

# The Courier



of Saint Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church — Wilmington, Delaware February 2010

## Mueller's Musings

By Pastor David Mueller

We are not there yet, but I am thinking Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 17, a few days before I leave for the Holy Land. In many ways, Lent is my favorite season. It seems just like the right length (40 days plus Sundays; Sundays are in but not of Lent). It is a ripe time (late winter) for meditation, contemplation, and confession. During most Lents past, I fasted on Wednesdays for 24 hours. I simply cannot fast that way anymore for physical reasons. I would come out of Lent ready, or at least readier than otherwise, for the drama of Holy Week and the celebration of The Feast, which remains the high point of Christian experience: Easter.

Without making judgments on others, a temptation I generally avoid these days, celebrating The Feast without the preparation of Lent and the re-living of Passion Week is a mere holiday and not Holy Day, a time to celebrate spring in another year and not life in an eternally renewed sense. It would be a little like graduating from High School and being given the task of re-building the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Without education and experience, building bridges is silly. Without Lent, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter and the Resurrection of Christ we celebrate on it, may be sillier.

This is another of those years also when natural calamities, human strife, and other threats to life seem elevated. Earthquakes happen far enough away that we feel not the aftershocks nor effects. Wars are in far off places and

affect us not directly unless we are flying off someplace and must endure modern security precautions. We can be so selfishly busy with our own incredible responsibilities that we may even fail to notice let alone care that the world is a dangerous or disastrous place. That is, unless some poor, vulnerable and defenseless nation like Haiti gets slammed and the loss of life is mind boggling and heart wrenching. Then we care for a while, send some money, and wait for this to pass too so that we can get on with business as usual.

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## Council Corner

By Gary Gooden

Greetings from the St. Stephen's church council; 2010 edition.

This year is sure to be a challenging one for all of us at St Stephen's. We are without a permanent Pastor. We have an out of balance budget. We have a diminishing membership and attendance compared to previous years. The economy is struggling and many of us are working longer and harder in an attempt to make ends meet. There seems to be a new international disaster on a weekly basis. The horror in Haiti is almost unfathomable to us in our relatively comfortable world. What a terrible, gloomy time it is. It sometimes seems hopeless. Or does it? Let's look and see.

We are blessed with an interim Pastor who is trained and educated in the methodology of the interim process. Pastor Mueller understands the various stages of anger and grieving that are natural precursors to the healing and eventual calling of a new Pastor. He and his newly formed "Steering Committee" will initiate this process. They

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Lent affords us the opportunity to take a serious look at “business as usual.” We are invited to be honest first with ourselves and then others about the deeper realities of our lives: the fears, for instance. Only after we have begun to address our sins (not someone else’s) and fears, can we listen appropriately and effectively to hear the words of Angels at an empty tomb: “fear not” or “do not be afraid,” or even “stop the fretting,” for “He is Risen!”

Join me, PLEASE, in taking a step or two back during Lent, and even dying ourselves on Good Friday, so that we can with renewed spiritual faith and energy get up and get going in the aftermath of the Crucified yet Risen Christ.

Oh, by the way, I will be remembering in prayer the mission and ministry of St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church in some very special places during a period (February 21-March 3) in Lent, places like Nazareth, Bethlehem, and the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem at the foot of the Mount of Olives. The Lord does not hear those prayers more intently, but I sure pray them there more interestingly.

SOLA DEI GLORIA



### LCS Served Record Numbers in 2009 – over 70,000!

Altogether, through its various emergency food and housing services – including that of the LCS FAITH Center – LCS served 70,236 people in 2009. That is a significant increase since the previous year (2008), when we served 66,614 people. All this shows how the demand for the safety net of services LCS provides has continued to grow. To serve this need, LCS has been operating at full capacity.

**Food** continues to be the largest area of LCS service. In 2009, we provided food for 56,139 people, up from 55,354 the year before.

LCS **housing** grants and no-interest loans for back rent, mortgage and security deposits helped 522 people in 2009, up slightly from 2009. Senior hom repairs stayed about the same, and helped 175 elderly folks.

