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OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"A Church Where God's Diversity Works"

FROM PASTOR BARBARA:

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:21

One night while babysitting, a grandfather passed his granddaughter's room and overheard her repeating the alphabet in an oddly reverent fashion. "What on earth are you up to?" he asked.

"I'm saying my prayers," explained the little girl. "But I can't think of exactly the right words tonight, so I'm just saying all the letters. I know God will put them together for me in the right order."

That is faith -- knowing that the order can come after the thoughts. Knowing that even when we can't find the right words, or the way ahead is not clear, God will put it all together. Even though we do not know exactly what the year ahead will bring -- financially or with our plans and goals -- we keep moving forward in faith. Even though we can't think of all the right words, we can't put all the pieces together right now, we put out what we have in faith.

As we continue to gather information and ideas for putting our goals into concrete plans, we also continue to determine our resources. Much is being planned in the arena of outreach, with the learnings and analysis from Joyce Caldwell, and with the potential of the Sacred Places project to maintain and enhance our building in support of the ministry plans. Right now some things appear to be unclear,

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La Candelaria

Saturday,

February 6

5:00 p.m.

at Ascension
Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday

February 17

Supper 5:00 p.m.

Service 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Services

begin

Wednesday,

February 24

at Central United

Methodist

25 & Wisconsin Av

6:00 p.m. Supper

6:45 p.m. Service



Our Savior's is a

member of Central City Churches, Inc.

and is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A church where God's diversity works

Church Council

Phil Enockson - President

Miguel de Jesús - Vice President

Rich Young -Treasurer

Virginia Koch - Secretary

Paul Brynildson - Personnel

Mike Festge - Our Savior's Foundation

Our Savior's Mission Statement

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a diverse community of loved sinners gathered in the central city of Milwaukee:

created by God the Father Almighty;
redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ;
united in celebrating God's act of salvation in Word and Sacrament;
called to be the body of Christ;
and empowered by the Spirit with a variety of gifts for ministry.

Our purpose/ as a congregation and as individuals/ is to:

be a visible and tangible sign of the body of Christ in metropolitan Milwaukee;
acknowledge the reign of God by living out God's forgiveness, love and justice with all creation
and use the diversity of gifts given us by the Spirit for proclaiming anew the healing and liberating Good News of Jesus Christ.

As the body of Christ in this city we:

celebrate the presence of the living God in our lives/ congregation/ community and world;
proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ
administer the sacraments of Baptism and Communion;
welcome as sisters and brothers, persons of any age/ gender, racial/ or ethnic heritage/economic status, mental or physical ability or sexual orientation;
act as a messenger of hope in the redemption of the city;
empower people to live as children of God;
respect the witness/ insight and gifts of one another;
support ministries of service to people in need locally and globally;
advocate on behalf of those who are oppressed;
and establish partnerships with the Global Christian Community.

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some would even say 'out of step', but "in prayer with faith" we can be sure that it will come out in the right order. If we pray nothing more than, "Thy will be done," we can be confident that God hears and responds. If prayer comes from the heart, as with that little girl, God hears.

We need not only the work and contribution of each member of Our Savior's to build our community of faith, but also your prayers. I ask each one of you to pray -- pray the alphabet, or pray words clearly and perfectly in order -- but pray from the heart, for the health and well-being of our congregation on this exciting venture toward a multicultural community.

Thank you for all you have done and for your efforts in what is to come. Let us continue to move forward... in faith trusting that God will put it all together!

In the Spirit of Christ,

Pastor Barbara



Annual Meeting brings new leaders...

These new leaders were affirmed at the 152nd Annual Meeting on January 24

Our Savior's Foundation Board: Paul Brynildson, Mike Festge, Paula Holman.

Church Council President: Phil Enockson

Church Council Secretary: Virginia Koch

Nominating Committee: Jackie Davit

Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly Voting Members: Penny Schwid, Bill Wood

Church Council approves donation for Haiti relief...

