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# Messenger



## Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 6, 2008

**At Atonement:  
7:00am**

This is an abbreviated order, lasting only about 1/2 hour, for those up early to go to work or school. Following this service, a continental breakfast of juice, cereal, and bagels will be held in the coffee shop. So plan on staying for a few minutes after the service for some food and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken.

**11:00am**

Following this service, you are invited to stay for lunch at about noon - in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include macaroni & cheese, peas, peaches, rolls, and beverages. A free will offering will be taken and reservations to the church office (492-9065) would be appreciated.

**6:00pm**

"Wednesday Night Dinner" in the Fellowship Hall. Free will offering. **Note special time for dinner (no class or youth recreation).**

**7:00pm**

Service, closing out the first day of Lent. Nursery is provided (through age 6) during this service.

Transportation: Bus transportation will be provided for the 11:00am service and the 6:00pm supper and service. **Please call the church office (492-9065) to make arrangements.**

## 2008 ATONEMENT MINISTRIES AWARD RECIPIENT: PHYLLIS RODGERS



In recognition of a life of service characteristic of the highest visions of Atonement Lutheran Church and Ministries, this recognition is given to Phyllis A. Rodgers with thanks to God for her devotion to congregation, community and people.

We are especially grateful for her untiring devotion to people in need, especially children with special abilities and the elderly. She has worked tirelessly with great good humor knitting, sewing, cooking, driving, gardening, praying, teaching, mothering, and grand-mothering at any time and any place she is needed.

Her caring is so genuine that many of the children at Atonement are not entirely sure that she is not their actual grandmother. Her enthusiasm for life and people is infectious. Flexibility has allowed her to transplant her gifts to us here in Syracuse after a full life of service in the Buffalo area. Small of stature but large of heart, no one who encounters her comes away without feeling blessed by knowing her. Thanks be to God for Phyllis A. Rodgers!!!

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Exodus 24.12-18

This week, as we look at the story of how the tablets carrying the Ten Commandments and the rest of the Torah (Hebrew for "Instruction" or "Law") are written by God and are to be given to Moses. The images of Moses walking into a cloud that bears the Lord's glory are amazing and, frankly, terrifying. There is a "devouring fire", and the scene seems to roar as Moses enters this cloud that bears the presence of God. I wonder if Moses was scared or intimidated by what he had to do. He had experience with God as a burning bush (Exodus 3), but this is more of an inferno! He had to think, "What am I going to be like after this? How am I going to be transformed by this experience?"

The word of the day is Transfiguration, relating to the Gospel reading. Transfiguration can also be translated "transformation", and it is here that I see a connection with Moses' experience. We are all transformed by the experience and presence of God, whether it is in the acts of baptism, communion, or Christian gathering. God transforms our lives through simple things, like water, bread and wine, community and love. As we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord, we are also transformed by the God of Moses, who comes out of the heavens to stand on a mountain, and share God's desire of love and peace with God's people.

Let us pray, Ever-present and ever-loving God, you enter into our lives, and transform us with your love. Strengthen us in your service, and help us to share your message of love and wholeness. In your name we pray, Amen



Michael Breedlove just finished his initial training in the US Navy.

Michael is now in Pensacola, Florida beginning his schooling. He'll be there for about 2 years.

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



At the worship services on Super Bowl Sunday (February 3) the youth will be collecting money to help stop hunger. Please remember to put something in the Soup kettles as you leave church. Money collected will be split between local needs and the ELCA world hunger fund. A little goes a long way when we work together!



The Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra will once again be performing at Atonement: February 10, 2008 at 3pm. More details will be in next week's Messenger, but reserve the date and time now for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

## 2008 ANNUAL MEETING



Following a delicious meal in the Fellowship hall the Annual meeting was called to order in the Chapel by Council President Sue Scharoun. Most

of the meeting was routine with reports received from the staff and committees.

Two items of business sparked lively conversation:



1) Pastor Gaetz gave a presentation on a package of renovations for the office wing of the church building. This renovation would complete work begun 11 years ago, when the Kieseewetter Center was built. You'll be hearing a lot more about this as the proposal is refined in preparation

for a special Congregation Meeting this spring.

2) When the talk turned to budget, Council Member Dick Vook addressed the congregation regarding over reliance on the Kieseewetter Endowment. A motion was passed instructing

## WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - 2/3

6:00 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

Note there are no recreation or class on Ash Wednesday

6:00-7:30 nursery is available for children under 6 years

the Church Council to build a 2009 Budget Proposal at least \$50,000 less than the 2008 Budget that was passed at this meeting. Everyone understood this to include a desire to move in that direction during the current budget year so there would not be a jarring effect in the New Year.

