



# Rod and Staff

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*“All God’s Children are Welcome at His Table”*

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We are in the process of vision discernment, a time of seeking God’s Voice as we determine who we are called to be and what we are called to be about.

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We are proud to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

*“Love, love, love, that’s what it’s all about. God loves us, we love each other; mother, father, sister, brother. Everybody sing and shout, ‘cause that’s what it’s all about. It’s about love, love, love. It’s about love, love, love.”*

It’s February; the month of love. Pictures of hearts abound. Everywhere you go, you see hearts and cupids and other symbols of love. It got me to thinking about the symbols that we, as Christians, recognize as symbols of love. First, and foremost, is the cross. It is here, on a rough-hewn piece of wood, that God’s love for us, His children, becomes known. It is here, where Jesus’ love for us is shown. But I believe there are other symbols of love that we, as Christians, recognize; things like the bread and wine, the Christmas tree, the fish, etc.

As Christians, I believe that we, in our very humanness, are symbols of God’s love. Our lives are a witness to the world of God’s amazing love...or not. How we live our lives, as God’s children, is a witness to the world. Do we live in a way that demonstrates the same grace and unfailing love that God has shown to us? Or, do we live in way that demonstrates that God’s grace and love is only for “certain” people?

In many ways, our world has devalued love. We talk about how much we “love” a certain television show. We say we “love” certain foods. We see celebrities, and even some “common folk,” falling in and out of love far too quickly. It’s no wonder young people today can’t seem to fully understand the meaning of the word love...how many of us understand it?

To love as Jesus loves us, is the command we’ve been given. To love as Jesus loves us means to love people as they are, where they are, in all their beauty and ugliness...just as Jesus does for us.

This year, as we send our cards of love and express our love to our friends and family, let us not forget to show love to the strangers, and even the enemies, around us. The kind of love Jesus describes, and lives out, the kind of love we are called to live out in our own lives, is a love that loves even the unlovable. The kind of love that comes from God is less of a feeling and more of an action.

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# CHURCH COUNCIL



## Highlights from December 2008 Council Meeting

### *Correspondence:*

- \$80 received from “Boston Blackie,” an anonymous donor who has contributed close to \$200 to our church in the past 6 months
- Check received from Hermansen Elementary School; from the maintenance man – he was given the money as a gift and he asked that it be given to a place that helps people

### *Financial Secretary’s Report:*

- Chris Daniels gave an update on our giving. Good news - in November, we received \$174 more than “needed” for our budgeted expenses. Bad news – we were behind in giving for several months prior to November so the “extra” really doesn’t show in our total budget amounts.

### *Treasurer’s Report:*

- Debbie Suchomel gave an update on our spending. All our ministry teams are doing a good job staying within their budget. The Council will continue to monitor the income and expenses on a weekly basis.

### *Pastor’s Report:*

- Pastor Suzanne will begin working on the church membership records with the help of Pat Hurdle sometime in February.
- Pastor expressed the continued need to clarify with teams, and then the congregation, the duties of the Pastor, Council members, Team Leaders, etc. This will be addressed at an upcoming Ministry Night.

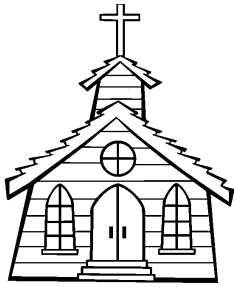
### *Ministry Team Reports:*

- *Learning*
  - The youth continue to raise funds for the DCLA youth conference next summer. Ten youth and five chaperones will be attending.
  - Sunday School will be changing; it will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month through the end of May.
- *Social Ministry*
  - Letters are being sent to local businesses to seek support of our Shepherd’s Food Pantry.
  - Kim Hanahan will be taking a leave from coordinating the pantry ministry. Camille Garcia will step up in her absence.
  - The Team is seeking interested volunteers for a Hospice Ministry. Patty Paris is coordinating this.
  - A \$500 donation was received from the Romeoville Golden Agers for the use in our Shepherd’s Food Pantry.
- *Stewardship*
  - The team is pleased with the results of 2008 Commitment Sunday: 40 pledged units; 10 new and 18 increased their pledged amounts.
  - The team is looking into ways of sharing the spiritual gifts portion of the stewardship concept in the New Year.

