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The Messenger

*The newsletter of First Saint Paul's
Evangelical Lutheran Church*

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. *Isaiah 53.5*

ASH WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

*Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion, 7 AM & 7 PM
Soup Supper, 5:30 PM*

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

24 February, 3, 10, 17, 24 March
*Soup Supper, 5:30 PM
Lenten Evening Prayer, 7 PM*

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, 28 MARCH

Palm Sunday
*Procession of Palms & Holy Eucharist
8:30 & 11 AM*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 1 APRIL

Holy Communion, 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, 2 APRIL

Tenebræ, 7 PM

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, 4 APRIL

Easter Sunday
*Holy Communion, 8:30 & 11 AM
Easter Brunch*



**Worship
Schedule
For Lent**



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SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday
8:30 & 11 AM

Wednesday Spoken Eucharist
7 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

First & Third Sundays
8:30 AM
Second & Fourth Sundays
11 AM
Fifth Sunday
8:30 & 11 AM

ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

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Near North Singles

Vacant

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A WORD FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

LENT By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have begun our Lenten pilgrimage. This year the theme or emphasis in our midweek services is *BY HIS STRIPES: Healing Wounded Relationships*. Christianity is about relationships – our relationship with God and our relationships with others. If you haven't yet, then I encourage you to join us on Wednesday evenings for a Soup Supper at 5:30 PM followed by Evening Prayer at 7 PM. We will relate various events of our Lord's passion (suffering) and discover how He reclaims us and all our relationships. I will share insights from relationship expert Rev. Roger Sonnenberg as I seek to bring the powerful message of God's death-defying love directly into the family – God's family, and our own!

On Ash Wednesday we recalled Jesus' capture by the temple troops in the Garden of Gethsemane and considered the destructive pattern of escalation. On 24 February we witnessed the testimony against Jesus at his trial and considered the destructive pattern of invalidation. Now here is the schedule for the rest of the Lenten season. Midweek services during Holy Week also begin at 7 PM.

Wednesday, 3 March	The Destructive Pattern of Negative Interpretation
Wednesday, 10 March	The Destructive Pattern of Withdrawal
Wednesday, 17 March	The Secret of Not Having Unrealistic Expectations
Wednesday, 24 March	The Secret of Forgiveness and Absolution
Palm Sunday, 28 March	Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
Maundy Thursday, 1 April	The Institution of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 2 April	Jesus' Death on the Cross
Easter Day, 4 April	The Resurrection of Our Lord

SALE OF OUR TOWNHOUSE One of the goals we had in preparing the congregation for calling a new pastor was the sale of the townhouse. As you may know, it hasn't been used for the purposes for which it was purchased for many years. We are thankful that the decision was made by the Voters to sell it. And now that's the challenge before us. To sell it! Ideally it would be most advantageous if we could sell it soon. That would enable us to follow through on our intentions to offer the kind of support our new pastor, in all likelihood, will need. So I call upon our members and friends to pray that God will bless our efforts in that regard; that He will guide the Trustees and those who work with them to realize a sale without our having to substantially lower the current fair market value. So once again, please pray for this endeavor, as time is of the essence!

THE CALL As many of you know, the Call Committee and Elders are approaching the final stages of preparing to extend a Call. Soon, if not already, you will be hearing about informal evening Coffee Hours each with one of the chosen top pastoral candidates. Then you will have an opportunity to meet them and become personally acquainted. Watch the Sunday Parish Notes for the dates and times. It is your opportunity to be a part of the process of choosing which pastor will receive our Call this Spring. Above all, we bow to God's leading, and pray that He direct us to the man He has in mind for us.

See you in church,

Pastor Krause



Prayerfully
Moving Forward

CARING AND SHARING 2010

During the holy season of Lent, the community of faith at First Saint Paul's over the years has exercised one of the disciplines of Lent, namely, almsgiving. We have made special contributions under the theme "*Caring and Sharing*" to support a variety of ministries that serve our community and beyond. Annually we have raised between \$7,000 and \$15,000.

As you probably know last month Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offered a Challenge Matching Grant of \$10,000 for our Community Meals Ministry. The deadline is 31 March. That dovetails perfectly with the Lenten season this year. The Board for Social Ministry saw this as a unique opportunity to support our twenty-seven year Community Meals Ministry. As you may or may not know, we have experienced financial ups and downs through the years. And now during these difficult economic times, the challenge to make ends meet has only increased.

