

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 25, 2007

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3 (NIV)

PRELUDE Clarion Handbell Choir –
"Morning Has Broken/Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain"
(We encourage you to use this as a time to prepare for worship)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

INTROIT Carol Choir – "Around the Clock"

OPENING HYMN "Ye Servants of God" Blue #38

GREET ONE ANOTHER

BAPTISM 9:00 Tyler Dennis Red #44
10:45 Kevin Michael

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Happy Our Home When God is There" Blue #453

PRAYER CARDS *(may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)*

ANTHEM Chancel Choir – "Down to the River to Pray"

MORNING PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Carillon Handbell Choir – "With Praises Ring"

DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE I Timothy 5:1-8; Luke 23:47-71

MESSAGE "Woman Behold Your Son"

CLOSING HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians" Blue #429

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" Ritter
Please come to Norcross Hall between services for fellowship and refreshments.

OUR GREETERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES ARE:

9:00 AM

10:45 AM

ACOLYTES TODAY:

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR for today's Services are given
In Memory of Olga Schoonover by the Schoonover Estate and
In Memory of Beatrice

Flower Chart



We all enjoy fresh flowers at our services each Sunday. We strongly encourage our members to remember their loved ones by dedicating a flower arrangement for them. The flowers cost \$25.00 and color coded envelopes are provided for your convenience. All months are color coded and each Sunday has a matching envelope. Please use these envelopes to pay for your flowers.

Child Care is provided for infants and toddlers to age 2 during the first and second service in the nursery (room1). Please ask an usher to direct you.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!

If you or anyone you know is ill or going into the hospital please call the Church office and let us know 732-458-2080.

Check our website, www.stpaulsbrick.org for last week's message:
"Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise"

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

SUNDAY	2/25	9:00AM TRADITIONAL SVC – SANCTUARY 9:00 & 10:45 CHILDCARE – RM 1 10:45 CONTEMPORARY SVC – SANC 1:00PM VOLLEYBALL 6:30 YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP 8:00 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL
MONDAY	2/26	6:00 PM CUB SCOUT WEBELOS 1 (4TH GRADE) RM 5 7:00PM SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 9-12) 7:00 TEA PLANNING MEETING - NURSERY 7:00 DIVORCECARE/DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS
TUESDAY	2/27	NOON BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE 6:00PM CUB SCOUT TIGERS (1ST GRADE) RM 7 6:00 CUB SCOUT WOLVES (2ND GRADE) RM 6 6:00 CUB SCOUT BEARS (3RD GRADE) RM 8 6:30PM DISCIPLE III 7:30 SAFE PLACE 8:00 MEN'S BASKETBALL
WEDNESDAY	2/28	6:00AM MEN'S BREAKFAST STUDY – NORCROSS 10:00 STAFF MEETING 10:00 LADIES SHARE GROUP 11:45 LENTEN LUNCH - NORCROSS 12:20PM LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - SANCTUARY 4:30 CHERUB CHOIR (4YRS TO 1 ST GRADE) 5:30 YOUTH BIBLE ST.– HERB. PARSONAGE 6:00 CLARION HANDBELL CHOIR 6:00 CONSTRUCTION WORK TEAM 6:30 ST. PAUL'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 6:40 CARILLON HANDBELL CHOIR
THURSDAY	3/1	6:00PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - NURSERY 7:00 SCOUT TROOP 33 – NORCROSS 7:00 CAROL CHOIR (2 nd - 5 th GRADES) 7:00 CELEBRATION CHOIR (6 TH – 12 TH GRADES) 7:00 BIBLE STUDY – PASTOR'S NOTES – LIBRARY 7:30 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – RM 6 8:00 CHANCEL CHOIR (10 TH GRADE – ADULT)
FRIDAY	3/2	9:00AM BULLETIN TEAM – LIB 6:30 PRAISE TEAM – SANCTUARY 7:00 KOINONIA VOLLEYBALL - NORCROSS 8:00 OCA – RM 6
SATURDAY	3/3	7:00AM MENS DISCIPLE – LIBRARY
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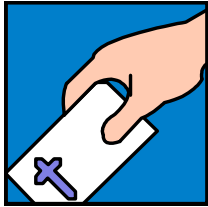
RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

For February 18, 2007

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	246	
Membership	543	
<u>Giving</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Expansion Giving</u>
Received last Week	\$5501	\$2,678
Needed per Week	\$9,766	
Deficit for 2007 (from budget goal)	\$4,705	

The amount shown as **Received last Week** reports envelope and loose offerings and does not include other monies received. **Received for January** includes only envelope and loose offerings for the month of January and does not include other monies received.

