dates:*

Aquasox Baseball Game	7/4
Aquafest	7/23-25
\$50 Sailboat Race	7/25
Summer at Holden	8/1-5
Golf Par-tee	8/21
Church Camping	8/28
All-Church Picnic	8/29





Ministries of Ebenezer

THE VALENTINE'S DAY CARD



Little Jeff presented his mom with a handmade Valentine's Day card. Mom

proudly stuck it to the refrigerator. His teacher had encouraged the children to create. In the process he developed his small muscle growth and coordination, penmanship, and language skills for the poem. His mom didn't really need him to present her with the card, but she gushed about it to reinforce positive behavior (another plus), and then proudly displayed it for all to see.

Likewise, God doesn't need our gifts, but they benefit us personally when we give. We need to give! When we give to a good cause, it becomes a win-win for everyone. We all have some way to give—prayer, time, money, etc. Can you think of creative ways to give?

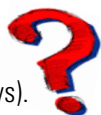
2010 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

The following Council members will be Council reps to the various ministries:

Preschool Board:	Gale Brandstetter
Education Committee:	
EYC:	Rob Dutcher
Fellowship Committee:	Irma Gross
Outreach:	Tal Johnson
Memorial Committee:	Linda Hurt
Social Ministry:	Courtney Stepp
Stewardship:	Eric Stewart
Property:	Scott Sutton
Worship & Music:	Sue Wilson

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In theological discussions we often hear about Law (legal obligation) and Gospel (good news). Many people think only of the New Testament as Gospel. Look at Exodus 19 to see if you can locate the Gospel.



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Benson will continue leading the *Daily Discipleship*

Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10-11 am in the Fireside Room. Pastor highlights the historical background of each lesson. Refreshments are served.

LEAH CIRCLE MONDAY, MARCH 8, AT 7 PM

All women are invited to join the ladies of Leah Circle in the Youth Room as they continue the Women of Faith Study Guide Series titled *Discovering God's Will for Your Life*. Questions or need a ride? Please contact Carole Fett, 425-334-7899.



MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, MARCH 2, AT 11:30 AM

The ladies of Mar-Cilla Circle enjoy fellowship, a delightful lunch, and Bible study. They are continuing their Bible study, *Growing Older & Wiser*. All ladies are welcome!



FELLOWSHIP NEEDS FOR MARCH

Paper napkins, rolls of paper towels, paper hot cups, and paper bowls are being collected for fellowship activities (e.g., coffee hour). Please write "fellowship" on all donations and leave them in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who provides these supplies!

SCHEDULE FOR FAST TEAMS TO HOST LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

- 3/3 - #3 (Shephard)
- 3/10 - #4 (Charlot)
- 3/17 - #8
- 3/24 - #9 (Gross and Albertsen)

Please call your FAST Team leaders to ask how you can help.

F.A.S.T.

(Faith And Service Teams)

The **FAST Team #6** leaders for March are **Don and Sue Wilson**. The following members will be called to help with the Sunday morning duties:

MARCH

Barrile, Jennifer
Crowley, Cliff & Sharon
Dutcher, Rob & Virginia
Feizbakhsh, Eileen
Galioto, Andy & Monika, Steven
Grohn, Delain & Cheryl
Johnson, Tal & Carol
Jorgensen, Shirley
Kuehl, Wayne & C.C.
McDonald, Betty
McSherry, Marlene
Owens, Dave
Palmer, Judy, Kate
Wilson, Don & Sue
Wood, Jennifer

THANK YOU, FAST TEAM #5

FAST Team #5 served in February. They did a wonderful job to make our worship enriching, fulfilling, and especially meaningful. Thank you.

FAST TEAM #7 MEETING

Leaders Rex and Debbie Bracht and the members of FAST Team #7 will help with Sunday morning duties in April. Look for a mailing in March.

COMMUNITY SUPPER NEEDS

We are collecting brownie mixes, coffee, and macaroni and cheese. Please leave all donated items in the baskets under the Community Supper signups in the Fellowship Hall. Ebenezer serves on the fourth Thursday of each month. To help, please sign up on the Supper board.

A Suggestion for Lent:

Consider a Lenten "plastic fast." Instead of skipping sweets, avoid plastic bags and bottles for 40 days instead.



