

The Lutheran Light

“As the Body of Christ, St. Mary’s Evangelical Lutheran Church is called by the Father through the Holy Spirit to worship God and witness to others.”

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The Pastor’s Prism



“Real Happiness”

Happiness is probably something that most of us seek to experience as much as possible in our lives. Happiness in ourselves and in others is recognized by smiles, and if tangent with our actions are seen as genuine. Media ads often feature smiling persons in an effort to convince us that we will be happy if we purchase something or have a certain experience. There are other more personal things that give happiness as well, like getting married, the birth of a child, getting complimented on something we’ve done, graduating from school or university, etc.

A recent study by Profs. Andrew Oswald (Univ. of Warwick) and Stephen Wu (Hamilton College) of 1.3 million people across the country showed that happiness is associated with quality of life factors, like sunshine hours, congestion, air quality, etc. As a result, they found the people who were the happiest lived in Louisiana, Hawaii, Florida, and Tennessee. Unhappiest were those who lived in New York, Connecticut, Michigan, and Indiana. Marylanders were in 40th place while Pennsylvanians, 41st place.¹ The sunshine factor played big into people’s happiness.

Happiness has been defined as an active or passive state of pleasure or pleasurable satisfaction, associated with what one considers good.² Thus, being happy is mostly about the personal,

pleasurable mood people experience. Sometimes when we experience happiness we might come to realize that we have been “blessed.” Being blessed moves happiness to another level, which recognizes that happiness, is due to (an) external factor(s) beyond one’s control. Happiness, as being blessed, can lead to humility and thankfulness for those who recognize God as the Source for happiness.

Mary recognized this aspect of happiness when she said, **“Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me and Holy is His Name”** (Luke 1:49). Mary serves as an example of mature happiness.

At the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5 ff.), Jesus said, **“Blessed are the poor in spirit...blessed are those who mourn...blessed are the meek...etc.)** showing that true happiness comes as a reversal of the world’s way to those who are downtrodden yet live in an awareness of God’s grace active in their lives even when conditions seemed hard.

The hymn, “They Cast Their Nets,”³ tells in an ironic way of the disciples being...**“happy, simple fisher-folk, before the Lord came down.”** That all changed into something more, a kind of happiness, that led them to witness, even to giving their lives. How could they have happiness in those situations? The hymn ends by recognizing that ultimately happiness, real happiness, is recognizing that one is blessed by God, and in that blessedness the hymn writer recognizes the **“...marvelous peace of God.”**

This marvelous peace of God as the bottom line of real happiness is found throughout the Bible by all those who put their faith in God above everything else. We certainly see that in Paul’s epistles. Every epistle begins with Paul saluting his readers with the words, **“Grace and peace”** or **“Grace, mercy, and peace.”** It’s as if Paul is hoping that the readers will know the same peace that he now has because of the grace he has received from God through Jesus Christ. He saw himself as blessed in God’s peace.

In John 14, we hear Jesus saying to His disciples, **“Peace I leave with you. I do not give to you as the world gives.”** Again as He prepares for His passion He tells His disciples (John 16:33), **“I have said this to you so that in Me, you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage, I have conquered the world!”**

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Almighty God, our world is rich with many things that make us happy, and yet we know some of them harm ourselves, others, and Your creation. Forgive us and turn us from seeking happiness for its own sake but turn us to know You. Then, empower us by the Holy Spirit as You did Mary, Paul, and all Your servants of every age, to know the blessedness in the peace that come through living in thankfulness to You in worship and through faith and service to our needy neighbors. Hear us for we ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN



¹The Evening Sun (Hanover) 18 December 2009, 2A

²Random House Dictionary of the English Language. New York: Random House, 1981. 644

³Lutheran Book of Worship. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1978. 449.

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Then, when everything seemed most discouraging, the risen Jesus appeared to the disciples (John 21), three times and each time His first words are, **"Peace be with you."**

Real happiness, even when life is sometimes hard, is recognizing how we are blessed in the peace of the Lord which passes all understanding, can be taken in faith and lived out in thankfulness because of His mercy towards us in Jesus Christ.

+ "Pr. Lee"

Choir Visitations

February 2010 Choir Visitations to our shut-ins are currently being scheduled for **Sunday, February 21st** (details to follow in the bulletin).