Therefore, the Board voted unanimously to set aside other ministries for the time being and devote all of our Caring and Sharing Offerings to this ministry under the theme, **Community Meals: A Christian Response to First Saint Paul's Neighbors in Need**. By doing so they hope our congregation will meet the challenge. It would be a tremendous blessing that they believe we should not pass up. So every Sunday in Lent we will have special presentations on various aspects of this special ministry. Here is the schedule for each week:

- 21 February: An introduction to the **management** of the Community Meals Ministry
- 28 February: Our **Guests** share their experience of our caring ministry
- 7 March: Our **Volunteers** speak about what it means for them to serve our guests
- 14 March: Our volunteer member, Dr. Covello, shares about her **Foot Clinic**
- 21 March: Our pastor shares about the **Prayer** and **Faith** nurturing that he offers
- 28 March: Our **Donors** speak about the meaning of their contributions

It is our prayer that all of our members and friends will choose to make their 2010 donations to this valuable ministry before 31 March. In that way, this ministry will be doubly blessed! Thank you for your caring and sharing!





February

FOR A SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES, SEE PAGE 2.

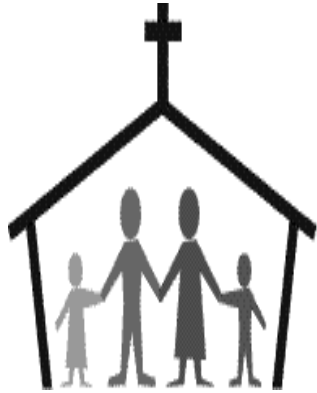
SUNDAY	14	9:45 AM	ADULT FORUM: "THE DIVINE CALL"
		9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
MONDAY	15	ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
		4 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS
WEDNESDAY	17	7 AM & 7 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
		12:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
		5:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER
THURSDAY	18	12 NN	50+ LUNCHEON GROUP
FRIDAY	19	7 PM	NEAR NORTH SINGLES BIBLE STUDY
SATURDAY	20	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #1
SUNDAY	21	9:45 AM	VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - BUDGET PRESENTATION
		9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
MONDAY	22	4 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS
		6:30 PM	COMMUNICATIONS WORK GROUP
WEDNESDAY	24	12:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
		5:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER
		7 PM	LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
SATURDAY	27	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #2
SUNDAY	28	9:45 AM	ADULT FORUM: "THE PRODIGAL GOD" #5
		9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

MARCH



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETS EVERY SUNDAY AT 4:30 & 6 PM AND EVERY MONDAY AT 7 PM.

MONDAY	1	4 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS
WEDNESDAY	3	12:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
		5:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER
		7 PM	LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
FRIDAY	5	7 PM	NEAR NORTH SINGLES BIBLE STUDY
SATURDAY	6	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #3
SUNDAY	7	9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
		9:45 AM	ADULT FORUM: "THE PRODIGAL GOD" #6
MONDAY	8	4 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS
		7 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY	10	12:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
		5:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER
		7 PM	LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
SATURDAY	13	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #4
		11 AM	FOOT CLINIC
SUNDAY	14	9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
MONDAY	15	4 PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS
WEDNESDAY	17	12:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
		5:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER
		7 PM	ADVENT EVENING PRAYER
THURSDAY	18	12 NN	50+ LUNCHEON GROUP
SATURDAY	20	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #5
SUNDAY	21	9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY	24	12:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
		5:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER
		7 PM	LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
FRIDAY	26	7 PM	NEAR NORTH SINGLES BIBLE STUDY
SATURDAY	27	9 AM	COMMUNITY MEALS TEAM #6
SUNDAY	28	9:45 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY	31	12:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY



Praying Through The Church

BECAUSE WE ARE A CHURCH FAMILY, a community of faith, we have a concern for one another, a concern that is expressed on Sunday mornings, as we pray for members of our church family 'by name.'

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER remembering the words of St. Paul the Apostle to Timothy, "I urge, then first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone..." and the promise

of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

WE ALSO ENCOURAGE members and friends of the congregation to make their prayer requests, births, illnesses, deaths, anniversaries, special occasions for intercession or thanksgiving, known to the pastor, preferably before the Sunday morning services, but in cases of emergency, right up to service time.

