

Nativity Scene

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2010 Lent Issue

“40 Years, 40 Days: Toward a Reborn Faith”

A Lenten series based on the Scripture readings used 40 years ago during Nativity’s first Lenten observance

Begins February 17

Sunday morning Lenten worship at 8 and 10:30 am
February 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21

Midweek worship theme: *Luther’s Catechisms*

Each Wednesday, beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through 6 weeks, we will worship together and revisit some of the basic teachings of the Lutheran Christian community

Lenten Wednesdays: February 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24

Soup and bread supper at 6:00 pm

Worship at 6:45 pm



Sunday, March 14

40TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

With Bishop Chris Boerger of our NW Washington Synod, ELCA preaching and presiding at both 8 and 10:30 am worship

Brown Bag Bible Study

Lenten Mondays: February 22;
March 1, 8, 15, 22

Bring your lunch and feast on the Word!

We will be taking a weekly look at the usual Lectionary Scripture readings for the Luke year of the cycle (as we will not be using these texts on Sunday mornings)

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 17 – 7:00 pm

A service of repentance, confession and forgiveness, imposition of ashes,
and Holy Communion

No soup and bread supper on Ash Wednesday



Holy Week begins with the Sunday of the Passion, March 28

Both 8 and 1:30 am worship will feature the congregational reading of the Passion of our Lord according to Saint Luke

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week

Services of Word and Prayer
March 29, 30, 31 - 12 noon

We mark Holy Week each day with a brief (20 minute or so) service of Daily Prayer and Scripture reading

Return to the Lord this Lent through worship!

Sunday worship schedule for February and March 2009



8 am – worship with Holy Communion – Epiphany Spoken setting of the liturgy
 9 am – “Head to Heart” adult education in the Modular Building
 10:30 am – worship with Holy Communion and Kids’ Church—
 Holden Communion setting of the liturgy
 11:30 – fellowship

February 7 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (5th Sunday after Epiphany) AND PLU Sunday
 Texts: Isaiah 6:1–13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11
 Message: “abide”

February 14 – Transfiguration of our Lord
 Texts: Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28–43a
 Message: “atop ... away ... alleluia!”

We change settings of the liturgy for the Season of Lent
 8:00 am – Spoken Morning Prayer with Holy Communion
 10:30 am – Nativity Lenten setting 2010

February 21 – 1st Sunday in Lent
 Texts: Genesis 22:1-14; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11
 Message: “why?”

February 28 – 2nd Sunday in Lent
 Texts: Exodus 33:12-23; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28
 Message: “who?”

March 7 – 3rd Sunday in Lent
 Texts: Jeremiah 26:1-15; Ephesians 5:1-9; Luke 11:14-28
 Message: “how?”

March 14th – 4th Sunday in Lent
 NATIVITY’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 Bishop Boerger preaching and presiding at both services
 Texts: Isaiah 55:1-7; Galatians 4:21-5:1a; John 6:1-15
 Message: “where ... when?”

March 21 – 5th Sunday in Lent
 Texts: Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:46-59
 Message: “what?”

March 28 – Sunday of the Passion / Beginning of Holy Week
 Worship liturgy: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* setting 5
 Texts: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
 Congregational participatory reading of the Passion of our Lord according to Saint Luke

Next Scene published at the end of March!

The deadline to get materials into the next issue of the *Nativity Scene* will be March 15. Please have your articles to the church office by then! The Holy Week / Easter issue will be sent home via email and postal mail the week of March 21.

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Renton Food Bank needs your donations

Tough economic times mean high demand on the Salvation Army's Renton Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable foods to church each Sunday and put them in the “manger” located in the front entry. Especially in these cold, dark winter months, please remember those folks who need your help to have good nourishing food on their dinner tables.

Suggested donations: rice, pasta, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned beans, peanut butter, and breakfast cereal. Please, no glass containers.

