

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

March 2009

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From The Pastor

Greeting in Christ!

Lent 2009 is upon us and the Lenten Season is a wonderful time to renew the meaning of our faith and life. You are invited to have an encounter with Jesus as your living Lord and Savior.

Our Sunday series will continue the theme: "**PRAYER POWER**". Each Sunday we will focus on the Prayer of the Day as we continue to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus. Our weekly themes will be:

Feb. 25 - Ash Wednesday (1 and 7:30 p.m.) - ASHES and HOLY COMMUNION
PRAYER POWER - "A NEW AND HONEST HEART" Psalm 51:1-18

Mar. 1 - Lent 1 -
PRAYER POWER - "FIGHTING TEMPTATION" Mark 1:9-15

Mar. 8 - Lent 2 -
PRAYER POWER - "TESTING AND TRIUMPH" Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Mar. 15 - Lent 3 - BAPTISM
PRAYER POWER - "STRENGTH FOR LIFE" Exodus 20:1-17

Mar. 22 - Lent 4 -
PRAYER POWER - "ALIVE IN CHRIST" Ephesians 2:1-10

Mar. 29 - Lent 5 -
PRAYER POWER - "RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT" Jeremiah 31:31-34

Our weekly Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 1 and 7 p.m. Paul's Letter to the **Ephesians** is a powerful study for Lent. I hope you will join us .

HOLY WEEK will include the following services:

PALM SUNDAY - April 5. Procession beings in Frank Hall. Palms distributed to all.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 9 - 7 p.m. Sermon: "AN ATTITUDE OF SERVICE" John 13:1-17
Service includes Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 10 - 7 p.m.

TENEBRAE - The Service of Shadows with the reading of the Passion according to St. John.
Various people will take part in the reading.

Lent is a good time to introduce a friend to Good Shepherd. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you into a deeper trust and walk with Jesus in Lent 2009.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Ed

2009 Congregational Meeting Minutes January 12, 2009 (submitted by Garry Westeweller)

The meeting opened with Gil declaring a quorum to be in attendance.

The meeting then opened with prayer.

48- 50 congregational members were in attendance

There were no minutes to be found from last year's meeting so the meeting commenced without review of last year's minutes.

The following is a brief synopsis of all the reports that were submitted at the congregational meeting. A copy of each report, in detail, was handed out as part of the annual report.

Pastor's Report

- Submitted by Pastor Ed
- General review of where the congregation was spiritually, what our worship was to focus on, and what activities were continuing.
- Pastor Ed expressed a great feeling of joy to be part of Good Shepherd and was optimistically looking toward the future.
- Special thanks to staff; In particular... Pat Dunn, office secretary, Miae Park for her musical ministry, and Barbara Benson for her work with the Little Lambs school.

President's Report

- Submitted by Gil Vatter
- Review of some of the changes in the congregation and Church Council.
- Thank you to council members
- Continuation of Little Lambs
- German School expanded
- Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success with enrollment of thirty neighborhood children
- Addition of Pat Dunn to staff
- Special thanks to Pastor Ed
- Discussion of Fee Schedules
- Increased fees to German School
- New Greeting process for Visitors
- Weekly Lenten Service is under consideration, to be run by the Lay people of the congregation.

Treasurer's Report

- Report presented by co-treasurer, Pat Miller
- Broke down 2008 into two halves for better clarification of where we are and where we are going
- We met our expenses in the second half of the year and we were able to put money back into the mission fund that had previously been borrowed.
- Detailed report was handed out as part of the annual report packet.

Christian Education

- Report was presented by Sharon Oberkehr
- Review of Sunday School classes and Christmas Nativity Play
- Planning to help raise money for local food pantries.

