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The Good News Letter

Jesus is Lord!

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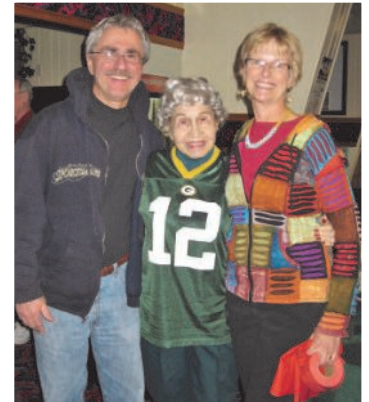
Newsletter Editor: Roberta Karstetter • Newsletter entry deadline is the 3rd Sunday of ea. month

From Our Rector, Father Bill Myrick:

Kids are running everywhere. The sound of the bowling ball hitting the pins at the end of the alleys fills the room. Laughter, hollering, verbal jousting with friendly opponents. The bar is filled with friends sipping cool



from all over Walworth County. And there was that insatiable desire to possess the Wii. For two years it's been our number one auction item. This was the 2nd year at Delavan Lanes bowling



alley and success cannot be measured in dollars alone. Raising consciousness of the plight of the homeless, a good time, good food, building friendships, and seeing the smiles on faces of people who discovered their name was drawn for the Valentine's day basket or the movie night out makes the evening a worthy event by itself.

First estimates suggest that we have netted somewhere around \$2,800 for the evening. The Shelter Board wishes to express its gratitude to all of the participants and contributors who



made this event successful.

And a special thanks to Edith who came north from "enemy" territory to share the evening with the pride of the green and gold.



libations in anticipation of the auction, some stuffing overfilled sloppy joes into smiling faces. Halfway down the hall is a table with a spread of homemade sweets that would have made any French

pastry chef drool. And then there was Edith. Short, curly gray hair. Confident. Known best for her television saturation ads with Aaron Rodgers.

That was the scene January 28th at Delavan Lanes.

But the fundraising event in the support of the homeless began months earlier. Securing the site, organizing a bake sale, printing and selling advanced tickets, planning and preparing the food, and then all of those auction items to be gathered and valued and wrapped. Time and thought for two weeks prior was consumed with making it a success. Cars were filled with auction items donated by generous merchants and caring people



Sunday School Epiphany Stars Shine Bright!



Savannah, Alannah, Ambur, Jorden, Emmy, Vanessa, Mariah & Thomas were bright and shining stars, letting their light shine!

On Sun., Jan.8th the Sunday School Stars brought forth the Magi, camels & mitten gifts from parishioners, as well as sang and signed several songs during the 10 a.m. service. **Well done kids!!**



Waiting for the processional with camels, Magi and mittens. Below: Setting the figurines & mittens at the crèche.



The 2012 Vestry: Chellie, Ron, Sandralee, Fr. Bill, Henry. Back: Senior Warden Pat, Jean, Junior Warden Ann, Mark, Treasurer Roberta. (not pictured Clerk Carol)

Check out more photos on the inside pages and information about our Annual Parish Meeting held on Jan. 29th too!
Upcoming Events - For ALL Ages are featured inside check them out!

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

503 E. Walworth Ave. - P.O. Box 528 - Delavan, Wisconsin 53115
Voice: 262-728-5292 FAX: 262-728-5213
Service Times: Sunday 9 AM Chapel, 10 AM Church / Wednesday 9:00 AM Chapel
Signed Service for the Dead on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:00 AM and by request

ALL ARE WELCOME! ALL THE TIME!

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - NEW RENOVATED, INSIDE & OUT!

CHECK OUT SOME UPCOMING EVENTS! MORE AT CALENDAR OR UNDER DOWNLOADABLE FILES. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Chil Cook-Off & Dessert Contest
Saturday, Feb. 11th
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Christ's Parish Hall
\$2.00 per person
Prizes, Food, Fun!
Click on Downloadable Files to see a flyer with more info, or see Calendar Item 516a too!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tues., Feb. 21st
Serving Bites 5 - 7 p.m.
Prayer! Offering! All are welcome!

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses the Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.