### *Unfinished Business:*

- Budget Committee – the committee will meet to discuss Pastor Suzanne’s 2009 compensation package, as well as to plan the proposed 2009 budget
- Nominating Committee – the committee (Debbie Suchomel and Warren Myers) did not submit any names for nominations
- Audit Committee – the committee will be meeting soon to go over our 2008 financial records and will submit a report to the Annual Congregational Meeting

January meeting will be held on January 29 at 7:00 p.m. Council meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. To be included on the agenda, please contact the Council President.



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Here are highlights from our Annual Meeting, which took place on Sunday, January 25. For more detailed information, please talk with a Church Council members:

- 52 people in attendance; 42 members, 10 non-members
- Lynne Soja, Pastor Suzanne, Council members/ liaisons, and Ministry Team members and leaders were thanked for their leadership and their reports.
- A motion was made by Bill Haack, seconded by Sandy Beggs, “to approve the 2009 Proposed Budget.”
- There was a lengthy discussion about the Shepherd’s Food Pantry under the 2009 Proposed Budget.

- Kim Hanahan shared that the pantry has seen a significant increase in the number of families they are serving. She asked that \$9,600 be added to the 2009 Proposed Budget under the line item, “Shepherd’s Food Pantry.”

- Bruce Beggs asked where the \$9,600 amount came from. Kim stated that the pantry had already spent \$800 for the month of January, so she felt this would cover what is spent for the whole year.

- Several people shared their thoughts about adding the money to the budget – some affirming the need and others disagreeing with the request.

- Pastor Suzanne and several Council members shared that, if this request were approved, the pantry would be the 4<sup>th</sup> largest expense in the budget – ahead of worship, evangelism, learning, etc. Pastor Suzanne stated that she was strongly against this idea and said she wished we could work more with other outside organizations to partner in this ministry.

- A motion was made by Chris Soja, seconded by Bill Haack, “to amend the 2009 Proposed Budget by budgeting \$9,600 for the Shepherd’s Food Pantry.”

- vote was 10 ayes, 27 nays, and 4 abstentions – the motion failed

- After further discussion, a motion was made by Chris Daniels and seconded by Bruce Beggs, “to amend the 2009 Proposed Budget by budgeting \$500 for the Shepherd’s Food Pantry.”

- vote was a voice vote – the ayes had it – the motion passed

- Motion to approve the budget was approved.
- One candidate was presented for Council elections – Debbie Suchomel. She was elected by consensus.
- Sue Hattimer was elected to be our female delegate to the Synod Assembly in June. Lori Haack was elected to be the alternate delegate. No male delegates were elected.
- Bruce Beggs requested the Council, or another appropriate person, call a Special Congregational Meeting for the purposes of discussing the Shepherd’s Food Pantry and considering a plan for its future finances.
- Pastor Suzanne made a motion, “to hold a Special Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Shepherd’s Food Pantry ministry and consider a plan for its future finances.” Motion was seconded by John Ploense and approved by the congregation.
- Justin Hurdle commented that there are many ways to help people and shared an experience he had serving at Feed My Starving Children. He encouraged the congregation to look at other ways, like this, to help people; ways that are more cost-efficient.
- Bruce Beggs challenged people to make an effort to be at the Special Congregational Meeting. He stated that he believes the congregation, as a whole, supports the pantry.
- Lea Anne Stoughton shared that what the pantry ministry is currently going through is similar to what the preschool went through a year ago. She encouraged the pantry team to have faith and to trust in God to provide.
- Pastor Suzanne concluded the comments portion of the agenda but sharing with the congregation her hope that they had read her full report and that they understand the goals she has set for 2009, as shared in that report. She stated that she intends to connect more on a one-on-one basis with people in the congregation and that she intends to be a vocal advocate for being a welcoming congregation.
- The meeting ended in prayer and the singing of “*How Great Is Our God.*”

# Evangelism - Sharing our Faith ...

Our mission is *“to make Christ known to people wherever we go.”*

## Rod & Staff

Creation and distribution of the monthly Rod & Staff continues. Please send your ministry updates to Sandy Beggs updates by Thursday after Ministry night so she can begin working on this.

