



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Worship-Taize Service with Communion-8:30 AM
Adult Bible Study (2 classes) and Children's Sunday School—9:30 AM
Lutheran Book of Worship with Communion 10:30 AM

American Sign Language at 10:30 AM service.

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Matins
6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Services (starting Feb 21)

FEBRUARY DATES

Feb 2—The presentation of Our Lord (White)
Feb 2—Ground Hog Day
Feb 10—Pysanky Workshop
Feb 11—Church Council
Feb 14—St. Valentine's Day
Feb 17—Moses Mountaineers
Feb 17—Altar Guild Meeting
Feb 18—LWML
Feb 18—Gourmet Dinner
Feb 19—President's Day—observed
Feb 20—Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday
Feb 21—Ash Wednesday
Feb 24—St. Matthias the Apostle Day (Red)

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather (ice, snow, sleet, etc) Pastor Saxe, President Graef and the Elders will make a decision whether to services should be cancelled, delayed, or held as scheduled. After the decision is made Pastor will leave a message on the answering machine on the church phone regarding services for that day. He will also send out a global email to everyone on his list. Congregational members may call an Elder that morning for information regarding the services.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

THE OFFICE IS OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY 10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 pm.
FRIDAY—OFFICE IS CLOSED.

BULLETIN DEADLINES ARE: TUESDAY 2:00 PM to get in the following Sunday's bulletin
SPECIAL REQUESTS OR BULLETIN INSERTS MUST BE TO DARLENE **ONE WEEK PRIOR** TO THE TUESDAY DEADLINE FOR THE SUNDAY BULLETIN.

DID YOU KNOW.....

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 11 THIS YEAR, not the first Sunday in April as previous years. Just wanted you to be aware so you not surprised on March 11.

Spiritually Fit through Lent?

"-continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling..."

Philippians 2:12

How much time do you devote to exercise? We ALL know (and Health Insurers are making the effort to make sure that we know) about the benefits of exercise on both the aging process and the prevention of disease. Do you have a weekly or daily "work out?" What do you Do for that work-out and how long does it take?

I wonder...what would happen if we devoted as much time to spiritual exercise as we do to physical exercise? "*Spiritual exercise...spiritual fitness?*" For Evangelical Lutherans who avoid any hint of "work's righteousness" in our understanding of God, such ideas may seem foreign if not down-right heretical! We confess that ANY emphasis upon what WE do detracts from the glorious gospel message of what God in Christ does for us! And right we are!

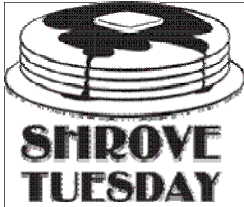
Yet...what does it mean for us to "*work out our salvation*" if we reject works righteousness? How do we engage in what St. Paul wrote to Timothy in I Timothy 6:11, "*Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness?*" It is true that Christ has done everything to reconcile us with God; what we call our justification (*by grace in Christ alone*). But we are set free from sin's dominion to live in union with Christ. We can and do make daily decisions about what we do and how we spend our time.

Lent calls us to engage in "disciplines" that help draw us closer to the reality of a life lived with God in Christ. Beginning February 21, we enter a period of preparation for the great Feast of Easter. Lent is a time to, as we sing in the Gospel verse: *return to the Lord your God*. Opportunities for the practice of prayer, daily Scripture meditation, confession, mid-week liturgies, fasting and "upping" our benevolent contributions (alms-giving) are all *works* (be sure about that!) that do NOT commend us before God. Yet they are also activities that afford us disengagement with the world and the opportunity to partake of the means of grace (Word and Sacrament) in which God comes to us in His Son. The coming of Jesus is always good!

So let me encourage you to engage in a "work-out" in the approaching season of Lent: a spiritual work-out that will prepare all of us to proclaim Easter Alleluias with great joy! We will discover that engaging in such a "work-out" will enable to see and embrace more clearly the "*God who is at work in you to will and to do according to his good pleasure.*" We are being invited to life in Christ; let us pay attention...and join the "work-out!"

