



During the Lenten season we're going to be looking at Who we were; Who we are and Who we are becoming. We'll be doing that with a Bible study on Thursday evenings @ 6:00pm (I'll bring the soup, you bring bread, etc.). We'll be looking at where it ALL started, namely the Book of Genesis.

We'll also be looking at Where and How Holy Spirit Lutheran Church started; Who and where we are now; and Who we are becoming. We'll be doing this with a series of sermon-interviews during the Lenten season on Sunday mornings.

God started it all - creation, this church, you - out of love. During this upcoming Lenten season, as we prepare ourselves for Christ's passion and resurrection, I hope you will take advantage of both of these opportunities to reflect on God's love and purpose for us all.

Pastor Krebs



The 2008 Member Directory is completed, and a copy has been placed in every member's mailbox in the back of the church, and mailed out to those who reside outside of our area. I would once again like to thank everyone who cooperated in getting me the information I needed. There are update forms located in the back of the church in the mail slot underneath mine. If any of your information should change, please fill out a form and place it in my mailbox.

I hope that each and every one of you had a blessed Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year! Thank you all for the wonderful cards and gifts. My family and I truly appreciated your thoughtfulness.

I will be out of the office on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> & Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. I will be available via phone and email on those days.

Heather





*January 6<sup>th</sup> - "Searching for God"*  
(Matthew 2: 1-12)

*January 13<sup>th</sup> - "In Seeking We are Found"*  
(Matthew 3: 13-17)

*January 20<sup>th</sup> - "Witness to the Truth"*  
(John 1: 29-42)

*January 27<sup>th</sup> - "God Calls Us"*  
(Matthew 4:12-23)



#### **FLOWER SIGN UP -**

The 2008 Flower Chart has been posted in the back of the Sanctuary. Please take some time to sign up for flowers for 2008. Please fill out a yellow flower form and place it in my mailbox with the date you want flowers, who they are in memory/honor of, and who they are given by. The cost for flowers is \$30.



#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!!! -**

We need a volunteer to come forward to take over the role of Sunday School Superintendent. Please contact the church office immediately if you would be willing to volunteer. 410-795-6333.



#### **MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM -**

The committee will be having it's meeting on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am - 9:30am in the Church Kitchen. Continental Breakfast is being provided.



#### **MORE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -**

Do you volunteer to do any of the various church service duties each week? All of the duty lists --Assisting Minister, Greeter, Usher, Lector, Acolyte, Communion Assistant, Nursery, Altar Care, Teller, Fellowship-- are in need of more volunteers. All members can help in at least one of the volunteer service areas. Please consider how you can help and then call me... Nancy Bowman, 410-795-3415 to get started. Thank you.



### **Annual Book Sale**

Start cleaning out your closets and bring your used books, cd's, dvd's, etc. to church for our annual Book Sale! All proceeds from the book sale support our Bag Meal program. Books can be brought in during the first three weeks of January, and the sale will start on January 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Nichole Giordano @ 410-795-5506 or Mary Brecker @ 410-781-4228.



### **Layette Kits**

Thanks to everyone who brought in baby items for baby layettes. The items will be assembled and shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. What a blessing these kits will be for the new babies and mothers who receive them!



### **Save the date!!! Middle & High School Youth**

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 is the date for our annual lock-in. This year New Life Drama Company will be with us to present skits and to give us a drama workshop! Don't miss out on the fun! If you have any questions, please see Martin or Nichole Giordano @ 410-795-5506.





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*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

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To my Holy Spirit family,

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas. Barbara and I thank you for your cards, gifts and well-wishes.

Pastor Krebs

## **US Troop Support Update**

This "thank you" message was sent to Janet Celly from one of the units of the battalion in Iraq which we are helping to support.

Dear Ms. Celly,

Thank you again for the wonderful package! I was really awestruck at the amount of the "goodies". In particular, the CDs and DVDs were great!! The care packages are a great morale booster and the Soldiers love them.

