

# Share the experience of God's love!

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## The Cornerstone

March, 2011



**Serving the  
Our Redeemer  
Community!**

**Ministers:  
The People of  
Our Redeemer  
Lutheran Church**

**Rev. Margie  
Faulkner, AIM  
Interim Pastor**

**John  
Zacharias  
Director of  
Music**

**Kathy Pound  
Secretary**

**Connie  
Kent-Largent  
Financial  
Secretary**

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Coordinator**

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Council**

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**Vice President  
Brooks Maxwell**

**Council  
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Derrick Ellison**

**Treasurer  
Bob Lonergan**

**Council**

**Hattie Hammer  
Rachel Largent  
Paul Templin  
Ron Templin**

**Share the  
Experience of  
God's Love!**

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011 and ends on Easter Sunday, April 24 2011.

The season of Lent has not been universally observed in much of evangelical Christianity, largely because it was associated with "high church" liturgical worship that some churches were eager to reject. Many of the churches that had originally rejected more formal and deliberate liturgy are now recovering aspects of a larger Christian tradition as a means to refocus on spirituality in a culture that is increasingly secular. For the days of Lent, in most churches, the paraments change to purple. Purple signifies repentance. Banners usually depict symbols for Jesus or the cross. In the Liturgy we "bury alleluia" or refrain from using this term which is an ancient word for "Praise the Lord" because worship turns somber as a reflection on Christ's suffering and death. "Alleluia: is re-introduced at Easter. In Holy Communion we 'fast' from all sweet bread made with yeast (a Jewish symbol for sin in the Passover) and switch to flat bread or wafers (symbolizing manna in the wilderness). Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. Lent has been observed in the church since apostolic times. In many countries, the last day before Lent (called Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Carnival, or Fasching) has become a last fling before the solemnity of Lent. For centuries, it was customary to fast by abstaining from meat during Lent, which is why some people call the festival *Carnival*, which is Latin for *farewell to meat*.

# NOTES AND NEWS

PLEASE,  
DON'T FORGET  
TO WEAR  
YOUR...



Confirmation  
Classes

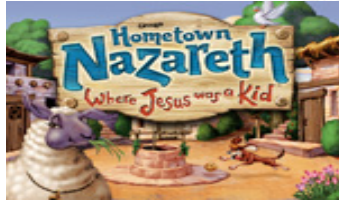


## Confirmation Classes

In the pastor's office.  
Each week during  
Sunday School hour.

## "ON THE EDGE"

Starbuck's Every 1st Sunday of the month  
Youth Room  
"On The Edge" ...  
for all youth, grades 6 thru 12.



**SHROVE  
TUESDAY**

*Shrove Tuesday*  
Pancake and Bacon  
Dinner  
6:00 pm

**VBS! June 13-17**

**This year is going to be  
THE BEST!**



Please take a moment to fill out the attendance  
form found in the blue folder at the aisle-end of the  
pew. Add your e-mail, home address and  
phone number changes.



ATTENDANCE

Mary Lane., March 8  
Kris Davies, March 14  
Renee Swanjord, March 15  
Paul Templin, March 17  
Kristianna Zacharias, March 30  
Alex Templin, March 31



## Getting to know you-

The time since my last missive has been pretty calm. All the official paperwork for 'mother church' has been filed and many internal files brought up to date. It feels good to have a new Church Council in place and a Call Committee ready to start their work. Now we look to the future and move forward with planning and goal setting for congregational life and mission endeavors.

The next Congregational Meeting will be after Worship Services on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Check the Council Corner on the bulletin board closest to the Kitchen for all the latest news.

Lent is always a special 'spiritual time' for every congregation. It's plainness and somberness balanced with the great, new, joy of Easter followed by the overabounding spirit of Pentecost has always been my favorite season in the church. I hope you attend and enjoy the Lenten Services based on the Angel Series mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember we will host the Mosaic Bell Choir on Wednesday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>. As you know, the bells were gifted to the Mosaic organization by Our Redeemer/St. John and are used in their musical therapy program. Music can speak to the disabled in a way nothing else can and they have been blessed with this gift. They will share a melody or two at the beginning of the service that evening. There will be a soup and sandwich dinner at 6:00 PM preceding that 7:00 PM Lenten service. You are invited to come meet the bell ringers, their caretakers and mentors. It is my hope that the sanctuary will be filled (even though it is Spring Break!). It is a perfect time to acquaint yourself with this amazing ministry.

