



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

March 7th, 2010

Welcome to Abiding Presence!

Thank you for worshipping with us!

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE
WWW.ABIDINGPRESENCE.ORG**

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- We are looking for a few more people to fill in our cadre of volunteers that help make the blood drives happen. Please contact Janet McBride if interested.

BALDWIN CENTER TOUR- For Faith Based Organizations is March 10, 3 – 4pm. To volunteer at BaldwinCenter, contact Jason Morgan at 248.332.6101 or jmorgan@baldwincenter.org.

FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- BAOBAB BLAST: God's Great Get-Together! June 21st – 24th 5:30pm – 8:30pm. VBS is looking for volunteers (current 7th graders – adults): Teachers, crafts, games, music, dinners, assistants, assistants, assistants. If you are interested in being a part of this year's adventure contact Laura Sneary (lsneary@wowway.com / 248-651-6062).

HELP WANTED- Are you creative? Do you love children? Do you just want to lend a helping hand? VBS is looking for volunteers to be on a Decorating Committee to transform our church into an African Savannah. If this is you, please see Laura Sneary or Jennifer Graessle.

MARY CIRCLE - join us for our March meeting on Tuesday March 9th starting at 7:30 PM in the church lounge. The discussion for this month will be 'Passport to Bolivia'. Urgent needs for The Haven this month include Cereal (hot and cold), deodorant (men or women), paper bowls, paper plates, socks (infant, children, women) and individual size packs of tissues. Donations can be placed in the Mary Circle/Haven bin in the narthex under the coat rack. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend our meetings. Contact Liz Bevier (248) 651-3714 if you need more information.

BAPTISMAL FLOWERS- are given by the Lapers in honor of Jillian Grace Harpster's baptism.

BUFFALO WILD WINGS – Support the Guatemala Group by eating at BWW anytime (lunch or dinner) on Monday, March 8, 2010. BWW is located on the Northeast corner on Walton and Livernois. 20% of your check will be donated to help fund the Thrivent/Habitat build and trip to Guatemala. You must have a flier to hand in and they are available in the narthex.

MEMBER NEWS- Betty Jo Buss' mother passed away recently. A memorial service will be held in March.

EUCHRE- Mark your calendars for the March Belated St. Patrick's Day Euchre night. The Altemann's will be co-hosting euchre on Saturday, March 20th at Marcia and Chuck Russell's home. We hope you can come! Come at 7 P.M., as usual. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share -- green (or orange), if you'd like. Let the Altemann's know if you can come, so we can have tables, chairs, cards, and beverages enough for everyone!

MINISTRY PRAYER GROUP-A weekly prayer group focused on supporting Abiding Presences' leaders and ministries in prayer. Co-Leaders are Cathy Evans and Kathy Dork, meet Wednesdays 10:30 -11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Prayer requests for A.P. leadership and ministries can be placed in the Ministry Prayer mailbox or you can contact Cathy Evans or Kathy Dork.

RUMMAGE SALE- to Benefit Youth Mexicali Mission Trip. Saturday, March 13th 9am – 4pm (\$1 early entrance 9-10). Many treasures including: antiques, large items, furniture, clothes, books, electronics, sporting goods, household items etc. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd. Birmingham 48009.

SILENT AUCTION - April 25 with a preview on April 18! This year's auction is being organized by the Habitat for Humanity Guatemala Group.

COMING FEATURE ATTRACTION- Join us in the sanctuary on March 21st, between services to view the movie Brick by Brick. It is the story of a school in Tanzania that is a potential mission opportunity for Abiding Presence in global reach.

PIGGY BANK SEMINAR-On Sunday March 21st the Sunday School will be hosting Thrivent Financial for a stewardship seminar for children and their families. All Sunday School parents are asked to attend with their children at 9:45 am on that Sunday. Each child will receive a very special piggy bank for attending the workshop. A two dollar dollar donation per child for the cost of materials is suggested. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Birmingham at kbbirm@mac.com.

MIDWEEK SOUP AND WORSHIP FOR LENT- Wednesdays through March 24, 6pm soup supper and 6:45pm worship. The worship services will feature skits performed by our catechism students.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-The Detroit Tigers' pitchers and catchers have reported to Spring Training. Habitat veterans are known to begin stretching their backs out, gripping exercises on their hammer and readying their tools for the upcoming build season this time of year as well. Current build plans kick off in May with the Thrivent Build in Pontiac. There will be a Thrivent kick-off breakfast on March 20 and we will let everyone know of the Abiding Presence build date. If everything goes well, we may begin with a Habitat build in Madison Heights in April. We'll keep everyone informed on this opportunity as well. Please visit the Habitat website at www.habitatoakland.org to keep current on the affiliate activities.

Habitat for Humanity - Help Build It

As a partner church with the Rochester Coalition and the Oakland County Habitat affiliate, Abiding Presence will plan to contribute \$7,000 this year in order to support the mission of eliminating poverty housing. Everyone is encouraged to contribute financially if possible. Every dollar counts - 86 cents of every dollar in the local affiliate goes toward the Habitat house.

Based on HFHI data, your gift could help buy:

\$10 = Box of nails

\$35 = Shingles

\$50 = Low-flow toilet

\$75 = Window

\$100 = Kitchen sink

\$150 = Front door

\$500 = Exterior siding

\$1000 = Wallboard

\$2000 = Flooring.

