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Wednesday Services – March 3, 10, 17, 24

Service of the Word for Healing – March 7 at 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – March 28 at 5 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 1 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2 at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil – April 3 at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Breakfast at 10:10 a.m.



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## SERVING IN MARCH

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 3/7- Melvin & Earlene Swygert
- 3/14- Margaret Caughman
- 3/21- Landis & Sheryl Price
- 3/28- Bill & Ginger Caughman

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Bill Caughman

### NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 3/7- Paula Miller, Katie Black
- 3/14- Elwanda Lorick, Dwayne Black
- 3/21- Joan Caughman, John Oxner
- 3/28- Connie Kramer, Linda Almgren

### 2-3 YR. SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 3/7- Crissie Kirby, Debra McDonald
- 3/14- Debra McDonald
- 3/21- Catherine Oxner,  
Myra Cantrell
- 3/28- Myra Cantrell,  
Catherine Oxner

### GREETERS

Narthex:

- Ervin & Annette Caughman
- Commons Area:  
Bill & Ginger Caughman

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT

John Oxner

### LAY READER

Rebecca Reed

### ALTAR GUILD

- Marti Burns, Wendy Epting,  
Crissie Kirby, Sue Ruff,  
Betsy McEwen

### NURSERY

Stacy Osment, **Chair**

- 3/7- Erin & Scott Thomas,  
Kayce Shealy
- 3/14- Jennifer & Chip Spradley,  
Katie Black
- 3/21- Rebecca & Michael Reed,  
Betsy Shealy
- 3/28- Jennifer & Mike Patrick,  
Sydnee Patrick

### USHERS

- Ira Ruff, Allen Rish, Ervin Caughman,  
Tony Meetze, Rondoll Watson

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 3/7- Barbie & Dean Rodgers,  
Freida Banks
- 3/14- Stacy & Pete Osment,  
Toshia Banks
- 3/21- Brandee & Jeff Quarles,  
Debbie Sawyer
- 3/28- Dawn & Tracy Bedenbaugh,  
Rhonda Bedenbaugh

### TELLERS

- 3/7- Bill Caughman, Ervin Caughman
- 3/14- Robert Cook, Robert Epting
- 3/21- Ann Nichols, Pete Osment
- 3/28- Billy Rauton, Rebecca Reed

## WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2- Betsy Shealy (Mrs. Michael),  
Sara Reed
- 3- Angela Leaphart,  
Wyatt Summers
- 5- Michael Shealy
- 8- Bucky Johnson
- 9- Myrell Epting, Sam Kirby
- 11- Nixie Wheeler
- 12- Margaret Caughman
- 13- Ann Nichols
- 14- Ginger Furtick
- 15- Mabry Jane Mull
- 22- Jeanette Long, Jaycob Banks,  
Jayden Banks
- 24- Tissy Price
- 27- Julia Shealy
- 28- Jerry Price
- 29- Dennis Bedenbaugh,  
Arthur Howard
- 30- Dr. Jim Crumley,  
Jennifer Caughman McInnis
- 31- Brandon A. Long



### LET US PRAY

In our prayers let us remember:

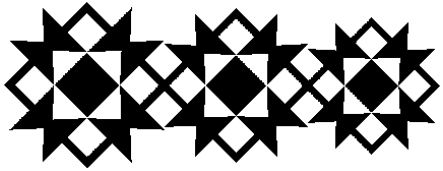
#### MEMBERS:

Margaretta Beckham, Rhonda & Dennis Bedenbaugh, Marti Burns, Daryl Buzhardt, Will Cary, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Ed Hoover, Sam Kirby & Family, Ramona Langford, Jeff Long, Ricky Long, Grae McDonald, Brady Nichols, Anne Oswald, Mauri Register, Debbie Reynolds, Dot Ruff, Sue Ruff, Bobbie Shealy, William K. Shealy, Bobbie Smith, Pauline Steele, Wills Swygert, Samantha Trotter, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson

#### FAMILY & FRIENDS:

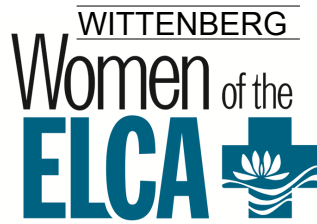
John Bedenbaugh (father of Tracy Bedenbaugh), Judy and Doug Benton, The Mother of Debbie Black, John Black, Jr. (father of Dwayne Black), Peggy Buzhardt, Chalmers Carr IV, Josh Caughman (friend of Chris & Robbin Swygert), The Family of Jane Speaks Cochet, John Collum, The Family of Taylor Cox, Ann Lewis, Carla Long, Thelma Lorick (mother of Larry Lorick), Larry McKenzie (nephew of Boddie & Nelle Rinehart), Eileen Mitchell, Mike Nichols (son of Brady & Sue Nichols), The Mother of Landis Price, The Family of Harold Seigler, Melanie Sharpe (friend of Sam & Crissie Kirby), Mildred Shealy (mother of Michael Shealy), Kim Smith (daughter of Libby Carswell), Elsie Speaks, Diane Spradley, Aaron Stewart, The Family of Jamie Vansant, The Family of Brooks Warner, and members of our Armed Forces.

