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Annual Meeting - Sunday, Jan. 27

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held at 12:15 on Sunday, January 27 in the sanctuary. The meeting will be a celebration of the ministries in which St. Barnabas took part in 2007.

The agenda will include the usual items which need the congregation's attention at an annual meeting — electing members of the Church Council and approving the 2008 budget.

Staff and financial reports are included in the Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report are available for every household and may be picked up in the narthex.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following to serve 3-year terms on the Council:

Fellowship	Lisa Gilyard
Stewardship	Robby Sanders
President	Doug Talus

Lunch Begins at 11:00

For those who wish to eat first, a simple lunch will be available in the Ministry Center beginning at 11:00. (This gives those who attend the 9:00 service the opportunity to come back for lunch and fellowship prior to the meeting.)

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Discovery & Growth is an adult education opportunity that meets most Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30 in the Gardenview Room.

Jan. 27 Benevolence: Why is it so important? "Benevolence" is the term St. Barnabas uses for the portion of its offerings that go outside the walls of St. Barnabas to fund ministries through the Minneapolis Area Synod and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **David Helgen** will be the presenter.

Deficit Reduction Gifts Pass \$20,000

St. Barnabas members responded generously this past weekend to reduce the General Fund deficit, giving one-time gifts or increasing their pledges in excess of \$20,000. Households that have not yet responded are asked to do so by this Sunday, Jan. 27, as the response will help determine the 2008 budget that will be considered at the Annual Meeting. More information about the factors that contributed to the deficit and steps being taken to address it can be found at the St. Barnabas website.

Ash Wednesday Observed with Three Services on February 6

Church Begins at Home

Enclosed is a resource for personal/family devotions for the next four weeks. Pull the insert out to keep on your kitchen table, night stand, or wherever it will best be available to you.

The St. Barnabas community will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday services at noon, 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. on February 6.

The noon service is offered especially for those who prefer not to venture out in the evening.

The 5:30 service is offered especially for our Lighthouse Confirmation youth and their families, but anyone for whom this early evening time is more convenient is welcome to come.

A simple meal of soup and bread will be provided, served after the noon service and from 6:00-6:45 in the evening. The suggested donation is \$2 per person.



Background on Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the most solemn day of the church year. The mood is one of penitence—honestly examining the sin which pervades our lives and society, asking God's forgiveness, and resolving to repent (literally, "turn around") and live according to God's will.

The chief symbol of Ash Wednesday is, of course, ashes. Ashes are an extraordinarily rich symbol rooted in ancient customs and practices.

In a Jewish and Christian context, ashes suggest frailty and mortality—our total dependence upon God for life. They remind us forcefully of the words of the committal in the burial service "...earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," for one day those words will be said over us.

At our Ash Wednesday services, ashes will be placed on the forehead of everyone who desires it.

Children & Family Ministry



Music Notes

Jeff Whitmill



Ongoing groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous
Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Ross Patton** (763-544-3617) or **Dan Johnson** (763-537-9588).

"Barney's Boys"

Men's study and fellowship group meets every other Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m. at Panera, Hwy 55 & County Road 24. Next meetings are Feb. 2 & 16. For more information contact **Bob Murphey** at 763-475-2397 or bjmurphey@comcast.net.

Pastor's Class

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. The group is currently studying *An Introduction to Judaism*. New participants are welcome at any time. Contact Pastor Wayne for more information.

Divine Drama

The Divine Drama, an overview of the Bible, on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00. David Lindblom leads the study.

JustWomen

Pastor Chris leads a study of the Gospel of John.

- Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00. Free child care available.
- the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month from 7-8:30 p.m.

Knitters & Crocheters

Work on your own project. All skill levels are welcome. They meet the 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting Feb. 27. For more information, contact **Mary Pestel** 763-559-9138.

Quilters

First Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting February 1. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call **Audrey Johnson** 763-559-4459.

Soup N Bread

The 55 and Better group meets the third Friday of each month for a lunch at church. Next meeting is February 15.

Luther Park Night, Jan. 30

It is already time to start making plans for going to Luther Park this summer. Luther Park is a camp near Danbury, Wis. that St. Barnabas youth have been going to for the past twenty years. Joel Legred, executive director of Luther Park, will be here to talk with the Lighthouse confirmation youth on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 5:20. Parents are invited to come and hear the presentation.

Full information about Luther Park's facilities and schedule — including online registration — can be found at www.lutherpark.com.

St. Barnabas week at Luther Park will be **July 27-August 1**. Kids are welcome to go other weeks, but that is the week Rose and Dennis will be up at camp.

New Art Exhibit

Town & Country: Landscapes Urban & Rural is the theme of a new exhibit of oil paintings in the Gardenview Gallery. The artist is Tom Fisher of Inver Grove Heights.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion group gets together on the third Thursday evening of each month of the school year and once during the summer to discuss a novel. New participants (both women and men) are always welcome. One can come on a regular basis or just for a single time. Just contact the host for the evening to let her know you are coming.