Fellowship

- No formal report presented
- Special thank you to Debbie Blackburn for all her assistance in this area

Finance/Stewardship

- Report presented by Lou Medici
- Special thanks to members of the committee
- Results of pledge letters were that we received pledges back from 36 of the 76 “giving” units in the congregation. Due to the results we were only able to estimate our income to be \$122,500.00 for the coming year.
- General feeling that more will be given
- Detailed copy of 2009 budget was made available to all

Property Committee

- Report submitted by Steve Miller
- Numerous projects already completed
- Large amount of behind the scenes work is ongoing
- Thermostats reduced to 50 degrees when unoccupied
- Next work day will be around Easter

Social Ministry

- Presented by Gil Vatter
- Food Response has been terrific
- Distribution to local food banks; Calico Cat, Lunch Break, and St. Marks
- Special thanks to Patty Vatter, Larry and Shirley Jackson for help with distribution
- More needed there has been a 30% increase in people that need food in this area alone
- Souper Bowl of caring coming up this week
- Personal Goods collection will be announced in March or April
- Detailed report was made available as part of annual report packet

Worship and Music

- Submitted by Andy Mathisen
- Bible Study group thriving
- Adult Choir has around a dozen active members
- Detailed report was made available as part of annual report packet

Youth and Family

- Report presented by Mike Carp
- Jason Reed, Synod’s youth ministry specialist, visited us in January and stated that we have a challenge of trying to get more people involved in the youth program. He suggested we change the name from youth group to youth activities.
- Continue to encourage youth to invite friends to activities
- We need to possibly add money to jump start this program
- Need youth activities suggestions.

Little Lambs

- Presented by Barbara Benson
- Downward trend for the last three years
- 15 students short of being self sufficient
- Presented the possibility of closing the school
- Detailed report was made available as part of annual report packet

General discussion of 2009 budget was put forth to the congregation with some of the following points being brought up;

- Synod will let us know when it is appropriate to find and budget for a new Pastor

- No money allotted for Cap improvements... This will be handled through parsonage fund for now if there is a need. This line item will be further addressed as we get back on our feet
- Salaries were brought up and reviewed
- Concern was raised that we were not paying Pastor Ed enough for his services. His contract has been agreed upon and Pastor Ed is happy with where it is at.
- Current budget is written to just pay our bills and outreach

Ernie moved that the budget be approved as written, Bill Wehrli seconded, and the budget passed without dissent.

Election of Council Members was discussed

Gil will look into terms of current members

New members were introduced

Council members were named as follows; Sharon Oberkehr, Lil Nemcik, Steve Miller, Lou Medici, Gil Vatter, Andy Mathisen, Tom Tehve, Garry Westerweller, Karl Torjussen, Mike Carp.

Co Treasurer's are Pat Miller and Tom Tehve.

Clem moved that the nominations for Council be closed. This was seconded by Mike Carp. The congregation unanimously approved.

Gil opened the floor for suggestions for the good of the congregation and none were put forth.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Garry Westerweller, Council Secretary

Council Meeting Minutes (*Draft copy, not reviewed by council*) **February 9, 2009**
(submitted by Garry Westerweller)

In attendance were the following:

Pastor Ed, Gil Vatter, Mike Carp, Lou Medici, Garry Westerweller, Tom Tehve, Andy Mathisen, Sharon Oberkehr, Steve Miller, Lil Nemcik, and Karl Tourjesson.

Pat Miller was not in attendance.

Gil opened the meeting with prayer

Pastor continued his devotions regarding the design structure of the letters to the Seven Churches. We are justified to receive God's grace through faith.

January Minutes were reviewed and need to be revised. Since Andy took last month's minutes, he will e mail them to Garry along with the revisions.

Lil Nemcik was formally welcomed to her first council meeting.

Reports

Treasurer's Report presented by Tom Tehve.

- Budget for January is very close to even
- There were three pay periods which accounted for a small negative.

Christian Education Report presented by Sharon Oberkehr.

- We continue with a small Sunday School representation of 4 kids
- Not much more to report at this time

Finance Committee Report presented by Lou Medici

- There was no meeting therefore there is no report at this time

Property Report was presented by Steve Miller

- We have secured Molsons for our snow plowing
- Timer replaced for lighting the Church Letters
- Repaired timer for lighting the front steps
- Repaired leaking men's toilet in Frank Hallway
- Repaired leaking toilet in Pastors office
- Additional projects in the works
- Next work day will be April 1st.

Discussion ensued regarding the current state of our copier. Since the machine is 10 years old, Andy will undertake a study to see what we are paying for, how much we pay, and if there are better, less expensive alternatives. Looking into the possibility of access codes to identify users of machines and quantity of copies. In addition, Mike asked when a good time would be to paint pastor's office. They are working on securing a date.

Sharon will make a poster for the April 1, work day.