Free clothing went to 4,860 people, up about 20%. Smoking cessation assistance was also up about 20%, reaching 5,470 people. Medical rides (1,687) and the Retired Mens Luncheon Club (200) activity remained relatively constant.

Growth at the LCS FAITH Center was everywhere apparent. Operating from its offices on Walnut Street in Wilmington, the LCS FAITH Center provides low income folks with emergency housing, utility and other back-to-work grants. It helped 1,158 people in 2009, **almost double** the 603 served a year earlier.

Wow! What a year. LCS sincerely thanks its supporters and volunteers for making it possible to meet the need among those less fortunate.

## Council, cont.

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are currently meeting every Monday and will be bringing us news on their work and discussion. Stay tuned.

Our budget is out of balance. Our membership is down. The council is working hard to absolutely minimize all expenses. The church as a whole has done a superb job of spending less than budgeted in most areas. The shortfall can also be addressed by increased giving and increased membership.

We have a loving and generous congregation. We continue to ask and pray for guidance in our personal giving. We also stress the importance of inviting others to share our faith experience at St Stephen’s. Think about inviting others to visit and let God’s spirit shine.

The economy is struggling. Global Disasters dominate the headlines. I don’t pretend that these are good or desirable occurrences. They are not. However, it is a perfect time for reflection on our values and core beliefs.

Material “Things” don’t seem to be as important today as they were a few years ago. Family, friends and faith have taken a more prominent place in many lives. Many are Reconnecting with others in a meaningful and loving fashion. Many are Recognizing that there are so many others with so many needs. We have a new appreciation of how much a smile and warm handshake can mean. Volunteerism and charitable giving have actually increased during this difficult time. God’s people are loving and giving.

Things are not hopeless. We are the children of God. Our ELCA “Statements of Belief” says: God created and loves all creation- the earth and the seas and all of the world’s inhabitants. Keep the Faith.

# The Gloria – Part 2 in the Series of Music in the Liturgy

By Daniel Howe, Director of Music

The Gloria we sing has had a long and rich history of being spoken and sung; This information provides much of its history and development over the nearly 2,000 years it has been employed in the Christian Church from its inception, and includes the Greek, Latin, medieval and 20<sup>th</sup> century translations. One thing I found interesting is the difference between the way the Roman and Eastern Catholic Church has used the hymn and how it was termed the Great Doxology, as opposed to the Lesser Doxology: the Gloria Patri which we sing at the end of the weekly Psalm. Too, Lutherans' usage is in step with the Roman Church: we sing this as part of the Mass after the Kyrie. Of course, Lutherans have since allowed substitution of the Kyrie and Gloria with a different Hymn of Praise or, during Lent, we recite the Great It is not part of the "Ordinary" (the Mass consisting of the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei) but is an intercessory prayer often used in the Western Church during the season of Lent.

## History

The hymn begins with the words that the angels sang when the birth of Christ was announced to shepherds in *Luke 2:14*. Other verses were added very early, forming a doxology, which in the fourth century became part of morning prayers, and is still recited in the *Byzantine Rite Orthros* service.

The Latin translation is traditionally attributed to Saint Hilary of Poitiers (c. 300-368), who may have learned it while in the East (359-360). The *Vulgate* Latin translation of the Bible was commissioned only in 382. The Latin hymn thus uses the word *excelsis* to translate the Greek word *ὑψίστοις* (the highest) in *Luke 2:14*, not the word *altissimis*, which Saint Jerome preferred for his translation.



[Angel with the words "Gloria in Excelsis Deo et in terra pax"  
by Dalziel Brothers.]

## Liturgical Use

### Byzantine Rite

In the Byzantine Rite, used by the Eastern Orthodox and Greek Catholics, the Gloria is referred to as the *Doxology*, and there are two forms: the Greater Doxology and the Lesser Doxology. The Greater Doxology is always sung, whereas the Lesser Doxology is read. There are certain textual differences between the two, and the order is somewhat altered in the two forms.

The Greater Doxology is used in the Orthros (Matins) on Sundays and feast days. The Lesser Doxology is used at Matins on simple weekdays and at the Apodeipnon (Compline), but not in the Divine Liturgy.