Please come and join us. It's a deeply appreciated and heart-felt worship experience for our shut-ins ... and singers too!

If interested, please contact Linda Bupp (program coordinator), John Haifley (musical leader), Don Stansbury (prayer leader), Faye Boughter, Bob Heltibridle, Don or Joye Kaufman in advance so that we can arrange for transportation. All ages are welcomed, especially our young members.

Card Shower

On Sunday, February 8th Harvey and Naomi Bowersox will celebrate their **74th Wedding Anniversary**. In honor of this occasion, please help brighten their day by participating in a "card shower".

Well wishes can be sent to:

Harvey & Naomi Bowersox,
3 Footer Street
Hanover, PA 17331



~Susan Bowersox-Blizzard, Secretary

Offering Statements

Offering/Contribution statements for 2009 now available on the table in the overflow room. Please pick-up your statement today. Should you have any questions about your statement, contact the church secretary.

Friends of the Village Membership Drive

Each year the Friends of the Village auxiliary (FOV) touches the lives of Carroll Lutheran Village residents through generous gifts of time and care. Since 1981 the Auxiliary has generated enormous financial support, mostly through its fundraising events. Items such as a gazebo, a bus, medical carts and wheelchair scales are just a few of the many items purchased from the Village by the FOV. In addition, the FOV gives endowments to Carroll Lutheran Village, provides scholarship funding for employees, and has helped to support the building of the Wellness Center for use by all residents with their \$100,000 pledge.

The annual membership drive is one of the auxiliary's fundraising events, with funds from the membership drive benefitting all residents of the Village. Please join the Friends of the Village auxiliary. The levels of individual one year membership contributions are listed below. The names of FOV Life members are displayed on a plaque in the administrative hallway of the Village.

Cash or checks are accepted. Checks should be made out to Friends of the Village. A membership card will be returned to you. Please contact your Keyperson for more information.



(Tear off and hand in)

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE Carroll Lutheran Village

Name _____ Year 2010
(Please Print)

Street _____
City/State/Zip

Church St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran

Keyperson Fran Crist, 410-848-4391

MEMBERSHIP	PERSON	CHECK ONE:
Active	\$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
Contributing	\$5.00	
Sustaining	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> New
Patron	\$25.00	Make check payable to
Life	\$100.00	"Friends of the Village"
		\$ _____

Membership funds benefit the residents of CLV.

Council Highlights

Council met on January 11, 2010



1. Sunday School will be going bowling at Thunderhead Bowl in Taneytown on February 20 from 2-4pm. Children from the Sunday School as well as their friends and other young people of the congregation will be invited. Donations will be accepted from the congregation to offset the cost.
2. The Lenten Focus will be held again this year on Sundays at 5:30 beginning February 21 for the following 5 Sundays. Soup and Bread will be served. The topics will be forthcoming.
3. Special Thank you to Brenda and Gary Meadows for their 6 years on the council and Shirley Stansbury for serving as council secretary in the past.
4. The Christmas gift to the pastor this year will provide 30 baby chicks and 2 pigs from the ELCA for the World Hunger Initiative.
5. The Council encourages members of the congregation to take a more active role in the life of the church by volunteering to help with one of the committees. All committees welcome your help and input. You can join a committee by coming to their scheduled meetings.

Council Members and Committee Liaisons are as follows:

- Members: Craig & Dwyn Fleischer
 Don Kaufman
 Bob and Sharon Adams
 Junior Miller
 Cindy and Rick Sparacino
 Shirley Stansbury
 Helen Wolf
 Mark Ruby
 Gail Wisner
 Pastor Lee (ex officio)

Available Committees and their council contact.

- Christian Education – Laura Bennett(Superintendent)
 Worship & Music – Don Kaufman
 Property – Mark Ruby
 Outreach & Welcome – Sharon Adams
 Staff Support – Rick Sparacino
 Finance – Art Wisner

Gail Wisner
Secretary

Exercise Class

A free exercise class now being held in our parish house on Mondays and Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. in classroom #2. Focus of the class is on core stabilization and abs, but also includes arm, leg, and cardio work.

Anyone is welcomed to attend but attendees must bring their own equipment (exercise ball, towel or mat to door floor exercises on, and light hand weights 2 - 4 lbs.).

