

# THE CROSSROADS

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Dear family of faith,

I don't think I know any pastors who look forward to annual congregation meetings. Most clergy I know don't find great joy in writing reports, balancing budget numbers and trying to get reacquainted with the constitution and Robert's Rules of order.

Yet, annual meetings offer a time of accountability and a time to set a tone for the year to come. Annual meetings make us stop and take stock. In most cases they look back to recount a year. Annual meetings have a certain business sense about them. Yet, they offer a time for renewal in spirit and prayer.

Our annual meeting will be after worship on February 13. We will hear a few reports on the work and mission of the church. We will approve a 2011 budget. We will accomplish a few elections.

Every active member of OSLC has an invitation to be there. A very small percentage will actually attend. I've heard it said that low attendance means things are going well. It seems that when congregations wrestle with divisiveness the congregation meeting numbers jump.

As far as I can tell, the gospels don't call for an annual meeting of the people of Christ. But I think they do call us into an accountability for how we are doing in the Christian mission. Each one of us is called to account for our witness to the good news.

How are you doing? How are we doing?

In peace,

Pastor B

P.S.—An interesting addition to this year's annual meeting is a special meeting that follows it. Pastor Krahn was initially called on a two year term call, and now we will vote to make it permanent.

## **Council Notes and Votes**

The congregation council met on Thursday, January 20. The council thanked members who have completed their three-year terms:

- Vicki Hanrahan
- Debi Peters
- Linda Frautschy
- Linda Hagen
- Jackie Myers

- \* The council noted to recommend a 2011 budget of \$576,000.
- \* Noting that Pastor Krahn's two year term call is ending, the council called a special meeting of the congregation to immediately follow the annual meeting on February 13. The purpose of the meeting will be to extend a regular call to Pastor Krahn.

## Worship Themes For February

Throughout the month of February we will continue with gospel readings mostly from Matthew and second lesson readings from Corinthians. With a late Easter (and Ash Wednesday) we will get a good start into the readings of the ordinary season of Sundays after Epiphany.

**February 6** – 5 Epiphany - The *Crushing Words* of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount compel us to be salt and light. On the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany we'll hear Pastor Krahn's experience as she heard these words of Christ anew while overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

**February 13** – 6 Epiphany – Now that we're immersed in the Gospel of Matthew, it's time to *Explore the First Gospel*. Bring a pencil.

**February 20** – 7 Epiphany - There is a *Radical Freedom* in being a beloved child of God. We'll see numerous calls for such freedom in our lessons for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany.

**February 27** – 8 Epiphany – The gospel reading today came again from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. *Dying People Don't Prevaricate* will consider the priorities we set in life.

## Book of the Month—Matthew

February brings us back to our Book of the Month emphasis. This time we'd like to hold out the Gospel of Matthew for your reading pleasure. Matthew fronts the New Testament with a unique telling of the story of Jesus Christ. Particularly, Matthew produces the longest continuous teaching of Jesus we know as the Sermon on the Mount. Make a pledge to yourself to jump into this interesting text during February. Our shortest month has 28 days—the same as the number of chapters in Matthew.



## Opportunities to Learn about Matthew

Pastor B will be leading several discussions on our Book of the Month "Matthew" to aid in your reading. Join the conversation:

- Sunday mornings, 9:15am-10:15am—Chapel
- Wednesdays during BBBBS, 11:30am-12:30pm—Conference Room
- Wednesday evenings at SRU, 6:30pm-8:00pm—Chapel

Everyone is welcome whether this is your first experience with our Book of the Month reading or not. Please sign up on the Ministry Opportunity Table.

## Baptism Enrichment Session

Saturday, February 12 at 10:00am is the next baptism enrichment session. If you are planning on scheduling a baptism at OSLC in the near future, you need to attend a baptism enrichment session. The hour and a half session is required for all baptismal events. Both parents are required to attend the session and sponsors are welcome to attend if they so choose. Infants under six months are welcome to attend if needed. We ask that childcare arrangements be made for any children 6 months and older, if you need help with this task contact either of the pastors. Expecting parents are also welcome.



