

# ABIDING PRESENCE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Living in God's amazing grace



## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Friday, February 5th for the Kurt Ketelsen Habitat Birthday Build/ Lasagna supper and game night (to benefit Guatemala Build).

Sign up on the bulletin board or RSVP to Ginger Ketelsen at 248 -651-1368

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your thoughtfulness this holiday season. It is deeply appreciated. Pastor Dick & Nancy

Also, The AP Staff would like to send our appreciation to everyone for the Christmas gifts we received. You are all very generous and thoughtful. Carolyn B, Carolyn S, Janet, Jean, Sean



## ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Abiding Presence. There will be an additional service led by Pastor Dick at 12:15 p.m. at Oakland University, Oakland Center, in Lake Superior Room A. Both services will feature the imposition of ashes. All are invited.

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

(February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24)

Lenten Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Worship at 6:45 p.m.

## PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES—MARCH 28

8:30 a.m.—Traditional

11:00 a.m.—Contemporary

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

APRIL 1—MAUNDY THURSDAY—7:30 p.m.

APRIL 2—GOOD FRIDAY—7:30 p.m.

APRIL 4—EASTER SUNDAY—8:30 a.m. Traditional  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary



NEED A GOOD READ?- The Abiding Presence Book Corner is open for business. We have brought some books out of their hiding places so that all can borrow them for as long as you wish. If you have a good book that you would like to share (appropriate, of course!), we welcome your donation.

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God promises a safe landing,  
not a calm passage.

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## From Pastor Dick



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and savior Jesus the Christ,

When we think of the church, there are a wide variety of images and models that come to mind. Churches can focus on worship, community involvement, caring for its members, and many other strategies. We all have ideas on what we would like our church to be and how to best work towards its effectiveness and growth. After having spent

a little more than a year at Abiding Presence and doing a lot of listening and praying, I have been able to bring my vision for the congregation into a degree of focus.

I want our church to be known as a place to belong, to grow in faith, and where our members **can serve God's people in ways that match our passions and skills. I believe a way to** accomplish this is through a ministry focused on making disciples and reaching the unchurched.

While the details of how we accomplish this are for us to work out together, some important building blocks will be a strong small group ministry, increased visibility in the community, and partnerships that will leverage our resources.

I firmly believe these are the building blocks that will enable us to live out our mission as a community centered in Christ, sharing the abundant life we all have in Christ.

I ask that you lift up our church and its mission in prayer and join in the communication meetings that will be scheduled as we work towards further defining our journey.

**In Christ's service,**

Pastor Dick

## LIVING WATER MINISTRIES FISHING RETREAT

Join us in worship and fellowship and in our true love, fishing! Benefit from the expertise of local Michi-Lu-Ca fishing legend and yanner, George Conner, as he baits you with his fish tales and tips. Fish in our camp lakes or on the AuSable River. Be sure to bring your own fishing equipment, flies, lures, and bait to this fulfilling and fun retreat. No fishing license required for on camp fishing. Led by Pastor Doug Ogden.

April 23-25, 2010 at Michi-Lu-Ca

Cost: \$100.00 per father/son team and \$20 for each additional son.  
(includes meals and lodging)

To register, send your payment to Living Water Ministries at the address listed below. Payments by credit card can be made by calling between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm weekdays.

**3506 Garling Road • Fairview, MI 48621**

(989) 848-2230 • Fax: (989) 848-5797 • [www.elcalivingwater.com](http://www.elcalivingwater.com)

### Events:

February 7— 11:00 a.m.—Souper Bowl of Caring and Youth Service

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](http://www.facebook.com/event.php).

April 23—LockIn —Living Water will be here to run it again. Catechism will be attending and BSLC is also invited.

July 10-19—Guatemala Trip—If interested, please talk to Janet McBride.

July 10-19—Work Trip—BSLC is going to ?? and we are invited to come along.

August 6-9—Bass Lake at Michi-Lu-Ca Sign up on bulletin board. FMI,  
[www.elcalivingwater.com/basslake/index.html](http://www.elcalivingwater.com/basslake/index.html)

### Other News:

Valparaiso University—2010 Visit Days are Monday, February 15 and Saturday, April 17 for Juniors. Monday, July 26 is a General Visit Day. FMI, including scholarship info, is on the AP bulletin board or at [www.valpo.edu](http://www.valpo.edu).

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



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

The first half of the Sunday School year got off to a great start! We started a new program **with new material, that combines our age groups and takes a "rotational" approach to learning.** We use drama performed by the teens, puppets, crafts, games and movie clips to diversify our methods of learning. This fall, we studied three patriarchs of the Old Testament: Joseph, Moses, and David. In December, we finished off the year with a short Christmas/ Advent unit. This winter and spring we will focus on the life of Jesus and the Apostles. The children have responded well to our combined group but extra adult volunteers would definitely help our program to run more smoothly!

