

United Methodist Church

February 2008 Monthly Newsletter

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Service Volunteers for February

	8:00 am Scripture	9:30 am Greeters	9:30 am Scripture	9:30 am Liturgist
Feb 3	Connie Anderson	Donna & Roger Erickson	Roshanda Pratt	Rev. Don Jones
Feb 10	Sandi Mayfield	Yvonne & Frank Lupton	Taylor Siewert	Clay Ruggles
Feb 17	Merle Mahn	Kandy & Betty Jean Burnham	Joey Stevens	Joann Loppnow
Feb 24	Louise Rainey	Delores & Paul Moechnig	Darianne Douglas	Joan Loppnow
March 2	Kathy Briggs	Lorraine Rabe & Earl Jewell	Katelyn Eichhorn	Rev. Don Jones

At the Church Council meeting on January 15, 2008 the board moved and approved the following motion:

"If a member has four un-excused absences in a calendar year of their assigned committee, that the member will be removed by the Church Council. If a member has a conflict they may be excused by notifying the Chairperson of that committee before the meeting."

Dear friends,

One of the most influential Christian rock artists today is called "Casting Crowns". One of the finest music CD's I've ever listened to is in the stores under the same title, "Casting Crowns." Even if you don't like rock music, it's will give you hope to listen to the song on the CD, "Voice of Truth."

It recalls Peter, when he saw Jesus walking on water and wanted to be like Him. Peter faces the fear that we all have: We want to follow Christ, but that automatically means leaving our comfort zone and going into an unknown place or situation. This is how the song starts:

Oh what I would do to have the kind of faith it takes to climb out of this boat I'm in onto the crashing waves. To step out of my comfort zone to the realm of the unknown where Jesus is And He's holding out his hand But the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me, reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed The waves they keep on telling me time and time again.
'Boy, you'll never win!' - "You'll never win.

This is a true picture of all of us. We all see Jesus doing what looks impossible. We see him full of love and power and confidence. And we have none of them. Furthermore, we have a voice inside us that reminds us of all the times we've failed. Sometimes, the voice even laughs at us: "The very idea that you think you could be like Him! Ha!" They tell us we'll never win. Sometimes, it's the voice of our father or mother or brother or sister. Sometimes, it's the voice of a psychologist saying, "You



Knitting Group

Volunteers meeting every
Monday in Rogers Hall @ 10am.
Everyone is welcome to come anytime!

can't change this." Sometimes, it's a movie or commercial, saying forget Jesus. You can't do it. You just can't.

The Holy Spirit says: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

But the voice of truth tells me a different story, and the voice of truth says "Do not be afraid!" And the voice of truth says "This is for My glory"

Out of all the voices calling out to me I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth

The other voices are lies. With God's help you, YOU, can do anything God would want you to do. Don't be afraid. The problems you are encountering right now will work to God's glory and your good. Please, please, listen to the voice of truth. You can grow. You can change. You can be happy. You can make others happier. Jesus is holding His hand out to you. The coming time we call "LENT" is a time to take His hand and get close to Him. He will lead you through the crashing waves of life. You will become a new person. The theme of Lent this year is "Breaking the Power of Sin". Listen to the truthful voice that will set you free!

Rev. Don

Hello Everyone,

I would like to say "Thank you" to all of you for your kindness and patience you have shown me this past month. Starting a new job can be stressful, but you have all given me such wonderful support that it makes it a much easier transition to make. I have met some amazing people this past month and I look forward to meeting those I haven't yet. I am excited to have the opportunity to work for the United Methodist Church and I look forward to working with all of you in the future.



*Amy Issendorf
Church Secretary*

Youth News...It's all about waiting...

January 27th we concluded our course on abstinence called the Silver Ring Thing. 15 youth took a vow of purity at its conclusion to save sex until marriage. The course addressed some great issues that the youth had never thought about or been taught in school. Here are some examples:

- 1.) How uncomfortable will it be to tell your future spouse that you gave someone else the gift God meant for you to give to your spouse?
- 2.) Between intimate partners, a special bond is built, what happens when that bond is built between someone who walks out of your life because there is no permanent commitment of marriage? What does that do to your heart, mind, body & soul?
- 3.) In your marriage bed, do you want to have comparisons in your head?
- 4.) Over 1/4 of our population carry an STD.
- 5.) Scripture tells us that God's plan is for us to save sex for marriage.

