

# Nativity Lutheran Church

## Weekend Newsletter

February 13 & 14, 2010



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*Nativity's Mission Statement: Nativity is a hospitable congregation sent by Jesus Christ to be disciples who will make a difference by bringing God's love, hope, joy and peace to the world.*

### Scripture Reading for the Weekend of February 20 & 21 Luke 4:1-13

#### **Tested in the Wilderness**

In this text Jesus here settles issues as good rabbis did, by appeal to scripture. But this text also shows that Jesus does not just use scripture to accommodate contemporary views of its authority; he uses it as his authority and the final word on ethics even when dealing with a supracultural adversary. (It should go without saying that the original writer and readers would have viewed the devil as a literal, personal being; some modern readers' figurative treatment of the devil as a generic symbol of evil reads into the text something entirely foreign to it.)

The two texts from Deuteronomy (16, 8:3) cited here (4:4, 12) were commands given to Israel when Israel was tested in the wilderness. Unlike Adam, another "son" of God who sinned (3:38), Jesus overcomes the tests.

(Luke 4:1-2) Moses also fasted forty days and nights; Israel also was in the wilderness forty years. (Luke 4:3) The devil's first test of Jesus is the sort of feat ancient thought attributed to magicians, who claimed to be able to transform themselves into animals and to transform other substances, like stones into bread.

(Luke 4:4) Other Jewish circles (evident, e.g., in the Dead Sea Scrolls and later rabbinic texts) also used the phrase "It has been written" to introduce Scripture.

(Luke 4:6-7) The world did not technically belong to the devil (Dan 4:32), who owned human hearts and societies only as a usurper. The most he could do would be to make Jesus the political, military sort of Messiah most Jewish people, who expected a Messiah, were anticipating.

(Luke 9-11) The devil takes Jesus to a part of the temple overlooking a deep valley; a fall from there would have meant certain death. Later rabbis acknowledged that the devil and demons could handle Scripture expertly; here the devil cites Psalm 91:11-12 out of context, because 91:10 makes clear that God's protection is for events that befall his servants, not an excuse to seek out such dangers.

(Luke 4:12) Jesus cites (Deuteronomy 6:16, which refers to how the Israelites had tested God at Massah by refusing to accept that God was among them until he wrought a sign for them.

(Luke 4:13) To most ancient readers, the devil's departure would have implied at least his temporary defeat (cf. the Testament of Job 27:6)

#### **Music for the Weekend:**

**February 20 & 21** our New Liturgy Begins! Nativity Choir will sing at the 9 & 10:30 a.m. services. There will be soloists on Saturday night and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday with members of Nativity Jazz.

**February 27 & 28** "Building Bridges" music of connectedness. The Voices of Men will be singing.



## Meet Justin Dittrich

Welcome to Justin Dittrich. Justin will complete his seminary training with a 6 month internship at Nativity. His responsibilities will include worship, pastoral care, and outreach. Justin and his spouse Brenda have been a part of Nativity since 2001. Their 6 year old son Isaac attends Nativity Child and Family Center. Justin loves music, fishing and the outdoors. “It has been great to be a part of the worshiping community at Nativity and I am honored to join Nativity in a new way and to help lead and learn from who Nativity is.”

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## Lent 2010 Begins

The word “Lent” means wellspring, a symbol of renewal. Like a cup of cold water that quenches a thirst, Lent is a time in the church year that quenches our spiritual thirst. It is a time to allow God’s Grace to replenish our spirits.

During Lent we will focus on prayer. Using a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, the Lord’s Prayer, we will explore what is prayer, why should we pray, how should we pray and how does prayer work. In fourteen short lines, the Lord’s Prayer contains the heart and soul of Jesus’ teaching.

We will use two books, the Bible, specifically Matthew 6:9-15, and “Lenten Journey: 40 Days with the Lord’s Prayer” as our study guides for Lenten services and small groups. If you are interested in joining a small group or would like to start your own, contact Pastor Glenn or sign up at [www.nativitychurch.org](http://www.nativitychurch.org).

### **Ash Wednesday, Feb 17, 2010-11:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Our journey begins with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Our text is Matthew 6:5-13 and our theme; “Lord teach us to pray.”