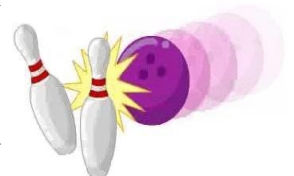
Contact Cynthia McNemar at missy5218@hotmail.com or 443-375-9943 for more information.

CLS Consignment Sale

Carroll Lutheran School's Annual Kid's Clothing, Toy, Baby Equipment, & Maternity Clothes Consignment Sale - Saturday, February 6th at the Carroll County Ag Center, 700 Agricultural Drive, Westminster from 7 a.m. - Noon. ½ price sale from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Children's Bowling Social

Children and Grandchildren of all ages are welcome to join us for bowling on Saturday, February 20th from 2 - 4 p.m. at Bowlopolis Thunderhead Bowl, 4337 Old Taneytown Road in Taneytown. No child is too young or too old to join in on the fun of Duck pin bowling (with bumpers for the young children). Shoes, pizza, and soda will be provided. **Please RSVP to Laura Bennett** at 410-984-3774 or monsterjb@verizon.net by Sunday, February 14th if you plan to attend.



Prayer Ventures - February 2010

1 During this Black History Month, pray especially for African American women leaders in communities, congregations, families and all contexts, that they might be supported, uplifted, encouraged and blessed in all the ways they serve.

2 Presentation of Our Lord - Pray for All Saints in Big Sky, Montana, a new joint ELCA/Episcopal ministry. May its pastor, Darius Larsen, and its members continue to reach out and welcome all who come to explore and enjoy the beauty and wonders of God's creation.

3 Give thanks for Pastor Mark and Marcia Holman as they serve the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem and assist the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Pray for peace in the strife-torn Holy Land.

4 During this Youth Leadership Month, give thanks for the young people of color in this church who continue to live into their vocational calls as witnesses to new beginnings and generational collaboration, that they might be nurtured by their communities to live toward God's vision of life lived in love for others.

5 Pray for Patricia Bentsen, a longtime nurse in Madagascar who is medical administrator to the Malagasy Lutheran Church Health Department in the capital city of Antananarivo.

6 Pray for the Oromo Evangelical Church of Washington, D.C., that was organized in October. Give thanks to God for this new congregation, their ministry among Ethiopians, and their mission developer, Pastor **Waqtola Dinagde**, who is retiring after 40 years in the ordained ministry.

7 5th Sunday after Epiphany - Merciful God, we give you thanks for the diversity of ministry among the churches in Ireland and the United Kingdom. We pray for the continued companion relationship between the Lutheran Church in Great Britain and the ELCA Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod.

8 We ask God's blessing on the ministry of Pastor Bill Lundgren and the Community of St. Dysmas. An ELCA congregation within the Maryland correctional system—behind prison walls—St. Dysmas continues to proclaim repentance, acceptance and forgiveness in Christ's name.

9 Thank God for Kirsten and Pastor Stephen

Kienberger. Pastor Kienberger is a parish pastor of the American Lutheran Church in Oslo, Norway. This international congregation seeks to bring together people of different nations and denominations as followers of Christ.

10 Give thanks for all who participate in the life and ministry of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay. Remember especially the Young Adults in Global Mission, Chris Jarvis and Cristina Kinz, as they serve in congregational and social service ministries in Argentina.

11 Let us pray for discernment for Peace Lutheran Church, Eyota, Minn., as they consider whether God is calling them to move out in faith and construct their first building. Peace organized as a congregation in 2001.

12 Pray for Martin and Suzanne Schoffner, who serve the church in Jerusalem. Martin serves as the coordinator for both the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Palestine and the Holy Land trips program.

13 Pray for Sarah and Pastor Peter Grow-Hanson who serve in Dakar, Senegal. They provide direction for leadership development and early childhood education, as well as orientation for visitors and new missionaries to Senegal.

14 Transfiguration of Our Lord - God in heaven, bless all who strive for peace and human welfare in Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Take away any anxiety about the future and give them a sense of responsibility for where you have called them.

