

# The Ambassador



## Lent 2009

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## CHRIST OUR HOPE



### Lenten Midweek Service and Soup Supper

#### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

*March 4<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>*

**6:30 PM Soup Supper**

**7:15 PM Worship**

Each Wednesday night we will hear how Christ has been our Hope and how he has transformed our lives.

March 4 - What is Really Real?

March 11 - Are we Getting Anywhere?

March 18 - Knowing the Incarnate God.

March 25 - Place of Surrender, Mercy.

April 1 - The Core of Spiritual Life.

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

Dear Members and Friends of  
St. Bartholomew,



*from the Pastor's desk*

### HOW DO YOU OBSERVE LENT?

Traditionally, the Christian Church has observed "Lent" as the forty-day period before Easter (not counting Sunday). This year, Lent will be observed on February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Bartholomew and other liturgical churches. In a sense, it commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing to enter his public ministry. Lent can become a time for each one of us to prepare ourselves for our public ministry in His Name.

Lent is and has been a time for prayer, meditation and self-discipline. Remembering the words of Genesis 3:19 "...you are dust, and to dust you shall return," the faithful people of Israel often put on sack clothing and covered themselves with ashes as a sign of their humility before God. On Ash Wednesday, many Christians place ashes in the form of a cross on their forehead as a reminder that this earthly life is temporary and fleeting. Although the ashes can easily be washed off, they are a stark reminder that this world is not our home and that we must pass from death into life, just as Jesus has done for us.

In Lenten prayer and self-denial, we seek to humble ourselves before God and worship Him in faithful obedience. As I noted in a recent sermon, God often calls unwilling disciples. Whether it was Moses, Jonah, Saul, Martin Luther, Martin Luther King, Jr. or you and me, God is constantly reaching out to reconcile His unwilling and stubborn egotistical children to follow *His way* – not our own! In the old days, it used to be common for church people to ask one another: "What have you given up for Lent?" Unfortunately, like many of our New Year's Resolutions that are unfulfilled by now, we often fail to give sufficient thought to our Lenten planning. Also, by focusing on "giving up things," we often overlook the positive achievements we could utilize for our Lenten spiritual growth. Paul reminded us in Galatians 6:10 "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all..." That goodness starts with each one of us and our prayerful decision to spend time in Lent dedicating ourselves to Bible reading, prayer, fasting, and seeking ways God would have us do good to others! As we grow in practicing our faith, God will bless us - and the world will see the good that we do and give the glory and praise to God.

In Christ,

Rev. Donald H. Moeser  
Vice Pastor

**Please contact Pastor Moeser 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

Just to name a few.

If you cannot reach Pastor Moeser (609-497-0712) than contact the church office.



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# Lent

## CHRIST OUR HOPE

Join us for Wednesday Lenten Services, coordinated by Jenn Sullivan and John Conover and with temple talks from members of our congregation.

### March 4 - What is Really Real?

*"Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me in a willing spirit." Psalm 51:12*

Andy McManus

### March 11 - Are we Getting Anywhere?

*"It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave."*

Matt 20:26-27

Katrina Andrejco

### March 18 - Knowing the Incarnate God.

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished."* Matt 5:17-18

Bob Eversberg

### March 25 - Place of Surrender, Mercy.

*"Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me...keep me safe forever." Psalm 40:11*

Gwen Karro

### April 1 - The Core of Spiritual Life.

*"If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."*

John 8:36

Cody Raider

Each Wednesday we will gather for a Soup Supper at 6:30 PM and worship together at 7:15 PM.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

### Easter Preparations

Saturday, April 11th 10:30 am

Come help get the church ready for the Easter Celebration!

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

### PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 10:45 AM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

### GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE - SERVICE OF DARKNESS

FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM

LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

### EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 AM SERVICE

## Follow Jesus through Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Mark 14:1-15:47

Mark 15:1-47

Monday of Holy Week

John 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week

John 12:20-36

Wednesday of Holy Week

John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17, 31B-35

Good Friday

John 18:1- 19:42

Vigil of Easter

John 20:1-18

Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

## Thank You!

- ❖ Thank you to our dedicated 2008 church council, which included **Howard Adcock, Kris Andrejco, Mary Cooper, Jack Fletcher, Norman Marcelle, Crystal Mura, and Jim Springstead.**
- ❖ Thank you to **John Conover** for all of the work that he does on the PA system each week.
- ❖ 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 **Lisa, Adcock, Howard Adcock, Danielle Mura, Barb Schendinger and Jenn Sullivan** who assisted in this program.
- ❖ Thank you to **Kris Andrejco** for helping to put together the newsletter each quarter.
- ❖ Thank you to **Bob Eversberg** for stripping and waxing the fellowship hall floor.

