

**News Bulletin for the 5th Sunday After Epiphany/Valparaiso Sunday
The Weekend of February 6 and 7, 2010**

The call of God is our theme for this weekend. The Lord, who attracted large crowds to His side, reveals that His call is the call of mercy, and that He calls His own to share His mercy with others. Even so, our Lord calls us today.

SPECIAL GIFTS With glory given to God, we acknowledge the following gifts presented in support of our church's ministry:

- \$100 from John-Paul and Lisa Clark (Williams) in thanksgiving and celebration of the baptism of their daughter, Taylor Grace, on Sunday, February 7. Designated Gifts – Christian Education (Sunday School).
- \$100 from Jim and Nancy Aanerud in loving memory of † Florence Nicolai. Designated Gifts – Cemetery Fund.

CHRISTIAN COMFORT In the assurance of eternal life, we offer Christian comfort to the family and friends of:

† Martin Helmus. Marty, cousin of Ray (Linda) Koehne, died suddenly on Friday, January 29. The funeral service was held on Monday, February 1, at Colonial Chapel in Orland Park.

† Leroy Hagen. Roy, husband of Corinne, died on Friday, January 29. Pastor Nettleton conducted the funeral service on Tuesday, February 2, at Christ Lutheran Church.

† Joe Burke. Joe, cousin of Walter Burden, died on Monday, February 1. Arrangements will be made at a later date for a private family service.


THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS We remember the following in our altar and personal prayers this week. Ongoing prayer needs are found in the weekly *Prayer Power* publication. Altar/Prayer Power request slips are available on the table in the narthex.

For those who grieve: the family and friends of † **Martin Helmus**, † **Leroy "Roy" Hagen**, and † **Joe Burke**.

For healing and strength: **John Benedetti**, brother of Linda Day – waiting on kidney transplant; **Emilie Certik**, mother of Ellen Weber – Mother Theresa Home, Lemont; **Helen Duval** – Manor Care, SW Hwy; **Jay Fitman** – esophageal cancer; **Macy Ganz** – two-year old with cancer; **Judy Heim** – cancer care; **Rose Hensel** – Lakewood Nursing & Rehab Center, Plainfield; **Dorothy Herrmann** – critical health concerns; **Joseph Juarez** – recovering from surgery; **Warren Kosman** – cancer treatment; **Wesley Lolkema**, grandfather of Jamie Deckinga – critically ill; **Robin Manning**, friend of Cindy and Todd Miller – ear surgery pending; **Lydia Martens** – medical care; **Martha Morrett**, mother of Marlene Kaiser – recovering from surgery; **June Murray** – rehab; **Carole Neu** – chemotherapy; **Corey Paller**, son of Louis and Ellen Paller – recovering at home; **Janice Piotrowski** – cancer treatment; **Jim Ross** – fractured wrist; **Robert Sharp and family** – coping with cancer; **Karen Storbeck**, friend of Bobbie Kusek – cancer treatments; **John Trojan** – recovering from surgery; **Stephen Zieler, Sr.** – cancer treatments; **Ken** – newly diagnosed with advanced cancer; **those who are looking for work.**

For those who celebrate: **Roger and Louise Ehmpke** – for 40 loving years of marriage on February 7, 2010.

GIFT OF LIFE With a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, we announce that the Lord has blessed **Brad and Deanna Krischke (Balzano)**, with the gift of a son, **Carson Emil**, born on Thursday, February 4. The proud grandma is **Pearl Balzano**.

 Carson was born weighing 4 lbs, 4 oz, but is doing well! He is currently in special care at Christ Hospital until he gets stronger and can come home.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST With praise to God, we rejoice in the baptism of **Taylor Grace**



Clark, daughter of John-Paul and Lisa Clark (Williams). The private baptism was conducted by Pastor Rohlf on Saturday, February 6. Lee and Amy Russell will serve as godparents for Taylor.

VALPARAISO SUNDAY *Sweet Wine*, the worship choir from Valparaiso University, will be with us this Sunday during all three worship services. Emily Fasel, Christ Lutheran member and senior at Valparaiso, performs with this choir. Jake Halpin, Brandon Long, and Lisa Powell are the choir leaders. May God bless them as they share their music with us.

