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Get Ready to



Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5)

Jesus' call to "shine" provides the theme for St. Barnabas' tenth capital appeal. In some congregations, capital appeals take place only occasionally, go for three years, and then are done. St. Barnabas decided from the beginning to use capital appeals as the normal, ongoing way we pay our mortgage. Consequently, a St. Barnabas capital appeal is not "over and above" regular giving, but is simply the portion of our regular given that pay the mortgage.

The months of February and March will be filled with several congregational events to help us focus on how our building enables St. Barnabas to "shine" in the community.

A "Shine" packet is coming your way in the mail with complete information.

Ash Wednesday Observed with Three Services on February 17

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 17.

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.



Ongoing groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Ross Patton** (612-418-1243) or **Brenda Pearcy** (763-550-1759).

Pastor's Class

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. New participants are welcome at any time. The group is currently studying major stories in the book of Genesis.

JustWomen

Pastor Chris leads these studies. This month they begin a new study of the book, *Evangelism Without Additives: What if sharing your faith meant just being yourself?* by Jim Henderson. Two options are offered

- Thursday Mornings, 9:30-11 a.m.
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.

Theology on Tap

Pastor Wayne invites those who enjoy pondering questions of faith and theology to join him on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:00 p.m. at Jake's on 55 & Fernbrook. RSVP to Pastor Wayne by noon Tuesday if you plan to attend.

Breakfast Bible Study

Pastor Chris invites folks to join her in the Community Room at Lunds on 55 & Vicksburg on Wednesday mornings from 7-8:00 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and come on up!

Quilters

First Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting February 5. All skill levels are welcome. **Audrey Johnson** 763-559-4459.

Soup N'Bread

Soup N' Bread is a monthly lunch gathering of those "55 & better" on the 3rd Friday of the month. The next gathering will be Friday, February 19, at noon.

D&G

Discovery & Growth is an adult education opportunity that meets most Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15 in the Gardenview Room.

January 31

The Palestinian/Israeli Conflict Part II: An Israeli Perspective

Dr. Bob Ketrosler, a cardiologist who lives in Plymouth, will speak on behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council. His presentation is entitled, "Understanding the Arab-Israel Conflict: The Challenge of Peace." Dr. Ketrosler will share his views on why peace has been so hard to achieve and some ideas on how to move forward on a plan that will achieve both the need for a Palestinian state and the need for Israel's security.

February 7

TreeHouse Youth Ministry

For the past two years, St. Barnabas has provided office space on the lower level for the staff of TreeHouse, a non-denominational ministry that works with at-risk kids in the Wayzata School District. **Heather Carufel**, one of the TreeHouse staff, will be with us to share about this great ministry in our community.

February 14

Lutheran Social Service

Richard Anderson, Director of Congregational Relations for Lutheran Social Service, will give a presentation on LSS's wide-ranging ministries throughout the state of Minnesota. (see the article on page 3 for more information about LSS.)

JustWomen Study Evangelism

The two *JustWomen* groups are currently reading and discussing: *Evangelism Without Additives: What if sharing your faith meant just being yourself?* by Jim Henderson.

Featured on *This American Life* (Chicago Public Radio) this book explores what evangelism really means and how the average Christian can truly learn to share her or his faith.

Books can be purchased online through Amazon or half.com. (Used books are much cheaper!)

JustWomen meets two different times: Tuesday evenings (1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month) from 7:00-8:30 in the Alcove. And Thursday mornings each week from 9:30-11:00 in the Fireside Room. (Free childcare available!) For more information, contact Pastor Chris .

Pastor's Class on Tuesday Mornings

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. The group is in the midst of an 8-session study of the main stories of Genesis. New participants are welcome at any time.

Breakfast Bible Study at Lund's Looks at Passion Accounts

Pastor Chris leads an early morning Bible study each Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Community Room upstairs at Lunds on the NW corner of Vicksburg and Highway 55. For those in west Plymouth, it's a convenient spot to combine breakfast and Bible study on the way to work.

Beginning Wednesday, February 17, the group will take a look at the "parallel passions." We will read the account of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion in all four Gospels, looking at the similarities and differences and paying attention to what each Gospel writer focuses on.

Please contact Pastor Chris if you plan to attend so she can have a set of the parallel readings ready for you.

The study will take the group all the way through Lent and can have a profound impact on one's experience of Easter.