Confirmation ministry “Faith Thinking” has a full winter

Our confirmation ministry program for seventh and eighth graders called “Faith Thinking” began its winter with a look at the New Testament in our first gathering of the new year on Sunday, January 11. Second year students Aaron Korneliussen, Christopher Lapins, Titus Owen, Adam Riddle and Seth Wiswell, along with first year students Destiny Saunders and Devon Williams, have joined with ten youth from Kent Lutheran in their faith affirmation journey.

We had a cross cultural and interfaith field trip to the IMAN Center Mosque in Kirkland on Saturday, January 16. The Imam of this Sh’ia mosque gave us a very interesting presentation on Islam and the mosque, and helped us better understand our Muslim neighbors.

Our winter retreat on Holy Baptism will be on March 19-20 at Kent Lutheran Church. We’ll cover aspects of our worship and faith life together which we don’t usually pay as much attention to in our Faith Thinking gatherings but are very important to our faith practice, such as marriage, ordination, and rites related to death.

Our final retreat of the year, on the Lord’s Prayer, will be April 16-17.

The five Nativity eighth grade youth will affirm their baptisms in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, June 6 at the 10:30 am worship service. Please continue to remember our confirmation youth in your prayers as they are engaged in “Faith Thinking.”



South King Cluster “PAC” shared youth news

The South King Shared Youth Cluster continues to offer events and gatherings for the youth of our Renton and Kent area.

On December 12, Lord of Life Lutheran Church hosted an afternoon servant event. Youth from Nativity, Lord of Life and Kent collected food for the Renton Food Bank in preparation. That afternoon was filled with games and seeing who could “build” the best “manger” with the food they collected.

January 30 from 6:45 to 9 cluster youth will gather at the Acme Bowl in Tukwila (across the street from Southcenter) for some “Cosmic Bowling.” This event is sponsored by Kent Lutheran Church.

Upcoming events for the Cluster include a weekend retreat to Forks in April, and the annual trip to Holden Village in May.

“Head to Heart” adult education for February and March continues to explore “Revelation 2010”

We will continue on Sunday mornings during these two months to explore this often-misunderstood final book of the Bible. Through PowerPoint presentation and other resources, the spiraling, image laden texts will hopefully come alive for you. If you’ve missed a session, don’t be afraid to come and “pick up” where we are now ... past class presentations are available on CD-Rom discs.

Pick up a cup of coffee or tea and prepare to be engaged “head to heart,” each Sunday at 9 am in the Modular building.

MAGI

If you are available on Second Tuesdays at lunch time you are **encouraged** to join the MAGI group for good unhurried conversation and a no host lunch. The Feb. 9 gathering will be at noon at LaFuente in Fairwood.

Family Faith Fellowship

Save the date! Join us on Sunday, March 21st from 4-6pm for Family Faith Fellowship. We begin with songs and stories, continue with games and crafts, and end with dinner and communion. All ages are welcome. Please join us for this multigenerational exploration of faith.



“Nativity 2010” benevolence meets our \$7500 goal

Congratulations! We met our goal of raising \$7500, a tithe of our “Nativity 2010” capital improvement campaign, for outside benevolences. As a result of your generosity, we have sent \$833.33 each to Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Western Washington University. Later in 2010, we will give \$5000 to Luther’s Table, the new ELCA ministry opportunity at the Compass Center’s Renton Veterans’ Center.

Thank you!

Statistical Snapshot

Average annual worship attendance:

2004: 60

2005: 67

2006: 75

2007: 82

2008: 86

2009: 91

Giving, July – December (fiscal year to date):

2007: \$70132

2008: \$67311

2009: \$74015.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity to Christ’s mission through Nativity!



Nativity Lutheran Players Present: *Arsenic and Old Lace*

Preparations are underway for this year’s spring play, the comedy classic *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Parts are cast,

but we are always looking for stage hands, understudies, publicists, ticket sellers, etc. If you are interested in participating in any way, drop a line to director Steve Neherenberg or Drama Coordinator Kay Edgerton.

February and March birthdays!