In response to the devastation and immense suffering of the people of Haiti, the congregation Council approved a donation of \$2,000 from the Renovation Benevolence Fund, set up for such purposes. The gift was sent through the ELCA Disaster Response fund. Individuals may still give through Our Savior's, or through the ELCA Disaster Response using the form on page 8.

FROM PASTOR BETTY

Dear Brothers and sisters;

As you may remember, one of my resolutions was to keep helping the congregation in its quest to be a more inclusive and welcoming place. As part of this process we have in place the book study of "The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb" and at the same time we started this year with the celebration of the Epiphany "Latino style".

*Come to la candelaria!
Saturday, February 6 5pm
at Ascension Luth Church*

If you haven't heard the good news, we had wonderful participation. Will Martin was responsible for getting the word out and he did a marvelous job. He posted the announcement of the celebration, not only on paper, but he went the extra mile and paid for radio spots on 2 radio stations. We were able to hear about the celebration in English and also in Spanish. I was thrilled to hear the name of our church on the radio. What a blessing! I also got some calls from people who just moved to Milwaukee from Mexico. I remember particularly the conversation I had with this lady asking for directions. She was surprised at all the wonderful things that the church does "in this country!" We were able to reach out to a Spanish-speaking audience and the celebration overall was great.

As a result of that celebration we were able to get some people interested in having the celebration of "la candelaria". You may wonder "what's la candelaria?" Well, let me walk you into a little bit more of the tradition.

Día de la Candelaria, or Candlemas, is celebrated on February 2nd, throughout Mexico. It is mainly a religious and family celebration, but in some places it is a major celebration or fiesta with parades and bullfights. *Día de la Candelaria*, like many other Mexican celebrations, represents a fusion of pre-Hispanic and Roman Catholic traditions.

February 2nd also falls forty days after Christmas, and is celebrated by Catholics as the "feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin" or as the "Presentation of the Lord." According to Jewish law a woman was considered unclean for 40 days after giving birth so it was customary to bring a baby to the temple after that period of time had passed to be purified. So Jesus would have been taken to the temple on February 2nd.



In Mexico, this holiday is celebrated as *Día de la Candelaria*, known as Candlemas in English, because candles were brought to the church to be blessed.

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Join the book study
February Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

“The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb”

A spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community

By Eric H. F. Law

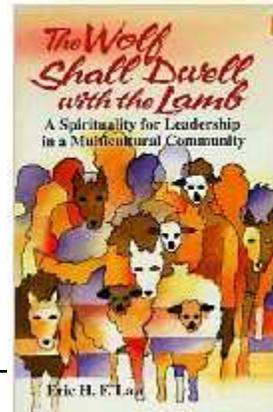
We are asking questions of one another about the future of the church...the future of Our Savior's Milwaukee, of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, of the ELCA, of the church universal...

Why do we have to be inclusive?

Is it necessary to be multicultural?

Are we called by God to live in a diverse and inclusive community?

Our questions and discussions continue at 10:00 a.m. Sundays in February with our study of Eric Law's book "The Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb". The books are available to purchase from the church office for \$13 OR you may wish to borrow a book from a member of the Church Council, PLT or an Outreach Team member, who have used the book in the fall. Our discussions will raise the questions and begin to help us find the answers to our challenges to live in multicultural community.



This book study is only the beginning. We will study two more of Eric Law's books. Part Two will be a study of "The Bush Was Burning but Not Consumed" and Part Three "Inclusion, Making Room for Grace". This will be an exciting and challenging time of study, reflection, prayer, listening and dialog.

A group of six from Our Savior's will be attending the Kaleidoscope Winter Institute in February, a training with Eric Law on leadership in a multicultural community. This group will be a part of a new Multicultural Task Force to lead the congregation in this journey.

God's Work. Our Hands.

From my perspective, it was made abundantly clear by our financial response (a 5% increase in 2009 over 2008) that as a community of faith we seek to be faithful to Jesus' command to love. We are especially called to follow his directive to love those who live in poverty or are otherwise kept at the fringes of our society and deemed to be worthless.

