
The Weekly VOICE

of English Lutheran Church

February 5 & 6, 2012

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5

8:30/10:45 Worship
8:30-11:45 Nursery Open
9:30-10:30 Coffee Fellowship
9:30-10:30 Education Hour
Congregation Forums after each service

Monday, February 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Faith Forum
6:30 p.m. Youth Steering Committee
6:40 p.m. Faith Explorations

Tuesday, February 7

8:45 a.m. Quilters
9:30 a.m. Christian Parenting
5:30 p.m. Joint Council
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sewing
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Council
7:00 p.m. Worship Council

Wednesday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Library Committee
5:30-6:30 Dinner – Sloppy Joes
6:00-? Youth Peer Ministry
6:00-? Christlers
6:00-? Nursery Open
6:15-7:30 7/8/9 Confirmation
6:30-7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30-8:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

7:00 a.m. Fayze's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Seekers Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Grief Support Group
5:30 p.m. LCM Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Seeds of Faith
6:30 p.m. Monotheistic Faiths
7:00 p.m. Fireproof

Friday, February 10

6:00 p.m. Valentine's Day Dance

Saturday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Hiking Group
1:00 p.m. Tubing at Ft. McCoy
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, February 12

8:30/10:45 Worship
8:30-11:45 Nursery Open
9:30-10:30 Burrito Brunch
9:30-10:30 Education Hour
12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

Worship is a verb.

HOT TOPICS

Our Book of Faith series is in its third weekend with an exciting look at four prophets of the Northern kingdom of Israel. If you'd like to read ahead, here is the schedule:

- February 4/5, Hosea (chapters 1-14)
- February 11/12, Jonah (chapters 1-4)

Our blog is back with this series! Check it out: www.englishlutheran.org, click on "ELC Blog."

ELC's Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 12 immediately following the late worship service. 2011 Annual Reports will be available at the Welcome Center.

Soup's on again! The season of Lent is almost here, and with that comes a fun tradition – sharing a soup and bread lunch after the noon services. Lenten lunches will begin on Ash Wednesday – February 22. If you make a yummy soup and are willing to prepare a batch for about 40 people, please sign up at the Welcome Center. We're also looking for folks to provide bread and cookies. For more information, contact Cara Hartfield at 784-8876 x 301 or cara@englishlutheran.org.

Bring your sweetheart to our first Valentine's Day Dance! Join us, along with instructors from Midnight Dance Studio, on Friday, February 10. Instruction is provided from 6-7:00 p.m. with the dance from 7-9:00 p.m. Please note, this is an adults-only event. Cost is \$20/couple or \$25/couple with childcare provided by ELC nursery staff. Sign up today at the Welcome Center!

A congregational forum will be held after both Sunday services this weekend. We'll discuss the scope, budget and financing plans for the building and remodeling project.

The Warming Center needs volunteers for Lutheran Monday nights in February and March. Needs include providing 1-pot meals for 20, intake from 8:30-10:00 p.m. and ½ overnight shifts. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center or call Pastor Kent Johnson at 397-7633 or Susan Moss at 787-8841. New thick socks and coffee are ongoing needs at the Center. Also needed is two XL clean jackets for tall men. Please label donations for the WC and leave at the donation center.

WEEKLY REMINDERS

HUNGRY

Jar gifts for February will be given to Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. Since 1950 the hospital has been a project of the Lutheran World Federation. Its main task has been to provide services for Palestinian Refugees in cooperation with UNRWA, the United Nations agency that has been responsible for refugee programs in the region since 1948. Today, the hospital continues to develop services for the Palestinian community, mostly on a charitable basis.

Last Week's Attendance & Budget Figures

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| 5:00 - 80 | Rec'd Last Week |
| 8:30 - 148 | Rec'd YTD |
| 10:45 - 246 | Bdgt'd YTD |
| Total - 474 | |

Numbers available after the Annual Meeting

Support ELC Youth! Festival Foods receipts dated as of January 1 are being accepted at the donation center, and they donate a percentage of the receipts to our youth program. Over \$200 is made each quarter by this fundraiser! **Gift cards** are available for purchase or can be special ordered. See a youth representative today!

This weekend is WAFER Weekend. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the altar during offering, or drop off in the grocery cart by the donation center. ELC collected 3,532 pounds of product for our local food pantry in 2011. Thanks for your support!

Monday Morning Men's Faith Forum meets each Monday morning at 6:30 a.m. **We begin a new year** of open forum discussions on a variety of lively topics ranging from thoughtful Bible Study to cutting edge topics of faith, Christianity, ethics, and life in today's world. Continental breakfast is served. For more information contact MMMFF facilitators Bob Bendiksen or Pastor Solyst.

Seekers Bible Study meets at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays. The Prophet Jeremiah: Out with the Bad, In with the Good is our topic this week with study leader, Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Libby Howe.

Adult Sunday School meets during the Education Hour on Sunday mornings. Join us in the Stoffel Lounge this weekend. The focus is on Hosea with Pastor Pupillo.

Wednesday Dinner Menu

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| February 8..... | Sloppy Joes |
| February 15..... | Baked Potato Bar |
| February 22..... | Chili/Veg. Soup |

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
In Christ, we welcome, worship
and work in the world.

OF INTEREST

ELC's next date at Come for Supper is Tuesday, February 7. Please see the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center for food donations, and clearly label all donations "Come for Supper." Leave food in the Luther Room kitchen *no later than 11:00 a.m.* on February 7. Volunteers are still needed for February. If you'd like to help, please contact Cara Hartfield at cara@englishlutheran.org or 784-8876 x301.



Mardi Gras (English Lutheran style) is on Sunday, February 19! Fun begins at 5:00 p.m. with a New Orleans style dinner accompanied by live jazz music. Faith-building activities and Lenten resources will follow. Proceeds will go to the National Youth Gathering. Sign up today at the Welcome Center to let us know you can join in the fun!

We need board games! If you have games you can donate please bring them to the donation center by Pastor Pupillo's office. No age requirements – we just ask that they have all the pieces.

Snow Tubing at Ft. McCoy is Saturday, February 11 from 2-5:00 p.m. Bring a friend! Carpools leave ELC at 1:00 p.m. and return around 6:00. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Robin Cosby at 519-1028. Cost to be determined depending how many sign up. No carry-in food or beverages, however there is a concession stand in the warming hut.

ELC's new Anxiety Group meets again on February 13. The focus is effects of stress and progressive relaxation. If you have questions about this group, please contact facilitators Mary Fitzpatrick or Pastor Mark Shaw.

There are a number of Lost & Found items on the table in the Luther Room hallway. Please check to see if any items belong to you! Items will be donated to the appropriate charity if not claimed.

Come to "Taste of France" on Friday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. at La Chateau Restaurant (4th & Cass Streets). Cost is \$15 person and covers appetizers and wine. This is an adults only event and will be a great opportunity to see this historic building up close! Sign up at the Welcome Center today! Questions, contact Dan and Brenda Rooney at 386-3575 or rooneytunes13@gmail.com.

DEADLINES

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| Thursdays at Noon | February 14 |
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