Dolores Logan and Marlene Stiff will be alternating months to put the newsletters together.



## Missing You Ministry



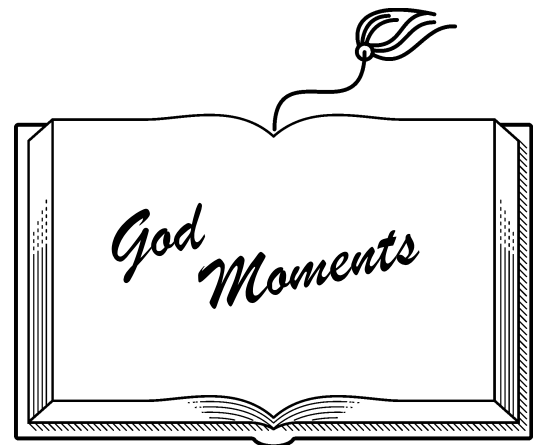
The “missing you” ministry is looking for additional volunteers to send postcards to those we don’t see in worship for 2-3 consecutive Sundays. Pat Hurdle and Jan Sanchez are current members of this team. Please see Chris Daniels if this sounds like something you’re interested in helping with.

## Rec Center Open House

We will once again be participating in the Rec Center Open House. If you’re interested in helping out, please contact Chris Daniels.

## Website

Don’t forget to send your information to Stephanie Huguelet to be included at [www.welcome432.org](http://www.welcome432.org).



## God Moment Book

Chris has received three stories to include in the “God Moments” book. Please continue to send your stories to Chris via email: [chris\\_audrey4196@sbcglobalnet](mailto:chris_audrey4196@sbcglobalnet).

## Prayer List:

At Good Shepherd, we believe in the power of prayer. We offer several prayer chains, as well as this monthly prayer list and a list on our website. Please note that the prayer list on the website is under a password-protected link. To receive the password, please contact Chris Daniels ([chris\\_audrey4196@sbcglobalnet](mailto:chris_audrey4196@sbcglobalnet)). We encourage you to use the prayer chains for urgent requests. Please contact Debbie Suchomel (815-886-0082) to add someone to the prayer chain.



\*Please note if there is someone not on this list that you would like to be added, please list their name on Sunday at worship. Thank you.

Didi Nosek  
Kent Lage  
Andy Boseo  
Wayne Anderson  
Jim Burns

The Toomey family  
Santino DiGuilio  
Phil Kasik  
Arlene Bambule  
Chuck Taylor

Martha McGlin  
Vincent DiGuilio  
Jim Solomon  
Lydia Faber  
Jeanette

Millie Rigan  
Marty Baiter  
The Giganti family  
Jean Lees  
The DiGuilio family

Marge Harley  
Sarah Stec  
Jean Rooks  
The Jahn family  
Katy Weinberger

# Fellowship - Getting to Know Each Other ...

Our mission is *“to feed souls and nourish spirits.”*

**Save-the-date!**  
**Second Annual Joke Night**  
**Saturday, March 28**

Back by popular demand is Joke Night. Even people who thought it wouldn't be fun last year have been asking for a repeat! We'll meet at the Suchomel's home at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 28. Bring a treat and lots of jokes to share. You will have a great time.

This event is open to everyone 21 and older.



**Ongoing**  
**Fellowship**  
**Activities ...**  
**Wednesday Night RENEW**

Join us every Wednesday for dinner, Bible study and worship. Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by Bible study at 6:30 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m. Dinner is \$2.50 per person – the best bargain in town!

Please sign up on Sunday if you're planning to eat with us on Wednesday, so our cooks know how much food to prepare.

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**Flylady**  
Flylady will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at Lydia Faber's. Please contact Lydia for more information.

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**Sunday Lunch Bunch**  
Lunch Bunch meets every Sunday following the 10 a.m. service. If you would like to enjoy some fellowship and Sunday dinner, please join us. We meet at the table at the rear of the church following service.



