

# Cross Connections



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*February 2012*

## Fowler Memorial Library

February is National Library Lovers Month and you can show your love for St. Paul's church library by making a special library offering on the second Saturday/Sunday of February (February 11/12). This offering will comprise the library's total budget for the year of 2012 and will be used to purchase new materials and pay for magazine subscriptions.

The library also accepts donations of new and gently-used religious books and videos for adults and children. Any donations that are not added to the library's collection are placed in the annual church yard sale.

When we consider Martin Luther we often think of 31 October – reformation Day or 10 November - Dr. Luther's birthday, but the day of commemoration for Martin Luther is 18 February, the date of his death in 1546. Your church library has many works by and about Martin Luther including his complete works on CD-ROM, his COMMENTARY ON ROMANS, LUTHER FOR ARMCHAIR THEOLOGIANS by Steven Paulson, and the unique WHAT LUTHER SAYS: A PRACTICAL IN-HOME ANTHOLOGY FOR THE ACTIVE CHRISTIAN. This book has Luther's thoughts and writings on various topics, such as worry, the devil, heaven and hell listed together for quick reference. For instance, under the topic BOOKS we find that Martin Luther wrote: "There never yet have been, nor are there now, too many good books."

I'm sure Dr. Luther would have made a special contribution to support the library and I hope you will also! Thank you for your support of Fowler Memorial Library.

*By Roberta Lloyd, Church Librarian*



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## Welcome to Worship!

By Pastor Kim Stover

*The Season of Epiphany celebrates God's visit among humanity and the proclamation of God's good greeting for the word. Missions, Evangelism, and Spiritual Growth are themes lifted up in many congregations during the Season of Epiphany.*



### February 4-5: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*Mark 1:29-39 It's*

*Saturday night, and Peter's*

*mother-in-law has a fever. Jesus is there. (Trivia Question: Do you know what kind of a fever she had?)*

Rae Huang will preach during weekend worship while Pastor Stover presides. Rae is a graduate student at Duke who Pastor Stover met at a local conference. Rae got to know the Lutheran Church through Lutheran Volunteer Corps in San Francisco. To learn about how LVC proclaims the name of Jesus visit:

[www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/template/index.cfm](http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/template/index.cfm).

Rae will help us see what the mission of Jesus Christ might look like in the future.

*More about Rae Huang:*

Rae has a BA in Theology and Human Development from Boston College and a MDiv from Boston University-School of Theology. She worked as an urban youth minister for four years in Boston, volunteered for a non-profit that provided aid for victims of sex trafficking in Athens, Greece, researched and reported for the Anglican Archdiocese of Greece on human trafficking in Greece, and worked as a regional coordinator for Lutheran Volunteer Corps in the Bay Area. Last year she did CPE in Sydney, Australia, and is now doing a second Masters in Theology at Duke Divinity School on race and ethnicity in American immigrant churches. She is a candidate for ordination in the PC (USA) denomination. Rae's husband has a MDiv and PhD from Harvard University and is now a visiting Assistant Professor at Duke University in the Religion and Classics Depts. He teaches New Testament and Early Christianity.

### February 11-12: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*Mark 1:40-45 After healing a leper, Jesus says, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." In disobedience, the man freely proclaims what God has done! How odd.*

### Sat-Sun, February 18-19: Transfiguration Sunday

*Mark 9:2-9 The story of the mountain-top talk, bright lights, and the thundering voice of Jesus' father in heaven.*

### The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent follows Epiphany. As Advent was a time of preparation for Christmas, Lent is a time of preparation for Holy Week and Good Friday. The mood and movement of Lent is unique. The color of Lent is purple. Lent is a more solemn time, dedicated to renewal and spiritual cleansing. Many traditions veil or drape crosses, pictures and statues in the church through the days of Lent.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, (February 22, 2012), three days after Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday of Epiphany and the Christmas Cycle.

## Mosaic of Musings

by Andrew Tucker  
Duke Campus Minister

### Spring Break – New Orleans

During Spring Break, I and a number of students will head to New Orleans, LA to continue the relief effort that began after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The first two years after a major catastrophe represent the times of major assistance. However, the rebuilding effort takes significantly longer than those twenty-four months. Helping in NOLA enables students to participate in and understand the long-term nature of rebuilding after destruction.

