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## BEAT THE WINTER BLUES—FEBRUARY 22, 2009

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Come to a **potluck dinner** in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45am service. Bring something to pass. Beverages will be provided. A sign up sheet is located by the back door to indicate what you will be bringing. Members of the Fellowship Committee will be downstairs to keep your food warm during the service.

Following the dinner the Upstate NY Synod Disaster Response team will be presenting a program "Staying safe if a disaster strikes you." Special guest will be Patsy Glista, AIM Lutheran Disaster Response Coordinator for the Upstate NY Synod.

## THE MESSENGER WEEKLY, MONTHLY, OR ELECTRONICALLY?

In an effort to be more efficient and money-wise, we are going to make some changes in how the Messenger is distributed. While most people will continue to receive the Messenger weekly, some people will begin to receive it monthly. The monthly issue will include the articles, monthly birthday/anniversary list, and church family—but will not have the weekly schedule information.

The weekly issue will continue to be the same. The electronic version, for those of you who sign up for that, will continue to be published weekly. If we initially put you in the "wrong" category for a printed version, you can simply contact Laura at the church office (492-9065) to switch to the other. If you want to receive the electronic version, visit the Atonement website at [www.alcsyracuse.org](http://www.alcsyracuse.org) and click on "mailing list."

## FUN AT HIGHLAND FOREST



Last weekend, our youth group enjoyed some winter fun at Highland Forest.

## ASH WEDNESDAY IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is February 25th. We are planning a number of educational and other activities throughout Lent. Look for the February 17 Messenger for all the details. By the way, most of you will receive the Messenger in an envelope that week, along with the traditional Lent Coin folder. If you do not receive a folder and would like one, please call the church office at 492-9065.

In the 2008 Annual Report, we inadvertently repeated the information from 2007. Below is the correct information for 2008.

## 2008 Statistical Report

	Baptized	Confirmed
<b>Membership at the end of 2007</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>626</b>
<b>Membership received in 2008</b>		
a) by baptism	12	1
b) by affirmation of faith	0	0
c) by transfer from ELCA member congregation	3	3
d) by transfer from other Lutheran	0	0
e) from non-Lutheran congregations	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>630</b>
Baptized members confirmed in 2008	4	
<b>Members removed during 2008</b>		
a) by death	15	15
b) by transfer to other ELCA congregation	3	3
c) by transfer to other Lutheran	0	0
d) to non-Lutheran congregations	2	2
<b>Membership at the end of 2008</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>610</b>
Number of confirmed members who have either communed or contributed in 2008:	501	
<b>Number of communing members</b>		
Confirmed	501	
Unconfirmed	33	
Average weekly worship attendance:	150	
Marriages performed:	5	
Funerals conducted: (including 6 non-members)	19	



### CHANGE FOR HUNGER

From Lent to Pentecost, Atonement Sunday School kids will be collecting loose change to benefit the Heifer Project. Help us fill up our

jar. Check those couch cushions, clean out that kitchen drawer, or just drop your Sunday pocket change into our jar in the Chapel.

Heifer International “provides hungry families a practical way to alter their conditions. A family receiving a dairy goat and training in its care passes on one or more of its animal’s offspring to another family in the village.” Ducks/Geese help families better their nutrition and income through the production and sale of eggs; cows/goats through the production of milk for the family and sale of excess milk; bees through the sale of honey and beeswax, etc. It’s a different way of helping fight hunger - something more than raising money for the local food pantry - it’s a gift that multiplies. Read more about Heifer International at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)



### WORD [WURD] OF THE WEEK - contemplating the language of faith

love -- [luhv] It's all we need.

It's about time to talk about love, don't you think? What with a heart being the chosen visual for this column, it's time to put some words to it.

The heart you see at the top of this column each week suggests that the language of faith is wrapped up in matters of the heart. It is, isn't it? Our faith taps into human emotions, our human lives, yet involves a kind of love that is, most days, beyond us. Our human hearts can be fickle, overly-emotional, closed off, hardened, and sent soaring on the whims of things seemingly shallow, inexplicable deeply complicated.

We'd be so done if it ended here. Faith in God due to the consistency of our own hearts? Showing love for others and ourselves on the strength of our own hearts? Not gonna happen.

The love we are called (commanded!) to live is a love like no other. It is a love that demands we love others before we love ourselves. It is a love that says we love God, and so because we love God, we love others. Nowhere does the Bible mention how much we are to love the things in life, but again and again -- others. We are to love others.

It is because God loved and continues to love us. God loved us first, and because of this God whose nature it is to love, we love. Don't you just love God for that?