**In the Fall, we did one "fellowship" activity – a family movie/pizza night with "Meet the Robinsons" that was followed by a short Biblical discussion. The event was very well attended** and Pastor Dick joined our group as well. Everyone had a great evening! We have planned our second movie night for Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the church. Dinner will be served – join us if you are able – sign-up on the Youth bulletin board.

We also did one service project in November called Operation Christmas Child. We were able to fill 44 shoeboxes with toys and goodies that were sent to needy children overseas thanks to all of our students, parents and members who participated in the event. A very special **thank you to Eric and Ginger Ketelsen for hosting "Toy Factory" events for the children this fall,** and for donating all of the toy cars that were created at these events (enough for each box!) to our Operation Christmas Child Project. Another very special thank you to Trudy and George Karas for donating enough beanie babies to go in every shoe box the kids assembled (some even got two)!!

In October, we had one special event during the Sunday school hour with parents, a Seder meal that Pastor presided over. On February 7<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School, we have planned a second special family event about reading the Bible. We are asking all Sunday school parents to attend on that day. Pastor will join us for this event, and we will present Bibles to all second and third grade students during worship on this day. Please contact me ([kbbirm@mac.com](mailto:kbbirm@mac.com) or 248-608-8603) as soon as possible if your child is in this age group and you plan to attend on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

In early December, the Sunday school children performed an Advent song during the Contemporary worship service with the help of Jennifer Graessle and Sean Galloway. Special thank you to Jennifer Graessle for all of her work organizing the Sunday School Christmas program performed on Christmas Eve.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER (CONT'D)

Special Dates to remember:

Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. family movie night

Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:45 a.m. PARENTS ATTEND – Bibles presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during worship. Contact Kim Birmingham.

No Sunday School February 14<sup>th</sup> for mid-Winter break

In Christ, Kim Birmingham

Are you interested in Interfaith activities and connections?

Judy Satterthwaite from First Congregational Church UCC in Rochester is interested in gathering a group of people in this area who are open to meeting, talking, and working with people of other faiths and cultures.

**As a member of WISDOM (Women's Interfaith Solutions Dialog and Outreach of MetroDetroit) and Interfaith Partners, Judy has met and developed deep friendships with many wonderful people...Jews, Muslims, Baha'i, Hindu, Sikh Jain, Buddhists, and other Christians.**

There are several meaningful Interfaith events that people may not be aware of. Judy is looking for a few people from different churches in the Rochester area who are interested in participating and/or helping to publicize these wonderful events.

Please contact Judy Satterthwaite at (248) 651-8918 or at [judy.satterthwaite@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judy.satterthwaite@sbcglobal.net)



## SNIPPETS FROM PRESCHOOL

**Happy New Year!** The Beginnergarteners began 2009 making New Year's Resolutions while the pre-K children and the 3's plunged into their winter themes. The weather is cooperating! Freezing quickly occurs outside and there is plenty of snow for experiments and for filling our sensory tables. We love playing in the snow in the comfort of our cozy, warm classrooms! **The 3's were thrilled to find their classroom filled with cotton ball snow. After using one to one correspondence to pick it all up, they dumped all the "snow" on the parachute and created a blizzard right there in the room!**

**Our Christmas programs were wonderful as our youngsters' voices filled the sanctuary** with song (and a few unintended laughs!) The children love to perform and their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, etc., etc., love to see their precious ones perform! (And their teachers are just as proud as they can be of these little ones!) A big thank you to Pastor Schroeder for his rendition of the Christmas story. It was a very fitting ending to a wonderful program.

The beginnergarteners are now enthralled with Lizzy Lizard, Missy Mouse, Nigel Night Owl, and Olive Octopus as they make their way through the letters of Zoo Phonics. What an **intriguing way to learn the alphabet. The 3's are focusing on Jumping Jack J. They have also** moved past color of the week and now have a shape of the week. With the name game they are now finding their own names amid all of their classmates names! Quite an accomplishment!

**At the end of the month we will be celebrating Dad's Day, a special time for Dads to come to school. The children simply cannot wait!** (And, oh, the surprises we have in store for our Dad's)

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year has begun. For Abiding Presence members **the \$75 registration fee is waived. We'd love to have you come and visit us!**

Happy New Year to you all!

Miss Karen & Miss Michelle





*Women's Ministries*

## MARY CIRCLE

A ministry by and for women

The February meeting of Mary Circle takes place in the church lounge on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. For this meeting, we will learn about the needs of the country of Thailand through our study for this year, called Passport to Prayer. Through this program, we learn about the great need in countries around the world.

