



# The Focus

A Monthly newsletter for the Members and Neighbors of  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

February 2012

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On Sunday, January 8, we had our annual baptism celebration. It's our tradition to invite everyone who was baptized in the previous year to come to the late service on the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. It's a wonderful sight when they all come forward to receive their baptismal medallions. It's also a wonderful sound to hear all those little ones in church. (And this year many of them were babies.)

From your pastor's perspective, hearing young children in church is not usually a distraction. It's a blessing. Since our worship and Sunday School schedule changed 5 months ago, there have been many more children in worship. Every week we can have children's sermons at both Sunday services. Sometimes from the front you can hear an especially emphatic little "Amen." Seeing the children's faces when they come for the blessing at communion is a delight - some even nod in agreement when we tell them that God loves them.

I want to say thank you to all of our families with young children who try to bring them to worship. I know it doesn't always work, and it is certainly not always easy. Young families have had to make the biggest adjustment as a result of our new schedule. As your pastor, I appreciate your efforts. From the front, I can see the some of our families are making good use of the narthex/lobby as a place where children can move around. I see some of you coming in and out during the service, or taking your children to the nursery part way through. A couple toddlers seem to enjoy the service more when mom or dad stands right beside a side window in the sanctuary, so they can look at something more interesting than the pastor! For some of you, some weeks you have to choose between worship and Sunday School, knowing that your child is not going to last through both that day. Or, for a time, one parent comes to worship and the other is home with the children.

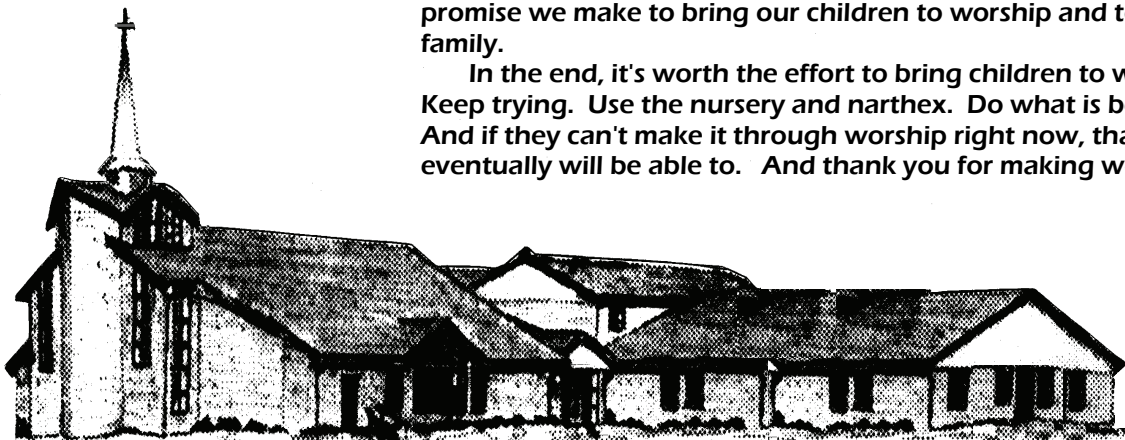
At our most recent church council meeting, we were talking about the effort it takes to bring young children to worship. Even with a child who sits still and looks at a book the whole time, there is still some level of distraction for the parents. One council member thoughtfully observed that this is only the first of many challenges parents face in bringing children to worship. As they get older, the issue may not be sitting still or being quiet, but one of sports schedules that conflict with worship, or being tired from being out the night before with teen-age friends. At every age, there are reasons why family worship may not be the easiest choice. (To be honest, some days, with young children, it is simply not a possibility.)

At the same time, at every age, there is something we can teach our children by bringing them to worship. Our youngest children learn that worship is something their family does together and that church is a place where they are welcomed. Perhaps the most important learning is that worship is part of the routine of life, like going to preschool, or having a bedtime story. As children get older, family worship is an opportunity to talk about what we value and how we make choices. Setting that pattern of regular worship when our children are young makes it more likely that they will grow into worshiping teens and adults. It's all part of fulfilling that baptismal promise we make to bring our children to worship and to be with their congregational family.