Have any suggestions of words your curious about? Contact Laura at 492-9065 or [laura.aase@gmail.com](mailto:laura.aase@gmail.com).



### ATONEMENT YOUTH - SAVE THESE DATES!

- March 6-8 4-8 Graders Retreat at LCLC
- March 6-7 Volleyball Marathon at SU (7-12 Graders)
- March 15, 22 & 29 “Celebrate Communion” (special Lent classes for all Atonement kids & families – congregation members are invited to participate)
- April 4 Spring (day) Retreat at Atonement (7-12 Graders)
- May 17 Faith Hike & Closing Picnic (Youth Group & Sunday School families - congregation members are invited to participate)

### VAN AND BUS SCHEDULES

#### SUNDAY BUS

9:00am Lodi  
9:05am Park  
9:20am Toomey Abbott  
9:30am Arrive Church  
9:45am Leave Church  
9:55am Lincoln  
10:15am Loretto  
10:30am Arrive Church

#### WEDNESDAY VAN

4:45 Leave Church  
5:05 Sabine St.  
5:20 Driscoll Ave.  
5:30 Church

#### WEDNESDAY BUS

4:30 Leave Church  
4:40 Lodi St.  
4:45 Park St.  
4:50 Sedgwick/James  
5:05 Toomey Abbott /Almond  
5:20 Valley Vista  
5:30 Church

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - FEBRUARY 15, 2009

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

## WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY (2/15)

- 8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)
- 9:30 AM Sunday Church School (Classrooms)
- 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Drum Instruction (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 PM Czarny Shower (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Chapel)

*No Confirmation class this week*

### MONDAY (2/16)

- 11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM I Shot My Rich Aunt Auditions (Chapel)

### TUESDAY (2/17)

- 8:00 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
- 7:00 PM Applesed Steering Committee (Coffee Shop)

### WEDNESDAY (2/18)

- 10:00 AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
- 5:30 PM Church Night Activities (see box below)
- 6:00 PM CDA Classes (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY (2/19)

- 12:00 PM ALAS (Coffee Shop)
- 6:00 PM WELCA (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

### SATURDAY (2/21)

- 8:30 AM Bible, Beverage & Baked Goods (Coffee Shop)

## WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT

- 5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
  - Recreation and games in the gym
  - Adult Class: Luther's Catechism for Today

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

## BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 30 Leviticus 13:1-17 Hebrews 12:7-13	Sunday cont...	1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45
F	Psalm 30 Leviticus 14:1-20 Acts 19:11-20	M	Psalm 6 2 Chronicles 26:1-21 Acts 3:1-10
Sa	Psalm 30 Leviticus 14:21-32 Matthew 26:6-13	Tu	Psalm 6 2 Kings 7:3-10 1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1
Su	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	W	Psalm 6 Job 30:16-31 John 4:46-54

## ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am	Vicar Laura Aase
	10:45am	Vicar Laura Aase
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	Linda Owens
	10:45am	Missy Wilber
USHERS Elevator Op*	8:30am	Pam Haumann & Solomon Williams
	10:45am	Barbara Lasky & Louise Brown*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Sydney Woods
	10:45am	Austin Draper
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Louise Brown
	10:45am	Barbara Lasky
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Linda & John Owens
	10:45am	Missy Wilber & Stacie Draper
READERS	8:30am	Lynn Strumlok
	10:45am	Susan Scharoun
GREETERS	8:30am	Jeanette Greig
FLOWER DELIVERY		Deacon Karen Douglass

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

### **Crouse Hospital**

Joanne Claeys

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

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Bronwyn Barr (Carole Barr's niece), Darlene Barr (Carole Barr's niece), Mary Bennett (Joslyn Court I resident), Josie Billingsley (Lynn Strumlok's mother), Richard Boynton, Rose Camerata (Eleanora Ott's neighbor), Kathleen Hill, Linda Lance, Tanya (Gebman) McGinn (Bill Kemp's daughter-in law's sister), Lois Moran (friend of Pat Strong), Beverly Oliver (friend of Beth Arthur), Barbara Ortell Compa (Bax Simmons' niece), Heather Strong, Marjorie Tracy, Nancy Welch (Bax Simmons' daughter), Grace Wildman, Joshua Woods (Kathy and Peter Woods' nephew)

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

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes, Ill), Scot Carpenter (Ft. Eustis, VA), Travis Carpenter (Florida Reserve Unit), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Trevor Martineau (29 Palms, CA), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Chris Millhouse (Korea), Justin Randall (Quantico, VA), Jeff Rodgers (Iraq), Daniel Strumlok (Quantico, VA), Melissa Young (National Guard, Syracuse, NY)

*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.*