

2011 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

A total of **\$3,545.00** per week is needed to maintain the day to day ministry of our parish.

Date Rec'd	Attendance	Envelope Offerings	Year-to-Date
03/13	104	\$4,600	\$(7,050)
03/20	99	\$2,077	\$(8,518)
03/27	90	\$1,770	\$(10,293)
04/03	113	\$3,371	\$(10,521)

2011 Parish Pledge to Bread of Life Lutheran Church: \$1,000.00
 Noisy Offering Rec'd to date: \$187.27
 Balance to be raised: \$(812.73)

2011 Building Fund Debt (as of 04/03):
 Total cost of projects: \$174,348
 Total amount borrowed: \$ 92,600 (incl. interest)
 Amount received to date (to pay off loans): **\$ 57,262**

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Now that we have closed the first Quarter of 2011, Council wants to keep you informed of our financial situation. When we experience a short-fall of income we must transfer funds from our savings account to our operating account to cover expenses. Our operating savings are held in Designated Funds and earmarked as Contingency Funds. At the close of 2010, we had \$26,568 in Contingency Funds. As of March 31st we have \$13,608 remaining. We have transferred nearly \$13,000 so far this year. Envelope offerings are \$10,288 under budget; expenses are \$1,984 under budget. Please pray for our parish and continue to support us financially as best you can.

There are copies of the financial reports posted on the bulletin board near the parish office. If you would like more detailed information, please feel free to read those reports. We are also posting our giving weekly in the Embers so you can track how we are doing financially.

Sunday School meets each week at 9:15 a.m.



Confirmation Class
April 10th, at 5:00 p.m.
Topic: Holy Week & Easter
Focus: The Last Supper



LENTEN
 Mid-Week Service

OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE this week will be held on Wednesday, April 13, at Grace. We will begin with the celebration of the Eucharist at 5:30 pm followed by Soup & Study from 6:15-7:15 pm. All are welcome to participate in this Lenten Journey with our brothers and sisters in faith from Grace, Bethany and Victory-Trinity.



LENT & REPENTANCE

Lent is a season of repentance. But for many of us, "repentance" is an offensive word. It sounds so remorseful. In reality, it isn't remorseful at all. The root word for "repentance" is the Greek word *metanoia*, from which our word "*metamorphosis*" comes. The great image of this is the butterfly emerging from its cocoon; the caterpillar being transformed into new life. No one is remorseful about that! Nor should we be with repentance, which involves leaving the past and emerging into new life.



2011-2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the Parish Office and on the parish website under Publications/Forms. Deadline is May 1st.

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THE

Embers

April 10, 2011

"Celebrating and faithfully sharing God's love within and beyond the walls of our church."

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At Emanuel This Week

Sunday 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	April 10--Fifth Sunday in Lent--Love Sunday Sunday School Word & Sacrament--Noisy Offering --Love Sunday Potluck after Service
5:00 PM 8:00 PM	Confirmation Class AA Meeting Downstairs
Monday 9:30 AM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	April 11 Staff Meeting Girl Scouts Council Meeting
Tuesday 9:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	April 12 PEO Worship & Music Committee Meeting Audit Meeting AA Meeting Downstairs
Wednesday 11:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	April 13 Prayer Group Mid-Week Lenten Service at Grace First Communion Class Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 9:30 AM 8:00 PM	April 14 Pastor's Bible Study AA Meeting Downstairs

Upcoming Events

Sunday 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM 8:00 PM	April 17--Palm Sunday Sunday School Word & Sacrament--First Communion Confirmation Class AA Meeting Downstairs
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Please join us for fellowship & hospitality each week in Luther Hall immediately following the Sunday service.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered to the glory of God in loving memory of Roger Altrock and Dean Johnson.



Parish members in need: Dale Brockelbank, Marshall Mattis II, Arthur Moberg, Melvin Walker, Vernice Walker, Kay Williams.