15 We thank God for Ed Halter and his coordination of the Mission Partners program in the ELCA Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod for the past 21 years. As Ed retires from this volunteer position, may God continue to direct his journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

16 Pray for the presidents of ELCA colleges and universities as they gather for their annual meeting at the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA). Pray especially in thanksgiving for many years of faithful service by Ralph Wagoner, who is retiring in June 2010 as the executive director of LECNA, having served in that capacity since retiring as the president of Augustana College, South Dakota.

17 Ash Wednesday - As we enter Lent keep in your prayers all the volunteers who donate their time and talents to your congregation.

18 Pray for Don Huber as he begins his leadership of the "Stewards of Abundance" project, following his retirement as academic dean of Trinity Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. The project will explore options for reducing seminarian indebtedness and sustainable financing for the ELCA's system of theological education and pastoral ministry.

19 Praise God for the witness of Pastor Jeffrey Truscott. His classes in liturgy and theology at Trinity Theological College in Singapore equip students from many Asian countries to cultivate a worship life that will shape their faith communities.

20 The Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA) is an organization serving the approximately 1700 schools and early childhood education centers of the ELCA. Pray for Gayle Deny, its executive director, and the board of ELEA, as they work to improve this church's day school ministries with children.

21 1st Sunday in Lent - O God, you who stand in the midst of the silent ones, bless the churches of Portugal, Spain, Italy and Malta, and their ministries among children, workers, the sick and the elderly.

22 *Lutheran Partners*, a magazine for leaders in the ELCA, will cease publication with its March/April issue. Pray with thanksgiving for the 20 years of ministry of *Lutheran Partners* and the faithful service of its departing editor, Bill Decker.

23 Remember, Jenifer Brown, Matthew Linden, and Carolyn Stypka who are serving as English teachers in Tokyo and Kumamoto, Japan, as part of the J-3 program of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

24 Pray for strength, guidance and openness for all who are part of harmful systems like racism and sexism, that we might recognize the barriers in our lives that keep us from fully loving and serving our neighbors and living out God's call in our lives.

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From Our Missionaries

A NEW YEAR ~ A NEW MINISTRY

This is a New Year; therefore, you may notice some major changes on our blog and website. Due to realignments made necessary by staffing changes in ELCA-Global Mission, we are no longer responsible for the relationship with the Lutheran Church in Rwanda (LCR). This relationship will be taken over by our colleague, Andy Hinderlie. Although we know the LCR will continue to have excellent representation through Andy, we will sorely miss the special relationships that we had begun to develop with the pastors and church leaders there. We will remain in Arusha as ELCA representatives to Tanzania alone.

Just before we left for our Christmas vacation, we learned that Gaylord Thomas, the ELCA-GM Head of the Africa Desk and Director for East Africa (in other words, our boss), had agreed to take an early retirement in response to staff reductions at ELCA Churchwide offices. We will certainly miss his wisdom and knowledge of East Africa. In all five positions in the Global Mission Unit were discontinued- 40 total for the ELCA. These staff reductions follow a similar cut in staff and budget earlier in 2009.

Earlier in the fall, we were informed that our dear colleagues, Jean Wahlstrom and Marv Kananan, had been recalled six months before their retirement in July 2010. They have been serving at the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School for more than a decade. Although their new term end is January 31, they will be staying until March 10 to assist with the arrangements for several groups from the U.S. that will be visiting the school during February and March.

The ELCA staff reductions and budget cuts are the results of the economic climate in the U.S. that has caused decreasing offerings in congregations for several years. In addition, the financial status of the ELCA has been impacted by the decisions of some congregations to reduce or discontinue their support of the ministry of the national church. These actions have been taken due to disagreement with decisions made at the August 2009 ELCA National Assembly regarding the roles of homosexual clergy in parish ministry. The ELCA decisions have, also, impacted its relationships with other more conservative Lutheran global partners, including Tanzania. All of this is severely affecting the future of the global mission and outreach of our church.

We are saddened by the changes- especially by the loss of such wonderful partners in global mission- and we are trying to adjust to them and prepare ourselves for what is to come. The budget for our ministry has been refined and retuned and reworked several times during the past months in response to the calls to reduce, reduce, and reduce again our costs. We have been told that further cuts may follow.