A WALWORTH COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER SITE. MORE INFO & SCHEDULE UNDER MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Episcopal Church

Hearts & Hands Building & Growing Together

CHRIST CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT
Our Mission is to be an open, loving, caring, sharing family, embracing all peoples of all ages; in which the Gospel is truly preached and taught; in which the sacraments of Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church are properly administered; and in which Jesus Christ is Lord.

Have YOU checked out our new & improved website yet? Upper left-hand links to click & see more!
www.christepiscopalchurchofdelavanwi.org



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Vicky Brown
 6 Duane Matranga
 6 Michael S. Palcic
 7 Ambur Franklin
 7 John R. Karstetter
 14 Michael Jacobson
 15 Judy Bearder
 17 Milton Lee
 17 Laura Lee Pelnar
 17 Erin Sipe
 22 Shirley Gifford Abell
 22 Dorothy Benson
 24 Maureen Anne Poplar
 25 Wendy Thiel
 26 Steve Brown
 26 David Thiel
 28 Larry Stickney
 28 Todd Wiese
 29 Nancy Ackermann



ANNIVERSARIES

2/28 Vito & Liz Episcopo

Needed - Your Palms from Last Year

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the penitential season of Lent. **On Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22nd this year)** Christians have a smudge of ashes placed on their foreheads as a sign of penitence. The ashes are obtained from palm branches that were distributed the previous Palm Sunday, they are burned and blessed.



Why we receive the ashes ...

Why do we put them in the sign of the cross on our foreheads? It is a reminder of how we are sealed for Christ. In most churches when a baby is baptized the priest uses oil to mark the child with the sign of the cross. This anointing, and the cross of ashes, are both reminders of the mark of the Lamb as it is described in the Revelation of John. The Book of Revelation tells of an angel marking the faithful before the tribulation. These faithful would then be protected.

The mark of the cross is a mark of ownership. These ashes remind us that we are Christ's - that he died so that we might live. It is significant that we use palm branches to make these ashes as they are a symbol of victory. By making the ashes from the palms of Palm Sunday we are reminded of how all our victories are but ashes before the glory of God.

Please bring in your last years palms by Sunday, February 19th. Thank you.



**Christ Episcopal Church
 Invites YOU to Warm Up
 From the Cold with our...
 Chili Cook-Off
 & Dessert Contest**

Saturday, Feb. 11th * 5:30 p.m. - ??

\$2.50 per person (children 7 yrs & under are free)

Held in the Christ Church Parish Hall

503 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan, WI

This is an event for MEN or WOMEN to bring in a kettle or crock pot of chili of their favorite recipe.

A Dessert Contest will also be featured, bring in your favorite desserts - bars,

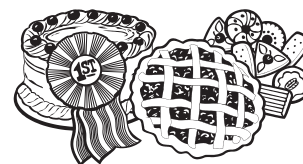
cookies, pies, cakes, etc.

Taste-testing of the chili and desserts, entered in our contest,

and also crackers, breads & beverages will be available.

The voting is done by YOU, the guests, so arrival shortly after 5:30 p.m. is encouraged.

Prizes for 1st & 2nd places in both categories.



Fun, Food & More! Friends are welcome!

Sign up Sheets are out to sign up for entering the CHILI COOK-OFF, DESSERT CONTEST and for set-up, serving & clean-up. Tickets available to take to sell, or to purchase in the Church Office.



Beloved, let us love one another. For love is of God and everyone that loves is born of God & knows God.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Shrove Tuesday
 Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, Feb. 21st * 5 – 7 p.m.



Mark Britt and his crew of Christ Church men will be serving pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverages. Contact Mark at 262-203-0234 for ways you can help!

All are welcome !! Bring a friend!

Freewill offering goes to the Bob Britt Youth Ministry Fund for future youth events and outings.