Social Ministry Report was presented by Gil

- Souper Bowl of caring was a TREMENDOUS Success! We raised \$2132.00, added an additional \$100.00 collected from the prior week, added \$1000.00 from the Advent Fund, and we will be requesting matching funds from Thrivent in the amount of \$500.00. This would bring our total to \$3732.00. Outstanding!
- ELCA world hunger appeal is next up. Announcements will be in the bulletin from Ash Wednesday thru Easter. Mike asked that considering our success with the Souper Bowl of Caring, perhaps we should raise our goal from \$500 to \$1500 dollars. (In addition to possible matching from Thrivent)
- January collections went to Calico Cat and Lunch Break.
- Come June we will be asked to collect 40 sets of toiletry items for dispersal. Announcements will be made prior.
- COG Meeting set for Tuesday, Feb. 17th at the Lincroft Presbyterian Church.
- Steve will write a monthly Voice article highlighting individual Good Shepherd members doing social support work.

Worship and Music Report was presented by Andy

- Currently waiting on sign ups for the Lay Ministry
- Fellowship meeting to take place on 2/10

Youth and Family Report was presented by Mike Carp

- Jason Reed may be able to make a future Council meeting to discuss youth with us.

- Youth meeting set for 2/18 to discuss the goals the youth of the congregation want to see.

Pastors Report

- 2 Weeks of no Bible Study due to Snow
- Confirmation received the same fate
- Baptism scheduled for middle of March
- Phone is a problem in Pat's office, Steve will look into it

Presidents Report presented by Gil

- Currently the council has 10 members
- Working on tenure lengths
- Also working on an active member list. Seems to be at approx 110 people
- Council to be installed on 2/22/09

Discussion of e mailing documentation. Seems to be some problem with not everyone getting everything. When these minutes are e mailed, Garry will also do a test e mail to see who gets what in an attempt to identify any problems.

- There will be two services on Ash Wednesday, 1PM and 7:30PM
- Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00PM
- Good Friday service will be a Tenebrae Service at 7:00PM
- Andy will develop a system to inform congregation if Church is postponed due to bad climate weather.

Old Business

A mistake was found in the financial report that was presented at the congregational meeting. Pastor's Social Security was inadvertently left out of the report. The cost of this line item is \$1200.00 and would increase our budget by the same. Since this amount is below a 10% variation, it was felt that we did not have to go back to the congregation for special approval. Tom moved that we just accept it into the budget and increase it accordingly. Mike Carp seconded the motion and the council approved this unanimously.

Lou formally and regrettably informed the council of his recommendation that Little Lambs close by the end of the school year. He then motioned to vote on this recommendation. Steve Miller seconded it. Vote was to close the school with two abstentions. Lou and Garry. Barbara Benson was ill and unable to attend but wanted to attend next meeting to present possible alternate uses for the space.

Lou will ask Barbara to check with both Holmdel and Middletown, and include the information in her next month's report to council on alternative uses for Frank Hall.

New Business

Election of officers was held. Gil was voted president, Andy was voted vice-president, Garry will stay on as Secretary, and Tom Tehve and Pat Miller will continue to serve as co-treasurers.

There will be a Science fair held on Sunday March 29th for Little Lambs. Volunteers are needed to man the booths.

Lil Nemcik "volunteered" to head the Evangelism Committee.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Garry Westerweller

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Back in the 30's (Yes, I mean the 1930's), when I was a boy in Pennsylvania, my family lived about a block away from Saint Anne's Roman Catholic Church. About half or more of my buddies attended Saint Anne's Church and most of them also went to the parochial school right behind the church.

Each year, as Lent approached, someone in our gang was sure to bring up the subject of what he was going to "give up for Lent". This always led to an outpouring of suggestions as to what a 10 year old kid could or should relinquish to gain the approval of the nuns at Saint Anne's School (Who were sure to ask each student, "What are you going to give up for Lent this year?"). The usual sacrificial candidates included candy, bubble gum, soft drinks, comic books and Saturday morning cowboy movies at the local theaters; all the important luxuries in a young boy's life.

Giving up something during Lent was beyond my personal religious understanding. As a Lutheran, I, along with one or two other Protestants in the gang, felt no pressure to sacrifice things like bubble gum or candy and always looked rather curiously at our Catholic friends as they discussed their plans to discontinue the enjoyment of certain luxuries for the coming weeks.

