



# So...How's it Going? *(A New Year, A New You!)*

How's your New Year's resolution going? Have you been able to get into God's Word more? This month I want to remind you to continue to seek to grow "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" Luke 2:52 NIV.

January is a hard month (right now the temperature is barely double digits). As we launch into February we can sense spring on the horizon. February is usually the time that Lent begins (this year Ash Wednesday is on the 17th) and things really start to pick up in the life of the church (as well as school and other activities!). It is easy to set our faith life and growth aside when we feel pinched for time, but that is when we need God more than ever. I'd like to encourage you in your resolution of spiritual growth by reminding you to continue reading God's Word (2 verses a day) and now to add another daily prayer.

Prayer is an essential part of our faith life – it is the communication with God. He starts the conversation (with his Word) and we respond (with prayer and worship). Maybe you are not used to praying more than at mealtimes or bedtime. If you are already doing that – don't

stop! If it is not a habit of yours to pause before meals or at bedtime, now is a great time to start. Stopping and praying to God (at any time of the day) is a great 'break' from it all and helps us keep the most important focus in our lives – God has given us EVERYTHING that we have, including forgiveness of all of our sins and the promise of eternal life.

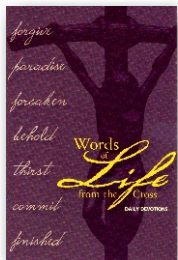
It is my prayer that you will be able to find a minute or two everyday (longer if possible) to just thank God in prayer for all that you have and to lay any burdens at His feet. May God bless you in this endeavor as you seek to grow "in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and men."



In Christ,

Almost Pastor Pastor '09

P.S. Next month we will add another step in our walk together!



## Lent 2010

This year our Lenten Theme will be "Words of Life from the Cross." A companion devotional booklet will be available starting 2/14.

**Ash Wednesday (2/17):** 7pm (imposition of ashes and communion.)

**Wednesdays: 2/24 – 3/24** 5:30 potluck, 6pm confirmation (watching the Passion of the Christ in the youth room – all are welcome to come – 20 to 30 min segments, with discussion) 7pm Worship.



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# February Anniversaries!

<b>Don &amp; Dorothy Kerestes</b>	<b>2/11/1961</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Oscar &amp; Laura Schweppe</b>	<b>2/11/1945</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Tammi &amp; Bryan Shattuck</b>	<b>2/14/1985</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Paul &amp; Suzanne Yttrie</b>	<b>2/15/1986</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Roland &amp; Esther Gustafson</b>	<b>2/16/1947</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Eugene &amp; Helen Roe</b>	<b>2/16/1950</b>	<b>60</b>

# February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> • 9:15am Ladies Study Fireside Room • 7:00pm Ladies Evening Circle	<b>3</b> • 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>4</b> • 12:30pm Ladies Aid • 6:00pm MELD • 6:30pm Choir • 8:00pm Bell Choir	<b>5</b> • 7:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>6</b> • 9:00am Praise Band
<b>7</b> • 8:00am Traditional Worship • 9:15am Bible Studies • 9:15am Sunday School • 10:30am Contemporary Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> • 12:30pm 500 Club Cards at Church	<b>10</b> • 9:00am Dust Busters • 6:30am Confirmation • 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>11</b> • 6:00pm MELD • 6:30pm Choir • 8:00pm Bell Choir	<b>12</b> • 7:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>13</b> • 9:00am Praise Band
<i>Communion Sunday</i> <b>14</b> • 8:00am Traditional Worship • 9:15am Bible Studies • 9:15am Sunday School • 10:30am Contemporary Worship • 4:30pm NO Youth Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> • 9:15am Ladies Study Fireside Room • 6:00pm Church Prop. • 6:30pm Elders	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> <b>17</b> • 6:00am Confirmation • 6:00am Bible Study • 7:00pm Worship Service	<b>18</b> • 6:00pm MELD • 6:30pm Neighborhood Meeting • 6:30pm Choir • 8:00pm Bell Choir	<b>19</b> • 7:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b> • 9:00am Praise Band
<b>21</b> • 8:00am Traditional Worship • 9:15am Bible Studies • 9:15am Sunday School • 10:30am Contemporary Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> • 5:30pm Potluck • 6:00am Confirmation • 6:00am Bible Study • 7:00pm Worship Service	<b>25</b> • 6:00pm MELD • 6:30pm Choir • 8:00pm Bell Choir	<b>26</b> • 7:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>27</b> • 9:00am Praise Band
<i>Communion Sunday</i> <b>28</b> • 8:00am Traditional Worship • 9:15am Bible Studies • 9:15am Sunday School • 10:30am Contemporary Worship • 4:30pm Youth Group			<b>OUR APOLOGIES...</b> This month's Redeemer Today is brief for a variety of Publication challenges (not the least of which was an illness to our fearless editor!). Rest assured we are working harder than ever to provide you with up to the date information in an aesthetically pleasing and easy to read format. Thank you for your understanding, God Bless and look for a full issue this March! <i>Rev. Stephen J. Berg</i> AFP '09			

# February Birthdays!

<b>Janette Hinrichs</b>	<b>2/1</b>
<b>Jessica Gunderson</b>	<b>2/2</b>
<b>Leslie Martin</b>	<b>2/2</b>
<b>Russell Robertson</b>	<b>2/2</b>
<b>Oscar Schweppe</b>	<b>2/2</b>
<b>Jason Thompson</b>	<b>2/2</b>
<b>Chad Jacobson</b>	<b>2/4</b>
<b>Kaitlin Gunderson</b>	<b>2/7</b>
<b>Robert Treder</b>	<b>2/8</b>
<b>Brandon Brees</b>	<b>2/9</b>
<b>Jasmine Peterson</b>	<b>2/11</b>

<b>Jodi Roe</b>	<b>2/11</b>
<b>Carol Sinden</b>	<b>2/11</b>
<b>Joshua Wilson</b>	<b>2/15</b>
<b>Chadwick Kuehne</b>	<b>2/17</b>
<b>Lloyd Fry</b>	<b>2/18</b>

<b>Dean Reynolds</b>	<b>2/20</b>
<b>Georgina Cutler</b>	<b>2/22</b>
<b>Dorothy Lepke</b>	<b>2/22</b>
<b>Julie Hill</b>	<b>2/23</b>
<b>Lewis Hoffman</b>	<b>2/23</b>

<b>Tammi Shattuck</b>	<b>2/23</b>
<b>Evelyn Benson</b>	<b>2/24</b>
<b>Steven Kuehne</b>	<b>2/24</b>
<b>Arthur Sinden</b>	<b>2/24</b>
<b>Marcia Larson</b>	<b>2/28</b>