

The Ambassador



Lent 2010

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Lenten Midweek Service and Soup Supper

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
February 24th – March 24th

6:30 PM Soup Supper
7:15 PM Worship

THROUGHOUT LENT WE WILL BE HAVING A **WORLD HUNGER APPEAL** TO SHARE WITH THOSE WHO DO NOT EVEN HAVE DAILY BREAD.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17th 7:30 PM

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 28th 10:45 AM

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Thursday, April 1st 7:30 PM

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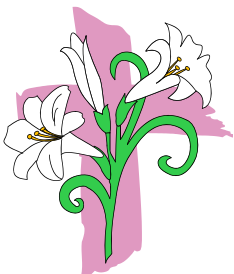
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from the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
As we enter into this season of Lent, it has occurred to me that we often think of Lent as a time to “give things up” or try to fix areas of our lives. It almost becomes a time to re-commit ourselves to our New Year’s Resolutions, since many people have given up on them by mid-

February. But in its origin, Lent was a time of preparation for baptism and reflection for those new members of the church. For those who were already members, it was a time to reflect on their faith journey and share it with those who were new in the community. It is a time, as we journey toward the foot of the cross of Christ that we also reflect on what God has done and is doing in our lives and what God is leading us towards.

To that end, we will focus and reflect on different topics in our weekly worship services. During our Sunday worship, we will make time to think about benevolence, our congregation’s practice of stewardship and giving. We will try to answer questions like: What does "benevolence" mean, where does our money go, and why do we send it? We will welcome special guests who will help put a face to this important part of our mission, including Pastor Scott Schantzenbach from the New Jersey Synod, and Dennis Micaï of Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

On Wednesday evenings, in addition to sharing a soup supper, we will give thanks and celebrate our baptisms in worship. We will think about our journeys and how God was active in our ancestors' lives as we study the book of Genesis. Throughout this book, we hear over and over about how God is active in [our world](#): with the moment of Creation, with Noah during the Flood, with Abraham who becomes the beginning of the people of God, with Jacob as he wrestles with God, and lastly with Joseph, of "Technicolor Dream Coat" fame, as he rises to power in Egypt.

Don’t forget about Ash Wednesday, February 17th, when we begin this season of Lent and reflect on the gracious power of God in the cycles of life and death that we experience all the time.

May this time of Lenten reflection help you to think, learn, and grow with fellow members of the Body of Christ! Peace be with you,

Pastor Aaron Richter

Please contact Pastor Aaron whenever you are in need of pastoral care or are aware of others who may be in need of pastoral care.

This includes:

- sickness,
- hospitalization,
- times of crisis when things are out of control or down times,
- times of decision when you are not sure of what to do,
- when someone is near death,
- when there has been a birth,
- when contemplating marriage
- if you just want to talk.

If you cannot reach Pastor Aaron (609-393-5744) than contact the church office (609-393-



Picture of the frozen bay at Harvey Cedar’s Retreat Center on Long Beach Island January 30th during the 2010 Winter Youth Assembly.

Thank You!

- ❖ Thank you to our dedicated 2009 church council, which included **Howard Adcock, Katrina Andrejco, Kris Andrejco, Mary Cooper, Norman Marcelle, Crystal Mura, Bill Schendlinger** and **Jim Springstead**.
- ❖ Thank you to **Dick Cooper** for putting together the annual report on the computer.
- ❖ Thank you to **Katrina Andrejco** for directing the Sunday School Program. Thank you to **Barbara Fletcher, Sarah Richter** and **Barb Schendlinger** who assisted in this program.
- ❖ Thank you to **Kris Andrejco** for putting together the newsletter each quarter.
- ❖ Thank you to the **Chime and Bell Choirs** for playing during weekly service and on Christmas Eve.

Special Contributions:

Baptismal & Communion Gifts:

In honor of George Van Pelt

Capital Fund: In memory of Linda Papal,
children and great grandchildren

Other Contributions:

In honor of son Glenn and family
Given by George Van Pelt

Among Members & Friends

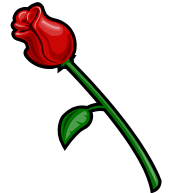


New Members

We welcome Lisa Edwards as the newest member of St Bartholomew's family on December 6, 2009. Lisa is the mother of Mahler & Esmerele Scott.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family of Joseph Servillo who died on November 28th. Joe was a long time member of St Bartholomew.