Our March Birthdays



Roger Severson's birthday was February 16. Happy Birthday, Roger!

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Brown, Helen Jean	3/1	Ingram, Iris	3/11	Wellen, Jr., Bradley	3/20
Crowley, Sharon	3/1	Shultz, Miranda	3/11	Ives, Mariann	3/21
Dutcher, Robert	3/1	Benson, Debra	3/12	Gustafson, Phyllis	3/22
Werst, Ben	3/1	DeFrang, Rainy	3/12	Hamel, Angela	3/22
Egtvet, Jana	3/2	Fett, Leslie	3/12	McSherry, Marlene	3/22
Martuch, Susan	3/3	DeFrang, Bob	3/13	May, Debbie	3/23
Durden, Priscilla	3/4	Heineck, Joe	3/13	Kuehl, C.C.	3/24
Bookey, Kevin	3/7	Fett, Trevor	3/14	Spencer, John	3/25
Hoffmann, Ann	3/8	Franson, Mike	3/15	Hendrickson, Sr., Sid	3/26
Barrile, Jennifer	3/9	Ellis, Debi	3/16	Iffrig, Donna	3/27
Galioto, Monika	3/9	Huber, John	3/18	Whitehall, Jeffrey	3/27
Glass, Amanda	3/9	Delgado, Mia	3/19	Steadman, Scott	3/29
Ragland, Andrei	3/9	Franson, Kara	3/19	Caulfield, Cory	3/30
Henderson, Helen	3/10	Klett, Barbara	3/20	Perry, Carol	3/31
Benko, Edward	3/11	Palmer, Jessica	3/20		

The Prayer Corner

If you have an urgent need, call Alice Werner, 425-334-6845, or Margaret Ren, 425-334-3843, the prayer chain leaders, who will contact members of the prayer chain to begin praying. All members of our congregation are encouraged to pray for the following members to strengthen and bind the Body of Christ:

Members of the Congregation:

Tyler Caulfield - life's issues
 Rainy DeFrang - recovering from pneumonia
 Anya Hennig - recovering from surgery
 Ellen McDougall - health concerns
 Lee Turcotte - continued healing

Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Waleene Gardner Louise Hoefter
 Connie Miller Allan Patchett
 Charlotte Petty Lucille Smith
 Maggie Smith Bill Wilson

Extended Family with Needs:

Grae Bean (Kathy Huber's friend) - cancer
 Barbara Beers (Dan Beers' mother) - recently hospitalized

Jim Bruins (Eileen Bruins' son) - leukemia
 Duane Doyle (Dianne Major's father) - cancer
 Dale Freerks (Pat Freerks' stepson) - recovering from surgery
 Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 Leah Hammersmark (Kathy Eliason's niece)
 Stacy Holmes (Andi Holmes' daughter) - recovering from surgery
 Ron & Margie Kickert (Cheryl Nelson's parents)
 Roger Koepsell (Betty Bauer's father)
 Connor Loth (Sandra Anderson's 12-year-old friend) - cancer treatments
 Brady McGee (Kathy Huber's nephew) - continued healing
 Buzzy McGee (Kathy Huber's brother)
 Phyllis Miller (Betty Brown's mother) - hospice
 Brandy Moore - surgery
 Pat Morgan (Pat Jackson's friend) - heart aneurism
 Malia Osborne (Anna Lee Kirtley's granddaughter)
 Marilee Payne (Waleene Gardner's sister-in-law) - rare blood disorder

Lisa Pearson (Ken Cross's niece) - radiation
 Sam Peterson (Marilyn Peterson's son)
 Viña Phelps (Kathy Parzyk's aunt) - cancer
 Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)
 John Schuchard (Pam Schuchard's husband) - health concerns
 Linda Shoemaker (Ken Cross's sister) - chemotherapy
 Laura Signorello (Kathy Parzyk & Debbie May's stepsister) - cancer
 Sheri Silcox (Annetta's daughter)
 Vicky vonBargen (Monika Galioto's friend) - health issues
 Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend)
 Anne Wild - recovering from surgery
 Dick Wright (Dorothy Morgan's son)

For All Our Military and Their Families:

Jason Parzyk & Jessica Palmer
 Afghanistan: Daniel Mitchell & Rachel Perry
 Japan: Sid Hendrickson, Jr.