## DORCAS QUILTERS



The Dorcas Quilters would like to thank those who have donated material, batting, sheets, etc. to help us in making the quilts. We will always

accept any donations of materials as we plan to make this a continuous project. Also we could use other people to volunteer to help put the quilts together. We meet in the education building on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until around noon or so. Please consider helping us and joining in the fun of making quilts for those in need.



### CIRCLE MEETINGS

**The Morning Circle** meets at 10 a.m. March 2. Leader is Barbara Nivens.

**Circle V** meets at 1 p.m. March 2 at The Attic. Joan Caughman is leader.

**Circle IV** meets at 7 p.m. March 2 at the home of Tissy Price. Myra Cantrell is leader.

**Circle L** meets at 7 p.m. March 8. Leader and hostess is Betsy McEwen.

**Hannah Circle** meets at 10 a.m. March 13. Rhonda Bedenbaugh is leader.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING MEETING

The Spring Meeting of the Western Conference of the Women of the ELCA will be held on March 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Leesville. Any women interested in attending this meeting contact Connie Kramer at 532-5558. She will be glad to pick you up to go to the meeting. Please put this meeting date on your calendar and plan to attend.

## ORDER OF ST. JOHN

### Jennifer Spradley, Advisor

3/3- OSJ: Matthew Reed

3/7- Acolyte: Emma Bellflower

Almsbearer: Peyton Quarles

Crucifer: Avery Finger

3/10- OSJ: Parker McInnis

3/14- Acolyte: Brett Spradley

Almsbearer: Lane Bedenbaugh

Crucifer: Zane Bedenbaugh

3/17- OSJ: Aubrey Rodgers

3/21- Acolyte: James Banks

Almsbearer: Haven Banks

Crucifer: Brandt Shealy

3/24- OSJ: Trey Cook

3/28- Acolyte: Adam Almgren

Almsbearer: Wills Swygert

Crucifer: Nevin Rodgers



Dear friends at Wittenberg Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for hosting the Operation Reachout Ministry on Feb. 8. The breakfast meal was not only delicious, it was also a big treat for our folks. We all loved the sausage, egg & cheese casserole!

We appreciate the love we feel when we visit your church. Your kindness and generosity reflects the love of Jesus. We pray that God will bless your church abundantly!

Love in Christ,  
Operation Reachout

**Wittenberg Lutheran Church,  
Council Minutes, January 10, 2010  
SUMMARY**

**Members Present:** Bob Wiley (Chair), Betsy Shealy, Ann Nichols, Ervin Caughman, Bill Caughman, Rebecca Reed, Dean Rogers, Robert Epting (V. Chair), Debbie Sawyer, Pastor Sherman, Brent Shealy (Tres.), Connie Kramer (Fin. Sec.), Furman Cantrell (Sec)

**Members Absent:** Robert Cook, Billy Rauton, Pete Osment

Pastor Sherman gave a brief **devotion** and presented the **Pastor's Report:**

1. The Western District of LMM meeting will be held at Wittenberg on Wednesday, January 12, at 7 p.m.
2. A program, Holy Days of Conversation, will be held at Newberry College on February 6, 2010. This is one of several programs being organized to better inform members of Lutheran churches in this area about the recent actions taken on human sexuality by the ELCA.
3. A request for membership by Jim and Tammy Garrett was approved.
4. Several meetings will be held in the area to present various points of view regarding the human sexuality issue arising from actions taken by the ELCA.
5. A list of Committee Chairs was distributed. A request was made that any motions that might arise in committees be submitted to Council in writing, including the name of persons making the motion as well as the second.

**Report of the Executive Committee:** There was no report. However, it was announced that the Executive Committee will meet on January 21, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the church.

**Treasurer's Report.** Brent Shealy distributed the monthly Financial Report. A copy of the complete report is available in the Church Office.

Brent also noted that the Note Payable amount on December 31, 2009, was \$540,000.00.

Brent also stated that contributions for 2009 (vs 2008) were down by approximately \$27,000.00. Brent stated that overall; the financial picture at Wittenberg is "good," especially given the current state of the economy.

## **BREAKFAST BEFORE WORSHIP**

Breakfast Before Worship, BBW, is underway. Join us at 10:40 a.m. in the Commons Area for coffee, pastries and conversation.

## **HUMAN SEXUALITY DISCUSSION**

On Sunday, March 7, Pastor Sherman hosts a second Sunday school presentation detailing the ELCA Churchwide Assembly's recent actions on issues pertaining to human sexuality. Specifically, we examine the four resolutions passed by the Churchwide Assembly and their potential impacts within the congregations of the Church. The presentation begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## **MARK THE DATE**

The Evangelism Committee and Lutheran Men are planning a "Wittenberg Fun Day" at Camp Kinard. The event, which will include worship, lunch and games, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 23. More information to come.