WORSHIP CONCERT- Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Fenton MI will host Peder Eide and TASTE Worship on March 20. If you're familiar with his ministry, you know that Peder Eide has spent much of the last decade serving God and the church as a full-time national singer/songwriter and speaker. Peder ministers throughout all of North America at national gatherings, festivals, conferences, conventions, concerts, and churches. His ministry is fueled with the desire to encourage, challenge, and motivate people to a closer walk with Jesus Christ. In conjunction with the theme of his 10th CD, TASTE AND SEE, Peder felt God calling him to a heartfelt mission to unite moms and dads and brothers and sisters in one setting where they could "TASTE WORSHIP" together. Through this exciting new ministry, families are exposed to the power of praying with and for one another. They are equipped with practical tools that will transform their lives, guiding them into a lifestyle of worship. This has proven to be wildly effective on a spiritual level, but equally fun and rewarding for families to grow in their bond together. For more information on Peder's ministry, visit his website at www.tasteworship.com. The event is at 6pm on Saturday, March 20 and ticket cost is only \$3.

PILLOWCASE PROJECTS- Thank you to all who came to the demonstration of the pillowcase projects, what a blessing to know so many women want to help with these projects. We ran short of time and didn't get a full demonstration of Sue Hoffman's project. Sue makes beautiful, colorful pillowcases for pediatric at R.O. Beaumont. They are given to the children as they stay at the hospital for treatment. They really cheer the children up :) There is an example of Sue's pillowcase in the Narthex next to the African Dress. There are instructions there also. Please consider helping with these projects in many ways. Help Sue make pillowcases, donate fabric, donate bought pillowcases for African dresses, sew dresses, donate money to buy supplies for both projects. Any questions please call Terri Finch 248-656-8383.

YOUTH NEWS- Volunteers Opportunity – Terry Long has invited us again this year to help with the Special Olympics Bowling Event put on by General Dynamics. It is on Saturday, March 20, 12:15-3:00pm at Ark Sterling Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr Rd. Please sign up on the Caring for Others bulletin Board. We are especially looking for youth – adults are welcome, too.

April 17-18—**30 Hour Famine**—Put on by LYO. 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday at St. John's in Farmington. FMI—www.facebook.com/event.php.

August 6-9—**Bass Lake at Michi-Lu-Ca** Sign up on bulletin board. FMI-
www.elcalivingwater.com/basslake/index.html

Volunteer Opportunities—If you are interested in volunteering in the AP Office or doing craft prep work for the preschool, please contact Janet McBride.

OTHER YOUTH EVENTS FROM AROUND THE AREA- March 7—Lost and Found Concert—Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City, MI

March 13 – Drama & Storytelling Workshop with Hunter Barnes, 3-5pm, St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington, MI. FMI, <http://www.facebook.com/l/6271e;248.474.0584> Details: Open to all middle and high school students, cost is \$5. Hunter Barnes will also be performing "The Gospel of Mark" at St. John on the 14th at 4 PM.

March 13—Boogie..Groove..Dance Fundraiser—Time: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI

March 26—Dinner and Movie Night Fundraiser—Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI

Helping With This Week's Services

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Asst. Minister	R Hoffman	Mary Howarth
Greeter	Diane Ingamells	Sneary
Usher		Newer
Acolyte	Hannah Trethewey	Lisa Arndt
Communion	Reynolds	Laura Sneary & Cheryl Duggan
Children's Time	Mary Howarth	Mary Howarth

WINTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday from 9:00a-3:00p.

A STAFFED NURSERY IS

AVAILABLE on Sundays from 8:30 to 12:00 for **children 5 and under**. Our Childcare Attendant, Jessica Swaitko, provides this service.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR



Are given by the Ingamells in honor of Spencer's and Kendall's March birthdays

All of us should work to be fluent in the language of our faith – the Bible – where our God is revealed to us. Please come to one of AP's Bible Studies and work on your Bible knowledge:

Day	Time	Name	Leader	Place
Sunday	9:45a	Christians and Islam	Janet McBride	AP Classroom 9
Thursday	10:00a	Book of Faith	Pastor Dick Schroeder	AP Board Room
Friday	6:00a	Lectionary – next Sunday's readings	Gary Clark and Rick McBride	Ram's Horn Restaurant

Attendance Last Week

Sun. Service	8:30AM	86
	11:00 AM	78
Wednesday	7:30 PM	37
Year to Date		1598

Financial Stewardship

Week of	RECEIPTS		BUDGET		
	2/28/2010	YTD	YTD	over (under)	
My Offering	\$ 6,552	\$ 44,753	\$ 52,800	\$ (8,047)	
Own the Bricks	\$ 1,161	\$ 7,333	\$ 12,600	\$ (5,267)	
Total Offerings	\$ 7,713	\$ 52,086	\$ 65,400	\$ (13,314)	

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Read Joshua 5:9-12,
Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians
5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT AP

Sunday	8:30a Worship—Traditional 9:45a Sunday School and Catechism 11:00a Worship—Contemporary
Monday	9:15a Aerobics 7:00p Board Meeting
Tuesday	4:30p Yoga 7:30p Mary Circle
Wednesday	9:15a Aerobics 6:00p Soup Supper 6:45p Lent Worship 7:30p Choir Practice
Thursday	10:00a Bible Study 10:00a Scrapbooking 7:00p Financial Peace University
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