Pastor Barbara reminded us in a sermon, near Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, of the disappointment he felt as he looked out at the world of his day. He saw a world where the wealthy were living in luxury at the expense and exploitation of the poor. Unfortunately it is a description that all too well fits our world today, as well. Too many of the rich increase their wealth while the poor become even poorer.

Because of this reality it is especially important that God's church stand as a beacon of light and hope. We now are able to continue our witness with renewed energy buoyed by Our Savior's members' prayers, volunteer service and financial support.



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Former presiding ELCA Bishop H. George Anderson wrote a book entitled, ***It's a Good Time to be the Church***. I would declare ***It's a Good Time to be Our Savior's Lutheran Church***, a church where God's diversity works, and works well!

Pastor Bob Scheuermann, Stewardship Ministry Team Chair

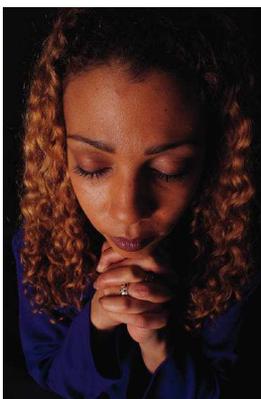


Pastor Betty cont from p. 4... Also in Mexico, Día de la Candelaria is a follow-up to the festivities of Three Kings Day on January 6th, when children receive gifts and families and friends break bread together, specifically the Rosca de Reyes, a special sweet bread with figurines hidden inside. The person or people who got the figurines on Three Kings Day are supposed to host a party on Candlemas Day. We serve tamales and chocolate and many traditional foods, like pozole, tamales, tostadas, etc.



During our celebration here at Our Savior's, many of our brothers and sisters from Ascension Lutheran church got the figurines, and they are inviting us to celebrate Candlemas Day with them!!! The celebration will be on February 6th at 5:00 pm. Ascension Lutheran Church is located on 1235 S. Layton Blvd. Milwaukee, WI 53215. It will be a bilingual celebration and they will be glad to host this event. So, please mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate with our brothers and sisters of Ascension the closing of the Christmas season "Latino Style."

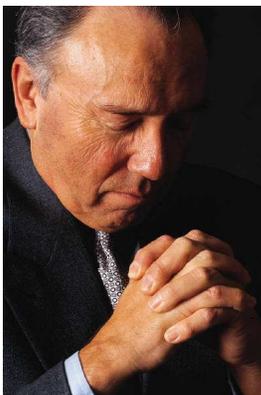
MINISTRY OF PRAISE RETIRES



We want to get the word out to everyone involved in the Ministry of Praise.

The original purpose of the Ministry of Praise, started by Intern Claire Warren 13 years ago, was to connect the homebound with the congregation in a meaningful way for them to contribute to the life of the congregation through prayer. It was also meant to provide a vehicle by which members who wished to be part of the ministry could daily lift up petitions of praise, thanksgiving and petition in prayer.

The homebound are now visited each month by congregation members who develop relationships with them and give them communion, so a meaningful connection is now being made in this way.



Many of the people who are pray-ers are active in prayer chains in the congregation. We hope that the prayer chains will continue and new ones will be started.

People needing prayer are listed in the Sunday Service Bulletin and in the Messenger, which is received by all members. People requesting prayer are also mentioned in the prayers each Sunday during both services. To request the prayers of the congregation, call the church office at 414-342-5252.

So at this time it has been decided to discontinue the monthly prayer lists and the monthly newsletter.

We thank Doris Sorvick for typing the prayers each month and distributing them for the past 13 years. A big "thank you" to all of you who prayed and also to those who delivered the lists to the homebound so faithfully each month.

Please continue your faithful prayers of praise, thanksgiving and petition.

