



# Cross Roads

*The Newsletter of Holy Cross Lutheran Church*

February 2009



**KIDZ CONNECTION** meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the church. *Beginning March 4 and During Lent, the time will change to 6:30-7:00.*

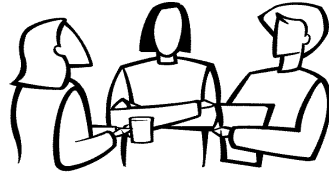
**CONFIRMATION** meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church. *Beginning February 25, there will be no Confirmation held during Lent.*

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**

The 2008 Leadership Team will be meeting on Monday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

### **ADULT FORUM**

Pastor Seeber begins a new adult forum on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Upcoming topics include a look at Islam as a "sister" religion with Judaism and Christianity, and learning about other interesting Christian denominations, including Hutterites. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



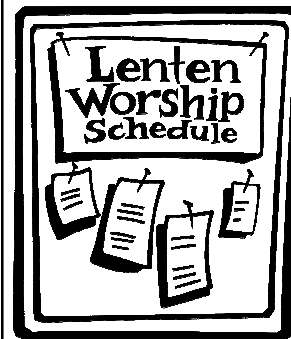
Women's Group

Monday  
February 16  
6:30 p.m.

All women are invited to join us on Monday, **February 16 at 6:30 p.m.** at the church as we complete the January and February lessons on Daniel. Copies of the Lutheran Women Today will be available for those that don't have one.

### **JOIN US**

If questions, call Kathy Harris at 225-0014.



**Beginning February 25  
with  
Ash Wednesday**

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Soup Supper

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
Lenten Worship

on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. KIDZ CONNECTION

### **Ushering Schedule February, 2009**

#### **February 1**

Terry & Brenda Brown  
Sharon Hansen

#### **February 8**

Jim & Karen Buss  
Virginia Hoff  
Pat & Thomas  
Weisgram

#### **February 15**

Brent, Jennifer &  
Landon Danielson  
Mike Kelly  
Boyd & Jess Perkins

#### **February 22**

Jennifer & Morghan  
Deiss  
Judy Wilson  
Wendy & Stefanie  
Plummer

### **Volunteers Needed for Lenten Soup Suppers**

Lenten soup suppers will begin prior to the Ash Wednesday Service on February 25. Help is needed to make/donate the soup as well as servers and folks to clean up. All money donated will go to support our youth attending the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering. Sign up on the sheet by the office if you're able to help.

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Rev. Jim Seeber - Interim Pastor  
Tricia Mortensen - Office Assistant  
Darlene Mohr - Financial Secretary  
Anthony Morrissey - Worship Team  
Bev Salwei - Pianist  
Brandon Sterling - Pianist / Bass  
Dewayne & Jon Hoffman - Custodians  
Ellen Dinger / J. Ellingson - Altar Guild  
David Haglund - Building Fund Treasurer  
Cindy Kocabinski - Head Teller  
Lyle & Lois Chapin - Head Ushers  
Heidi Morrissey - Kidz Connection  
Kathy Harris - Women's Group

### Leadership Team

Pam Fiechtner - President  
Heidi Morrissey - President-Elect  
Darlene Mohr - Treasurer  
Cindy Kocabinski - Secretary

Lisa Gese - Congregational Life  
Betty Gilchrist - Congregational Life  
Janet Shilman - Congregational Life

Terry Brown - Properties  
Jon Fogarty - Properties  
Pearl Holt - Properties  
Brent Klipfel - Properties

Char Hager - Youth & Education  
Cynthia Haglund - Youth & Education  
Barb Kelly - Youth & Education  
Michelle Vilhauer - Youth & Education

Anthony Morrissey - Worship Planning  
Jay Rossman - Worship Planning

*All Members Are Ministers!*



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### You shall know the Truth

Jesus word to his disciples at one point was that if they were faithful, **THEY WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH AND IT WOULD MAKE THEM FREE.** Seeking to understand and then to abide by the TRUTH in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is a serious challenge for us all.

We live in a time when many voices speak their own particular version of truth. For some, truth is relative to what they are trying to sell you. We frequently hear about telephone scam artists who prey upon older people and financially take advantage of them.

For others, truth is relative to the situation. Some today argue that there is no absolute truth but what one sees as true depends upon one's perspective. Certainly courts and attorneys understand that idea, but life cannot be lived with such uncertainty. In Mark 1, our recent Sunday gospel source, people were amazed when Jesus taught in the temple with a sense of authority. Who was this son of a carpenter that he understood so well the scriptures?

You and I must speak truth with credibility (authority) when we speak to our children or in conversation with family or friends or in our business dealings. Truth in our age is one of the most precious things we have to share. We all are tempted at times to soft pedal the truth. Like Jonah in the whale story, we don't like the assignment to speak truth that is painful or hard to hear. A teacher does not like to tell a student that she/he has failed the test or the course, but it must be done. We hesitate to tell our spouse that we are disappointed or hurt by something that has happened but such honesty can build a stronger relationship.

The courage for such authority comes as we see that we are, as Luther said, called to be little Christs to one another.

*Pastor Seeber*

From a survey that asked children  
their definition of love:

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still  
friends even after they know each other so well.

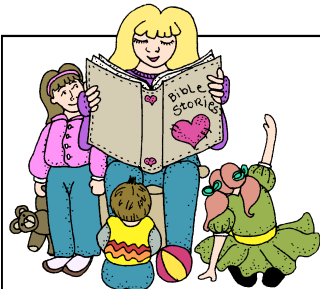
-Tommy, age 6

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving  
cologne and they go out and smell each other.