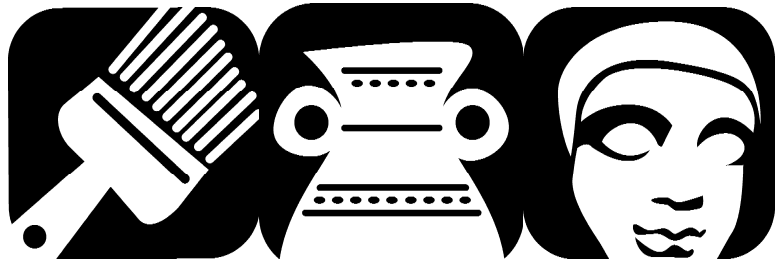
Please pass on my thanks to the good people at Unisys and Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. If only they knew how much we appreciate them.

Thanks again and God Bless!!

Giancarlo Brizzi  
CPT, IN  
Commanding

C/3-116<sup>th</sup> INF  
COB Speicher, Iraq

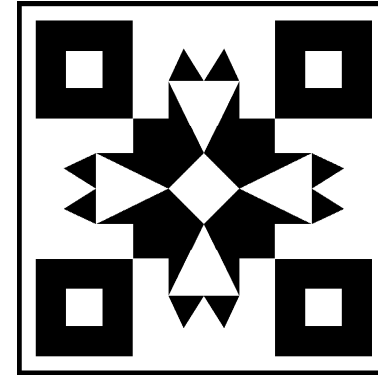
Gratefully, we have been able to ship a large box of "goodies" each month to each of the seven units of the battalion. We really want to keep up the monthly shipments. Please, keep the troops in your prayers and keep the donations coming!!



The prophet Isaiah sometimes felt that his fellow Jews had ceased praying and therefore God had hidden his face from them. Yet Isaiah knew that God was their Father and that the people were the work of God's hand. Which of the following statements did Isaiah make to God?

- A. "We are the paint, and you are an artist who paints pictures of us."
- B. "We are the clay, and you are our potter."
- C. "We are the putty in your hands, and you sculpt us."

(Answer to December's Bible Quiz: B: Matthew & Luke)



## **HOLY SPIRIT QUILT PROJECT**

Cut squares are finished, patters are designed, backing is available, and we have batting. Everything is in one-bag and ready for pick-up to continue our quilt project. These supplies are in the church craft room and I also have some at my home. Several ladies have been sewing since last March when we dedicated 18 quilts to Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project. For additional information regarding this project you may wish to look at <http://www.1wr.org/parish/quilts.asp>.

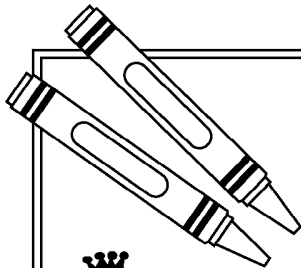
If you are interested in getting involved in this project please contact Barbara Northrop at 410-552-0104 or [barbaranorthrop@verizon.net](mailto:barbaranorthrop@verizon.net). Complete quilts will be dedicated in the month of March each year- plenty of time to do the work. Please continue to donate fabric remnants, bed sheets, blankets, tablecloths, and draperies; and of course we can always use cash donations to offset the batting cost.

### **General Instructions:**

1. Each square is approximately 11 inches (48 squares total)
2. Use 1/2 inch seam allowance
3. Width is 6-squares wide (approximately 80 inches)
4. Length is 8-squares wide (approximately 80 inches)
5. Pattern options are endless - your choice- or you can use mine
6. Back panel measures 64" X 84"

### **Volunteers to date:**

Nancy Bowman, Lorraine Markosky, Dee Watson, Sue Graybill, Mary Brecker, Beth Gray, Linda Dudley, Patsy Taylor, and Barbara Northrop

