

The Church Mouse

Ascension Lutheran Church Newsletter



March 2014



Pr. Nancy Wright

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Lent at Ascension, 2014

Lent is a sacred period in the church year to focus on the conversion to a life that more nearly reflects the Way of Jesus. Lent awakens us to hope in God whose “steadfast love endures forever” and to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Traditional Lenten disciplines are repentance, fasting, prayer, study, and works of love. Suggestions for Lent at Ascension:

Read

Pastor’s suggestion for an *all-parish read*: *

***Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear: The Christian Practice of Everyday Life*, by Scott Bader-Saye. An excellent book! Here’s the Amazon blurb:**

“Through politics, marketing, news programming, and popular culture we are taught to fear, often in ways that profit others. But what does all this fear do to our moral lives as it forms (or deforms) our character and our judgment? Drawing on Christian scripture and tradition, *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear* articulates a response to fear that resists an ethic of security in favor of fostering an ethic of risk. The Christian virtues of hospitality, peacefulness, and generosity are presented as the way to defeat the counter-virtues of suspicion, preemption, and control. Pastors, students, and lay people will find this unique book both accessible and intriguing.”

***(Read as an individual, in a group of your own choosing, or in the Ascension reading group.)**

Other good books:

***Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives*, by Wayne Muller**

“In a book that can heal our harried lives, Wayne Muller, ...shows us how to create a special time of rest, delight, and renewal—a refuge for our souls....With wonderful stories, poems, and suggestions for practice, Muller teaches us how we can use this time of sacred rest to refresh our bodies and minds, restore our creativity, and regain our birthright of inner happiness.”

***Gilead*, by Marilyn Robinson.** This is a Pulitzer-prize winning novel about the Rev. John Ames, an elderly Congregationalist pastor in the secluded town of Gilead, Iowa. A historical novel, which is a beautiful expression of the experiences of faith and doubt and the complications of family life.

***The Heart of Creation*, by Fr. John Main.** This is one of his wonderful books about meditation as entry into a deepened life with God.

Websites, which offer daily prayer or resources: The World Community for Christian Meditation, “Daily Wisdom” can be delivered to your email (www.wccm.org, scroll to the bottom of the page to subscribe)

Act

Give volunteer time or money to a charity of your choice or to any parish activity (teach Sunday school, for example).

Sign up for the Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast.

“Make this Carbon Fast both a sign of your repentance and a sign of Christ’s Good News!”

Participate in the ELCA Hunger Appeal

If you haven't signed up for the Carbon Fast, there is still time to join in.
Go to New England Regional Environmental Ministries
http://www.ucc.org/news/ecumenical-lenten-carbon-fast-2014-02242014.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A%20UnitedChurchOfChrist%20%28United%20Church%20of%20Christ%29.

Worship and Pray

Worship at Ascension's Sunday morning service.
Join in the Wednesday soup suppers with table fellowship and worship.
Take an extra fifteen minutes each day to speak to God in prayer or to listen to the presence of God in your heart; pray for Ascension's ministries and for needs in the community and in the world.
Ask God to guide you as to how to live out your very own calling as a minister of Christ's love.

Nancy Wright

Pr. Nancy

Lent at Ascension

MID-WEEK WEDNESDAY
LENTEN SERVICES
AND
SOUP SUPPER
5:30 TO 6:00 P.M.

LENTEN BOOKS, RESOURCES AND OTHER MATERIALS MAY BE FOUND ON A TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. FEEL FREE TO TAKE A PAMPHLET AND/OR CALENDAR. YOU MAY ALSO BORROW OR PURCHASE A RECOMMENDED BOOK FROM PASTOR NANCY.

REPORT FROM STEVE SNOOK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Church council has approved a motion to revise the job description for Organist/Choir Director, and Ascension Lutheran Church will be advertising for the new position in the near future. Long-Range Planning Committee helped prepare the Mud Morning meeting, which walked attendees through the steps that have been taken since last year's Mud Morning meeting. Despite hopes for the opposite result we did not succeed in resolving Ascension Childcare's growing need for space, and Council decided to let the lease expire. Long Range Planning Committee with Council approval conducted a survey over the summer of the Congregation's views on what to do with the space. Key results from the survey showed that the space should not be left vacant and should not be rented to an entity such as a dentist's office that would generate revenue but would not permit the Church to use the space. There was equally strong consensus that when not in use by the Church the space should be rented either to another faith-based organization or to a mission that the congregation helps operate. Council presented a budget based on the critical assumptions that a new tenant paying \$2500 a month would be in place by July 1, and the Congregation approved this budget in November. Early in the New Year the Long Range Planning Committee, with Council approval, released a request for information that has been generating expressions of interest for the last month. Council will ensure the Congregation has an opportunity to comment before any renter is selected.