**Walworth Co.
Emergency
Homeless Shelter
2012 Schedule**

**For Shelter: (262) 903-WARM (9276)
For Volunteer & Shelter Info: (262) 215-3451,
ask for Deb Weber.**

- Sun. p.m., Jan. 29th - Sun. a.m., Feb. 5th: Creek Road Community Church, W7778 Creek Road, Delavan.
- Sun. p.m., Feb. 5th - Sun. a.m., Feb. 12th: The River of Life Christian Church, 405 E. Walworth Avenue, Delavan.
- Sun., a.m., Feb. 12th - Sun., a.m., Feb. 19th: **Christ Episcopal Church**, 503 E. Walworth Avenue, Delavan.
- Sun. p.m., Feb. 19th - Sun. a.m., Feb. 26th: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 107 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn.
- Sun. p.m., Feb. 26th - Sun. a.m., March 4th: Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, N5690 Cobblestone Road, Elkhorn.
- Sun., p.m., March 4th - Sun. a.m., March 11th: St. Benedict's Catholic, 137 Dewey Avenue, Fontana.
- Sun. p.m., March 11th - Sun. a.m., March 18th: Inspiration Ministries, N2270 State Road 67, Walworth.
- Sun. p.m., March 18th - Sun. a.m. March 25th: St. John's Lutheran Church, 104 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn.
- Sun., p.m., March 25th - Sun. a.m., Apr. 1st: Chapel on the Hill, N2440 Ara Glen Drive, Lake Geneva.
- Sun. p.m., April 1st - Sun., a.m., April 8th: Delavan United Methodist Church, 213 S. 2nd Street, Delavan.
- Sun., p.m., April 8th - Sun. a.m., April 15th: First Baptist Church, 212 S. Main Street, Delavan.
- Sun., p.m., April 15th - Sun., a.m., April 22nd: Creek Road Community Church, W7778 Creek Road, Delavan.
- Sun., p.m., April 22nd - Sun. a.m., April 29th: The River of Life Church, 405 E. Walworth Avenue, Delavan.
- Sun. p.m., April 29th - Sun. a.m., May 6th: **Christ Episcopal Church**, 503 E. Walworth Avenue, Delavan.
- Sun., p.m., May 6th - Sun. a. m., May 13th: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 107 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn.
- Sun., p.m., May 13th - Sun. a.m., May 20th: Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, N5690 Cobblestone Road, Elkhorn.
- Sun., p.m., May 20th - Sun. a.m., May 27th: Chapel on the Hill, N2440 Ara Glen Drive, Lake Geneva.

**Our Christ Church Coordinator is Ben Hawley
who can be reached at 262-208-6371**



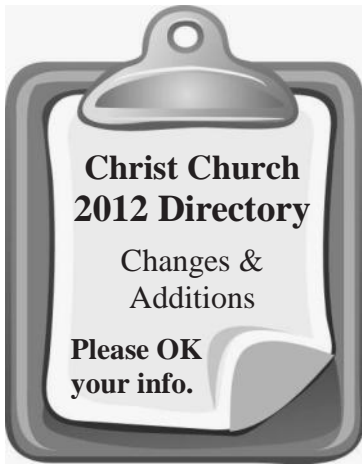
More photos from the Walworth County Emergency Homeless Shelter Fund Raiser held on Sat., Jan. 29th.



Fun,
Fun,
Fun!

For a
Great
Cause!



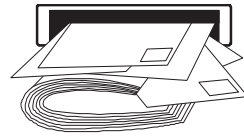


Check out the draft of the upcoming 2012 Christ Church Parish Directory at the Church.

Please put an "ok" with your initials next to your name. Make any changes and initial it too. Please include an email address if you have one, and your birthday month and day if it is not there. **Thanks.**

WE'VE GOT MAIL

Cards, Letters, Thanks, Emails



Dear Christ Church, The Sisters & Brothers of The Order of Julian of Norwich gladly thank you for your generous contribution of \$200 to the life and work of the Order.

Dear Ron Nelson and Christ Church, Thanks to you and your congregation for their generous participation in the Delavan Human Concerns Gifts for the Needy Program. This year (2011) the (8) participating churches helped 170 food pantry children, 103 seniors in nursing homes and 8 children at the WI School for the Deaf... We look forward to the opportunity to help those in need and work with you again next Christmas 2012.

Sincerely, Jim & Karen Krill for Human Concerns.