Friends in need: Celeste Balogh, Serena Beaver, Eric Beltz, Dietrich Bidwell, Alex Branch, Karen Friesner, Shannon Grey, John Hemmer, John Killabrew, Karen Klegon, Karl & Lee Landgrebe, Karen Lock, Keila Lonkton, Kara Miranda, Ryan Mynnaar, Anna Nappo, Carrie Smith Roe, Patty Scatena, Bill Schlegel, Bob Stowe, Gary Swanson, Jim Swayne.

Pray for those at home: Pat Aden, Marguerite Anderson, Robert & Helen Bahr, Mary Gwen Barrington, Leah Cutler, Loraine Emms, Charles Goff, Charles & Betty Hargreaves, Paula Janowski, Ardith Johnson, Clara Johnson, Wilma Keson, Marshall Mattis III, Bruce & Helen Nelson, John & Lorraine Quinn, Evelyn Rohrmoser, Jonah Schmidt, Sylvia Soneral, Sandy Vielmo, & Arlene Whitenight, Zachery Willis.

Pray for those in care facilities: Marguerite Andersen, Al Bloomer, Mamie Hansen.

Pray for our Armed Forces, especially our members: Navy - Anna Peterson McCray, James Boomgaard, II; Army - Tad Reed, Ezra Swan, Dale Wheeler, Christian Boomgaard; *National Guard* - Jordan Martz

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

Pray for our parish family: our area churches and our Synod, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world and especially Trinity Lutheran in Manton, MI and its Supply Pastor.



PRAYER REQUESTS: To submit a prayer request, please call the Parish office at 843-3686 or fill out a prayer request card during Sunday worship. Your intention will be held in prayer for 30 days. (Please provide the office with an update if prayers for your intention need to be extended beyond 30 days.) **For immediate prayers in a crisis situation, you may activate the Emanuel Prayer Chain by calling Stephanie Sundholm at 845-8320.**



EASTER EGG HUNT

We are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday morning. If you would like to donate items for this event, please drop off plastic eggs and items to fill them in Luther Hall. (Fill items can include the following: wrapped candies, stickers, small tattoos, coins, etc.) If you have time to "pre-fill" eggs, that is always a big help. Thank you!

Mark your calendar: The Children's Bell Choir will perform on Easter Sunday. Don't miss it!!

Hospice Foundation of America's
18th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference
LIVING WITH GRIEF
Spirituality and End-of-Life Care
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
5177 W US 10, Suite B, Ludington

Attendance is free, but seating is limited. Registration is required. Please call Virginia Sonefeld at 231-845-3423 or 1-800-839-8185.

BLOOD DRIVE
Ludington Knights of Columbus
301 N Jebavy Drive
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
11:30 am-5:15 pm

To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: KofCLudington.



Church Women United
May Friendship Day Luncheon
Friday, May 6, 2011
12:00 Noon
Tickets: \$8.00--available in the Parish Office
~Child-care provided on request.
Speaker: Laurie Seidelman
Emanuel Lutheran Church, 501 E. Danaher St., Ludington



This Sunday: April 10, 2011
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Acolytes:	Katrina Lesinski, Maggie Nagle
Altar Guild:	Carolyn Fitch, Mary Hoffman
Altar Servers:	*Eleanor Anderson, Dee & Dick Falk
Bible Bearer:	Jacob Lesinski
Coffee Hour:	Love Sunday Potluck
Crucifer:	Hayley Brockelbank
Greeters:	Jim & Eleanor Anderson
Lector:	Jenny Grey
Offering Counters:	Joyce Usiak, Jerry Welton
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Suzanne Tibbot

Next Sunday: April 17, 2011
Palm Sunday

Acolytes:	Shelby French, Rachael Petzak
Altar Guild:	Patricia & Tom Ezdebski
Altar Servers:	*Jenny & Jim Grey, Sandy Nelson
Bible Bearer:	Kaitlyn Dixon
Coffee Hour:	Tammy & Loren Brand
Crucifer:	Michael Heinrich
Greeters:	Betsy Levandoski, Hjordis Rivet
Lector:	Barb Dixon
Offering Counters:	Steve Mertz, Joyce Usiak
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Eileen Kline

Please note: The office is no longer sending reminder postcards. You will receive a phone call early in the week to remind you of your scheduled commitment. MONTHLY SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE. Thank you for your continued service to Emanuel.



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