During this process there have been a number of expressions of concern that the Church now relies on rental income, and lamentations that although the extension was built to house a ministry to young people, we have not been attracting families with young children, and in fact have been losing them to other churches. Many bemoan the fact that too few in our Congregation are involved in making sure we have a thriving Sunday School and ministry to young people. These expressions of concern come to me with enough regularity and with enough conviction that I have asked the Children, Youth and Family committee to prepare recommendations to Council for action. I anticipate good ideas will be forthcoming, whereupon Council will be making a strong appeal to members of the Congregation to step up and get involved in our ministry to children, young people, and their families, and I look forward to a robust response.

Stephen Chung

Answers to a couple of questions expressed in the recent evaluation of the staff, council and congregation.

1. Who are our paid employees?

Our staff is headed by Pastor Nancy with the office assistance of Elizabeth Wirls. Both are salaried.

The organist, Charlie Child, is paid per play, directing the choir and for attending various meetings.

The bell choir director, Jeri Bergdahl, is paid a stipend but she has elected to not accept it.

The various musicians who lead the Contemporary Service do it for the love of it! That includes Denise Puisto who, in addition to leading the group, spends hours selecting the appropriate music for the service.

For the cleaning of our sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen and offices the property committee has contracted with "Squeaky Clean". They clean the space every Thursday evening. (Note: this does not include the former child care area.) In addition, once a year the tiled floors are stripped and waxed by professionals.

Charlie Cutting has "resigned" from his lawn care duties. (He still mows and maintains the strip of shoulder along Allen Road all the way to the filling station at the corner!)

The property committee has contracted with Jay and Sons to maintain our lawn which includes mowing and fall pine needle and leaf removal. They also plow and maintain our parking lot and sidewalks in the winter.

Garden maintenance is led by volunteer Jo White.

Other various maintenance issues that arise are addressed by members of the property committee when possible. If the repairs are beyond the capabilities of our members, appropriate repairmen are hired.

2. Regarding pledges and financials - who knows what?

Financial Secretary: All pledges are strictly confidential. Only the Financial Secretary knows who pledges and what those amounts are.

Counters: In order to have a record of the Sunday morning plate, the counters keep track of the amounts given on any day but they do not know the totals of any pledge.

Treasurer: The job of the treasurer is to keep a record of all the total moneys received and to pay all bills as they are incurred. The treasurer does not have any knowledge of individual pledges.

All of the above may know of individual contributions for a specific cause. (e.g. the malaria campaign.) **The counters** if the donation is placed in the offering plate, The **Treasurer** to be able to assign the proper amount to the intended donation fund. The **Financial Secretary** to assign credit for the proper amount on the donors annual giving statement.

Any other questions? Please put them in the suggestion box and we will try to answer them!

JUMP needs your help! It's time for their Spring Campaign, formerly the Feinstein Challenge. Please help them meet their goals and offer much needed emergency aid to neighbors living in poverty. JUMP is turning away over 100 families a month and cannot meet the growing demand. What sets JUMP apart from other relief agencies is that they provide for both the physical and the spiritual needs of their clients. If you wish to contribute to their Spring Campaign, you can make your check payable to JUMP and put it in the collection plate. We will send it on to JUMP. **ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR DONATIONS OF SHAMPOO ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND MUCH APPRECIATED.**

Tom Hart, US Executive Director of ONE Campaign - A Proud American Legacy: US Foreign Assistance & Fighting Poverty and Disease Abroad will be speaking Thursday, March 27, 7:00 PM New Hampshire Institute of Politics 100 Saint Anselm Drive Manchester, NH 03102

When asked to guess, Americans respond that foreign assistance amounts to as much as 25% of the federal budget. In reality, that number is less than 1%. That small percentage helps put 10 million people on AIDS medication, helped lift 1 billion people out of poverty in the developing world. Yet the programs the US spends so little on are at risk in a divisive political climate, and millions could lose access to much-needed food, vaccines, and electricity. Tom Hart will discuss ONE's advocacy work in Washington and how these US-funded programs do a world of good.