Dear Members of Christ Church of Delavan, We want to acknowledge and thank you for your generous gift (\$250) to the Lutheran/Episcopal Campus Ministry, in Whitewater. Your gift will help us sustain our work in Whitewater where we have had an active presence since 1992. Sincerely, Jerome Laurent, Treasurer.

Dear Friends of DeKoven, We thank you for the gift of \$171... and for your support of DeKoven and your faithful presence in our lives. Gifts such as this will sustain our work in this historic and holy place.

Sincerely, Max Dershem, Exec. Dir., DeKoven Center.

Dear Friends, Thank you for your contribution to RBC Ministries (\$150). We appreciate your willingness to help spread the life-changing wisdom of the Bible. May we together step into 2012 with a renewed desire to see a growing number of people all over the world discover what can never be lost: new life in Christ followed by never-ending growth in His likeness. Thank you for your partnership, Sincerely, Martin DeHaan, RBC Ministries

Dear Christ Church Family, Thank you for the generous Lake Lawn gift certificate. We will enjoy our dinner in 2012! Thank you for the opportunity to serve "our family" at Christ Church. We look forward to the good plans God has in store for us, the Christ Church Family in 2012. May we all enjoy a full measure of Jesus Joy this year. ~ Susanne and Ron Nelson ~

Dear All... Thank you for the gift card to my FAVORITE place - Goodwill. I always seem to find something there to give back to the church or use in my art assemblages. I appreciate you ALL! With Love in Christ, Roberta

Altar Flowers for 2012

The Altar Flower Chart for 2012 is ready to be filled with donor volunteers who would like to give altar flowers in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one on Sundays.

Contact Marilyn Oliak at 275-1192 to schedule a Sunday.

Those who have had standing Sundays in the past will need to call & confirm those dates as well. Thank you



There are plenty of spaces available on our Coffee Time Hosting Sheet to provide

coffee and snacks after our 10:00 a.m. Service in the Christ the King room, Parish Hall or new narthex area. This is an important welcoming and fellowship ministry, please prayerfully consider being a part of it.

Join together with another to host a Sunday or two!

Thank you for the gift of hospitality you give.



Please check out our advertisers ads on page 11, and support their businesses. Let them know you saw their ad in our Good Newsletter and thank them for their support!



We invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination & repentance; by prayer, fasting & self-denial; and by reading & meditating on God's holy Word.
~ Book of Common Prayer Pg. 265 ~

NO ALLELUIAS - IT'S LENT!

Our worship changes a bit during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of penitence, reflection, & prayer. Worship during this time is solemn & restrained, more somber colors are used. Flowers are generally removed from the sanctuary. We hold more ecumenical services with other Christian denominations, especially on Wednesdays. (See our Lenten flyers)

Songs of praise like the Gloria in Excelsis ("Glory in the highest") & expressions of joy like Alleluia ("Praise the Lord") are removed from the liturgy until Easter.

Restraining our Alleluias, in some ways is a pity for, as Augustine exclaims: "Alleluia is our Song." But maybe there is a psychological advantage in muzzling our Alleluias during Lent, for we are more inclined to burst forth in song & praise with greater pitch & fervour at Easter.



February 22nd * Ash Wednesday Services

9:00 a.m. **Christ Episcopal Church**
Holy Communion & Ashes, Chapel
12:05 Noon **United Methodist Church**
(Ecumenical) 213 S. 2nd St., Delavan
7:00 p.m. **Christ Episcopal Church**
Holy Communion & Ashes, Church



Stations of the Cross
at Christ Episcopal Church
Each Friday in Lent 2/24 - 4/6
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

A devotion consisting of short prayers and meditations before each of the 14 crosses & images, set up in the church, which commemorate the events of the Passion of Jesus. This service, at Christ Church, is a small intimate meditation service, but one that is a great Lenten discipline.

Make this a part of your Lenten devotions!
Held in the Church - All are welcome!

Lenten Noon Devotions & Soup

Wednesdays 12:05 - 1:00 p.m.

Delavan United Methodist Church
213 S. 2nd Street, Delavan & hosted by various churches. All are welcome!