Keep in Prayer

Our Homebound Members

Dorothy Black
Caroline Elmer
Helen Herbert



Emma Brink
Hazel Heath
Else Metcalfe

Mary Nikinski

Worship in a Time of Sickness

Our most recent edition of *Seeds of the Parish*, a resource for ministry that can be found in the Lounge, talked about the problem of illness and disease in relation to worship. In our time when we have many fears of flu, H1N1, and other diseases, it can be scary to gather for worship, a time when we gather near one another, embrace and shake hands, and eat and drink the bread and wine. While we trust in the healing and saving power of Christ, it is also important to be careful. Here are a couple of suggestions:

- If you are not feeling well, consider sitting apart from others or staying home. If you desire communion at home, we would be happy to arrange it.
- If you have to cough or sneeze, do so into your sleeve and away from others.
- Feel free to use the hand sanitizer located in the hallway when you approach the altar for communion. Know that Pastor Aaron uses it before handing out communion.
- During the passing of the peace, if you don't feel comfortable touching someone else, feel free to say the words "Peace be with you" accompanied with a head nod or bow. The point of this time is not to touch one another, but to bless one another with the peace that comes from Christ.
- Most importantly, wash your hands several times during the day, which dramatically reduces the chances of getting sick.

Remember, stay well and take care of yourself!

Church News

Report on the 2009 Annual Meeting

We had our annual meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2010. This year we wanted to celebrate all of the wonderful things that have gone on during 2009.

Some of the highlights of 2009 are:

Great Vacation Bible School with more than 40 kids from our church and community

Mid Week Lenten Worship with talks from congregation members

Neighborhood BBQ with over 130 people in attendance

Refugee Program – we provided food for the Refugees throughout the year, and continue to provide for needs and they arise. We also had a number of refugees worshipping with us this past year, and their children participated in Sunday School.

Monthly Fellowship Night

Four different Adult Education options – Thursday Night Bible Study, Sunday morning Bible Study and Fellowship Group, monthly Women's Bible Study, and monthly Women's Supper Group (started midyear)

Prayer Chain - renamed Prayer Group – several people actively praying for specific prayer requests

Bell Choir and Children's Chimes Choir which enhance our worship service

Thrivent Builds – where we helped to build another house through Habitat for Humanity

Supporting Youth Camps in Africa

Congregational Retreat - held at St Bart Fellowship Hall

Council President, Bill Schendinger reflected in his report – A year of change at St. Bartholomew. There were many changes here this past year including:

- Trenton Head Start lease renewal for 5 years -not a year to year
- The call committee led a successful search to call a new pastor. We
- welcomed Pastor Aaron Richter in August 2009

Voted on at the meeting:

Church Council – Howard Adcock resigned, Jim Springstead chose not to seek reelection, and Mary Cooper retired; Kris Andrejco and Norman Marcelle were reelected 3 year terms ending in January 2013. Bob Eversberg, Dick Cooper, Rosalie Conover and Barbara Fletcher were elected for 3 year terms.

2010 budget was approved.

Special Benevolence donation to NJ Synod of \$2,465.00. This is in addition to our normal Benevolence giving. This represents 10% of the net Investment Income for Thrivent Investment Management accounts in the Bequest Fund for 2009.

We had a great year in 2009. We look forward to where God is leading us in 2010.

LILIES & DAFFODILS

I would like to order _____ (how many) LILIES @ \$12.00
in memory/honor(circle one) of _____



I would like to order _____ (how many) DAFFODILS @\$10.00
in memory/honor(circle one) of _____



I would like to make a donation of \$_____ toward LILY HEADS AND PALMS
in memory/honor(circle one) of: _____

Your Name _____ Donation Enclosed _____

Return by March 14th.

Please make checks payable to "St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church"

FOOD CERTIFICATES

I would like to order _____ (how many) certificates(s)
in **memory** of _____
(print name as you would like it printed in the bulletin)

I would like to order _____ (how many) certificate(s)
in **honor** of _____
(print name as you would like it printed in the bulletin)

Cost is \$5.00

Name _____

Phone _____

Return by Sunday the 21ST of March

I would like to be a donor of (check all that apply) for 2010

- Communion Wafers for (month) _____ in memory/honor of _____ \$8/ month
- Eternal Candle for (month) _____ in memory/honor of _____ \$15/ month
- Altar Flowers for (week) _____ in memory/ honor of _____ \$30/ week
- Baptism and Confirmation gifts in memory/ in honor of _____ \$5-\$20 per gift
- Newsletter in memory/ honor of _____ \$75 per quarter
- Bulletin for (month) _____ in memory/ honor of _____ \$10/ month
- Capitol Fund in memory/ honor of _____ \$ _____
- Other _____ in memory/ honor of _____ \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Checks are payable to "St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church" and donations are fully tax deductible

