

## Earthquake Devastates Haiti on January 12th Lutherans Respond

Message from: Rev. Joseph Livenson Lauvanus, president of *Eglise Luthérienne d'Haiti* (Lutheran Church of Haiti).

When news about the earthquake emerged, I was shocked, particularly with the magnitude of the earthquake. The earthquake is "a nightmare." The situation there is beyond belief, and we cannot do anything for ourselves. Haiti will need to rely on the good will and compassion of people and churches if the Caribbean nation is to survive. If there is ever a time for people to help Haiti, the time is right now.

The Lutheran Church in Haiti has 12 congregations. We are a young church, a growing church. We do not have a large presence in Haiti, but wherever we are our presence is manifested.

We are thankful to have a church like the ELCA that understands the whole matter of togetherness, reinforcing what we call the "Communion of Saints."

### ELCA commits \$600,000!

ELCA commits \$600,000 to Haitian relief based on "a strong and generous response" this week by ELCA members. The figure could soon be increased to more than **\$1 million**, pending the continuing response of members. Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director, ELCA Global Mission said. The ELCA will distribute its funds through three organizations:

- Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
- Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
- Church World Service (CWS)

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and its members are working to raise \$3 million to support relief efforts in Haiti. "Thrivent Financial will match \$1 for every \$2 donated by Thrivent Financial members, up to \$1 million total for the potential of generating \$3 million," according to a news release from Thrivent.

The funds will be directed to ELCA (International) Disaster Response, LWR, LCMS World Relief and Human Care, and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's Committee on Relief.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Haiti and all those working tirelessly to rescue the thousands of victims," said Bruce Nicholson, Thrivent Financial chair, president and chief executive officer.

~ Excerpts from ELCA Raises Haiti Financial Commitment,  
Channels Funds Through Partners & Lutheran Haitian Says Goodwill Needed for  
Haiti's Survival, ELCA NEWS SERVICE, January 15, 2010.

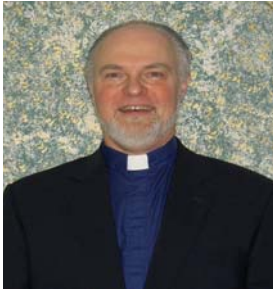
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Financial contributions to support relief efforts in Haiti can be made at [www.ELCA.org/haitiearthquake](http://www.ELCA.org/haitiearthquake) or by calling 800-638-3522 and through St Jacob.



## From the Pastor's Desk



### St. Valentine

February is the month for Valentine's Day. So, who was St. Valentine? There are many legends and stories about various people named Valentine in Antiquity and the Middle Ages. One story goes like this: Valentine (the name means worthy or valor) was a Roman priest during the time of the Emperor Claudius II (reigned 268-270). He was arrested and imprisoned upon being caught marrying Christian couples and otherwise aiding Christians who were being persecuted by the emperor in Rome. Helping Christians was considered a crime in that time and place. He was eventually condemned to death, beaten, stoned, and finally beheaded outside the Flaminian Gate of Rome, probably around 270 A.D. on February 14.

Romantic love began to be associated with him around the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It certainly takes a lot of Christian love and dedication to serve others, and risk one's life for others, as he did. How are we doing in that area? Do we remember to put the needs of family, friends, fellow church members, and strangers ahead of our own? How can we serve the Lord better in 2010? By being even more patient and compassionate with others, with the power of love and of the risen Christ within us?

*"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13: 13*

Peace,  
Pr. Lynn Williamson

## Ask the People of St. Jacob

*Question: We have heard of women who have acted boldly in their faith. As Lutherans, we think of Katie Luther. And then, "Anne Hutchinson" spoke to our church on Thankoffering Sunday. Today, there are still women who have acted boldly in their faith. What faithful woman has inspired you and thus strengthened your faith?*