"Theology on Tap" Tuesday Evenings

Pastor Wayne invites those who enjoy pondering questions of faith and theology to join him on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:00 p.m. at Jake's on 55 & Fernbrook.

Each week has a focus question that is announced in advance, so folks can come on a regular basis or just when a question is of particular interest to them.

The gathering on February 2 will explore the controversy surrounding the Tim Tebow ad that will air during the Super Bowl.

Please e-mail Pastor Wayne by noon each Tuesday if you plan to attend that evening so that he can reserve adequate space. (wpeterson@stbarnabaslutheran.org)

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion group meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. to discuss a novel. New participants (both women and men) are always welcome.

February 18

Heaven Lake by John Dalton

Host: Barb Novak

barbandstevnovak@edinarealty.com

March 18

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Host: Laurie Robarge, larobarge@comcast.net

April 15

Population: 485 by Michael Perry

This book has been selected by the City of Plymouth for the community to read together.

You do not need to make a big commitment to join this group. To participate in the discussion, read the book and RSVP to the host. For more information, contact Julie Hoyme (jhoyme@stbarnabaslutheran.org or 763-553-1239).

February "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.

Your "Gift of Love", whether it is 50¢, \$5, or \$50, helps make these ministries possible. Thanks!



Lutheran Social Service
for changing lives

Haiti Relief
Gifts for relief assistance in Haiti can be made through St. Barnabas to ELCA Disaster Response. ELCA members have already given over \$1.6 million. Include your gift in your offering and mark "Haiti" clearly on the envelope.

You may also make a gift by using your credit card by telephone at 800-638-3522 or online at www.elca.org

Lutheran World Relief Health Care Kits

Our Lighthouse Confirmation kids (grades 3-5) will be assembling health care kits on Ash Wednesday Feb. 17 as part of their learning about serving the needs of others. Each kit will contain a towel, washcloth, soap, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clippers, and band aides. These kits will go to Lutheran World Relief, which distributes them to disaster areas around the world whenever there is a need. With the current devastation in Haiti, there is a great need for these kits.

This project needs financial support from the congregation to enable us to purchase the needed supplies. Any donation you can give will be greatly appreciated. You may place your gift in the offering plate (indicate "Health Care Kits" on the envelope) or give it to Rose Umland. Please have your donations in by **Sunday, February 14** so that the supplies can be purchased.

What Might the Apostle Paul Say to the ELCA about its Sexuality Turmoil?

This sermon was preached by Pastor Wayne on January 24.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

I love Paul's image of the church as the body of Christ. But in reading just this portion of chapter 12 of his letter to the church at Corinth, I fear that we miss the pointed message that Paul is making. Paul was the mission developer of this congregation in the Greek peninsula, arriving in this large seaport city around the year 50. Think for a moment about the context.

- It's been only 20 years since Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Paul had been a Christian for about 15-17 years since his conversion on the road to Damascus.
- As a Christian missionary, his practice on arriving in a new community was to go initially to the local synagogue, as there were Jewish communities throughout the Mediterranean at this time. Paul was an observant Jew, and when he became a follower of Jesus, he understood Jesus to be messiah of the descendants of Abraham.
- His only Bible was what we call the Old Testament.
- None of the gospels were written.
- There were no creeds other than "Jesus is Lord."
- There were no seminaries to train church leaders.

What Paul did have was the testimony from others that Jesus of Nazareth, a Jew put to death by Pontius Pilate, was risen and alive and that this resurrection was God's confirmation that Jesus' vision of the kingdom of God — where there are no longer distinctions of class, ethnicity, and gender — is true and can be trusted. That's the simple message Paul shared: "I preach Christ crucified — a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles."

In Acts 15, we read that Paul went before the Christian leadership in Jerusalem (probably in the year 49, the year before he went to Corinth) and argued against what they had assumed to be truth, that only Jews or

those who kept the Jewish Torah could be disciples of Jesus. It was the descendants of Abraham and Jacob who looked for God to send a messiah, so it was assumed that Jesus was the messiah only of the Jews. The Christian community in the first years was entirely Jewish. Paul prodded the Christian community with the message that Jesus transcended that long-held boundary and that all people in the world could become disciples of Jesus simply by trusting in him.

After listening to Paul, the leaders in Jerusalem gave their official blessing to take the gospel to the Gentiles, but he did not convince everyone. For the rest of his ministry, he would encounter fellow Christians who insisted that the scriptures are clear that one must follow Torah in order to be part of the Christian community. His letters to the Galatians and Romans are eloquent defenses of his understanding of the gospel, that we are put in a right relationship with God not by what we do or don't do, but only by placing trust in God's promises.

