TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
It’s Good Lord to Be Here
February 13 & 14, 2010

AS WE GATHER: We all get caught up in our hectic lives and miss things. It’s part of the human experience. God clearly speaks to His people on the Mount of Transfiguration so we might not miss the fact that Jesus who humbly came to earth born of the virgin Mary was just not a special prophet, but none other than His beloved Son, “with whom he is well pleased.” Before Lent, when we focus on Christ’s suffering and death for our salvation, the Transfiguration keeps us on the right focus, that our suffering Savior is truly God with us, our Immanuel.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Almighty God, You sent Your beloved Son among us that we might listen to Him. Lift the veil of unbelief from our hearts, that, treasuring all You have given us in Your Word, we may be transformed by Your Holy Spirit into the image of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
THE DIVINE SERVICE

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Hymn of Praise, “Glory to God in the Highest”

HYMNS: 87, 83, 79

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

IN OUR PRAYERS: We pray that the Lord would grant better health to our members, shut-ins, and friends of Ebenezer, especially:

- Lowell Kassebaum, who had surgery this past week
- Jim Kormeier, who will have surgery this coming Thursday
- Marvin Kassebaum, who will have carpal tunnel surgery on Monday
- Bryan Adams, who had surgery this past week
- Judy Allmeroth, who had back surgery this past Tuesday
- Mary Ann Bellis, who will be undergoing cancer treatments.
- Mary Sprick, who will have kidney surgery this coming Thursday
- Darleen McDaris, who is still undergoing treatment for cancer
- All our shut-ins and members who have difficulty getting out in this winter weather – Leonard Brune, Elda Vohs, Ray and Irene Bargen, Edna
Deppermann, and Allen Gerdes at New Haven Care Center; Ken Obermann, at Grandview Care Center in Washington; Ada Groppe, who is living at the assisted living apartments at the New Haven Care Center; Harvey Schroeder, at the Veteran’s Home in St. James, Mo.; Delores Roehrs, who is at the St. John’s Mercy Skilled Nursing Center in St. Louis; Ruth Marks, Mildred Mann, Adeline Keune, and Ed and Ruth Gardner who are all still living at home.

- Beth Pelster, a former member who has health issues and is at .
- And all those we hold dear in our hearts.

- We pray for all the people in the country of Haiti, after the terrible earthquake that hit their country several weeks ago.

We ask the Lord to grant safe travel to Pastor and Margaret as they travel to and from Valparaiso University this weekend.

We ask God to bless the many agencies of the Lutheran Church that minister to the deaf, the blind, and those with special needs. For our Missouri Synod, District and Circuit officials and the Missionaries serving around the world, especially Robin McCoy in Thailand, John Strasen and Mike and Cindy Rodewald in Africa and the Missionaries in Haiti.
We ask the Lord’s Blessings to be upon all our
government officials and we pray for the safety of all
our law enforcement people, EMT’s, firemen, and our
men and women serving in the Armed Forces around
the world, especially for Josh Bade, grandson of Albert
and Marilyn Bade who will be deployed to Afghanistan
in March.

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**Pastor and Margaret** are spending time at Valparaiso
University this weekend to celebrate Mary Beth’s 21st
birthday. We welcome **Rev. Dennis Schmelzer who is
leading our Saturday evening worship service and Rev.
Brandt Klawitter who is leading our worship service
this morning.**

We welcome all our guests that are worshiping here
with us today. We ask that you please sign the guest
register near the Church entrance with your name,
address and Church affiliation. Thank you!

**Ebenezer Mission Society Meeting:** Monday evening the
Mission Society will have their quarterly meeting at 7:30
p.m. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.
Plans will be made for our next sewing night or day.

**Lent begins this coming Wednesday, February 17th with
our Ash Wednesday communion services at 10 AM and
again at 7:30 PM.** Every Wednesday during Lent we will
have special services at 10 AM and 7:30 PM. The theme of
these services will be “Life Together”. We encourage all to attend these services.

