



## The Journ-E Feb. 17, 2012

the weekly e-newsletter of **Journey Lutheran Church**

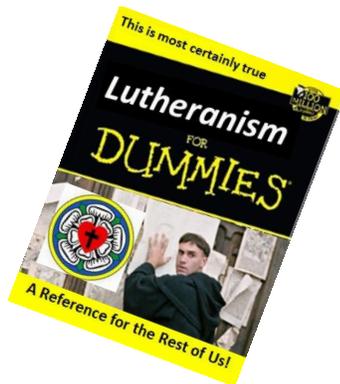
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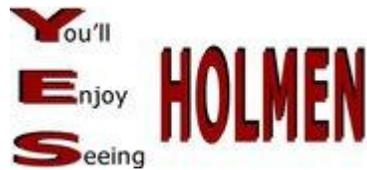
**Devotional thought:** On Wednesday we begin a season we call Lent. It is a 40 day time of preparation culminating with the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally it has been a time set aside for reflection and faith formation. If you don't already set aside a time for devotions, this season would be a great time to do that. We have some devotional books available for your use or there are great resources online like our [Taking Faith Home](#) or visit [Lutheran Hour](#) or [WaterMarks](#)



On Ash Wednesday, at the beginning of the season, and Holy Week, at the end of the season, we will be focusing on the passion of our Lord. But in between we will have a special series on the unique gifts and perspectives that the Lutheran tradition offers. The series will be call "**Lutheranism for Dummies**" (that is no reflection on those who will be attending, rather it is an assurance I will be keeping it simple enough that you don't have to be a theologian to understand it). Those who did not grow up in the Lutheran tradition will find this especially helpful in understanding what it means to be a Lutheran, but I think it is a great review for everyone.



PS. It is good to be back from vacation, Diane and I had a wonderful time...thanks again to the congregation for the gifts that made this time away possible. Sunday I will show the highlights video. -  
*Pastor Steve*



**YES Holmen!** is scheduled for **this coming Sunday, Feb.19. 11:00-3:30 at the Holmen High School Gym.**

This is a great opportunity for us to get the word out to several thousand people who will be browsing through the booths to see what Holmen has to offer. We will be making and handing out popcorn and information and registering people for door prizes. We could still use some people to help make popcorn and be a smiling face to visit with people as they walk by. The early time spot is covered by we could still use help 12:30-2:00 and 2:00-3:30. If you can help send a quick email [pastorstevemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstevemeyer@gmail.com)



**Soup Suppers begin on Ash Wednesday Feb.22** Each Wednesday during Lent we will gather at 5:30 to have a simple meal together before worship. We do need volunteers to make and bring soup to share. There is a sign up sheet right outside the kitchen...that what we can take turns providing food, so no one has to bring food every week. Immediately following the meal we will move in the sanctuary for a **45 minute worship service** using Holden Evening Prayer for worship.

Anyone interested in being part of the **Outreach Team**. The team will meet on Sun.,Feb. 26th at 9:30 am in the back of the fellowshiphall. The Outreach Team consists of several teams including: Marketing/PR, Visitor Follow-up and Evangelism. If you are interested in any of these areas please join us. If you want to be a part of the team but are unable to make the meeting contact Kristie Tweed at 317-1331 or [ktweed@centurytel.net](mailto:ktweed@centurytel.net).



Youth ages 13 to college age are invited to participate in the **Easter Drama/Musical/Mime!** Mercy Moua will be coordinating it. Please contact Mercy if you are interested. [Yeta\\_rox\\_all@yahoo.com](mailto:Yeta_rox_all@yahoo.com)

We now have a **Nursery Supervisor, Jessica Pehl**, who will be overseeing our nursery that is offered on Sunday mornings. Stop in and visit with Jessica, you can use the nursery during worship and/or the Sunday School time. We still will needing volunteers to help out.



**Feed My Starving Children** is a great opportunity to make a difference by helping to assembly food packets. Sign up to me part of the team on the bulletin board at

the back of the sanctuary. The event is Saturday, March 24 and this month's Care Bear is raising funds to help with it.



### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cabin Fever Cupcake Contest**

Join us next Sunday, Feb, 26 at 2:00 at the Onalaska American Legion for a wonderful afternoon of treats and door prizes. Teams of bakers from the area will be competing and you get to sample and be the judges. Event is free but Donations will be collected at the door as a benefit for Ben Fiers Family Medical Expenses.



### **Don't forget to order you Easter Flowers**

You can order Lilies or Mums (white, yellow or lavender) \$12 each. Orders must be place by March 19<sup>th</sup> and you can designate the plants in memory or in honor of a loved one. Call Pat 783-1892 with any questions.