Our work will vary depending on the needs of the community. Whether construction, helping out at a homeless shelter, planting trees and swamp grass in the wetlands, going on a prayer walk or engaging in one of over 50 project types, Camp Restore connects volunteers to numerous ways to serve. Camp Restore is the result of the earliest relief teams that set up camp in New Orleans, in cooperation with Lutheran disaster Response. Working with people who have a history of relief that dates to the day after Katrina provides us with a unique look at Christ's ministry in areas of destruction.

In a recent development, our team is partnering with another team headed for NOLA from Duke. This group of students is part of a Global Disasters course, and needed a few more people to fill out their bus in order to make cost work. To bless them, we agreed to increase our travel budget in

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order to ensure their trip occurred, which further contributes to the relief effort. In this way, we hope to bless our community both local and global, as well as offer a witness to service based in Christian love.

To make this work we need your help. On Shrove Tuesday, February 21, 2012, the Duke Lutherans will assist the Kitchen Crew and the Tuesday Task Team in preparing and providing dinner for everyone as a fundraiser. We will take donations that night, and all the proceeds will go directly to expenses for the mission trip, including supplies, travel, and support for Camp Restore. More details to come on the specifics of the evening, but expect great food and a wonderful celebration on this last feast day before the Season of Lent. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the relief work in New Orleans. Please come and partner with us in this ministry to the NOLA community.

## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, February 26 following 11:00 am worship**

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 26 at 12:30 pm in the sanctuary. The agenda is as follows:

- ▶ Call to Order and Opening Prayer
- ▶ Announcements
- ▶ Reception and Approval of 2012 Directory and 2011 Yearbook (including Annual Reports)
- ▶ Election of Synod Assembly Delegates
- ▶ Report of the Call Committee
- ▶ Adjournment and Closing Prayer



If you are interested and willing to attend the NC Synod Assembly which takes place June 1-3 at Lenoir Rhyne University, the theme of which is “Joyfully Serving Christ Together,” please contact a member of the

church council before the February 26 meeting. We are in need of one male and one female delegate.

## Saints of the Month

- † **Lorrel Strom-Jensen** for serving as presiding minister the first weekend of January
- † **“Invite a Friend to Brunch” crew**
- † **Carol Sackett and Robin Winfree** for delivery and care of Christmas poinsettias

## Financial Summary: December 2011

The following is a brief summary of the finances of the previous month and the year to date. As of the end of December, the balance for operations is \$53,973. The balance in the mortgage fund is \$146,228. For more detailed information including detailed reports, please contact Larry Grovenstein, Jayne Baum, or a member of the Church Council.

### Monthly: December 2011

	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Mortgage</b>
Income	\$100,381	\$123,456
Expenses	<u>\$ 34,370</u>	<u>\$ 21,024</u>
Net	\$ 66,011	\$102,432

These values include \$17,600 of member prepayment in 2011 towards fulfillment of 2012 pledges, and application of \$72,000 from an estate bequest towards the building fund. Additionally, \$27,990 from the same estate bequest was applied to December 2011 contributions, in part as pre-payment towards 2012 operating expenses.

### 2011 Year to Date:

	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Mortgage</b>
Income	\$429,609	\$315,515
Expenses	<u>\$389,295</u>	<u>\$252,293</u>
Net	\$ 40,313	\$ 63,222

## Interfaith Hospitality Network Update

*by Audrey Busch*

This article is being written as we are about midway through our January rotation. As expected, we have three families. They consist of: a Mom and a 5 year old; a Mom and an 8 and 9 year old; and a Mom and a baby and 17 year old. The first few days were a bit rocky, as most of the guests arrived either recovering from or dealing with a stomach virus. Needless to say, one never feels very good when ill, and with all the other stresses of homelessness, adding illness was a real downer. We are trying to keep the ‘bug’ from spreading with lots of hand washing and use of ‘Lysol’ on surfaces and door handles. And the caring of the volunteers is helping to lift spirits.