We had many great discussions and the course gave them some great ways to deal with the pressure of the "free love" society we live in. We talked in depth about how important it is to date only people who respect the values you have and how to deal with temptation.

If you were one of the sponsors of this program, THANK YOU. It is our belief that you may have changed their lives forever. The decision they made to stay pure has life long ramifications. Statistics show that they will have a much lower divorce rate, and a happier life. And that's God's plan! THANK YOU AGAIN SPONSORS!

Forgiven

The youth praise band Forgiven led 1st Lutheran's service on January 27th. They will be leading our own Contemporary service on Feb. 10th.

Big Fish

Wednesday night Big Fish gatherings will continue through Lent at the same time. We will meet in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. and conclude around 8:15.

Upcoming events:

Joint Lock-in with the 1st Lutheran youth group.
Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the youth going to STORM this summer.
Easter sunrise service and breakfast.
30 Hour famine for World Vision.

United Methodist Men's TLC Club
Would like to welcome you to breakfast the first
Saturday of every month at 7:30 am



October 17th & 18th
Excel Energy Center - St. Paul, MN

Contact: Mary Kay Paine ~ 345.5757

Reservations by March 1st - Payments by May 1st

Registration form found in weekly bulletin



Women's Group

Meeting for Bible Study and Fellowship

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5th @ 7:00 pm.

Meeting at the Church—Everyone is welcome!

For more information contact Dianna Flater @ 651-345-5297

Susanna Circle

Monday, February 11, 2008

@ 7:30 pm

Catherine Rice's Home

Priscilla Circle

Friday, February 15, 2008

@ 9:15 am

Gloria Feigal's Home

Lake City Food Shelf

February is here and that means more cold weather
and a need for warm filling food.

So this month the Food Self is collecting canned meals such as:

Stew, chili, Ravioli, etc.

As always, thank you for you continuing help.

It is greatly appreciated by our Food Self clients.

**United Methodist Worship Schedule To Be Viewed On
Cable Channel 18 Schedule**

Sunday

6:45 - 8:00pm Traditional Service
8:00 - 9:00pm Live Alive Service

Monday

9:00 - 10:15am Traditional Service

Tuesday

12:00 - 1:00am Live Alive Service

Thursday

8:30 - 9:45pm Traditional Service
10:30 - 11:30pm Live Alive Service

Friday

4:00 - 5:00pm Live Alive Service

Saturday

1:00 - 2:00pm Live Alive Service

Finance Committee

Anyone who handles financial records for any group in the church should turn in their records to me as soon as possible after the first of February. This is for the purpose of yearly audit of all financial records.

Congratulations! 2007 apportionments were paid in full!. Everyone who financially supported our church in 2007 made this possible. THANK YOU!!!!

When I presented the budget for 2008, I explained a reserve operating fund for this year. We have \$500 in this fund at this time. This money came in designated for that fund. We will not start using the reserve operating fund until we have \$1,500 in the fund. Our receipts so far in January are not enough to pay all our expenses for the month of January. We need \$12,875 per month to meet budget. As of the first three weeks in January we have receipts of \$7,062 to pay operating expenses.

Paul Moechnig, Chair of Finance Committee

THE MATRIX

The Matrix continues to be open every Saturday evening from 7-10 pm through March. Stop down and check it out. Bring a parent or guardian with you and get your paperwork completed. Its just that easy! Besides, what else is there to do in Lake City on a weekend?

Deepest Sympathy To...

Larry & Sandi Mayfield & family in the death of his sister in North Carolina

Debbie & Roger Eggenberger & family in the death of her uncle Ken Detlefsen of Red Wing on Jan.19th at Fairview University Hospital in Mpls. His Funeral was on Jan.24th at the United Lutheran Church in Red Wing with burial in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

JB & Darleen Henning on the death of his daughter-in-law, Carol Henning who died on Jan.18 in the Cities.

UMW Meeting

Thursday February 7th @ Noon

(This meeting is an hour earlier than usual)

It's a potluck lunch with beverages, dessert and table service provided. Program speaker will be Evie Dahling from the local Food Shelf. All ladies welcome!

Congratulations...

Holly Roberson & Ben Married – Dec.29, 2007 in the Cities.

Spotlight on Scholarships Gold Certificates awarded to:

- ◆ Bradley Levenick
- ◆ John Anderson
- ◆ Zach Loppnow

John Anderson named Student of the Month

Carissa (Brooke) Jones making Dean's list for 2007 fall semester at Union University.