THE FOLLOWING FRIENDS & MEMBERS of our church family will be remembered in the services of worship during February and March. The non-member spouses of members are also listed, and even though not 'officially' members of our congregation, they are certainly included in our concern.

7 February - Ken & BJ Chakiris; Peter & Joyce Chan, Max and Patrick; Benjamin Chandler; Aretha Charles; John & Dorothea Chaveriat; Timothy & Canary Chia, Daniel and William

14 February - Ardell Chrapla; Judy & Christopher Chudek; William Clark; Paul Claybaker & Susan Smith, Stephen and Elizabeth; Kirk & Catherine Clousson; Therese Collings

21 February - Jean Conway; Mark & Jourdan Conzelmann and Susan; Albert & Bernadette Cook; Kelli Corkle & Deron Fuller and Emelia; Nick & Charlotte Covello, Hayden and Nicholas

28 February - Andrew Cutler; Terry Daehn; Arlene Dahm; Edward Dawson; Robert DeJesus; Christine & Jon DeVries; Jonathan Dedmon; Betty Dhondy; Erika Diaz; Bradley Dineen

7 March - Sara Dornacker; David & Lynn Dornblaser; Marilyn & Neil Dungan; Ted & Katie Eberspacher; Tom Edwards; Daniel & Rachelle Eifert, Jacob and Michael; Richard Eisenhardt

14 March - Jay Elder; Jon Elenius; Lance Erickson; Nathan & Amy Escue; Beth Esposito and Madeline; Paul & Darlene Fahrenkrog; Gary & Lori Flagler, Harrison and Abigail

21 March - Karissa Fortney; Mark & Dawn Franke, Erin, James and Lily; Joel & Julie Friend, Grace and Andrew; Tony Gadowski & Jill Stemmerman, Sophia and John; Catherine Gajewski

28 March - Sally Garneski; Michael & Elaine Gawlik; Kim Gillespie; Sarah & Matthew Glavin; Yvonne Gleitsman; Cindy Goers; Catherine Goldhaber; George Goodman and Christopher

Official Acts

Baptism:

12.5.09 Lucas Nickel

New Members:

12.13.09 Sara Myatt
Shawn Sackett
Beth Sartore
Nikki Waalen
Trevor Wolter



Our Church Family



Die Bahn nach Flensburg

Many years ago, I found myself tussling once more with my theological doubts as I watched the farm fields pass me by while riding the train between Kiel and Flensburg. I had always struggled to reconcile Kant's suggestion that to act morally one cannot be influenced by a benefit; (for example, not speeding for fear of a ticket is not moral behavior.) This premise seems so logical, but when applied to man's desire for salvation, it would appear to make it impossible to act morally while craving salvation.

I found my resolution as I watched the Lutheran steeples of post Christian Germany roll by in the distance. The answer was buried in John Calvin's (yes, not Luther, but Reformed) Instruction in Faith. You see our salvation is not and cannot be affected by good works. Our salvation is dependent alone by the Grace of God. As Lent comes upon us, we once again must remember it is Christ who atoned for our sinful state; there is no other route to salvation.

Why focus on good works and moral behavior at all then? Because our good works and morality are reactions to the incredible gift of Grace conferred upon us, not a bargain for it. In this light, a Christian can, in Kant's world act morally. Our behavior is not motivated by a desire for salvation, but our reaction to it!

So, what does this have to do with Stewardship? Plenty. Our zeal for our faith, and our appreciation for Grace waxes and wanes, not dissimilar to our church finances. Yet Grace, and the Church have remained steadfast. During Lent let us recall what it means to have been conferred Grace, and what our reaction should be to this gift. The Church was charged with, and has been the instrument of good works in reaction to and the reinforcement of our salvation. At First Saint Paul's, we are committed to be good stewards of the time and monies our membership freely gives. Let's individually and collectively use our church as an instrument of good works by giving in reaction to God's incredible gift of Grace. We want to keep our church and Lutheran theology relevant; we cannot become just another steeple passing in the distance.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Doug Harkness
Chair, Board of Stewardship

Around the District...

Battle of the Bands at Walther

On Sunday, February 28 at 4:00 pm, there will be a "Battle of the Praise Bands" at Walther Lutheran High School, 900 N. Chicago Avenue, Melrose Park, IL. Church praise bands will battle for your votes and bragging rights as the "Best Praise Band". Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and can be ordered by calling Belinda at 708-594-7924 or by emailing her at battle_of_the_band_tickets@yahoo.com. Ticket pre-order deadline is Sunday, February 21. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Programs at Grace Lutheran School, 4106 W. 28th Street, Chicago. Come join us for an afternoon of food, music and fun!