Serving Together!

Pr. Steve



FEBRUARY 20, 2007

Shrove Tuesday refers to the day before Ash Wednesday in English-speaking countries of the United Kingdom, Ireland and Australia. It is also known as Pancake Day because of the custom of eating pancakes on this day.

The word shrove is a past tense of the English verb "shrive," which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by confessing and doing penance. Anglo-Saxon Christians were expected to make confession (shriving) during the week before Lent.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day of "Shrovetide," which is the English equivalent to the Carnival tradition that developed separately out of the countries of Latin Europe.

Tradition has it that since Lent is a time of abstinence of meat, fat, eggs and dairy products Shrove Tuesday's menu was designed to use up all these products left in the kitchen and storeroom, thus the pancakes. It is also a 'feast' to prepare for the time of 'famine' in the desert.

This year we will have a Pancake Supper at 6:00 PM February 20 with burning of the palms following, sponsored by the Altar Guild. Details will be in later bulletins.



The first day of Lent, starts the 40-day period (not including Sundays) of fasting and repentance leading up to Easter. This is the most penitential of days in the church year occurring between February 4 and March 10.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are usually derived from burning the blessed palm branches left from the previous Palm Sunday. Ashes represent God's condemnation of sin; human dependence on God for life; and humiliation and repentance. Ashes are also the reminder of death "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust". Lutheran commentary on the use of ashes on Ash Wednesday calls the use of ashes an ancient act of repentance and a reminder of the meaning of the day. It is a more recent custom among most LCMS congregations, although some have done it for decades. Pastor takes the ashes on the end of his thumb and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each worshiper, saying the words: "Remember; you are dust, and to dust you shall return".



The liturgical color for Ash Wednesday may be black (the color of ashes, humiliation, and mourning), or purple (the color of penitence). Flowers are not appropriate on Ash Wednesday and pictures and crosses may be veiled as a demonstration that Lent is a time of austerity and purification. Holy communion is celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

OTHER FEBRUARY DATES:

Presentation of Our Lord— February 2 This day recalls the presentation of Jesus in the temple by his parents, and celebrates the occasion of the Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon. Also known as Candlemas, for the tradition of blessing candles on this day (Luke 2:22-40) Liturgical color is White (purity).

St. Valentine's Day—February 14

President's Day—February 19-Official observance of the birthdays of Presidents Lincoln (Feb 12) and Washington (Feb 22).

St. Matthias the Apostle—February 24—Liturgical Color is Red. Matthias was selected to fill the vacancy in the twelve apostles left by Judas Iscariot's death.

*GOURMET DINNER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2007
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00 PM*

MENU

Plated Salad (First Course)

Entrees

Pecan Crusted Rack of Lamb

Salmon in Puff Pastry

Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes

Julienne of Summer Vegetables

Dessert

Bananas Foster/Vanilla Ice Cream

*You are welcome to bring your own bottle of wine. Wine glasses will be provided.
Chefs of the evening are: Joe Coggins, Paul Ableman, Larry Boller, Nick Gunn*

Tickets for the February 18 dinner will be \$20.00 and go on sale January 28, 2007. See Catherine Graef. Tickets must be purchased no later than February 11 for a head count to order food and set up tables. Childcare will be provided in the Nursery. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up.

FROM JACOB NAGY, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Thank you to all the parents for continuing to support the LCGS Sunday School program. The schedule for the new year has not changed. Children will meet with Faye Schober in the choir practice room at 9:30 am and after practice report to their respective rooms. Sunday School is over at 10:25 am to give you enough time to get to the Sanctuary (if attending late service). For any new members with children, please see Jacob Nagy about enrolling your child. We have some extra supplies and are ready for anyone wanting to attend. You can contact me.