### Roman Rite

By contrast, in the Roman Rite this hymn is not included in the Liturgy of the Hours, but is sung or recited in the Mass, after the Kyrie, on Sundays outside of Lent and Advent and on solemnities and feasts.<sup>[1]</sup>

In the Church of England Book of Common Prayer of 1549, it was used in the same position as in the Roman Rite, but was later moved to the end of the service, immediately before the concluding blessing. After revisions in 1552 and 1662, this was for centuries the official prayer book of the Anglican Communion, but the Common Worship provides two Orders, in one of which the hymn is in the earlier position. The American Prayer Book of 1928 allowed the hymn to be used in Evening Prayer.

The hymn is used also in the Divine Service of the **Lutheran Church** and in the services of many other Christian churches.

A tradition recorded in the *Liber Pontificalis* attributes to Pope Telesphorus (128–139?) the use of the hymn at the Mass of Christmas Day and to Pope Symmachus (498-514) its use on Sundays and the feasts of martyrs, but only by bishops; the right to use it was later extended to priests, at first only at Easter and on the day of their ordination, but by the end of the eleventh century priests, as well as bishops, used it in the Mass on Sundays and feasts outside of Lent and Pre-Lent. After the twelfth century Advent began to be considered a penitential period in imitation of Lent, to the exclusion therefore of the *Gloria in excelsis Deo*.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## Associated Ritual

### Roman Rite

In the Tridentine Mass, the priest is instructed, when saying the opening phrase "Gloria in excelsis Deo", to extend his hands and raise them to shoulder height and, at the word "Deo", to join them and bow his head. He is then to continue the recitation standing erect with hands joined and bowing his head to the cross at the words "Adoramus te", "Gratias agimus tibi", "Iesu Christe" (twice), and "Suscipe deprecationem nostram", and at the concluding phrase (as also at the concluding phrase of the Nicene Creed and the Sanctus), to make a large sign of the cross on himself.<sup>[9]</sup> At High Mass the priest intones the opening phrase, while the deacon and subdeacon stand behind him; then they join him at the altar and together with him quietly recite the rest of the hymn, after which they sit down and wait for the choir to finish its singing of the same text.

**The Roman Missal as revised in 1970 simplifies this, saying:** "The Gloria is intoned by the priest or, if appropriate, by a cantor or by the choir; but it is sung either by everyone together, or by the people alternately with the choir, or by the choir alone. If not sung, it is to be recited either by all together or by two parts of the congregation responding one to the other. No particular ritual gestures are prescribed. This is the manner which we, as Lutherans, sing this hymn of praise.

### Byzantine Rite

In the usage of the Eastern Orthodox Church and those Eastern Catholic Churches which follow the Byzantine Rite, the Great Doxology is one of the high points of the festal Matins service. The priest will put on his phelonion (chasuble). When it comes time for the Great Doxology the deacon opens the Holy Doors, and the priest raises his hands orans and exclaims: "Glory to Thee, Who hast shown us the Light!", and the choir begins chanting the Doxology, while all of the oil lamps and candles in the temple are lit. The Great Doxology concludes with the chanting of the Trisagion and leads into the chanting of the Troparion of the Day. If the bishop is present he will vest in his full pontifical vestments for the Great Doxology, and the subdeacons will stand behind the Holy Table (altar) holding the lit dikirion and trikirion.

When the Lesser Doxology is called for, it is simply said by the reader, the priest does not put on his phelonion, the Holy Doors remain closed and no lamps or candles are lit. The Lesser Doxology does not end with the Trisagion and is followed by an ektenia (litaney)

### Musical Settings

The Gloria has been and still is sung to a wide variety of melodies. Modern scholars have catalogued well over two hundred of them. The Roman Missal indicates several differ-

ent plainchant melodies. In addition, several "farced" Glorias were composed in the Middle Ages and were still sung in places when the Roman Missal was revised by order of Pope Pius V in 1570. These expanded the basic Gloria by, for instance, adding to mentions of Jesus Christ a mention of some relationship between him and his mother. The use of these additional phrases in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary was so common that in editions of the Roman Missal earlier than the 1921 revision, the text of the Gloria was followed by the rubric: "Sic dicitur *Gloria in excelsis Deo*, etiam in Missis beatæ Mariæ, quando dicenda est" (When the *Gloria in excelsis Deo* is to be recited, it is recited in this way, even in Masses of Blessed Mary).<sup>[13]</sup>