### **Special Music opportunities in the area**

**Coulee Regional Gospel Choir** will perform "Jesus Shall Reign" The choir, instruments and soloists will present the Easter story beginning March 11<sup>th</sup> at North Presbyterian Church, La Crosse at 10:00 am. Zion Evangelical, Brownsville, MN - March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Good Shepherd Lutheran, La Crosse - March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 Olivet Lutheran - March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Holmen Lutheran - April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm. April 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm at Sand Lake Wesleyan Church hosts a special performance with the Gale Ettrick "Vocal Point" as a benefit for the ensembles trip to Ohio in August representing the state of Wisconsin High School Choirs.

**The St. Olaf Handbell Choir** will perform at Faith Lutheran Church, La Crosse on Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 pm. There is no cost for admission but a free will offering will be taken.

**Thank you** to all for the wonderful **Journeys Got Talent** Event....we definitely do. Thanks to all who helped with the food and the wonderful production all to help send our youth on the youth gathering this summer....Rumor has it that this will be an annual event...if you missed it this year...you will get another chance next year.



**All Church Rummage Sale** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 21** here is a great chance to get right of that extra stuff just taking up space and help support our youth ministry at the same time. We don't have room to store all the stuff right now... but you can be thinking about it and starts sorting. We will let you know when to start bringing it in.



check out the Journey Lutheran Facebook group



Are you a Thrivent Member? Be sure to direct your **Thrivent Choice dollars** to Journey. It is free money waiting for you to designate where to give it. If you don't claim yours it will be given to someone else to designate. Money is given out quarterly...and you still have time to designate last quarter's. Questions? Talk to Pat Hermanns in the church office.



**Recycle your aluminum cans at Journey** There is a "can cage" beside the garage. Bring your cans with you when you come to worship and toss them in the cage and we will recycle them for you and use the proceeds for our ministry here.



We also collect Festival Food receipts and can turn them in for cash...but they need to be turned in quarterly so don't wait to bring them in....there is a jar in the fireside room.

There will be an **adult Bible study** on Sunday mornings between worship services 9:30-10:00 in the meeting room across from the bathrooms

**Remember if we to grow in faith** it won't happen if all we invest is one hour on Sunday, be sure to check out [Taking Faith Home](#)

## Support our youth

We have 11 youth and 4 adults going to the **National Youth Gathering** this summer. It is a once in a lifetime experience but

it takes a lot of fundraising to get there. So there are a variety of things the youth are doing: Selling **Kwik Trip cards, Car Wash cards, Rent-a-kid**, , soon will be selling **candy bars**.

As a congregation we want to support our youth and here is a special way to do that.... We invite you to **Buy Stock in our Youth**. As a stockholder you would be investing in the faith development of our youth. You don't have to buy anything and there is no overhead ...every penny goes to help them. In return for your support the youth will pray for you and communicate with you from the youth gathering and invite you to a special stockholders dinner after the trip to see and hear about the experience. Stocks are \$100 and you can buy a full share or partial share, support a particular youth or wherever the need is the greatest. For more information check out the [Prospectus](#)

**Fellowship will follow both the 8:15 and 10:15 worship service. Volunteers are needed to help serve, clean-up and provide treats.** There are signup sheets in the kitchen on the bulletin board for you to indicate your desire to help with fellowship.

**The coming week at a glance....**remember to the [calendar on our web page](#)

**Sunday (2/19)**

8:15 am Worship Service  
9:15 am Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Choir Practice  
9:30 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Fellowship  
11:00-3:30 Yes Holmen Event @ Holmen High School  
1-6:00 pm Skiing at Mt. La Crosse

**Monday (2/20)**

6:30 FISH Young Adults Meet

**Wednesday (2/22) ASH WEDNESDAY**

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper  
6:30 pm Lenten Worship

**Thursday (2/23)**

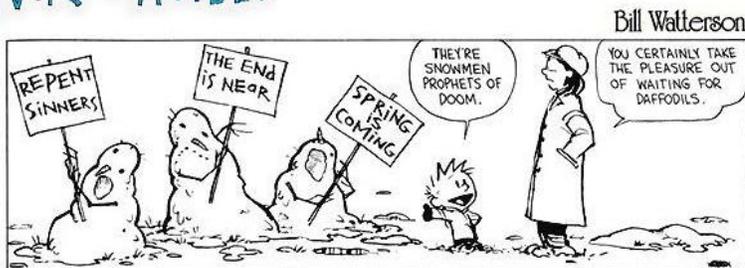
7:00 pm Worship Band Practice

**Sunday (2/26)**

8:15 am Worship Service  
9:15 am Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Choir Practice  
9:30 am Bible Study  
*9:30am Outreach Team Meeting*  
10:15 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Fellowship  
*6:00pm Youth Gathering Meeting*

**On the lighter side:**

*calvin and hobbes*



Pastor Steve