The **Deficit for 2007** is based on a comparison of our Unified Budget goal of \$507,845 versus actual income for the year to date. A plus sign (+) indicates givings have been more than was required to date to meet the budget goal.



Young Adult Group



This Sunday 2/25, the Young Adult Group will be meeting at 6:30pm at Billy and Adriane Shaffer's house. We will have Bible study/discussion followed by a time of fun fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Jana.

Creation 2007

Signup



Dates: June 27th - July 1st 2007

Estimated Cost: \$90 per person
(excluding food)

Contact: Amy

Kyle

Pre-registration required by March 1st to qualify for the \$90 fee. Price increases every month thereafter. Please sign up as soon as possible to allow us to obtain this pricing.

Any questions please contact Amy or Kyle

For more info on the Creation Festival go to www.creationfest.com and click on the Northeast festival.

LENTEN LUNCHES



Lunch is every Wednesday during Lent and will be from 11:45-12:15PM in Norcross Hall followed by devotions in the sanctuary. If you can't make the lunch you are still welcome to attend the Devotions in the Sanctuary starting about 12:20PM each week. If you are interested in providing soup or dessert for one of the weekly lunches please contact Ruth B.

Longwood Gardens Spring Flower Show

St. Thomas Lutheran Church Brunch Bunch is planning a bus trip to Longwood Gardens for the Spring Flower Show on Saturday, April 21st. The cost is \$52 which includes the bus, tickets to the Longwood Gardens and lunch. To sign up please contact Aileen Coleson at 732-458-0142 or Carol McClain at 732-451-0909. Signup and payment must be received by March 11, 2007.

Camden Mission Trip

This summer Saint Pauls will be joining other churches and individuals from around our area to spend a week (August 11th to the 18th) at Kids Alley in Camden. We will be supporting the ministry physically through construction projects, running VBS for the week and painting. But it is also always a joy to support Viv and the kids by showing that there are people who care about them and love them.

If you would like to be part of this trip (and there are LOTS of ways to be a part!) there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at the South Wall Firehouse at 7:00. You can either meet us there at 7 or meet us here at 6:30 and we'll be driving over in the vans. I hope to see you there!

Jen

Ocean County Board of Health Telephone Survey

During the dates of February 26, 2007 through March 30, 2007, the Ocean County Health Department will be conducting a telephone survey of county residents that will gather information as we look to create a healthy community and better quality of life for our residents.

The telephone survey, officially titled the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes and ask questions on the health lifestyles of the individual being interviewed. All survey responses are kept confidential and each person's input is very important as the results will greatly help the Health Department in deciding what programs and services are needed in the community.

IN FAITH WE GROW STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Financial Update Regarding the 20 Year Mortgage:

Monthly mortgage payment.....\$9,637.03

Expansion givings for Jan.....\$10,909

30 year mortgage with an interest rate of 5.75%

Today's Reading: Law 21: The Law of Sacrificial Example

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37, Mark 12:43-44

Key Thought: The most significant gifts are often given by the most insignificant givers.

Today's Reflection

A despised Samaritan. One of the most insignificant people in the scheme of life 2,000 years ago. But his example of sacrificial giving continues to inspire believers two millennia later. The Samaritan's philosophy - What's Mine is Yours - permeated his actions and his attitudes. His behavior set an example we are to follow today as we live out the Law of Sacrificial Example in our stewardship. Our challenge is to look at our lives and ask honestly, what would God have me give sacrificially for His sake? There are people in desperate need today - physically, emotionally and spiritually desperate - and God uses people to meet such needs. As the Samaritan's actions saved a man's life, we too can be instruments used of God in His miraculous work of redemption. As true believers it is imperative that we look at all of our resources and say resoundingly, Lord, What's Mine is Yours! This must be our philosophy, for without this spirit of sacrifice we cannot and will not mature and succeed spiritually.