

St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 2010 News & Notes

PRA YERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN TIM MANTEI:

Tim, Janet, Natalie, Gus and Daniel will soon learn of the location of Tim's internship congregation. Please pray for a good assignment for Tim and the family!

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**
2nd to last Thursday of
each month

**SUNDAY
BULLETIN
NEWS DEADLINE**
Every Thursday

Sunday Lessons in March

March 7

Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; 1 Cor
10:1-13; Lk 13:1-9

March 14

Josh 5:9-12; Ps 32; 2 Cor 5:16-
21; Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21

Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:4b-
14; Jn 12:1-8

March 28

Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Phil
2:5-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

SUMMER SEMINARY SAMPLER

June 13-July 3 and July 11-31

A three week residential program offered by Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus Ohio allows teens to learn, explore, grow and live in their faith through service projects, workshops and seminary courses. For more information:

www.summersampler.com

2012 NATIONAL ELCA YOUTH GATHERING ANNOUNCEMENT!!

July 18-22, 2012, ELCA youth will gather—**again**—in New Orleans, not to cheer on the Saints football team, but to stand with the saints of God in that place: the young and the old, the privileged and the uninvited, the lonely and the claimed, the powerful and the shamed, the weak and the strong, those who have built new homes and those still struggling to rebuild. Why go back? Because New Orleans has more to teach us about fresh starts made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. New Orleans has more to teach us about generosity and about how to be good neighbors. New Orleans has more to teach us about the house that God is building.

Go to www.elca.org/gathering and become part of the movement, ELCA for NOLA!

After the Easter breakfast we will begin planning for those who desire to attend/participate in the National Youth Gathering 2012.

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*"...the holy Scriptures are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."*

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2 Timothy 3:15
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#### SHALOM CIRCLE

March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the church library

#### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Friendship Circle  
March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Church library.

Hostess: Laurie Strattan. Bible Study: Lori Millhouse-Spray. Chapter Five.

#### FAITH CIRCLE

March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. Hostess: Sherry Kovach. Lesson four.

#### OFFERING ENVELOPES

For those wishing to tithe to St. Thomas only, please note you can still use your white offering envelopes. Simply write on the envelope "St. Thomas only". You can still use the yellow envelopes for this purpose also, please make sure you note directions on the outside of the envelope. We would like to use the white envelopes since they are already paid for. Questions? Contact Financial Secretary Valerie Jones.

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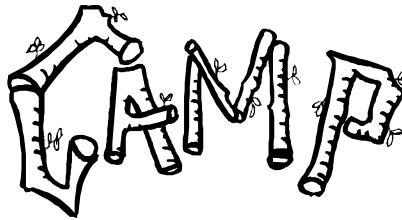
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### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Reminder: Help Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity build their next home by donating to the Habitat Restore! Call 537-9463 for information.

### “PROJECT CONNECT”

The Human Services Coordinating Body and Cheboygan County united Way will host this one day event on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to connect low income families with services and products like health and dental screenings, food and clothing distribution, etc. The American Red Cross is participating by providing blankets and is asking Cheboygan county churches to donate new and clean, gently used blankets in good condition. You can drop the blankets at the church and we will call the Red Cross to pick up.



### CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

If you missed the camp meeting last Sunday, please be advised of the following: We will attend camp the week of July 25-30 (second choice is July 18-23). You may call or email JoAnne Sarrault at 231-627-5982 (H), 231-818-5028 (C), [sarrault@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sarrault@sbcglobal.net); for the necessary forms, scholarship info, and fundraising opportunities. Registration deadline is March 21, 2010.

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank all who prayed for my sister-in-law, Sally Loesel, who recently passed away on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Also for Sandy Lorenz, who was a Mayo Clinic. She felt such peace and calm when she went in for her procedure.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.”  
Phillipians 4:6*

### St. Thomas Adopt-A-Highway 2010 Pickup Dates!

May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. meet in church library

Look for sign-up in April!  
July 10-18

September 25-October 3  
Please mark your calendar and watch for notes in the Sunday News closer to these dates! Our stretch of road is along East US 23 by the Cheboygan State Park.

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### A WORD FROM PASTOR BUDD...

*“For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’” Mark 7:21-23*

Dearly Beloved of God,

Early Christian teachers wrote of seven deadly sins (we know all too well there are more sins but these are serious ones). These are not listed by themselves but were derived from passages such as Mark 7 above: 1 gluttony, 2 greed, 3 envy, 4 lust, 5 anger, 6 pride, 7 sloth. These sins have been called “deadly” because they damage a person’s capacity to love, causing serious injury to both our God and one another thus killing the life of grace which our Lord wants us to live.