**Girls Night Out**  
The Girls are planning a spa day on Saturday, February 21. The day's events will take place at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center in Joliet, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost for the day is \$40 and includes a massage, speakers, lunch, and other free services. If you're interested in attending, look for additional information and a sign-up sheet on the information table.



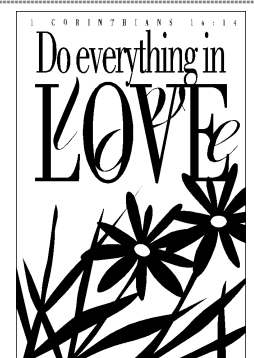
**Little Lambs**  
The Little Lambs have several outings planned for the future. On February 28, they will be going to the DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville. Please sign up with the number of people who will be coming with your family.  
Other upcoming events include an Easter Egg hunt on April 4, and a trip to the Morton Arboretum on May 9. Save these dates and be on the lookout for additional information!

**Pastor's Message**, continued from page 1

What would our world be like if we lived out the words to the old Sunday School song above? How might our world be changed if you and I lived out the kind of love that Jesus gives to us?

*“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”*

How will you prove to the world that you are Jesus' disciples?



# Learning - Growing in Faith ...

Our mission is *“to inspire people of all ages to come closer to Christ through continuous education using God’s loving Word.”*

## Small Group Studies News and Updates

### *Sunday Study*

The new Sunday Bible study group will meet at Rosie’s Restaurant (at Route 53 and 135th Street) at 12:30 on Feb. 15. They are studying from the book of Romans.

### *Third Monday Group*

Meets at the Sanchez home on Feb. 16 to study the book of Acts. Their start time has changed to 7:30 p.m.

### *Fourth Thursday Group*

This group will meet at the Huguelet home on Feb. 26, to continue their study, “Personal Audit.”

### *Relationship Study*

Will meet Saturday, Feb. 28.

### *Monday Night Study*

The Monday study group meets each Monday at the Suchomel home, beginning at 7 p.m. They are currently studying 2nd Corinthians.

### *M&Ms*

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Sanchez home.

### *Confirmation*

The Confirmation Mentors’ small group study meets the first Tuesday of each month.

## Youth Group News

### Youth Pancake Brunch

Saturday, February 14

9 a.m.-noon

Drdak Room - Rec Center

Bring your sweetheart for a Valentine’s Day Pancake Brunch, and help the Good Shepherd Youth. The youth will be serving pancakes, sausage and all the fixings from 9 a.m.-noon in the Drdak Room at the Romeoville Recreation Center. Tickets are available from any of the youth who will be attending DCLA this summer, or can be purchased at the door.

All money raised from the pancake brunch will go into the youth fund to help send our youth to Washington, D.C. this summer, and for other youth activities. And, this activity will receive matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Please support our youth!

## Valentine's Breakfast



## YBS - Sundays, Feb. 15 - Movie Event

The youth and their parents are invited to attend a special event on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Suchomel home. We’ll watch “Prayers for Bobby” beginning at 5 p.m., and have a discussion time afterwards. The youth leaders will provide dinner, youth and families are asked to bring dessert.

## Sunday School

Sunday School for youth ages 3 years through 5th grade meets at 9:15 a.m., in the Art Adventure Room at the Rec Center. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

*Sunday School*  
SCHEDULE

# Good Shepherd Preschool ...

Our mission is "to nurture the inner spirit of each child."

preschool registration



### 2009-2010 Registration Opens

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year will open to members of Good Shepherd Church on March 1, 2009. This is two weeks before registration is opened to the general public on March 14.

### Coming in March ...

Don't miss the preschool's Book Fair and Open House on March 14, from 10am - 2 pm at the preschool. Browse a wide selection of popular products from Scholastic, including books, computer games, posters and gifts.

This event is also an Open House for parents interested in our preschool, and marks the opening to the public of 2009-2010 preschool registration.

