
PEACE PIPELINE

*Our Motto: "This is the place where love reigns supreme,
God's love to us and our love to one another."*

March 2009

From the Desk of the Pastor "The 2009 Lenten Challenge"

*"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."
Psalm 42:5 NIV*

By the time you read this we will have celebrated the beginning of the Lenten season with the traditional Ash Wednesday worship service and imposition of ashes on February 25, 2009. Each Wednesday we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00pm to hear a word from the Lord to prepare us for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, all leading to the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Easter, Sunday, April 12. For some this Lenten journey may be like all others, yet I am convicted that given all that we face in our life, church, and community, the Lenten season of 2009 is totally different for many.

For many of us we carry within our mind and spirit hurt, doubt, and confusion, we face each day, week and month with uncertainty about our role, place and purpose and even at times we ponder if we can continue because the weight of it all is so great and increasing everyday. At times when you think you have turned the corner to a new day and beginning, around the corner you find more of the same or new and different things that make you shake your head and ask "why, Lord is this happening to me?"

If the above captures your sentiments or someone you know, you are experiencing the 2009 Lenten challenge. The question becomes what is one to do in the face of life experiences that can at times be overwhelming? From a spiritual perspective there is a hymn that captures a very important step for anyone discerning a proper response or action. The hymn, written by Rev. S. S. Morris, titled "Hush! Hush! My Soul," offers these words: *Hush! Hush! My soul be calm and still. Come, blessed Savior, enter in. Forgive our sins, heal our ills, give strength for tasks, give peace of mind, and make our spirits wholly thine. And we shall praise thee ever more. Amen, Amen.*

2009 Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesdays – March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 –
7:00pm Lenten Services

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday
worship at 8:00am and 11:15am

Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion Service – 7:00pm

Friday, April 10 – Good Friday
worship – Noon and 7:00pm

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise worship – 6:30am
Easter Breakfast – 8:00am to 9:15am
Sunday School – 9:30am to 10:30am
Easter Festival – 10:30am

Please invite your family and friends to join us as we travel the road with Jesus that led from suffering to shame to our salvation.

The above words from the hymn and Psalm 42:5 remind us in the midst of any and every storm as the people of God that we should seek our solace, peace and consolation in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Lenten season from its very beginning has been a time for us to pause and reflect not only on the challenges we face but to look to Him who is able to make a supreme difference for us. I invite you this Lenten season to follow where Christ has already led the way. For our Savior when he was here on earth faced a time of challenge, yet he faced and conquered, Satan and sin on our behalf so that our faith journey lead us to the victorious cross on which he died to procure lasting hope and salvation. Each Wednesday, join us at 7:00pm as we share life giving messages that empower us to deal with and overcome our 2009 Lenten challenges. To God be the glory!

Pastor Wiggins

Pastoral Thanks and Appreciation

I would like to thank the members and leaders who joined together on Sunday, February 15, 2009, to celebrate and give thanks to God for our 11 years together as pastor and congregation. I thank Rev. Dr. Frazier Odom, Interim Executive for the LCMS Board for Black Ministry Services for bringing us a powerful reminder from the word of God that the gospel we receive and share is the power of God unto salvation. I thank all who helped in anyway large or small, your efforts helped to make the day one we will not forget. I also thank everyone who contributed a monetary gift in celebration of our 11 years together. We collected over \$800.00. I have asked that all monetary gifts be given to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Southeastern District – special project to start new mission and ministry as a part of the Ablaze movement. May God continue to bless our efforts as we strive to be faithful in all that we do. To God be the glory!
Pastor Wiggins

Holy Land Trip

Rev. David Maack, Executive Director, Lutheran Mission Society, is leading a trip to Israel and Jordan on October 11-21, 2009. We will be visiting sites from Jesus' ministry as well as several Old Testament sites in Jordan. If you are interested in this trip of a lifetime, please contact Pastor Maack at (410) 636-0123 or e-mail him at dmaack@lutheranmissionsociety.org for more information.

