

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 21st 2010

Requested prayers: Bernie Kapper, Delores Norviel, Doris Stortzum, Creed Cole, Bob Dosien, Betty Havlik, Mike Hagen, Kody Strieter, Sheryl Artmann Salinas, Robert Miller, Wayne Sparks, Phyllis Montgomery, Alana Thurmond, Burma Anderson, Jean Butler, Derald Doehring, Tamra Dugger, Gianna & Olivia Catanzaro, Laverne Barbee, Larry Price, Ava Gass, Deborah Barnes and Lisa Choundard.

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.



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 14th - 521 Mar 17th - 268

Schedule for March 21st thru March 28th

Sun.	8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday school 2:00 pm Piano Recital 5:30 pm Over 50		7:00 pm Lent Worship
Mon.	8:00 am Tennis 8:00 am LOL 8:15 am Confirmation F-H 5:30 pm Bd. of Christian Ed.		Thur. 8:15 am Confirmation F-H 8:30 am Exercise Classes 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm PTL Meeting 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Tues.	6:30 am Men's Bible Study at Pagliacci's 8:15 am Confirmation F-H 8:30 am Exercise Classes 9:00 am Quilters		Fri. 8:15 am Confirmation F-H 5:00 pm PTL Parent's night out
Wed.	(The Elders Serving Lent Meal) 12:00 pm Lent Service 5:30 pm Lenten Meal 5:30 pm Confirmation Class		Sat. 8:30 am Women's Bible Study @ Common Grounds
			Sun. Palm Sunday 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday school - Building Option Question and Answer session with Larry Miler

The last Wednesday evening Lenten meal will be served by the Elders. 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. Please bring a salad or dessert to share if you like.

Building Option Question and Answer Session - will be held next Sunday, 3/28, at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The Building Committee and President Larry Miller will be on hand to share with you and listen to your ideas about options for additional classrooms.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Join us on **Saturday morning, April 3rd** 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.

Easter Bonnet Contest - This year in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt, the activity committee will be sponsoring an Easter Bonnet Contest. The contest is open to all ages and the bonnets can be made of any headgear decorated with an Easter theme. Bonnets can be made from a variety of materials - from basic straw and boater-style hats to home-made card creations. Decorate it as creatively as you can using anything from streamers, paints, feathers, ribbons, bows, flowers, eggs, glitter, Easter candy, flower pots, or even the kitchen sink - anything goes! It's all about being creative and having fun, so it doesn't hurt to think outside the box.

Your creation (or creations - you can enter more than one if you would like) should be in Fellowship Hall no later than 9:00 am Saturday April 3rd. They will be judged during the Easter Egg Hunt based on Easter theme, creativity and craftsmanship. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the hunt. So come on...get that arts and crafts kit out and make an Easter bonnet. The more entries the better!

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.

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

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.

VITA Income Tax Program free of charge through April 1st 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 and is sponsored locally by the Coles County Council on Aging.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Community Blood Services of Illinois will be holding a blood drive on Sunday, April 11th, from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Prospective donors are reminded to bring their donor card or any form of i.d., which includes their address. Any questions, please contact Joyce Zschau at 234-8227.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans regional field office in St. Louis continues to collect shoes for "The Shoeman Project". Please tie or rubberband your shoes together and bring them to church. The Shoeman says, "I don't want your \$, I want your souls!" If you have any questions call your Thrivent Representative Elizabeth Houser at 962-0189

Thanks for all the prayers, cards and pastoral visits during my hospital stays & home recovery
-- Doris Stortzum



Summer camp is just around the corner. Where does the time go? Many people have taken advantage of the early bird registration discount this year. If you want to receive a \$15.00 discount on your camper registration cost (must be \$100.00 or more) then register your child very quick. March 27 is the end of our early bird registration. All you need to do is register online at www.cilca.org or call 217-487-7497 and pay in full (minus the \$15.00) by March 27.

Calling All Younger Women Don't forget to make plans now to attend the one day Camp Cilca Retreat on May 1. Designed for ages 13 to 35, this is an opportunity for young women to spend a day in a beautiful setting with time for Bible studies and all sorts of activities. Friendship Guild will pay the fees for the first four to register. Contact Pat Wetzels with questions and to get reimbursed for the \$25 registration fee. Forms and information are across from the church office.