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NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

To cut down on printing and mailing costs of the newsletter we ask that you receive it online, if possible. We will save postage and you will receive your newsletter in a more timely fashion. Please notify the church office to be removed from the hard copy mailing list. Thanks!!

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of every month.

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February Worship Settings

February 1 ELW 8
February 8 Chicago Folk
February 15 ELW 1
February 22 ELW 3

Sunday Worship Times

Sunday Mornings 9 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Crossings Worship 6 p.m.
potluck meal 1st Sunday of the month.

Installation & Welcome

You are invited to a Celebration Service of Installation and Welcome for the Rev. John Ridenour on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at 2:00 PM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4000 Clayton Road, Concord, CA. Reception to follow.

CPR Saturday

February 7
A CPR class is offered by the Yolo County American Red Cross on Saturday, February 7, 9 AM - 4 PM at the Davis Fire Department, 530 Fifth Street. The class will cover adult, child and infant CPR with a one year certificate. Cost is \$35 per person. Register on-line at yc-arc.org or phone 662-4669, by February 6.

-Hilda Kurowski

Gualala Worship Retreat

On February 8th, some members of the choir and other DLC folks will join the members of the Lutheran-Episcopal Mission in

Gualala for services. We lead the liturgy and music, and former pastor of DLC, Pastor Dick Smith will preach and preside. Andy Lang is arranging housing at a reasonable cost for one to three nights. Anyone who is interested in participating in this weekend, please contact Mary Lowry or Andy Lang.



Great Gratitude . . Great Giving

More than 400 volunteers rang the bells for more than 500 hours in the 2008 Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign.

Even more impressive, \$23,579.82 was donated into the kettles. In addition, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans committed \$1,380.00 to the cause.

From 5 year old children to 90 year old seniors, from singers to instrumentalists, from pennies to dollars to checks for \$300.00 . . . it all added up to demonstrate, once again, that people in Davis are generous with time and money.

Groups participating, in addition to individuals with no group alignment, included: The Church of St. Martin - Episcopal, Davis Ace, DHS' Key Club, DHS' Student Body, Davis Host Lions Club, Davis Lutheran Church, Davis Kiwanis, First Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club of Greater Davis, LDS Church - Wards I and II, Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Noon Rotary Club, St James Church Women's Guild, Salvation Army Board, Soroptimist International, - Noon and Evening Groups, STEAC, UCD's Circle K Club, Yolo County Board of Realtors.

Sites: Davis Ace, Farmer's Market, Longs East, Nugget - Covell, U.S. Post Office.

The Salvation Army Board will meet in April to determine the distribution of the funds. Members of the community are invited to offer input to Toni Smith, Chair: tsmith@djusd.k12.ca.us

Great Gratitude to all who staffed the buckets. Great Gratitude to all who stuffed the buckets. Great Gratitude from the many unknown whose lives will be touched by your gifts.

Sincerely,
John E. Moren, co-chair with
Dick Berry

Davis Chorale Vespers

The Davis Chorale will present a Vespers services on February 8, 2009. The concert will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 4th and C Streets in Davis.

The Vespers service will feature a movement of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Mass in B Minor," plus old and new sacred music sung by the Davis Chorale. Solos, duets and congregational singing lasting 45-50 minutes in duration are a part of the Vespers service. This service is free to

the public; however, donations are welcomed. For more information, call 530-756-3807.



Health Ministry Team News

Procedure For Emergency Response

The Health Ministry Team has written the following procedure for emergency response in the event of an emergency occurring during a worship service. Ushers, medical persons, and volunteers including those trained in CPR may respond according to the situation. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

USHER: Ask if a Medical person is present at the worship service. Assess for consciousness, breathing, pulse.

If needed, ask another USHER to call 911.

If needed, call 911, on the office phone, (not a cell phone as dispatchers have trouble finding the location of the caller using a cell phone.)

**State location:
Davis Lutheran Church
317 East Eight Street
Davis, CA**

And say what happened.

USHER OR VOLUNTEER: Locate wheelchair and blanket (in the church kitchen) and use as needed.

Support, if present, family member(s) of person who has emergency need.

If no family member is present, find/call someone to inform him/her what has happened. May have to go through wallet/purse to find phone number(s).

USHER: Notify parish nurse of incident, who will make follow-up phone calls to check on person who had emergency need and review the incident as to what was done and what should have been done.

Thank You

Phonecia Stone, Social Worker with the Adopt A Social Worker Group wishes to say thank you to all who gave Christmas presents to the Yolo County Foster children. They very much appreciated the gifts. Thank you for making their Christmas a little brighter. -Hilda Kurowski

Citizen's Who Care Winter Concert

The 2009 concert title is "May we be Frank? A salute to Sinatra". This 17th Annual Concert will be performed at the Vets Memorial Theatre in Davis on February 21-22. Every year the show features a live cast of excellent singers who have been seasoned in a wide variety of musical productions. Tickets to this live show are selling fast! For more information call 530-758-3704.