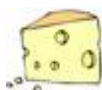
Hello Ascension,

I'm going to have a sleep-out on 3/28/14, (a Friday night), to raise money for Spectrum. We will sleep outside to see what it's like to be a homeless teen. Please help me raise money for my team, Team Homeless, by going to this website and clicking on "Give Now":

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=1092599&supld=403515947>

We are trying to reach a goal of \$500.00 for Spectrum Youth and Family Services. It is estimated there are about 4,000 homeless Vermonters. The deadline to raise money is Thursday, 3/27/14. I hope you can help. Thanks.

Ben Peake



Lent will be the time for an **ELCA HUNGER APPEAL** at Ascension. Kay Antos is coordinating. Flyers and mite boxes have been distributed, and each week a “Quiz” on world hunger is being inserted in the Sunday bulletin. Each Sunday we will also be talking about hunger in children in the US and the world, some of the causes and how the church is helping. On Palm Sunday we will be taking an offering that will be dedicated to World Hunger.

As a church, we believe that God is calling us into the world and we are called to respond. The 40 days of Lent allow for reflection on our lives and the world around us. In a time when more than 800 million people live in hunger—that’s 1 in 8 people in the world today—how can we help? The ELCA has set a goal of \$20 million for the year of 2014 to be dedicated towards World Hunger. This money comes solely from people like us. Pray for what you can give to help alleviate hunger.

JOIN IN THE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN CARBON FAST. EACH DAY YOU WILL RECEIVE A MESSAGE SUCH AS THE ONE BELOW FROM “DAY 10.” The emails include many useful resources and offer **ideas to help participants reduce their carbon footprint and care for Earth.** If you haven't yet participated and would like to join, go to their website (under Action Opportunities) to sign up: <http://www.macucc.org/pages/detail/2410>

Bicycles are relatively simple. It is said they are the most efficient means of transportation. Learn about, use or start a local bicycle sharing program as has been done in Tulsa, Miami, Boston, Vancouver and other communities around the world. In only two years, Boston riders have traveled 617,270 miles on Hubway, burning 25,068,942 calories, and saved 206.79 tons of carbon. To find out more, visit: <http://sandvault.com>

Spiritual Growth, Frugality And Simplicity All Reduce Carbon

Join almost 800,000 signatories on the People for Bikes pledge: <http://www.peopleforbikes.org/>.

Our government leaders need to hear how much we value safe and convenient bicycling, and what a difference federal funding can make for bike paths, bike lanes, trails, and crucial programs like [Safe Routes to School](#). Cost-effective investments in bicycling boost our economy, help individuals and government agencies save money, and directly address key societal challenges such as obesity, road congestion... and did I mention CLIMATE CHANGE! If the federal government can only afford to invest in solutions that solve multiple problems, then bicycling fits the bill!



RENOVATION UPDATE

The “Mud Morning” group approved the design “Plan III” for the refurbishing of the ACC unit.

This will include:

- creating extra storage spaces accessible from both the Sunday School room and inside the toddler bathroom
- removing one toilet and replacing the other with a dual flush, ADA compliant toilet
- raising the sink to an adult level
- closing off the existing door and moving the door to the hallway next to the adjacent existing handicapped bathroom and installing a matching door on the handicapped bathroom.
- installing eco-friendly marmot leum on the floors of the bathroom and the kitchen
- painting the woodwork throughout

any and all other work needed to accomplish these goals

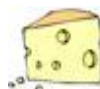
At Property Committee’s recommendation, Council approved the contract to do the work required to Nate & Kelli Tylanda. They expect to have the work finished by Easter.



FELLOWSHIP

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: All are welcome; and you can RSVP until the day of the gathering. Enjoy conversation with fellow Ascension folks and delicious food: Topics: “Share a story about a time when you let God change your mind.” “Share a story where you saw God in people different from you.” “Share a story about a significant event that was a turning point in your life.” “Share a story about your image with God.” Pr. Nancy will help to lead the discussion. **A BIG thank you to Donna and Gary Pittman who hosted our first neighborhood meeting and to Lydia Wisloski who will be hosting the next, on Thursday, March 27th, 6:00 p.m.. Savory soup, salad and bread. Please RSVP lwisloski@aol.com or 878-1528**

The date for the next gathering of the **Quilting Circle** has been changed to Thursday, April 3rd at 9:30 a.m. **All invited!** We will bring the scraps we have at home to see what we already have. We will decide on a regular meeting time as well as whether we will (1) make quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief or (2) make smaller quilts for a person in the neighborhood. Prayer will be part of the circle. We will also hopefully involve the congregation in various ways.