Paul was in Corinth for about 18 months, sharing the teachings of Jesus about the kingdom of God that he had received from others. Then he moved on to start other Christian communities. Another apostle, Apollos, came and gave leadership to the Corinthian community for awhile. The community grew. Wealthy people and poor people, men and women, free citizens and slaves, Jews and Gentiles. These categories were important distinctions in Greek society in that era. They tried to get their heads around Paul's teaching that these distinctions are no longer important, for all are loved equally by God and are to be treated with mutual respect. I don't think it is easy for us who have grown up in a society that aspires to the ideal of "all people are created equal" to comprehend what a radical, transformational message this was to the people of Corinth.

Two to three years pass and Paul receives letters from the people in Corinth. The church there is in turmoil. People are arguing about ethical issues (should a Christian whose spouse is not Christian divorce him/her?), theological issues (is it proper for a Christian to eat meat offered to idols?), and worship issues (communion and charismatic gifts, both of which were being used by some to make distinctions of importance among church members).

Paul writes this letter to this conflicted church that is ready to split apart. Listen how he begins his letter:

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind.

The Corinthians write to Paul about their disagreements, telling him of the conflicting ways people are interpreting scripture and drawing distinctions between who are faithful followers of Jesus and who are not, and Paul amazingly begins, *“To the church of God that is in Corinth...I give thanks to my God always for you.”*

What’s Paul doing here? His letter can’t be completely satisfying to anyone in the congregation because he seldom says one position is completely right and another completely wrong. For instance, there is the sticky question of whether it is proper to eat meat that has been offered to idols. Now one must understand how meat markets worked in those days. There were many pagan temples in Corinth where animals were sacrificed, and that meat did not just get thrown away, but was sold in the local markets. Some new Christians reasoned that it was perfectly good meat and since they believed there is only one God, the God of Abraham and Jesus, the fact that it had been offered to a false idol was meaningless. Let’s eat it! Other new Christians reasoned: if we eat this meat, our pagan neighbors will assume that we are acknowledging their gods. We can’t eat the meat – it is contrary to God’s command to have no other gods and a sign of apostasy.

What does Paul say? *“We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.”* The Corinthians want a definitive answer, and Paul frustrates them by not giving them one. He similarly does not give definitive answers about communion practices or charismatic gifts.

What he gives them instead is the pastoral advice we know as chapters 12 and 13. *“You – all of you, whether you are in agreement on these issues or not – you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”*

The Christian church was in turmoil only 20 years after the death and resurrection of Christ, and it has continued to experience greater or lesser periods of turmoil in every generation since. Our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, along with just about every other Christian denomination in the United States, is currently in turmoil over

issues of sexuality. Accusations fly back and forth about the authority of Scripture, about the integrity of church leaders, about who are truly following the leading of the Holy Spirit and who are simply inhaling the fumes of postmodern relativism. Our situation in 2010 is not all that different than Corinth in the year 54. And if Paul wrote a letter to us today, I think his message would be much the same:

To the church of God that is the ELCA (and that small part of it that names itself after my companion, Barnabas), to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind. You are the body of Christ.

Next week we read chapter 13 where Paul describes “a still more excellent way.” This more excellent way is not about taking votes as to who is right and who is wrong. It is not about making distinctions among people. This more excellent way is living life in community by means of God’s gift of agape love. This love is patient and kind, says Paul. It does not insist on its own way. It recognizes that we don’t have all the answers now, for our present understanding of these issues is like looking in a mirror, which in Paul’s day were only polished pieces of metal which did not give a very distinct image. Now we know only in part, but the day will come when God will make it clear to us. (And I confess that I personally have a long list of questions that I hope God will clear up for me if I can get a little one-on-one time with him at the great resurrection feast.)

But in the meantime says Paul, you and I and everyone else in the ELCA and the Roman Catholic Church and the Pentecostal church and every denomination which confesses Jesus is Lord – we are the church together. We truly can’t get away from one another because there is only one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

I know we at St. Barnabas are not all of one mind on these sexuality issues. I am not even of one mind myself inside my own head. But, in the spirit of Paul, let us commit ourselves to being church together – let us worship together, serve others in the name of Christ together, bear one another’s burdens, have enough humility to acknowledge that the person with whom we disagree may actually speak another portion of God’s truth, and above all, let us love one another.