**Chili Dinner** – The chili and soup dinner is planned for next Sunday, February 21st after Church. The menu is chili, turkey soup, hot dogs and ham. There will be a free-will offering to cover the expenses and the remainder will be used for our card project and dinners, especially for the Senior Citizen’s Christmas dinner. After the dinner, we will pack the special meal packs for the hungry children of the world. Please see the February newsletter for more information about this project.

**Please keep February 21st in mind – With God’s Little Ones Caring Hearts, Renewing Lives.** Next Sunday our Sunday School and congregation are invited to participate in a special activity to feed the hungry children of the world by making special meal packs. This will be a fun activity for all ages. This is an important mission project!

**Special Offering:** A special offering will be taken at the door to support our hunger project “God’s Little Ones, Caring Hearts Renewing Lives”. We have made a commitment to fill 10 boxes. At our last Voter’s meeting, the congregation voted to support this project. Our goal is to cover the costs of these boxes which will be $500.00.

**Picnic 2010** – The picnic this year will be Sunday, June 13th. The first Picnic Committee meeting will be this coming Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 PM. Anyone
interested in participating on the committee is welcome. We need ideas and help to make it successful. If you cannot attend, please call with your suggestions.

We will soon be recruiting workers for setting up prior to Picnic Day, during the picnic and cleanup afterward. The more folks who can work, the easier it is to get everything done so please save the dates on your calendar.

This is an opportunity for our members and friends to help our church with a day of great Food, Fun, and Fellowship. Contact persons are:

Bill Pohlmann (home) 573-237-3315 (cell) 573-694-3106
Susan Hoemann (home) 573-459-6603 (cell 573-776-3579)

Camp Trinity at New Haven is inviting all our youth in grades 6 – 12 and any adult leaders who would like to come along, to a Circuit Youth and Their Friends Gathering at Camp Trinity on February 26 & 27 beginning at 7:00 PM on the 26th. This event is being planned by Ruth Rethemeyer, Camp Director, Mr. Jim Meyer from Immanuel at Rosebud, and Brandt Klawitter. Anyone else wanting to join in on the planning is more than welcome. The cost of the event is $20 but they don’t want anyone not to be able to come to this event because of the cost. Someone has offered to provide the funds to allow them to come – so don’t let the cost keep anyone away, just let Ruth Rethemeyer 573-237-2072 know of the situation. Please see the bulletin insert. Registration deadline is 2/19.
“Helping Haiti” In addition to what our chapter may be planning to help earthquake victims in Haiti, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a national $3 million “Helping Haiti” effort at Thrivent.com/helpinghaiti. Thrivent will contribute up to $1 million, for every $2 in donations members make by March 31 to the following:
* Lutheran World Relief
* ELCA Disaster Response
* LCMS World Relief/Human Care
* WELS Committee on Relief

If you care to make a donation, you can put a check – payable to Ebenezer Lutheran Church, in the collection plate and we will send it on to one of the relief agencies. Thank you.

Those Serving Today
Organist Saturday – Jenny Huellinghoff
Organist Sunday – Ruth Marschel
Head Usher Saturday – Tracey Bade
Head Usher Sunday – Lawrence Pelster
Men’s Choir – “Lord It is Good to be Here”
Men’s Choir Director – Kathy Scheer
Altar Guild – Karen Scheer and Kathy Scheer
Acolytes Scheduled to Serve – Todd Hellman, Alyssa Bopp and Ryan Bunge

Our measure of love in giving at worship last weekend – Weekly envelopes $1,534.00; Plate $16.43; Sunday School $23.25; Food packet donation $5.00; Portals of Prayer $5.00; Lutheran Witness $15.00 Total $1,598.68. Church attendance Saturday 13; Sunday 95. Sunday School attendance 11 Children; 18 Adults.
This Week at Ebenezer Lutheran Church
Monday – Mission Society meeting 7:30 PM
Tuesday – Picnic Committee 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Ash Wednesday worship 10 AM and 7:30 PM
Confirmation 6:30 PM
Choir practice after 7:30 worship service
Thursday – Evangelism 7:30 PM
Saturday – Worship with Holy Communion 3 PM