PICTURE DIRECTORY—DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING!

“ATTENTION PROCRASTINATORS! YOUR LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR NEW DIRECTORY WILL BE FEBRUARY 25TH. WALTER WILL BE THERE WITH HIS CAMERA EVERY SUNDAY AFTER EACH SERVICE .”

IT TAKES 2 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME AND IS A PAINLESS PROCEDURE. WE DO WANT EVERYONE IN THE DIRECTORY SO PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO SEE WALTER BEFORE FEB 25. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS SEE WALTER MEYER.

SHEPHERD'S STORE HOUSE

The "special" from Concordia Publishing House is finished.

We have no extra support for the library any more. You can buy books that we have on hand, but ordering new items from them brings you and us no advantage. If I have a compiled order of \$60.00 I will be glad to send it to them. I need the \$60.00 order so we do not have to pay shipping.

I will be glad to collect orders and when that comes to \$60.00, send it in, but I don't know how long that might take. So, you can order yourself directly from Concordia Publishing House over the phone by using their toll free number 1-800-325-3040, or go on their website www.chp.ort/chpshop to order.

Anke Meyer



PYSANKY (UKRANIAN EASTER EGG) WORKSHOP

Instructor: Alexandria M Denny of Westminster, SC

Saturday February 10, 2007

(inclement weather date February 17)

9:00 AM until 3:00 PM

At Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1601 North Pleasantburg Drive

Greenville, SC 29609

(864) 244-5825

Beginners (includes all basic equipment) \$25.00

Repeaters (who have the basic tools) \$10.00

Please register by signing up at church or calling 244-5825 by Sunday 1/28/07
Bring a lunch or plan to order something. Hot and cold beverages will be provided.

BANNER MINISTRY

In the Old Testament banners served as a point of identification as well as a symbol of faith to carry into battle. As followers of Christ we use banners to lift up our Lord and proclaim his name in our spiritual battles. Church banners serve as visible reminders of the greatness of God, tailored to reflect the heart of the congregation.

New banners were introduced at Advent and Christmas. For Advent we chose the blue background (liturgical color for Advent) with 4 white candles, holly, and berries. Candles are a visual reminder of Christ as the light of the world and also as the theme of Advent is darkness, candles are lit in anticipation of the coming of Christ. The sharp points of the holly leaves remind us of Christ's crown of thorns and the red berries for His blood shed on the cross.

The Christmas Banners were on a white background (color for Christmas) and showed a large symbolic Star of Bethlehem with light radiating to earth. The star being the symbol of Jesus' birth.

NOTES FROM ALTAR GUILD:

The chasuble is worn over the alb and stole by the presiding minister during the celebration of the Eucharist. The fullness of the chasuble suggests the Eucharistic meal is intended to embrace all baptized people, thus, the chasuble is a reminder that the abundance of God's grace and the abundance of the Eucharistic feast are intended for all of God's baptized family. Chasubles are made of a wide variety of fabrics and the symbolism is in their fullness and color, rather than in any symbols attached to them. It should match the stole and coordinate with the paraments. The color of the chasuble is that color appointed for the day.