It was announced in February’s newsletter that we would be looking at five (not five, five dollar foot long subs from Subway but five) of the seven deadly sins at our mid-week Lenten worship. A fellow pastor asked if these were based on *Gilligan’s Island: The Seven Deadly Sins*, and did I know that there was a Bible Study. I hadn’t. I looked into it, and spoke with the author of *Gilligan’s Island: The Seven Deadly Sins Bible Study*. We talked for some time about how the creator of TV hit series *Gilligan’s Island* based the seven Castaways on the seven deadly sins. To quote the professor in the episode *Rescue from Gilligan’s Island*, he said “Judging by our various experiences we’ve had lessons in Lust, Greed, Envy, Sloth, Anger, Gluttony and Pride. The same seven deadly sins that have always plagued mankind!”

Some clips from the rescue scene and verses from the Bible will be used to examine how the seven deadly sins can destroy life while the seven holy virtues - diligence, patience, humility, chastity, generosity, restraint, and contentment - stand against the seven deadly sins.

Mid-week Lenten worship each week at 11am and 7pm. Please join us.

Shalom!

BAW+

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

**This year, we will order only enough flowers to adorn the altar for Easter. Members can still contribute toward the cost of a flower as a memorial, but the money will be directed toward a local ministry. In 2010, Easter flower memorials will benefit the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Cheboygan. To make a memorial, please place your donation in a yellow stewardship envelope and mark ☐ holiday flowers☐ . Write the name of your loved one(s) that you would like to appear on the memorial list on Easter morning and your name on the envelope. Please remember to write this information on the envelope as Lisa in the office will not be able to retrieve your name from a check inside. Thanks!**

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### Mid-week Lent and Holy Week Service Schedule

|        |                |               |                                                                                                       |
|--------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lent 2 | Wed., 3 March  | <b>Pride:</b> | An Occasion For Emptying<br>Luke 18:9-14; Philippians 2:1-11                                          |
| Lent 3 | Wed., 10 March | <b>Anger:</b> | Eleven Ways To Blow Up, Seven Ways To Cool Off<br>Matthew 5:21-22; Romans 12:14-21; Ephesians 4:29-32 |
| Lent 4 | Wed., 17 March | <b>Lust:</b>  | To Discipline The Eye And The Heart<br>Matthew 5:27-30; John 4:5-26                                   |
| Lent 5 | Wed., 24 March | <b>Greed:</b> | Putting Things In Their Proper Perspective<br>Matthew 6:25-34; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 |

*The above listed mid week lenten services are held at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

*There will be luncheons offered in the basement following the 11:00 a.m. services.*

*Members and friends - men and women - are asked sign up to donate food or serve. Sign up at the back of the church or by calling the church (627-3167). Each week five large crockpots of soup, five dozen sandwiches and 10 dozen cookies will be needed as well as two individuals to serve.*

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| Palm Sunday         | March 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Services                                                                   |
| Maundy Thursday     | April 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Seder Meal and Service at St. Thomas<br>(Joint worship with St. Paul's Methodist)                           |
| Good Friday         | April 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. services                                                                                |
| Resurrection Sunday | April 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Services<br>9:15 a.m. Breakfast (casseroles & fruit) to benefit Youth Camp |

### DOLLARS FOR HAITI

**Update: as of February 21<sup>st</sup>, \$1,138 has been raised!**

During Lent we are collecting "Dollars for Haiti". If every member donated \$1 per Sunday in Lent, we could collect over \$1,000 for the relief effort! Monies will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Place your Haiti relief dollars in the bread box on the stand in the narthex. If using a yellow envelopes, please be sure to write "Haiti Relief" on it.

#### Health Kits for Haiti

Lutheran World Relief health kits are needed for the people of Haiti. If you would like to donate a completed kit(s), please pick up instructions on the bread box table in the narthex.

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL - January 19, 2010

#### MSA Items:

Authorization Forms for Background checks and medical release permission and policies; Agenda, minutes, treasurer's report, committees reports and bills; To send 1<sup>st</sup> quarter non-ELCA benevolence to The Lord's Kitchen; To forward monies raised for Burure, Zimbabwe; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pantry distribution Mondays 4:00-6:00 p.m.; accept title for new Pantry van which will be covered under general insurance umbrella.

#### Other Notes:

Contacting inactive membership; One council vacancy remains and will be appointed by council; per our constitution, members will receive offering envelopes at the time of confirmation in order to be considered voting members (voting members will have communed and contributed during the current and preceding year). St. Thomas will serve as a relay station for Operation Christmas Child; effort will be lead by Pam Lovelace assisted by Linda Wagner; volunteers will be needed to support this effort; Pastor Grimm will speak to Council in March about a Mission Partner relationship with his church, Advent Lutheran.



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*To Everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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