### **Feb 24, March 3,10,17 & 24**

#### **11:45 a.m. Worship**

A 30 minute service of traditional hymns, and prayer.

#### **7:00 p.m. Worship**

Lucernarium, an ancient service of light and darkness, using calming chant and quieting prayer will sooth the senses and quiet the mind.

**Easter 2010****You Are Invited To The Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ  
Bring a Friend To Share In The Hope and Joy****Saturday, April 3-5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4-8, 9 & 10:30 a.m.**

All Easter Services will come alive with the brass quintet *North Shore Brass* led by the premier trumpet of Pam Humphrey. During the 9 & 10:30 services the same service will take place in two locations, the main worship area upstairs and in the fellowship hall downstairs. The 9 & 10:30 services will conclude with a mass choir singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus where people in the pews are invited to join the choir. All services will include Holy Communion.

**Resurrection of Jesus Christ—Story Summary**

After Jesus was crucified, Joseph of Arimathea had Christ's body placed in his own tomb. A large stone covered the entrance and soldiers guarded the sealed tomb. On the third day, a Sunday, several women (Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna and Salome are all mentioned in the gospel accounts) went to the tomb at dawn to anoint the body of Jesus.

A violent earthquake took place as an angel from heaven rolled back the stone. The guards shook in fear as the angel, dressed in bright white, sat upon the stone. The angel announced to the women that Jesus who was crucified was no longer in the tomb, "He is risen, just as he said." Then he instructed the women to inspect the tomb and see for themselves. Next he told them to go inform the disciples.

With a mixture of fear and joy they ran to obey the angel's command, but suddenly Jesus met them on their way. They fell at his feet and worshiped him. Jesus then said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. There they will see me."

When the guards reported what had happened to the chief priests, they bribed the soldiers with a large sum of money, telling them to lie and say that the disciples had stolen the body in the night.

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the women near the tomb and later at least twice to the disciples while they were gathered at a house in prayer. He visited two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus and he also appeared at the Sea of Galilee while several of the disciples were fishing.

**Points of Interest from the Story:**

- There are at least 12 different appearances of Christ in the resurrection accounts, beginning with Mary and ending with Paul. They were physical, tangible experiences with Christ eating, speaking and allowing himself to be touched.
- Jesus' resurrected body was different from his physical body. It was no longer subject to the same laws of nature. He could transcend locked doors, and yet he could still be touched and he could eat.
- Before Jesus ascended into heaven he gave the Great Commission, telling his followers to go and make disciples of all nations.
- The stone was not rolled away from the tomb so Jesus could get out. He was able to walk through walls (John 20:19) in his resurrected body. The stone was rolled away so that everyone could see that he was risen.

**Weekly Creation Care Calendar from the Environmental Stewardship Team**

Each week during Lent, Nativity’s Environmental Stewardship Team will provide a weekly creation care calendar based on “Tread Lightly for Lent,” an adaptation of a stewardship calendar from the Presbyterian Church USA. This Lenten Calendar urges us to take our spiritual discipline of prayer and meditation of Lent a step further: to reduce those practices that damage the earth, while learning about earth care issues and taking action that will honor Christ’s teachings about care for creation. These actions are simple, and even trying one change a week can make a difference.

<b>Feb 17(Ash Wednesday)</b>	<b>Thursday, Feb 18</b>	<b>Friday, Feb 19</b>	<b>Saturday, Feb 20</b>
Pledge to <b>save energy</b> at home during Lent. Go to <a href="http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html">www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html</a> to calculate your home’s carbon footprint & learn how to reduce it.	<b>Wash clothes with a full load and use cold water.</b> Washing full loads can save 3,400 gallons of water a year. Heating water accounts for 90% of the energy your washing machine uses.	Pledge to not drink from a disposable water bottle during Lent. <b>Carry a reusable water bottle with you.</b> Keep this up after Lent!	Ask your grocery store to supply more <b>locally grown food.</b> This will support local growers & cut down on carbon emitted to transport the food.

**Lenten Meals**

On Wednesdays during Lent Nativity will be serving meals:

After 11:45am service: soup, bread, fruit, dessert and beverage for \$3 per person

5:30 p.m. prior to the 6:30 p.m. service: menu will vary, for \$5 per person. (Please sign up for supper meal at the front desk no later than Tuesdays.)