- ◆ "The first woman who comes to my mind is my mother with her Godly example. Also, Mary the mother of Jesus."
- ◆ "My grandmother influenced my faith greatly. Seeing her read her Bible and her devotion books nightly in her rocking chair, not missing a Sunday in Sunday School and Church and then, of course, praying with us are the surface reasons. The deeper and greatest part of her influence was watching her faith in action. Her 6th child was born with Down's Syndrome. This was a time (the 1950s) when many of these children were institutionalized, but my grandmother (and grandfather) cared for her (teaching her the Lord's Prayer and the creeds, taking her to church) until their deaths. Again, I saw her faith in action as her 4th child, at age 31, struggled with and then a couple years later died of brain tumors. My grandmother taught her children and grandchildren how to have a personal relationship with the Lord, pull strength from Him and totally surrender all to our loving Father."
- ◆ "Jane Winkler who encouraged, inspired, and was always there for me as a friend and brought growth in my faith."
- ◆ "Several people mentioned Jane Winkler and Anita Raines. Two women who truly showed us at St. Jacob what it means to believe and rely on our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our own heroes of the faith."

Praying this question has sparked some thought and given you some insight in how you can act boldly in your faith to draw others to our Lord, Jesus Christ.



## Save The Date

### Ash Wednesday

We will impose ashes on believers on Ash Wednesday, which is **February 17 at 7:00 p.m.** We will worship in the nave.

### Lent Midweek Services

Midweek suppers and services will begin on **February 25** and will continue on Thursdays (**March 4, 11, 18 and 25**) until Easter. A **6:15 pm soup supper** will precede each **7:15 pm service**.

### A Valentine's Day Quiz for Husbands:

Does your wife remember what you gave her last year for Valentine's Day? Do you? This year, why not give each other the gift of a truly satisfying relationship? Our very own Bruce and Mary Ann Breslin will be presenters at the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter on **March 12-14** in Worthington, Ohio and would love to see some familiar faces in the audience!

There will also be a weekend event occurring in for the Akron/Canton area on **April 23-25** including a dinner dance (open to all married couples) with a live band on the 24th. Come and enjoy a fun time and fellowship with couples from all denominations!

Additional events are scheduled for **Oct 8-10**, and **Nov 12-14**.

For information about what the weekend is about or for registration information please contact Bruce and/or Mary Ann Breslin at 330-854-2770 or via email at [bmabres@sssnet.com](mailto:bmabres@sssnet.com).




### Maundy Thursday

There will be a **carry-in supper beginning at 6:15 pm** preceding the **Maundy Thursday Service at 7:15 pm** on **April 1st**. We will worship in the nave.

### Good Friday

We will observe Good Friday on **April 2nd** at **7:15 pm** with a service in the nave.



**Important Dates for February:**

**February 14**—Valentine's Day  
Transfiguration of the Lord

**February 15**—Presidents' Day

**February 17**—Ash Wednesday

## LUTHERANISM 101

Did you know ... that Martin Luther visited parishes in Germany during the fall of 1528 and early winter of 1529, and was shocked by "the deplorable conditions?" He said at the time that he was upset that the "common people ... have no knowledge of Christian teaching." After this visitation, he gave a series of sermons on Christian basics that everyone should know. These became the basis for him writing the Large and Small Catechisms. The original Small Catechism of 1529 was printed on charts and was used by parents to teach their children about Christ and the faith. About the middle of May 1529, this Catechism was printed and made available in an illustrated booklet. The original five parts of Luther's Small Catechism, which are the same today, are the Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.



Luther in 1533  
by Lucas Cranach



## A New Pictorial Directory!

We are excited to announce that St. Jacob is going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation. We will start the directory by gathering photos of activities concerning the church, its members, and any activities connected with St. Jacob Church. To encourage you to contribute any new or old photos (you will get them back) we are having a contest. For the first six entries that are chosen to be part of the directory, we will have gift certificates that can be used for any Olan Mills purchase. So please look through your photos. Those that you think reflect the spirit of St. Jacob, place in an envelope with your name and phone number and turn it in to the church office no later than January 15, 2010. We look forward to seeing your photos.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

## Church Pictorial Directory



- ◆ Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait
- ◆ You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- ◆ The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- ◆ You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- ◆ If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- ◆ Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The Scheduled Date for Photography and Portrait Viewing Are:

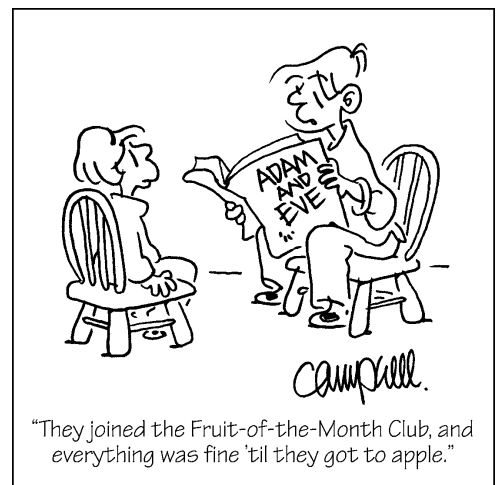
Friday, February 5th      3:00 pm—9:30 pm

Saturday, February 6th    10:00 am—5:00 pm

## Lutheran Youth Organization Update

On December 12th our L.Y.O. youth group held their annual Adult Dinner Dance. Those attending had a good time enjoying dinner along with Trivia, music and dancing. A big THANKS to Bob & Maria Peters and Mary Ann Breslin for preparing the dinner.

January 8-10, 2010 many members of our L.Y.O. youth group attended the annual Synod Winter Gathering. They enjoyed a good weekend with a keynote speaker, Christian band and choice of many workshops. We were proud that we had 2 of our youth offer to run for the Synod L.Y.O. board. Matt Peters, who is President of St. Jacob L.Y.O., was elected as a board member representing Massillon/Canton Conference of the Synod. Congratulations to Matt. Thanks to Mary Ann Breslin for chaperoning.



"They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine 'til they got to apple."



## Introducing our New Council Members

New Council members were installed on January 10, 2010.

President—Ralph Lindeman

Vice President—Roseanne Swigart

Secretary—Jim Rutledge

Evangelism Board—Linda Nelson (Bob Nissen)

Outreach Board—Patty Duffey

Parish Education—Becky Foltz

Property Board—Tim Kaser

Worship Board—Mary Ann Breslin

Treasurers—Judy Fichter and Evelyn Green

Financial Secretary—Cynthia Lindeman



## What Are Lutherans Doing about World Hunger?

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35*

World hunger reached an historic high in 2009. 1.02 BILLION people go hungry daily – 100 million more than in 2008. U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

Together, in Christ's name, we experience the transforming power of connection. As individuals, congregations, and synods, our humble offerings and actions are gathered, blessed, and multiplied. Together, we are ELCA World Hunger.

ELCA World Hunger is a comprehensive and sustainable program that uses multiple strategies—relief, development, education, and advocacy—to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world.

- The ELCA Church Council approved 2010 funding of \$18.7 million for ELCA World Hunger programs
- ELCA provided domestic hunger grants totaling \$797,700 in 2009.
- ELCA Northeast Ohio Grants:
  - ◆ Canton: FACES at the Urban Ark
  - ◆ Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland
  - ◆ New Covenant Lutheran Church Service & Hunger Center
  - ◆ Three West Virginia pastors made a 100 day 13,000 mile bike tour raising over \$200,000 for ELCA World Hunger.

High school students contributed over \$154,000 to ELCA World Hunger during the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering. Information gathered from [elca.com](http://elca.com) & The Lutheran.



## February 2010

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
|  | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b><br>9:00 am Ladies' Activity<br>7:00 pm Board Meetings | <b>3</b><br>7:00 pm Choir Practice   | <b>4</b><br>7:00 pm Worship Service     | <b>5</b><br>10:00 am AA Mtg<br>3:00 pm Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot | <b>6</b><br>10:00 am Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot                  |
| <b>7</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>10:15 am Sunday School     | <b>8</b><br>7:00 pm Star Circle<br>7:00 pm Worship Board Mtg | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am Ladies' Activity<br>7:00 pm Bunco Belles   | <b>10</b><br>6:00 pm Choir Practice<br>7:00 pm Council Mtg   | <b>11</b><br>7:00 pm Worship Service    | <b>12</b><br>10:00 am AA Mtg   | <b>13</b><br>9:00 am Women of the Way Bible Study                     |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>10:15 am Sunday School<br>12:00 noon Sunday Workshop   | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>9:00 am Ladies' Activity                          | <b>17</b><br>7:00 pm Worship Service  | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>10:00 am AA Mtg   | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>21</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>10:15 am Sunday School  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>9:00 am Ladies' Activity                          | <b>24</b><br>7:00 pm Choir Practice  | <b>25</b><br>7:00 pm Worship Service  | <b>26</b><br>10:00 am AA Mtg   | <b>27</b><br>9:00 am Women of the Way Bible Study<br>2:00 pm Game Day |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>10:15 am Sunday School   |  |  |  |  |  |   |