BITS AND PIECES

1. **THE NEW 2007 CALENDAR** is up in the work room. If you are holding an event and need to use the facility, please mark the date now to avoid conflict later on.
2. **HEART/STROKE AWARENESS MONTH:** Donna Meyer, Parish Nurse Coordinator of St. Francis Hospital will be our guest at the 10:30 liturgy on February 4th. This will kick off Heart/Stroke Awareness Month. Healthy, but delicious snacks will be provided by Lib, Sally and Darlene. There will be handouts of recipes, heart/stroke information sheets and other useful tidbits.
3. **HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT:** If anyone has any type of hospital equipment, i.e. crutches, tub chairs, booties, (broken leg or foot) or anything else that a fellow member could use on a temporary basis, and would not mind loaning the item, please let Lib, Darlene or Sally know. These items would be on inventory only, and not stored in the church.
4. **BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS:** are taken Sunday, February 6 between services.
5. **PLACE OF HOPE:** needs blankets and travel size toiletries.
ADULT LEARNING CENTER: needs: reading glasses and books, paperback pocket dictionaries and thesauri.
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOOD PANTRY: needs: Canned Corn, String Beans, Canned Meats, and grits
5. **FLOWER CHART:** The dates of Feb 4, and 18 are still available on the Flower Chart.. Please sign up now to reserve your date. We can use two arrangements, so if someone has already taken your date, you can also sign. Flowers are not used on the altar during Lent, which starts February 21.
6. **REFRESHMENTS:** February 18 date is open for refreshments. If you haven't hosted refreshments recently consider signing the chart in the Narthex. Elizabeth Bowen is the new coordinator of Refreshments. If you have any questions please check with her.
7. **PANCAKES:** Join us for Pancakes and burning of palms on February 20 at 6:00 pm. Sponsored by the Altar Guild.

ATTENTION LADIES: LWML will meet the third Sunday of February (the 18th) **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LATE SERVICE.** This is an important meeting as we will be hosting the Joy Event this year and need to make plans. Please plan to attend and bring a sack lunch.

ALTAR GUILD: We will meet Saturday, February 17th at 9:00 AM to plan for the upcoming Lent/Easter Season.

LUMINARIES: WANTED-QUART SIZE GLASS CANNING JARS (Ball, Kerr, Mason, etc)

Did you see the luminaries Christmas Eve? Instead of the usual paper bags that become soggy if it rains or snows, we used glass canning jars and they looked very nice as you entered the building. There were favorable comments and we would like to add more next year.

So, as you clean out that attic, garage, basement, barn, or that cupboard under the sink, you may come across a stray quart jar collecting dust. Please dust them off and bring them to church. There will be a box in the Sacristy for them. They may be regular or wide-mouth quart canning jars or the jars you find in the produce department of the grocery with citrus fruit works as well. If you have the lids, please bring them as well (especially for the citrus jars). See Darlene or Joan if you have questions.

UNITED MINISTRIES' GREENVILLE WORSHIPS TOGETHER:

Mark Sunday, March 11, 2007, on your calendar. United Methodist Bishop Jack Meadors will be the guest speaker at Greenville Worships Together at 5:00 at Buncombe Street UMC. This service will feature a variety of special music and will be followed by a reception.

February 2007:



Roger McClure (home)
Bill Moser
Dorothy Blasé:
Virginia "Ginnie" Jones at Westside Nursing
Joy Bowie @ home
Marian Cobb: @ home
Mildred Eick: @ home
Bert Byers
Jerry Frericks
Larry Hyman
Cliff Norman @ home
Bernard & Ernestine Moore
Atonement & St. James Congregations in LA
Pr. Chris & Megann Crume; new-born daughter Sadie
Pr. Bob Wind & wife Shirley
Mary Coffman (wife of Pr. George in Seneca)
Pr. Dave Goodine & family
Pr. Roger Lindler at home

Service people:

Thomas Wood (member; Tammy's husband)
Brian Hayes (member, Bonnie's son)
James W. Becker (Bob & Joyce's grandson)
Jonathan Foster (Karla Huchel's nephew)
SSG Jonathan Duffy (Leona's great-grandson)
Philipp Stephenson (Jenine Bristol's nephew –serviceman- in Iraq)
Richard Groen, nephew of Christine William's: service man
Nick Gnemi (Craig Piepho's cousin in Baghdad)

