



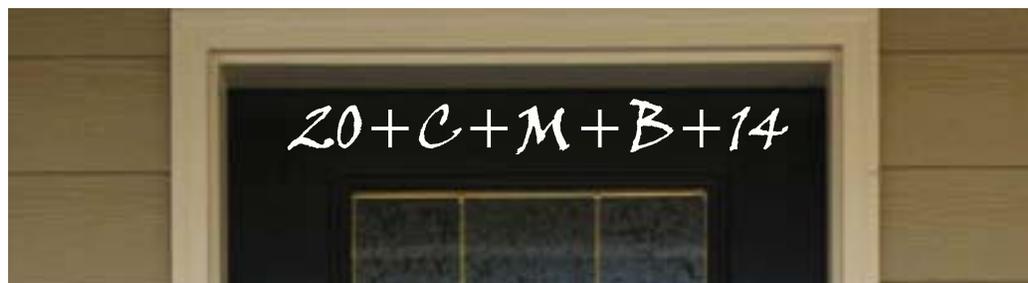
January 2014

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

Chalking of the Doors

The season of Epiphany is the traditional time for house blessings. We celebrate this with our "Chalking of the Doors." The chalkers gather at the main entrance of your home to ask God's blessing on the dwelling and all who live or visit there. The chalkers are then invited to share some refreshments. You may participate as a chalkee or chalker or both. This year's chalking is on Sunday January 5th beginning at 2:00 pm. You can still sign up to chalk doors or to have your door chaked. The sign-up sheet is on the back bulletin board in the sanctuary.

Want to break the chalking code? You can see 2014 while the CMB stands for the magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar - who visited the Baby Jesus on Epiphany.



'Tis Souper Bowl Time Once More

If 2014 is here, it means another Super Bowl on its way! For COL members, that also means another SOUPER BOWL is about to happen. Souper Bowl???

Bowls of soup for the residents of the Luther House complex in Jennersville, of course. We hope to make their Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2, souper as well so throughout the month of January we will be collecting cans of soup to leave at each Luther House door after Sunday School on Bowl Day. Unfortunately the Progresso-style cans don't fit into our hanging bags but the traditional sized cans, such as Campbells, fit well. Our goal is 256 cans by Feb. 2 in order to make each resident's day a SOUPER one.



So, if you're out shopping, please grab a few extra cans of soup to help us reach our goal. It will be so appreciated!!!

Pastor's Perspective

The Gift of Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *New International Version (NIV)*

- There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
 - 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
 - 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
 - 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
 - 6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
 - 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
 - 8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.



"In her book, *Traits of a Healthy Family*, Dolores Curran says that lack of time might be the most pervasive enemy the healthy family has...

..."Christ said, 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' One of the best ways to measure what is important to a person, what he or she treasures, is where and how they spend their time." (Dr. Gary Oliver on IMOM.com)

I find that many people who are familiar with this passage of Ecclesiastes use it as an excuse to try and do everything. If one takes some time with the passage he/she will discover that all enterprises have boundaries. There is time to and a time not to. Another misconception is that all time has the same value. Just try to equate 30 minutes fighting rush hour traffic with 30 minutes to hold your grandchild for the first time. Equal? No way!

So if all time is not valued equally and given that once time is spent you never will get it back, how do we prioritize our lives? There of course is space here for a dose of reality that says that our time is purchased by our employers and time is not the only priority we need to deal with. Actually that dose of reality can help us see the slippery slope when we start trading priceless family time for a dollar sign.

Ecclesiastes calls us to be aware of the value of time and boundaries that come with it. Our time on this planet is a big question for each of us. This reality also needs to be accepted. The time we have is truly a gift and we need to treat it as priceless.

In Kennett Square the mushroom will be dropped marking both an end and a beginning. We will never have a second from 2013 to spend in the new year and at the other end we do not know what time constraints and blessings will be encountered in 2014.

As we welcome 2014, I wish each of you many precious moments in time.

Pastor Dan

Save the Date

**Saturday, February 22nd
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Divine Wine Party
At Doris & Brad Petersen's Home**

More information will be coming shortly. But you won't want to miss



Matters of the Heart

A discussion group for those whose lives have been touched and connected by adoption.

All members of the adoption triad... adult adoptees, adoptive parents and birthparents as well as the families that support them are welcome to attend. We endeavor to offer a safe and compassionate setting for those in post-adoption. A place to come and share con-

cerns, joys and sorrows, to explore unanswered questions with the realization that some questions may forever go unanswered. A place of understanding to seek reconciliation and share our adoption experiences from the heart. Come to listen or to share.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held on January 26th at 2 pm in the church office of Community of Love Lutheran Church, 115 - 117 N. Fourth St., Oxford, PA. Our topic for this meeting will be "Different Kinds of Love": from the birthmother/father/family... from adoptive parents to open their hearts to raise a child not of their own flesh and blood....from the ability of the adoptee to understand, accept and receive these different kinds of love. The meeting will be led by Amanda Woolston, BSW and Linda Hettinger.