25 minute devotional followed by a soup luncheon.
Freewill offering Delavan Food Pantry

Feb. 22nd host Delavan United Methodist

Feb. 29th host to be announced.

March 7th host to be announced.

March 14th host **Christ Episcopal Church**

March 21st host to be announced.

March 28th host to be announced.

Sign up sheets to provide soup, breads, crackers, milk and desserts, as well as set-up, serving & clean-up help or our Wed., on March 14th are on a clipboard by the bulletin board near the Library.

Thank you for your donations of time & food!

Wednesday Nights in Lent

Christ Church encourages our faith family, young and old, to share the love of Christ with others through service, evangelism, and ministry.

Wednesday, Feb. 29th * 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Stone Soup Ministry Outreach
in the Parish Hall at Christ Church

We'll be gathering for prayer, soup preparation, with fun discussions & special cards as we prepare soup for packaging into containers to freeze and give away to others, who may be hungry, this Lenten Season.



There will be activities for all ages to participate in for this SOUPER outreach project. ALL are welcome!

Wed., March 7th * 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Awareness & Overcoming Adversity

6:00 - 6:30 Soup Supper * 6:30 - 8:00 Guest Speaker Theresa Gilliland, author of "In a Moment" shares her positive attitude and how it helped her survive three life changing events: going blind, her husband's brain injury, and son's brain cancer. Theresa offers her insights & awareness of disabilities by focusing on the process of adjustment, positive attitude and acceptance. **NO charge, register by Sunday, March 4th! There will be an interpreter for this event.**

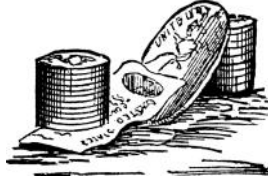


More Wednesday Nights in Lent

Christ Church encourages our faith family, young and old, to share the love of Christ with others through service, evangelism, and ministry.

Wed., March 14th * 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Change for a Dollar & A Challenge

This award-winning short film follows the journey of a homeless man looking for change, but not the kind of change you might think. The film celebrates the notion that even the most powerless among us have the capacity to be agents of goodness and change in the world.



We'll gather in the Christ the King room at to watch this short, 10 minute, video "Change for a Dollar", participate in discussions, and present a challenge to all. Closing with an evening prayer service. **All are welcome!**

Wed., March 21st * 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. An Outreach Service Project for ALL Ages!

Held in the Christ the King Room.

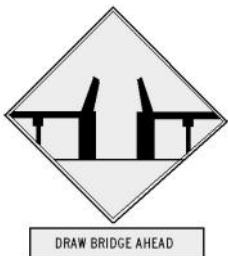
How can we share the love of Christ with others, in ways that bring in all ages to do the sharing?

This Wednesday Night Lent Event is one way.

Outreach to Willowfield Nursing & Rehabilitation Residents & Our Homebound Christ Church Members

We'll be making & stuffing Easter gift bags. (Note: Each Wed., there is a worship service at Willowfield, and members of Christ Church worship with residents, often Fr. Bill is the celebrant for the service, the giftbags will be given then.) Closing with an evening prayer service.

Wed., March 28th * 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. MOST (Czech for "The Bridge")



We'll gather, in the Christ the King room, to watch this 30 minute visually enthralling, 21st century parable about a loving father, his young son, and the fateful day they attempt to head off an impending rail disaster.

Heart wrenching, this video portrays the greatest offering of love, sacrifice, hope and forgiveness known to man. A retrospective way to lead into your Holy Week journey. Discussions and evening prayer service follow.

All are welcome!

Fasting during Lent

Lenten Disciplines take many forms, one that some may practice is fasting. Fasting isn't just giving up certain foods, it could be a fast of spending less time watching TV or surfing on the internet, and more time on a service or outreach project or in reading scripture or praying. It could be a fast from being a work-a-holic, and having more family time, etc.

In the fifth century, St. Peter Chrysologus wrote:

"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others.

If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself."