Giving up something for Lent is still being practiced by a lot of folks, both Roman Catholic and Protestant. These days alcohol and tobacco seem to be the favorite choices. The idea, originally, was to stop using (eating, drinking, smoking) a favorite item during Lent and give the money thus saved to the church as a sacrifice offering. It seems to me that following a "sacrifice offering plan" is OK, so long as you remember to give up something and give the money saved to some worthy cause, such as the church or your hungry neighbors.

However, I would like to propose an alternative to "giving up" something for Lent. Instead, I suggest you consider "taking something on" as your 2009 Lenten discipline. There are lots and lots of choices. Here are a few:

1. Make a special effort to attend church every Sunday during Lent.
2. Increase your weekly offering to the church during Lent.
3. Make a resolution to join Pastor Ed's Bible study group for the next six or seven weeks (Try it you'll like it).
4. Volunteer for a job that needs to be done around the church or in the community (or both).
5. Resolve to be at every mid-week Lenten service as part of your journey toward Easter.

"Giving up" something for Lent may have been your usual way of preparation for the season, but it seems to me, "adding something on" makes a great deal of sense too. Maybe this is the year you should consider it.

Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD GEARS UP FOR LENT TO EASTER TIME

Calendar of events from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Please mark your calendars and take advantage of these opportunities to worship and learn.

Wednesday 2/25 - Ash Wednesday Lunch - 12:30
Ash Wednesday service 1 PM & 7:30 PM

Wednesday 3/4 - Bible Study with Pastor - 1 PM & 7 PM
Thursday 3/5 - Midweek Lenten Service - 7 PM

Thursday 3/12 - Midweek Lenten Service - 7 PM

Wednesday 3/18 - Bible Study with Pastor - 1 PM & 7 PM

Thursday 3/19 - Midweek Lenten Service - 7 PM

Wednesday 3/25 - Bible Study with Pastor - 1 PM & 7 PM

Thursday 3/26 - Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday 4/1 - Bible Study with Pastor - 1 PM & 7 PM

Thursday 4/2 - Midweek Lenten Service

Sunday 4/5 - Palm Sunday Service - 10 AM

Thursday 4/9 - Maundy Thursday Service - "Serving" - 7 PM

Friday 4/10 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service - 7 PM

Sunday 4/12 - Easter Breakfast - 9 AM

Easter Service - 10 AM



GOOD SHEPHERD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Each month, the Voice will feature volunteer activities by one or more Good Shepherd members.

This month we feature Larry Jackson, living in Lincroft, who has been serving the Red Bank-based Lunch Break for 20 years. Every morning, 5 mornings per week, Larry can be found at W. Bergin and Bridge Ave at

the Lunch Break–owned building at 7:30AM., where he will continue to work until 10:30 or 11AM. The building’s 200-person capacity means that a lot of food is required. And food drives are constant, such as the one provided by Boy Scouts. Larry checks with the cook and the Executive Director to determine special food needs for the day. Larry then drives to FoodTown once or twice during the morning to collect donations such as deli salads or bread from the bakery. Larry has stories of “special” donors, such as the gentleman at Christmas, who determined that turkeys were especially needed. This “Santa Clause” then sponsored the purchase of 250 turkeys from the Monmouth County FoodBank, for distribution by Lunch Break.

In the past, Good Shepherd has allocated money for Lunch Break. Good Shepherd members sometimes designate money gifts for Lunch Break. Also, individuals have often given food, such as coffee, which Larry then delivers. Last month, the Good Shepherd donated food collection was split between Lunch Break in Red Bank, Calico Cat in Middletown, and St Marks soup kitchen in Keanesburg. There are always opportunities for people to volunteer their time. Such volunteers, like Larry, find this work satisfying. Larry, for one, plans to continue his Lunch Break volunteer work as long as he is in good health.

Submitted by Steve Miller

EASTER LILLIES

There is a sign-up sheet for Easter lilies in the narthex. Cost this year is \$15. The last date to order is April 5th. If you will not be at church to signup, you may call the church office (732-842-4596).

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES PLANNED FOR THURSDAY EVENINGS

There will be a devotional service each Thursday evening in Lent at 7:00 PM. The service, conducted by lay persons will include prayers, psalms and readings from the Augsburg Press book. "Book of Faith - Lenten Journey - 40 Days with the Lord's Prayer" by Henry F. French. The book is designed to deepen our understanding of the Lutheran insights that ground our faith and shape our approach to the Bible.