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All-Church Orchestra - February 14

The St. Barnabas Orchestra (SBO) will play at the coffee hour after both services on Sunday, February 14. The theme is *Mardi Gras*, the party day celebrated on "Fat Tuesday", Feb. 16 — the day before Lent begins.

The SBO is a multi-generational orchestra comprised of professionals, amateurs, former and current band/orchestra students, beginners, members, non-members - basically, anyone who wants to come play with us and have a good time. The tunes are arranged with separate parts for less experienced students and more

demanding parts for those who've been playing awhile (and who have kept their chops up!). It's always a lot of fun and greatly appreciated by the congregation (and visitors).

The tunes are sent out ahead of time, then we meet for one rehearsal on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10-11:30 a.m.

If you are interested in participating but have not yet contacted Jeff Whitmill, get in touch with him as soon as possible so he can have music ready for you. Jeff's phone is 763-553-3083 and his e-mail is jeff@whitmill.net.

Join the Senior Choir for Lent/Easter

The Senior Choir welcomes folks to make a two-month commitment and be part of the choir for Lent and Easter Sunday. We especially need **WOMEN!** The choir is already starting to rehearse these anthems, so the sooner one begins coming to rehearsals, the better. The Senior Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Whitmill at 763-553-30083.



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February SBCA Concerts

Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Ralph Johansen, Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Buffalo
Thursday, February 11, 12:30 p.m.

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.



Jazz@StBarney's

Mouldy Figs

Saturday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

A "mouldy fig" is a person who studies and plays old jazz. This group plays Dixieland & Traditional Jazz. Check out their website at www.mouldyfigs.com

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

News & Notes

- Two St. Barnabas college students participated in international study opportunities during January. **Sarah Kate Pierro** spent a couple of weeks in Tanzania studying healthcare in rural and urban settings. **Brita Gilyard** was in Peru for a course entitled "Education, Healthcare, and Poverty in Peru." As of today (Jan. 27), the 22 people in Brita's group are stranded near Machu Picchu, Peru with 2500 other tourists because heavy rains have washed out the mountain roads. They are awaiting evacuation by helicopter. They'll no doubt have quite a story to tell upon their return.
- **Ed Andersen** asks for the prayers of the community as he undergoes back surgery on Feb. 17.
- **Jeff Van Keuren** asks for the prayers of the community as he continues to battle a cancerous brain tumor. Jeff is currently at Golden Living Center in St. Louis Park. Cards of encouragement can be mailed to his home address: 4515 Quantico Lane, Plymouth, MN 55446
- Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners reports that as of Jan. 6, **Sleep Out donations** had reached \$1.41 million, exceeding last year's total. They send their thanks to all the area congregations for their commitment to reach beyond their walls to serve the greater community.
- Thanks to all who responded to IOCP's need for **egg cartons**. They now have about a 5-year supply and have no further need. :)

Youth & Family Ministry News

Dennis Manson



Navigators

February Schedule:

- 3 Service Event (times vary, check the Middle School e-newsletter for details)
- 10 Learning Event
- 17 Ash Wednesday—Worship with family
- 24 Small Groups*
- March 3 Service Event

*Navigator small groups will be meeting during Lent on Feb. 24, Mar. 10, 17 & 31 from 6:15 - 7:00 for a simple meal and guided conversation. Students will worship with their small group or family at 5:45 or 7:00..

8th Grade Retreat

The 8th Grade Retreat is scheduled for February 26-28 at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. The group will depart from St. Barnabas at 6:00 p.m. on Friday (eat dinner before departure) and return on Sunday around 1:00 p.m.

Bring sleeping bag, toiletries, a snack to share, Bible, a definition of "faith: by two people (parent & friend), and copy of song (that describes someone's belief) on CD or iPod.

Mission Trip 2010

St. Barnabas Senior High students are heading to Logan, West Virginia, June 18-27 for their summer mission trip.

Important Dates:

- Participants Training Meetings:
January 31 @ 6:00 pm
Feb. 28 Apr. 25, & May 23 @ 7:00 pm
- Auction and Dinner: April 11, 2010

Space is still available! Fundraisers and scholarships are available! Look for Auction materials coming soon!