2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS were brought to the post office two weeks ago for mailing. Due to a post office error, the envelopes were misplaced and not sent out until this week. If you have not received your statement, it should be arriving shortly. If you need your donation information before the statement arrives, please call Julie in the Church Office. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

HANDELS "MESSIAH" The CDs and DVDs are ready! If you *pre-ordered* a CD or DVD of the Messiah performed Friday, December 18 here at Christ Lutheran, please stop by the Church Office to pick up your copy. We would like to thank MPI Media Group of Orland Park for the reproduction of the CDs and DVDs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL today at 9:30.

Today's Lesson: Jesus Calls the First Disciples; Bible Reference: Luke 5:1-11

ADULT BIBLE CLASS We will begin our study of Lesson 8: "Psalm 109 – Righteous Retribution". Please come and join us; study material and Bibles will be provided. You are under no obligation to read, and no experience is necessary! The class meets in the lower level from 9:35 until 10:30 a.m.

FAITH AND CONGREGATION CLASS *does not meet* this Sunday, February 7. Next week we will discuss the life of Jesus, the liturgical Church-year calendar, and work of the Holy Spirit, and *will meet following the 11:00 Sunday worship service. Lunch will be provided.*

SUPER BOWL SUBS



Pick up your sandwiches for Super Bowl XLIV! Enjoy a tasty sub sandwich prepared by the VOYAGERS as you watch the New Orleans Saints take on the Indianapolis Colts! Turkey, ham, roast beef, and combo sandwiches are available – complete with a full array of condiments. A freewill donation is appreciated, and ten percent of the proceeds will be directed to LCMS World Relief & Human Care / "Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund". Sandwiches are available for pick-up this Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7, before and after all worship services.

HEY KIDS...A SUPER BOWL PARTY FOR YOU! Junior Diggins is having a "Super Dodge BOWL Party" for kids 8 to 13 years old this Sunday, February 7, from 5:00 to 9:00. The cost is \$10.00 per kid or buy a "Got Game Party Pack" – \$50 for six kids. Pizza, pop, and snacks included. Dodge ball, wiffle ball, basketball contest, GIANT Wii and PS3 fun, contests, games, and prizes. Call 708-478-0097. FINALLY...a Super Bowl party for kids...FOR FUN!

HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S BASKETBALL Our remaining game schedule is:

- February 7, 3:00 p.m. – Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansing
- February 14, 3:00 p.m. – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mokena
- February 21, 3:00 p.m. – Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansing
- February 28, 3:00 p.m. – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mokena

The League Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7. Game times to be determined. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Nettleton.

HAVE A HEART SPAGHETTI DINNER The Men's Bible Study is hosting a "Have A Heart" spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 27, from 4:30 to 7:30, here at Christ Lutheran Church. The dinner will benefit Haiti relief and help support our youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer. So mark your calendars and **PLAN ON JOINING US!** Tickets are \$8.00/adults, \$4.00/kids 3-11, and \$60.00/table of 8, and are **available from the men of Men's Bible Study.**



CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

8th Gr. Homework: Complete page 93 in the workbook and memorize Romans 6:4 on page 92.

7th Gr. Homework: Memorize the sixth commandment and its meaning. Review God's Gift of Marriage using pages 81-85 in *Luther's Small Catechism*. The next sermon report is due by February 10/13.

CHOICE BAKERS will be baking cookies on Saturday, February 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Kids are definitely welcome, and they will have their own cookie-decorating station! Lunch is provided. So bring your family and friends, and help us bake! Cookies will be sold after all services on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14. Please sign up in the Fireside Room. **(Note: if you are bringing your children, PLEASE SIGN-UP so we can arrange adequate help!)** If you have any questions, please contact Karen Delcourt at 708-785-7247.

LUTHERAN WITNESS Don't forget to submit your subscription to Lutheran Witness. The cost is \$15.00, and an envelope is provided in your offering envelope packet. Deadline to subscribe is next Sunday, February 14.