### Sweetheart Dance

Treat your favorite valentines to a magical evening of music and dancing with the preschool kids and their families. This event was new last year, and it was so much fun we knew we had to do it again.



The dance is Friday, February 13, from 6:30 - 8 pm at the preschool. Tickets are available now for \$2.50 per person (children age 2 and under are free). The cost includes dancing, refreshments and a personalized souvenir for each family. We will also be holding a raffle. Tickets can be purchased the night of the dance for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.

Space is limited, so don't wait to buy your tickets! Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, February 11. See a preschool team member to get yours today!

### Special Thanks

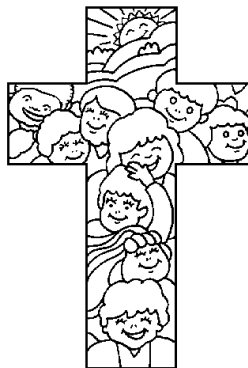
Thank you to everyone who participated in December's Jewel Shop & Share program. We raised \$166.85! That may not seem like much, but as we all know, every little bit helps.

Look for another Shop & Share opportunity in April, just in time for your Easter celebrations!

### Help Needed

The preschool team is looking to add a few substitute assistant teachers to our roster. A substitute assistant is only called if our regular subs are unavailable on a particular day. If you are interested, please call director Marilyn Pierce at (815) 886-4356.

At Good Shepherd Preschool, you will find a faith-filled environment, where your child is nurtured by an exceptional, experienced staff that believes in a hands-on approach to learning.



### Preschool Team:

- Pat Hurdle and Lea Anne Stoughton, team members
- Lynne Soja, Council Liaison
- Marilyn Pierce, Director and Teacher
- Judith Stec, Assistant Teacher

Want to be a part of our team? We'd love to have you! Contact one of us if you feel called to serve in this fun and rewarding ministry.

# Social Ministry - Helping Others ...

Our mission is *“to reach into the community with Christian compassion and sharing God’s love.”*

## Interested in Making a Difference in a Very Special Way?

Volunteers are needed and welcome to join a newly-introduced program at Good Shepherd Church. We will be offering support to hospice families through direct and indirect contact. This is an effort that requires very little time, but yields the biggest benefits to the families.

We are looking for volunteers. Please take a look at the following list of volunteer opportunities.

### *Direct Care: (Adults)*

Respite Care: Actually sit with hospice patients (in hospice home, nursing home, or their home)  
Companion for families in hospice: Visit with family and hospice patient  
Bereavement Calls: Follow up with family after the loss of a loved one

### *Indirect Care: (Adults)*

Clerical/office volunteer  
Greeter at Hospice home  
Marketing Volunteer  
Sew bibs for hospice patients  
Sew memory bears \*\*\*Real need for this  
Gardening at the hospice home  
Bake cookies to be distributed to hospice patients and their families. (This can be done as often as once a month or as little as once a year.)

### *Teens / Children*

Free-will offering concert/talent show with proceeds going to help pediatric hospice  
Make cards or pictures for patients (holidays, seasons)  
Make Christmas ornaments (possibly adults too, family project??)  
Plant seeds to grow flowers (the children learn about God's love through creation & the flowers brighten someone's day also)

### *Families*

Holiday food baskets (about 8- 10)  
Easter baskets for children (pediatric hospice patients or children of hospice patients)  
Christmas gifts for the neediest hospice families (Avg. 35-40)



To be a hospice volunteer, people need to attend a training session that is offered twice a year. It consists of 8 hours of training on 2 consecutive Saturdays. The next offering of this class is in April 2009. There is a \$20 fee to cover meals during the training classes. Registration begins in January. The class goes in-depth about the hospice beliefs. I am told that people come out of it with a complete compassion about the care that enables dying people and their families to live peacefully with dignity to the last moment of the patient's life. No classes are needed for anyone baking cookies (and probably sewing the bears but I have to check that for sure). That would allow someone who is unable to take the class to still help.

For more information please contact Patty Paris or Teresa Linaweaver.