ALC OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

Elizabeth and Pr. Nancy are at Ascension much of the rest of the week, as well, with variable hours. Please call if you have a particular need outside of office hours (such as a delivery or appointment need) and we will be glad to be available. Also, please call or speak to Pr. Nancy with any pastoral needs or requests. You may call her cell at 347-525-4060 at any time.

COUNCIL AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING MINUTES

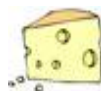
Please check out our new communication bulletin board outside the Church Office. You will find the meeting minutes of Council and Long-Range Planning Committee posted there, as well as printed copies available for you to take and read. In the future, minutes from their monthly meetings will be inserted in your Sunday bulletins, posted on the website, and distributed through the Church Mouse and E-News. Minutes from the February meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee may be found on the following pages (8-10).

FINANCE REPORT SUBMITTED by France LeBlanc, Treasurer***Ascension Lutheran Church*****Summary Statement of Operations**

Month Ended January 31, 2014

All amounts are in Dollars

Description	Actual 2014	Budget 2014	Variance Favorable (Unfav.)
Revenue			
Contributions received	17,639	13,552	4,087
Childcare rental receipts	0	0	-
TOTAL REVENUE	17,639	13,552	4,087
Expenses			
Pastoral Services	7,103	7,837	734
Administration	2,328	2,741	413
Worship & Music	518	929	411
Children, Youth & Family	90	54	(36)
Benevolence and Outreach	0	1,419	1,419
Youth Program	0	0	-
Church Property	2,744	3,098	354
Insurance	0	291	291
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,783	16,369	3,586
NET OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)	4,856	(2,817)	7,673



ALC LRPC – 2/10/14 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: PrNancy, G&J Heyerdahl, E&D Dreibelbis, M.Gustafson, R.Butz, S.Swanson, D.Puisto, B.Lombardi, B.Lemley

Next Meeting: 3/3/14, Prime topic = preparation for Congregational retreat, 3/8/14

Brief meditation from Pastor.

Building renovation update (Sam)

Insulation work is in progress in the Wing. The contractor's objective is to have the work completed in <10 days. There have been questions about the box air ventilators and heaters that are in the Wing. The ventilators were required by law for the ChildCare, but are not necessarily going to be required for our use or for that of a future tenant. If we were to need some sort of fresh air source for our future tenant, these would be replaced by heat exchangers that would be able to extract (i.e., save) some of our heat rather than just bringing cold air into the building.

Request for Information (RFI) status (Barry/Richard)

Composition of the Wing space RFI is completed, has been reviewed and approved by LRPC, and is ready for presentation to Council for approval prior to its publication. This was a team effort, making use of insights/inputs from Steve S., Marcia G., Barry L., & Richard B. It's been cut down from its initial form, which was deemed by all to be too long to be useful to prospective tenants.

This request for information includes a description of the physical space to be made available, the days/time of day that it will be available for tenant use, and a brief summary of ALC's history of supporting missions in the community (e.g., Good News Garage and ACC). It also includes a description of our 6.5 acres of woodland and the capacity (60+ cars) of our parking lot.

As part of the LRPC committee's review of the draft, some minor adjustments were made, including (but not limited to):

De-emphasizing the "will build to suit" clause. There were concerns about how this would be paid for, how free we'd be to allow a client to dictate changes to the space in the Wing, etc.

We agreed to remove the stipulation of a 5-year lease requirement. JUMP only has a 1-year lease with 1st Congregational church. There is a concern that imposing a 5-yr requirement could eliminate some viable prospects from our tenant list. This was changed to reflect that lease terms and fees are negotiable.

Question 4 will be changed to read "How much of the Primary space do you need?". In this document, the area in the Wing is referred to as the "primary space" that's for long-term lease.

The form also includes 8 questions that (we feel) provide an effective path to a response for any respondent and also provides a more manageable path for us to evaluate the feedback that we expect to be provided. Denise has installed these questions onto Survey Monkey.

