

Third Sunday in Lent March 7, 2010

Prayer for Worshipers: As we gather to worship you, O God, we seek your presence and wait your Word for us. Accept the praises we bring, the songs we sing, and the prayers we utter. They all reflect our gratitude as well as our needs and concerns. Remind us of your hopes and expectations for us; reassure us of your promises; and send us from here better equipped to be your witnesses and your faithful servants. We pray in the Name of Christ. Amen.

Welcome to all worshipers, especially visitors at Lakeside today! We are happy the Holy Spirit led you to our church today. Visitors are asked to sign our guest book and complete the form in the chair pocket and drop it in the offering plate. We hope you will come and worship with us again.

Participating in Today's Worship:

Director of Music: Janice Love; **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Groeger & Julia Ann Freeze

Tellers: Bob & Nancy Roegner, Fred Gerbing; **Cleaning Crew:** Bill & Darlene Smith, Shirley Jones

8:00am: **Ushers:** Susie Deschenes, Dave Apps; **Lector:** Scott Wright; **Sound System:** Delores Meloney; **Refreshments:** Julie Jolly

10:30am: **Ushers:** Diane Phillips & Fred Gerbing; **Lector:** Jim Phillips; **Sound System:** Ken Hinrichs;

Assisting Minister: Arleen Gerbing; **Refreshments:** Cindy McCoid

Altar Flowers: **During Lent** the use of colorful flowers is suspended as a way of emphasizing the solemnity of the penitential season. Therefore, there are no dedications for these 6 Sundays.

The Season of Lent is in progress. It continues through the day before Easter. Today is the third of six Sundays in the season, each of them reflecting on aspects of Jesus' life and teachings that point toward his suffering and death for the sake of God's saving grace for his people. The progression gradually brings us to the last days of his earthly life which culminate in what we identify as "Holy Week," from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on what's known as Palm Sunday through the day of crucifixion, Good Friday. For centuries the church has marked this 40 days (not counting the Sundays) of devotion and penitence with special emphasis on study of Scripture, worship, discipline and deeds of love. It is a time for the development of meaningful routines that strengthen faith and extend relationships with God.

Community Lenten Lunch Program. Once again we are participants in this weekly ecumenical gathering for devotion and fellowship. Bring a bag lunch; drinks and desserts are provided. Lunch starts at Noon; the devotional portion is at 12:30; conclusion is at 1:00. On Mar. 10 at St. Alban's Episcopal, Fred Eichner, Speaker; Mar 17 at Weaver's Chapel, Mike Currin, Speaker; Mar. 24 at Littleton Methodist, Will Tabron, Speaker.

This Notice is to inform the congregation that because of the extensive problems that have re-occurred in the single bathroom in the hallway, rather than encountering extensive and expensive repairs in the future, it will be permanently closed. However, the main bathroom facilities may be utilized for all congregational members and visitors, and are easily handicap accessible.

Inquirers'/New Member Class is scheduled for two sessions, March 9 (this Tuesday, 6:30 P.M.) and 14 (next Sunday, after second service includes lunch). These sessions are intended to provide information about the Lutheran tradition, teaching and practice, as well as some specifics about Lakeside's ministries and mission. We welcome anyone who is considering joining the congregation and anyone who is simply seeking information about Lutheran perspectives and heritage or that of Lakeside. We would also welcome any who would like something of a "refresher" on these things. If you have questions about the classes please feel free to contact Pastor Eichner or Ken Hinrichs. It will help us to prepare if we know that you are intending to participate.

STOP Hunger Now! is a program designed to feed hungry people around the world. Lakeside has joined with Littleton United Methodist Church as a partner in this venture to provide 20,000 meals. Funds for this project were included in our 2010 Budget. But the volunteer work for packaging the food will come from members of these congregations and other local folks. On Saturday, April 10, beginning at 10:00 A.M. the food will be placed in packages for shipping. That will happen at the LUMC Fellowship Hall, next to the Post Office in Littleton. The food is high protein, dehydrated meals. There is a sign up chart in the narthex where you can enter your name in the 5 member team slots. Your help is needed to make this food available to so many. If you have questions about the program in general or this project day specifically, you may contact Larry or Jere Kiser.

Adult Education is beginning a new series today, ***Trials and Testimony of the Early Church, From Christ to Constantine***. This series has a video introduction for each session and will include presentation and discussion. The formative years of the Church were vitally important and were marked by the valiant contributions of martyrs and theologians. This series will be an interesting one. All are welcome and urged to participate. Today's presenter is Tom Tillet. Next week the session will be led by Arleen Gerbing.

DORCAS ...Join us tomorrow, Monday, March 8th at 9:00 to help tie quilts - we'll show you how to do it.

Mid-Week (Wednesday) Worship and Study at Lakeside. Soup and Sandwiches are served at 6:00 P.M., Worship begins at 7:00. In worship there will be a series of glimpses at some of the lesser known *characters* who are met along the way traveled by Jesus, and some implications they have for us. This Wednesday we look at A Maid.

Dining to Meet You... group assignments are now available in the narthex. If you are participating in this group please stop and pick up your assignment.