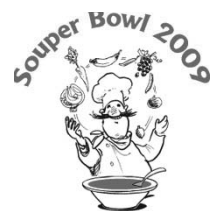
The Food Pantry is in need of your help. We are looking for a few items that we can never seem to keep in stock. If you see any deals on the following items while you are doing your shopping, please purchase some to supply the pantry. You can contact Kim Hanahan Food Pantry Coordinator or Teresa Linaweaver.

Canned Vegetables	Cheese Slices
Tuna	Dry Pasta
Strawberry Jelly	Stick Butter
Macaroni & Cheese	

## Souper Bowl Sunday

Thanks to everyone who supported Souper Bowl Sunday, raising money for the Shepherd's Food Pantry. We had a great turnout for making and glazing bowls, and a lot of monetary support - and great soup! - on Souper Bowl Sunday.

Thank you!



**Thank you from your Social Ministry Team,**  
Jean Lees, Delores Logan, Jackie Esquivel, Lori Rodriguez, Kim Hanahan, Camille Garcia, Patty Paris, Bill Haack, and Council Liaison Teresa Linaweaver

# Stewardship - Sharing our Time, Talents & Treasures ...

Our mission is “to bring glory to God by spiritually connecting, preparing, and encouraging His children to serve Christ through the sharing of their gifts.”

## The Administrator

Remember: Your Spiritual Gifts are God’s special gifts given specifically to you. What you do with these gifts becomes your special gifts to Him.

This month’s highlighted Spiritual Gift is **The Administrator**. The person that has **The Administrator** as one of their dominant Spiritual Gifts serves God by organizing, administering, promoting and leading the various affairs of the church. **The Administrator** is the person who leads the church and its ministries. **The Administrator** honestly feels that the best way they can serve is to jump right in and take charge of a project, team or situation. They are generally putting together a plan long before others understand much about the need for one. Once a plan is established, **The Administrator** gets right to work delegating responsibilities, defining methods and assessing results, tweaking whenever and wherever it is needed. They tend to hover over a project, usually work well under pressure and accept responsibility for seeing that the assignment is carried out as planned. **The Administrator** is usually a skilled planner, enjoys tasks that are a challenge, is well disciplined and is often a good motivator. Because **The Administrator** is usually an intense individual, they must also be careful not to miss small details, not to set goals too high, allow for some flexibility in the process and not be too manipulative. Overall, the need for people with the gift of **The Administrator** in any organization is great, since they are willing to accept ownership, assume leadership and see the task through to the end.

How might those of you with the gift of **The Administrator** make use of your gift in support of the ministries at Good Shepherd? By stepping

up whenever or wherever there is a need for leadership to accomplish a goal or complete a task. There is never a shortage of projects, teams or causes where those with the gift of **The**

**Administrator** are needed. Be cautious not to take on too many assignments at one time and remember to solicit the help of others that have a passion for project or a talent that can be used to more quickly accomplish the goal.

While many of those who completed their Spiritual Gifts Assessment scored relatively high for this gift, those who have **The Administrator** as a dominant gift are:

Bruce Beggs  
Judy Jordan  
Debbie Suchomel  
Sue Hattimer  
Chris Soja

Chris DeNino  
Natalie Hoff  
Chris Daniels  
Glenn Linaweaver

If you feel as though God is calling you to use your gift of **Administrator** but are unsure where your gift is needed, feel free to contact Pastor Suzanne, our council president or any ministry team leader. As someone who has been blessed with the spiritual gift of **The Administrator**, you won’t have to look too far to find many ways to pitch in. Because the need for your gift is always great, leaders will often seek you out.



Please check the website for updated financial information ...  
[www.welcome432.org](http://www.welcome432.org)

# Worship - Honoring God with our praise ...

Our mission is *“to create a ‘space’ where all are welcomed and comfortable to offer themselves in worship to God – heart, mind and spirit; and to provide a continuous opportunity for the hearing of God’s Word and the sharing of the Lord’s Supper.”*



## Worship Volunteers

### Worship Volunteer Signup

Interested in helping at worship? Sign-up sheets are out at each service, inviting you to sign up for the tasks you’re interested in - on the dates you’re available. You can sign up for things like greeter, communion assistant, lay leader, reader, etc. These roles will no longer be assigned, so please sign up!