We had 26 families from our congregation represented in the volunteer group this rotation. In addition, there were volunteers from our support congregations: 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Baptist and Judea Reformed on Tuesday and Thursday, and also three from Blacknall Presbyterian participating. *(cont. page 4)*

Many thanks for all the help in making this ministry work for these three homeless families.

We had several folks doing multiple jobs. I would like to challenge those of you who have not participated in IHN to try it. (Many hands helps make lighter work and maybe more interesting work, too!) If you have questions, please ask Ellen Lavery or myself. We would love to share what we know with you!

Next rotation is March 25 - April 1. Hope to welcome you as a new or renewed volunteer then!

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, being cooked by Duke Lutherans and Men of St. Paul's, takes place at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 21 in Trinity Hall. Foods include a variety of pancakes, applesauce, and sausage. Mardi Gras beads, fun and laughter will abound at the tables. There will be a free-will offering to support the Duke Lutheran ministry.



**SHROVE TUESDAY**

### *What is the history of Shrove Tuesday?*

The day before Lent begins is known as Shrove Tuesday. To "shrive" someone, in past history, is to hear an acknowledgment of sins and be assured of God's forgiveness (this is the practice of Ash Wednesday worship today).

Shrove Tuesday is also called Fat Tuesday (in French, Mardi-gras) because on this day households use up the fatty foods and cooking fat which will not be used during the forty days of Lent. Since pancakes are a standard way of using up fat, the day is also called Pancake Tuesday.

Come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday at St. Paul's, Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm. Eat pancakes and sausage, help out the Duke Lutherans, and have a festive time!

## Ash Wednesday Services



**Wednesday, February 22 at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm.** Come to Ash Wednesday Services at lunchtime or at 7:00 pm – Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes will take place at both services.



## Lent Mid-Week Worship

Lenten Theme:

**"Jesus said, 'Come follow me.'"**

*Reflections on scripture and personal life.*

*To follow Jesus.*

**Wednesday Lent Suppers will be at 6:00 pm  
Worship will be at 7:00 pm**

**February 29:** John 21:22 – *Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!"*

**March 7:** Mark 15:41 – *"These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem."*

**March 14:** Mark 10:21 – *"Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'"*

**March 21:** Matthew 19:21 – *"Jesus said to him, 'If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'"*

**March 28:** *"The Silent Sermon"* – Meditation on Jesus' Words, "Come follow me."

## WELCA News

**The Tabitha Circle** will meet on Monday, February 6 at 7:15 pm at St. Paul's. They will be making Valentines for Duke Students.

**The Katherine Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00 am at St. Paul's. Doris Tilley is in charge of the program and Audrey Busch and Johanna Nikitscher will be hostesses.

**Articles & Information for the March issue of Cross Connections are due to Susan Esposito by February 20 with "Holy Folders" meeting on February 29 at 1:00 pm to prepare the issue for mailing.**

## Preschool Pitter Patter



by Amanda Stoen, Director

Despite the rather warm January we've had so far, the children have been learning all about winter. They've been learning about the season of winter, making snowflakes of all

kinds, tossing around "snowballs" and learning about the animals we associate with winter.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 7. The preschool will be hosting a Wednesday Night Dinner. The money raised will go toward financial scholarships for families needing assistance to attend the preschool. We are very excited to begin offering assistance to those who need it. Many of our preschool families will be there helping prepare the dinner, doing crafts and activities with children and cleaning up.

Enrollment for the fall has begun! Registration forms and enrollment procedures can also be picked up on the table in the atrium or can be downloaded from the church web site. We will be offering classes for children ages 1-4. If you are interested in our Preschool and PMO for next year or know anyone who may be, please contact me at the church or by email: [amanda.stoen@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.stoen@gmail.com) for more information.

## Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine, was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD.