There will be five services, each meant to offer you one more opportunity to enhance your Lenten discipline. Please mark your calendar with dates and time.

CONGREGATION ALERTED TO WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

The Congregation Council, under the supervision of the Social Ministry Committee, has planned to launch a special emphasis for support of the ELCA World Hunger drive. The appeal is scheduled to take place from Ash Wednesday, February 25 through Easter Sunday, April 12. The time period, deliberately chosen to run through Lent, is offered as an opportunity for use as an additional Lenten discipline.

The ELCA World Hunger appeal has successfully raised money, over the past several years, for starving people throughout the world. The food purchased with the money has notably been prominent in the arid parts of Africa, where starving people have gathered in refugee camps in order to seek food.

You may write your check to "Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd", noting "World Hunger" in the memo space.

AROUND THE PARISH (submitted by Gil Vatter)

1. LIL NEMCIK, a brand new Council person, is almost finished with rehab on her leg.
2. BILL WHERLI is in Boynton Beach, Florida until March 3. A dirty job, but someone has to do it.
3. Special thanks to VIV and BOB SISLIA for their help with the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.
4. The COUNSELING CENTERS FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT will move into Good Shepherd in late

February or early March. To contact CCHD, call LINDA VAN FOSSEN, Executive Director, at 908-276-0590.

5. A tip of the Good Shepherd fez to SHARON OBERKEHR for the snazzy narthex sign she made for the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.

6. Congrats to MIAE PARK'S son JON who was chosen to play cello in the District Orchestra in his area. He will now audition for the All-State Orchestra.

7. A doff of the G. S. beret to MIKE CARP and BILL NEMCIK for volunteering to paint PASTOR ED'S office.

8. Good to see BUNNY KUHL walking without a cane after an operation on her hip. Physical Therapy must be working.

9. Kudos to the G.S. congregation for thier response to the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING and thanks to the young people who helped to gather the gifts.

10. PAT and STEVE MILLER participated in the Monmouth Civic Chorus's presentation of a "Lincoln Bicentennial Concert" on February 8 at the Count Basie Theater.

11. GRACE and ERNIE BRINKMAN just returned from a visit to the California branch of their clan.

12. KIRSTEN and KURT MATHISEN spent a week in Florida with the Monmouth Regional High School Band. They visited Walt Disney World and other attractions. KIRSTEN plays the clarinet and KURT plays drums in the school bank.

13. PASTOR ED'S study of Daniel finally finished the last chapter after two postponements for bad weather.

14. LOT'S WIFE - The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Billy interrupted, "My mom looked back one time while she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole

GOOD SHEPHERD BLASTS LID OFF OF SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Super Sunday, February 1, Good Shepherd welcomed the "Souper Bowl of Caring" by contributing \$2232 for local food pantries. In addition, the Council voted to augment the total with \$1,000, set aside last year for the purchase of food last. All of this will be sent along with approximately \$500 in matching funds from Thrivent.

The money will be split three ways among Lunch Break of Red Bank, Calico Cat Food Pantry of Middletown and Saint Mark's Food Pantry of Keansburg.

THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED.

LUTHERAN BISHOPS MAKE JANUARY VISIT TO HOLY LAND

(Highlights of a report to the New Jersey Synod by Bishop Roy Riley, dated January 26, 2009)

From January 5 to 14, bishops, their spouses and staff members of the ELCA visited the Holy Land for study and worship. The group worshiped at Jesus' baptismal site in Jordan, at the Mount of Olives, at the Separation Wall, in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem and many other sites.

Among the goals of the trip were a fuller knowledge of the "facts on the ground" - the details of the burden of occupation for the Palestinian people and an understanding of Israeli reactions to hateful rhetoric and killing

rockets.

We saw partnerships among Christians, Jews and Muslims that offers hope that our shared Abrahamic tradition can lead to a shared land and a shared Jerusalem. But, the awareness of the attacks on Gaza and the unimaginable suffering that they have caused was just beneath the surface of every encounter and every conversation. The strife continued throughout the journey and we heard new reports each day of death and destruction.