## The Pancoast's Holiday Letter

Hannah has had quite the year of growth from not even crawling last January to running around and trying to keep up with her sister. She also has started speaking in sentences and has quite the vocabulary. Hannah loves the outdoors and is easy going (unless her sister takes her toys away).

Sophia loves to read, play dolls, do puzzles, and play dress up. She has started to develop quite the imagination. It is fun to watch her play pretend. Right now she likes to play preschool and enjoys being the teacher. She also pretends that she is a pastor and gives us pretend communion and then has to go "write a sermon."

Blessing, Joel, Sonja, Sophia, and  
Hannah Pancoast

### Camps in Africa

Our congregation supported the Millennium Investment Project, which is a week long camp in Sierra Leon for youth to learn about Christ and God's intention for their lives, by sending \$327. that was raised in a special collection during the December.



## Among Members & Friends

### Baptisms



We celebrate the baptism of **Victoria Sophia Horsburgh-Lidicker** on Sunday, November 23, 2008. Victoria was born on June 24, 2008 to Heather Horsburgh and Shawn Lidicker.

### New Members

We welcome Andrew McManus as the newest member of St Bartholomew's family on February 8, 2009. Andy works for Head Start, and has already gotten involved in the Youth Musical Ensemble.



### Special Contributions:

Baptismal & Communion Gifts:

- In honor of George Van Pelt

## NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT - LOYING RELATIONSHIPS



The NCD Spiritual Health Team is finishing up the initiatives we developed with help from the congregation earlier this year. We have instituted our new "welcome teams," with "welcome bags" that are now presented to all new worshippers. We will be adding new pictures to our Church Community Picture Board in Fellowship Hall as needed. Our "Praise Reports" have really taken off, with more and more worshippers participating. Praise Report forms are now being included in the church bulletin for those who wish to submit reports in writing. A workshop to explore our Church Mission will be presented at our rescheduled church retreat. And finally, monthly meetings of all small group and ministry leaders are keeping all of our efforts coordinated and focused on the Church Mission. The Spiritual Health Team will continue to meet in the coming months to monitor the success of the steps we have taken, pending the call of a new Pastor. Questions and comments are always welcome at any time and can be directed to Barb Fletcher. Thank you for your continued support of NCD here at St. Bart.

# Church News

## *Report on the 2008 Annual Meeting*

We had our annual meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2009. This year we wanted to celebrate all of the wonderful things that have gone on during 2008.

Some of the highlights of 2008 are:

- Great Vacation Bible School with almost 50 kids from our church and community
- Bell Concert which at Silver Lake Nursing Home where Bill Gretton Long time member now resides (former member of bell choir)
- Mid Week Lenten Worship with forgiveness as sermon topics
- Community Carnival with over 150 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, Saturday Bible Study and Fellowship Group, monthly Women’s Bible Study, and Sunday Morning Adult Education
- Prayer Chain – 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
- Year round stewardship emphasis – Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share – in May we had members share about how they use their spiritual gifts, in June we had 30 days of blessings journal, in July we had 30 days of caring and sharing journal, in September we heard about how our benevolence dollars benefit others, and in November made financial commitments to the church
- Congregational Retreat - which had to be postponed due to inclement weather and power & water shortages

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

- Trenton Head Start continuing to expand with a second class for the school year 2008-2009.
- Pastor Sonja announced she accepted a call to a new place.
- The establishment of a call committee to lead our search to call a new pastor.
- Integration of the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal with the entire service not just the spoken parts but all of our musical selections.

Voted on at the meeting:

- Church Council – Katrina Andrejco and Bill Schendlinger elected to a 3 year terms ending in January 2012. Howard Adcock was reelected for a 3 year term.
- 2009 budget was approved.
- Special Project funds for 2009 were approved to helping fund the Congregational Retreat (probably fall 2009, supporting the Refugee Ministry (support for those in need program, supporting the Youth Ministry (support for youth participation at various youth events. This is in addition to Thrivent and NJ Synod scholarships and other sources of financial assistance.
- (These funds will come from Bequest/programs)

We had a great year in 2008. We look forward to where God is leading us in 2009.