## **GODLY PLAY WORKSHOP**

A Godly Play workshop, "New Stories of the Saints," will be held March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Clover. All teachers of Godly Play classes and anyone interested in Montessori-based religious education ministries are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$15 per person, and registration deadline is March 9. Registration forms are on the kiosk in the commons area.

## **LUTHERIDGE/LUTHEROCK**

Camp season is only a few months away. If your child is interested in attending a camp session at Lutheridge or Lutherock, please sign the "interest sheet" in the commons area. Pastor Mike will lead an expedition to Lutherock beginning on June 27. Confirmands and high schools students are invited to attend the Lutherock event.





## Wittenberg Building Loan Report

Submitted by Brent Shealy

Balance of loan at 1/31/2009 .....	\$523,000.00
Total paid in February 2010 .....	12,924.28
Interest portion of payment .....	2,924.28
Principal portion of payment .....	\$10,000.00
Balance of loan at 2/28/2009 .....	\$513,000.00

## Statistics as of February 21, 2010

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP
2/7 .....	83 .....	161
2/14 .....	75 .....	144
2/21 .....	82 .....	161
YTD Regular Offering .....		\$30,894.25
Needed .....		43,977.20
Difference .....		(13,082.95)
YTD B.F. Offering .....		14,380.87

**Financial Secretary Report:** Connie distributed the December giving report. The total giving was \$51,255.89. The current giving was \$23,035.75 and Building Fund offering was \$26,641.65. The balance consisted of various miscellaneous offerings.

**Committee Assignments:** Pastor Sherman again called attention to the list of Committee Chairs and asked the chairs either to serve as Chair of the committee or as liaison for the committee if another member is Chair.

Pastor Sherman stated that the **Strategic Planning Committee** should meet. He and Bill Caughman (Chairman of Strategic Planning) will address this matter.

Rebecca suggested that Committee Chairs present committee report once each quarter. This was discussed and agreed upon.

Brent Shealy stated that the contributions to the Food Pantry have exceeded the expenses by almost \$2,000.00. He also stated that the income from the church photos and cards has produced a benefit for the Building Fund of approximately \$500.00.

Brent asked about the status of the "After-School Program." Pastor Sherman stated that the program will begin January 29 with 20 students. They will attend on Mondays and Thursdays. After 6 weeks, the program will be reviewed. Ervin Caughman asked if the program was working with local schools to attempt to operate the program in the schools (where the students are already present).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Furman Cantrell, Secretary



BAPTIZED  
UNTO THE  
LORD

Mabry Jane Mull, daughter of Shane and Liz, was welcomed into the body of Christ through the rite of Holy Baptism on February 21, 2010. We thank God for the newest member of the Wittenberg family and rejoice with Shane, Liz, Loder and Mabry.



# March 2010



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>EVERY SUNDAY:</b> <b>Communion—8:30am</b> <b>Sunday School—9:30am</b> <b>Worship Service—11am</b>	<b>1</b> 9 am— Coffee & Conversation	<b>2</b> 10 am— Morning Circle 1 pm— Circle V 7 pm— Circle IV 7 pm— Theology Downtown	<b>3</b> Noon— Alzheimer's Support Group 6 pm—Lenten Supper 7 pm—Lenten Service 7:30 pm— Choir	<b>4</b> 7 am— Teen Bible Study at Waffle House 4 pm— Grief Support 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	<b>5</b> 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	<b>6</b> 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
	<b>7</b> 10:40 am— BBW Noon—1st Sunday Lunch 6 pm—Teens 6 pm— Handbells 7 pm— Service of the Word for Healing	<b>8</b> 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 7 pm— Circle L	<b>9</b> 7 pm— Christian Care	<b>10</b> 6 pm— Lenten Supper 7 pm— Lenten Service 7:30 pm— Choir	<b>11</b> 7 am— Teen Bible Study at Waffle House 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	<b>12</b> 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
<b>14</b> 10:40 am— BBW 4 pm— Catechism 6 pm— Teens 7 pm— Council	<b>15</b> 9 am— Coffee & Conversation	<b>16</b> 7 pm— Theology Downtown	<b>17</b> 10 am — Dorcas Quilters 6 pm— Lenten Supper 7 pm— Lenten Service 7:30 pm— Choir	<b>18</b> 7 am— Teen Bible Study 4 pm— Grief Support 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	<b>19</b> 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	<b>20</b> 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
<b>21</b> 10:40 am—BBW 3 pm—WELCA Spring Mtg. 6 pm—Teens 6 pm— Handbells	<b>22</b> 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 7:30 pm— Lutheran Men	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6 pm— Lenten Supper 7 pm— Lenten Service 7:30 pm— Choir	<b>25</b> 7 am— Teen Bible Study at Waffle House 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	<b>26</b> 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	<b>27</b> 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> 10:10 am—Breakfast 5 pm— Stations of the Cross 6 pm—Teens	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Noon— JOY luncheon 7 pm — MSG 7:30 pm— Choir	April 1 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.	April 2 Good Friday 7 p.m.	April 3 Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.