

# TOMORROW RIVER LUTHERAN PARISH NEWSLETTER



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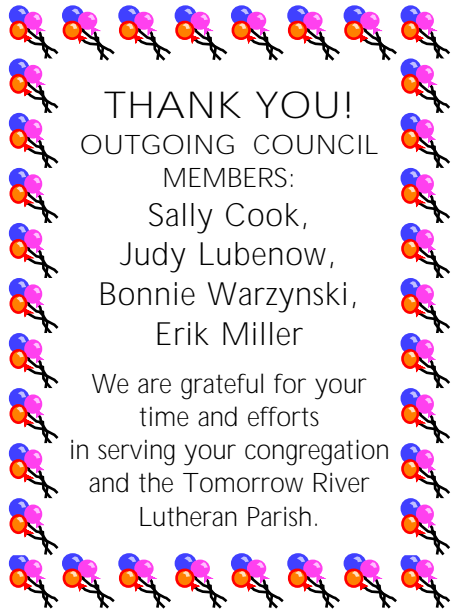
We are two congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
serving the Villages of Amherst, Amherst Junction and Nelsonville,  
and the Townships of Amherst, Lanark, New Hope and beyond.

Peace Lutheran Church  
293 South Main  
P.O. Box 309  
Amherst, Wisconsin

Nelsonville Ev. Lutheran Church  
3061 Oak Street  
P.O. Box 116  
Nelsonville, Wisconsin

*“There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her.” Psalm 46:4-5*





THANK YOU!  
OUTGOING COUNCIL  
MEMBERS:

Sally Cook,  
Judy Lubenow,  
Bonnie Warzynski,  
Erik Miller

We are grateful for your  
time and efforts  
in serving your congregation  
and the Tomorrow River  
Lutheran Parish.

Dear Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish,  
Thank you for coordinating the Friday,  
January 23, 2009 blood drive. We are very pleased  
with the drive overall, and the willingness of the  
donors to share this life saving gift.  
The efforts of Peace Lutheran Church have always  
been greatly appreciated and their support of the  
community blood program will go a long way toward  
replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving  
lives.  
In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts  
during this crucial time. You may be interested to  
know that 46 units were collected at your drive.  
Again, thank you for your contribution and ongo-  
ing support of this important community program. I  
look forward to working with you again on an up-  
coming blood drive.

**Thank you for praying**

- for: Faedra & Dawson Meverden, and Emily Hartleb, who were baptized in February;
- For: Noah Cychosz, Brandi Dombrowski, Sidney Dombrowski, Miles Geske, Edward Johnson, Shyann Johnson, Dylan Kearney, Faedra Meverden, Logan Moe, Alissa Niggemann, Isaac Power and Alex Widemann, who received their first communion;
- for: Family & Friends of Lois Hedbany and Edna Henke;
- for: Zak, Tom Hansen, Susan Myhre, Lars Olsson's father, Phyllis Shatters, Jane Moyer, Olson family, Chuck, Lorraine Packer, Donna Sowka, Irv Williams, Joel Niesen, Russ Hoeft, Rev. John Poffinbarger, Three sisters, Karen Veltus, Pastor Jim Scott, John Hulstraud, Shirley Quail, Lori, Betty Harris, Carol, Dorothy Kachur, Howard Borgen, Bobette, Donna Huglen, Person undergoing cancer treatment, Earl Frederickson, Pastor Jeff Giles & family, Robert Husberg, Father Tom O'Neil, Mitch, John Houdek, Candy Baer, Richard Pask, Georgia, Bill Romundson, Evelyne May, Jim Garavet, Young person with eating disorder, Esther Bicknase, Ruby Shanklin, Bob Rausch, Edna Moy, Tommy Pritzlaff, Phil Doll, Jim Engebretson, Kathy Skalski, Herm- sen family, Noah, Bonnie Shanklin, those with limited mobility;
- for: Armed Service Personnel;
- for: those in need of a Stephen Minister, Care receivers, Stephen Ministers, trainees and leaders;
- for: Any members, friends or family who have recently been hospitalized, undergone sur-

# THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

## Acolytes:

- Mar. 1 Ashley Chantelois (AM)  
Taylor Gordon (NV)  
Mar. 8 Michael Galvin (AM)  
Taylor Gordon (NV)  
Mar. 15 Michael Galvin (AM)  
Soren Anderson (NV)  
Mar. 22 Alyssa Hilker (AM)  
Soren Anderson (NV)  
Mar. 29 Alyssa Hilker (AM)  
Soren Anderson (NV)

## Greeters:

- Mar. 1 Jerry, Lori & Susie Carlson  
(AM)  
Judy Larson (NV)  
Mar. 8 Tom Dombrowski family (AM)  
Judy & George Konkol (NV)  
Mar. 15 Jan Bormann, Sydney &  
Molly Reichert (AM)  
Anita & Everett Peterson (NV)  
Mar. 22 David & Barbara Ische (AM)  
Phyllis Shatters (NV)  
Mar. 29 **need volunteer** (AM)  
Jennie Wierzba (NV)

(AM)