In the end, it's worth the effort to bring children to worship. So hang in there. Keep trying. Use the nursery and narthex. Do what is best for your child at this stage. And if they can't make it through worship right now, that's okay. Just wait. They eventually will be able to. And thank you for making worship part of your child's life.

See you in church.

*Pastor Schmidt*



# Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22  
Worship at 12:15 and 7:30 PM

Begin your Lenten season with the imposition of ashes and holy communion.



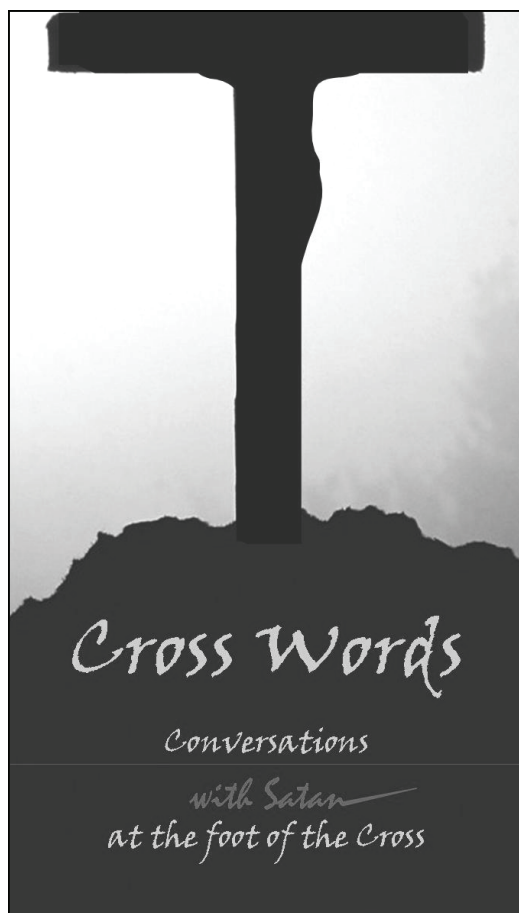
(Our teens will have their annual Ash Wednesday Eve experience on Tuesday, February 21.)

## Lenten Daytime Study

Tuesday Mornings, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27  
10:30 AM in the Conference Room

*The Devil Made Me Do It*

Take a look at how Satan shows up in the Bible and in literature. How does evil show up in our world and in our lives? How can we confront it?



## Wednesdays in Lent

February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Each Wednesday in Lent we gather for a meal, worship and study. You are welcome to come to all or any part of the evening.

6:15 Potluck Meal

6:45-7:30 Children join Pastor Broome for their own devotions and learning time.

7:00-7:30 Worship: Cross Words

*The Children's program and worship will conclude at the same time.*

7:30-8:30 Adult Classes  
Bible Study-Pastor Yedlicka  
(no class on February 29)  
The Devil Made Me Do It -Pastor Schmid

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## WORSHIP

### Baptism of our Lord Celebration January 8, 2012



Violet  
Ricciuti

Liam  
Polasky

Riley  
Walnoha

Camdyn  
Cekus

Brandon Lauren  
Luciow Craig

Henry  
Herdman

Alaina  
Robol

#### Sunday Readings:

February 5, 2012 - Isaiah 40:21–31; Psalm 147:1–11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39

February 12, 2012 - 2 Kings 5:1–14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24–27; Mark 1:40–45

February 19, 2012 - 2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6; 2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9

February 26, 2012 - Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15

#### Joyful Noise Worship, Sunday, February 12, 1:00 PM

Our monthly Joyful Noise Worship is a service in which movement and noise are an expectation, not an interruption. The service is designed for people with autism and their families, but is also ideal for young children who may appreciate being able to move around during worship. Rhythm instruments accompany most songs, and the Circle Time children's sermon is interactive. As with all of our services, Holy Communion is also offered.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY



During Lent, the Chancel choir will rehearse at 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings.

If you did not sing with the choir on Christmas, consider joining for Easter. New voices are always welcome.