Cooks Needed

The Wednesday Community Meal needs to add a few more cooks to help plan and cook the meal. Meals can be prepared ahead of time and heated up or if possible prepared on Wednesday. Cooks can volunteer to serve just once or join a rotating schedule with other cooks.

If you have time and are interested in cooking for a meal(s) please call Dennis (763-553-1239) or send him an email (dmanson@stbarnabaslutheran.org)

Aluminum Can Recycling

Our Youth Ministry collects aluminum cans on the 1st weekend of each month (this month's collections is February 6/7). Place bags of cans in entry at east end of building.

Baking for Coffee Hour

We are looking for folks who are willing to spend just a little time at church preparing for Coffee Hour. The supplies are provided — we simply need your time and talent. If you have never worked in this kitchen before, you are in for a treat. The big ovens and many cookie sheets make baking double batches of cookies or muffins a quick job. Sign up at the Coffee Table if you are willing to bake. If you have questions about using the kitchen, please talk to Barry Bergh (763-553-1239).

Are you receiving the e-newsletter version of Crosswinds every Thursday?

If you have an e-mail address and you're not receiving it, that means one of two things:

1) We don't have your e-mail address or 2) Your spam filter is blocking it.

If you have not yet received the e-newsletter please send Julie Hoyme an e-mail (jhoyme@stbarnabaslutheran.org) so we can verify your address and try to figure out any filtering issues.

February Baptismal Anniversaries

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| 1 Katherine Koepsell | 15 David Burke |
| Alea Lowry | 16 Ryan Burnett |
| Kayla Lowry | 17 Kasey Bacso |
| Logan Lowry | Kim Jacobson |
| 3 Conor Farley | Madison Vickers |
| Tess Guttormsson | 18 Nicholas Hackl |
| 4 Parker Johnson | 19 Laura Morrison |
| Josh King | William Nafstad |
| Michael Loop | 20 Joseph Johnson |
| Lilly Regensburger | 21 Ragnhild Oelke |
| 5 Brita Gilyard | Dwight Tangren |
| 6 Tracy Porter | 22 Megan Nelson |
| 8 Sarah Eilderts | 23 Robert Bjornlund |
| 9 Tim Sommerfeld | Jill Snyder |
| 11 Elizabeth Martinez | 24 Dennis Manson |
| 12 Alissa Gambrel | 25 Elizabeth Orke |
| Barb Meyer | Nicholas Struckmeyer |
| 13 Jack Schulz | 26 Thomas Bjorgum |
| 14 Karl Smith | 28 Ann Dryer |
| 15 Sandy Anderson | Sean Wade |

February Birthdays

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|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Ralph Green | 11 Patricia Phillips | 21 Jill Nafstad |
| Laura Morrison | Grace Reynolds | Matthew Phillips |
| Ian Neville | 14 Traci Ortega | 23 Lars Gilyard |
| David Sather | 15 Sandy Anderson | Margaret Olson |
| Rachel Struckmeyer | Tammy Anderson | David Reynolds |
| 2 Ann Harless | Genevieve DesBles | Jacqueline Strunk |
| Warren Hawkins | Quinn Farley | Christina Troftgruben |
| 3 Janet Burmeister | 16 Sally Lundeen-Hoff | 24 Bridget Mackin |
| Dean Lillie | Riley McGowan | 26 Ann Dryer |
| Carolyn Torp | Sarah Turnquist | Kristin Johnson |
| 6 Julie Anderson- | 17 Thomas Houghland | Louise Kramer |
| Simonson | Kirsten Hoyme | Darin Troftgruben |
| Jean Humphries | 18 Sarah Sponholz | 27 Michele Burnett |
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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

"Daddy," asked the little boy, "what does it mean when the minister takes off his watch and puts it on the pulpit in front of him when he starts his sermon?"

"Nothing," sighed the father, "absolutely nothing."

Dear Lord,

So far today, God, I've done all right. I have not gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen

Blood Pressure Checks 2nd Sunday of Each Month

The St. Barnabas Wellness Team is arranging to have nurses in the congregation provide blood pressure checks on the second Sunday of each month. The next checks will be offered Sunday, February 14. The BP checks will be offered between the two worship services (10:00-10:30) in Rose Umland's office.

Worship Schedule

Sunday
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning Prayer
7:30 a.m.

Prayer for Healing
Sunday, Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m.

Service of Prayer for Healing Sunday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.

St. Barnabas offers a monthly *Service of Prayer for Healing*. The service is generally on the second Sunday of each month from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

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