ST. BART "GOOD NEWS" KIDS' CLUB

(BARBARA FLETCHER)

The St. Bart "Good News" Kids' Club will meet on the following dates: **February 6 and 20, March 6 and 22, future dates to be announced.** The Kids' Club meets in Fellowship Hall on scheduled Saturdays between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. We have lunch together, explore Bible verses and stories, sing songs, play games, and do arts and crafts.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

(KRIS ANDREJCO)

The Senior High Youth continue to enjoy a breakfast with Pastor and fellowship every second Saturday of the month from 9:30 to 11 am. Any youth of the church in grades 9 thru 12 is encouraged to attend, February 13th, March 13, April 10, May 8, & June 12. Two of our youth attended the WINTER YOUTH ASSEMBLY at Harvey Cedars on LBI. There is being planned a game night on February 26th, 6 to 11 pm.

Youth Musical Ensemble

(Norman Marcelle)

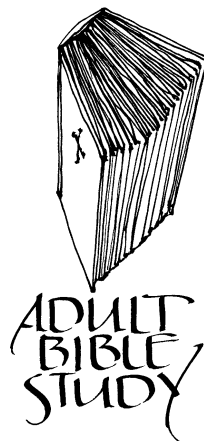
All youth are invited to join us on the following dates: February 13, & 20, March 13 & 20, from 4 – 6 p.m. as we learn new music together.

THURSDAY NIGHT

(JACK FLETCHER)

Topic of discussion is Ephesians, Chapter 3. Bible Study is held at Jack and Barbara Fletcher's House, 1444 S. Clinton Ave., all are invited and welcomed.

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Crafting through God's Love

(KRIS ANDREJCO)

We are continuing to work on the three projects, as each person desires –Premie Hats for Mercer NICU, Chemo Hats for St. Francis, and Baby Items for Home Front We also made over 80 each of hats and scarves plus several lapghans for the refugee ministry.

Join us on the **2nd Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** as we make crafts together for ourselves and others. .

Upcoming Dates:

Feb 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Join members of all ages of our congregation for dinner and a program or activity the **3rd Friday of the month from 6:30 – 8 p.m.** Dinner will be potluck or covered dish. Each person or family unit is asked to bring something to contribute for dinner – a main dish, side dish, or dessert that will feed 6-8 people. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or expensive.

Spring Dates and Program:

February 19 – Game night (group games)

March 19 – Easter Crafts

April 16 – Decorating Bosnia. Bags

May 21 – TBA

Sunday Morning

(JOHN CONOVER)

Bible Study & Religious Discussion

9:30 – 10:30 am, in fellowship Hall.

Lutheran Basics 12:30 pm in the Lounge

ALL are WELCOME



Natural Church Development - Loving Relationships

(BARBARA FLETCHER)

New initiatives will be forth coming when the Health Team regroups and reevaluates the church's needs.

1st Communion Classes

We will be having a first communion class on February 26 and March 6, at 10am to noon. The age for first communion varies for a variety of reasons (anywhere from kindergarten to fifth grade). Parents and guardians know their children best. If you feel that your child is ready for first communion please speak with Pastor Aaron, or Jenn Sullivan



Fellowship - Small Groups

The Jr. High Youth Group, had a fantastic friendship building LOCK IN.

The kids had a wonderful time learning about themselves, their friends, and even Pastor Aaron and Sarah! We played games, watched movies, ate pizza, and learned about our God given gifts. The kids had a lot of fun, and truly enjoyed being locked in the church over night!

E-Newsletter

In order to better communicate events and activities at St. Bart's, we are starting an e-newsletter. To sign up:

1) Go to the website: www.stbartslutheran.org and follow the link titled "E-Newsletter".

Simply fill in the form and send it off.

For those without e-mail, several copies of the e-newsletter will be available in the back of the Church at the beginning of each month

Refugee Resettlement Ministry

(JACK FLETCHER)

On behalf of the many refugees whose transition into our way of life in America has been eased because of God's work here at St. Bartholomew, thank you and may God continue to bless our congregation. Also, a thank you to Abiding Presence Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran for their support. They are in continuing need of the following items:

Blankets/comforters, bed linens, towels/washcloths, detergents/cleaning items, personal hygiene items, and raw rice among other items.

Please if you can supply any of these items either bring them to church or contact Jack Fletcher.



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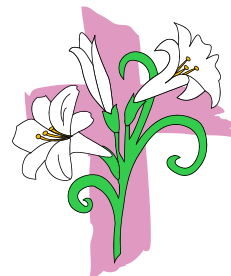
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Special Music by the Bell Choir

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