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

#### Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 29

All confirmed members are encouraged to attend our annual meeting. Business on the agenda is election of council members and approval of the 2012 budget. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary between worship services on January 29 beginning at 10:15.

## FELLOWSHIP

### Potato Leek Soup

Made by Owen Kees for our Advent Soup Supper

3-6 leeks (about 1 1/2 pounds before trimming)  
2 tablespoons of unsalted butter  
3 medium potatoes preferably Yukon Gold  
4 cups low salt chicken broth  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
salt and pepper to taste  
1 lb thick bacon diced

Trim leeks leaving about 1 inch of green and discard outer tough leaves. Slice the leeks down the middle lengthwise and clean well. Slice into 1/2 inch pieces. Melt butter in soup pot and sauté the leeks over medium heat for about 10 min until they start to soften. Peel and cut potatoes into chunks. Add potatoes and chicken stock to the leeks. Bring to a low boil then turn down and simmer with lid ajar for about 30 minutes stirring occasionally until leeks are tender and potatoes are soft.

Cook and reserve bacon for garnish.

Remove soup from stove and puree with immersion blender or puree in batches with a standing blender. After blending, return the soup to the stove and whisk in the cream. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper as desired.

Ladle into bowls and add bacon garnish.

### Wine and Cheese Tasting Event

Come and enjoy local wines and cheeses at an adult social scheduled for Saturday, February 25. Watch the bulletin and website for more details as they become available.

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## SMALL GROUPS

### Faithful Filmgoers

Join us on Friday, January 27 as we go to a movie and talk about it afterwards at a local restaurant. Films chosen raise questions, directly or indirectly, of morality and faith. Faithful Filmgoers is open to everyone 17 or older who enjoys movies, conversation, and food — or who just wants to get out of the house once in a while. If you plan to attend, please notify Steve D'Addieco at 724-969-6995 or send him an email to [daddiecos@qvsd.org](mailto:daddiecos@qvsd.org). A day or two before the movie you will receive an email telling you what movie was chosen, the theater and the time.

### Dining Out Divas

Mark your calendars . . . The Dining Out Divas will dine at Max & Erma's on Monday, March 19. Watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

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## EDUCATION

### BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 30 7:00 PM

Our January book is *City of Tranquil Light* by Bo Caldwell. Buy or borrow the book, read it, and come and talk about it. You may want to go online and check out the wonderful reviews this book has received.

### Preschool Registration

Noah's Ark Preschool registration for the 2012-2013 school year begins on January 31 for church and preschool families. Open registration begins on February 14.

# YOUTH

## **Kindergarten-2nd Grade First Friday February 10, 6:30-8:00 PM (Second Friday this month)**

Come and join in the fun, a night full of pizza, play and prayer for all our Kindergarten – Second Grade kids. We start with cheese pizza and talk about life and school and friends, we go outside to play, we talk about a story from the Bible, and we run out of time before we get to do everything that we want to. Parents, sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex by February 8.

## **Big Kids Event at the Carnegie Science Center (for 3rd-6th grade kids) Saturday, February 11**

Four floors of exhibits await us at the Carnegie Science Center. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 AM on Saturday, February 11 for a day of fun learning. The Center is open from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM and costs \$11.95 for youth ages 3-12 and \$17.95 for adults. Families are welcome. See the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Broome or email him at [pastorbroome@comcast.net](mailto:pastorbroome@comcast.net). Your next retreat will be March 9-10, 7:00 PM-9:00 AM.

## **Retreats for 7th-12th grade youth**

Our next retreat is the Hunger Retreat, February 3-4, from 5:00 PM Friday through 5:00 PM Saturday. We will fast (go without food) for 24 hours in order to raise money for the Peters Township Food Pantry. Come to church Friday evening, February 3, by 5:00 PM (or as soon as you can get here... but remember not to eat anything after 5:00!) We'll stay at the church through Saturday at suppertime, and we'll end by sharing a meal here. There is no cost. Be sure to bring a sleeping bag and a Bible, a change of clothes... and no snacks. Once upon a time, a year or two ago, we had snow up to our knees during the retreat, and when we went to look for a place to break the fast (not to be confused with breakfast), many of the local food places were closed. But we found food, because we were determined. And there was plenty of fun to be had during that adventure.