Diane Eckhardt ... Lori Bixler ... David Chi ... Dawn Saunders ... Beth Tan ... Helen Gusse ... Alyssa Larson ... Kristoffer Echert ... Robert O’Brien ... Pat Wyre ... Gene Baesler ... Jennifer Frohreich ... Cassandra Williams ... Risa and Dean Halford ... Ken Riis ... Krista Nielsen ... Mary Lou Francis ... Analisha Gregory ... Kathy Nielsen ... Mary Ellen O’Brien ... Bobby Gusse ... Jonathan Gunn ... Mary Jane Smith ... Nolene Wold ... Cheryl Havener ... Pauline Wold-Echert ... Kyle Havener ... Kathy Bellefeuille ... Kim Lobdell ... Carol Moore ... Walter Nielsen ... Sophie Chi ... Michael Tan ... Alan Westfall ... Patsy Westfall!



Quarterly Congregational Meeting set for Sunday, March 21

The March quarterly congregational information meeting is set for 12 noon (after 10:30 am worship) on Sunday, March 21. We’ll receive our usual reports and updates. Plan to stay and take part.

January ARISE Highlights

Host and Support

St. Luke's provided 31 days of host nights in the month of December. Support was provided by St. Stephens (28 nights), New Beginnings Christian Fellowship (1 night), St. Luke's (1 morning), Renton Kiwanis (1 night), and Zandra (1 night).

In February we move to St. Anthony for the host church and the support will be mainly provided by St. Anthony with a few nights supported by other churches and groups.

In 2010 we plan to use at least 10 host churches so are still looking for two more host churches to keep any church from hosting two months.

We continue to have issues with our homeless men coming into the facility prior to the arrival of the site manager. Due to liability issues we request that volunteers do not let the men into the facility.

Year 2009 Statistics

For the first time in the history of ARISE we have a full set of statistics for the calendar year 2009. The numbers dealing with the men come from CCS data collection, and the volunteer numbers come from the information recorded in the Red Book.

Men in the ARISE Program

- 108 individual homeless men served
- 26 placed into permanent housing
- 7,828 dinner meals served
- 7,575 bed nights provided

Volunteers supporting the ARISE feeding program

- 3,021 volunteer signups
- 7,247 hours of time donated
- \$120/night - Estimated average cost of meals
- 9 churches providing host nights (three did two months)
- 27 organizations providing support nights
- 5 provided over 19 nights; 8 from 11-19; 9 from 2-10; 5 one night

Christmas Gifts

The movie tickets were a big success. The men appreciated them. Each of the men received two Regal Theater tickets to use whenever they desired. Thanks to everyone who contributed tickets, especially the Renton Fire Department and East Renton Community Church. The Site Committee would like to make this a regular annual event so watch for the notice this fall when we begin collection for Christmas 2010.

Bob Bliesner, ARISE coordinator

ARISE Program

This year's ARISE (Renton cooperative homeless men's shelter) program is a joint effort with Pat Wyre, Cydney Korneliussen, Terri Bowen and Pastor Bob as co-chairs. We are scheduled as a Support Church for the homeless men's shelter in March 2010. Being a support team we do the cooking and serving at a Host Church. The Host Church houses the men over night.

In February we will be posting a notice and list of items needed.

We also are available to fill in for other Churches as needed. On Tuesday, Jan. 12th 2010 we served at King of Kings .

Pat Wyre, ARISE Chairperson

It's WET outside!

"The rain is raining all around..." so it's time to curl up with a good book, then come to the Apogee to talk about it!

The Nativity Book Group will meet on Tuesday, February 9, 7PM at the Apogee in Fairwood to talk about the book of Revelation (you know, the one at the end of your Bible!) The Sunday Adult Ed class is looking at Revelation, so we thought we would read it, too. Extra copies of the Bible are available at Nativity, if you need to borrow one.