For Those Who Grieve:

Benson Family - Pastor Debbie Benson's uncle, Clayton Anderson, passed away



YOE News

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 21			Sunday Night Fellowship—Bowling
April 4	7:45-10:30 am	Fellowship Hall	YOE Easter Breakfast
April 9-10			Acquire the Fire
April 18			Sunday Night Fellowship

**All articles are written by members of YOE.
If you have any questions, email
yoe@ebenezerlakestevens.org.**

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING REPORT



Thank you to everyone who helped the youth raise \$266.12 and one food item on Sunday,

February 7, 2010. Nationwide, this event raised over \$7.5 million for this year's Souper Bowl Sunday.

The money collected is reported to the national organization then 100 percent is donated directly to our food organization of choice to help fight hunger. We donated our earnings to the Lake Stevens Food Bank. The Youth of Ebenezer have raised \$2,855.21 and 61 food items over the last nine years. Thanks.

UNDER THE TUSCAN MOON ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER REPORT

The youth put on their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, February 14, and it was a big success.



Eleven youth and seven adults worked to serve 102 dinners. Everything went very smoothly.

With your help, the youth raised \$407.22 which will help to offset the cost of various events they will be attending.

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, organize, and serve and to everyone who came to have a meal with us. We appreciate your support.

MARCH SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP—BOWLING MARCH 21



This is the date set for the youth (7th-12th grades) to go bowling. Mark your calendars, watch for the signup on the Youth board, and read the Sunday announcements. The details for this event will be forthcoming.

ACQUIRE THE FIRE APRIL 9-10



The cost for this event which will be held in the Everett Events Center is \$25, and youth need to sign up by Sunday, March 7.

The information is posted on the Youth Board downstairs. All youth are encouraged to attend this life-transforming experience with Christ.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Shultz, 425-335-5274.

Top 7 things NOT to Do to Commemorate St. Patrick's Day

- 7 For communion use green wafers and shamrock shakes
- 6 Eat corned beef and cabbage before going door-to-door witnessing
- 5 Sing *Danny Boy* as a praise song
- 4 Buy your pastor a six-pack of green root beer
- 3 Become green with envy over your neighbor's pot of gold
- 2 Throw a party for your guardian leprechaun
- 1 Tell new Irish members that the Lord's name is Jesus O'Christ

Readings for Worship

March 7 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8

2nd Lesson: I Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

March 14

1st Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: Psalm 32

2nd Lesson: II Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Psalm 126

2nd Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: John 12:1-8

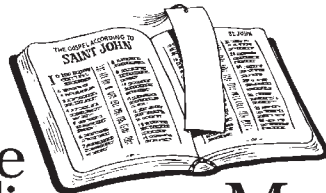
March 28

1st Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

2nd Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56



Bible Readings for the Month

Lenten Worship Schedule

March 3	Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 7	8:30 & 10:30 am
March 10	Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 14	8:30 & 10:30 am
March 17	Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 21	8:30 & 10:30 am
March 24	Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 28	8:30 & 10:30 am

Education Hour ~ 9:40-10:25 am

Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9-12 & 1-5
Wednesday	9-12 & 1-4
Thursday	9-12 & 1-4
Friday	9-12 & 1-4

Young at Heart

March Senior Luncheon



The theme for our luncheon on Thursday, March 4, at noon is "St. Patrick's Day Lunch."

Come to enjoy a special Irish luncheon with corned beef casserole, Irish Blarney Stone dessert, and a fluffy lime Irish salad. You can bring a side dish or dessert to share—it doesn't have to be Irish. Tea and coffee will be ready at 11:30 am.

Invite a friend to enjoy good fellowship and some Irish food with you. We will also have other food if you don't like Irish food. The door prizes will be green and white for St. Patrick's Day.

If you need a ride or have questions, call Bill and Carolyn Lund, 425-334-2535. We'll look forward to seeing you again on April 1.

Special Thanks

Recuperating Well

We thank you for all your prayers. My niece, Aubrie Ewell, is recuperating well, and we're continuing to pray for a complete recovery. —Betty Brown

Such a Caring Church

Thank you so very much for your prayers, phone calls, cards, and overall support during my recent bout with pneumonia. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring church family.

—In Christ's love, Helen J. Hendrickson

Thanks for Your Support

Though 2009 had adverse affects on most everyone in the financial arena, our God continued to prove himself faithful to those who serve him. Because of people like you, Millennia Ministries (battered women's shelter) is able to minister love and hope to those less fortunate.