Although we were blessed to have two new ELCA Mission Personnel (Josh and Sue Magyar) start ministry in Morogoro last fall, we know that there will be no further paid personnel from the ELCA who will come to join us anytime in the near future. With several other long-term Mission Personnel in Tanzania coming to the end of their service terms and the increase of volunteer activity among the Companion Synod relationships,



the face of Global Mission in Tanzania will be changing greatly in the future.

Our position will be transforming somewhat in response [to] these changes. How? Right now, we're not sure. What we do know is ***God is making the plans.***

Keep watching our blog, though. Soon, we will be sharing more about the ways that we'll be accompanying the many relationships that are present among the ELCA, 20 ELCA Synods and their congregations, the ELCT, its 20 Dioceses and their parishes. It's a New Year, and our ministry will be taking an exciting new form. Please keep us, our Mission Personnel and ELCA-Global Mission in prayer during these interesting and challenging times.

Also, if you are a member of an ELCA congregation, please tell your church leadership how important it is to support the ministries of ELCA-Global Mission. The ministry and service that ELCA Mission Personnel do throughout the world are life-giving in so many ways for people who need to know the grace and mercy of our Lord of Love. We are doing ***God's work*** using ***our hands.***

Posted: Saturday, January 16, 2010

Volunteer Opportunities

Stewardship Is More than Monetary - Share Your Time and Talents

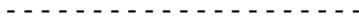
SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

Serve through Worship. Help with services. For instance, be a Greeter, Usher, Worship Committee member, or Music Committee member. Help with Communion setup & cleanup. Assist in setup and

cleanup for special services and events. Give of your musical talents. Develop your prayer life, both at home and at church. Worship often, and with a community of believers. Serve through church programs.

Music, Education, Disciple class, Stewardship, Evangelism, ...

Be active in the life of the church. Seek out fellowship within the church.



Acolytes Are Needed. Students 4th grade and up are encouraged to serve the church by becoming an acolyte. Anyone interested please contact Alec Schapiro for more information.

Duties:

An acolyte lights the candles which are symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Carrying the cross and Lectionary for processions, helping with Holy Communion, and assisting the pastor in other ways. This is a service to the Lord and should be approached with reverence and dignity. An acolyte serves as an example to the entire congregation by his/her actions, attitude, conduct, and appearance. Being an acolyte is a very important part of St. Mary's.

Ushers Needed - The families whose names are listed below are signed up to serve as Ushers for more than one month. Please consider signing up for one of these months. If you are interested please let Brenda Meadows or any Council Member know.

- April Meadows Family
- June The Adams Family
- July The Meadows Family
- August The Adams Family
- November The Wisner Family
- December (vacant)

Responsibilities:

Greet Members as they arrive for Church and distribute bulletins from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.. Greet

members as they exit the Church at the end of the Worship Service as appropriate.

Gather three additional ushers and coordinate collecting of weekly giving.

Count weekly attendance and record in notebook on shelf toward back of Narthex (please remember to include everyone: members, children, babies, pastor, choir and acolytes)

Coordinate Communion Assistants (generally two of the ushers participating in collection of weekly giving) for first Sunday of month Service. Place additional rail in front of altar immediately following offering and place cushion in front of rail. Distribute communion glasses on trays found in Sacristy prepared by Altar Guild (four trays - two for each usher, complete with three communion cups filled with grape juice for members not sharing wine. One usher stands on each side of center isle. One usher will replace alter rail and cushion immediately following communion; the other will return the communion cup trays to the sacristy.

Additional Communion Assistants Needed!

Communion assistants help distribute the Holy Eucharist and normally serve for a month. Current assistants are Sharon Adams, Ann Brumback, Dwyn Fleischer, Helen Wolf, Fran Crist, and Jim Crist. Please contact Pastor Lee if you are interested in serving.

Prayer Ventures

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25 Pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, direct and inspire the ELCA South Carolina Synod's newest outreach ministry, Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey in West Columbia. Only 1 ½ years old, the ministry already has 100-140 people in weekly worship and has conducted 23 baptisms

26 Pray for the many young people participating in the Young Adults in Global Mission program. Today we remember Joe Beasley, Amanda Dahlseng, Marta Diehm, Elayna Dush, Traci Hawkins, Edwin Johnson, Dana Olson, Amy Pennenga, Kristina Rogers, Rebeckah Selnick, Rebecca Truland, Whitney Wallace, and others who serve in a variety of social ministry settings in Great Britain.