Indicates Communion Served



**2nd** Lisa Flagg  
**3rd** Linda Thomas  
 Evelyn Green  
**6th** Jeff Hobbs  
 Elaine Seyerle  
**7th** Robert Carr  
**8th** Charlie Tomblin  
**9th** Matt Carasea  
**12th** Joyce Carr  
**13th** Jessica Phillabaum  
**14th** Cynthia Lindeman

**17th** Anne Danilowicz  
 Walt Norman  
 Alex Dumm  
 Lynn Papenfus  
**23rd** Carl Lazaroff  
 Willie Shoemaker  
**24th** Sarah Engmark  
 Jeff Yost  
**26th** Nicholas Ledford  
**27th** Mark Heller  
**28th** Amanda Foltz  
 Brian Garber



**PRAY FOR OUR  
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MILITARY**

Bud Amkron  
Jerry & Karon Anson  
Diane Berrisferd  
Sonya Bonneau  
John & Julie Breninger  
Mary Ann Breslin  
Pearl Carter  
Dennis Cioca  
Mary Codispoti  
Devin Dearth  
John & Frank Edel  
Lou Foster

Emy Frey  
Mary Lee Handschumacher  
Dorothy Hansford  
Freda Husk  
Ryan K.  
Megan Kasmar  
Bonnie Kurt  
Nathan Kurtz  
Kathryn Lautzenheiser  
Jill & Mike MacGregor  
Joe Malloy  
Bradley Martin

Mary May  
Dale McKinney  
Pam Much  
Ella Ogden  
Velma Papenfus  
Donnie Peters  
John Redmond  
Jack Smith  
Michael Snyder  
Helen Strouble  
Bill Sullivan  
Ryan Trewin  
Jim & Mark Warner  
Dr. Jeff Zwart

Devin Conley  
Jason Digiacomio  
Terrance Eddy  
Kenny Freda  
Todd Graber (Iraq)  
Andy Headland  
Gregg Hessedence (Kuwait)  
Adam Kuhn  
Mike Lepeski  
Joel Love  
Justin Miller  
Dave Norman  
Charles Ring (Persian Gulf)  
Matthew Stephenson  
Shane Unger  
Robert Wolfarth (Iraq)



Our Christian sympathy goes out to the families and friends of those who have recently lost a loved one.

**Jody Lowry**  
**Jim Harper**  
**Mable Kyser**

**Mary May**  
**Collin MacGregor**

May the love and strength of the Lord be with them.



Katey Duffey graduated from Malone University in December with a Major in Zoo Biology and a Minor in Psychology.

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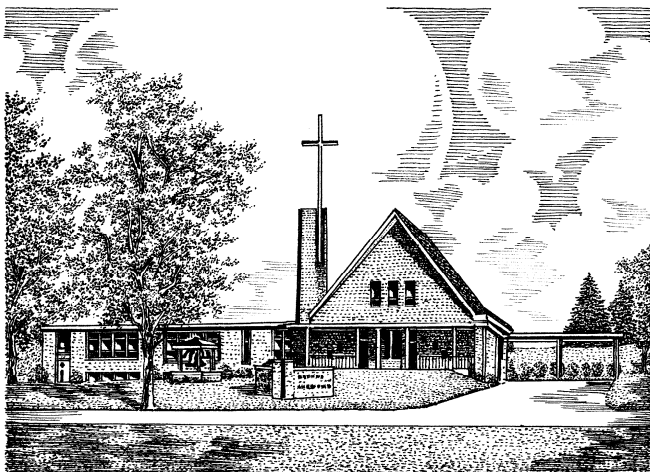
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Liturgical Color: Green  
We begin the church season of the **Lent** on February 17  
Liturgical Color: Purple



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To be a family of God's Children:

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- Engaging all members and community with enthusiasm for Christ
- Open to new opportunities to deepen our faith in God
- Providing for the needs of our congregation and community
- Developing our God-given resources