Family Members& Friends

Curtis Rogers (Christine Williams friend)
Daniel R (Perry resident)
Dot & Jr. Hayes (Bonnie's in-laws) Nursing Home
Mavis Moddy (Cheryl Coggins grndma)
Jack Quinn (uncle of Cheryl Coggins)
Glenn & Marilyn Beckum (Jim Derrick's friends)
Roy Engelman (friend of Jim Derrick)
Trudy Creasy: (colleague of Jim Derrick)
Mary Wendt (M McMahan's sis in law)
Suzanne Morris (Karla Huchel's niece)
Richard Czaja (Johnson's friend)
William White (Anne Johnson former son-in-law)
Anne Gentry (Jill Ostendorff's mother)
Lauren Gentry (Jill Ostendorff's niece)
Leo & Billy (friends of Leona's grandsons)
Jack Hiss (Leona S's son)
Ashley Takacs (Leona's grt. Grnddaughter)
Jessie Hall Leona's grandniece
Terri Tacas (Leona S's grand-daughter)
Jerry Wilz (Janet's husband)
Terry Brokoff (Janet Wilz's brother)

Jackie Parker: teacher @ SCsDB:
Sue McCutcheon (Karen Meyer sister)
Dennis Mayer (Gary Meyer's cousin)
Michelle Evan (Gary Meyer cousin)
Michael Meyer: (Gary's Meyer's brother)
Debbie, (Gary Meyer's cousin).
Ruby Holmes: (friend of K&G Meyer)
Kimo Sanborn (Boller's bro-in-law)
Larry Boller Sr. (Larry Jr.'s father)
Harrison Williams
Becky Demetroff (Barb K's sister)
Ellen Bugno (Mike's mother)
Lynn Alpers (Gretchen's grandma)
Allison Broadway (friend of Kelly Piepho)
Regina Reicroft (Joy Bowie's daughter)
Ruth Rolseth, (Marge Cermak's mother)
Pat Stephenson (Jenine Bristol's aunt)
Martha Allhouse , (Helen Crossley dau.)

Stewardship Newsletter Article February 2007 from LCMS website.

“Stewardship and Lent”

On February 21 we will observe the beginning of the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Like Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, many people in the world who are not active Christians will also celebrate this season of the year. Many communities commemorate “Fat Tuesday,” the last day of living it up before Ash Wednesday. In New Orleans many people, Christians as well as non-Christians will observe Mardi Gras. Many of them will also put on ashes when the clock strikes midnight on February 20.

Many people typically “give up” something for Lent, whether food, entertainment, or whatever. For us Christian stewards Lent is a very solemn time of year, a good time to reflect on one’s spiritual life. Christian stewards may very well “give up” something for Lent or “take on” something for Lent. One of these options of “taking on” is attending mid-week Lenten services in addition to Sunday services. Another option may be to do some additional special work for the church or community. Still another option may be to increase one’s giving to support the work of the church. Some Christians have used the season of Lent to try “tithing,” that is, giving 10% of one’s income for the work of the Lord, normally through the local congregation. Many Christians who have tried “tithing” on a trial basis have continued that practice with great joy! What a good spiritual exercise “tithing” can be!

“Giving up” something or “taking on” something new are good exercises for Christian stewards. Both involve reflecting on our spiritual life in view of the great sacrifice that Jesus made for our temporal and eternal welfare.

Regardless of how you choose to celebrate Lent, remember St. Paul’s words to the Galatians: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” (Galatians 6:9-10)

“Motivated by the love of Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!”

READINGS FOR STEWARDSHIP:

February 4 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

1 Corinthians 14:12-20: Christian stewards desire God’s best gifts, not for their own benefit, but for building up the body of Christ (the church). Our gifts and resources are meant to be used to give glory to our God and show love to our neighbor.

February 11 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

1 Corinthians 15:12-20: St. Paul gives us the assurance that Christ has been raised from the dead as the firstfruits of those who die. The sure hope that we will rise from the grave to life everlasting encourages us to practice good stewardship throughout our earthly lives.