February 21. - *History of Love*, by Nicole Krauss.
Host: Carolyn Mueller, 763-519-0515

For more information, call Julie Hoyme at the church office (763-553-1239).

At the 9:00 service on Feb. 3, the Senior Choir and Handbells will present Carl Crosier's marvelous Transfiguration anthem, *O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair*. Both the words and the music date from the fifteenth century.

The text is drawn from the *Sarum Breviary* of 1495. *Sarum* is the old Latin name for Salisbury, England — home of Stonehenge and the great Salisbury Cathedral. About 200 years before the cathedral was built, William the Conqueror appointed Osmund, a Norman nobleman, to be bishop in Salisbury. St. Osmund initiated some revisions to the extant Celtic-Anglo-Saxon rite and the local adaptations of the Roman Rite, drawing on both Norman and Anglo-Saxon traditions. These revisions became known as the *Sarum Rite* — a variant of the Roman Rite widely used in England prior to the Reformation.

Our current text is an 1851 translation of a hymn from the *breviary* (liturgical book containing prayers, hymns and Psalms) for the *Sarum Rite*.

The melody was composed in 1415 to celebrate the victory of the English (under Henry V) over the French (led by Charles VI) at Agincourt, France. The victory gave England the upper hand in the Hundred Years War for the first time. You'll note a certain militancy in the tune as sung by the choir, with the handbells recalling church bells ringing.

The tune is known variously as *The Agincourt Hymn*, *Agincourt* and *Deo gratias*. *Deo gratias* refers to the chorus of the tune's original text:

Deo gratias anglia, redde pro victoria
Give thanks to God, England, for the victory

Upcoming SBCA Events

Jazz@StBarney's

Saturday, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m. - Reuben Ristrom Quartet, featuring Diane Ristrom

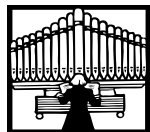
The law of averages suggests there must be something Reuben Ristrom can't do, but nobody's found it yet. And when you throw in the pure vocal silk of Diane Ristrom's voice, you've got an evening that just can't be beat. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for members of the Twin Cities Jazz Society (TCJS), \$5 for students. Free popcorn, coffee and lemonade will be provided; soft drinks will be available for 50 cents.

Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Thursday, February 14, 2008, 12:30 p.m.

Artist: John Schlobohm, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Minneapolis

The St. Barnabas Center for the Arts Organ Recital Series offers lunch time concerts on the second Thursday of each month, from 12:30-1:00. A simple lunch is served prior to each recital from 11:30-12:15. Please RSVP for the lunch, 763-553-1239.





Feb. "Gift of Love" for Lutheran Social Service

Lutheran Social Service is one of Minnesota's largest statewide, non-profit charitable organizations, serving in 300 communities with over 2,300 employees. 88% of all funding goes directly to serve people in need. Here is a partial list of the ministries you help provide through your gifts to LSS. More complete information can be found at the LSS website, www.lssmn.org

ADOPTION

There are children all over the world and right here at home who need a caring family to love and raise them. If you are interested in adoption, LSS provides adoption studies, child placement, post placement services, pregnancy counseling and post adoption services.

COUNSELING

LSS provides a wide variety of counseling services that address emotional and relationship problems associated with childhood and youth. These counseling services bridge the years from the very young all the way through adolescence. The goal for each of these services is to help young people cope with situations, build positive behaviors and develop emotionally-healthy outlooks.

CRISIS NURSERY

Crisis Nursery is a confidential service offering short-term, safe care for children from infancy through 12 years of age. This care may be provided by a licensed day care provider or may extend to licensed overnight care. The service is provided for families who are experiencing significant levels of stress which may lead to the abuse or neglect of their child.

DEBT/FINANCIAL COUNSELING

Certified professionals help people restructure debt and payment plans as well as offer hands-on suggestions related to budgeting and establishing sound money-management practices. Offices in 20 locations statewide.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

Volunteer grandparents befriend young children in their day care centers, schools, correctional facilities and battered women's shelters to offer a caring presence and a positive adult role model. For information, call toll free at 1.888.205.3770.

HOUSING/SHELTERS

Adults and families sometimes experience difficulty in finding secure and permanent housing. LSS offers a number of housing programs that help people find appropriate living situations. In addition, they are given training in handling monthly budgets and developing positive tenant/landlord relationships. Children and Youth are sometimes unable to live with their parents. In cases like this, LSS operates crisis nurseries for small children plus emergency shelters and group homes for trouble teens.

REFUGEE & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

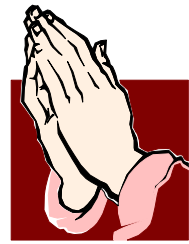
LSS employs a racially- and culturally-diverse staff to assist refugees who are fleeing poverty and political harassment in Africa and Eastern European countries. These services include citizenship preparation, housing, employment and cultural adjustment.

SAFE HOUSE

The Safe House, a shelter for homeless youth ages 16-20, is located in the Merriam Park neighborhood of St. Paul. It is one of the few services in the Twin Cities where young people can find assistance with shelter, basic needs, advocacy and referral to other services to meet longer-term needs.