The joint yokes of fear and occupation are still firmly in place in the Holy Land. God calls us, as people of faith, to remove them, to tend to the needs of those who are suffering and, in that way, to be a light in the darkness. We pray for the strength to continue to grow in awareness of the situation and the ways we can help to change it and to advocate in every possible way for the justice that will lead to the security and shared homeland that is the only foundation for lasting peace.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SOUTH RIVER MASONS WORSHIP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

On Sunday January 18, Philo Lodge #243, Free and Accepted Masons, joined the congregation of Good Shepherd for morning worship. Eight members of the lodge, wearing their fraternal regalia, along with several spouses, attended church as a group.

The Exalted Master of the lodge, located in South River, New Jersey, is Andy Lichter, who has been attending Good Shepherd for more than a year. Andy also sings bass in the senior choir.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION SEEKING HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

If you have ever considered becoming a hospice volunteer but were unsure of the experience needed to work with end of life issues, the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey is offering a free course on UNDERSTANDING CARING : UNDERSTANDING HOSPICE.

The course will discuss the many rewards and opportunities of being a member of the VNACJ hospice team as a Hospice Volunteer. You will learn about the many ways to help families deal with life limiting illness by giving the gift of time. Classes are presented by members of the VNACJ Hospice Team.

The course will include:

- The rewards and responsibilities of volunteering
- The ways you can help - crafts, telephone support, companionship, pet therapy, clerical assistance
- The grief process
- Family dynamics
- Communication
- Medical aspects of the terminally ill

To register, please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW at 732-224-6933 or email pdepalma@vnacj.org.

Designating Offerings

Each Sunday after church service a dedicated group of volunteers “counts” the offering. While one goal is to make sure the offering monies get deposited promptly, we also want to make sure that your offerings go to the purpose you intended. Putting a notation on your contribution envelope is the surest way to do that. If you

don't use an envelope, making a notation on your check will probably work but once we deposit the checks we can no longer go back to verify that it was recorded correctly; unlike the envelopes which we keep for the whole year.

All unmarked envelopes and checks are designated as General Giving in support of budgeted items. To specify another purpose (for example, Altar flowers) please mark your envelope clearly. If you need envelopes see Doreen Hoffman.

Thrivent "Giving Plus Program" (submitted by Clem Hergenhan)

Are you a member of Thrivent? If so, you can use Thrivent's Giving Plus Program to match gifts to your favorite Lutheran organization. Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$2 you contribute, up to a \$300 maximum supplement. Little Lambs of the Good Shepherd is a registered recipient under this program so if you would like to give a donation to Little Lambs please provide the Giving Plus form with your donation which will allow Little Lambs to apply to Thrivent for the matching funds. Forms are available on-line at Thrivent.com; there are printed forms in the hanging boxes in the narthex by the front door or see me.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CHOIR

Andy Lichter has re-joined the bass section of the choir after a short absence.

The Senior choir will sing at the Ash Wednesday service on February 25.

The Choir congratulates Pat Miller (soprano) and Steve Miller (stage manager) in their recent performance with the Monmouth Civic Chorus' "Lincoln Bicentennial Concert".

Coming up soon:

"The Beauty of the Lord" by David Gaines and Ruth Schram

"Ascribe to the Lord" by Dan Edwards

"I Caused Thy Grief" by Paul Manz

Voice Newsletter Articles (submitted by Nancy & Clem Hergenhan)

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MONTCLAIR FIRST LUTHERAN PLANS CAPE COD TRIP

The First Lutheran church of Montclair, N.J. is putting together a five-day, four-night trip to Cape Cod this June, with a side trip to Martha's Vineyard. The trip begins June 22 and ends June 26, 2009.

The trip is open to all. Price is \$499 per person (double occupancy), including transportation, four nights lodging, four dinners, four breakfasts, a tour of Martha's Vineyard and more. All taxes and gratuities are included.

A \$25 per person deposit is required by Tuesday March 10 and final payment by April 24.

For more information, call Bobbie McMillan at 973-228-3097.

March 2009

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10:00 – service	7:00 – Finance Cmt Mtg	10:00 -12:00 & 5:30 – 8:00 German School	1:00 & 7:00 Bible Study 6:00 Conf Class	7:00 – Lenten Svc 7:30 – 9:00 Choir Practice 4:00 – 8:30 German School		9:00 – 12:00 NJ State Youth Orch
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