Doreen and Mike Festge

The Church Office and Pastors add thanks for the ministry of Mike and Doreen and Doris and all of the pray-ers and prayer partners. Keep praying! And call us when you have prayer requests.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

JANUARY 2010

www.elca.org/disaster

On Tuesday, January 13, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti, primarily impacting the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Offices, hotels, houses and shops have collapsed. The presidential palace is in ruins and many churches have been destroyed. Hospitals are overflowing and the search for survivors is intense.

The streets of Haiti are filled with people in shock and searching for loved ones among the rubble.

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. About 3 million lives, one-third of Haiti's population, are affected by this earthquake.

Already one of the poorest countries in the world (70 percent of Haiti's population lives in extreme poverty); this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Disaster Response is already working through long-standing partnerships on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies.

Financial gifts are urgently needed. Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief, will be used entirely—100 percent—for immediate relief and ongoing recovery in Haiti. Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. Please give today.

Yes, I want to help!

ELCA Disaster Response: *Haiti Earthquake Relief* \$ _____ IDG0059

ELCA Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most* \$ _____ IDG0060

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Email Address _____

Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:
ELCA Disaster Response, PO Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764
To give by credit card, visit www.elca.org/disaster or call 800-638-3522



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Thank You!

This received from **Community Advocates Homeless Outreach:**



Repairers of the Breach sent a letter of thanks for the contribution sent from the offerings taken when the Repairers/MPS Choir visited in November:

The members, leaders, and volunteers of Repairers of the Breach thank you and your congregation for your generous gift of \$175.00...we thank you for your support of our mission....on average, 130 homeless men and women visit our Center each day searching for survival, guidance and support. Without your help our efforts to create self-driven and sustainable solutions to homelessness would not be possible.

Lutherdale Ministries sent a letter of thanks for the gift from Our Savior's that was matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans:

Thank you for your congregation's recent gift and the matching gift from the Metro Milwaukee Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans totaling \$800 to Lutherdale Ministry's annual fund. We do not charge campers what it actually costs to provide our programs because of gifts like your that help to keep the fees low. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

Next Door Foundation sent 2 letters of thanks for two year-end donations:

Mary Conlon wrote: Thank you for this special gift of \$800. Next Door has wonderful friends at Our Savior's! And We thank you for your generous gift of \$222 and for all the ways you support Next Door Foundations' work with neighborhood children and families.



February

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

	<p>1</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Hi Hopes</p> <p>7:00 Worship Planning Meeting for RIC event on March 21</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch</p> <p>6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee & Fellowship, Book Study</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting for Holy Week</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch</p> <p>6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Foundation</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee & Fellowship, Book Study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting</p>	<p>17 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Leah Circle 12:00 Prayer Lunch</p> <p>3:00 p.m. West End 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Supper 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee & Fellowship, Book Study</p>	<p>22</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Pastors Barbara and Betty and Penny attending Eric Law training all week</p> </div>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch</p> <p>6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Supper & Service at Central United Methodist</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee & Fellowship, Book Study</p>			

* Guests

You may contact the church

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<p>4</p>	<p>5 12 noon Kitchen Klub 6:30 p.m. Diakonia 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting 12-10 p.m. NA Speak-a-thon 3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study 5:00 Bilingual Candlemas at Ascension Lutheran Church</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. Quilting 12:00 noon Kitchen Klub 5:30 p.m. Outreach Team 6:00 p.m. Arts Team 6:30 p.m. Diakonia* 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting and Church Council 1 - 8:00 p.m. Wisc Injured Workers Dinner* 3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 12 noon Kitchen Klub 6:30 p.m. Diakonia* 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting 4:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Peace Vigil</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 12 noon Kitchen Klub 6:30 p.m. Diakonia* 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir</p>	<p>27 →</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting (no Youth Bible Study today)</p>

office or consult the website for up-to-date meeting and event information. Tel: 414-342-5252 www.oslcmilw.org



Hope and Opportunity

The Hope

Central City Churches Outreach Ministry served over 13,000 people in 2009 because of your generous support. Through your offerings to Our Savior's and to the CCC Outreach Ministry directly, we were able to receive everyone in need with hospitality, food and the love of Christ. On behalf of the staff, volunteers and people served, thank you.