Our next retreat after that is the Good Friday retreat, April 6-7. It's a great chance to think and talk and pray about life, death, resurrection, and the incredible depth of God's love and forgiveness. Like everyone else who loves you more than words can tell, Jesus put his life on the line for us, knowing how that might end for him. But God has our lives in his hands, and even death cannot disrupt God's hold on us and God's plan for our lives. In the end, it is all joy, but how can we make sense of the struggles and suffering which come our way in the meantime? That's what we're talking about, that and the occasional game of kickball.

## **Teen Ash Tuesday**

Teen Ash Tuesday is a dramatic worship and learning experience for our teens. It will be held on Tuesday, February 21, from 6:30-7:45 PM. This is a Crossroads Special Event and Crossroads students are required to attend four special events or retreats throughout the year.

## **College Care Packages**

Once again we are collecting snacks and goodies to send to our college students in time for Super Bowl Sunday. Individually wrapped items can be dropped off at the church throughout the month of January. Snack boxes will be packed Sunday, January 29 at noon, so we need to have your donations by then.

Because it worked so well in the past, we will once again ask you to sponsor one of our college students. Envelopes are available on the bulletin board with each college student's name and school. We ask that you take an envelope and return it with \$10 to cover the cost of shipping their package, along with a personal note of encouragement. Notes of encouragement are welcomed from everyone! Forms are available on the bulletin board.

If your son or daughter in college is not receiving this newsletter, we do not have their address. Please call us at 724-941-7467 or drop us an email at [orlc@comcast.net](mailto:orlc@comcast.net) with that information.

## SERVICE & SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Hunger Retreat

Our 7th-12th grade youth will fast for 24 hours in order to raise money for the Peters Township Food Pantry where the need is great. They will fast from 5:00 PM Friday, February 3 until 5:00 PM Saturday, February 4. Parents, friends and members of Our Redeemer are asked to sponsor our youth during this retreat. Please see the sponsor sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or call the church office at 724-941-7467.

### Souper Bowl of Caring

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

*"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, Help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."*

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world - as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to the Peters Township Food Pantry, our 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

### Family Promise

Thanks to the following people that made the Family Promise dinner a success on Monday, January 9:

- Doug Cox drove the van.
- Cindy Cox provided the main dinner.
- Jeanne Zoellner provided the desserts.
- Carl Ruppel and John Till were the overnight hosts.
- Pastor Broome once again provided moral support and kept the kids entertained.

Thanks for all your help! The next host dinner is scheduled for Monday, March 26. We will be looking for volunteers for that event around the beginning of March. Please contact me at 724-941-5316 or [peasoz@comcast.net](mailto:peasoz@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping.

### Free Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available at The South Hills Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Drive, McMurray beginning Wednesday, February 1 through Tuesday, April 17 (closed Good Friday, April 6). Regular hours are weekdays, 8:30 AM until 2:00 PM. There are no appointments, only walk-ins.

Volunteers will assist taxpayers with Federal, PA and local wage tax returns and real estate/rent rebate and PACE applications. Please bring: W-2's, all 1099's (e.g. interest and dividend statements, social security, and pension statements), totals of itemized deductions, (e.g. medical, taxes, charitable, and misc.) and social security cards for you, your spouse and dependents. Don't forget copies of your 2010 federal and state tax returns, real estate tax receipts and receipts for large purchases such as cars. For direct deposit of refund, have bank account and routing numbers. Bring proof of identification for yourself and your spouse. Any questions? Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. Please do not contact the Bible Chapel regarding VITA.

### 18th Annual Sweet Sunday to benefit the Washington City Mission

This dessert festival for the whole family will be held on Sunday, February 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe from 1:00-6:00 PM. Gates open at noon for the Sweet Sunday Café and Auction. Pre-sale tickets are \$4. Admission at the door is \$5. Family of 4 or more-\$20 max. Kids under 3 are free. Pre-sale tickets are available at the City Mission Administration Building. All are invited to come out for this fun filled day of food, entertainment and auctions. Sweet Sunday is the City Mission's largest fundraiser. For more information, call 724-228-9240, ext. 232 or visit their website at [www.citymission.org](http://www.citymission.org).