Men's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesday's at 8:00am. The only exception is the third Wednesday of each month when the group has breakfast together. That means gathering at 7:00am to prepare, and eating at 7:30am. All men are welcome and need not be members of Lakeside. There is a set of discussion questions each time. That is available between sessions on the table in the narthex. This week's texts are **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**.

Holy Week and Easter (Mar. 28 – April 4): Sunday of the Passion, Mar. 28 – Blessing, Distribution, Procession of Palms, Reading Passion Story; **Maundy Thursday, April 1** – Agape Meal; **Good Friday, April 2** – Community Service, "Words from the Cross;" **Easter Egg Hunt, April 2; Easter Celebration, April 3** – Sunrise Service, 6:30 A.M., Festival Eucharist, 10:30 A.M.

Lakeside's Website can be found at www.lakesidelutheran.com and is always being updated. You can find there, in addition to other new things, the congregation's March newsletter (as well as archived copies of the newsletter for many prior months). You will find information there about the programs and activities of our congregation – schedules and calendars, meetings and study groups. You will also find news and access to the larger church, our Virginia Synod and the ELCA. For example, you can find updates on the incredible responses our churchwide members and congregations have made to recent natural disasters. Check out this site to learn more about our church's life as well as the wider church.

Next Sunday, March 14th, is Care to Share Sunday. This month we will be supporting the Union Mission of Roanoke Rapids. Please bring your non perishable food gifts to donate to this very worthy agency. In lieu of food monetary gifts can also be given. Your generosity is very much needed and appreciated

The women of Lakeside Lutheran Church will host their fourth annual Spring Retreat on **Saturday, April 24th** at the Waters View restaurant at Lake Gaston. Registration is \$ 25.00 and includes lunch and all retreat materials. The deadline for registrations is April 16th. This year's title is "Pathways to Wholeness" and focuses on discovering your spiritual type. We are happy to welcome Liz Johnson back again as retreat leader. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex or please contact Barbara Armstrong 586-6911 for more information. Bring a friend.

Prayers of the Congregation are asked for..... Family and Friends of Herbert Harris, Lindsey Gray, Mary Hatchell, Kathy Bowen, Deanie Bowers, Gordon Booth, Alan Miller, Karen Memmer, Chuck Heller, Jesse Abrams, Justin Flythe, Cindy Hogman, Lilly Lowrey, Wendy Harrell, Janet Henry, Alexander Parizo, Ralph Skatrud, Jean Findlay, Barb and Jim Selle, Sara Newton, Don Beazley, William Smith, Cindy Mullen, Donna Strobel, Ashely May, George Bird, Anne Page, Jeremy Osbourne, Stanley Rosen, Rita Joyner, Julia Laurento, Raymond Winters, Lynn Tayman, Dorothy Ussery, Harmann Hardy, Bill Robbins, Cynthia Collins, Eugene Daigle, Jack Harris, Jason McCoid, Catherine and Chuck Johnston, E.B. Odom, Jan Parizo, Burline Thompson, Corneliu Grujenschi, Kathy Stockton, Hal Bowen, Cameron Fisher, Louise Hatchell, Tom Schumacher, Linda Dusenberry, Beverly Hatherly, Gloria Posas, Peggy Canevari, Suzanne Wilson, Charlie & Debbie Meads, Rufus Rose, Dorothy Robinson, Bill Brantley, Diane Meads, Lisa McClain, Tighmon Barber, Joe Panepinto, Ike Coombs, Bonnie Bogacsi, Don Huhmann, Connie Hardy, Louise Graves, Joe Panepinto, Jr., Gary Robenolt and Rob Schmitz. Remember the list of long-term entries that was in the last newsletter. Pray for those folks also. If their cases have critical changes, they will be returned to the Sunday list.

Special prayers for safety and protection are asked for all military, civilian, support and humanitarian personnel deployed in places of danger and threat, specifically those related to our church family: *Trey Strobel, Lee Warneke, Brian Ascah, Tyrell House, Joey McKeague, Craig Shinn, Les Minges, Rashawan White, Andy Groeger, Eugene Siamans, Jason Roberts, Michael Harris, Brett Daigle and Stanley Lawrence.*
Pray for all those who do missionary work around the world, particularly for Val, Cassie, Jonathan and Caleb Eubanks.

Meetings this week at Lakeside:

**MONDAY (8th) 8:15am Exercise; 9:00am Quilting; 5:00pm Bell Ensemble; 5:45pm Bell Choir
7:00pm Choir
TUESDAY (9th) 9:00am Precepts
WEDNESDAY (10th) 8:00am Men's Bible Study; 8:15am Exercise; 9:30am Congregational Life
10:00am Bookers
THURSDAY (11th) 10:00am. E.A.**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 3/8 Tom Durocher; 3/8 Betty Bones; 3/10 Susie Deschenes

3/11 Mary Spence

ANNIVERSARIES: 3/13 Dave & Margaret Apps

February 28, 2010

<p>Attendance: 8:00am - 52; 10:30am - 59; Sunday School - 25 Total Undesignated: \$4,244.00; World Hunger: \$ 225.00; Flowers: \$60.00; Memorials: \$ 355.00 Initial Offering: \$ 2.00; Duplicate Bridge: \$17.00; Men In Mission: \$ 15.00 Total \$ 4,918.00</p>
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