27 Give thanks to God for Cathryn Proctor, serving as an intern at the American Church in Berlin, Germany, and studying at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Ask that her experiences in these contexts shape her future ministry.

28 2nd Sunday in Lent - We give you thanks, O God, for signs of your presence and activity among the people of Germany and France. Continue to bring vitality, we pray, to the churches, that the awakening that happened with the Reformation may live on in ongoing renewal.

Notes & Thank Yous

Thanks to you, my brothers and sisters at St. Mary's for the Christmas gift of 2 hogs and chickens towards alleviating hunger in the world. Your gift in my honor to the ELCA is a wonderful way of sharing with others whose need is so great, and serves as an example for gifting that has the potential for making a substantial difference in the lives of others.

Gratefully,
+ Pastor Lee

LOST AND FOUND IN CONCERT

**Thursday, March 4th
7 p.m.**

Mar-Lu-Ridge, Jefferson, MD

It is our pleasure to announce that Lost and Found will be performing in our chapel at Mar-Lu-Ridge. Tickets are available for \$10, and space is limited.

We encourage you to attend so we can reach our goal of replacing a furnace (~\$2500)

People of all ages love Lost and Found, so get a group together and come out for an unforgettable evening of music and worship.

1-800-239-9974 with questions, or to reserve your spot.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Weekend of Discovery...A lifetime of Love

March 5 - 7, 2010

Gaithersburg, MD

For details call 1-800-235-1010 or
Email jakenjune@citlink.net

To register online
<http://www.Godlovesmarriage.org>

Helping Haiti

A Million Dollar Challenge

You want to help those affected by the Haiti earthquake. We want to join you.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will add \$1 to every \$2, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million, when our members donate to one of the following:

- Lutheran World Relief.
- ELCA Disaster Response
- LCMS World Relief/Human Care
- WELS Committee on Relief

Thrivent Financial will add a maximum of \$250 per member donation, and donations will be accepted through March 31, 2010.

For questions or to make a donation over the phone or via U.S. Mail, please call 1-800-236-3736 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central time, Monday - Friday. When prompted, please say "directory" and enter ext. 83003.

Turning \$2 Million into \$3 Million

We expect that this response will result in more than \$3 million to support the earthquake survivors: \$2 million donated by members and an additional \$1 million from Thrivent Financial.

Be a part of the Helping Hatiti effort and make a difference for the victims of this natural disaster.

LENT IN 2010



ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Our Ash Wednesday worship service will comprise of confession, imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion. Lenten offerings this year will go toward missionary support of Pastors Bob and Jamie Lowden in their ministry in Tanzania.

Lenten Focus meetings will be held on Sunday evenings, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a simple supper of bread and soup in the Parish House. From 6 p.m. to about 6:45 p.m. we will have presentations and discussions from our ecumenical partners. Ecumenical partners are those

churches, that the ELCA share an agreement of fellowship regarding Baptism and the Holy Communion. Speakers from the Moravian, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, and UCC churches will share with us a bit of their histories, mission emphases, and what makes their denomination unique. This month the speakers will be:

Feb. 21– Pr. Greg Gehris, Graceham Moravian Church, Thurmont
Soup/bread providers/servers–Brumbacks

Feb. 28– Pr. Walter Peters, First Presbyterian, Westminster
Soup/bread providers/servers– Volunteers needed

Lutheran World Relief - Emergency Update

Haiti Earthquake

Dear Friends,

With more than 100,000 dead, more than 1 million homeless on the streets, and 80 percent of buildings in Port-au-Prince destroyed, the need is still dire. And significant aftershocks still continue. But the good news is that aid is finally starting to get in to Haiti. And we are working with a team of 400 people on the ground to provide immediate access to water, food and shelter.

LWR has pledged \$1 million to overall

relief work in Haiti and has committed an initial \$150,000 to the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) to deliver water containers and purification materials, as well as temporary shelter items. We anticipate that we will need more than \$1 million to assist those in need in Haiti, thus we will reevaluate that pledge as the need and fundraising increase.

LWR is providing these immediate services through our partnerships with LWF, Catholic Relief Services, local partners in Haiti, and other international

faith-based organizations. And we're also preparing a long-term response to help the people of Haiti rebuild their lives.