### Thank you

Thank you for your participation in the Glade Run Lutheran Services Christmas Angel program. Your support and generosity has made a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

May this new year hold many blessings for you and your loved ones.

Many thanks for your continued prayers and contributions.

Charles T. Lockwood, M. Div., Ed. D.  
President/CEO

And the children and staff of  
Glade Run Lutheran Services

# SERVICE & SOCIAL MINISTRY, CONTINUED

## Thank you

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your contribution of \$171.50 for Operation Safety Net in honor of Ms. Christine Rotella. We are honored that you have chosen Pittsburgh Mercy Health System as a recipient of your generosity.

Your support will help Dr. Jim Withers and his staff to continue to provide free medical care to Pittsburgh's homeless through street teams and a mobile van service. These teams are comprised of medical volunteers and former homeless individuals who together build relationships of trust with their clients. Pittsburgh's homeless can receive mental health counseling, food vouchers, clean socks, clothing and blankets through OSN's programs and services.

In addition to Operation Safety Net's care of the homeless, we are proud to share with you that OSN's "housing first" model resulted in placing nearly 800 hard-core chronic homeless individuals in permanent and transitional housing facilities over the past four years.

We are able to continue our ministry because of the thoughtful generosity of supporters like you. By including the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System in your giving this year, you are part of an outstanding team that helps many people in need in our community.

Please accept my thanks on behalf of the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System and all those whom we serve.

Sincerely,  
Constance B. Murray  
Executive Director  
PMHS Development

### A care-for-creation tip from your Green Team . . .



Recycle newspapers. Only 27% of newspapers produced in America are recycled. *FYI . . . In 2011, 33.43 tons of paper were recycled through Our Redeemer's Abitibi containers. This equals 104.3 cubic yards of landfill space saved!*

**Max &  
Erma's**

Presents

Noah's Ark Preschool  
Proceed  
February 8th, 2012

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20% of your sales will benefit  
The Noah's Ark Preschool

Flyer distribution on Max & Erma's property is prohibited and will result in the forfeiture of your organization's entire donation.

Present this ticket to your server and

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The Noah's Ark Preschool

**Max &  
Erma's**

McMurray, PA  
4093 Wash. Rd.,

Visit [maxandermas.com](http://maxandermas.com)  
to view our menu & learn about our  
Good Neighbor Rewards program.

Proceed donation does not include  
gift certificate sales.

## MEMBER NEWS

### **Congratulations Graduate!**

Ryan Maize has completed his undergraduate studies at Shippensburg University in Exercise Science and Biology. He will be doing a spring internship with a local chiropractor, and is now submitting applications to chiropractic colleges for admission in the coming year.

### **Baptized in Christ**

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism Penelope Joy Mizia, daughter of Jim and Danielle, baptized on January 14. *Welcome child of God!*

### **New Arrival**

Doug and Megan Navratil are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Lucas Frank Navratil. Lucas was born on January 9, weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Frank and Donna Navratil.

### **Thank You**

At church I worship, I sing, I laugh, and I cry. These past 2 1/2 months I have cried and you have comforted me. You have provided meals, sent me cards and most of all prayed for me; all of which I am very thankful. It's meant a lot in my healing-both physical and mental. Thank you church family.  
~Nancy Till

I wish to thank the members of Our Redeemer for your thoughtfulness and generosity this Christmas season. I am truly blessed to be serving such a wonderful church family.  
~Elaine

Thank you for your cards, good wishes and Christmas gifts. We feel blessed to be your pastors.  
~Pastor Schmid and Pastor Broome

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

We lift up the following members of our congregation so that they may be strengthened by our prayers of intercession:

Gloria Beyer, Matt Debowski, Eva Erickson and Mavis Herring.