We take the initiative during Lent to curb our desires and exercise an opportunity to put aside what we may want so that we can be reminded of God. Every time we desire that from which we are fasting, we are reminded of why we chose to give it up: to think about God. And, when we give something up, we have more to give away, to help a brother or sister in need because we are not using something for ourselves. Our Lenten fast is intimately connected to our Lenten sharing.



A time to consider the giving up of what we are, for what we may become.

Women's Bible Sharing

Friday Mornings

(Each Fri. thru March 2nd)

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Held at Christ Church in the upstairs classroom.

Enter through the back glass 5th St. ramp door.

Bibles provided or bring your own.

Come & share, come & experience the joy of the Lord, which is our strength with other women on the journey with Christ! All women are welcome!

Contact Susanne Nelson at 728-9353 or Christ Church at 728-5292 for more info.



Annual Parish Meeting Highlights

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, January 29th after the 10:00 Service with appetizers, elections, reports from ministries & financial reports along with thanksgivings for the past year 2011.

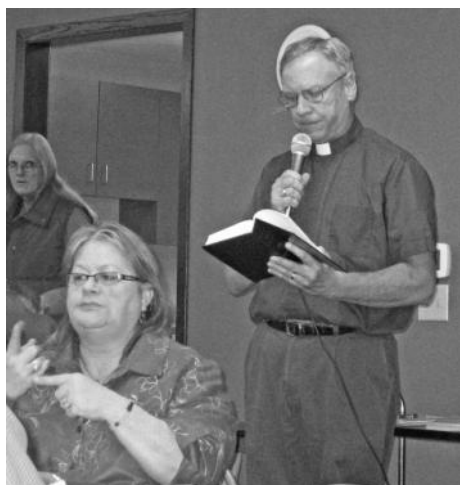
Newly elected Vestry members are Henry Freitag, Ron Nelson and Chellie Pelnar, they replace outgoing Vestry members, Barb Lonze, Ken Oliak and Bob Swenson. Thanks were given to those outgoing members for their service on Vestry. Elected as Senior Warden was Patricia Leverick, and elected to continue as Junior Warden was Ann Tarrolly.

Elected as deputies to Diocesan Convention are Pat Leverick, Roberta Karstetter, Terry Cummings & Ann Tarrolly. Alternate deputies elected were: Chellie Pelnar, Bill Seymour, Barb Lonze and Jo Schulten.

Convocation representatives elected are Fr. Bill Myrick, Roberta Karstetter, and Ann Tarrolly, and alternate Bob Swenson.

Annual Meeting Packets (limited supplies) are available to those who could not attend, in the Church office. They include reports from various ministries, financial reports and more.

A Thank-You From Father Bill: Plenty of acknowledgements had been given to the years activities during the annual meeting on January 29th and there were many successes, but none greater than the return to our refurbished building. This parish owes a great deal of gratitude to the Building Committee and all those who were involved in the myriad of tasks to pull off this major event. Yet our greatest thanks belong to Ken Oliak, who chaired that Building Committee and for years helped the vestry and parish members ponder what a remodel would look like. I personally, and the parish at large, wish to express our gratitude to Ken for all of his contributions and efforts which resulted in our ability to present this wonderful building to be enjoyed by the community for decades to come.



Deacon Bill Pelnar offers a prayer and scripture reading, while Patty Gustafson signs to start our meeting.



Building Chairperson Ken Oliak gives his report on our major renovations and some things to consider and look at for the future. A standing ovation was given to Ken for all his work on the Building Committee.

Fr. Bill offers his comments and thanks, while outgoing Senior Warden, Barb Lonze chairs the meeting.



Know Your Vestry Members Our Current Vestry Members are:

- Mark Britt - term to expire January 2013
- Steve Brown - term to expire January 2013
- Patricia Leverick - term to expire January 2013
- Jean McKinney - term to expire January 2014
- Ann Tarrolly - term to expire January 2014
- Sandralee Thiele - term to expire January 2014
- Henry Freitag - term to expire January 2015
- Ron Nelson - term to expire January 2015
- Chellie Pelnar - term to expire January 2015

The Vestry elects a Clerk and Treasurer following the Annual Parish Meeting each year. Re-elected for 2012: Clerk - Carol Smith & Treasurer - Roberta Karstetter.