As we enter the New Year we have hope because of generous support from individuals as well as foundation grants including a \$5000 Community Economic Bridge Grant from Thrivent for Lutherans which was awarded to the CCC last month. This support gives hope both to those who receive services from the Outreach Ministry as well as those who do the ministry. It also affirms you, the supporters, by recognizing the importance of continuing the ministry.

The Central City Churches Outreach Ministry finished a year of extraordinary demand with a very poor population with the satisfaction of being able to receive everyone who came each month. It also left our staff and volunteers wondering how long we can continue at this pace. What does a sustainable ministry "look like"? The Thrivent grant is called an Economic Bridge Grant because it is a one-time-only grant intended to help "bridge" the time of increased needs with our ability to respond to the increased need. It enables us to continue to serve the thousands who will come even as we work to make ourselves more nimble in the changing economic times and to develop ongoing sources of support.

The Opportunity

In addition to the \$5000 grant, Thrivent has challenged us to raise up to \$10,000 before March 31, 2010. They will match dollar for dollar contributions from individuals up to \$10,000. This is an opportunity to secure the ability of the Outreach Ministry to continue to serve the neighborhood of Central City Churches.



What can you do?

Pray for the Central City Churches Outreach Ministry and the people it serves.

Become involved at Our Savior's or in the community, seek to work against the poverty that is gripping Milwaukee.

Volunteer at the Outreach Ministry.

Donate food, bags, hospitality supplies.

Consider a personal donation to Central City Churches Outreach Ministry before March 31, 2010. Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the ministries of Central City Churches, contact Alicia Ellis, Director of CCC Outreach Ministry, 414-342-1522.

Thank you for your past support, we look forward to your continued prayers and support in the coming year.

- I Will Help -

I understand that my contribution to the Central City Churches Outreach Ministry that is received before March 31, 2010, will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Enclosed please find my contribution in the amount of \$_____.

Name_____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

____ I wish to be contacted about my desire to volunteer at the CCC Outreach Ministry.

Telephone_____

Send this form to:

CCC Outreach Ministry, 3022 W Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee WI 53208 before Mar 31

Ways We Can Act to Continue the Church's Vibrant Ministries

If the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church have been a blessing in your life and you want to make sure this congregation continues to play an important role in spreading the Gospel, there are proactive ways you can act and lend your support. Those ways include:

1. **Praying Unceasingly...**Whether we have great financial wealth or none at all, we can all pray for the health of God's church and its ministries. James 5:16 asserts that "*[the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.]*"
2. **Being God's Hands & Feet...**We can continue to volunteer our time and talents to live out the Great Commission, to make known to all that Jesus is Lord.
3. **Continuing to Contribute on a Regular Basis...**Of course, the ministries can only remain vibrant if we participate in supporting them financially as we are able.
4. **Giving from Extras...**Extra money is not easy to find in this economy. If the Lord has blessed you with a tax refund for 2009—money that wasn't available for an entire year, consider giving a portion of this money to support the church's 2010 budget. If you are so led, you can also consider giving a portion of your tax refund to the foundation to ensure there are resources for future ministry.
5. **Leaving a Legacy...**If you have the financial means and are led by the Lord to do so, please consider leaving a legacy by including the foundation in your estate plans. Whether it is a large amount like Ms. Holman, or a small amount, you will be helping to fuel future ministries for generations to come.
6. **Leveraging Discounts...**Do you ever receive discount cards from such places as OfficeMax, or Office Depot? Does your company? If you would like to help the church keep down its administrative costs for supplies, please consider donating such cards.
7. **Welcoming Today's Visitors, Tomorrow's Members...**Each of us can make sure that visitors feel welcome, understand the traditions of our worship services, have the appropriate hymnal and bulletin, etc. How we welcome today's visitor could make all the difference in whether that person becomes tomorrow's member.