*God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.* – I John 4:16

### February 14<sup>th</sup> ... on this date in history:

- ▶ Commemoration of St. Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885, both were missionaries to the Slavs. They translated the scriptures and the liturgy using Cyrillic alphabet.
- ▶ 1876 - Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone
- ▶ 1894 The planet Venus is declared both a morning and evening star
- ▶ 1967 Aretha Franklin records "Respect"

*God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* – Romans 5:8

### Valentine Traditions

- ♡ In Wales, wooden spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Hearts and keys were favorite decorations on the spoons.

- ♡ In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

*For you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.* – Jonah 4:2

## Valentine Swing Dance

Come enjoy the sounds of Durham Jazz Orchestra, an 18 piece big band plus vocalists, on Friday, February 10,



from 7 to 9 pm in Trinity Hall. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. All ages will enjoy the music and the dance floor will be open if you are so inclined. Please bring finger foods/snacks to share with others. Beverages will be provided.

Durham Jazz Orchestra is a performing big band sponsored by the Durham Arts Council. During the summer and early fall of 2011, the Arts Council was undergoing some remodeling, so the rehearsal space for DJO was not available. St. Paul's allowed the orchestra to use Whitesell Hall for several weeks to rehearse. The Valentine Swing Dance is DJO's way of saying thanks to St. Paul's for the use of the room. For more info about DJO, talk to Larry Grovenstein, or see their website at [www.durhamjazz.com](http://www.durhamjazz.com). This event is one you just don't want to miss!

## Seeking Volunteers for Financial Review

A review of St. Paul's financial operations for calendar year 2011 will take place at the church in March 2012. The review will occur on a Saturday morning and require 2-3 hours of time. I am seeking volunteers with financial experience to participate in the review. Our goal is to assess the propriety (including internal controls) of the collections and disbursements of our stewardship funds. Persons interested in serving in this important capacity should contact Jack Harless, telephone 919-294-8000 or through my email address at [harless@nc.rr.com](mailto:harless@nc.rr.com). Even if you are unable to participate this year, your willingness to serve in prospective reviews is most welcome.

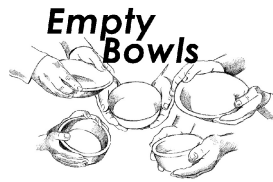
## Empty Bowls 2012

Save the date now for a soul-warming evening with Urban Ministries of Durham – Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-8:00 pm at the Durham Armory.

Please join us as we serve up soups from some of Durham's top restaurants and beautifully handcrafted bowls from local artisans at Empty Bowls '12.

Now in its sixth year, the annual tradition continues to grow and brings together folks throughout the community to help raise awareness and funds for Urban Ministries of Durham's Community Café which serves nearly 220,000 meals each year.

There will be live music, local celebrity soup judges, tasty desserts and more. Plus, you get to help decide the Best Soup, so come and be a part of the fun and the tradition of filling "Empty Bowls" with hope in the heart of downtown Durham.



## Agape+Kure Beach Ministries

Summer Camp brochures are out! Some copies are available on the table outside the reception office. You may also check out the web: [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org) for information and registration.

Agape is also looking for quality Christian adults to serve as counselors on the 2012 summer staff. Applicants must be 19 years minimum, love kids, and want a fun and exciting challenge.

Plans are underway at Camp Agape to:

- install a mud bog
- install a zip line

Visit and try out all the camp has to offer.

## St. Paul's Food Pantry

Whitesell Kitchen is the location of St. Paul's Food Pantry. Persons who come to the church in need of assistance with food are given 1-2 bags of food from the pantry shelves. Special thanks this month goes to the Tabitha Circle Women, who have donated cloth bags for transporting food, and have restocked the shelves with a variety of healthy items.

Food items placed in the baskets at the church doors are taken downtown to the Community Kitchen and Pantry on Queen Street. Our thanks to John and Jane Hurlburt for transporting these foods on a regular basis. All types of non-perishables and dry goods are appreciated.

## American Boychoir

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting The American Boychoir overnight on

**Thursday, February 16, 2012**

**in the homes of (needed) hosts.** The boys will have traveled almost 10 hours that day from Princeton, New Jersey and we are their stopping over point on their journey to Atlanta.

There will be 30 boys (paired in twos) which means **we need 15 total host homes.** Each boy needs his own bed or air mattress for the night. We have information sheets available which provide complete details on housing the boys for the night. Check with Brian Cash.

