

# CROWN OF LIFE

## VISION UPDATE



February 2010

# Come

**My Lord Wants Me To Worship Him**  
**Overseer: Dave Sitzman**

### Worship

#### Lenten Services

Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will once again be offering a 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. service every Wednesday through March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 & 7:00pm services

Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 & 7:00 pm services

Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. services

#### "Worship Notes" Newsletter

At the beginning of this past Advent season, the Worship Committee again provided the first in a series of short newsletters. Revised and updated from last year, the "Worship Notes" newsletters focus on our worship practices at Crown of Life throughout the church year. The contain information about the context and worship focus of the different church seasons and festivals, explanations of the liturgical colors and symbols in our sanctuary, and related information that can enrich our understanding and participation in worship. Watch for the next edition as we begin the season of Lent. We pray that you will find the resource a blessing and encourage any welcome your questions and suggestions.

#### Upcoming Special Music

♪ Sunday, **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, Grades 3-8 will be singing in both services.

♪ First Advent Wednesday, **February 17<sup>th</sup>**, the adult choir will perform "Lord Have Mercy/Lord Jesus, Think on Me" (cantata).

♪ Wednesday, **February 24<sup>th</sup>**, Preschool – Grade 2 will be singing in the 4:00 p.m. service.

♪ Adult Handbell Choir will also be performing a selection during the month of February.

♪ Wednesday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Grades 6-8 will be singing in the 7:00 p.m. service.

# Join

**My Lord Wants Me To Be A**  
**Member Of His Family**  
**Overseer: Lovell Smith**

### Fellowship

#### Lenten Suppers

Lenten Suppers will once again be hosted from 5:45 - 6:45 pm between the Lenten Services, February 17<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping out and bringing a dish, please sign up on the sheets on the COL bulletin board. We will be varying up the menu this year as follows:

2/17 – Soup & Sandwich

2/24 – Pasta Bar

3/03 – Soup & Sandwich

3/10 – Chili & Fixings

3/17 – Soup & Sandwich

3/24 – Salad Bar

Hope to see you all there!

### New Member Welcome

We wish to welcome our latest new members: Cory and Jennifer Leist and their daughter transferring from Morning Star, Jackson and Amy Kenderish (Schrafnege) transferring from St. John's, Lannon.

### Museum Trip

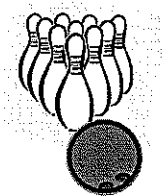
We have 30 people signed up to take the bus trip to see the Dead Sea Scroll exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We wish to thank Jean Holmburg for planning this event for the members of COL.

## ROAD TRIP!!!



### Wii Bowling

The second night of the Wii bowling league will be hosted by the Rosenthal family on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board so we know how many Wii systems will be needed. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own drinks. If you have any questions, please contact Laurell Collien. Don't feel like bowling, that's OK, just bring an appetizer and drinks and join us for the fun and fellowship.



### Moms Group

If you are a mother of babies, toddlers, or young children not yet in school and would like to get together with other moms for some socialization and play time for the children, please contact Rachel Hesprich at 262-388-9088 or Pastor Helwig if you are interested. Our meetings are planned for Thursday at 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the gym at Crown of Life.

### Future Plans

In the near future we would like to set up a group that would be responsible for assisting members of Crown of Life that desire a meal to be served after a funeral. If this is an area that you would be interested in helping out with, please contact Lovell Smith or Pastor Helwig.

# GROW

**My Lord Wants Me To Become Like Him**

**Grow Child Overseer: Bob Hauck**

**Grow Adult Overseer: Bob Bublitz**

### Grow Child

#### Accreditation Upkeep

We have been working hard on various areas that need to be kept up to date and streamlined within the Accreditation requirements for our day school. Items being worked on include the Teacher Handbook, Teacher Job Descriptions, Background Checks, a Technology Plan and Child Abuse Policy.

#### Box Tops for Education

Log on to [BoxTops4Education.com](http://BoxTops4Education.com) and register to win! It only takes a moment to fill in your name, address and the school you are entering for. You can enter every day until contest deadline!!