"Jovah's Angel" by Sharon Shinn is the book we have selected for March. Here is a brief synopsis from the King County Library website:

"One hundred and fifty years have passed since the tenure of the Archangel Gabriel and his angelica Rachel, a time of peace and stability ... Now the fate of the planet rests with the reluctant Archangel Alleluia, who believes in her duty and her god. And her fate in turn, may well depend on the mortal Caleb, a man who believes only in science - and himself." Many copies of "Jovah's Angel" are available in the King County Library system and through online booksellers.

The March meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 7PM at the Apogee. Hope to see you there!

Terri B'Hymer



From Your Holiday Team:

Thank you very much for your Thanksgiving donations and the Giving Tree gifts and donations. During Thanksgiving we were able to provide generous gift cards to the three families for their Thanksgiving meals. At Christmas we were able to fill everyone's wishes plus the extra paper products and a food gift card for each of our three families. The deliveries were made just before Christmas and the families were excited and pleased. Thank you again for your warm hearts towards these families. Terri Bowen, Audrey Edgerton, Dee Maine, Audrey Riis and Pat Wyre

Join us for a GRAND CANYON ADVENTURE on Sunday Feb. 21 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

The evening will begin with a potluck dinner. Please bring a hot dish and salad or dessert. Following the meal the Wilsons we will share



their pictures of the Grand Canyon as they travelled down the Colorado River through the canyon for 18 days and 17 nights in Oct/Nov. During the 226 miles they rode in dories through more than 40 dangerous rapids

and many riffles, saw wildlife, hiked in stunning side canyons, explored Anasazi ruins, waterfalls, and beautiful patios. They would love to share their fabulous trip with you.

Congregation Council Highlights

January 17 2010 meeting

Nativity council elected the following officers:

- President—Cindy Hokanson
- Vice President—Sarah Gregory
- Secretary—held open until March meeting
- Treasurer—Larry Gunn
- Financial Secretary—Alan Westfall

Team assignments were made-

- Terri Rae Anderson - to be determined
- Corey Beito - Planning
- Elizabeth Edgerton - Ministries
- Sarah Gregory - Ministries
- Jim Guenther - Planning
- Larry Gunn - Resources
- Cindy Hokanson - Planning
- Connie Horton - Resources/Personnel
- Gary Larson - Resources/Properties
- Samantha Sciacca - Ministries

Pastor's report:

Because of its high cost to him and the congregation, he needs to go off the ELCA Board of Pensions health and retirement plan, and will be looking into getting other health insurance and pension options starting March 1. Council and team leader retreat will be sometime in either February or March, depending on when we can get Camp Schoenwald on a Saturday.

40th anniversary celebration will be Sunday, March 14 - Bishop Boerger preaching and presiding at both worship services; dinner celebration in the afternoon at the Apogee restaurant. Carolyn Wold and Pauline Wold Echert are coordinators.

Team reports:

Cindy Hokanson reported that Child, Youth, Vulnerable Adult policy screening for individuals is in full swing. Connie Horton said that personnel will be starting the annual review process soon.

Gary Larson reported that all projects associated with Nativity 2010 are complete, as the parking lot is now patch-paved and restriped.

MSP to release the \$5000 ministry tithe to Luther's Table, as the \$7500 tithe/gift level has now been reached.

Financial report:

Giving continues at a very good level; only slightly behind "straight line" budget for the year.

Next meeting: March 18, 7:00 pm.