Save the Date

2009 St. Augustine Lecture

Mark Yaconelli has accepted our invitation to give our St. Augustitne Lecture. He will be here March 4-5. Mark is an expert on spirituality and ways to connect with God in your everyday life. He is also an incredible speaker and thus this will be a not-to-miss event here at the Belfry! Mark your calendars now and share it with your friends!

-Rev. Jocelynn Hughes,
Campus Chaplain

Adult Forum

Forum for 2009 offers a rotating format: Book Forum, Bible Forum, Open Forum, Social Forum, and the occasional Pastor's Forum. By offering a variety of topics, Adult Forum hopes to appeal to more interests in Christian education and fellowship.

On Book Forum Sundays (1st Sundays of the month) a DLC member will lead an informal discussion of a book selected by the discussion leader. Attend even without having read the book to learn about books to read later.

On Bible Forum Sundays (2nd Sundays) Paul Meyerhoff will continue with the New Testament video series Adult Forum began viewing last spring.

Open Forum (3rd Sundays) will offer topical discussions. Topic may sometimes be arranged and announced. Most Sundays DLC members are asked to bring their own topics of interest for discussion.

Social Forum (4th Sundays) will be a time for fellowship. Sign-up in the Narthex to bring refreshments or share as the Spirit moves.

Pastor's Forum (5th Sundays or on occasion) is Pastor Jeff's opportunity to lead discussion.

February 1 - Book Forum – (see below)

February 8 - Bible Forum – New Testament video continues, lead by Paul Meyerhoff.

February 15 - Open Forum – Topic TBD.

February 22 - Social Forum

The February Book Forum (Sunday, February 1) selection will be Anne Lamott's book *Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith*, 2007, Riverhead Books. **Please obtain your own copy of Ms. Lamott's book.** This discussion will be lead by Diane Johnston in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Happy Reading!

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Pastor's Message by Pr. Jeff

When is Lent?

Calculating the start of Lent is linked to the calculation of when Easter arrives on the calendar. Easter is a "floating" holiday, meaning it is not a fixed date such as Christmas on December 25, or Independence Day on July 4. Many holidays float on the calendar for a variety of reasons. Thanksgiving is fixed in one sense in that it is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, but the date changes. President's Day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February, but again the date changes.

So how is Easter calculated and how is that date related to when Lent begins? Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon after vernal equinox. Given that formula you need to know a few more things, what is the vernal equinox and when is it? An equinox happens each year at two specific moments in time (not a whole day) when the center of the sun can be observed to be vertically above the earth's equator, occurring around March 20 or 21, the vernal equinox, and September 22 or 23, the autumnal equinox each year. So to calculate the Sunday of Easter you begin at March 20 or 21, then find when the next full moon will occur (which changes each year); the immediate Sunday that follows that next full moon, is Easter Sunday. The position of the sun in relationship to the earth, and the phases of the moon determine the date of Easter each year. A cosmic event, you might say.

What does this have to do with the start of Lent, and what is Lent? Lent is a season that is part of another calendar. A church calendar, or liturgical calendar, creates the seasons of a church year, which highlight and focus Christians on the life and events of Jesus Christ. The church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, usually in early December or late November. Lent is a season that is calculated to start based on the date of Easter each year. It begins on a Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, and is forty days long, not counting Sundays. If you notice in the bulletins, the Sundays listed during Lent are Sundays in Lent, not “of Lent”. Where Christmas has Sundays “of Christmas, and Easter as a season has “Sundays of Easter.” This year the start of Lent is February 25. Easter Sunday is April 12.

The purpose of Lent is preparation. The three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent are prayer (justice towards God), fasting (justice towards self), and almsgiving (justice towards neighbor). This season culminates with the retelling of the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Today, some people give up a vice of theirs; add something that will bring them closer to God, and often give the time or money spent doing that to charitable purposes or organizations. (<http://www.spirithome.com/lent.html>)

Loaded with lots of information about when and what Lent is, what does that mean about a willingness and readiness to live a faith journey through Lent this year? **It is one thing to know about Lent. It is another to live it.** In a world filled with “to do lists”, do the traditions of Lent have any room on your personal calendar? Is there time for prayer in your day? Can you “give up” something to gain a perspective on justice towards yourself? Do you want to allow the neighbor to enter your life by offering time, or money to serve the needs of others? Again, it is one thing to know about Lent, it is altogether something new and transforming to live Lent.

We will offer Ash Wednesday worship on February 25 to get us started. Each week during Lent, on Wednesday, we will offer a midweek evening prayer service and soup supper to sustain us during the week this season of Lent. These are opportunities to link you to the movement of the sun, the phases of the moon, the rhythm and patterns of our daily lives that are all formed by the gift of faith in Jesus. God is active and alive in your life, allow Lent to focus your life on the call to follow Jesus.

See you in church.

About Davis Lutheran Church

Davis Lutheran is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is located at 317 E. 8th Street in Davis, California.

Further information can be found at www.davislc.org. The office is open daily from 9 AM to 1 PM.



All are welcome in this community

Davis Lutheran Church *engaging God's people.*

DLC is committed to building sustainable, accessible, spiritually vibrant ministries.

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