

### **NOONDAY COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES . . .**

Are again being planned by the Ligonier Valley Association of Churches. They begin on February 17, Ash Wednesday, and continue for six Wednesdays. The first three will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, and the remaining three will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church. Each service will be followed by the traditional Lenten luncheon. The theme for this year's series is "From Fear to Faith: The Story of the Prodigal Son."

### **OUR TRADITIONAL "SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS" . . .**

Will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall here at St. James. They will be followed by a half-hour devotional service, which begins at 7:00 pm. The suppers begin on Wednesday, February 24. A sign-up list for folks to host each supper has been posted at the information desk. Please join in this time of Lenten fellowship.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER . . .**

Will be held Tuesday, February 16 at St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church, Rector. Pancakes, sausage, three delicious syrups and beverages will be served from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Suggested donation is \$8.00 – adults, \$4.00 – children under 10 years. Proceeds to benefit summer mission trip to Agua Viva Children's Home in Guatemala. *What is Shrove Tuesday? In the Middle Ages, Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day was a day of celebration as well as atonement since it is the last day before Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter & eggs, which were forbidden during Lent.*

### **A TRIP TO SEVEN SPRINGS . . .**

Is being organized for Sunday, February 28. SIGN - UP sheets with very specific details are in the back of the sanctuary. Skiing, tubing and snowboarding are all available. If you want to go to 7-Springs but are not interested in snow activities, please review the information on the sign up sheet. Interest for other activities will be gauged. This outing is NOT limited to St. James members. Please pass the word to family and friends. If you would like an electronic copy of the sign up sheet, please call K. George or M. Davies.

### **NEW TABLES FOR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL . . .**

In response to a recent appeal, members of St. James have contributed enough money to buy six new lightweight plastic tables for the fellowship hall. These have been purchased and are now in place. We will continue to replace the old tables as funds become available. We are now on the way to our seventh table, and will continue to receive donations for this project. Thank you to all who have supported this effort!

## **St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Ligonier, Pennsylvania



### **Parish Notes**

**Sunday, February 7, 2010**

The members of the family of St. James celebrate a Lutheran witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We worship and serve in response to God's love.

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### SERVING TODAY

Organist	S. Wolfe
Head Usher	W. J. Miller
Ushers	8:00 am
	10:45 am
Lector	8:00 am
	10:45 am
Altar Guild	J. Davies C. Lynn & L. Luptak

### WELCOME GUESTS!

A warm welcome to our guests! Your presence is appreciated as we give thanks to God for the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please sign the guest register and come back again soon.

### THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL . . .

Are given to the glory of God and in honor of the February birthdays of Lois, Kelly, Kirk and Daren, by C. Lynn.

### THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY . . .

Still offers several opportunities to sign up to support our worship at St. James. At this point we still need volunteers to serve as ushers at both the 8:00 am and 10:45 am services. Also, the bulletin donor sign-up for February is still available.

### THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING . . .

Will be held next Sunday, February 14, following the 10:45 am worship service. Annual reports are available for you to take after today's worship service. One per family, please. Please bring your copy back next week for the meeting.

### A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE . . .

For any little ones. Exit the sanctuary to the right, behind the divider.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, February 11	7:00 pm	Church Council
Sunday, February 14	8:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship
Wednesday, February 17 ( <i>Holy Communion</i> )	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, February 21 ( <i>Celebration Sunday</i> )	8:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship

### TODAY IS SUPER BOWL SUNDAY . . .

And so, on this day, many churches across the nation are joining to participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." This movement began more than 20 years ago with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "*Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.*" Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country. All gifts placed in the soup kettles here at St. James today will be given to the local food pantry program operated by the Ligonier Valley Association of Churches. Thank you for your generous support!

### IN RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI . . .

The profits from the Pork Chop Dinner in January are being sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, along with individual donations from church members. After expenses, the net amount from the dinner is \$862.00. Other donations to date total \$765.00. Thus, we will be sending in a total of \$1,627.00 this week. The need for contributions to the ongoing recovery will continue for months and even years, so the door is certainly still open for more donations. We will provide occasional updates on the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief in Haiti.

### THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

Begins in just 10 days! Next Sunday is the festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the final Sunday of the Christmas cycle in the church year. On that Sunday, we bid farewell to the joyous Alleluia, and look toward the Lenten season.

Lent, the 40 day time of preparation for our celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord, begins with the solemn observance of Ash Wednesday. Please plan to be present for our Ash Wednesday liturgy on Wednesday, February 17, at 7:30 pm. If anyone is willing to serve as lector for the service that evening, please notify Pastor Paul.