The Vestry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7 – 9 p.m. in the Christ the King Room & are open to all.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

9:40 - 11:00 a.m. (following the Chapel Service)



Held in the Christ the King room.

Bibles provided or bring your own. Father Bill leads the group in studying various

books of the Bible. Held each Wednesday, year round, breaks on occasion for holidays. **All are Welcome!**

Looking Ahead....

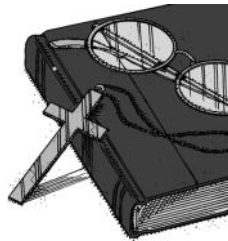
Monday Night Book Club

Will be Resuming After

Easter on April 9th

(in the upstairs classroom)

Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Our Book will be "**Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived.**" by Rob Bell.

Books are available to purchase NOW from the Christ Church office (approx. cost \$16). If the cost is a hardship, please see us for a few books that have been donated.

Book Club Facilitator, Chip Mornard will lead the group in lively and thought provoking discussions as we read chapter by chapter each week. This session of our Book Club will last approx. 6 - 8 weeks. **All are welcome!**

Considerations Visitors May Take When Choosing a Church...

(gleamed from an article in The Anglican Digest, this is a portion of that article...the full article can be obtained from the Church office.)

"...Absolutely everything I mentioned is secondary to one overriding consideration when choosing a new parish Church. Is that parish a Holy place of God? Is it a place where one can pray, talk to God, be heard, and hear from God? That is no idle question. I have walked into a church where I felt I had entered the spiritual equivalent of a minefield and the next step I took could be the end of my relationship to God.

A priest once described that feeling as recognizing that God hasn't been in that parish in a long time. It was a signal to get out of there and visit another Church.

An Episcopal Church in any part of the country and any diocese is made of people and is not just a structural building. How people in a parish relate to each other and to strangers is a determining factor in how they relate to God. A good relationship will convince visitors that a parish is a place to join and become a part of."

~ Ron Johanningsmeier, Church of Reconciliation, San Antonio, Texas ~

Food for Thought ... "How do "I", how do "WE" relate to God?" and "What kind of a welcoming presence are we, as a parish, and as individuals to visitors and to each other?"

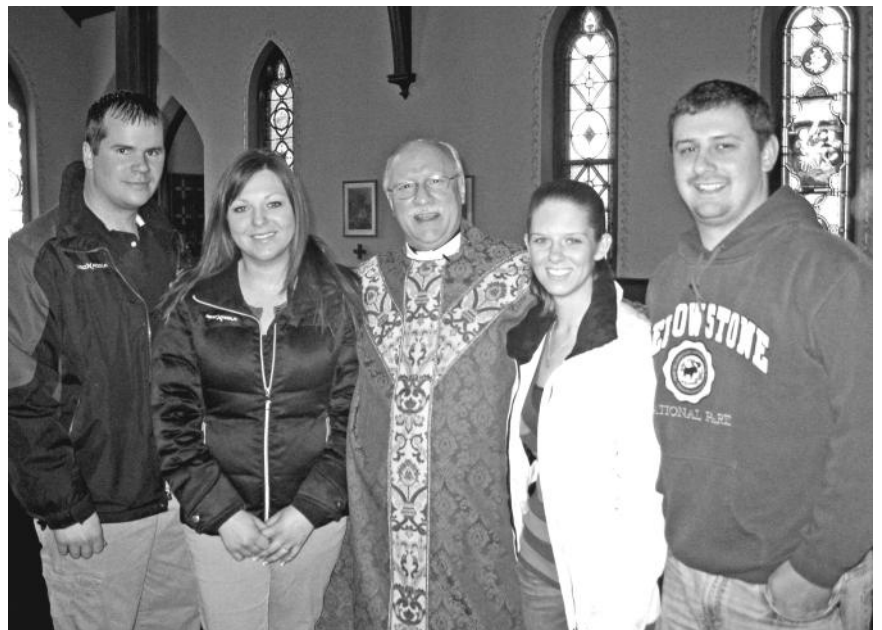
LOVE IS IN THE AIR... and NOT just on Valentine's Day!