Road crews, atmospheric enhancement and tellers will continue to be assigned.

If you’re wanting more information about what is required for each of the roles, be on the lookout for a Worship Assistant Handbook, which will be available on the information table and via either email or the website.



### Location Change: Rec Center Open House

Worship will not be held at the Rec Center on Sunday, March 15, because of the Rec Center Open House. The 8:15 service will be held at the preschool/church building at 25 Alexander in Romeoville. The location for the 10 a.m. service will be announced as soon as it is available.

### Lent Services

The season of Lent will be here before we know it! What a wonderful season to truly experience the depth of God’s love for us.

#### *Ash Wednesday - February 25*

One service will be held at the church/preschool building, 7 p.m. (Please note: there will not be supper or Bible study on Ash Wednesday.)

#### *Wednesday Lent Services - March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1*

The theme of this year’s Lenten series is In the Name of Love: The Cross. Services will be held at the church/preschool building, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Soup supper will begin at 6 p.m., followed by Bible study at 6:30. Please join us!



### Holy Week Schedule

Mark your calendars now for 2009’s Holy Week special services:

#### *Palm Sunday - April 5*

One service, at 9:15 a.m. at the Rec Center

#### *Maundy Thursday - April 9, 7 p.m. at the church/preschool*

*Good Friday - April 10, noon at the church/preschool, 7 p.m., location to be determined.*

#### *Holy Saturday - April 11, 11 p.m. at the church/preschool*

*Easter - April 12, 6:30 a.m. sunrise service at Resurrection Cemetery  
8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. services at the Rec Center*



# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:15a - Worship 9:15a - Sunday School 10a - Worship 12:30p - Bible Study	<b>2</b>  7p - Monday Night Study	<b>3</b>  7p - Mentor's Small Group 7p - M&Ms Bible Study	<b>4</b>  RENEW 6p - Dinner 6:30p - Bible Study 7:15p - Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  1-3p - Pantry
<b>8</b> 8:15a - Worship 10a - Worship	<b>9</b>  7p - Monday Night Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  RENEW 6p - Dinner 6:30p - Bible Study 7:15p - Worship	<b>12</b>  7p - FlyLady	<b>13</b>  6:30-8p - Sweetheart dance at preschool	<b>14</b>  9a-noon - Pancake Breakfast at Rec Center 1-3p - Pantry
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## Penny Wars!

The Penny Wars have begun! Four lucky(?) members of the church are gearing up to get a pie in the face! Collect your pennies and bring them to church to fill the jug of the person

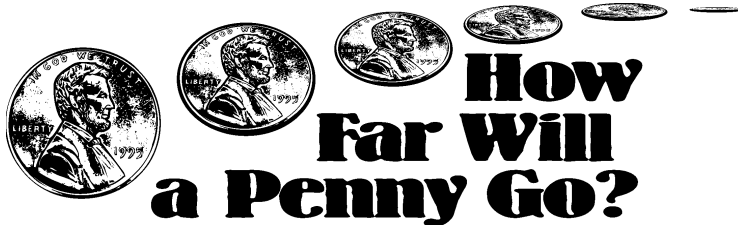
you'd most like to see get a pie. The rules are simple ... the person with the most pennies in their jug by Sunday, February 22 will get a pie in the face. However, if there are any silver coins or paper money in the jug, that takes away from their total. So, for every \$1 bill in a jug, it takes 100 pennies to "break even."

To make it more interesting this year, every person who gets \$200 in their jug – whether it's pennies, silver coins, or paper money – will get a pie in the face!

The "contestants" are Mike Stoughton, Audrey McDaniel, Mark Levine and Steve Hurdle.

In addition, raffle tickets will be sold to determine who get to be the pie thrower. The "winner" will be announced at Culver's in Romeoville on Sunday, February 22, during a special event from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Culver's will donate a portion of all proceeds from the store that day to our World Hunger cause, so please support them – and fill the jugs!

Money raised will benefit World Hunger (90%) and the Good Shepherd Food Pantry (10%).



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