-Karl, age 5

Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your  
French fries without making them give you any of theirs.

- Chrissy, age 6



### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for June 28  
through July 2 for Vacation Bible School. Staff from NeSo-  
Dak will once again be leading the session. Kick-off will be  
Sunday, June 28 with an ice cream social. Camp will run from  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



### - REMINDER -

Youth and Shepherds going to New Orleans will meet on  
Sunday, February 22nd at Holy Cross from 4:00 to 6:00  
p.m. **Note change in location.**

### - REMINDER -



## General Fund Giving Recap

Monthly General Fund Giving Goal	\$ 11,000
YTD General Fund Giving	\$ 10,281
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<b>YTD General Fund Giving Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 719</b>

*We invite your continued prayerful consideration..*



## February

### Serving Team Schedule

**Team Leaders: Jon & Paula Fogarty**

#### February 1, 2009

Lyle & Lois Chapin  
Ellen Dinger  
Janel Ellingson  
Sharon Lust

#### February 8, 2009

Ray Bower, Jr. & Heidi Krueger  
Dave & Deb Jung  
Paul & Paula Winther  
Clint & Lorraine Dumire  
Korey & Wanda Freudenthal

#### February 15, 2009

Kent & Susan Edson  
Jennifer & Jason Fritz  
Will & Molly Genzler  
Jessica & Adam Jorgensen  
Mark & Jo Ann Lehrkamp

#### February 22, 2009

Marlene & Harold Miller  
Bille Black  
Donnell Black  
Shirley Everson  
Dana & Robin Mohr

### **Thank You!**

A hearty Thank You to the folks who signed up for the serving team monthly Team Leader spots through July. The new six month schedules have been compiled and sent out. Leaders are still needed for the last six months. Please consider if you and your family could fill this important role. A sign up sheet is by the office.

Leadership Meeting  
January 12, 2009

Members present: Pastor Seeber, Pam Fiechtner, Kim Carlson, Nancy Palmer, Brent Klipfel, Darlene Mohr, Pearl Holt, Jon Fogarty and Anthony Morrissey.

Pastor Seeber opened with prayer.

Kim called the meeting to order.

Minutes from last meeting were approved with a motion from Darlene and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam.

Call Committee Update: Harley Mohr said they have not contacted Pastor Barnes until they have talked to the council. It was their recommendation not to extend a call, the council agreed with a motion by Pearl and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony not to extend a call.

Committee Reports:

Properties: Plumbing is fixed in the bathrooms and the lights have been fixed so they are not on all the time. Anthony said there are some switches that should be up all the time and was wondering if they should be marked. Pearl will look at after the meeting. Snow removal is done automatically. Brent will call Dale Geist to ensure if it snows it is done before Sunday service and Wednesday school. Sewer gas is much better-we will ask Trish if she notices any odors to document it.

Youth & Education: No report.

Worship & Planning: Lent season – they need to know if we are having Wednesday services as we have in the past with Wednesday school after the service and no confirmation. – We could involve confirmation with the service. It was decided we will have Lent services at 6PM with soup supper at 5pm. The music will be arranged for the services. We lost two singers and will reconfigure the singing groups.

Congregational Life: Lisa will send notes to visitors when she gets the attendance sheets. Pastor Seeber will see that she receives them. We will ask Carla what the retention is for bulletins and attendance sheets. (The Lectionary is three years). Congregational life will post sign up sheets for volunteers to provide soup for the Lent suppers.

Treasurers Report: We are paying all expenses. Darlene suggested the building fund and regular fund be combined into one so it is reflected in the budget. The building mortgage is \$16,000. We discussed the money we have received from LSS for Bethesda for teaching Spanish. It is in a designated account until we decide how it should be used.

Pastors Report: February 25 is Ash Wednesday service – we will have traditional service with the Imposition of Ashes. There will be a baptism on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church for any prayer concerns.

Old Business: Finalized the Building and Use policy, which is published in the annual report. - The second page was missing with the fee structure...

New Business: Synod request – we are giving \$100.00 less a month to the Synod this year and we can adjust if we have more giving.

This was Kim's last council meeting as President and was thanked for his year of service.

The congregational annual meeting is set for January 18, 2009.

Next meeting will be the second Monday in February at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned with a motion from Pearl and a second by Brent.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.




Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Palmer  
Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 WPT Rehearsal 9:00 Adult forum 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee & Treats	2	3 11:15 Sr. High Table Talks @ Good Shepherd	4 6:00 KIDZ CONNECTION 7:00 CONFIRMATION	5	6	7
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22 8:45 WPT Rehearsal 9:00 Adult forum 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee & Treats 4:00 New Orleans meeting at Holy Cross	23	24 11:15 Sr. High Table Talks @ Good Shepherd	25  ASH WEDNESDAY 5:00 Soup Supper 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 KIDZ CONNECTION	26	27	28

## Ashes to Ashes

In the Hebrew Scriptures we read stories of people putting on sackcloth and sitting in ashes as a symbolic act of repentance. This was one of the major ways of saying "I'm sorry" to God, and indicating a desire to turn one's life around. While we may not do this particular practice today, a glimpse of it occurs with the beginning of Lent, and the observance of Ash Wednesday (February 25, 2009).

The season of Lent is often a time of renewing our spirits, of trying to get a little closer to God. An excellent way to begin that process is by acknowledging what we have done that distances us from God and making a commitment to change. That is the gift of this Lenten season, and one of the symbols of Ash Wednesday: a reminder that we can start again, a reminder that no matter where we have journeyed, we can always turn and re-focus our attention on God's way.