

February Worship Attendance

January	30	45
February	6	64
	13	65
	20	34

World Day of Prayer, 2011 at UCC at 1:30 pm

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 4. The women of **Chile** have written the service around the theme, "*How many loaves have you?*" Together, we are asked to respond to what we have and how we can share it with others. In this past year, Chile has been challenged by a devastating earthquake and the collapse of a mine in which many miners were trapped. Let us reach out our hands and hearts to touch the lives of sisters and brothers in Chile and around the world.

Some Facts

Twenty six members of the new U.S. Congress are Lutherans. 11 are Democrats & 15 are Republicans. 16 members are ELCA, 6 are Missouri Synod and 4 are Wisconsin Synod.

Most of members of Congress are Methodist, Roman Catholics and Episcopalians.

Received \$437.00 from Thrivent for January, 2011

Committee, Delegates and Board Members

Cemetery Board

Delroy Bierstedt	1 year
Robert Bauer	2 years
Cyril Brinkman	3 years

GA College delegates --- April 9

Mike and Jodi Sprandel

SW MN Synod Assembly -- June 10-12

Mike Sprandel

Nominating Committee

Kathy Dietz
Calvin Quast

Auditing Committee

Kenny Franke	3 years
Cindy Gerholz	2 years

A Honor Roll 2nd quarter

Grade 12	Kathie Bauer
Grade 11	Sonja Sprandel
Grade 8	Justin Korson

Chelsea Gerholz met the requirements for the Dean's list at Rasmussen College of Mankato for the Fall quarter. She was recognized and honored at a banquet held in Mankato with family and friends in attendance. Congratulations, **Chelsea**.

Men's Lenten Breakfasts 2011

Gaylord area churches will be hosting the annual man and boys "Lenten Breakfast and Devotional Gatherings" again this year. They will begin at 7 am and end at approximately 7:45 on the Thursday mornings of Lent at various churches. This year's devotional topics will come from the Beatitudes in Matthew Chapter 5. All men and boys are welcome to attend this special time of food and fellowship in the spirit of Christ!

Schedule

March 10 – **Immanuel Lutheran**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit"

March 17 – **Assembly of God**

"Blessed are those who mourn"

March 24 – **St. Michael's Catholic**

"Blessed are the meek"

March 31 – **St. Paul's Lutheran**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"

April 7 -- **United Church of Christ**

"Blessed are the merciful"

April 14 -- **American Lutheran**

"Blessed are the pure in heart, Blessed are the peacemakers, and Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake."

To St. Paul's Church Women:

Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran Social Service of MN. Your gift of \$100.00 will help light the path of the many people we serve. Thank you for helping provide a path to a new beginning. LLS of St. Paul

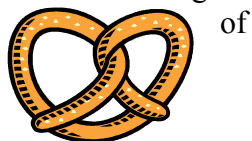
Did you know that March has 5 Tuesdays, 5 Wednesdays, and 5 Thursdays?
Check out the other months.

March's Special People



- 1 Mike Pomplun
- 1 Carly Radoush
- 1 Nathan Radoush
- 2 Mary Beth Egesdal
- 2 Margie Nelsen
- 13 Katherine Bauer
- 13 Jim Suedbeck
- 18 Alexandra Morrow
- 19 Doreen Trout
- 20 Nick Enter
- 21 Rueben Trout
- 22 Diane Frauendienst
- 23 Eldon Diehn
- 23 Brandy Morrow
- 24 Isaac Opel
- 30 Camden Honl

Pretzels began as Lenten food. Many early Christians of the Roman Empire did not eat milk, eggs, or fat during Lent as a way of showing religious devotion. They made their bread using only flour, salt, and water. They rolled the dough into slender ropes in the form of two arms crossed in prayer. These were called *bracellae*, a Latin word meaning "little arms." For hundreds of years, pretzels were eaten only during Lent. With the arrival of Easter, they would disappear for another year.



Dump Cake

1 yellow cake mix

1 (20 oz) can crushed pineapple

1 (20 oz) can cherry pie filling

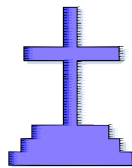
3/4 c. melted margarine

Grease 9x13 pan. Evenly distribute pineapple over bottom of pan. Add layer of cherry pie filling.