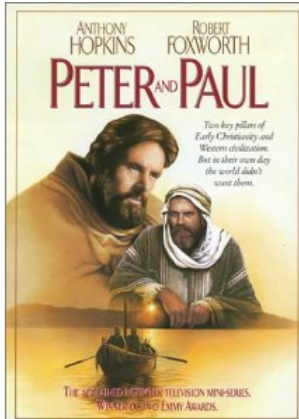
The Church Office Door is always open to you. If you wish, drop by on Wednesday afternoon or anytime Thursday to chat. If you need me, remember, I can be contacted night or day via e-mail [faulkner62@live.com](mailto:faulkner62@live.com) or phone (972-775-1251). Tune in next month to learn about what the schedule and preparations will be for Holy Week and Easter

# Life-long Learning Opportunities at Our Redeemer

**SPARK!!!**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR**  
**FOR KIDS GRADES 1-4**



**LEARN THE STORIES, SING THE SONGS,  
 JOIN THE FUN!!!**



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All adults are invited to attend a study of Acts and how Paul changed from the persecutor of Christians to a leader of the Church. We meet in the fellowship hall from 9:15 'till 10:00. We will view a video starring Anthony Hopkins, called "Peter and Paul," in thirteen sessions. The video follows the book of Acts very closely and brings the story of Peter and Paul to life.

The class is lead by Joe Faulkner.

Bring your coffee and join us, learning how it all began.

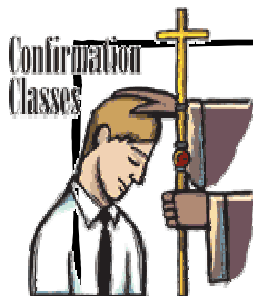


**JUNE 13-17**

Plans are underway for VBS,  
 June 13-17, 2011

**"Hometown Nazareth, When Jesus Was a Kid"**  
 promises to be exciting, informative  
 and just plain fun!

The next planning session is March 1.



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

When we bring our children to Holy Baptism, to be marked with the Cross of Christ, and set apart by God forever, we promise to bring them up in Word, Sacrament and the Church preparing them for their Faith Journey.

Sometime during their Junior/Senior High years we provide classes for their spiritual edification so they can personally AFFIRM THEIR FAITH and

become voting members of their local parish. Meeting time and place: each Sunday during the Sunday School hour in the pastor's office.



## ORLC WELCA MARCH News

### ***Morning Group***

The Morning Group will NOT meet during March and April due to Lenten and Holy Week activities. Watch for announcement of the May 19th meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The group will continue studying the Bible with Pastor Margie..

### ***Evening Group***

The Evening Group will NOT meet during March and April due to Lenten and Holy Week activities. Watch for announcement of the May 19th meeting at 7 p.m.

The group will be reading the novel, LAMB, by Christopher Moore (The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal).

### **Conversation and Refreshments After Church in the Fellowship Hall**

#### **Sign Up to Provide Coffee, Punch and Goodies**

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. All are invited to be part of this activity. And then join those attending worship for conversation and coffee, punch, goodies in the fellowship hall. What a great opportunity to meet each other and share your stories!

### ***Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA July 14-17, 2011 in Spokane, Washington***

Join others for a life-changing experience that will inspire you to live out your faith. Build lasting memories with family and friends at this transformational Christian women's event.