After they arrive at St. Paul's, they will provide a **mini-concert** for the billet families and other interested persons at St. Paul's. It allows the billets to see exactly what their boys do best – singing! St. Paul's will provide a supper for the boys and their hosts before going home for the night. After breakfast the next morning with their host families, they would need to be returned to the church to continue their trip.

If you are able to host two boys in your home, please speak with Brian Cash.



## Prayers of Sympathy

Our sympathy to the following families:

- ✘ The family of Edwin Lake Setzer, brother of Alice Richmond, who died January 1, 2012.
- ✘ The family of Tom Frothingham, friend of Ann Kirkpatrick, who died in January.
- ✘ The family of Vera Landis who died September 13, 2011. Vera and Don Landis were members of St. Paul's many years ago, along with their daughter, Carrie Landis and we just received word of Vera's death.

## Save the Date!

**Saturday, March 31** at 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, there will be a Palm Saturday Lunch and Holy Week event for children, youth, and families.

**Sunday, April 29**, at 5:00 pm, St. Paul's is at the Durham Bulls Game! Tickets are \$8 each, seats are reserved in the shade (not facing the sun!).

## Thank you to the Congregation

*Just as the wise men came bearing gifts, you the congregation blessed us with an appreciation meal and monetary gift to show your appreciation. A simple thank you seems inadequate, so instead here's a big hearty Thank You for your many Christmas cards and gifts, and for all you do throughout the church year for us - You bless us continually with your support, care, concern, wonderful singing and inspiring instrumental gifts all year long.*

*With grateful hearts and Christian love,  
Brian and Marie Cash*

## Welcome our Congregation Council

On Sunday, January 15, our congregational council members were installed during both services. Below are some informational notes on our newest council members, as well as a list of the Congregational Officers and the entire council.

### Congregational Council Officers

President - Jerry Koontz  
 Vice President - Nolan Raney  
 Secretary - Kathy Daniels  
 Treasurer - Jayne Baum  
 Financial Secretary - Larry Jenkins



### Congregational Council Members

#### Terms expiring 2012

Alice Barnes, Kathy Daniels, Keith Morgan, Jerry Koontz

#### Terms expiring 2013

Jeff Anderson, Tina Bessias, Nolan Raney, Erica Luetzow

#### Terms Expiring 2014

Nancy Dewhirst, Tom Kraska, Theresa McCoy, Mike Tarrant

### *Newest members:*

**Nancy Dewhirst** has been a member of St. Paul's since 2001. She is a part-time Registered Nurse at UNC healthcare and also the Managing Editor of the International Journal of Hyperthermia. She is a UNC graduate and a true blue Tar Heel! She is honored to be able to serve St. Paul's as a member of the church council.

**Tom Kraska** - Tom and Judy Kraska have been members of St. Paul's since 2002, when Tom was transferred here from Ludington, MI to help start a

Joint Venture of Dow Chemical at RTP. They live in Chapel Hill with their Golden Retriever puppy, Missy. Tom and Judy have three sons and daughters-in-law and four grandchildren, giving them many reasons to travel now that they both have retired. During the summer months they live in Upper Michigan at their cottage on Lake Superior. Besides travel, Tom enjoys sailing and music. Tom and Judy both have been active members of the Lutheran church since childhood, and in fact, first met at University Lutheran Chapel in Ann Arbor. Besides various parish ministries, they helped establish the National Lutheran Via de Cristo Lay Ministry Program in Central Michigan and in several other Midwestern states.

**Theresa McCoy** became a member of St. Paul's in November 2010. She has become active in the Laudate Handbell Choir and volunteers in the Nursery. Theresa earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Duke University School of Medicine in 2010. Currently, she is a stay-at-home mom to her three year old son, Grant. Theresa is a private in-home tutor for students in chemistry. She serves as a volunteer Adult Literacy tutor with the Durham Literacy Center and also volunteers with the American Red Cross.