We can all do our part in continuing the vital work of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Those founding members could not imagine what God would do with the seeds they planted over 150 years ago. Neither can we know how the steps we take now will affect the wonderful works of this congregation in the distant future. But, we know that God is faithful. With God's blessings and our willingness to act, nothing can stop us...not age, size, time, or any other human factor.

William Martin

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Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday is February 17. Plan to attend the Ash Wednesday Supper beginning at 5:00 p.m. and Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. Before we begin the sacrificial time of Lent, enjoy a delicious flauta dinner, sponsored by the youth. The menu will include chicken or potato and cheese flautas, beans and rice, pico de gallo, coffee or soda. The free will offering will go to the youth for their future activities.

Midweek Lenten Services will be held in conjunction with Central United Methodist, St. Paul's Lutheran and Redeemer Lutheran. Again this year we will enjoy the hospitality of Central United Methodist for these weekly gatherings, Wednesdays in Lent. The theme of this Lenten series will be taken from the World Council of Churches campaign to overcome violence; "From Cries of Desperation to Stories of Hope". (Below see an example from that series.)

**Wednesdays in Lent
February 24 - March 24
Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. followed by Worship at 6:45 p.m.
At Central United Methodist Church
25th and Wisconsin Avenue
(enter parking lot from 25th Street)**

From Cries of Desperation to Stories of Hope

A Lenten study on the global struggle to end violence

- How can an illiterate Dalit woman in India find the courage to say 'Now we are fearless'?
- How can a young Colombian woman raised in a shanty town find joy and health?
- How can a South African man find the courage to repent of his violence against his wife?

This study is a chance to

- Follow the stories, week by week, and learn how people are overcoming the violence they face.
- Use Lent as a time to remember Jesus' time in the wilderness, his passion and his death.
- Think about ways in which Christians can make the good news of the Resurrection a reality in people's lives.

Join the struggle to end violence and bring justice and peace to those who suffer. Please join us on this Lenten journey.



January 2010

Dear Our Savior's Members;

Praise and thanksgiving for your wonderful support of the Central City Churches Outreach Ministry.

Your contributions, when combined with others, allowed us to help 13,169 people in 2009. Your contributions in that effort are as follows:



\$3,000.00	from Our Savior's budget
900.00	Holiday Basket contributions
15,150.27	from Envelope Giving
<u>28,034.00</u>	Contributions of individuals directly to CCC Outreach Ministry
\$47,084.27	Total cash contributions
\$27,000.00	In-kind support (estimated value of use of Our Savior's facilities) The use of Our Savior's facilities is crucial to this ministry.

And 500 pounds of donated food and lots of paper and plastic bags!

As you are aware, the need has grown by 40% over a year ago. The Central City Churches Outreach Ministry seeks to provide neighbors with hospitality, direct service and referral to meet basic need of food, shelter and health care. Through respect, socialization, acceptance and meaningful volunteer opportunities, a community of neighbors has been formed.

We appreciate all you give and look forward to your continued support!

Gratefully, Alicia Ellis, Director
Bob Foley, Pantry Coordinator

THE CENTRAL CITY CHURCHES

In ministry together in the name of Christ!

St. Rose Parish, Our Savior's Lutheran, St. Paul's Lutheran, Central United Methodist, Redeemer Lutheran, Gesu Parish, Calvary Presbyterian, St. James Episcopal

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Valentine's Day and St. Patrick Day opportunities



Love, Liebe, L'amour!

Sunday, February 14; 3:00 p.m.
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music
1584 N. Prospect Avenue



The voice faculty of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music offers a Valentine's Day treat:

an afternoon concert of songs celebrating the various aspects of love, performed in many languages. **J. Mark Baker** will sing Beethoven's song cycle "An die ferne Geliebte" (To the Distant Beloved) as a part of this recital.

