

“How many more shopping days ‘til Lent???”

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30

Sunday School & Breakfast Club, 9:45 Adult Choir, 9:30

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

“It’s just plain good to be here today!!”

Worship at All Saints is a moment, laced with quiet goodness & joy.

*We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy & restless ... we ask you please to respect the quiet and dignity --- both of your neighbor, and our worship experience. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid & moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendants. Most of all ---- welcome to our humble temple ... and our Charter Hall coffee? ... legendary at best.*

welcome & announcements

*opening prayer*

Sometimes, Lord, I feel like the little kid ... who, when she is insecure or afraid ... she reaches for her tattered but familiar blanket ... crawls under the covers ... until everything feels “ok” again.

I must admit, Lord --- I’m a bit afraid. So many “unknowns” in life.

The greed ... selfishness ... so much “me first.”

Everyone jockeying for position ... looking for the elusive “moment in the sun” ... in a hurry, ready to criticize, looking for someone to blame.

Is it me? I know I’m often not the person you want me to be!!

Thru this “world of toil and snares” ... in all the times I falter and am weak ... in those moments when I turn left, but should have turned right ----- please be with me!

Help me walk --- with new-found gentleness.

Help me walk --- with new-found confidence.

Help me walk ... even limp ... with goodness in my heart.

Grant me the courage to face the unknown ... to try again when I fail ... to get up when I fall ... most of all, to be fully and unashamedly human. And, with grace ----- always to stand up for the humanity and dignity of others. Amen.

opening song

“Morning has broken” 76 (spirit)

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

“will my younger friends come forward?” ... kids’ time

song

“The church’s one foundation” 369 (green)

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

*choir anthem (11:00) ---- “Sing a new song”*

Prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

*(Communion songs from blue book ---- 752 ... interlude ... 718*

*“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”)*

closing song

“Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee” 551

benediction and 3-fold “amen”

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**The altar flowers today are from George & Laurice Kopp, in honor of their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary ... and thanks for sharing this beautiful gift with us.**

**The eternal light shines in loving memory of Mary Davidson, grandmother of Michelle Schussler. She died on Thursday evening.**

***A FEW MUSINGS FROM THE HUMBLE TEMPLE***

*\*Today ---- Breakfast club in the kitchen ... "lunch with Wayne" and volleyball after 2<sup>nd</sup> service ... \$3 donation.*

*\*Monday --- Confirmation class, 7:15 – 8:30*

*\*Thursday ... evening worship at 7:30 (Communion)*

*FRIDAY --- MEN'S CLUB OUTREACH BINGO ...all adults invited ... bring friends/neighbors. Please sign-up today with phone number, in case we have to cancel due to lack of numbers and/or weather.*

***"In these unpredictable times"*** we are putting together a 2009 budget to guide us in our ministry this year. You can help by ---- *\*making a financial pledge (forms in narthex) ... \*picking up your offering envelopes (fill out a form if you don't have any, but would like some) ... \*and attending our ANNUAL MEETING on January 25, after 2<sup>nd</sup> service. There we adopt the budget, elect council members, and review our ministry and respond to any questions/concerns you may have. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!*

***ADULT BOWLING ... Sunday, January 25.*** The cost is \$25 ... this includes bowling, shoes, dinner ... and --- LOVE!! We had a great time last year ... let's do it again!!

***SPAGHETTI IS IN THE "AIRE"***

*This fun-fund-raiser for our church is a blast. Great dinner, followed by the infamous auction. Please begin purchasing your tickets --- same price as last year: \$22. If you have auction items ... you can bring them to the church anytime.*

***our humble yet festive staff***

*Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators*

*Mike Hefter, organist Mark Nussle, choir director*

*Kathy Klang, comptroller Craig Nelson, pastoral support*

*Linda McAley, custodian Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it*