Almost all polyphonic settings of the Mass include the Gloria. In addition, there are settings for the Gloria alone, including:

- Gloria (Vivaldi), RV 589, and the less famous Gloria RV 588.
- Gloria (Poulenc)
- Gloria (Rutter)
- A setting of the Gloria by Handel for solo soprano, lost and then discovered at the end of the twentieth century.<sup>[14]</sup>

There are also many musical settings of translations of the Gloria into various languages.

The Gloria has encouraged the writing of popular hymns such as Angels We Have Heard on High, Glory to God, Angels from the Realms of Glory, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, and While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks. It also features prominently in the popular song "Silence" by Delerium, a trance song

### Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Glory be to God on high  
 And on earth peace, goodwill towards men,  
 We praise thee, we bless thee,  
 we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
 we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory  
 O Lord God, heavenly King,  
 God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
 receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 For thou only art holy;  
 thou only art the Lord;  
 thou only, O Christ,

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art most high  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**St. Andrew Daily Missal (1952)**

Glory to God in the highest.  
And on earth peace to men of good will.  
We praise Thee.  
We bless Thee.  
We adore Thee.  
We glorify Thee.  
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great Glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.  
O Lord the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For Thou only art Holy.  
Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Jesus Christ, art Most High.  
With the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Ecumenical version** (1975 – the one we use in the ELCA; it more closely resembles the original Greek version as opposed to the Latin version.)

Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



**Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010  
and Lenten Wednesday Services**

**Ash Wednesday**

**6:30 PM - Potluck Dinner in the Social Hall  
7:30 PM - Ash Wednesday Service**

**Lenten Services and Soup & Bread Suppers:  
Wednesdays, February 24 and March 3, 10,  
17, & 24**

Throughout Lent we will gather on Wednesdays for evening services at 7:30 PM. Beginning at 6:30 PM, you are invited to attend the "Soup & Bread" suppers in the Social Hall. Between supper and the service will be time for fellowship. Please sign up in the Gathering Area to bring soup or bread!



**Art Loop**

The next Art Loop at St. Stephen's will be on Friday, February 5, 2010, between 5:00 and 8:00 PM, and will feature Richard K. Herrmann. Richard is a partner in the law firm of Morris James LLP, and Professor at Widener Law School. He has been working with enhanced photography for more than forty years, first with translucent oils and now Photoshop. His recent focus has been on stretched canvas images 40 x 60 inches and larger. Richard's work appears as permanent exhibits in a number of state office buildings throughout Delaware, at Universities in Delaware and Virginia, as well as the 1201 Conference Center and Gallery. He is regularly published on the cover of the Delaware State Bar Association Magazine.

More details to follow. In the meantime if you would like more information and / or can help out or know someone who might be interested in helping out on the evening of the exhibit or for the setup tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 3, 2010, please contact me at (302) 655-6034 (home); (302) 984-6026 (office) or in Church!