**Adult GAMENIGHT Replay!**

We have an inexpensive way to have fun with positive people. Join our “last Sunday of the Month” group as we laugh playing Catch Phrase or any variety of games you would like to play and share. Share a favorite snack and Let the Good Times Begin! Ages 21-100! Sundays, Feb 28, March 28, April 25, May 24, 6:00-8:00pm. If you have questions contact Kirsten at [kirstene.fisher@yahoo.com](mailto:kirstene.fisher@yahoo.com).

**Expanded Choir Opportunities**

The Seasons of Lent and Easter bring many reasons to sing. From the prayerful reflections of Lent to the joy-filled Alleluias of Easter, the soul sings its songs to God.

**All are invited to sing.**

**Maundy Thursday Service: April 1st, 7:00 p.m.— “Agape” by Marty Haugen**

**Easter Weekend: April 3 & 4**

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m. & Sunday, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Rehearsals—Wednesdays after Lent services (8:00 p.m.) March 10, 17, 24 & 31**

## **What are we being called to do? Nativity Goal Setting 2010...**

As we begin a new year, set goals for ourselves, and maybe work on some resolutions, Nativity Church is doing the same. For 2010, Nativity Church has 3 goals that were set by our council and will be developed by staff members, leaders, the congregation and possibly those that aren't even here yet.

**Goal 1**-Increase worship attendance by 5% in 2010

**Goal 2**-We will see 7 new small groups develop in 2010

**Goal 3**-There will be 100 people that will go through the STAR or YCMAD program.

All of these goals achieve a shared objective, sharing with more people, more often, the Word of God. Isn't that really our purpose for being, making disciples and being disciples?

Planning has already begun. Things you will notice this year are; more special events in worship, training program for small group leaders, discussion or groups that YOU will be interested in joining and different opportunities to grow your relationship with Jesus.

We invite and encourage you to share this journey together. Opportunities to join discussion groups/ small groups will be popping up, watch the bulletin and newsletters? If you haven't taken YCMAD or Step-up classes, please consider it this year. Sign-up can be done at the welcome desk, on-line at [nativitychurch.org](http://nativitychurch.org) or by talking with Pastor Glenn or Jan Frederickson.

## **What Can I Do For the Rest of My Life or At Least Until Wednesday? Come To "You Can Make A Difference" To Find the Answers.**

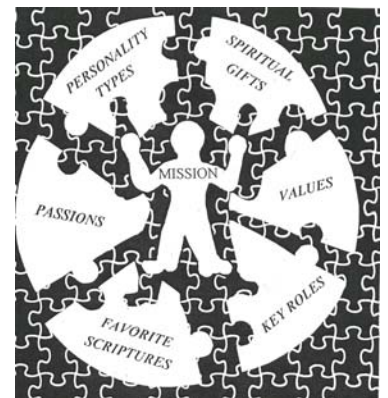
Over the years that Nativity has offered "You Can Make A Difference" many people, both members of Nativity and others, have found where their life is leading them and how.

The classes are kept small to accommodate better interaction in the group. You will explore your personality, gifts, passions, core values and how that affects the decisions you make and how you handle all types of situations. Join in the Summer Workshop to discover or rediscover how God has created you and for what purpose.

Summer Workshop: Five Wednesday Evenings, 7-9pm

July 7, 14, 21, 28 & August 4

Suggested donation for materials: \$20. Optional Myers Briggs Step II: \$35. For questions or to register: Jan Frederickson, 612-781-2766 x1007  
[jfred@nativitychurch.org](mailto:jfred@nativitychurch.org)



**How Can I Continue on My “Journey of Discipleship”?**

**Step-Up Introduction to Nativity Lutheran Church**

Spend an hour of your time learning what Nativity is all about and the opportunities Nativity has for you and your family.

Next Sessions:

Sunday, Feb. 14—10:30-11:30am

Saturday, March 13—4:15-5:15pm

Sunday, March 14—10:30-11:30am

Sunday, April 11—10:30-11:30am

Sunday, May 9—10:30-11:30am

**Let Nativity help guide you as you move forward in your faith!**

**Come to one or all sessions. Everyone is welcome.**

**“Transform” Session**

Practical hands-on event to discover the six habits of faith and personalize them for your own life.