The two couples with Father Bill, left: Joe Mork and Jennifer Pierson, and right Ashley Sturtevant and Jeremy Renz, are both getting married within a few months.

Joe and Jennifer's big day is March 31st (not at Christ Church, up north with Fr. Bill officiating), and Ashley & Jeremy's big day is May 5th at Christ Church with Fr. Bill officiating.

Our prayers, blessings and well wishes to both couples!





**Attention Youth
(ages 3 yrs. - 5th grade)
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is from 9:50 - 10:40 a.m. (approx.) on the dates listed. Starting just before the 10 a.m. service and runs during the service. The adult teachers & youth join the service at the "passing of

the peace", to sit with families for the rest of the service.

Sun., Feb. 5th: 9:50 a.m. Sunday School practice.

Sun., Feb. 19th: 9:50 a.m. Sunday School upstairs.

Sun., Feb. 26th: 9:50 a.m. Sunday School upstairs..



**Anyone
who welcomes
a little child
like this
in my name
welcomes Me.**

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NURSERY CARE

Children age 3 years and under are welcome. Our nursery volunteers have gone through the Safeguarding God's Children workshop, or equivalent, and are glad to be able to provide care for your child during our church service.

Schedule for February:

Service time starts at 10 a.m., Nursery Attendants please arrive by 9:50 a.m. Thank you.

Sun., Feb. 5th: Teresa Williams

Sun., Feb. 12th: Barb Lonze

Sun., Feb. 19th: Carol Smith

Sun., Feb. 26th: Patricia Leverick

Sun., Mar. 4th: Pat Benson

Note: Volunteers, if you can not make your Sunday, contact one of the other volunteers as far in advance as possible. **Thank you for your time to this ministry!**



**Parent's Night Out!
"Drive-In" Movie
Night for Kids**

Activities, Worship, Games,
Snacks & Movies!

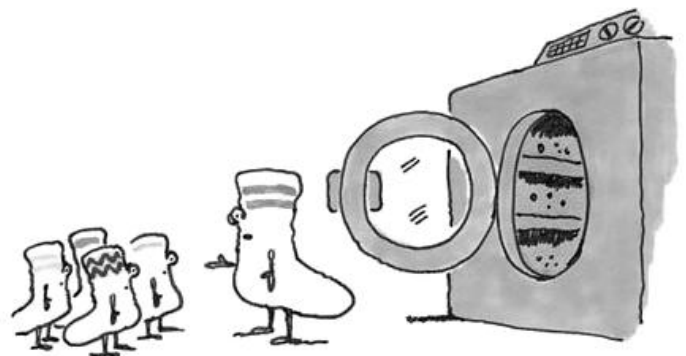
**Friday, February 24th
* 6 - 10 p.m.**

For children, ages 3 yrs - 5th grade

Qualified Adults will offer FREE child-care with activities that include: Lent activity/sticker book. Construction of a "car" from storage boxes - provided, (bring a pillow or blanket to use inside it)."Driving" the cars (inside) to a Kid's Chapel Service, then "driving" to the indoor Drive-In Movie, featuring a Concession Stand with popcorn, juice and treats. Movie, Games & more!

Pre-Registration is required by Wed., Feb. 22nd by calling Christ Church at 262-728-5292. Each child

must also have a Parent Consent/Event Form filled out with emergency numbers and info and signed by the parent or guardian, which can be accessed at our website or in person at the Church.



Everyone, it's crucial we stay together on this journey.

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25

Hey Kids & Parents!! Check out the inside pages of Wednesday Evening Lent Events that are geared toward ALL ages!! Youth & Adults welcome!

**Check out Upcoming
Events & Services Inside!
All are Welcome! All the Time!**



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WE WELCOME YOU!

Sunday Services
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service in the Chapel.
A smaller service in an intimate setting.
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Church. Signed
service the 1st and 3rd Sunday
of each month.
*Nursery available, or children may stay in for the service.
Contemporary, & traditional, hymns & praise.



Weekday Services held in the Chapel
(enter through the 5th St. doors)
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. followed by Bible Study for those who wish to stay.