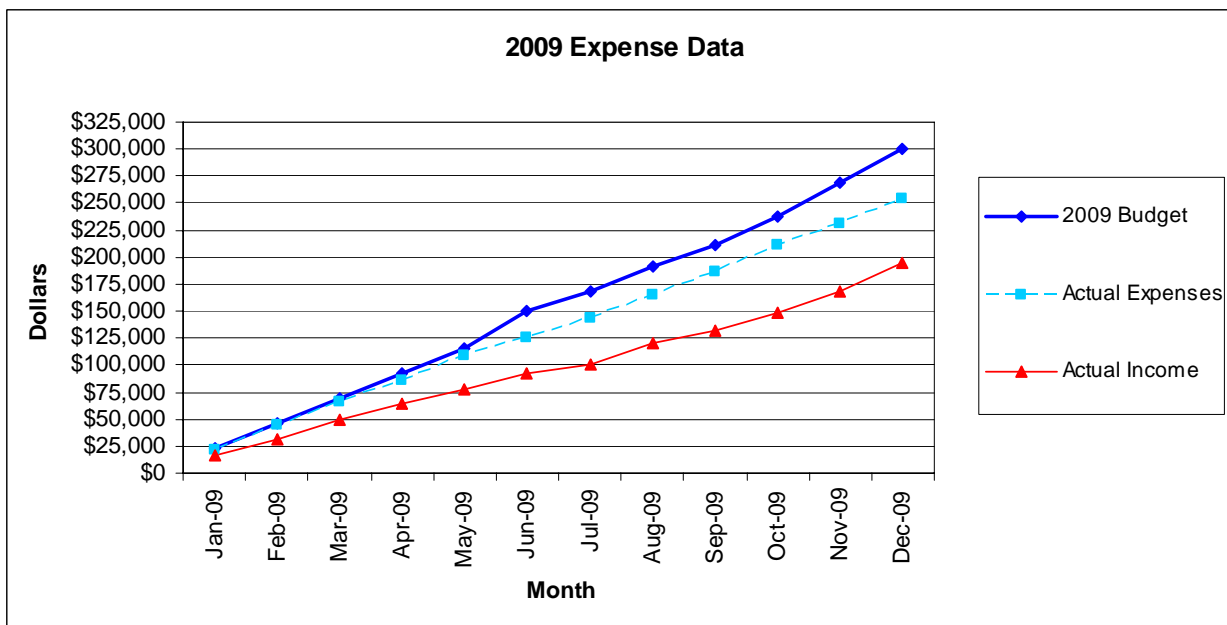
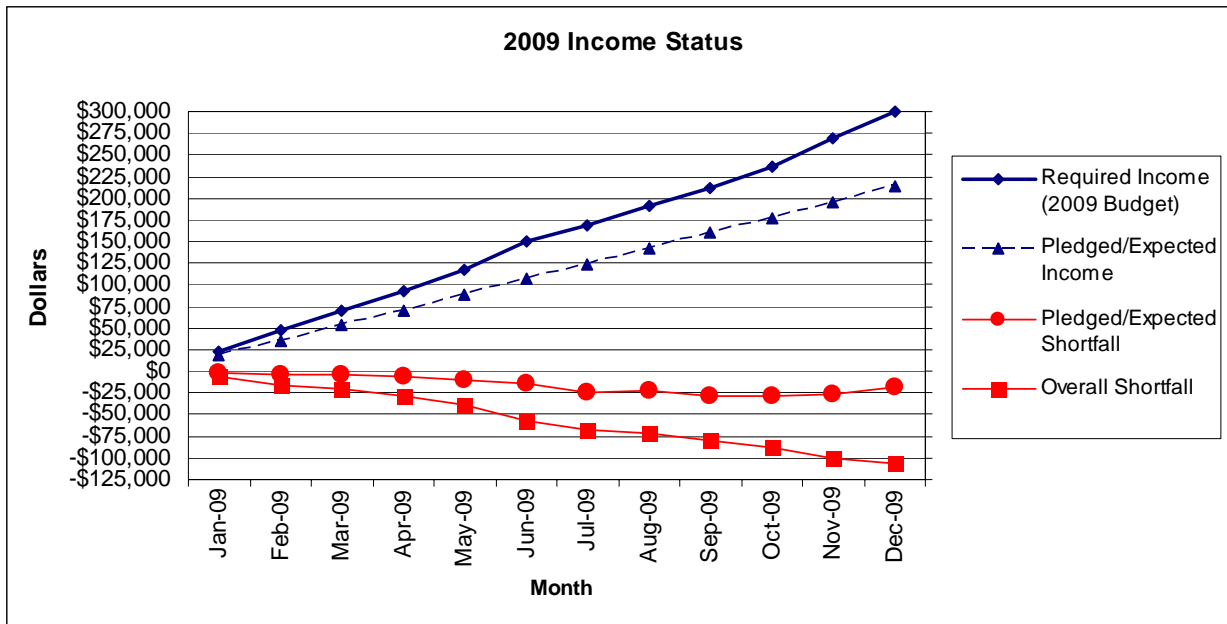
## Final 2009 Budget Snapshot

These two graphs summarize the final budget results for last year. The upper graph views our situation from an income perspective, and the bottom one does the same from the expense perspective.