Latest contests include:

Pillsbury 100,000 Bonus Box Tops. Two lucky schools could each win 50,000 bonus box tops. Sweepstakes ends 2/28/2010. Enter every day!

Scoop Up Bonus Box Tops sponsored by Betty Crocker Fruit Roll-Ups will be giving away a total of 60,000 Bonus Box Tops. First prize is 30,000 bonus box tops, second prize is 20,000 and third prize is 10,000 bonus box tops. Sweepstakes ends 2/28/2010. Enter every day!

I ♥ My School Sweepstakes – 28 schools can each win 1,000 bonus box tops. Enter once every day from Feb 1 to Feb 28<sup>th</sup>!

#### VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be a daytime VBS conducted by Camp Phillip and is open to students in kindergarten through Grade 5. Although Camp Phillip runs the program, we will need many helpers, including older students. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the future so give it some thought and join us if you are free that week! Invite the neighbor children to join you! If you have any questions, contact Craig Adams.

### **Youth Rally**

The WELS Northern Wisconsin District Youth Rally "More than Conquerors" will be held July 14-17, 2010, in the Heartwood Conference Center in Trego, Wisconsin. It is open to current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. An information letter and registration forms are posted on the movable bulletin board in the Gathering Area. You can find more info at [www.MoreThan2010.com](http://www.MoreThan2010.com).

### **Grow Adult**

#### **Leadership Team**

As part of their monthly meetings, the Leadership Team will be going through a leadership Bible study. The first study was on Biblical characteristics of leaders.

#### **School Faculty**

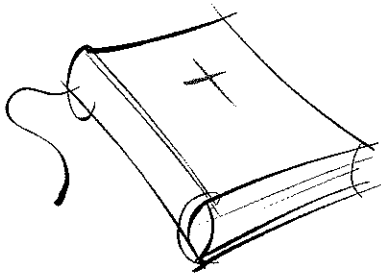
The school faculty is studying the Lutheran Confessions once a month as a part of their faculty meetings.

#### **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class**

The adults in the Sunday Morning Bible Class are studying the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. We just completed the Second Petition so if you haven't been able to attend before, you won't be far behind! Join us between services.

#### **Tuesday & Wednesday Morning Bible Class**

The Early Morning Risers Bible Study Group that meets at the coffee house on Tuesday mornings and the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group that meets at church are both working on "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches" as found in Revelation 2 & 3.



# Serve

**My Lord Wants Me To Serve  
Serve Overseer: Kim Lemke**

#### **Cottage Meetings**

We will be setting up Cottage Meetings for all members during the months of February, March, and April. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. If anyone is interested in hosting a meeting for about 12 to 14 people, please let me know.

#### **Son-Shine Group**

The Son-Shine Group is being organized to help our members of Crown of Life that may need some additional help due to illness, injury, surgery, etc. If you would like to help with meals, visits, or providing transportation, or if you need help in any of these areas, please contact Kim Lemke (628-0746) or Chris Sitzman (628-9052). There is also a sign-up sheet on the COL bulletin board.

#### **Special Offering**

In February we will have another special offering, "Love From The Heart" to help pay of the Budget Deficit. A special blue envelope for this purpose was put into every member mailbox. Your careful consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

#### **Christian Life Resources**

Christian Life Resources is planning to hold its second annual rummage sale on May 13-15 at its National Office located at 3070 Helsan Drive in Richfield (across from Cabela's entrance). Help support CLR and New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers located in Aurora, Colorado, by donating your new or gently used items for this event. They are now accepting donated sale items (**no clothing please**) from churches and individuals. Please call 262-677-5230 to arrange to drop off your donated items.

# Share

**My Lord Wants Me To Give of His Love**  
**Share Overseer: Mike Graff**

## Sharing the Gospel

### Choir Trip to RCI

Special thanks to all of the choir members that shared the Gospel in song with those at the Racine Correctional Institute. It is always uplifting for us to assist Phil Merton in this special endeavor.

