



A Place For All People

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NIS Congregational Resourcing Event

Becoming a Missional Church

March 20, 2010 - 8:30 am - 3:15 pm

Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Synod

Congregational Life Committee

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See page 6 for details.



Wednesdays in Lent

Bible Study—5:00 p.m.

Soup Supper—5:30 p.m.

Lenten Worship—6:30 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ ELCA

*St. John's, a place for all people, where we experience
and share God's love with the world*

Upcoming Adult Forum Speakers

Feb 28..... Transitions / Gary Weinstein

Knit or Crochet?

Become a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Join us in the sanctuary on Saturday, February 27th from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

WOW Schedule

Tuesday, March 2 – NO WOW!

Tuesday, March 9 – WOW! – yesssssss!

Tuesday, March 16 – NO WOW!

Tuesday, March 23 – NO WOW!

Tuesday, March 30 – WOW! – yesssssss!

WOW Dinner Schedule

March 9 ~ TBA

March 30 ~ Shirley Johnson's team

Once upon a time

- ⇒ St. John's members signed Christmas cards that were sent to inmates by Companions, Inc. (we still do.)
- ⇒ St. John's members sent stationery, cards, pens and stamps so that Companions Inc. could help inmates remember their own mothers on Mother's Day (we still do.)
- ⇒ St. John's members bought Christmas gifts for inmates' children in the name of

the parents. (we still do.)(Different organization - Prison Fellowship - same care and concern.)

Now on March 21st St. John's members can put faces to two inmates who try to mother their children from behind prison walls. They are featured in the film "Once Upon a Time." It shows them reading storybooks to their children through tape recorders. The Aunt Mary's storybook project of Companions, Inc. provides the books, tapes and recorders. Their children who receive the tapes and the books can listen to their mother read them a story, over and over again. WELCA has invited Jana Minor and Karen Hutt of Companions, Inc. to speak at adult forum and then show "Once Upon a Time" at 1p.m. in the parish hall. Immediately following the second service WELCA will serve a soup and salad lunch. (free will offering to cover food costs) Please plan to stay for the film and discussion. It will be worth your while. A special word to you faithful early service worshipers. Please stay for forum on this day. While we usually cannot physically follow Jesus' word about "I was in prison and you visited me" we can take an hour to listen to those who do visit prisoners and find out what we can do to support them. One specific way to support the Aunt

Readings for February 28, 2010

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Readings for March 7, 2010

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Mary's Storybook project is to purchase new books for children. Guidelines for the type of books they request will be available in the narthex and the entrance to the parish hall. If you wish to do this, please bring them on or before the 21st.

Companions, Inc. Mother's Day Project

Though Mother's Day is months away the volunteers at Companions, Inc. need lots of time to assemble kits of writing materials to give to inmates so that they can remember their mothers.

Please donate items UNASSEMBLED by March 13th:

- ⇒ pens, single cell with a cap (no click pens or any that have metal on them)
- ⇒ stationery (don't need complete sets)
- ⇒ cards (blank or "thank you" or "thinking of you")
- ⇒ gallon size Ziploc bags
- ⇒ "Forever" postage stamps
- ⇒ Please avoid cards and stationery with images of Caucasian families on them. Many women whom we serve are of a diverse cultural background.
- ⇒ that are yellowed or have yellowed envelopes
- ⇒ that are patriotic. We are grateful to be living in this country. However people in prison often feel abused by the system and thus not very patriotic
- ⇒ that require extra postage

**Use no stickers, glue tape or paste on the

cards or envelopes.

Homemade or stamped cards are much appreciated. Please follow the above rules

X-Treme Quilting March 15-19

LWR is in dire need of quilts! We will help to fill that need during our week of X-Treme Quilting. We have all the fabric we need for piecing tops but we need sheets for lining and backing. Sheets should be plain colored and flat, any size. Dark colors are needed for backing. Fitted sheets will not work unless they are queen-sized or larger. More details to follow.

St John's Task Forces Need YOU

During the long-term planning process we engaged in last fall, several goals were identified. Short-term task forces are being created to kick-start those ideas—if you are interested in / able to serve on any of these committees, please contact the church office:

- Create a lay ministries coordinator position;
- Create an outreach ministries coordinator position;
- Re-establish a youth ministries coordinator position;
- Assess building use and renovation/expansion

We extend condolences to Frank Telleen and Nancy Califf on the death of their wife and mother Carla Telleen.