Treat Your
Marriage
To A Tune-Up



On a Marriage Encounter Weekend you can tune up your marriage and add **SPARK** to it. This happens in the privacy of your hotel room - just the **two** of you - between presentations given in a conference room. You will get to know each other - **better**. You can do it. Other loving couples have. If interested, please see below:

Next two Northern Illinois Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends: April 16-18, 2010, June 11-13, 2010; Schaumburg, IL

See: www.NorthernIllinoisLME.org for info or to apply.

Applications are due by: **March 12** or **May 7**.
Northern Illinois Lutheran Marriage Encounter

WINE TASTING & ART SALE FOR MISSIONS

The Friends of Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis IL invite you to attend a Wine Tasting and Art Sale on Saturday, February 27, 6-10pm, at 1401 W. Wabansia on Chicago's north side. Unity is the Southern Illinois District-LCMS Mission School, providing Christian education for 115 students in an economically depressed community. A variety of wines, art, and music will be provided. Voluntary donations will be received. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Belong to Jesus Scholarship Fund. Email pmiller@unityesl.org for more information and to RSVP. Visit the school's website www.unityesl.org.

The Board of Worship and Music wishes to thank Maurice Boyer and all the members of the choir for another memorable Christmas concert. A particularly beautiful new carol, *Welcome precious infant Lord* was introduced to us this year. It was written by our own David Rogner with music by Carl Schalk and arranged by Maurice Boyer. Such talent within our midst!

Our thanks also go out to Nick Covello, Darlene Fahrenkrog, Dan Hendricksen, Cheryl Kobetsky, Sandy Lawrence, Christine Lutze, Susan Morgan, Susan Rosborough, Tina VanYzendoorn and Melissa Wimer for their services in support of the concert."



Deacons Begin "Keeping in Touch" Calls

In keeping with their mission "to share information with members of the congregation concerning matters of Christian charity, fellowship, service and church support," First Saint Paul's deacons have begun a series of "Keeping in Touch" calls with members. The calls will provide members with an opportunity to ask questions about FSP activities, express their concerns, or request any specific prayer needs they might have. We want to keep in touch with our members in an effort to build a stronger sense of community within the congregation. Eventually we hope to reach everyone in the congregation with such a call. We hope if you receive one of these calls, that you'll be able to spend a few minutes of your time with us. Your currently elected deacons are: Barbara Hart, Elga Heintzen, John Mason, Jan Seefeldt, and Sandy Wilborn.

Call Committee News



The Call Committee is in the process of conducting first round telephone interviews with selected pastoral candidates. An information packet containing our congregational profile, worship folder, community service ministries, etc.

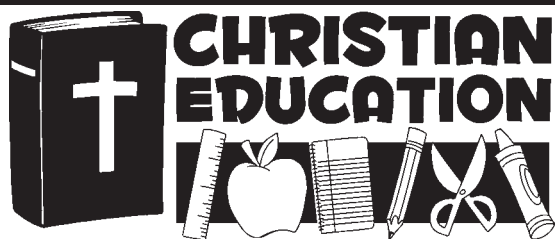
has been sent to each candidate prior to the interview (and serves as a point of discussion). The Committee is reviewing the information collected during our discussions and determining next steps. Additional interviews will occur throughout February with the hope of scheduling face-to-face interviews at some point in the Spring. We ask for your continued prayers in discerning God's will in calling our next pastor to FSP.

ARE YOU ABLE TO VOTE FOR THE NEW PASTOR?

To the question, "Do all members get to vote for the new pastor of our congregation?" the answer is "No." According to the constitution and bylaws of First Saint Paul's Church, members need to attend at least one meeting of the Voters' Assembly to have the right to vote. Only voting members are eligible to vote for the new pastor. If you are not a voting member and want to become one, you must attend a meeting of the Voters Assembly. Your next opportunity to do so is Sunday, 21 February at 9:45 AM in Fellowship Hall when the Voters' Assembly will convene for the presentation of the 2010 Church Budget.



**Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, 14 March**



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY The group meets for lunch (bring your own sack lunch) at 12:30 PM each Wednesday followed by a study of Daniel. All are welcome to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children 3 and older. Join in the fun every Sunday, from 9:45-11 AM. These weekly classes explore Old and New Testament stories about God's grace and redemption. Help your children learn early in life that God's love for them is great, covers a multitude of sin, and is everlasting. Join us each week on the south side of Fellowship Hall.

TODDLIN' TO JESUS for parents and their toddler's 0-3. Julie Friend leads these classes which are designed to build up the necessary parenting skills related to Spiritual nurture and development of the young child. Attend these free classes and leave with songs about Jesus on your heart and lips.



Near North Singles Bible Study

Peter wrote his first epistle to give hope and encouragement to Christians enduring trials and persecutions. Are you in need of hope and encouragement in the midst of your trials? Near North Singles will gather for a five-session Bible Study on the book of First Peter. One session will be devoted to each chapter of this five-chapter epistle. The study will be led by David Rogner, elder at First Saint Paul's and Professor of English at Concordia University.

The study will take place in the church lounge on five Friday evenings—19 February, 5 March, 26 March, 9 April, and 23 April. You do not have to commit to every session; attend as many as you are able. The group will meet for Bible study from 7-8 PM, followed by a trip to a local pub or restaurant for food and fellowship. Join with other singles at First Saint Paul's as we support each other in faith and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community.

"WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING..."

A message every adult should read, because children are watching and doing as we do, not just as we say.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

Each of us (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher or friend) influence the life of a child. How will you touch the life of someone today?

Taken from Lutheran Church Charities Key Connections Newsletter

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Financial Report

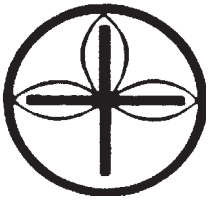
	<u>Actual 2009</u>	<u>Our Budget 2009</u>
<i>Operating Account: Funds Available 01/01/09:</i>	75,461	
<i>How much we raised:</i>		
Worship contributions	314,593	385,000
Facility rental income	7,156	5,300
Investment Income	<u>3,354</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>325,103</u>	<u>394,300</u>
<i>How much we Spent:</i>		
Administrative and Stewardship	13,522	17,260
Communications and Outreach	9,365	11,150
Education and Fellowship	3,850	9,125
Facility Expenses	95,980	104,300
Synodical Commitment	5,000	5,000
Music and Worship	5,187	7,350
Office Expenses	9,931	9,762
Personnel and Employee Benefits	212,873	232,835
Social Ministry	<u>302</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>356,010</u>	<u>397,282</u>
<i>Operating Account: Funds Available 12/31/09:</i>	44,554	
<i>Designed Funds Balances 12/31/09:</i>		
Altar Guild Fund	2,641	
Angel Restoration Fund	1,355	
Christian Education Fund	6,196	
Christmas Concert Fund	7,791	
Community Meals	5,513	
Computer Fund	564	
Creche Fund	2,110	
Mission 2008 / 2009	2,348	
Liturgical Arts Fund	2,650	
Music Program Fund / Speical Music	14,343	
Oktoberfest	(100)	
Preserving God's House Capital Fund	44,229	
Sunday School & VBS Fund	3,039	
Youth Group Fund	1,098	
Other Restricted Funds	<u>(215)</u>	
<i>Total Funds 12/31/09:</i>	138,117	



Financial Report, continued

	Actual 2009
<i>Properties less mortgage:</i>	
Land and Buildings - Church Property (Cost)	450,000
Land and Buildings - Parsonage (Cost)	656,600
Mortgage Payable - Church Extension Fund	(318,108)
Total Net Assets 12/31/09:	926,609
<i>Other Contributions Received:</i>	
ABEK Community Development Project	1,062
Chicago Uptown Ministry	351
Christmas Concert Fund	7,695
Chicagoland Lutheran Education Fund	705
Community Meals (including Thrivent matching funds)	26,447
Deaconess Fund	935
Lutheran Child & Family Services	398
Lutheran Church Charities	265
Lutheran Hour	200
Lutheran World Relief	1,677
Mission 2009	2,354
Music Program Fund	320
Oktoberfest	7,492
Preserving God's House Fund	4,320
Prison Ministry of Hope	836
Seasonal & Special Music	2,890
Synod/District Missions	110
Sunday School & Vacation Bible School	2,632
Voss Ordination	2,838
Wednesday AM Eucharist	499
Wunders Cemetery	2,838
Total Other Contributions 12/31/09:	66,864





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