**Income Status:** The top two lines represent the straight line, cumulative values for the approved 2009 budget (Required Income) and the expected income from all sources (Pledged/Expected Income). The difference between these two lines is also shown as the (Overall Shortfall) line; as of the end of the year it was just over \$105,000. But since spending was below budget, the net result wasn't as large a deficit. The fourth line is the difference between the (Pledged/Expected Income) and the actual income; as of the end of 2009 is stood at \$18,141.

**Expense Data:** The top line of this graph is the same as the top line in the Income Status graph. The dashed line just below it represents our actual expenses, which through carefully spending were \$254,498, or approximately \$50,000 less than budgeted. The lowest line is the income we received last year, and this shows the difference between what we spent and what we received. The size of this gap is \$59,592, and was made up largely by spending two Estate bequests we received in 2008 and 2009.

Please plan on attending the second part of the Annual Congregation Meeting on **Sunday, January 24**, to discuss and approve the 2010 Budget.





## Lutheran Volunteer Corps

Working for Social Justice  
Living in Intentional Community  
Exploring Simplified Sustainable Living  
*By Judy Zahn*

### Bowlathon Sunday, April 18, 2010

Pleasant Hill Lanes (Stanton/Newport)

Registration 1:30 pm

Bowling 2:00 – 4:00

Start now with plans to form teams of five. Teams can be youth and adults in any combination. Individuals can also register.

- Five member teams: registration \$45 and at least \$125 in pledges (that is only \$25 each team member is asked to get in pledges)
- Individual: registration \$10 and \$25 in pledges

Registration forms and other information will be sent to each church next month. Please start identifying those who will bowl and ask family, friends and others in your congregation to support this *once a year* fund raising event.

Registration deadline: April 12, 2010. Please plan to register early.

### Mar-Lu-Ridge

Mar-Lu-Ridge Conference and Educational Center in Jefferson, MD is in immediate need of a **4 Wheel Drive pickup truck**. We use it to plow snow, and our current truck is very old and unreliable. If you have such a vehicle, or know someone who does, please contact the office at (800)238-9974.

**Upcoming — February 15, 2010 — School's Out Day Program, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM (extended care available) — Cost \$25 — Call 1-800-238-9974 to register.** Program is open to all elementary age children and activities include: nature hikes, hot lunch, games, arts and crafts. Our staff is ready to care for your child in a safe environment. We have 50 years of camp experience, and are conveniently located off Rts 340 and 15, making drop off and pick up easy.

## Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware:

Our mission is to show our Faith in God through fellowship, outreach and service

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware was reviewed by the Quadrennial Review Ministry team on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team consisted of Nancy Gable (Region 8 Coordinator) Gettysburg Theological Seminary; Pastor John Ranney, Delaware-Maryland Synod Council Representative and Lutheran Office of Public Policy for Delaware; and Pastor Matthew Riegel, Lutheran Campus Ministry West Virginia University. The two day event included interviews with Alumni, Director of Student Services, Pastors of local churches, Director of Lutheran Community Services, Student leaders, Pastor Heggen, University staff members and members of the Board. The visit included Tuesday evening worship and meal. The review committee approved the written Quadrennial Review Ministry Plan completed by LCM. The committee was impressed with the combined effort of the Board, students, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Lutheran Community Services. The LCM Board will be reviewing the completed written report at a retreat in February. Special thanks to Matt and Kathy Kazmar and Chris Ebert.

Each Lutheran Congregation in New Castle County is encouraged to support LCM at the University of Delaware by planning a youth group fund-raiser to benefit the FISH program, recruiting people to provide a meal for a Tuesday evening in February, March or April, continuing to raise prayers for the students, Board members and Pastor Heggen. Please call Pastor Heggen or Ann Warner at 368-3078 to volunteer or to schedule a meal.