## Stewardship Update

During this past fall's "Make It Simple" stewardship campaign, letters and financial pledge cards were mailed out the congregation. "Mission Madness" was an integral part of the fall campaign and together we witnessed how our contributions help support various church wide missions and ministries. To those who made a commitment by returning a completed pledge card, thank you for pledging a portion of your blessings, received from God. Your committed pledges help the church leadership greatly in planning the budget. To those of you that did not respond by completing a pledge card, we trust that you will continue to support the congregation through the use of your envelopes and or electronic giving, and thank you for your much needed support. As good Christian members of this congregation, we are all responsible to see that our stewardship helps support our ministry and mission while we also care for our church, our buildings, our programs, and our staff.



**Sunday, February 13 at 11:45am is our Annual Congregational Meeting. There will be a special meeting to follow the Annual Meeting.**

## Rotation 3 – Daniel

PARENTS you are invited and encouraged to walk with your child through the ten spiritual stations for the present rotation on Daniel. On Sunday, February 6 the Gad tribe (Kindergarten) is scheduled. This is a great opportunity for you and your child. VOLUNTEERS will be needed to assist the children on their Spiritual Walk – adults and youth are encouraged to help us out.



## Rotation 4 – Easter

Rotation workshop leaders are needed for the next Rotation beginning February 13. Workshops are: Creation Station, Cooking, Mission project, Mission Matinee, and Rainbow Treehouse. Check out the Education table by the kitchenette. We also have the 5<sup>th</sup> Rotation Workshop leader sign up at the table. If you are unable to help with Rotation 4 maybe you can assist with Rotation 5. Training for Rotation 4 will be held February 3 at 6:30pm or Tuesday evening, February 8 at 6:30pm.

## Rotation Personnel Needed:

Our Rotation Sunday school is looking to replace two of our leaders: Sherpa Coordinator (which is presently led by Lori Lelivelt) and Workshop Coordinator/Recruiter (presently held by Jackie Smith). If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please contact Muriel Arms.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Our senior high youth will hold soup kettles at church doors on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, 2011. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2010, over 12,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$10 million dollars. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 more than \$60 million has gone to help people in need.



Proceeds this year will stay locally and go to Joining Forces for Families, which is housed in the Sunshine Place. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “love our neighbors” by dropping your dollars in the soup pot on February 6.

## Early Camp Registrations due in March

This is a notice for anyone thinking about Confirmation camp through Crossways this year. If you have completed 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade you are eligible to attend from June 19–24 at Pine Lake Camp. Remember, this camp is voluntary for confirmation but worth 2 elective credits (one time). It can also replace the mandatory weekend retreat in the fall. Early registration ends March 15. Registrations received by Crossways **after** March 15 will have to pay the regular price. Camp is available for everyone. Camp scholarships and financial assistance is available for those that need it. Sign up on the youth and family table in the Narthex and see Brett if you have questions or if you need a registration form.



## Cheesecake Pick-up



Cheesecakes will be available for pick-up on Friday, February 11 from 3:00–7:00pm at the church. All cakes must be picked up that day. See Brett with any concerns.

## RIOT Mystery Mission Trip Mandatory Meeting

If you are attending this summer's Mystery Mission Trip there is a mandatory meeting on Sunday, February 27 at 9:15am. Please see Brett prior to the meeting if you cannot attend. Thank you.



## Think Green! Think Spring! Think America's Best Flowers!

The calendar may say it is still winter, but hopefully not for much longer. Our Savior's senior high youth will once again be selling gift certificates for America's Best Flowers. The youth will be taking orders in the narthex on Sundays in March. You can also pick up an order form on the Ministry Opportunity Table. The proceeds from the sale will go toward their Summer Mystery Mission trip this July. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.



## Family Movie Night –

### “Beauty and the Beast”



The next family movie night will be Friday, February 18 from 6:00-8:00pm in Mission Matinee. The movie “**Beauty and the Beast**” will be the feature this month. This event is open to all ages.

Check out the Youth and Family bulletin board by the library to sign up for this fun fellowship event with your church family. See Brett with questions.

## ATTENTION RIOT YOUTH!!!!

### LYO Excellent Adventure

#### Lock-out is Back!

Mark your calendars for February 18-19, 2011. The Synod Youth Board will be hosting the third Excellent Adventure for high school students around the synod!