### ***Thank You!***

The women's groups thank all those who contributed Comfort Items for the Veteran's Hospital. We know the gifts will be appreciated!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p><b>1</b> Office Hours 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.</p> <p>VBS Planning 6 pm</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Office Hours 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Office Hours 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.</p> <p>Call Committee 7 pm</p> <p>Thrivent 7 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>5</b> Summit Baptist 6 p.m.</p> <p>SeniorFest King of Glory</p>
<p><b>6</b> <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> Sunday School &amp; "On the Edge" 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Worship with Holy Communion</b> 10:15 am</p>	<p><b>7</b> Office closed</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Bacon Supper 6 pm</p> 	<p><b>9</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Beginning of Lent Worship 7 pm</p> 	<p><b>10</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>11</b> Office closed</p>	<p><b>12</b> Men's Breakfast 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Summit Baptist Church 6pm</p>
<p><b>13</b> First Sunday in Lent Sunday School &amp; "On the Edge" Thrivent-Adult SS 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Worship with Holy Communion</b> 10:15 am</p>	<p><b>14</b> Office closed</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>16</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>Soup &amp; Sandwich 6 pm Lenten Worship 7 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> Office Hours 9am-3pm</p>	<p><b>18</b> Office closed</p>	<p><b>19</b> Summit Baptist Church 6pm</p>
<p><b>20</b> Second Sunday in Lent Sunday School &amp; Adult Sunday School "On the Edge" 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Worship with Holy Communion</b> 10:15 am</p>	<p><b>21</b> Office Closed</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7 p.m.</p> <p>Via de Cristo Small Group 7 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b> Office Hours 9:00 am -3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>23</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>Soup &amp; Sandwich 6 pm Lenten Worship 7 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>25</b> Office closed</p>	<p><b>26</b> Summit Baptist Church 6pm</p>
<p><b>27</b> Third Sunday in Lent Sunday School &amp; Adult Sunday School "On the Edge" 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Worship with Holy Communion</b> 10:15 am</p> <p><b>Congregational Meeting following worship</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> Office Closed</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Office Hours 9:00 am -3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>30</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>Soup &amp; Sandwich 6 pm Lenten Worship 7 pm</p>	<p><b>31</b> Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm</p>		



# MARCH

	6	13	20	27
Acolyte	Aden Lonergan	Lynnlea Banks	Cecelia Largent	Ryan Adix
Altar Care	Kris Davies	Ann Weldon	Ann Weldon	Cindy Dolezal
Assisting Minister	Kris Davies	Mel Hammer	Brooks Maxwell	Cindy Dolezal
Counters	Cindy Dolezal Jeff Adix	Renee Swanjord Dinah Norton	Grant Swanjord Lois Phipps	Cindy Dolezal Jeff Adix
Crucifer	Laci Lonergan	Blake Maxwell	Blake Maxwell	Jacob Adix
Lay Reader	Bob Lonergan	Hattie Hammer	Jeanne Maxwell	David Dolezal
Ushers & Greeters	Swanjords	Dolezals	Maxwells	Adix
Nursery Care	Swanjord	Templin	Dolezal	Swanjord



*Thank you for all your prayers.  
I had major shoulder surgery in November  
and am now progressing very well with therapy.  
I still have a few months of therapy to go  
before I gain full use of my arm.*

*I do appreciate your prayers.*

*Bill Werkmeister*

## **For Your Calendar**

### **Acclaimed Theologian Brueggemann to Visit King of Glory Lutheran, Dallas.**

Don't miss a chance to hear world-renowned Old Testament scholar Dr. Walter Brueggemann when he visits King of Glory March 6-7. You will have three opportunities:

- Sermon on "Living Beyond 'Cleverly Devised Myths'" at 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday, March 6.
- "A Rest from the Rat Race" at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, with Q&A and reception, suggested donation \$5.
- "Giving In Without Giving Up" at 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 7, \$20 in advance (includes lunch).

Dr. Brueggemann is an emeritus professor of Old Testament, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a renowned theologian and scholar, a prolific writer, and a gifted storyteller. He finds parallels in the Old Testament that apply to the current culture of unfettered consumerism, disregard for the poor, and shunning of foreigners.

You may register for either event by credit card at [our website](#) or by cash or check in the Atrium Sunday. It is especially important to register early for the Monday luncheon because seating is limited and we expect to fill Fellowship Hall. Prepayment for the luncheon is required.

## **MOSAIC**

### ***Fourteenth Annual Heart and Soul Gala***

***February 11, 2011***



*“On behalf of children and adults  
who have disabilities,*

*Mosaic is Honored to present*

*The Heart and Soul Award for  
Congregational Partner to*

*Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
Grand Prairie, Texas”*



# **LATEST CHURCH COUNCIL**

*and*

# **CALL COMMITTEE NEWS**

Sunday February 27 there was a combined Council/Call Committee Meeting with Pastor Jane Mar. A very thorough explanation of the total Call Process was given. Pastor Mar provided a handout explaining an overview of the complete call process. A Call Process Handbook was also given out. After the combined meeting with Pastor Mar, the Council and Call Committee adjourned to separate meetings to discuss pertinent business.