In other business outgoing council members Gayle Wentowrth, Craig Riker, Greg Hippius, and Eoin Homes were thanked and new council members were elected or re-elected: Carole Barr, David Koslowsky, Linda Lance, and Dick Vook.

At a Council Meeting following the Annual Meeting officers for the new year were elected:

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| • President                     | Susan Scharoun |
| • Vice President                | Carole Barr    |
| • Vice President<br>for Finance | Debi Nelson    |
| • Secretary                     | Karen Douglass |
| • Treasurer                     | Bobbie Mettler |





# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

8:30 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching
9:00 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching at Fabius
10:45 AM	Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching

## WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY (2/3)

8:30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
9:45am	Sunday School/Adult Class
10:45am	Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
1:00pm	Left Hand Strike (Fellowship Hall)

### MONDAY (2/4)

7:30pm	Onondaga Symphony Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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### TUESDAY (2/5)

8:00am	Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)
11:30am	Primary Election (Gym)

### WEDNESDAY (2/6)

10:00am	Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
6:00pm	Church Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall) -NOTE TIME!
7:00pm	Church Night Worship (Sanctuary) - NOTE TIME!

### THURSDAY (2/7)

7:00pm	Trojan Women Rehearsal(Fellowship Hall)
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### FRIDAY (2/8)

7:00pm	Trojan Women Rehearsal(Fellowship Hall)
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### SATURDAY (2/9)

1:00pm	Trojan Women Rehearsal(Fellowship Hall)
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## BUS/VAN SCHEDULES

### Sunday (Bus)

9:00am	Lodi
9:15am	Presidential Plaza
9:20am	Toomey Abbott
9:30am	Arrive Church
9:45am	Leave Church
9:50am	Hoeffler
9:55am	Lincoln
10:10am	Thurber
10:15am	Loretto
10:30am	Arrive Church

### Wednesday (Van)

4:45pm	Leave Church
4:55pm	Lincoln
5:05pm	Sabine
5:15pm	Hoeffler
<b>Wednesday (Bus)</b>	
4:30pm	Leave Church
4:40pm	Lodi
4:45pm	Sedgwick on James
4:55pm	Presidential Plaza
5:05pm	Toomey Abbott on Almond
5:15pm	Thurber
5:20pm	Valley Vista

## BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 2 Exodus 6:2-9 Hebrews 8:1-7	M	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55 Exodus 33:7-23 Acts 7:30-34
F	Psalm 2 Exodus 19:9b-25 Hebrews 11:23-28	Tu	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55 1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 11:1-6
Sa	Psalm 2 1 Kings 21:20-29 Mark 9:9-13	W	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Su	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9		

## ASSISTING AT WORSHIP - SUNDAY

ASSISTING	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
MINISTER	10:45am	Janet Holmgren
COMMUNION	8:30am	Dorothy Phillips
ASSISTANTS	10:45am	Carole Barr
USHERS	8:30am	Baxter Simmons & Richard Vook*
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Missy Wilber & Bill Kemp*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Eion Holmes
	10:45am	Desi Recore
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Barbara Nelson
	10:45am	Pat Strong
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Dorothy Phillips & Kim Kennedy
	10:45am	Carole Barr & Margaret Kenyon
READERS	8:30am	Pam Haumann
	10:45am	Karen Veverka
GREETERS	8:30am	Harriet Walters
FLOWER DELIVERY		Deacon Karen Douglass

## ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

### 7PM SERVICE - ASH WEDNESDAY

ASSISTING MINISTER	Deacon Jay Berry
COMMUNION ASST	Deacon Karen Douglass
USHERS (elev op)	Louise Brown & Gary Stensland*
ACOLYTES	Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	Deacon Karen Douglass
READER	Deacon Jay Berry

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

### **Crouse Hospital**

Daniel Pauls

### **St. Joseph's Hospital**

Margaret Schnittger (Dorothy Phillip's sister-in-law), Tim Kittell (Joanne Claeys' friend)

### **At Home or in a nursing home**

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Richard Buyer (Beth Arthur's stepfather), Terry Colbridge (Sharon Hothem's friend), Jean Dehm (Peggy Gaetz' friend), Betty Jane Farley, Tom Fitzsimmons (Jay Berry's friend), Audrey Kent, Alice LaFountain

### **Those in the Armed Services**

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes Naval Station, IL), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Justin Randall (Iraq), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

Sympathy is extended to the Strumlok family on the death of Steve's father Stephen Strumlok who died last week.

*Note: People who are not hospitalized are listed only once per request. If you would like a person listed for additional weeks, please call the church office (492-9065) each week by 10am Thursday.*