## Ushers:

- Mar. 1 Julie Bunting  
& **need volunteer**  
Mar. 8 Laura Kolbus & Melba Carey  
Mar. 15 Julie Bunting  
& **need volunteer**  
Mar. 22 Carol & Burt Benjamin  
Mar. 29 Julie Bunting  
& **need volunteer**

## Lectors:

- Mar. 1 Lori Carlson (AM)  
Mark Huglen (NV)  
Mar. 8 Mark Schmutzler (AM)  
Elaine Anderson (NV)  
Mar. 15 Burt Benjamin (AM)  
Gale Gordon (NV)  
Mar. 22 Linda Carey (AM)  
Peggy Henke (NV)  
Mar. 29 **need volunteer** (AM)  
Gayle Huglen (NV)

## Communion Assistants:

- Mar. 1 Mark Schmutzler;  
Tom & Ila Sanders (AM)  
Anita Peterson (NV)  
Mar. 15 Carol Benjamin; Joe Jones  
& Bonnie Warzynski (AM)  
Peggy Henke (NV)

## Altar Guild:

- Dolly Carr, Edna Borgen  
& Connie Pitt (AM)  
  
Pat Hagen  
& Kasey Wierzba (NV)

## Nursery:

No nursery attendants at Peace and  
Nelsonville; nursery is open for family  
use but not attended.

## Offering Counters:

Lori Carlson & Marla Borgen (AM)

## "f-words...." (Kristen F. Konkol)

Super Bowl fever has now begun to subside as the days pass following all the publicity and fanfare. It is a strange phenomenon, really, when living overseas. You do see the international news showing bits and pieces of the multitude of stories leading up to the game, but you certainly don't feel the same excitement surrounding questions of how sports fans will spend the day in the US. When I think about such an event, a lot of "*f-words*" come into mind (not the ones where people are yelling at the TV!). Typically the *football* game is associated with *food, fun, family, friends and funny* commercials. In fact, I saw a statistic that said that Americans spend approximately \$40 million dollars on food alone for Super Bowl parties....that is a whole lot of chips & salsa!!!

Outside of the US *football* means something very different as it translates to soccer to the rest of the world. Here in South Africa the preparations for very different football events on the world stage are underway as the nation prepares to host the Confederations Cup (champion national team of each continent) in June 2009 and the main act being the FIFA World Cup in 2010. Stadiums, roads, communication and many other facets are being prepared for the first ever hosting of a World Cup on the African continent. Both in Guyana and now here in South Africa I have been fortunate to be a part of football (soccer) both with children and young adults. To see the passion and the skills that are displayed are amazing where proper shoes, fields, goals, balls or equipment are not pertinent to get a game going. One simply plays with what you have where you are... whether it is out on the dirt lot with no shoes and a make-shift ball or on a nice thick lined grass field with all the nice uniforms, cleats and balls. I have thoroughly enjoyed these diverse opportunities and all the wonderful children and young adults I have worked with and played alongside.

When one also thinks of *foods* that would be typical for an occasion or event, I have enjoyed the variety of staples that countries around the world have in their diet. For example, it was typical for one to say in Guyana that you haven't 'eaten for the day' if you haven't had rice as it was synonymous with food in many areas. In South Africa the staple product would be corn, or mealies. There are seemingly endless varieties of mealie dishes that have been at the center of African family life for centuries. Mealie pap is the most widely eaten food in South Africa and it is thinner (porridge) or stiffer (like thick mashed potatoes) depending on where or when you eat it. It can be made sweet (thinner breakfast porridge), salty or rich. Thicker pap may be mixed with a variety of other vegetables or tubers and used with sauce or stew. Mealie meal is finely ground maize. Phutu (in Zulu) is a dish of crumbly maize porridge, often eaten with soured milk. Umngqusho (Xhosa word) would be samp (dried and crushed maize kernels), boiled, then mixed with beans, onion, potatoes, chilies, lemon and salt and simmered. Although these are just a few to name, I can not glaze over the mealie itself, which is simply a cob of corn that is popular grilled or boiled as a snack (although unlike in Wisconsin, most grill it without the husk). There is also a traditional beer (umqombothi) made from water, malt, maize and sor-

ghum which is served at many celebrations from big beer pots. That is certainly an acquired taste!!

*Family* is also something thought of very differently than we would think of as typical in the US . For many, when you say mother, father, siblings...this would constitute your immediate family. However, in some South African cultures, especially Zulu culture, your family is much broader. For instance, the same word in Zulu for mother and father are used for aunt (if it is your mother's sister) and uncle (if it is your father's brother) such that they act just as your parents. The word for cousin would be the same as brother or sister for the children of your mother's sisters and your father's brothers. It basically follows immediate lineage. The ties become much more communal and the family unit constitutes a larger circle.