Saturday, April 10, 9 am-12 pm

**“Affirm” Session**

Discover your spiritual gifts and passions.

Saturday, April 17, 9 am-11 pm

**“Reach Out” Session**

Define your core values, discuss what a mission is and write a mission statement.

Offered as needed.

For more information contact: Jan Frederickson, 612-781-2766 x1007, [jfred@nativitychurch.org](mailto:jfred@nativitychurch.org)

**Thank You...**

Thank you to all who gave Nativity Church a memorial gift in memory of **Harold Seefeldt**. Harold passed into eternal life on December 3, 2009. Harold is the father of our Senior Pastor Glenn Seefeldt. His funeral was held in New Fane, Wisconsin at his home church, St. John’s Lutheran Church on Dec. 6, 2009.

Gifts in memory of Harold went to the Kristin Seefeldt endowment fund at Nativity. This endowment fund provides college scholarships each year to Nativity students.

It is impossible for me to adequately portray how truly grateful I am for your partnership; but, I will still try...*Thank You*. Your recent gift for our food shelf will make an immediate difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for what you do.

Kelsey L. Mattison  
The Salvation Army

Thank you for your donation of \$72. For every \$4 that is donated, one family will be sent a message of hope by being mailed a dragonfly packet. We thank you for your generous donation to The Dragonfly Project.

Cheryl Seefeldt  
Board Member

On behalf of the Office for College Ministries and the Luther College community, thank you for your participation in the EPIC (Educational Partners in Covenant) program. We are particularly grateful for your congregation’s support of \$1,350.00 to Emmalee Johnson and Matt Olson. Through EPIC, Luther’s matching grant program, the college has matched up to \$750 for each student and has applied the correct amount to the recipient’s student account(s).

Mike Blair, Campus Pastor  
Luther College

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**Thank you...** (continued from Page 6)

Dear Glenn, Thank you so much for remembering me at Nativity during my illness. (I'm now in remission, thankfully!) I truly appreciated the prayers and also the holiday cookies from the circle. Best regards,  
 Sally Thompson

A HUGE Thank you to the participants of Nativity's Gathering—for the twelve chairs and new TV being used in Room 213. The Gathering is a respite and support group for those experiencing memory loss and their care givers. It is supported by Anoka County Unity Hospital and Nativity Lutheran Church. If you have questions please call Eva, Parish Nurse and gathering coordinator at 612-781-2766.

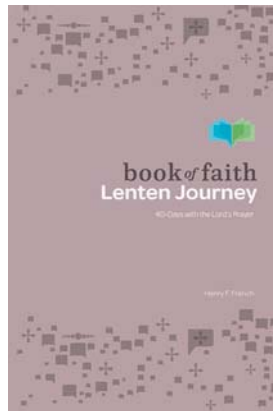
Thank you all so very much for your generous donation of phone cards to SAYFSM clients. Your gift allowed African immigrants and refugees to call home during the Christmas holiday. Each person was able to talk to loved ones in Africa for at least 12 to 18 minutes for a total of 2,560 minutes! This is a most appreciated gift, especially dear to those whose loved ones are so far away. Thanks to your generosity, spirits were lifted and God's love made evident. Thank you also for the \$1,272 from Blessings Weekend contributions. The funds ensure that SAYFSM continues to provide African immigrants and Refugees with critically needed services. Thank you for your continued commitment to SAYFSM and the people we serve. Sincerely,  
 Ephraim Olani, SAYFSM

**SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB**

Next Get Together: May 6, 6:30 in Room 218  
**Welcoming the Stranger Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate**

Matthew Soerens and Jenny Hwang  
 (Books are available at reduced prices in the Nativity Book store)

Immigration is one of the most complicated issues of our time, with voices on each side arguing for action and change. Christians find themselves torn between the desire to uphold laws and the call to minister to the vulnerable. The authors move beyond the rhetoric to offer a Christian response to immigration. They point towards immigration reform that is compassionate, sensible and just, as they offer concrete ways for Christians and local churches to welcome and minister to our immigrant neighbors.



**Today is the Last Day to Reserve Your "Book of Faith Lenten Journey: 40 Days with the Lord's Prayer"**

The *Book of Faith 40-Day Lenten Journey* is a devotional resource connecting forty personal daily readings and weekly worship with the study of Scripture. The forty devotional readings included are structured around seven key petitions of The Lord's Prayer. The 40-day journey will help engage everyone in devotional reading of Scripture.