Tickets are \$5 and are available in advance or at the door. All are welcome at this popular annual tradition... and that's amore!



Save the date!

St. Patty's Party

Sunday, March 21 3:00 p.m.

Chili Dump, Games, Movie

Okay, well, the date isn't exactly ON St. Patrick's Day...but, it's close enough to lend its theme to our party! We had such fun last year and we missed YOU! So put this on your calendar and plan to come and bring your friends. Oh, and also start thinking about your chili recipe. Contact Mary Anderson or Joan Totten with your questions or suggestions. This event is being sponsored by the Arts Team.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY SUNDAYS

<i>Schedule</i>	Sunday February 7	Sunday February 14	Sunday February 21	Sunday February 28
Assisting Minister	8:30 a.m. Paula Holman 11:00 a.m. Penny Schwid	8:30 a.m. Paula Holman 11:00 a.m. Walt Chosseck	Penny Schwid	8:30 a.m. Hannah McLean 11:00 a.m. Rich Young
Reader	8:30 a.m. Cyndi Benner 11:00 a.m. Penny Schwid	8:30 a.m. Hannah McLean 11:00 a.m. Bob Foley	8:30 a.m. Jane Bosman-Clark 11:00 a.m. Will Martin	8:30 a.m. Dorothy Kittleson 11:00 a.m. Nancy Young
Communion Server	8:30 a.m. Bill Wood 11:00 a.m. Penny Schwid	8:30 a.m. Hannah McLean 11:00 a.m. Will Martin	8:30 a.m. Jane Bosman-Clark 11:00 a.m. Will Martin	8:30 a.m. Eric Seymour 11:00 a.m. Nancy Young
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Sacristy	8:30 a.m. Frank & Nancy Schultz 11:00 a.m. Penny Schwid	8:30 a.m. Jerry & LaVonne Williams 11:00 a.m. Penny Schwid	8:30 a.m. Jane Bosman-Clark 11:00 a.m. Bill Wood	8:30 a.m. Virginia Koch, Marie Loga 11:00 a.m. Rich & Nancy Young
Gift Bearer families 8:30	Pinger family	Williams family	James family	Wescott family
Sound Room 8:30	Jane Bosman- Clark	Paul Schneble	Mike Festge	Paul Schneble



February Birthdays

Goeckerman, Charlotte	02/02	Wieneri, Carolyn	02/21
Klumb, Paul	02/02	Flatten, Tiffany	02/22
Casey, Catherine	02/03	Holman, Paula	02/22
Baumann, Corey	02/07	Jorgensen, Herman Jr.	02/22
Heinemann, Gladys	02/09	Roe, Rachel	02/23
Heyer, Charlotte	02/09	Davis, Joseph	02/24
Trudel, Jashawn	02/09	Shaver, J Clayton	02/24
Strommen, Robert	02/10	Brown, Linda	02/25
Schmidt, Lindsey	02/11	Flatten, Linda	02/25
Westcott, Sophia	02/11	Tweet, Curtis	02/25
Dusold, Walt	02/12	Dahlke, Joan	02/26
Rasmussen, Barbara	02/12	Deer, Sheryl	02/26
Nowicki, Rebecca	02/13	Giese, Peter	02/26
Pinger, Judith	02/14	Greengrass, Rikki	02/26
Bliesner, Colleen	02/21	Blasier, Lenore	02/28
Schaefer, Linda	02/21	Nelson, Debra	02/28

*Happy
Birthday!*

*May God
bless you!*

A call for volunteers

Our Savior's will be hosting the synod-wide Congregational Leaders Event on Saturday, March 13. This is an all-day gathering of leaders from throughout the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Our Savior's will be planning the opening worship service and hosting the visitors.

You can help!

Volunteers are needed to greet visitors, usher, set up and serve food and clean up.

Contact Penny in the church office if you would like to be a part of this exciting day.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED
FOR...**

**Don Reger
Marion Geddert
Rolf Nervig
the Dusold family
Debra Patterson**



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