All the ladies of Peace are asked to join with LWML and come together in prayer every Monday at noon: Dear Lord, as Lutheran Women in Mission, we come to you to ask your blessings on the work of your mission around the world. We humbly ask you to with our LWML leaders and members as together we follow the plans that will bring honor and glory to you. We pray this as we reach out to the world in your hold and precious name. Amen.

First Communion

Several of our young people received their first communion in January after attending first communion classes taught by me. They are: Jarrel Bailey, Michael Ford, Jr., Devin Lattimore, Taylor Reeder, Malachi Woodruff, and Lamont Young. We will publish each of their essays on the topic of what they learned in their first communion class in the Pipeline newsletter.

Pastor Wiggins

First Communion Essay: What is Holy Communion?

My name is Michael Ford, Jr., and I am about to take communion for the first time. I talked to my mom and dad about how they feel when they take communion and learned a lot about them. My mom says that it's her private time with God. It makes her remember what Jesus came to earth for and all the things we are supposed to do. It makes her feel good inside and helps her with her walk with God.

My dad says that he remembers his first communion and how proud his mom was when he was my age. He took a class every Saturday with his brother and cousins. He did not understand why grandma made him go until later in life, but he still felt good to see her in church that day smiling at him. Grandma didn't always go to church with dad and his brothers.

Dad says that I'm a lot smarter about church than he was when he was 10 years old. My mom and dad talk to me all the time about how I should act and what I should do in church. When we go up to take communion my mom says that I should pray to God and confess my sins. Sometimes I look at other people when they take communion. They look serious when they take the body and blood of Christ. Sometimes I wonder what they are thinking about while they are there. I hope they don't see me looking at them.

The reason I want to take communion is different now that I took Pastor Wiggins' class. At first I just wanted to be an acolyte and help my dad who is an Elder and help Pastor Wiggins on Sunday. Now I understand that taking Holy Communion is good for me. I can be close to God when Pastor gives me the body and blood of Christ. And maybe somebody will look at me one day and think why does he look so serious.

Michael Ford, Jr.

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Please remember our members below in prayer and send them a card:



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Tameka Keys	2	Jamal Pelt	17
Michael Carter	2	Deborah Reeder	18
Jazzmine Wesley	2	Clarissa Edmonds	19
Vallorie Coley	4	Romaine Peters	21
Rodneyka Nelson	4	Tyrone Cook	21
Constance Bronson	5	Shaniqua Boyette	21
Sydney Arrington	5	Asia Rodgers	21
Paula Matthews	5	Carnelia Austin	23
Veronica Moten	7	Courtney Bryce	23
Brittany Alexander	8	Taya Hunter	23
Vivian Scruggs	8	Linda Graham	25
Majorie Tyner	9	Meredith Lee	26
Brandon Bailey	9	Odell Lee	26
Rose Cherry	10	Prenell Jones	26
Mark Dooley	10	Johnetta Ferguson	27
Dorothy Spriggs	11	Lemuel (L.T.) Chalmers	29
Wonza Lawrence	11	Richard Peters	29
Lamont Russell	13	Antoine Proctor	30
Kianna Ward	13		
Lamont Young	14		



Vision: Compelled by the Holy Spirit and the WORD we exist to be a growing and maturing church and community for spiritual empowerment, transformation, and the renewal of God's people. (Revised January 4, 2007)

Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., Pastor

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Sunday School: 9:30 am; Adult Bible Class:
9:45 am

Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am

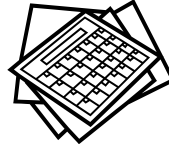
Fifth Sunday Unity Service: 11:15 am

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UPCOMING EVENTS



March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 20: First Day of Spring

Lenten Service, every Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Pipeline Publication Schedule: Articles for the April 2009 issue of the Pipeline newsletter are due on March 8. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Jo-Anne Dooley at jamtrans36@verizon.net.

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