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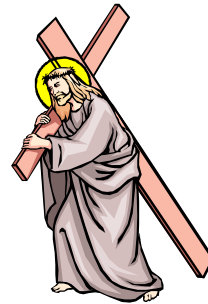
From Pastor Ralph

Lent

Lent is the time before Easter when Christians focus on the meaning of the events in Jesus' life leading up to his trial, crucifixion, and resurrection. Ash Wednesday (March 9th this year) is the first day of the Lenten season, and worship services will be held in Christian churches around the world to begin this solemn journey. We at Mountain Lutheran will have an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Pastor Ginger will be the preacher.

Matthew, chapters 5-7, makes excellent devotional reading for Lent. These include Jesus' teaching in his Sermon on the Mount deals with many topics familiar to Christians, such as the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), prayer, living in community, and more. In Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Jesus speaks about prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and the importance we give to our earthly treasures. Jesus' word to us is that only treasures "stored up" in heaven are eternal, and that where our treasures are, our hearts are there also.

Let's make Lent this year a time to connect with God in meaningful ways. This Lenten season let's make sure our treasures and our hearts are in the right places.



Church Council Members:

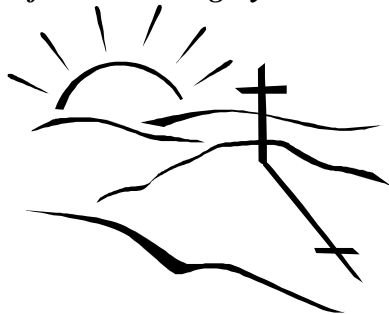
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Our Volunteer chairpersons for this year are:

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**Pr. Ginger's Winter
(Feb. & March) News,
2011**

Quoting Paul's words to Philemon, I express my appreciation for all of you: *"When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank God (for you) because I (know) of your love for all the saints & your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become (even more) effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy & encouragement from your love, because the hearts of (many) saints have been refreshed through you..."!*

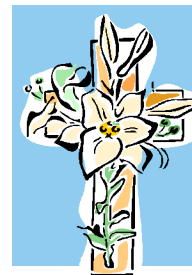


THANK YOU for sharing your faith & generosity in so many ways! We ended 2010 with a balance of income & spending! Alleluia! Our congregation was very thoughtful & generous with Christmas gifts for both pastors & our organist. THANK YOU for the VISA GIFT CARDS you gave us! Bob & I spent ours on vacation – shopping! We each bought some fun & needed items for ourselves & also Valentine & Party items to celebrate my Dad's 90th

Birthday on Feb. 14. I am also enjoying the appreciation gifts from the Bible Study Group! THANK YOU! With our congregation's generosity & faithful giving through 2nd Mile Offerings we gave \$2608 to various ministries in the U.S.A. & throughout the world in 2010. We also gave 14% of our undesignated income to benevolence through Sierra Pacific Synod & the E.L.C.A. (approx. \$8700) AND generous gifts averaging \$600 each to a member in need dealing with the sudden death of his wife & to Elizabeth Beckwith as a retirement gift. You are very generous & thoughtful in sharing your faith in many ways - including financial support for many ministries & people! THANK YOU!

I also appreciate all your gifts of hospitality & delicious refreshments that everyone enjoys on Sundays & with occasional mid week Advent & Lenten Suppers. *Your invitations to friends to come & worship* are also important & effective along with your newspaper articles, our church newsletter & web site! *Ushers & Altar Care Ladies, Sound System & Digital Dorothy* (automated organ) *Operators, Worship Assistants, & participants, Council Members, those who decorate & clean the church* all contribute to our functioning & outreach as Mountain Lutheran Church. You are living our **MISSION**

of Spreading the Word of God through Faith, Family & Fellowship. The Prayers, Daily Devotion & Bible Study of our members has quite an impact on our community also – not to mention your acts of kindness & community service! A special Thank You to Judi Wilkinson & Jean Cox for all your work on our Congregational Christmas Cards! They were beautiful & greatly appreciated!



As Lent & Easter are approaching we are planning several special services & 3 Soup Suppers.

Ash Wed. is March 9 with a service at 7:00 p.m. Our 6:00 p.m. Soup Suppers and Lenten services will be on alternating Wednesdays - March 16 & 30 & April 13. Look for a sign up sheet soon for bringing soup to these Wed. Eve. suppers. After each Soup Supper we'll sing The Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. with a short meditation on a Psalm included.

Good Friday, April 22, Ev. Free Church will have a service at noon.



Easter Sunday is April 24
with the Community
Sunrise Service at Mountain
Lutheran Church at 7 a.m.
& Festive Lutheran
Worship at 10 a.m.
Refreshments will be
available for Fellowship Time
after both services.

Other DATES to note:
Bible Study continues on the
1st & 3rd Thursdays at 1:00
(Feb. 17, March 3 & 17, April
7 & 21).

Next Council Meeting is
Sun., Feb. 20, at 11:30 a.m.

Spring Congregational
Meeting is Sun., March 13
at 11:00 a.m. (We'll elect
our Voting Member for
May's Synod Assembly &
review the Amendments to
our Congregational
Constitution as approved by
Synod Council in January.)

God Bless You & Your
Faithful Living & Serving
as God's People!

With Faith & Hope, Love &
Appreciation – Pr. Ginger
DuMars



President's Message

God's blessings to everyone.
Well, we've begun a new
year and things are moving
right along. I would like to
thank everyone for their
commitment to giving for
2011. Stewardship is a very
vital part of our Congregation
and most of all our thanks to
God for the many gifts we
have been given. Mountain
Lutheran's commitment to
giving will be in keeping with
your commitment for 2011.
Last year, our benevolence to
the ELCA was slightly over
14% plus our 2nd mile giving
totaled \$2608 beyond our
benevolence commitment.
Congratulations and
appreciation for your
generosity.

As you know, we are still
searching for an additional
organist. For awhile I thought
we were going to fill that
position quickly but things
did not work out. Digital
Dorothy is not a very good
substitute but it will have to
do until we find someone, so
keep praying that we find that
'someone' very soon.

I would like to thank
everyone for bringing
recycling to Church on the
last Sunday of the month.
Every little bit helps so keep
up the good work. Remember
aluminum cans bring the most
money followed by plastic
bottles. Glass bottles bring in
a little, but are heavy. (No
wine bottles please).

I'm pleased to report we have
a new cleaning person for the
Church. Her name is Kyle
Shatraw and she began work
on January 21st.

Here are some upcoming
events. On Ash Wednesday,
March 9th, at 7pm, Pastor
Ginger will lead the service
with the marking of Ashes
and Holy Communion.
There will be Lenten Services
on Wednesday March 16th,
30th, and April 13th. These
services will be preceded by a
soup supper at 6:00pm then
Lenten Services at 7:00pm.
No soup supper on Ash
Wednesday.

We are planning a fund raiser
that will be a parking lot type
sale at the Church with
proceeds to go to a charity.
No date has been set or
charity determined at this
time, but if you were planning
to get rid of household items,
or flea market type items, etc.,
please hang on to them for the
sale. Thrivent will match a
portion of the proceeds as
well.

Thank you for all the prayers
while I was ill with
pneumonia. My recovery was
faster than I expected.
Thanks be to God!

Tom

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