We remember those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers:

Ann K., Dan, Deborah P., Jonathan, Kate, Marissa, Mark, Melissa, Sandi Babbie, Therese Bell, Joyce Biearman, John Bland, Judy Blanock, Lynn Brant, Eloise Brown, Jennifer Young Brown, Jackie Buchar, Austin Bullock, Debbie Carter, Rich Cavasina, Mary Ann Cekus, Larry Clark, Sean Clark, Bob Cunius, Lisa D'Addieco, Michael D'Addieco, Myron Davis, Sandie DeCesare, Nicole Demis, Joyce Donovan, Joan Dvorznak, Brad Elias, James Fadgen, Harold Fair, Michael Ferguson, Teagan Ferris, Dylan Flinchum, Ken Flodine, Kelley Gaster, Alexa Gilfoyle, Karen Gilleland, Rose Ann Grosso, Anna Halferty, Ed Handshue, Audrey Harris, Lance Harris, Betty Hildebrand, Karla Hilzendeger, Mary Holovak, Julie Howe, Russ Huff, Jaxon Isley, Marcella Johnston, Tim Jones, Cindi Karoleski, Roger Kenney, Carol King, Scott Kulisek, Paul Lambert, Jeff Langford, Marion Laughner, Bruce Leavitt, Glen Lehman, Louise and Will Manbekic, Addison Marry, Bill Marshall, Amy May, Lori McCormack, Thelma McGaffic, Amy Megahan, Dave Merlo, Miles Miller, John Mull, Kathy Mull, Carl Munch, Dolores Munsick, Meleny Burik Myers, Janet Novotny, Louise Parshall, Janet Phelps, Austin Pitts, Paula Polito, Florence Ratay, Ida Rattelman, Ralph Rhone, Marcia Robison, Harry Robol, Margaret Rorison, Mary Rudolph, Eugene Salamony, Bobby Samson, Brian Schill, Catherine Schwartz, Keith Snyder, Nancy Steffey, Jim Sterner, Betsy Stewart-Ranii, John Szott, Tina Thielet, Elaine Tiboni, Dan Tovar, Jennie Valencic, Dolores Veres, Cathy Warchol, Loretta Warsaw, William Werner, Laurie Williams, Leona Wilson, Frank Yarussi, Mary Yavelak, John Yedlicka (Pastor and Sandy's son), Carla Yohe, Janet Zupancic, Louis and Kathryn Zupancic, and those who struggle with job loss or job insecurity.

We remember those who grieve:

The Andrewson family on the death of Susan's mother, Aurelia Sefchick; Chuck and Jessica Benedict on the death of their friend, David Armitage; and Carol Brandyberry on the death of her mother, Joan Handshue.

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, give to the secretary, or submit by e-mail.*

# STEWARDSHIP

## Financial Stewardship Update

**Current Operating Expenses**      Actual Income      Actual Expense      Financial Position      Budgeted Expense  
*(includes the interest portion  
of the mortgage payment)*

December 2011	\$41,356	\$40,029	\$1,328	\$33,597
Year to Date	\$420,001	\$408,573	\$11,428	\$409,422

**Additional Outreach Offerings**      December      Year to Date

India Health Center	\$120	\$1,743
World Hunger	\$320	\$3,450
Habitat for Humanity	\$0	\$0
Food Pantry + CROP Walk	\$576	\$1,034
Endowment	\$0	\$10
Darfur	\$0	\$70
Lutheran World Relief	\$20	\$432
Global Mission	\$0	\$60
Synod Disaster Fund (Africa)	\$0	\$958
Synod Disaster Fund (Haiti)	\$0	\$495
	<u>\$1,036</u>	<u>\$8,252</u>

**Building Fund**      Collected      Payment      Financial Position  
*(used to pay the principal portion  
of the mortgage payment)*

December 2011	\$3,534	\$3,764	-\$230
Year to Date	\$43,091	\$44,453	-\$1,362
Free to Grow Year to Date	\$35,693	\$35,693	

Balance in Building Fund Savings	\$31,203	
Transferred from Building Fund	-\$3,346	(Used to pay interest on mortgage & Capital Campaign)