**Mike Tarrant** was born in Flint, MI and is glad to no longer live there! However, some favorite childhood memories are of annual trips to Mackinac Island and Sleeping Bear Dunes as well as the time spent at our vacation house, snow skiing, water skiing, swimming, fishing, and hiking in the woods of northern Michigan. At the age of 8 years old, the family moved to Parkersburg, WV, still considered home; and where he met his wife, developed a passion for soccer, and ultimately learned to gracefully tolerate redneck jokes and hillbilly stereotypes! Mike attended West Virginia University, earning a degree in Landscape Architecture; a profession which brought the family to Durham in 2006 and ultimately to St. Paul's in the spring of 2008. Leisure activities include the great outdoors, most sports, music, cooking and eating, and of course family time (though with three women in the house, this can be extremely brief at times). At St. Paul's, Mike is serving on the Playground Committee and assisting with teaching the Sr. High Sunday School class. In previous parishes, Mike has served on church councils and directed acolytes. He looks forward to serving on St. Paul's council and appreciates all of your support in this endeavor.

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### Chili Cook-off! Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm

The next Wednesday Night supper will take place at 6 pm Wednesday, February 1 – and since it is typically a cold month, nothing like warming it up with a **CHILI COOKOFF!**



Get your recipes out, warm up those pots and crockpots and bring your best chili efforts. We will provide all the accompaniments. There will be taste testings, and awards! All varieties are welcome! In the past we've had white chili, hot and spicy, meat, vegetarian, you name it! Bring it on! Questions? Contact Susan Esposito or Karen Hassett!

### Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Would you take additional courses to expand your knowledge, or go to a class to improve your cooking? Why not give your marriage the same attention? A "Valentine's" weekend is scheduled for February 17-19 in Myrtle Beach, SC, and there is still time to register. Visit [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact Dean and Marcia Redman at 919-797-0501 for additional information.

**New Members will be received on February 19.** Please contact Pastor Stover for information.

### Winter Craft Fest Sunday, February 19 4:00-5:30 pm Trinity Hall at St. Paul's

The Winter Craft Fest is coming up on Sunday, February 19 from 4-5:30 pm in Trinity Hall at St. Paul's.

One of the crafts being done is 'ice candles' for which **we need containers** – the cardboard type that cream, juices, and milk come in – quarts or gallons. Please bring clean boxes to the church office!

Then make plans to attend the Winter Craft Fest – fun for everyone!



UPDATE



- The tables in the foyer
- contain our directory list.
- Please check your
- Addresses - Phone
- Numbers - Emails – stop

by the tables in the foyer, place a check mark by your names after checking, correcting, adding!

### Scout Sunday

On Sunday, February 12, we welcome all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to worship. Many of these young people are active in programs sponsored by St. Paul's or meet at the church.

# THE SCOOP

Educational News

February 2012

## Adult Sunday School 9:45 am - 10:45 am Whitesell Hall



February 5 - Bible Study  
February 12 - Bible Study  
February 19 - Stewardship of the Mind, Body, and Spirit  
February 26 - Worship during Lent



## SPARK SUNDAY SCHOOL Continues...

What is SPARK?

- St. Paul's Amazing Rejoicing Kids!
- Don't miss the SPARK HOUR each Sunday, 9:45-10:45 am

### Coming in February for SPARK:

- † February 5 - Grades K-1-2 class visits the library
- † February 12 - SPARK Singers will sing at 11:00 am worship
- † February 12 - Age 3-4 class visits the library

## Confirmation Class Update

Summer Confirmation Camp at Camp Agape is an important experience of our Confirmation Ministry. Confirmation Camp week is June 24-29. Registration for all Grades 7-8 students attending is due February 6. See Diane Archer for an information packet.

Confirmation Students (Grades 7-8) have combined efforts with Grades 5-6 students for several projects and class sessions in December and January. Our next joint project will be creating a small Lutheran Prayer Book. The theme of our class time sessions is prayer, The Lord's Prayer. Class meets in the Sinai Room every Sunday, 9:45 am.