Survey Monkey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8MJD9LD>

The potential list of respondents will include Front Porch Forum, United Way, Seven Days (might need a paid advertisement), Good News Garage, Lutheran Social Services, NE Synod News, Burlington Area Ministerial Assoc., M.Schroter (and his contacts), and Interfaith Power & Light. We're also going to invite each of these chosen respondents to forward our invitation to any appropriate parties on their network of contacts.

Action Item#1: Barry wants to obtain a copy of the last lease we had with ACC, to be used as an example for our new tenant.

Responsible: PrNancy will provide him with a copy from the church office.

Action Item#2: We need to determine if ALC has enough insurance for the Wing, both in our own policy and from the tenant. We recommend that the tenant provide evidence of having \$1M of liability coverage. According to Elizabeth, this is what JUMP carries for its use of the 1st Church space and it's not prohibitively expensive.

Responsible: Council?

Status of ALC-driven repairs to the Wing (Jane A'Lee)

Painting in the Wing is nearly completed, insulation is being installed. Plumbing will be the next activity, with much of the focus being on the non-ADA bathroom. Once the plumbing is completed there are a series of carpentry items that need to be addressed. (The complete work list for the Wing is included in Appendix 1, in order of planned completion).

There are three proposals being considered for configuration of the non-ADA bathroom. After review and discussion, LRPC selected the 3rd option as our preference. Among other changes, it would result in the doors for both bathrooms in the Wing to be on the same wall, the one facing the hallway along the windows on the north side (away from the playground).

This option allows for the installation of a single-person shower in that bathroom space. This installation would not have to be done coincident with the other work in that area, but COULD be.

This recommendation will be presented by Property Comm. to Council for their review and approval. The target for completion of all the work in the Wing is 4/1/14.

Action Item#3: We need an estimate of the cost of doing the repairs on the attached list so that this can be taken forward to the Council for review and (hopefully) approval. The recommendation to Property Committee is that this estimate come in two "flavors":

What's the cost to complete the minimum amount of work required to ready the Wing for a "walk-through" by a prospective tenant?

What's the cost to complete all of the items on the checklist?

Options for funding that were discussed at LRPC included taking a "home improvement" loan or asking for a special appeal from the Congregation.

Responsible: J&G Heyerdahl and the Property Comm.

Report from sanctuary sub-committee (Richard)

The objective of this group's investigation is to make the church more inviting and more habitable/useful. The list of items being examined as candidates for change include: replacing the chairs in the workshop space, improving the space in the Narthex, improving the space in the Sanctuary, adding carpeting (and floor insulation) in the Narthex/Sanctuary, and getting rid of our stock of old hymnals.

They've come up with many good ideas about what could be done to provide more light into the Sanctuary, how to open up the space in the Narthex (includes getting rid of the bookshelves and moving the coat rack to another space in the building), etc.

Their current plan is to execute on one of the smaller aspects of their plan (with Council approval, of course) to yield an improvement but also to provide an example of what this type of change can yield.

Status of Space Utilization policies (short/long-term) (Barry)

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This item pertains to creating a policy for short-term (e.g., a few hours, a few days) rental of space within the ALC facility.

This group has developed a pricing proposal that considers three types of temporary tenant...an ALC member or group that is an ALC mission, a non-profit which is not one of our chosen missions, anyone else. The prices developed are roughly associated with the amount of space to be used by one of these tenants and become more expensive as you move further away from an ALC member/mission. It was recommended that we use a "flat-fee" structure rather than one that is tightly coupled to square footage to be used, with the understanding that our "flat-fee" has a loose correlation to square footage in its initial definition.

LRPC believes that the flat-fee schedule is ready for presentation to Council for approval.

Any time a group uses space within the ALC facility there must be a provision for cleaning the space after that use has ended. The primary focus of LRPC discussion was that we would hire someone to provide that cleanup and that the cost of that cleanup would be factored into the rental price for the space. This is consistent with what JUMP and IP&L do when they rent space.

As part of Action Item#2, we need to determine if ALC has sufficient insurance to cover this occasional use of our space.