Reserve your book today, online at [www.nativitychurch.org](http://www.nativitychurch.org), sign up in the notebook on the Welcome Desk or respond in the weekend yellow sheet.

When the books arrive, they will be sold from the bookstore.—Cost: \$8.



So, you're sitting reading this newsletter in church this morning and your stomach is making these terrible growling sounds. Then it hits you...There's a Pancake Breakfast downstairs served by the youth. So, what's stopping you? Well, you should at least wait until the Pastor is through with his sermon before you leave.

Join Us For A Fundraising Pancake Breakfast for  
Nativity's Youth Mission Trip  
Sunday Morning, February 14  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 adults; \$4 for children under 10  
Menu: Pancakes, Sausages, Fresh Fruit, Juice/Coffee & Milk

## PopTops

An Intergenerational Forum that meets at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

### February 14 - *"The Prodigal Son in Bible/Art"*

Presenters: Robert and Lucy Brusic

Powerful and engaging! One of Jesus' most familiar parables has caught the imagination of many artists throughout Christian history and from many cultures. Using selections from the noted Jerry Evenrud collection, this verbal and visual presentation will share some of the rich variety of interpretations. Pastor Brusic (former campus pastor at Luther Seminary) has worked with his wife Lucy to produce the beautiful book *"And Grace Will Lead You Home"*. Some of us saw this presentation at LEAFs and want our friends to hear and see.

### February 21 - *"FOOTSTEPS, A Journey in Faith"* (DVD and discussion)

12 metro area religious leaders of Jewish, Islam and Christian faiths travel together to the Middle East to learn more about their own faith and religious tradition, and to understand each

other's faith and strengthen the bonds between them. Does life ever go the way we expect?

### February 28 - *"Celebration of Life" Funerals*

Presenter: Pastor John Almlie

With different choices for funerals these days are you prepared to make the arrangements for your own or a loved one's final resting place? What do you do when a child dies unexpectedly, who do you turn to for help?

Pastor John Almlie will speak on the funeral arrangements which the minister helps you with, and Pam Jacobsen, a prearrangement consultant, will speak on what arrangements the funeral home helps you with.

### March 7 - *"The Creator and Creation"*

a lesson from *"And God Saw That It Was Good"* a Christian education course accompanying the PBS series *"The National Parks: America's Best Idea."* The session will include viewing an excerpt from the series, and discussion of how the national parks protect special places in God's creation, and how protection of such places is significant to our relationship with God.

**LEAFs—Life Enrichment Adult Forums**

Feed your spirit, mind and body at LEAFs. You'll meet and hear authors, poets, musicians, Bible scholars, health experts and more.

- Mondays, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 24—9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Includes coffee break and lunch)
- Locations: April 12 & 26 at Nativity; May 10 & 24 at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.
- \$38 for the series or \$12 per session (advance registration) \$40 for the series or \$14 per session (at the door)

For further information or registration contact: Eva Addison at 612-781-2766 or St. Philip's Lutheran Church at 763-571-1500

**7th Annual Relay For Life—Kick Off Meetings Are Scheduled**

The Kick Off Meetings for the 2010 Relay For Life are scheduled on Tuesday, March 2, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Culver's in St. Anthony Village and Sunday, March 7, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Totino's Italian Kitchen on County Road 10 in Moundsvew. This year the location for Relay of Life will move from St. Anthony Village to Irondale High School track in New Brighton. The new location will hopefully encourage more people in the north central suburban communities to be a part of this amazing event. Growing out of the Relay For Life of St. Anthony Village, it's been renamed the North Central Suburban Relay For Life. This year promises to be another great event, involving even more people in our communities. If you have question go to [www.relayforlife.org/northcentralsuburbanmn](http://www.relayforlife.org/northcentralsuburbanmn) or contact P.J. Tombarge at 612-978-0110 or [tombarge@comcast.net](mailto:tombarge@comcast.net).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of learning, sharing, and fellowship as well as knitting and crocheting. We have patterns and yarns that are donated so if you don't have supplies, we can get you started. We meet in the Commons area. Our next gatherings are scheduled for: February 25, March 25, April 22



**Club 56 Chocolate Challenge Contestants**

Club 56 chefs display their treats in the battle of the brownies - our sampler dessert for the Club 56 Special Event with speaker Marilyn Sharpe followed by dinner on Sunday, Jan. 31st.