How can you help? You can make a gift online to help LWR and our partners with these critical relief efforts. Or you can make a \$10 donation **NOW** by texting **LWR** to **40579** (use this number in the "to" field).



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Newsletter Deadline: 3rd Wednesday by 10:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours: Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-1pm

Phone/FAX #: 410 346-7146

Email: smelc@mail.com

Website: www.stmaryselc.org

Electronic Newsletter - By joining St. Mary's email list, you'll be notified monthly when the newsletter has been posted in PDF format to our website, and a paper copy will no longer be printed for your household. To join, send an email to smelc@mail.com requesting to be placed on the electronic newsletter list.



You may wish to honor the memory of loved ones, birthdays, anniversaries, etc., by sponsoring a weekly bulletin or monthly "The Lutheran Light" newsletter. Bulletin sponsorships are \$15.00. Newsletter sponsorships are \$25.00. Sponsorship

forms are posted next to the flower sign-up chart in the church Narthex, and are also available by contacting the Church Secretary.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. H. Lee Brumback, II 717-359-8882

Council President: Craig Fleischer, 410-346-6065

Council Vice-President: Dwyn Fleischer, 410-346-6065

Council Secretary: Gail Wisner, 410-346-7955

Treasurer: Art Wisner 410-346-7955

Outreach & Welcome: Jim Crist 410-848-4391

Christian Ed Chairperson: Laura Bennett 410-346-6729

Property Committee: Gary Meadows 410-346-6994

Staff Support: Rick Sparacino, 717-637-0067

Stewardship Committee: (vacant)

Worship & Music Committee: Don Kaufman 717-637-9795

Flower Committee: Ruth Warfield 443-732-6030

Altar Guild Coordinator: Fran Crist 410-848-4391

Lector Coordinator: Jim Crist 410-848-4391

Funeral Reception Committee: Viola Haines 717-633-7648, Marion Matthias 410-346-7380

Sexton : Mark Ruby 410-346-6840

Secretary: Susan Blizzard 410-848-6384

Organist: Joye Kaufman 717-637-9795

Thrivent Liaison: Donna Myers

Carroll Lutheran School Delegate: Shirley Stansbury



Carroll Lutheran Village Delegates: Jim and Fran Crist

Acolyte Coordinator: Alec Shapiro

Stamp Coordinator: Helen Wolf

February 2010

Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MacKenzie Bennett Worship & Music 7 p.m.	2 <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>	3 Jessica Bollinger	4	5	6 CLS Consignment Sale @ Ag Center 7 am - Noon 3:30 - 4:30 ½ price sale
7 5 th Sunday after Epiphany - Green  Isaiah 6: 1 - 13 Psalm: 138 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11 Luke 5: 1 - 11 Basket Offering -Missionary Support Scout Sunday	8 Michael Clagg Church Council Meeting - 7 p.m. 	9	10	11	12	13
14 Transfiguration fo Our Lord - White Exodus 34: 39 - 35 Psalm: 99 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4:2 Luke 9: 28 - 43a Valentine's Day	15  Presidents' Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m. 	18	19	20 Douglas Harner Children's Bowling Social @ Taneytown 2 - 4 p.m.
21 1 st Sunday in Lent - Purple Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11 Psalm: 91: 1 - 2, 9 - 16 Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1 - 13 Choir Visitations - Times TBA 5:30 p.m. Lenten Focus - Pr. Greg Gehris, Graceham Moravian Church, Thurmont	22	23 Anne Pearre	24	25	26	27
28 2 nd Sunday in Lent - Purple Genesis 15: 1 - 12, 17 - 18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1 Luke 13: 31 - 35 Social Hour - Congregational Volunteers 5:30 p.m. Lenten Focus - Pr. Walter Peters, First Presbyterian, Westminster		<u>Anniversaries:</u> Donald & Joye Kaufman - February 7, 1981 Harvey & Naomi Bowersox- February 8, 1936 Junior & Bertha Miller - February 18, 1956			<u>Worship Helpers</u> Acolyte - () Head Usher - The Wisner Family Altar Guild - Crystal Ruby, Gail Wisner Communion Assistant - Sharon Adams	