### Outreach Seminar

Fairview Lutheran will host a seminar to help Christians convey the good news of salvation in the work environment on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to noon (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.). Topics include Holding the High Ground at Work, Opening Doors to Conversations, Jargon-Free Conversations about Faith, and Becoming the Go-To Person at Work. Tom Banaszak is the seminar leader. Tom serves as the staff minister of Education and Family Ministry at Morning Star Lutheran in Jackson, WI. The cost for the morning is only \$5.00. That includes materials and snacks. To register contact Fairview: 414-258-1534, 771-2530 or email at [Fairview@FairviewLutheran.com](mailto:Fairview@FairviewLutheran.com).

### Web Site Redesign

Deb Mattson, Ginny Schultz and I have been recruiting members of Crown of Life to assist in the redesign of our web site. If you haven't been contacted, but are interested in assisting in this endeavor, please contact one of us and let us know.



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### School Special Event

There will be a Father/Son & Mother/Daughter Basketball Game on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. It will be a 5 quarter game. The boys and girls will alternate quarters.

1<sup>st</sup>: boys, 2<sup>nd</sup>: girls, 3<sup>rd</sup>: boys, 4<sup>th</sup>: girls, 5<sup>th</sup>: boys

The cheerleaders and their moms are invited to cheer for this special game!

Supper and Awards will follow. The main dish and drinks will be provided. Parents will assist by supplying side dishes, chips and dessert.

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### Kettle Korner

There will be a joint concert Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, featuring the Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School and the Croixaliers and Crusader Band of St. Croix Lutheran High School from West St. Paul, MN. The program will contain a mix of sacred and secular music. The concert begins at 2:00 pm in the KML gymnasium. A free-will donation will be taken.

### Martin Luther College

The Martin Luther College Choir will be kicking off their concert tour with a presentation of Christian choral music at St. John's Lutheran Church in Watertown on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The concert is entitled "Speak, O Lord". The group includes sixty-one members accompanied by brass, organ, timpani, piano, woodwinds, strings and organ. The concert tour will visit congregations in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, and Minnesota. There is no admission charge, only a freewill offering to help cover tour expenses, so feel free to invite friends, neighbors, and relatives.

For more information on this concert, please contact Mr. Kevin Poston, Music Director at St. John's at [kposton@stjohnswatertown.org](mailto:kposton@stjohnswatertown.org). For directions to St. John's, please visit [www.stjohnswatertown.org](http://www.stjohnswatertown.org).

## Christmas 2009

***Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.***

Isaiah 7:14 NIV

*It should bring fright to all of us. Our holy and just God coming down from his home in heaven to our earth to deal with our sin! If he were to deal with us as our sins deserve, who could stand? But he comes as a little baby and with God's promise that he will deal with our sins by taking our punishment through his own suffering and death. Because Jesus came and lived and died here on our earth, we stand before God forgiven and with the knowledge that we will live with him in his glorious mansions in heaven!*

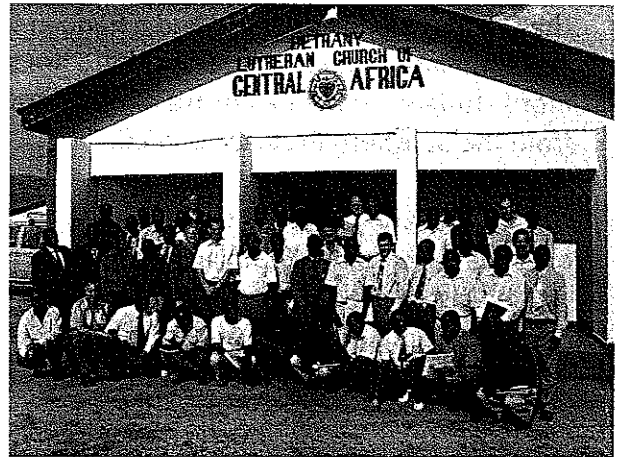
*May all of our fear turn to joy, because of Mary's baby boy.*