Appendix 1: ACC PUNCH LIST by order of sequence

2/10/14

DONE	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	SUPPLIES
	Plumbers	Cap taps	Baby room	
		Turn, move or	Toddler bathroom	
		Remove toilet	Toddler bathroom	
		Replace child toi-	Toddler bathroom	New toilet
		Raise sink	Toddler bathroom	New sink
		Install shower???	Toddler bathroom	Shower
		Repair/replace 2	"hall"	
	Carpenters	Replace or relo-	Toddler bathroom	
		Create storage	Sunday School room	
		Remove false	Toddler bathroom	
		Sheet rock	Toddler bathroom	
		Sheet rock	Baby room	
		Repair windows	SS room & baby room	
	Painters	Final coat	Baby room	
		Paint ceiling	Kitchen	
		prime walls	Toddler bathroom	
		Final coat	Toddler bathroom	
	Note: not yet built	New storage	Sunday School room	
	Professional	Woodwork	ALL	
	Property comm.	Replace rubber	All rooms	Rubber baseboard
		Replace door	Handicapped bathroom	Locking door handle
		Replace toilet seat	Handicapped bathroom	New toilet seat?
		Repair drawers	kitchen	
		Install 2 pro-		thermostats
		Repair torn vinyl	Toddler room	??????
	Squeaky clean???	Strip and wax		

	MARCH 23 10:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION	MARCH 30 10:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION	APRIL 6 10:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION CONTEMPORARY PRAISE	APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT	Pr. Nancy Wright	Pr. Nancy Wright	Pr. Nancy Wright	Pr. Nancy Wright
ALTAR GUILD	Julie Valliere	Johanna White	Cathy Cameron- Muscente	Barbara Sponem
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Julie Valliere	Johanna White	TBA	TBA
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Leah Burke	Bill Valliere	TBA	TBA
LECTORS	Bonnie Lombardi	Marcia Gustafson	Kim Fry	A. Harrison, D. Dreibelbis, G & J Heyerdahl
ORGANIST	Charles Child	Charles Child	Denise Puisto	Charles Child
COFFEE HOST	The Lemleys	TBA	Bill Harrison	The Fursts
GREETERS	Suzanne Furst, Matt Henson Marcia Gustafson	Harriet Richards, Jacob Hansen, Gary Pittman	Karen and Red Martin, Jo White	Kay and John Antos, Marilyn Johnson
USHERS	Richard Butz, Jake Hansen	Marcia Gustafson, Doug Dreibelbis	TBA	TBA

March Celebrations

Birthdays

March 1 Matt Henson
 March 4 Katie Wilhite
 March 6 Rachel Stampul
 March 12 Stephen Wisloski
 March 16 Ben Peake
 March 21 Jessica Hill
 March 22 Donna Pittman
 March 23 Joseph Gonyaw
 Robert Jenkins
 Anneliese Koenig
 March 26 Emily Dreibelbis
 Jane Hondal
 Bev Knight
 March 30 Andrew Hampson
 March 31 Noah Dreibelbis

Anniversaries

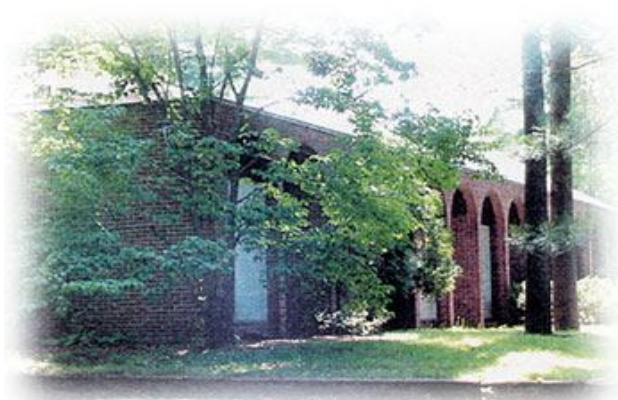
March 7 Sam Swanson
 Joyce Gallimore
 March 20 Margit Sirgo
 March 24 Carol Blakely

Baptisms

March 1 John Menzel
 March 8 Benjamin Tylanda
 Jackson Tylanda
 March 9 Jessica Wisloski
 March 11 John Lemkul
 March 13 Ilianna Annette Bruno
 March 16 Thomas Bruno
 Gary Pittman
 March 19 Julia Hondal
 March 22 Greta Krag
 March 30 William Valliere
 Jim Wilhite
 March 31 Richard Butz



Lauren Dreibelbis and her family on the Sunday of her First Communion.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WORSHIP
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (youth and adult)
will resume in the fall

On the first Sunday of each month
 Holy Communion is celebrated with Contemporary Praise.

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