CHRIST LUTHERAN BOOK CLUB Our next meeting of the Book Club will be Tuesday, February 23, at 7:30. Our book for February is the bestseller Have A Little Faith by Mitch Albom.

- Don Piper, author of 90 Minutes in Heaven, past Book Club selection, will be speaking at Parkview Christian Church on February 13 and 14 at all worship services. For information visit www.parkviewchurch.com.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY Have you had your picture taken for the directory? If not, there is still an opportunity to be photographed! We would really like everyone to be a part of our 2010 church family directory. Photo sessions will be held at Wehmeier Photography Studio on 144th Place. Please call Elise or Rob at the studio, 708-226-1593, to reserve your time.

CALLING ALL USHERS! We will be having an Ushers Meeting on **Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00**. This meeting will include a review of usher duties, monthly schedules, special service schedules, attire, and any ideas/suggestions you may have. **This meeting is for all current ushers and anyone who is interested in being an usher.** If you have any questions, please contact Jim Schultheiss at 708-837-0076.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET 2010 – “GIRLS NIGHT OUT” We're looking for a few *energetic-fun-enthusiastic* gals to help plan this year's banquet scheduled for Tuesday, May 4. Contact Sue West at 630-824-8442 or sue.west@comcast.net if you are interested.

CLEWS REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR Members of Christ Lutheran Church may register for the THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM starting **NOW!** Being a Christ Lutheran member, your child will have first choice of class times and days. As soon as your application and registration fee are received, you will be contacted. Act now before we begin Open Registration on February 10. Packets are available in the Church Office or CLEWS Office. It has been our experience that classes fill up immediately, so please take advantage of this early opportunity to enroll your child now. Call Patti Bareither at 708-448-2614 if you have any questions, or contact the CLEWS office directly at 708-349-0171.

Needed at CLEWS: salt boxes (cylindrical shape) for a February project.
Please save and turn in to either CLEWS classroom. Thanks for your help!

PALOS VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENTS... *Leading Ladies* by Ken Ludwig. Featuring CLC member Mike Fisher as "Duncan", *Leading Ladies* will be performed at Palos South Junior High (131st and 82nd Avenue) on Fridays, February 19 and 26, and Saturdays, February 20 and 27, at 7:30, with a special matinee performance on Sunday, February 28, at 2:00. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors and students, and can be purchased by calling 1-877-787-8497. On Sunday, February 28, a Brunch and Play special is available for \$25.00 (call Hackney's at 708-448-8300). First night profits will be donated to the Palos Food Pantry.

AUGUSTANA DANCE MARATHON Brittany Delcourt, Christ Lutheran member and senior at Augustana College, participated in a dance marathon on Saturday, January 30, to raise money for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Brittany's fundraising goal is \$1,000. 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to the hospital. It's "a chance of a lifetime to give lifetime a chance." If you would like to donate, visit www.helpmakemiracles.org/participant/bdelcourt.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS (EA) Journal of Recovery – **LOVE**; 2nd in a series of 8. *We have two strong emotions in our daily lives – love and hate. We have come to learn that hate just leaves us with ugly scars and a lot of negative emotions. Love leaves us with beautiful ones, but required us to look deep within ourselves when this love passes and we are left to struggle with what has happened. Have I experienced love and hate? By or with whom?* EA meets in Duehr Chapel on Mondays beginning at 4:00.

HEART FOR HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT Join Immanuel Lutheran Church in Downers Grove on Sunday, February 14, for an afternoon of hope and love. Join the music of Mia Koehne, Paris Delane, jazz duo Dave and Christ Gassner, and worship band The 4D's, along with a Haitian silent art auction, a sampling of Haitian desserts, and more! 100 percent of proceeds will be given directly to the needs in Haiti through Haiti Mission Project. The festivities begin at 4:00. For more information contact Ellen at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 630-968-3112.

MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Saturday, January 30	5:00 p.m. = 87 with 76 for Holy Communion
Sunday, January 31	8:00 a.m. = 106 with 100 for Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m. = 191*
	11:00 a.m. = 134

Weekly worship total = 518 with 176 for Holy Communion

*Includes 14 youth and 3 chaperones attending Youth Quake

Average weekly worship for January, 2009 = 454

Sunday School = 81 students, 19 staff

VOYAGERS = 9, Adult Bible Study = 17

Faith & Congregation = 6

Wednesday, February 3

Confirmation Classes = 71

Special Circumstance Communions = 11

Women's Evening Bible Study = 14

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(February 7 – 14, 2010)

Today	3:00 p.m.	High School Men's Basketball Game
	6:30 p.m.	NO Faith & Congregation Class
		Sub Sandwich Sale after all Worship Services
Monday	2:00 p.m.	Chicago Ridge Service (PN)
	4:00 p.m.	Emotions Anonymous
	6:00 p.m.	Attack Volleyball
	7:00 p.m.	Joy & Praise Rehearsal
Tuesday		NID Pastors' Conference – Rockford
	9:00 a.m.	LWR Quilters
	5:00 p.m.	Jr. Chimers
	6:00 p.m.	Attack Volleyball
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Darts (home)
Wednesday		NID Pastors' Conference – Rockford
	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting (Directory Pictures)
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Devotional Group
	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Classes Meet
	5:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Attack Volleyball
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Christ Choir
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	OWLS Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Helpmates
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Mothers' Connection
	6:00 p.m.	Attack Volleyball
	7:00 p.m.	AI-Anon
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	7 th & 8 th Confirmation Classes Meet
	9:00 a.m.	CHOICE Cooking Baking
	5:00 p.m.	Worship
		Cookie Sale after Worship Service
Sunday		TRANSFIGURATION/Joy & Praise
	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Worship – H.C.
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – H.C.
	12:00 p.m.	Faith & Congregation Class/Lunch
	3:00 p.m.	High School Men's Basketball Game
		Cookie Sale after all Worship Services

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK

Preacher Pastor Raymond Rohlfs, Senior Administrative Pastor
Liturgist Pastor Shawn Nettleton, Associate Pastor
Director of Music Sandra Carioto
Substitute Organist Millie Watland
Soundtechs Mike Fisher (8/9:30) Ray Delcourt (11)
Lectors Julie Jancik (Sat.), Monica Stampanato (8), George Purpura (9:30),
Maria Rohlfs (11)
Elders Richard Brott, Jim Dougherty, Terry Watland
Ushers-Sat. Bob Hubbard, Henry Kosche, Allen Morris
Ushers-Sun. Ron Burman, Bev Christensen, Jim Ehrhardt, Henry Jagow,
Ray Koehne, Jim Schultheiss (8), Jim Buchman, Roger Liberatore,
Chris Liberatore, Dave McGuire, Pete Schrank (9:30), Brian Alexander,
Greg Marszalek, Gary Mullenbruck, Kim Shontz, Ron Weber (11)
Noah's Nursery Nancy Smith, Jasmine Knopp
Greeters Mark Oehmen/Heather Stockton (8), Karen Mitchell (9:30),
Marcus & Carol O'Donnell (11)
Acolytes Dakota Sayger & Leslie Walk (8), Evan Windsor & Baylor Barvinek (11)
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SERVING NEXT WEEK – FEBRUARY 13 AND 14, 2010

Director of Music Sandra Carioto
Soundtech Brian Knopp
Lectors Gary Tucker (8), Stuart Teschke (9:30), Lauren Strack (11)
Elders Richard Brott, Jim Dougherty, Terry Watland
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Noah's Nursery Diana Voith, Clare Bernotavicius
Greeters Bev Christensen (8), Sue Alberts (9:30), Louise Seemann (11)
Acolytes Eric Wenzel & Brian Mehdian (8)
Dylan Mossman & Samantha Schickel (11)
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NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE . . . Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Hebrews 3:1-6, Luke 9:28-36

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX . . . Portals of Prayer, "Happy Times" Devotional, Market Day, Prayer Power, Church Brochure, Tract – "The Church Year", Lenten Devotions – "Where In the World Is God?"

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING with us here at Christ Lutheran Church.

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