—Leilani Miller, Executive Director

Thank You to ...

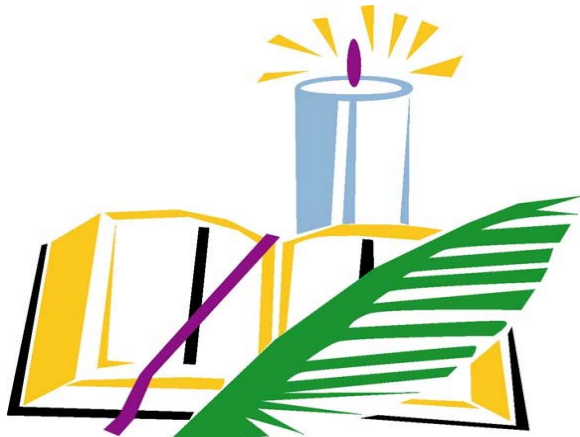
- Everyone who provided sandwiches and salads for the Annual Meeting on January 31. They were delicious!
- Beth Cash and Kathy Huber for leading us in worship during our Wednesday Prayer services in January and February. The worship was very meaningful and provided a beautiful complement for prayer and meditation.
- Everyone who provided the supplies for the Health Kits service project for WATCH. Because of your caring support we were able to put together 112 kits for the needy people in Haiti.
- All the volunteers who help with the memorial services and the Senior Luncheons—setup, cleanup, especially dishes. Bill and Carolyn Lund are very grateful for your help.



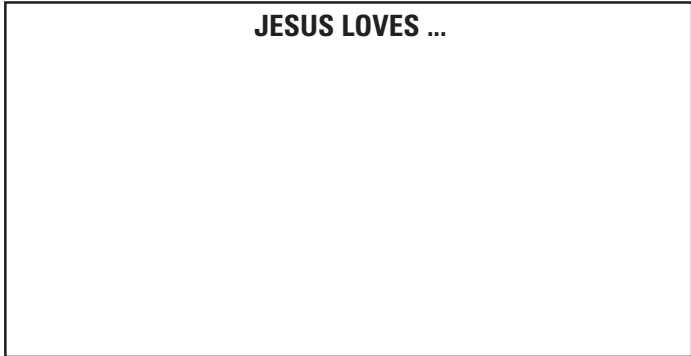
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Community Lenten Services
each Wednesday in March
6:00 pm Soup Supper ~ 7:00 pm Lenten Service



JESUS LOVES ...

Remember to post your calendar!

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In the News

He's Our 4th



Don and Jan Lundquist are the proud grandparents of new grandson

Wyatt Smith born on Monday, February 15, to their daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Chris Smith. Congratulations and God's blessings, Don and Jan!

5th Great-grandchild



Shirley Jacobson is proud to announce the birth of Abby

Jolee on February 15. Abby is Shirley's 5th great-grandchild and her daughter Mary Jo's 2nd grandchild. Abby's parents are Amy and Damon who live in Marysville. Shirley says, "She's a little doll." God bless you and congratulations, Shirley!

Leah Circle Tea Cancelled

Leah Circle has decided that efforts would be better used at this time for Centennial celebration events. Look for the annual tea to return next year!



Over-50 Anniversaries



Happy Anniversary

In February Bob and Rainy DeFrang celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on the 15th.

Congratulations, Bob and Rainy!

Tal and Carol Johnson celebrated their 52nd on February 28. Congratulations, Tal and Carol!

Thank you for your wonderful example of love and commitment.

Ebenezer Helps LWR

After the earthquake struck on January 12, Lutheran World Relief has been working to meet the immediate and long-term needs in Haiti. The quake left millions homeless and in desperate need.

Ebenezer has been working very hard to help LWR in their efforts by putting together 112 Health Kits on February 10 and making 100 quilts for our Centennial. We are currently working on putting together 100 Layette Kits in April.

These items are being distributed to people and LWR is mobilizing more resources for future shipments to Haiti.

Thrivent & Habitat

Thrivent is working together with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a family of six in Sedro Woolley. The groundbreaking is set for Sunday, March 7, at 3 pm. To volunteer, please call Betty Bauer, 425-334-6332.