February 18 – Last Sunday after Epiphany

Hebrews 3:1-6: As Christian stewards we are encouraged to fix our thoughts on Jesus so that all we think, say and do will bring glory to His name and blessings to His people on earth. The love of Jesus is the only appropriate driving force for our stewardship

“For such a time as this...”

Praise God! We reached our total commitment of \$394,440.00 and even went a little over. Please don't stop giving now, finish your commitment, or if you can, give a little extra because we still have some projects that are not finished.

Thanking God and you for making this possible.

Your Fulfillment Chairperson
Anke Meyer

CHURCH ENVELOPES:

The 2007 envelopes are available if you have not picked yours up. According to the information I read recently IRS has changed the rules regarding deductions for church contributions. Now you will be required to provide proof from your religious affiliation of any contributions to be deducted from your taxes. By using your envelopes a record of your contributions is kept and you will receive a financial statement at the end of the year.

Keep Good Shepherd in mind as you plan your personal budget for 2007.

FINANCIAL FIGURES

As of 12/31/2006

DATES	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	ENVELOPE OFFERING	BUDGET NEEDS	OVER (SHORT)
All					
ENVELOPE GIVING Y-T-D			165,502.00	201,984.12	(36,482.12)
TOTAL GIVING Y-T-D			176,903.15	201,984.12	(25,080.97)
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:					
SUNDAY SCHOOL			540.93		
DESIGNATED DOLLARS			19,882.35		

ATTENDANCE:

- Dec 24—One service 9:30 AM—72
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve 8:00 PM— 97
- Dec 25—Christmas Day—11:00 AM—27
- Dec 31—8:30 AM—28
- Dec 31—10:30 AM—65
- Dec 31-New Year's Eve 7:00 PM—18
- Jan 7—8:30 AM—40
- Jan 7- 10:30 AM—67
- Jan 14—8:30 AM—28
- Jan 14- 10:30 AM—84
- Jan 21—8:30 AM—35
- Jan 21- 10:30 AM—92

Other people say:

“A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give Him the cash.” Anonymous
 “I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But, whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.” Martin Luther
 “The world asks, ‘What does a man own?’ Christ asks, ‘How does he use it?’” Andrew Murray
 The worship offering is a pure gift to God in thankfulness for what we have already received. It should therefore be an exciting and major part of the service.” Lynn A Miller
 There is no justification without sanctification, no forgiveness without renewal of life, no real faith from which the fruits of new obedience do not grow.—Martin Luther
 You know you are a Lutheran when: You yearly sign up to bring sandwiches or bars to the Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers.



Tammy and Thomas Wood

If you visit the Wood home on a Sunday, you may find the family in the kitchen writing letters to service men and women in Afghanistan. When the Woods learned that Tom would be deployed to Afghanistan, Tammy devised a creative way to help their four children begin to feel connected to a far-away world and to prepare for their dad's departure. All week, the children jot down important events and achievements on sticky notes and affix them to a "wall of ideas." Then, when they sit down to write letters, they have a ready supply of things to share. According to Tammy, this practice also helps her children "process" their week together.

This loving and supportive family had its inception in cyberspace! Tammy and Tom struck up a friendship online, and after hundreds of emails, chats, and phone calls, decided it was time to meet face-to-face. When they finally got together, both agreed "this is it!" And while it would be an understatement to say that their lives today are busy, scheduling regular "date nights" together is a high priority.

Thomas was originally from Indiana, where his parents still live. After an eleven-year career in the Army, he now serves in the National Guard. Tom works for Verizon Wireless and takes night classes towards a degree in Business Information Systems. Tammy grew up in Orchard Park, New York, and studied to become a teacher at Concordia University in Bronxville. Tammy plans to return to classroom teaching someday—and friends who watch her lovingly interact with her own children and children in the nursery are apt to comment, "It doesn't look like you've ever left it."