# Fellowship - Small Groups

## ST. BART "GOOD NEWS" KIDS' CLUB

The St. Bart "Good News" Kids' Club has scheduled a brand new series of sessions for the next quarter: **February 7 and 21, March 7 and 28, April 18, and May 2, 16, and 30.** 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. The goal of this ministry, by expanding the VBS model throughout the year, is to provide the children of our community with important spiritual lessons, and loving and supportive relationships, in order to help them withstand the challenges of inner-city life. Our attendance has ranged from five to twenty children, and we have been truly blessed to share God's love with some great kids who need Him in the center of their lives. Please offer your continued prayers for the success of this outreach ministry, and consider joining us in this important effort. There are many ways in which you can help, and Barb and Jack Fletcher can be contacted for more information.

# NEW

Jenn Sullivan invites all the Women of the church and guest to join her as she starts a new forum where they will discuss topics of interest for today's Christian Women as they enjoy a potluck dinner together. Join Jenn on the fourth Saturday evening of the month at 6 p.m. starting, **April 25, 2009.**

# WOMENS SUPPER CLUB

## Youth Musical Ensemble

All youth are invited to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of March, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of April and May from 4 – 6 p.m. as we learn new music together. We will share our music with the congregation on March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, speak with Norman Marcelle.

## FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Join members of all ages of our congregation for dinner and a program or activity the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

- March 20 – Omelets to order & Bags for Bosnia  
In lieu of a cover dish, you are to bring your favorite omelet ingredient. Please coordinate with Howard Adcock. Come and decorate bags for the servant team going to Bosnia. These bags go to the children who come to the youth camps that the New Jersey Synod puts on each summer in Bosnia.
- April 17 – Mystery Night (diner play)
- May 15 – Game Night  
Bring your favorite game and spark an old interest or teach a new friend how to play.



### Crafts

Crafting through  
God's Love

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  
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:

**March 14, April 11, May 9**





## SENIOR HIGH BREAKFAST

The Senior High Youth continue to enjoy a breakfast with 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. March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13.

### EASTER / PASSOVER TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. d When the children of Israel were still in bondage in the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:1-28
2. b Exodus 12:1-28
3. a Once. Acts 12:4 *And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after easter to bring him forth to the people. (KJV)*

## Refugee Resettlement Ministry

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. The Lord continues to bring people from Burma, Africa, Nepal, (which lies between India and China near the Himalayan Mountains), and Colombia in South America. This year we expect 20 new families to arrive. The first arrived from Nepal on January 28 and is staying in the "Welcome House" at 620 McClellan Ave. in Hamilton Township.

We have seen God's grace in the birth of a healthy baby boy, Avimanu Dahal, to Ram and Laxmi Dahal, a young couple from Nepal, and we are awaiting the birth of three more babies this year. We have also been used by God to provide not only the fish, but the knowledge of how to fish, by teaching refugees how to drive, currently two people from Nepal. This past month Isaac Massaquoi from Liberia obtained his driver's licenses and now has his own vehicle. Now he is able to assist in the ministry by taking others to doctor's appointments and food shopping. A young woman from Burma who has worshipped with us at St. Bart's has begun an adult Sunday School class in her home and asked if we could supply her with ten posters of the Lord's prayer in English, so that she could distribute them to the families to take home and hang on their walls. What a wonderful way to learn to read and speak the English language. Praise God!

God is doing amazing things through us at St. Bartholomew, by providing His comfort, love and friendship to those who have been forced to leave their homelands and family members because of war, oppression, and persecution. To God goes all the Glory!

Get More Money Back For our Family!

Get the most from your paycheck! If your family income was less than \$42,000 in 2008, you may qualify for a tax refund worth thousands of dollars through the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). You may also qualify for Child Tax Credit and the NJ EITC. You can get free help filing your taxes from professionally trained volunteers at an IRS certified tax prep location in your neighborhood. Please don't spend money to have your taxes completed. All returns are filled electronically for quick turn around. Call 211 for a site near you or go to [www.earndincometaxcredit.org](http://www.earndincometaxcredit.org).

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**LILIES & DAFFODILS**

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



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in memory/honor(circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_

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in memory/honor(circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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### Ash Wednesday Service

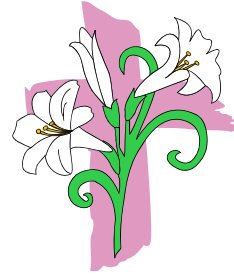
Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM Soup Supper  
7:30 PM Worship Service

### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM



### Holy Week Services



### Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:45 AM

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM



### *Easter Sunday*

### *Worship*

*Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>*

*10:45 AM*

*Special Music by the Bell Choir*

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