Starts and ends at Our Savior's - Sun Prairie. February 18th 7:00pm - February 19th 7:00am. Laser tag/glow-in-the-dark games, fellowship, fun, meeting new people and more! Look for a sign up on the youth table and details to follow.



## CAT Team to Send Valentines Again this Year

The College-Age Ministry Team will be sending valentines to our post-high school youth living away from home. Again this year, with the help of some truly gracious knitters,

we will be sending red scarves to youth new to this program. Red Scarf project was inspired by the Orphan Foundation of America's, Red Scarf Project. During the month of January each year, they do a nationwide call for handmade, knitted/crocheted, scarves in the red color family

to be distributed to college age orphans around Valentine's Day. The CAT team has adopted this idea for our post-high school youth living away from home. The hope is that each youth has a tangible reminder of the love we have for them as they are away. Thanks to Sally Walters and her army of knitters for assisting us in this important ministry.



## Book Club

Join us Tuesday, February 1, when we discuss Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. In March we'll discuss *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Be sure to pick up the latest copy of “Book Club News” on the Ministry Opportunity Table for a complete list of the books we'll read for the next 4 months.



## Thank You

The residents and staff at Oakwood Village East would like to thank the following people for their help with the Advent/Christmas decorating and undecorating: Gene and JoAnn Benisch, Judy Benz, Ollie Berge, Dick and Kay Bohling, Bill and June Egstad, Shirley Flint, Janet Jesberger, Arnie and Paulette Kleven, Joanne Krause, Ron and Carol Mach, Russ Miller, Barb Muse, Gary Nelson, Nancy Novotny, Ross Ostreich, Gary and Shirley Petersen, Paul Ponath, Curt and Gloria Schroeder, and Pat Shelley. Because of their dedication and great attitudes all of the “work” was completed in a very timely manner. THANKS AGAIN to all for their willingness to serve our extended community.



- Sally Campbell

## + One a Week Club +

To find a current list of blood drives or to make an appointment to give blood you can call 1-800-give-life or visit [givebloodgivelife.org](http://givebloodgivelife.org). Donating blood takes about an hour of your time. Please consider making time for this vital need in our community. Call to schedule your appointment today!

Thanks to Hal Sommer, Fritz Schunke (Aph) x 2, Julie Laurent, Kris Koskelin, Owen Schwerdtfeger, Diane Williamson x 2, Patti Lux-Weber, Dave Kallstrom, Paul Kaiser, Alan Meyer, Laura LaRue, Sharlot Bogart, Michael Zimmerman, Kim Zimbrich, Jim Sensenbrenner, Warren Holsbo and Dan Williamson who donated blood recently. Aph designates Apheresis donations, a special donation of platelets.

Our total for 2010 was 195 donations! Way to go!

## Volunteer of the Month— Sandy Frei

Sun Prairie's weekly community Sunshine Supper has made the news lately, and the event continues to draw large, mixed crowds. When it's our turn to serve, Sandy Frei is one of the people who help put it all together. Sandy also assists with 6th grade Sunday school, VBS and rotation Sunday school. So, we will name her as our servant of the month.

Sandy is just one of hundreds of men and women who make a difference in the community through their mission in the church. Thanks to all of you. May you be blessed as you are a blessing.



## Table Talk with Pastor B

The men of the congregation are again welcome to join an informal discussion with Pastor B at Buck & Honey's on Monday, February 7 at 6:30pm. This month's topic will be "Putting God First."



## Eat Boldly



welcome to join us!

The next dinner is planned for Friday, February 4 at Buck & Honey's, 804 Liberty Boulevard, Sun Prairie. We will eat at 6:00pm. Please sign up on the Ministry Opportunity. Everyone is

## Official Acts

*Baptisms - celebrating new life through the sacrament of belonging*

January 9—Sophie Alice Shoemaker—  
daughter of Scott & Dawn Shoemaker

January 15—Katie Raye Scoville—  
daughter of Raymond Scoville & Amber  
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Celebrating the first anniversary of  
their baptism this month.

Kayden Brooks 02/21/2010

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