For more information, please contact Linda Hettinger via e-mail at homeyg.65@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office (610) 998-0282 for a return call.

Music Worship Notes

Welcome to the season of Epiphany as we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah and Savior of the world.

Since Epiphany is traditionally a time for blessings of homes, on January 5 we will be chalking doors to invite the presence and blessings of Our Lord into our homes. Please sign up if you would like to participate as a chalker or receive the blessing. On January 12 at our Blended service, we will learn of the Spirit of God descending as Jesus is baptized. At the Contemporary service on the third week we are reminded to see and know the Spirit of God and to remember that the Jesus is the Lamb of God. The January 26th Blended Service teaches us that if we practice Christ's teachings and share the gospel with others, we will be able to draw those around us to Christ like a fisherman who pulls fish into his boat with nets – we are to "Come Down to the Lakeshore."

At our next meeting on January 12 at noon, in addition to planning the upcoming services, we will be reviewing the feedback from the "Connections" cottage meetings and planning adjustments that result in enhancing the worship experience. Everyone who would like to participate is very welcome to join us. Please contact Melanie Lohr.

Also, mark your calendars for February 16, when we will be incorporating a "Renewal of Vows" ceremony into the worship service as we celebrate the theme of love that is so beautifully written in 1 Corinthians Chapter 13. More details to follow.

And finally, a sincere thank you to all who contributed in so many ways to create a meaningful Advent and Christmas worship season. We are blessed to have so many talented and generous people among us.

Birthdays *January & February*

Doris Petersen	01/02	Donna Hollowniczky	01/17	Trish Hill	02/11
Robert Schottin	01/04	Mary Milley	01/23	Dan Lohr	02/12
Lili Troyan	01/04	Lori Craven	01/30	Rebecca Vasques	02/12
Rich Anderson	01/05	Samantha Pollich	01/30	Cindy Marra	02/14
Krystal Cordivano	01/06	Dottie Thomas	01/30	Gabrielle Clark	02/16
Jon Plystak	01/09	William McHugh	01/31	Goldye Johnson	02/17
Debbie Bradley	01/10	Jessica Repetz	02/02	Victoria Craven	02/19
Loren Luke	01/10	Tom Plystak	02/09	George Vasques	02/20
Katherine Milley	01/13	Pete Hill	02/09	Nancy Kelly	02/22

WOMEN OF WORSHIP WOW

Wow is on the Move

Beginning January 2, our WOW Group will meet at the Deeves home at 500 Boxwood Court, Oxford. This move will provide more comfy accommodations and a warmer atmosphere as we share in fellowship and study together. Our 6:30pm start time will include a dinner so please plan to join us as we continue to meet Christ through our study of John. Many thanks to the Deeves family for once again inviting us to share their home each month for an evening of learning, fellowship, and fun!

Are you in????

A weekend of relaxation, rejuvenation of faith, and downright fun await those who sign up to join in the Women's Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center on Rte. 472 near Quarryville. As is customary, COL women have been invited to share this well-planned weekend with our sisters in Christ, the women of Advent Lutheran in West Chester. Registration forms for this Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 event can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Deposits and commitments are due before the end of January. (Scholarship funds are available if needed. Please contact Lisa Deeves.) Check your calendar and plan to reserve the dates. Come and experience how God can touch your life through fellowshiping with Christian sisters!

Discussed trying to build consistency in our Chart of Accounts used as the accounts for our Income Statements. Each ministry will give their input to Tina McHugh as to what account names would best serve their budgets.

Pastor's Report included reminder about a grant to be used for Evangelism. Brad Petersen and Janis Walker have already met on the subject and will complete this. Joe Deeves agreed to take on building a Stewardship program.

Communications & Technology have taken on the responsibility for improvements in the submission of information to Melissa for the church calendar - both online and on the wall.

Bob Milley gave an update on The Land based upon his latest conversation with the Mission Investment Fund (who holds our mortgage).

Council elections were held for 2014: Brad Petersen, President, Joe Deeves, Vice President, Janis Walker, Secretary.

Council Corner

COL Photo Album

Christmas Program - The Holly & The Ivy



Bob & Debbie Bradley's grandchild is the youngest in attendance.



Christmas
Gathering

COL Photo Album



Goldye Johnson, COL's most senior member, loved receiving the card filled with well-wishes and was both attentive and inquisitive to the news about all of her COL friends. She sends her love and greetings to you all.



Toys from COL members are delivered to Silver Springs-Martin Luther School. So many children were blessed by your kindness this Christmas. Thanks so very much!!!

The Light

for Kids

Find the Books of the Bible



ANSWERS: Acts, Amos, Chronicles, Colossians, Corinthians, Daniel, Deuteronomy, Ecclesiastes, Ephesians, Ezekiel, Ezra, Galatians, Genesis, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hebrews, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Jude, Lamentations, Leviticus, Mark, Matthew, Nehemiah, Obadiah, Philemon, Philippians, Proverbs, Revelation, Song of Songs, Zechariah, Zephaniah