WELFARE TO WORK

Through employment training and counseling, LSS helps long-term welfare recipients transition to lives characterized by employment and self-reliance.



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February Baptismal Anniversaries

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| 1 Katherine Koepsell | 13 Jack Schulz | 23 Robert Bjornlund |
| 3 Conor Farley | 14 Ashley Nelson | Jill Snyder |
| Tess Guttormsson | Karl Smith | 24 Dennis Manson |
| Jeff Harding | 15 Sandy Anderson | Bradley Martell |
| Sherry Harding | David Burke | 25 Elizabeth Orke |
| 4 Parker Johnson | 16 Ryan Burnett | Nicholas |
| Josh King | 17 Kasey Bacso | Struckmeyer |
| Michael Loop | Kim Jacobson | 26 Thomas Bjorgum |
| Lilly Regensburger | Madison Vickers | Michael Hoffstrom |
| 5 Brita Gilyard | 18 Nicholas Hackl | 28 Ann Dryer |
| 6 Tracy Porter | 19 Laura Morrison | Sean Wade |
| 8 Steven Curnow | William Nafstad | Kevin Welshons |
| Sarah Eilderts | 20 Joseph Johnson | |
| 9 Robert Meyer | 21 Ragnhild Oelke | |
| Tim Sommerfeld | Dwight Tangren | |
| 10 Matthew Roeber | 22 Taylor Harless | |
| 11 Elizabeth Martinez | 22 Harrison Lillie | |
| 12 Barb Meyer | Megan Nelson | |

February Birthdays

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| 1 Ralph Green | 11 Patricia Phillips | 21 Matthew Phillips |
| Laura Morrison | Grace Reynolds | 22 Jennifer Lindberg |
| Ian Neville | 12 Tom Endorf | 23 Lars Gilyard |
| David Sather | 14 Traci Ortega | Maggie Olson |
| Rachel Struckmeyer | 15 Sandy Anderson | David Reynolds |
| 2 Ann Harless | Tammy Anderson | Jacqueline Strunk |
| Warren Hawkins | Genevieve DesBles | Christina |
| 3 Janet Burmeister | Quinn Farley | Troftgruben |
| Dean Lillie | 16 Sally Lundeen-Hoff | 24 Bridget Mackin |
| 5 Elizabeth Pool | Sarah Turnquist | 25 Charles Nermyr |
| 6 Julie Anderson-Simonson | 17 Thomas Houghland | 26 Ann Dryer |
| Jean Humphries | Kirsten Hoyme | Kristin Johnson |
| 8 David Burke | 19 Jessica Snell | Darin Troftgruben |
| Sarah Carter | Dawn Van Valkenburg | 27 Michele Burnett |
| Steven Curnow | 20 Melinda Boone | Megan Lykkehoy |
| Thomas Johnson | Matthew Carlson | Meredith Smith |
| Elizabeth Nafstad | Karen Collyard | Andrew Wagner |
| 9 Kimberly Nermyr | Randy Johnson | 28 Tim Sommerfeld |
| Patrick Whelan | 21 Benjamin Hamel | 29 Kelly Hiserodt |
| 11 Clara Hebeisen | Jill Nafstad | Stacey Neville |

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ST. BARNABAS IDENTITY STATEMENT

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church is a part of the Body of Christ and a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The source of our life together is the Word and Sacraments, celebrated in our worship.

We name ourselves after St. Barnabas, a New Testament apostle. He was called "Barnabas", meaning "son of encouragement", because he joyfully shared the "good news" of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He faithfully supported the work of the Church with his talents, prayers, and offerings.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sent by Jesus, we set our sails to be filled by God's Spirit, inspiring us to praise, grow and serve.

Barney's Blarney

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus this time!"

Youth & Family Ministry



Dennis Manson

See the enclosed Youth & Family Newsletter for information about:

- Jan. 27 First planning meeting for June Cortez mission trip
- Jan. 27 ReVamp sledding @ Hamel Mountain
- Jan. 30 Luther Park Night
- Feb. 1 Navigator Friday Night Extravaganza
- Feb. 8-9 Sr. High Ski Retreat @ Giants Ridge
- Feb. 13 Navigator Service Project @ Feed My Starving Children
- Mar. 2 Mission Trip Auction & Dinner
- Apr. 18-20 Navigator Youth Quake Retreat @ Wisconsin Dells
- Aug. 9-15 Boundary Waters Trip

Service of Prayer for Healing Sunday, February 10

St. Barnabas offers a monthly *Service of Prayer for Healing*. The service is generally on the second Sunday of each month from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

The service is simple: gathering, listening, praying, and (for those who desire it) laying on of hands. Everyone is welcome. Come seeking prayers for yourself or to intercede on behalf of a family member or friend.

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning Prayer
7:30 a.m.

Prayers for Healing
2nd Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6
12:00, 5:30, 7:00 p.m.