St. John's Lutheran Church - A Place for All People

March 2010

March 2010							April 2010						
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14	8	9	10	11	12	13	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	15	16	17	18	19	20	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	22	23	24	25	26	27	25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:30pm 7:30pm Social Ministry Committee	8:00am 11:00am Transitions Staff (parish hall) 10:00am 11:00am Staff Meeting	5:00pm 5:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm 6:30pm Soup Supper (parish hall) 6:30pm 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm 8:00pm Choir	4:00pm 5:00pm Friendship Manor Communion Service 6:00pm 7:30pm Brownies (2nd Floor) 6:45pm 8:15pm Hersong (parish hall) 6:45pm 8:15pm WELCA First Thursday (Dennis res)		8:00am 11:00am Morning Tai Chi Class
7	8:30am 9:30am Holy Communion 9:30am 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am 11:45am Holy Communion	9:30am 11:00am West Conference Pastors (Trinity Lutheran, Mol) 3:00pm 6:00pm WOW! 6:00pm 7:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting 6:00pm 7:00pm Cub Scout Webelos Meeting	4:30pm 6:00pm Community Youth Program 5:00pm 5:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm 6:30pm Soup Supper (parish hall) 6:30pm 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm 8:00pm Choir	6:45pm 8:15pm Hersong (parish hall)		8:00am 11:00am Morning Tai Chi Class
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14	Daylight Saving Time begins 8:30am 9:30am Holy Communion 9:30am 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am 11:45am Holy Communion 4:00pm 6:00pm Listening for God	9:00am 9:00am Quilt-a-Palooza (parish hall) 6:00pm 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	9:00am 9:00am Quilt-a-Palooza (parish hall) 5:00pm 5:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm 6:30pm Soup Supper (parish hall) 6:30pm 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm 8:00pm Choir	9:00am 9:00am Quilt-a-Palooza (parish hall) 4:00pm 5:00pm Friendship Manor Service 6:00pm 8:00pm LSSI Adoption Support Group (parish hall) 6:00pm 7:30pm Brownies (2nd Floor) 6:45pm 8:15pm Hersong (parish hall)	9:00am 9:00am Quilt-a-Palooza (parish hall)	8:00am 4:00pm NIS CRE (Malta, IL) 8:00am 11:00am Morning Tai Chi Class 6:00pm 8:00pm Food for Thought
21	8:30am 9:30am Holy Communion 9:30am 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am 11:45am Holy Communion 12:00pm 2:00pm WELCA Event	4:00pm 6:00pm WOW Tutor Training 6:00pm 7:00pm Cub Scout Parent Committee	5:00pm 5:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm 6:30pm Soup Supper (parish hall) 6:30pm 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm 8:00pm Choir	6:45pm 8:15pm Hersong (parish hall)	9:30am 11:30am Church Women United Board (parish hall)	8:00am 11:00am Morning Tai Chi Class
	10:00am 11:00am Friendship Manor Coffee 5:30pm 6:30pm Executive Committee 6:30pm 8:00pm Council					
28	PALM SUNDAY 8:30am 9:30am Holy Communion 9:30am 10:30am Special Congregational Meeting 9:30am 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am 11:45am Holy Communion	3:00pm 6:00pm WOW!	4:30pm 6:00pm Community Youth Program 7:00pm 8:00pm Choir			

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The Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) will offer many varied educational workshop selections for you, your key congregational leaders, and other interested

congregation members. Many groups, agencies, and institutions will have displays. Supervised child care in Kishwaukee College's on-campus Early Childhood Center is provided with pre-registration. A free-will offering will be accepted to cover child-care costs.

WOW Tutor Training

WOW tutor training - Tuesday, March 23 at 4pm. Whether you have been volunteering as a WOW tutor for years or are interested in becoming a WOW tutor, please plan to attend this training session.

See you then!

Befriender Classes

Trinity Medical Center Pastoral Care Department is offering a new series of Befriender classes beginning on Tuesday, March 2, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and continuing weekly through May 4. Classes prepare participants for parish or hospital visi-

GOOD NEWS! 2010 PLEDGES!

As of February 15 we have received a total of \$210,642.00 in pledges toward our 2010 budget! Thirty four givers increased their pledges over 2009 for a total increase of \$9039.00. Ten givers who did not pledge in 2009, pledged in 2010, for a total of \$19,615.00. Some pledges have not yet been received and we ask that they be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office as soon as possible.

We thank all members of St. John's for your continuing and generous support of the ministry of our congregation with your gifts of money and volunteer service, and for maintaining our strong support of the ministries of the Northern Illinois Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

~the Stewardship Committee.

tation and are taught by Trinity chaplains. For more information or to arrange an interview, call Director of Pastoral Care Lynn Batcher at 779-291 or 779-2989.

NAACP Community Day

The Rock Island County NAACP Religious Affairs Committee is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Community Day event, to bring all Quad City area community and church members together to bring about awareness and change to the community. This year's theme is "Facing our Fears." This event will take place on Sunday, February 28, at 3:30 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2601—15th Street, Moline. Guest speaker is Dr. Ron Steward, pastor of Broadway Presbyterian Church in Rock Island. Please contact Ametra Carrol at 309-373-1202 or carrolaj@ihs.org .

World Day of Prayer

Church Women United will observe the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5th,

at Rock Island's Church of Peace. The day's theme is "Let Everything that has Breath Praise God." Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00. Please contact Nancy Califf at 309-736-7315 or jnscaliff@qconline.com if you would like to attend.

Churches United Delegate Assembly

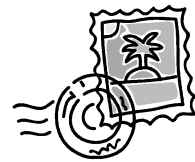
Churches United will have its annual Delegate Assembly on Thursday, March 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, East Moline. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) clergyman and a long-time educator and ecumenical leader. He is the ninth General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and he was General Secretary of the Consultation on Church Uniting in Christ from 1999 to 2002. If you are interested in attending as a delegate for St. John's, please contact the church office.

Thanks for the Cancelled Stamps

A big *Thank You* to the members and friends of St John's, my friends and past co-workers who have saved and gotten their cancelled stamps to me or to St. John's this past year. The small envelopes, containers and baggies full of stamps really do add up. I have boxed up and delivered approximately 14,899 cancelled stamps to the Quad City Stamp Club for their auction to be held in April for the benefit of the American Cancer Society. The Stamp Club has raised over \$217, 400 for the Cancer Society over the past 32 years and are hoping for another successful year. This way the stamps get into the hands of stamp collectors and do not go into a landfill.

Great job!

~Florence Taets



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Join Us For Worship

Bring a friend or neighbor. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. ~ Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 3

6:30 p.m. ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 7

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