***Attention monthly envelope users . . . There has been a delay in getting our envelopes updated to include a line for "Free to Grow". We hope that the update will be in place for the March envelopes. In the meantime, please use "Other" and indicate "Free to Grow" for your donation. Thank you.***

# NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

January 12, 2012

## NOAH'S NEWS: Happy New Year

Our first Board meeting for the new year occurred tonight, January 12th. As we sat around the conference room table, I was in awe of the level of commitment and dedication on the part of each person who serves on our Board of Directors. The Board consists of Pastor Broome, church members (Dru Amand, Bob Kerber, Sally Ferko, Jodi Newman, Kristianna Gizzi, Jim Mizia and myself), a staff member, Shannon Mincin and preschool parents, Leslie Monahan and Heidi Garner. Of course, Jim, Bob, Jodi and Sally also have children at the preschool. Kim Maize serves as our church council liaison. Our Board president is a former preschool parent, Maura Wisniewski. Each of these individuals contributes according to their time and talents. It is such a humbling experience to serve the church and preschool in this way with these people. It was a great way to begin the New Year!

What else does the new year bring to Noah's Ark? For starters, we had another fun visit from Miss Verna as she introduced our unit on hibernation. The 3 year olds have been looking for sleeping bears in their "sheet-covered cave" and singing bear tunes with their handmade puppets. Upstairs, the 4 and 5 year olds also created a cave, bringing in leaves and sticks from outside. They have also included a theme on "Friendship" into their discussions during their class meeting time. What's it like to be a friend? What do friends do for one another? One of the activities they were able to do in the art room to help encourage friendships was to "partner paint". Two children paint together at the easel after deciding together what they want to paint and how they can combine ideas. For example, one child wanted to paint a rainbow while the other just got a new dog and wanted to paint that. So, they painted the dog sitting under a rainbow! Great collaboration!

The grown-ups at Noah's Ark will begin the new year with Parent Coffees next week. We will meet in the conference room to discuss fall registration plans, upcoming fundraising events, goals for their children, and any questions or concerns we need to share. Fall registration for our current families and church members will begin on January 31st. Forms are available in the preschool office or in the narthex. It is also available online. Registration for the community will begin on February 14th. Many families are coming in to visit and tour our facility to determine if our program is the right choice for their family. It is always a pleasure to share who we are and what we provide the children during their preschool experience. I am also proud to boast that our preschool is a valued ministry of Our Redeemer and to share our history with prospective families.

Unfortunately, the flu has hit the Country Meadows residents so we were unable to visit them this month. We will try again in February when they have plans to treat us to a magic show. We still want to have "game day" and share our favorite board games with the residents. We are hoping to send them some get well cards in the meantime.

We hope that the New Year brings good health, good weather and God's blessings to each of you. As always, we welcome you to come in and share some time with these amazing little people who amaze us and make the New Year special every new day.



Gerda Moul, Director  
Noah's Ark Preschool



Save the date . . . Friday, April 13, "Spring Fling" Fundraiser at Valley Brook Country Club

### Max and Erma's FUNdraiser for Noah's Ark

We all like to treat ourselves to a restaurant meal from time to time. On Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, visit Max & Erma's in McMurray to enjoy a meal and support Noah's Ark Preschool at the same time!

The fundraiser is all day long and is good for lunch, dinner, and/or carryout. All you have to do is take a ticket to the restaurant and give it to your server. Noah's Ark will receive 20% of each check! Don't forget, you *must* have the ticket in order to benefit Noah's Ark!