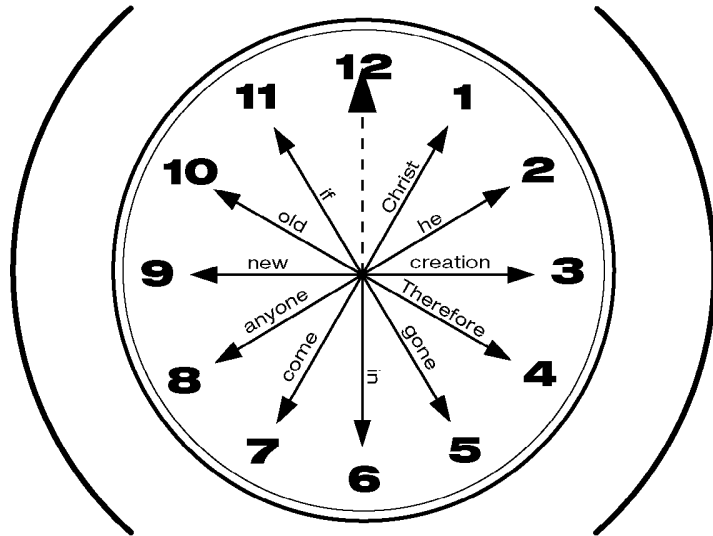


# Just for **KIDS**

## **IN WITH THE NEW**

*It's "time" for New Year's resolutions! We should always want to improve ourselves for God, looking to Jesus as our example. God will work with us and through us when we come to him in prayer.*

Using the clock's hour hand, copy each word to help you complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



" \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ; the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ , the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ !"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV



The Preschoolers have enjoyed performing the Christmas Story for their families. We had three programs the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>. We were closed from Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> through Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In January we will have a visit from the Maryland Society for Sight to evaluate the children's vision. The children will be learning about weather changes, bears, penguins and snowmen.

Our breakfast with Santa was a great success. We served 220 people on December 1<sup>st</sup> who enjoyed a great meal prepared by our committee. Thanks to the Stone Mill Bakery in Lutherville, Maryland who donated all of the food so we made a small profit.

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year has begun. If you have a child who is 3, 4, or 5 and would like to join the school please give the preschool office a call at 410-795-2287.

Answer: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

# NEW OFFICERS

The following list contains the names of the council members for 2008:

Nancy Bowman  
Rick Beauchamp  
Brian Clise  
Bill Dodson  
Beth Gray  
Kathy Lingo  
Sam Nushann  
Wende Peters  
Kim Smith  
Scott Smith  
Carol Zemanick  
Jeff Hansen

Here are the officers for 2008:

President - Bill Dodson  
Vice President - Kim Smith  
Secretary - Wende Peters  
Treasurer - Steve Graybill  
Financial Secretary - Milt Taylor





We hope everyone has enjoyed their Christmas Holiday and are ready to get started into the new season of music!

Choir rehearsal for the adult choir resumes on Thursday, January 10, 2008. Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2008 - Junior Choir at 9:15 am and Cherub choir at 10:00 am.

With the coming of January, we find ourselves again without a keyboardist to help at choir rehearsals as Jill travels her way down to Florida for the winter. Because of that, we depend greatly on volunteers to step up and fill in as anthem for some of the services throughout the winter/spring time. If you are interested in doing an anthem for a service, come see me and we can get you onto the schedule.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Nancy and I will be attending the "Music in the Valley" Workshop in Hanover, Pennsylvania. We obtain much of our Lenten and Easter music at this workshop and look forward to again having success this year in finding new and interesting music. Any choir/church members that wish to join us on this trip should logon to shawneepress.com and go to the workshop section to sign up. The cost after December 20<sup>th</sup> increased to \$45 each for the session, and you get to keep the entire packet of music provided to you. We'll be carpooling up to Hanover for anyone interested in joining us.

And that's about it from the Choir Loft!

*Kathy Lingo  
Choir Director*

# NewsLetter **DEADLINE**

**Newsletter Deadline: January 20<sup>th</sup>  
please have all items for the  
February newsletter submitted  
no later than this date.**

**Please note that submissions should now be  
emailed to:**

***hslc.eldersburg@comcast.net*  
(PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS)**

**You may also provide written submissions  
via the "Newsletter" slot in the church office.**