The one "*f-word*" that people here express very freely is that of expression of *faith*. For faith is not something that is taboo to talk about from Mon-Sat and is in so many threads of individuals everyday life. Personal faith life as well as congregational faith life stems into many aspects of ones existence, not just the time spent sitting in church. It is a topic talked about and discussed as frequently as politics and sports. It is a lesson that we can all learn in thinking about our comfort level and commitment to our faith and how we express it. In my experience here in South Africa church is not something to just "get over with" and get on with the rest of your day, but rather the main focus of the day for which the day revolves around. Attending worship here can take many, many hours...for instance, yesterday's consecration of the South Eastern Diocese bishop was a 7 hour long service and program with approximately 9,000 in attendance. When the singing and dancing of songs takes place in that kind of setting, you are hard pressed to not be moved and feel blessed by the experience.

There are many differences in how various cultures express "*f-words*" such as *family, football, fun, food and faith*. What I am continually challenged with is how much I am able to appreciate the differences, embrace them and allow myself to be enhanced and learn from another culture. There are many preferences we have in how we express these "*f-words*", but the real question is how open are we to doing, experiencing, and seeing things in a new and different light as opposed to fitting it into that nice little box of the familiar.

With peace & blessings, Kristen

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## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

President: Lori Carlson  
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Secretary: Tim Benn  
Treasurer: Barb Ramlow

#### Committee Chairpersons & Council Representatives:

Lay Ministry/Worship: Carol Lea  
Evangelism:  
Fellowship: Melba Carey  
Education: Bill Bloch (Council Rep.)  
Ila Sanders (Chairperson)  
Youth: Carl Chantelois  
Stewardship: Jennifer Johnson  
Property & Bldg. Use: Jon Maves (Council Rep.)  
Long Range Planning: Tim Benn  
Social Concern: Lori Carlson

#### Sunday School

Superintendent: Leah Maves  
WELCA President: Delores Solverud  
Cemetery: John Olson

### NELSONVILLE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

President: Todd Cook  
Vice President: Gayle Huglen  
Secretary: Peggy Henke  
Treasurer: Judy Konkol

#### Committee Chairpersons & Council Representatives:

Lay Ministry/Worship: Ramona Romundson  
Evangelism: Gayle Huglen  
Fellowship: Ramona Romundson  
Education: Ann Cragg  
Youth: Jennie Wierzba  
Stewardship: Bob Henke  
Property: Mike Hafemann  
Long Range Planning: Peggy Henke  
Social Concern: Jeanette Peterson

#### Sunday School

Coordinator: Janet Hafemann  
WELCA President: Anita Peterson



### TOMORROW RIVER PARISH INFORMATION & STAFF

**Office Phone: 824-5615** E-mail address: [trchurch@wi-net.com](mailto:trchurch@wi-net.com) Website: [www.trchurch.org](http://www.trchurch.org)  
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pastor Gretchen Anderson & Pastor Dwight Anderson Home Phone: 824-2710

Young Blessings Preschool Director: Laura Kolbus  
Organist: Ruth Gordon  
Custodians: Gretchen & Chuck Diver (AM), Linda Packer (NV)  
Treasurers: Barb Ramlow (AM), Judy Konkol (NV)  
Office Manager: Nanci Simon

#### JOIN US FOR

**WORSHIP:** **9:00 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church** **10:30 a.m., Nelsonville Ev. Lutheran Church**  
10:15 a.m., Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Sunday School  
(Sept.-May) (Sept.-May)



### T.R.A.C.K.

(Tomorrow River Area  
Community Kitchen)

Providing emergency  
assistance of food for families  
with need in the Tomorrow  
River school district area.

HOURS: Mon., 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
Thurs., 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Housed at Peace Lutheran,  
293 S. Main St., Amherst

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6; 1 p.m.

Unite with people all over the  
world in a day of prayer.

This year the theme is "*In  
Christ there are many mem-  
bers, yet one body.*" The  
service is written by WDP  
Women of Papua, New  
Guinea.

Hosted by the women of:  
Our Savior's Lutheran  
395 E. Iola Street, Iola

Prayer service with refresh-  
ments to follow; departure  
approximately 3 p.m.

Registration is required to  
know the approximate num-  
ber attending; please call or  
mail registrations to:

Pat Reiersen, 445-2964 or  
E749 Trout Creek Road,  
Iola, WI 54945.

Please respond by March 2.

## Lost and Found

March 28, 2009; 7 p.m.

Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School  
601 Maple Ridge Road, Mosinee

The songs of "Lost and Found" have been recognized by  
publishers and others as some of the best around.

**Tickets:** \$9 in advance; \$10 at the door

Send ticket orders to: Lost and Found Concert  
c/o Peace Lutheran Campus Center

1517 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481

**Need information?** 715-345-6510 or cselle@uwsp.edu

## Make a Good Marriage Great!

No matter how good a marriage is, it can be improved. Even the best marriages  
can find new meaning and deepened joy on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend.

In a relaxed atmosphere four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy  
couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the  
privacy of their hotel room. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy  
five delicious meals from Friday at 7 p.m. to Sunday at 5 p.m.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are March 27-29  
in Duluth or April 24-26 in Brooklyn Center. Please register a month in advance.

For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis  
McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org)



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*THE TOMORROW RIVER LUTHERAN PARISH*

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Dwight Anderson, Pastor  
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**Sunday Morning Schedule:**

Amherst:	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (Sept. – May)
Nelsonville:	9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Sept. – May) 10:30 a.m. Worship