**COUNCIL:** The meeting minutes will be published and posted immediately after being approved by the Council at the next meeting. The next Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, March 27 following the Worship Service.

There will be a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper's before all Lenten Services. Meals will begin at 6:00 PM. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by the church kitchen.

**CALL COMMITTEE:** Members are: David Dolezal - Chair, Jeanne Maxwell – Secretary, Dorothy Graham – Communicator, Leah Adix and Lanny Ford, Members at Large. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 3, 2011.

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## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 16 2011**

Present: Cindy Dolezal, Grant Swanjord, Ron Templin, Natalie Tims, Paul Templin, Rachel Largent, Floy Johnson, Bob Lonergan, Hattie Hammer, Derek Ellison, Brooks Maxwell, and Pastor Margie

Meeting called to order at 11:45 a.m.

**Secretary's Report**—The minutes of the annual meeting were reviewed, accepted as written.

**Old Business**—Discussion regarding the church car, Derek to get a couple online prices for the car and e-mail to the council. In the February meeting the council will decide on a price and bring to the congregation March 27<sup>th</sup> for a vote.

**Pastor's Report**—Pastor Margie's report was presented and reviewed.

Officers for the incoming council were determined as follows:

President – Grant Swanjord

VP – Brooks Maxwell

Secretary – Derrick Ellison

Treasurer – Bob Lonergan

**New Business**—Congregational meeting March 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the car issue and receive an update from the call committee. Call committee was recommended as follows: Leah Adix, Jeanne Maxwell, Dorothy Graham, Lanny Ford, David Dolezal, One Council Representative (Ron or Paul Templin)

Next Council meeting February 20<sup>th</sup>

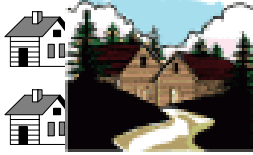
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## SENIOR RETREAT

*MARCH 25-25, 2011*

*THIS RETREAT IS DESIGNED FOR THE RETIRED,  
SEMI-RETIRED, OR STILL WORKING.*

*THERE IS NO AGE LIMIT.*

*THIS RETREAT INCLUDES BIBLE STUDY, INTERESTING WORKSHOPS,  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR HORSESHOES, CARD AND BOARD GAMES, BIRD WATCHING,  
PLANT AND LANDSCAPE EXPLORATION, HIKING AND MUCH MORE!*

*THIS IS A WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR TO BE AT BRIARWOOD!*

*CONTACT JEAN AT 940-241-2099*

*OR VISIT BRIARWOOD'S WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.*

[WWW.BRIARWOODRETREAT.ORG](http://WWW.BRIARWOODRETREAT.ORG)



The Via de Cristo Small Group will meet  
on Monday, March 21, at 7 pm  
in the Sunday School Rooms at church.  
All those who have participated in a Via de Cristo  
weekend are encouraged to attend.

# Prayer and Care for March



## **Remember in your prayers:**

Gus Virkus

## **Friends of the congregation:**

Pam Wiley; Dennis; Nina; Cliff and Gwen Barker; the Blake family;  
Jean & Gordy Buschell; Doris Butelstroker; Nikki Gilbert and family;  
Darrell Kebsbach; Bill Nissen; Dorothy Stalmach;  
Family of Neena; Jamie; Harry Lyle

## **Praying Together for Mission & Ministry**

**DLA! pray for the support and training of Courageous Missional Leaders**

**Please pray each week for these congregations and their ministries  
beginning the week of**

March 6	St. Paul, Levelland Holy Trinity, Irving Augsburg Fortress Publishers
March 13	Four Mile, Mabank Good Shepherd, Marshall King of Glory, Fort Worth
March 20	Faith, Meridian Christ's, Odessa Briarwood Retreat Ministries
March 27	Trinity, Pottsville St. Luke's, Richardson South Dallas Conference

*Prayer &  
Thanksgiving*



*I thank my God every time I remember you,  
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,  
because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.  
I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you  
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*

*Philippians 1:3-6*

## **Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:15 am WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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## **OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Living the Gospel,  
we share the experience of God's love  
by serving our families, community, and world.*

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