**Also, the popular "chick-flick" series returns with another dinner and a movie just for women. All women are invited to Rene McConahy's house on February 12 at 6:00 p.m. for food, fun, fellowship and a film. For more information, contact her at 248-373-3771 or [mcconahy@sgcglobal.net](mailto:mcconahy@sgcglobal.net).**

The needs for the Haven this month are:

Juice boxes	Cereal
Bottled water	Individual sized snacks
Hand Lotion (full size)	(cookies, chips)
Diapers (size 6)	Liquid hand soap

Also, used cell phones in working order

Please place these items in the bin marked MARY CIRCLE under the coat racks in the church entrance.

Contact Liz Bevier with any questions at 248-651-3714 or [buster3714@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buster3714@sbcglobal.net).

## THRIVENT NEWS

*Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*, in response to the devastation caused by the *earthquake in Haiti*, is announcing a \$1 million challenge to its members across the country. Thrivent Financial will match \$1 for every \$2 donated by Thrivent Financial members up to \$1 million for the potential of generating \$3 million. Funds will be directed to four Lutheran organizations to support their Haiti earthquake relief efforts: [Lutheran World Relief](#), [ELCA Disaster Response](#), [LCMS World Relief and Human Care](#) and [WELS Committee on Relief](#).

Thrivent Financial members interested in making a financial gift to help earthquake victims in Haiti can make their donation online at [www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti](http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti) or by phone at 1-800-236-3736 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday. When **prompted, please say "directory" then enter ext. 83003. Thrivent Financial will add a maximum of \$250 per member donation, and donations will be accepted through March 31, 2010.**

## ATTENTION PARENTS and GRANDPARENTS!

BEAUMONT HOSPITALS PARENT PROGRAM  
INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER  
SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION OF NEW PARENTS

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours per week

Volunteer opportunities include:

**HOSPITAL VISITOR:** Visit new families after the birth of their baby at Beaumont Hospitals, Royal Oak or Troy.

**INDIVIDUAL FAMILY SUPPORT:** Provide weekly phone calls from your home and upon family request, a visit during the first three months after birth.

**GROUP LEADER:** Facilitate a group of 8-10 families twice a month for six months

**BREASTFEEDING CALLER:** Provide two support phone calls to breastfeeding mothers within the first month postpartum

**N.I.C.U. VOLUNTEER:** All above services are offered to new parents in the neonatal intensive care unit by parents with this experience.

**POSTPARTUM ADJUSTMENT VOLUNTEER:** Provide support phone calls to mothers experiencing a difficult transition to parenthood or postpartum depression. Experience with postpartum depression/anxiety is essential.

Training is available for all volunteer roles. Please call 248-551-1455 or visit [beaumont-hospitals.com](http://beaumont-hospitals.com) for more information.

*February 2010 Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Collin Duggan	2/1
Bill Nadlonek	2/1
Chase Ogonowski	2/1
Bob Arrigo	2/4
Cameron Dork	2/4
Betty Ilkka	2/4
Carol Nadlonek	2/4
Stacy Stout	2/4
Dennis Therkildsen	2/4
Chris Altemann	2/6
Cheryl Duggan	2/6
Kathryn Graessle	2/6
Sally Warner	2/6
Carolyn Berwick	2/7
Benjamin Simko	2/7
Ron Corey	2/8
Patrick McConahy	2/11
Melanie Evans	2/12
Robert Evans	2/12
Mark Hoffman	2/12
Diane Burgeson	2/13

Roy Carlstrom	2/13
Spencer Dork	2/13
Carolyn Lewis	2/15
Harald Arndt	2/16
Vivian Gresham	2/17
Chris Gullen	2/17
Joyce Wartinbee	2/19
Gail Bufalini	2/21
Anne MacKenzie	2/22
Romaine Robbins	2/22
Jennifer Soldan	2/22
Ashleigh Altemann	2/23
Anna Gray	2/23
Nathan Gruber	2/23
Diane Jenkins	2/24
Dave Reuther	2/24
Wendy Gruber	2/25
Karl Geisler	2/26
Thomas Fahl	2/27
Zachary Mackenzie	2/27
Robert Larivee	2/28

HOUSEHOLD	DATE OF ANNIVERSARY	YEARS CELEBRATING
Tim & Susan Gray	2/16/1991	19
Alan & Robin Helmore	2/19/1977	33
Martina & Ronald Mulligan	2/21/1998	12



## READINGS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 2010



DATE	CHURCH YEAR DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
February 7	5 Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
February 14	Transfiguration of our Lord	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]
February 17	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 21	1 Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9 -16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
February 28	2 Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35



**2009 Congregation Board**

**President**

TBD

**Vice President**

TBD

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**Preschool Representative:**

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**Need:**

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SHARING THE ABUNDANT LIFE WITH  
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**Worship Schedule**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:45am Sunday School All Ages  
11:00am Contemporary Worship

Input deadline is the **15th** of the month.

Please send your articles to  
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