It is easy to support Lutheran Campus Ministry every day on the internet at [www.igive.com/LCM-DE](http://www.igive.com/LCM-DE) and [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). Both sites provide taskbars for your browser, so every time you do an internet search, LCM will benefit. Both sites provide portals for on-line shopping. Participating vendors donate a portion of your purchase to your designated charity. There's no additional cost to you and LCM can benefit for the shopping you are doing. Please join in this easy way to support Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware.

**Shirley Glines LCM Secretary**

**Praying+Caring+Thinking+Daring+in the Name of Jesus**



## “Little Women”

The Sanford Repertory Theater Company will be presenting its 2010 spring musical production of *“Little Women”* on March 4-7, 2010 at Sanford School in Hockessin. Performance times are as follows: Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 PM; Friday, March 5 at 7:30 PM; Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 PM; and Sunday March 7 at 2:00 PM. T.J. Potter will be performing in the show, playing the role of Professor Bhaer. This musical stage production follows the saga of the March sisters—Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy—as they grow up in Civil War America, and it is sure to charm both young and old alike.

Tickets for the show will be on sale in early February. The SRTC shows always sell out quickly, so I will be ordering tickets as soon as they are available. If you would like me to order any tickets for you, please let me know as soon as possible.....how many tickets you need and which performance you would like to attend. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

If you have attended one of the Sanford productions in the past, then you know how enjoyable these shows are. Don't delay in letting me know if you are interested in ordering tickets for *“Little Women”* because I am sure there will not be any tickets available at the door at the time of the performances. This is a great outing for the entire family, and children are most welcome to attend.

Thank you!  
Sharon Potter  
(302) 239-3896

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# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Mission Team Meetings	3	4 12:00 PM Leisure Lunch 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 5-8 PM ART LOOP	6
7 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service 6:00 PM Super Bowl Party	8	9 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregation Council	10	11 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service 11:45 A Worship	15	16 5:30 PM Stephen Ministers	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Pot-luck dinner 7:30 PM Worship	18 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 11:59 PM Courier Deadline	20
21 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service	22	23 9:30 AM Courier Folding 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study	24 7:00 PM Lenten worship	25 11:45 Emmanuel Dining Room 6:45 PM Stephen Ministers 7:30 PM Chancel	26	27
28 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Service						

## People With Important Dates in February and March

### February Birthdays

- 2 E. Marvin Stouffer
- 3 A. Pierce Conlon, Keira Culley
- 5 Matthew Brenneman
- 7 Abigail Jones
- 11 Andrew Brenneman
- 12 Kaitlyn Rollins
- 13 Lindsey Jordan, Daniel Warner
- 16 Sheryl Fernandez
- 18 Blake Charlton, Mallory Charlton, Donna Gooden
- 21 Jane Baddorf
- 22 Kathy Weber
- 23 Leah Hazuda, Tyler Heiss, David Splittorff

### February Anniversaries

- 3 Sheryl & Armando Fernandez
- 6 Jerome & Mary Herlihy
- 12 Philip & Jennifer Graham
- 14 Brian & Stacie Mutschler
- 25 Ken & Debbie Nicholson

### February Volunteers

### February Greeters

- 7 Ursula Kroll
- 14 Carolyn and Errol Hartmann
- 21 Sally Dudderar
- 28 Fran McKewen

### February Gathering Time Hosts

- 7 Lynn Splittorff
- 14 Helen Cripe
- 21 Gary & Sue Gooden
- 28 Lila Hall

### February Ushers

**We are in need of additional people to fill in the usher ranks. If you are interested, please contact Ann Warner**

### February Flower Delivery

- 7 Ann Wagner
- 14 Jane & Chick Baddorf
- 21 Lou Jackson
- 28 Carol Lay

### February Altar Guild

All Saturdays — Joyce Bukovsky

All month — Sharon Potter & Fran McKewen, including Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday

### February Food Pantry Packers

- 7 Sue Gooden
- 14 Dick Parker
- 21 Sue Heiss
- 28 Sue Gooden

### February Lectors

- 7 John Gordon
- 14 Helen Cripe
- 21 Ann Wagner
- 28 Ralph Heiss

### February Acolytes

- 7 Abby Jones
- 14 Tyler Heiss
- 21 Ann Warner
- 28 Kyle Heiss

### February Chalice Bearers

- 7 John Rodammer & Bob Linderman
- 14 Sharon Mutschler & Carol Lay
- 21 Lynn Splittorff & Sharon Potter
- 28 James Cook & Sue Culley

### March Volunteers

### March Greeters

TBA

### March Gathering Time Hosts

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- 14 Sharon Mutschler
- 21 Sharon Potter
- 28 Bill Sperati

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- 28 Dale & Clarice Wolf

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All Month — Linda and Stacy Spivak

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- 14 Chick Baddorf & Fred Altergott
- 21 Sue & Ralph Heiss
- 28 Betty Sperati & Lydia Turner



Every week there is an email sent out with activities about the upcoming week. We also occasionally send out blast emails to advertise special activities coming up, or to alert you to special news. If you are not getting these communications, and would like to, please make sure the Communications Coordinator has your preferred email address.

**communications@ststeph.org**

## Our Monthly Schedule of Bible Study Groups

**First Tuesday at 7:00 PM**

Betty Gooden  
138 Melodic Drive  
Newark DE 19702  
302-737-0148

**Second Tuesday and Fourth  
Thursday at Noon**

YMCA Conference Room  
11th Floor  
Community Service Building  
10th & Orange  
Wilmington DE  
302-652-7623

### **Courier Deadlines for 2010**

(Subject to change, depending on what's happening — please note that the deadline is not always the 3rd Friday)

**March 2010 issue — due date is February 19**

**April 2010 issue — due date is March 20**

**May 2010 issue — due date is April 17**

**June 2010 issue — due date is May 15**

**July/August 2010 issue — due date is June 19**

**September 2010 issue — due date is August 21**

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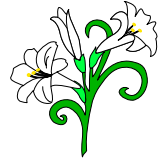
**November 2010 issue — due date is October 16**

**December 2010 issue — due date is November 20**

**January 2011 issue — due date is December 18**

**Watch this space —**

For a future announcement giving you information about purchasing Easter Flowers for the sanctuary.



You are invited to attend the Leisure Lunch on February 4, 2010, at noon. Pastor Mueller has traveled to Palestine and Israel and will share with us first hand information about the plight of the Palestine Christians. Bring a bag lunch and a friend. Dessert will be furnished.

### **A Thank You for our Sexton Kevin Krick**

Let's all recognize someone who takes care of St. Stephen's behind the scenes. He can be seen rushing here and there getting his work done quickly. He always has a smile and is willing to stop what he is doing to help with a request. He gave his own time to support St. Stephen's in our Fall Clean-up day. This dedicated and caring person is our very own Sexton Kevin Krick. Next time you see him, let him know how appreciated he is.

**Dear Friends at St. Stephens,**

We're very pleased to have received the beautiful poinsettia from the service last Sunday. It reminds us of the many years of our active membership in St. Stephen's. We wish Pastor Mueller and the congregation of St. Stephen's the best in the future.

**Thank you,  
Manville and Marge Bro**

### Treasurer's Report

	Budget (December)	Actual (December)	Budget (Year to Date)	Actual (Year to Date)
<b>Income</b>	\$28,733.83	\$26,683.34	\$213,046.00	\$194,904.61
<b>Expenses</b>	\$30,508.62	\$23,691.28	\$299,764.00	\$254,497.81

Due date for copy for the **March 2010 Courier** will be **February 19th at midnight**. Please email your *Courier* items as Microsoft Word or Publisher attachments to the editor at [helen.cripe@itrtechservices.com](mailto:helen.cripe@itrtechservices.com) or [cripehl@itrcorporation.com](mailto:cripehl@itrcorporation.com), or fax to 302-425-4646. Thank you!



Midnight Sun

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## *Sunday Morning Schedule*

- + 9:00 AM Christian Education
- + 10:30 AM Worship Service

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