### **On the Mission front:**

2009 has been a most interesting year here on the mission field in Zambia. A major change which brought concern was the reduction in the number of missionary positions on the field due to the economy. We began the year with eight missionary families, and now we stand at five. You may know some of the families that left us: Pastor Peter Martin and family have moved to our mission in Malawi; Mr. Jason Paltzer and family moved to Madison, Wisconsin, for further studies; and Pastor Dan Kroll and family moved back to the States because of budget cuts. We are thankful that Dan now has received and accepted the call to Lake City, Minnesota.

On the Zambian field, that leaves two missionaries, Professors Phil Birner and Ernst Wendland, teaching at our Lutheran Seminary in the capital city of Lusaka; two more missionaries, Pastor Dan Sargent and myself, meeting with pastors, visiting some churches,

and helping with administration; and one lay couple, Dave and Dee Matthiak, helping with bookkeeping and logistics.



Missionaries and pastors from both Zambia and Malawi at a Pastors' Conference held October 6-8, 2009 in Chipata, Zambia

The cuts in missionary positions may sound like a major reduction in the spread of God's Word being carried out here in Zambia. However, the opposite is the case. This past June, eight Zambian men graduated as pastors from our Seminary. This brings the total number of Zambian pastors up to 27. They carry out and oversee the work in the congregations that they serve. Many of them serve parish unions, or groups of churches and most have Honda motorcycles to travel from church to church. They all have laymen preach at the churches that they cannot reach on a given Sunday. That's easy to do here, since the laymen like to preach.

The area that has only one Zambian pastor is in the Southern Province, where I am. He is Pastor Royd Mumba, and he is the supervising pastor for all twelve churches in the Province. He personally serves three congregations and I help him by serving the far-flung remaining nine. If all goes to plan, this will be a temporary situation. Our next class of vicars graduate from the Seminary in Lusaka in June 2011. At that time, we hope to have three areas ready with support and a pastor's house to call a vicar at that time, and then a pastor a year later.

Even though no churches in the Southern Province were ready to call their own pastor this past year, I rejoice that two of the pastor graduates assigned to other areas were from the Southern Province and I had a hand in their pre-Seminary training. Currently there are two more students in the pastor training program from the Southern Province as well.

Much of what our work is these days is handing over the work to the Zambians, both in terms of the Gospel ministry as well as in administration. May God be praised as this daughter mission of the WELS becomes a sister church!

#### **On the home front:**

(As you will see, the children are not often on our home front here in Zambia. We certainly look forward to them every time they come for vacations, which nowadays is usually once a year over summer.)

Aaron, age 17, will graduate from Luther Prep School in Watertown, Wisconsin, this coming May. For sports, he enjoys playing soccer and tennis on the school teams. For music, he plays saxophone in the band and piano for his own enjoyment. He is currently deliberating between colleges where he can study aeronautical engineering in the coming school year.

Reese, age 20, is in his second year at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. He is studying agricultural and consumer economics. He continues to enjoy playing on the U of I Squash Club, and plucking his guitar.

Caitlin, age 21, will be graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee this coming May with a degree in Art. She enjoyed her time this past September to December while she studied drawing and painting in Florence, Italy. In fact, she may go back to Italy

this coming summer to teach English to youngsters. She still plans on pursuing doing her Masters in medical illustration.

Sharon, ageless, keeps the home fires burning, enjoying cooking and baking, and gardening, and looking forward to when the children come home. This past year her left foot has bothered her ever since a day of Extreme Frisbee at Easter time. Because of that, she is currently in the US, recovering from foot surgery, and enjoying the holidays with the children. She will be back on Zambian soil by the time you read this letter.

John, aging, enjoys puttering around the house when not visiting the churches or attending meetings in Lusaka or elsewhere.

From all of us, may God grant you a Joyful and Blessed New Year!

The Hartmann's

Pastor John, Sharon, Aaron, Reese, and Caitlin

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