The Woods family moved to Greenville from Denver about three years ago in order to be "back east" and nearer their respective families while their children are still young. Tom's family still lives in Indiana, and Tammy's mom is in Wahalla. Tammy also has a sister living in Hickory, NC. A "born and bred Lutheran", Tammy knew that she wanted to become involved in an area Lutheran church, and both Tom and Tammy were impressed with the genuine warmth of the Good Shepherd congregation. "People of all generations approached us," Tammy recalls.

When she has free time, Tammy reads widely (she is currently enjoying Zane Grey westerns) and designs online family photograph albums—scrapbooks on the web. Tom also has a "cyber hobby" of designing commercial web sites, and is a devoted fan of Colorado Avalanche hockey. Thomas, Tammy, and their two older children became proficient in traditional Tae Kwon Do when they resided in Colorado. In fact, Tom holds a second degree black belt and hopes to open his own school someday.

The biggest challenge facing the Wood family now is Tom's imminent departure for Afghanistan. At the end of January, Tom will leave for three months in Mississippi and be sent overseas in May. Initially, Tammy was overwhelmed by the prospect of the long separation for their family. However, she says she is learning to "step up" to the situation and do what is necessary. "I remind myself of the great blessing of our children," Tammy says, "and am thankful for our family."

President's Report

- **Nominating Committee**
 - **Elders Report**
 - **February Gourmet Dinner**
 - **Refreshments Coordinator**
 - **Photo Directory**
- New LCMS Hymnal**

Council appointed the **Nominating Committee** for the 2007/2008 officers. It is Faye Schober, Paul Fruechtenicht, Karen Meyer, Frank Meyer, President (Steve Graef) and Pastor Steve. The election is at the Sunday, May 6, 2007, Voters Meeting. The Nominating Committee will publish a single slate of candidates by April 15. If you have suggestions of members for elected positions, contact one of the Nominating Committee members with your recommendation.

As requested by the congregation, the **Elders** briefed the Council on its Liturgical Practices and Traditions Survey **Report**. The Council asked some questions and asked the Elders to present the final Report to the Voters on Sunday, February 11.

The first **February Gourmet Dinner** for adult members and friends is scheduled for Sunday night, 6pm, February 18th, in the Fellowship Hall. Joe Coggins, Nick Gunn, Paul Ableman and Larry Boller will prepare pecan crusted rack of lamb and salmon in puffed pastry entrées with plated salad, smashed Yukon gold potatoes, julienne of summer vegetables and bananas foster with vanilla ice cream feast for a sit-down dinner. Tickets, for \$20, will be on sale starting Sunday morning, January 28. The Nursery, with child care, will be open for households that need a sitter service. The final head count must be known by Sunday, February 11, so be sure to get your ticket/s by then. Contact Catherine Graef, for tickets. This gourmet dinner will be a festive treat.

Please note that Elizabeth Bowen has been appointed **Refreshments Coordinator**. She is giving this wonderful fellowship opportunity additional energy. Be sure to see her and offer to bring light refreshments for a couple of Sundays during the year.

If you have not done so already, see Walter Meyer to have your individual or household picture taken for the LCGS **Photo Directory**. Even though we are a smaller church family, only a few people with photographic memories (for example Pastor Steve) can call everyone by name. The photo directory enables the rest of us to refresh our memories and minimize forgetting a person's name.

The Council has been briefed by our Music Committee of their experience at the Southeastern District Workshop on the **new Lutheran Church Missouri Synod hymnal**. The committee was very impressed by the worship and music improvements that the new hymnal contains. The Music Committee is in discussion with the Elders about the new hymnal and will be providing information about it to the congregation.

Finally, each of us is a blessing to our Good Shepherd family. Thank you for the ways in which you provide that blessing.

Steve Graef

SCRAPEBOOK



Tree Trimming
Sue Ellen Shulz



Tree Trimming
Vee Ayers



Tree Trimming Group



LCGS Women's Christmas Party



LCGS Men's Christmas Party



Children's Sermon



Chancel after tree trimming