People tasted, voted and winners got mixing spoons (not a yacht or fancy car, as was suggested at the time)! Yum, yum, yum!

Chefs are (from left to right): Jacqueline Tomas, Olivia Eiesland, Kayla Wicklund, Annie Doolan, Abby Lay, (standing behind) Robbin Van Wyck, Makayla Anderson and Jonathan Edlund.



Faith Formation Grades 1 - 4

What were we up to in January? The story of David and Goliath from the Old Testament!

### Puppet Cast of "David & Goliath"

Puppets were arranged and photographed for each scene of the story.  
 "Curtain Call" photo above.

Cast:

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| David                       | Salt Shaker ("salts" Goliath instead of slingshot) |
| Goliath                     | Ketchup (bleeds at the end of the story)           |
| King Saul                   | Mustard (in bubble wrap armor)                     |
| Samuel the Prophet          | Dove Soap (prophets clean things up!)              |
| Jesse, father of David      | Large Vanilla Pudding                              |
| 7 Brothers of David         | Jell-O and Pudding, (handsome but all look alike)  |
| Abner, General to King Saul | Soup   |
| Army Men                    | Easter Egg Halves                                  |
| David's Sheep               | Picnic Tablecloth Holders                          |

Photographers: Tracey Thompson, Renee Wicklund, Jan Campbell

Coming soon to YouTube: Photos with narration! Watch for details as it may take me a while! - Tori Setterholm

**What's Happening At Nativity (February 14 through February 20, 2010)**

**Sunday, February 14**

- 8:00am Communion Worship Service
- 9, & 10:30am  
Worship Service
- 9 & 10:30am  
Nursery birth-3 years of age
- 9 & 10:30am  
Faith Formation for Children ages 3 years through 4th grade.
- 8:30pm Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- 9:00am PopTops
- 10:15am You Can Make A Difference
- 10:30am Introduction to Nativity
- 10:30am Single Women's Bible Study
- 10:30am The Spirit Liturgy Class
- 11:30am Club 56 Noon
- 4:00pm Book and Bible Study
- 4:30pm Club 56 Night

**Monday, February 15**

- 4:30pm ARTS
- 6:15pm Call Team
- 7:00pm Ephesians Study Group
- 7:15pm Adult Bells

**Tuesday, February 16**

- 6:30am Tuesday AM Breakfast Class
- 1:00pm Marthas and Mary's
- 6:45pm Stephen Ministry Training Class

**Wednesday, February 17**

- 9:30am Wednesday AM Bible Study
- 10:00am Morning Playgroup
- 11:45am Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- 12:15pm Lenten Luncheon
- 12:30pm Nativity Service Unit
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Lenten Dinner
- 6:00pm Nativity Singers
- 7:00pm Music Mix
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- 8:00pm Nativity Choir

**Thursday, February 18**

- 10:00am Nativity Play Group

**Thursday, February 18 (continued)**

- 10:00am The Gathering
- 12:30pm LSS Circle
- 6:30pm Love and Logic Class
- 7:00pm Global Folk
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts
- 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

**Friday, February 19**

- 7:45am Bulletin Stuffers

**Saturday, February 20**

- 9:00pm Stamping Stars
- 4:00pm Worship Music Rehearsal
- 5:15pm Nursery Birth-3 Years of Age
- 5:30pm Faith Formation for Children ages 3 years through 4th Grade
- 5:30pm Communion Worship Service

**Nativity Cares**

Next meeting - April 23 at 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Dorothy Rossling will be speaking about the microfinance program, her church, Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer, began a few years ago in Minneapolis. They did initial fund-raising, and work with a partner in distributing their loans. The loans are primarily to the immigrant community, a group of people who find it difficult to obtain credit. Her discussion, which will include time for questions, personal stories and the history of their progress. We will also loan some money through KIVA. Please invite a friend and find out what we do.

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**Deadline for articles for Weekend Newsletter are due Thursday mornings (10 days prior to the weekend the article will appear.) If you have questions contact Becky at ext. 1003.**