Sprinkle dry cake mix over the fruit. Dribble margarine over top of mix.

Bake at one hour at 350 degrees.

Hey Kids.....



Purple is the color for Lent. Purple represents our sins and Jesus' death. Finger paint a Lenten picture. Begin with blue. Blue is the color of kings. Jesus is King. When Jesus died for us, he bled. Mix red paint, the color of blood, with the blue. Now paint a purple picture for Lent. Be sure to tour the church during Lent to look for all the items that are purple in church. We'll be looking for some purple pictures from you, so have fun and get busy!!!



Fish....

Fish was used as a symbol for Christ by the early Christians who were constantly under persecution. The Greek word for fish contains the initial letters for the phrase, "Jesus Christ, Son of God Savior." Early Christians often scratched the sign of the fish outside the doorway of a home to designate it as the meeting place for fellow Christians.

Eat fish, or try some fish crackers during Lent.

Did you know... anyone can contribute information or recipes to our newsletter???? If you have a favorite recipe, let me know. Thanks!

Please let me know if any birthday information is incorrect or if someone isn't on the list. We want to include *everyone* so we can say *Happy Birthday!* Email me at Yvonne@mchsi.com or call me at 507-237-2423.

Did you know... according to St. Paul's Golden Jubilee booklet published in 1933 it states: "In the fifty years the following ministerial acts, as recorded in church records, have been performed: 622 baptisms, 461 confirmands, burials 167, since 1903 (previous records not available) 85 marriages were performed and 5773 communicants partook of Holy Communion since 1922. In fifty years, St. Paul's church, from a very small beginning, has grown and prospered, until today (1933), she numbers 474 souls, with 346 confirmed members. This is the Story of God's Grace and Mercy. May it move us to heartfelt thanks to God and renewed consecration in His service.

THE WEEKS BEFORE THE UPLIFTING

'Tis 8 weeks before the big day
And all thru God's place
The committee began stirring
At an unbelievable pace.

The warmer temps will be coming
And spring is just about here
In hopes that our Uplifting service
Will be bigger and better this year.

The people will come from ev'ry direction
North, and south, east and west
To enjoy food and fellowship
With you and me and all the rest.

When down in the basement
There rose such a clatter
They sprang from their pews
To see what was the matter.

Away to the stairway
Excited they moved in a dash
Were down in the kitchen
In quicker time than a flash.

With the turkey and stuffing
Corn, gravy, spuds and buns
Came the aroma of a meal
That invites all to come down.

When, what to my wondering
Eyes should actually appear
Kitchen and dining room workers
All hurrying and scurrying down here.

With the leader standing
Not, so quiet, meek and still
I knew in a moment
It was none other than Pastor Bill.

More rapid than eagles
His coursers they came
And he whistled and shouted
And called them by name.

Now Yvonne, now Mike
Now Shari and Kathy Dietz
On Curt, On Tracy
On Rod and Kathy B.

To the Narthex to the kitchen
To the fellowship hall
Now dash away, dash away
And dash away all.

As the snowflakes before you
In the cold winds they fly
When they meet with the obstacle
So very warm in the sky.

They soon will be melted
And spring calls for each of you
To show us your talents
We have a job for you too.

And then, in a twinkling
I heard someone say
We need many, many bakers
For the turkeys and the cake.

There are set-up and clean-up jobs
And bake and craft items to sell
Take the tickets or be a host
Set tables and other areas for help.

You will be blessed by the songs
Back by popular demand
From the group called the Basics
That's what we have planned.

The committee spoke many words
And went straight to their work.
They did many things like advertising
Also decorating and then turned like a jerk.

Laying a finger aside their noses
Wondering if they had enough communication
April 3rd is the big and exciting day
For the 7th Annual Uplifting Celebration

Pastor stood at the altar
To the committee he gave a whistle
They quickly moved and scattered
Like the down of a thistle.

But I heard them exclaim
Soon WE will all say
Happy Uplifting to all
And to all a Good Day.