Server Schedule February 2010

Date	Greeter	Usher	Acolyte	Reader	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Bread	Flowers	Fellowship	Kid's Church
Feb. 7 8:00	Dottie Fredrickson	Dottie Fredrickson	-	Audrey Riis	Ken Riis	Wafers	Song Baesler		
Feb. 7 10:30	Norm Schimdt	Alan B'Hymmer Dee Maine	Terri B'Hymmer Gary Larson	Corey Beito	Dylan Nehrenberg	Wafers		Marilynn Beito	Connie Horton Aaron Korneliusen
Feb. 14 8:00	Steve Jacobson	Steve Jacobson	-	Ken Riis	Terri Bowen	Wafers	Open		
Feb. 14 10:30	Mary Smith	Elizabeth Edgerton Pat Wyre	Dylan Nehrenberg David Willet	Zach Nehrenberg	Norm Schmidt Kay Edgerton	Audrey Riis		Audrey Edgerton	Marcia Holland Risch Brandon Gregory
Feb. 21 8:00	Marcia Holland Risch	Marcia Holland Risch	-	Kerry Jacobson	Lorin Wold	Wafers	-		
Feb. 21 10:30	Deanne Toth	Mary Smith Faith Wilson	Pat Wyre Irene Becker	Ken Riis	Pat Wyre Gene Baesler	Mary Smith		Riis	Cindy Hokanson Elizabeth Edgerton
Feb. 28 8:00	Craig Swanke	Craig Swanke	-	Terri Bowen	Marcia Holland Risch	Wafers	-		
Feb. 28 10:30	Faith Wilson	Dave Willet David Wilson	Cindy Hokanson Elizabeth Edgerton	Norm Schmidt	Deanne Toth Mary Jane Smith	Jeff Toth		Mary Jane Smith	Terrie Rae Anderson Megan Gregory

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Date	Greeter	Usher	Acolyte	Reader	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Bread	Flowers	Fellowship	Kid's Church
Mar. 7 8:00	Lorin Wold	Lorin Wold	-	Marcia Holland Risch	Ken Riis	Wafers	-		
Mar. 7 10:30	Marilynn Beito	Gene Baesler Bill Davies	Kay Edgerton Gary Larson	Jeff Toth	Cindy Hokanson	Wafers		Toth	Dee Maine Pat Wyre
Mar. 14 8:00	Ken Riis	Ken Riis	-	Lorin Wold	Audrey Riis	Wafers	-		
Mar. 14 10:30	Alan B'Hymmer	Irene Becker Wes Francis	Audrey Edgerton Alan B'Hymmer	Christy Ulleland	Gary Larson Helen Gusse	Faith Wilson		Wilson	Connie Horton Aaron Korneliusen
Mar. 21 8:00	Dwight Moore	Dwight Moore	-	Audrey Riis	Lorin Wold	Wafers	-		
Mar. 21 10:30	David Wilson	Pat Wyre Alan B'Hymmer	Faith Wilson Terri B'Hymmer	Terri Rae Anderson	Wes Francis Bill Davies	Marty Hokanson		Willet	Marcia Holland Risch Elizabeth Edgerton
Mar. 28 8:00	Dottie Fredrickson	Dottie Fredrickson	-	Carolyn Wold	Terri Bowen	Wafers	-		
Mar. 28 10:30	Dee Maine	Pauline Wold-Echert Elizabeth Edgerton	Ken Riis Dylan Nehrenberg	Bill Davies	Kathy Nielsen David Wilson	Pat Wyre		Hokanson	Cindy Hokanson Brandon Gregory

We remember in our prayers...

For support and encouragement in health issues -

Jon Anderson (son of Chris and Terri Rae Anderson)

Lexi Shibley (granddaughter of Diane Peterson)

Diane Peterson

Krista Nielsen

Esther Mansmith

Sture Entoft

Ro Macchiarella

John Agee

Anne Schroeder and her caregiver, Holly

Marilyn Ulleland (sister-in-law of Christy, and Walt & Kathy Nielsen)

Kirkley (niece of Kay Batt)

David Jones

Evelyn Robertson

(sister of Irene Becker)

Russell Fredrickson

Carol Moore

Kyle Driver

Prayers for those serving in the military

David Meyer (US Army) (son-in-law of Bill Davies)

Rick Conradi (US Army) (recent graduate of Kentridge High School)

Will Sciacca (US Army) (husband of Samantha Harrison)

Chip Nielsen (US Marine Corps)

Jeremy Perdue

Matt Baynard

John Verson (US Army, same unit as Will Sciacca)

Prayers for our Seminarians

Aimee Appell

Matt and Jennifer Agee

Gretchen Wagner

Eliza Daniel

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