## ALLELUIA

### Sunday, February 26 The First Sunday in Lent

On this Sunday morning, we will *Bury the Alleluia*. During the 40 day season of Lent, we will remove the word *Alleluia* from our Lenten worship and practices. We lay our "*alleluias*" inside the Alleluia Box, where they will stay until Easter Sunday.

## Lent is 40 Days

If you count, it is actually 46 days = 40 days + 6 Sundays. Sundays are not included in the countdown of Lent. The forty days of Lent are days, but the Lord's Day (i.e. Sunday) are feasting days. On Sundays in Lent, we celebrate the Resurrection and the promise of the feast with our God and this trumps everything.

The number 40 has significance in Scripture: ancient Israel's 40 years in the wilderness; 40 days of rain in Noah's time; Moses on Mt. Sinai for 40 days; Saul, David, and Solomon each reigned for 40 years; 40 days of Elijah and Jesus in the wilderness; 40 days between the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. The number 40 signifies a round number that is fullness – a span of time sufficient to accomplish all.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

## Lent Mid-Week Worship

Theme: "**Jesus said, 'Come follow me.'**"

*Reflections on scripture, personal life to follow Jesus.*

**Wednesday Lent Suppers will be at 6:00pm  
Worship will be at 7:00 pm**

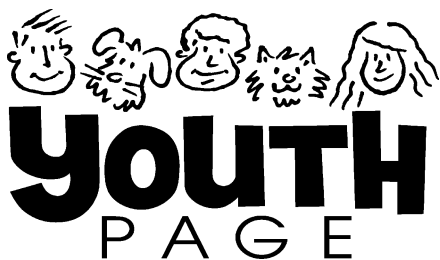
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**March 7:** Mark 15:41

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**March 28:** "The Silent Sermon" – Meditation on Jesus' Words, "Come follow me."



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Youth Ministry is a Christ centered ministry for youth, by youth, and with youth of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Activities are offered for Grades 5-12. Sign-ups, breaking news, birthday celebrations, and trivia can be found on the Youth bulletin board outside the church library, or on our Facebook page: "St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth."

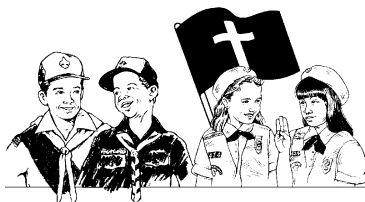
**Youth Calendar:**

- ▶ **February 5** - Youth sponsor our annual "Souper Bowl of Caring". Following our Sunday worship services on this day, youth will be in the foyer collecting donations for the Durham Community Kitchen.



Place \$1 in a soup bowl as an offering to support those who are hungry. Youth can sign up on the youth board – let us know which worship service you can help.

- ▶ **Sunday, February 12 – Scout Sunday** at St. Paul's. Youth who participate in Boy Scout and Girl scout programs are invited to wear your uniform and worship at St. Paul's



- ▶ **Saturday, February 18 - Work at the Community Kitchen**, 10:30 am - 1:15 pm. If you have not participated, we need you! It is fun, it is busy, it is outreach ministry! Meet at church, go to the kitchen, return to church.



- ▶ **Sunday, February 19 - Winter Craft Fest** at 4:00-5:30 pm in Trinity Hall! Youth are needed to help with ice candle making. Sign up on youth board, or see Diane A.

- ▶ **Saturday, February 25, 10:00 - 11:00 am - Youth Band Practice**. We'll meet in Trinity Hall, bring your instrument. We will prepare music for Eastertime. Open to all Middle School and Senior High youth. Any level of experience is welcome! Come join the band!



**Bible Quiz**

*These rhymes need help. What word would you use to finish them?*

The wise men came from afar,  
they followed a gigantic

\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 2:1-2

Adam didn't want to live alone,  
so God made a wife from his

\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 2:21-25

Collecting animals two by two,  
Noah soon had a floating

\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 7:13-16

On the road to Damascus, God gave a call.  
He converted the famous Apostle

\_\_\_\_\_ Acts 9:3-9

Jesus had good news he wanted to tell,  
so he waited for the woman at the

\_\_\_\_\_ John 4:6-42

Did you know them?  
Challenge others – look them up!