A ticket can be found on page 7 of this newsletter, on the church's website at [www.ourredeemer-peters.org](http://www.ourredeemer-peters.org) and in the church narthex. Thank you for your support and Bon appétit!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE/FEBRUARY 2012

WORSHIP LEADER	FEBRUARY 5, 2012		FEBRUARY 12, 2012		FEBRUARY 19, 2012		FEBRUARY 22, 2012		FEBRUARY 26, 2012	
	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany		Sixth Sunday after Epiphany		Transfiguration of Our Lord		Ash Wednesday		First Sunday in Lent	
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	7:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brandon Byer	Caden Moran	Caroline Langley	Chris Doughty	Bailey Nickles	Garrett Barney	X		Olivia Yocca	Amber Antle
	Brittany Byer	Casey Moran	Juliette Langley	Nate Doughty	Matthew Nickles	Megan Meissner	X	X	Sebastian Yocca	Tommy Antle
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Camille Bodnar	Lori Kees	Ken Rigby	Kim Chupinka	Peggy Barczak	Wendy Plank	X		Linda Blanker	Todd Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Karen Smith	Jennifer Milavec	Jennifer Cekus	Marlene McGaffic	Doreen Fonzi	Lalitha Rajakumar	X		Garrett Langley	Debbie Stonemark
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Carole Beltz	RaDonna Burik	Jennifer Cekus	Cindy Cox	Sarah Barczak	Lynne Barney			Beth Pansino	Kim Chupinka
	Christina Mann	Julie Flynn	Debbie Healey Langley	Doug Cox	Susan Loeser	Sue Gaugler			Julia Pansino	Kim Maize
	Donna Miller	Janice Rush	Keith Lowery	Joyce Kilgore	Soheila Lunney	Susan Lambert	X	X	Barb Schumacher	Gerda Moul
	Kelly Sofran	Nancy Till	Ruth Ann Lowery	Todd Miller	Ruth Moodispaugh	Christina Mann	X	X	Mohylyn Yocca	Phyllis Permar
<b>Greeters</b>	Dayna, Diana and	RaDonna Burik	Keith and Ruth Ann	Amy and Jordan	Larry Steffick	Lynne Barney	X		Thelma Zadach Conn	Kim Chupinka
	Mark Mizikar	Julie Flynn	Lowery	Harakal	Susan Steffick	Deborah Degner	X		Jeanne Zoellner	Phyllis Permar
<b>Head Usher</b>	Scott Gaugler	Joe Maize	Clint Langley	Max Rush	Drew Lance	Charles Rajakumar	X		Joel Beltz	Joe Maize
<b>Ushers</b>	Carolyn Eshelman	Doug Meley	Garrett Langley	Jim Doughty	Karla Lance	Nichole Antle	X		Carole Beltz	Doug Meley
	Christine Eshelman	Tom Plank	Jeff Sofran	George Harakal	Blake and Kyle Lance	Gary Milavec	X		Greg Pansino	Tom Plank
	David Eshelman	Laurie Razumic-Rushin	Larry Steffick	Travis Harakal	Nora Barczak	Dan Zebraskey	X		Fred Smith	Laurie Razumic-Rushin
<b>Head Teller</b>	Karen Ellis		Karen Ellis		Carol Brandyberry		X	Karen Ellis		
<b>Council Teller</b>	Kim Maize		Kim Maize		Kim Maize		X	Kim Maize		
<b>Assistant Teller</b>	John Till		Mark Harris		Bob Kerber		X	Bob Kerber		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janice Rush		Joyce Kilgore and Becky Long		Susan Lambert and Susan Loeser			Linda Blanker and Sally Ruppel		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	X		Volunteers Needed		X		X	X		
<b>Host(esses)</b>	X		Please see the sign-up sheet posted or		X		X	X		
<b>(following 9:00)</b>	X		call the church office to volunteer.		X		X	X		

Please send March schedule requests to the church office at [orlc@comcast.net](mailto:orlc@comcast.net) by February 15. If you are available to serve on Ash Wednesday, please contact the church office.

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## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**5:30 PM, SATURDAY  
9:00 and 11:00 AM, SUNDAY  
Childcare available from 8:45 AM-12:00 Noon**

**JOYFUL NOISE WORSHIP  
1:00 PM-2nd Sunday of the month**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sept. - May)  
10:00 AM, All Ages**

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## **OUR VISION**

The vision of Our Redeemer is to be a welcoming church where people of all ages and backgrounds will:

- encounter God in worship
- experience Christian community
- discover their God-given gifts
- grow in faith
- and be equipped for service and witness in God's world.