

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Requested prayers:** Bernie Kapper, Delores Norviel, Les Wesolik, Doris Stortzum, Creed Cole, Bob Dosien, Betty Havlik, Leonard Homann, Mike Hagen, Leon Bareither, Kody Strieter, Sheryl Artmann Salinas, Robert Miller, Wayne Sparks, Phyllis Montgomery, Alana Thurmond, Burma Anderson, Jean Butler, Derald Doehring, John Dean, Millie Lange, Debbie Woolverton, Tamra Dugger and Gianna & Olivia Catanzaro.

Prayer for the sick is a very important ministry in the church and we want to keep our list current. When we receive a name for the prayer list we will publish it for four weeks. If you would like to keep a name on the list beyond four weeks please notify the church office.

The Altar Flowers this week are given in memory of Ron Schaljo.



Altar Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special time in our lives. There are dates open on our Flower Calendar outside the church office.

**Church Attendance:** Mar 7<sup>th</sup> - 438    Mar 10<sup>th</sup> - 328

## Schedule for Mar 14<sup>th</sup> thru Mar 21<sup>st</sup>

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| <b>Sun.</b>  | <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b><br>8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship<br>9:15 am Sunday school<br>10:30 am School Children sing for National Lutheran Schools Week<br>11:30 am Voter's Meeting<br>12:00 pm Friendship Guild Luncheon for seminary student Jonathan Walla & his wife | 5:30 pm Confirmation Class<br>7:00 pm Lent Worship  |
| <b>Mon.</b>  | 8:00 am Tennis<br>8:00 am LOL<br>8:15 am Confirmation F-H<br>4:30 pm Market Day<br>6:00 pm Stewardship  | <b>Thur.</b> 8:15 am Confirmation F-H<br>8:30 am Exercise Classes<br>9:30 am Adult Bible Study<br>1:30 pm Ladies Aid<br>7:30 pm Chancel Choir   |
| <b>Tues.</b> | 6:30 am Men's Bible Study at Pagliacci's<br>8:15 am Confirmation F-H<br>8:30 am Exercise Classes<br>9:00 am Quilters  | <b>Fri.</b> <b>Teachers in service early dismiss</b><br>8:15 am Confirmation F-H  |
| <b>Wed.</b>  | <i>(Rebel's serving Lent Meal)</i><br>12:00 pm Lent Service<br>5:30 pm Lenten Meal  | <b>Sat.</b> 8:30 am Women's Bible Study @ Common Grounds<br>6:30 pm Father Daughter Dance   |
|              |   | <b>Sun.</b> 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion<br>9:15 am Sunday school<br>2:00 pm Piano Recital<br>5:00 pm FIRE<br>5:30 pm Over 50 |

### VOTER'S MEETING TODAY after the 10:30 service.

The meeting agenda is: the Building Committee, Call committee and insurance liability addendum.

**The Friendship Guild's seminary student Jonathan Walla and his wife Niccy will be our guests TODAY.** A lunch will be served after the last service. The congregation is invited. Please bring a covered dish, meat will be provided. Contact Nancy Donnell at 234-3876

**Attention Women!** What are you doing Saturday morning? A new Saturday morning women's Bible study started yesterday. Join us at Common Grounds on Saturday mornings 8:30am. We are using 4 week bible study called "Treasured" Based on Deuteronomy 14:2 ("You were bought at a great price") and Romans 5:8 ("While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"). Deb Burma, the guest speaker from our fall women's event wrote this study. Any questions? Contact Andrea Countryman at 234-4573.

**This week's Lenten meal is served by the Rebels.** Join us between 5:30 pm and 6:45 pm Wednesday. This is a great way to greet new members, visit with friends, and not have to cook on Wednesday nights! Even if you go to the noon service you can return and join us for our evening meal & time of fellowship.

**WALK TO JERUSALEM** - As of Mar. 10, our mileage comes to 1,946 miles. We still have a long way to go, so if anyone has any mileage they haven't reported or if someone would like to start walking or exercising to help us reach our goal, please feel free to join. Mileage logs are in the church office or any question contact Joyce Zschau at 234-8227

**Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study** We will be reading and discussing one chapter a week from the book *Christ Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith Into Action*. If you would like to be a part of this let Pastor Countryman know so he can order a book for you.

**VITA Income Tax Program free of charge through April 1<sup>st</sup>** Eligible forms will be e-filed at no charge. Appointments can be made by calling 639-5150 certified RSVP volunteers serve in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance through the IRS an is sponsored locally by the Coles County Council on Aging.

**Central Illinois District LLL convention Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Zion Lutheran church in Lincoln, Illinois.** Banquet speaker is Executive Director of LLL Bruce Wurdeman. Registration forms are available in the church office. For more information contact Jim Arnholt.

**Father-Daughter Dance** will be held Saturday, March 20. All girls 3 years and up who attend St. John's Lutheran Preschool/School or who are members of St. John's Lutheran Church are invited to an evening of dancing and desserts with their father, step-father, grandfather, uncle, or that special male figure in their lives. Come casual, come glamorous, just don't miss this bi-annual event. Admission is \$15 per couple and \$5 for each additional girl or male chaperon through March 10. After March 10, admission price increases to \$18 per couple and \$8 per additional admission. An optional 5x7 keepsake photograph can be ordered for \$5. Church members interested in attending should stop by the church office, complete an RSVP form and submit payment. This event is being sponsored by the St. John's Lutheran School PTL. Questions may be directed to Kim Ervin at 235-5267.

**Lost and Found** (the musical group) will be playing at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston TODAY, 3/14 at 4pm. Tickets can be purchased prior to the concert by calling the church office at 217-345-3008 and putting them on hold, or at the door 1 hour before concert time. There will also be a free will donation to support relief efforts in Haiti and/or you may bringing canned food for the Charleston Food Pantry. (Lost and Found's website is [www.speedwood.com](http://www.speedwood.com).)



**Are you looking for an affordable vacation?** A very economical vacation that offers many activities like canoeing, archery, Frisbee golf, kayaking, paddle boats, fishing, hiking, swimming, arts & crafts, Bible Studies, song times, campfires, star gazing, softball, volleyball, and skiing (on lake Springfield if the water is high enough)!! 3 days and 2 nights of food, lodging, and activities for a low cost of \$215.00 to \$320.00 a family. We are offering a new family oriented vacation for families this year that we believe will

provide great Christian fellowship, memorable times, and a relaxing affordable vacation. July 18-20 we will providing a family vacation here at Camp CILCA. Similar to a cruise ship experience (minus the ocean and islands) we will have ongoing schedules of activities for your children and for adults. You will not be required to do anything, but you and your family will have ample opportunities to enjoy the 220 acres of Camp CILCA and all its amenities. We hope you can attend this event for it will be much fun. Go to our website for more information, planned schedule, and to register. Rev. Chuck Johnson, Camp Director, Camp CILCA

#### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Join us on Saturday morning, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Children's Easter Egg hunt. We'll begin at 8:30 a.m. with donuts, milk and orange juice in Fellowship Hall. At precisely 9:00 a.m. the hunt will begin. In addition, while the kids are eating and getting ready for the hunt, they can enter the Easter coloring contest. All entries will be judged while the children are gathering their eggs and the winner will be announced at the completion of the hunt.