



Do you know someone who would enjoy attending church with a group of very friendly Lutherans? I bet you do!

Why not extend an invitation for worship on "Bring a Friend" Sunday? On Sunday February 15, we'll offer a special welcome to visitors and also have a potluck lunch!

Please sign up to bring a dish for lunch and don't forget to "bring a friend."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School year is divided into six units. At the end of the third unit we give out prizes to everyone for their points for attendance, bringing a Bible, doing service, etc. Unit three ended January 10th.

In the youngest group Abby Coe had the most points. In the middle group Kate Brandt had the most points. In the oldest group Sarah Milley had the most points. Sarah also had the most points overall. Congratulations to all the children.

There was one child who was at Sunday School every Sunday. Way to go, Charles Mattson.

Remember there are classes for everyone, ages three through 100 years old. The time for Sunday School is right after the Service, 10:45 to 11:45.

February 2015

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

Update Your Scorecards (and your Address books)

Pastor Jann's email is
pauljann@verizon.net.

Community of Love's email is
collutheranchurch@gmail.com

We Need Families for Clean Up

We are embarking on a new plan to keep our church buildings clean. Each month we are asking for 2 families to volunteer to follow a pre-determined checklist of tasks.

Please consider signing up now. If everyone took their turn at cleaning, it would result in a small commitment for each member.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Make a *Special Gift* to the Church

As our improvement project progresses, we will have some items for which you might want to donate the purchase price.

- 2 Bathroom Faucets
- Blinds for Sanctuary, Narthex, Sacristries, Bath Rooms, and Crying Room

We will make the actual purchase for you. Simply donate the necessary funds. If you have questions, please contact Doris Petersen dcpetersen@verizon.net.

WORDS to
THINK about.

In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.

from www.gratefulness.org



The 2015 Oxford Relay For Life: Will you Relay this year?

It's mid-winter...thoughts of spring are emerging as the calendar pages turn...and on the last weekend of spring, it will be time for the 2015 Relay for Life!

CANCER...whether from a distance, or "up close and personal" has touched many, if not all, of us in one way or another. Cancer knows no age boundaries; young and old may be subjected to it. We have a chance to do something about it...you can help "**fight the fight**" by joining the 2015 Oxford Relay for Life!

The Relay for Life brings communities together to:

- Celebrate those fighting the fight,
- Remember those who have lost the battle, and
- Fight Back by taking measures to prevent or reduce the possibility of contracting cancer through awareness and lifestyle changes.

As a component of our Service to Others ministry, our Relaying Lutherans team raises valuable dollars to help fight the fight; donations go towards research, support and raising awareness.

The 2015 Oxford Relay for Life is scheduled for 6 pm Friday June 19th to noon Saturday June 20th. Our team is currently forming. More information will be forthcoming.

Please prayerfully consider joining us this year, and be on the lookout for additional information!

Thank you for your consideration!

Tom Plystak
Team Captain

Editor's Note: Although we are late for the first two Sundays nightlighted here, I thought was still valuable information for all of us.

Worship Update – From Epiphany to Lent

Music Worship Notes

Please join us for worship throughout February as we transition from the season of Epiphany to the season of Lent:

At our Traditional service on February 1, God continues to reveal his Son as our Savior - "Signs and wonders lead the dancing from the heart God frees from fear..."

For our Blended service on February 8 we are reminded that it is God who strengthens the powerless – "And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand."

Transfiguration is the theme of the February 15th Contemporary service where Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son. It is also "Bring a Friend" Sunday, a perfect opportunity to let others see the light of God's glory which shines in us.

We move into the season of Lent with the 7 PM Ash Wednesday service on February 18th. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. We plan to continue with Wednesday evening services throughout Lent – stay tuned for more details.

The blended service on the 22nd begins our journey to Easter, as we sing "The glory of these forty day we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed."

Come to worship regularly to be encouraged in your walk with God and to give love and encouragement to others.

Birthdays *February & March*

Jessica Repetz	02/02	George Vasques	02/20	John Clark	03/11
Pete Hill	02/09	Nancy Kelly	02/22	Arty Troyan	03/11
Tom Plystak	02/09	Lino Santinelli	02/22	Philip Blum	03/14
Trish Hill	02/11	Sara Marra	03/01	Rachel Hipkins	03/14
Dan Lohr	02/12	Jacob Snarr	03/01	Joseph Marra	03/17
Rebecca Vasques	02/12	Abby Coe	03/04	Kimberly Graham	03/29
Cindy Marra	02/14	Barbara Gradowski	03/06		
Gabrielle Clark	02/16	Candace Lohr	03/06		
Goldye Johnson	02/17	Judy Petersen	03/06		
Donna Jann	02/18	Cynthia Pollich	03/08		
Victoria Craven	02/19	Brian Coe	03/09		

12 things Satan does to get victory over Christians.

Satan said to a convention of Demons, "As long as Christians stay close to God, we have no power over them. So here are 12 things you can do to get victory over Christians."

- 1) Keep them busy with non essentials.
- 2) Tempt them to overspend and go into debt.
- 3) Make them work long hours to maintain empty life styles.
- 4) Discourage them from spending family time together, for when their homes disintegrate there is no refuge from work.
- 5) Over stimulate their minds with television and computers, so they can't hear God speaking to them.
- 6) Fill their coffee tables and nightstands with newspapers and magazines so they have no time to read the Bible.
- 7) Flood their mailboxes with sweepstakes promotions and get rich quick schemes to keep them chasing material things.
- 8) Put glamour models on TV and on magazine covers to keep them focused on outward appearances. That way they will be dissatisfied with themselves and dissatisfied with their mates.
- 9) Make sure couples are too exhausted for physical intimacy so they will be tempted to look elsewhere.
- 10) Make Santa and the easter bunny bigger than Jesus to divert them from remembering the real meaning of the holiday.
- 11) Involve them in good causes so they won't have time for eternal ones.
- 12) Make them self satisfied. Keep them busy working in their own strength so they'll never know the joy of God's power working through them.

Remember my demons, keep them busy! Busy! Busy! Because we know what it stands for:

- * B=BEING
- * U=UNDER
- * S=SATAN'S
- * Y=YOKE