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March 2010



## Psalm 51

### Psalm 51:10-13

- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within  
me.
- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain  
me.

These words from King David **are** what our Lenten journey is all about.

We are SINNERS. Plain and simple. So King David's mournful cry to have God create a clean heart in his sinful body is one that has resonated throughout history.

Lent is a time of death. Death to self. Lent is a time to get honest. It is a time to get real and to look yourself straight in the eye.

Lent is not a time for guilt. Or of feeling inadequate. It is time for searching your heart for anything it is holding on to that is not serving God. Holding on to things that don't serve God is sin.

There are only two kinds of sin in the Lutheran church— personal and corporate.

What is personal sin? Personal sin is anything that separates or gets in the way of our relationship with God.

What is corporate sin? It is when as a society we know something is wrong yet we either support it out right or choose not to address it at all. An example is buying articles that are inexpensive knowing their price is determined by labor laws we know are wrong.

Lent is about clearing out all the sin in our lives through confession and forgiveness. We confess we are in bondage to sin and can not free ourselves.

We seek forgiveness not for God – but for ourselves. Without forgiveness our relationship with God is not pure. God forgives us when we ask. Sometimes we however, don't forgive ourselves. This too blocks our relationship with God.

I invite you to use this time of Lent to ask God to create in yourself a clean heart. To have the joy of salvation restored in you. And be sustained in Christ through a willing spirit.

And all God's children say, Amen  
– Pastor Chon

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## What's Happening at Nativity

### Coming up in March Spring Clean Up



On Saturday,  
March 27

we will be having a  
spring clean up day  
beginning at 9:00 am.  
Please bring gloves,  
brooms and rakes.

The fellowship committee  
will provide lunch.

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### Women's Bible Study

Attention women of Nativity...  
the Women's Bible Study  
will meet on Thursday,  
March 11 at 9:30 am,  
in the fellowship hall.

We hope to see you there!

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### Taize Prayer Service

We will be hosting the Central  
Oregon Faith Community at  
a Taize Prayer Service on  
Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 pm.  
This service of contemplative  
singing and prayer is in-spiring  
in its simplicity and silence.  
Please plan on joining with  
our neighbors as we host  
them in our sanctuary for this  
special worship service.

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### Women's Lunch Bunch

The Women's Lunch Bunch  
will be having their luncheon  
at Boston's on Wednesday,  
March 17 at noon. For more  
information, please call Helen  
Roberts at 617-0648.

### Family Kitchen

Family Kitchen is always  
the fourth Saturday of the  
month, this month it is  
on March 27.

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### Food Pantry

Check the list taped to the  
food pantry door to find  
out the foods that are  
running short. The list will be  
updated during the month  
to keep supplies on hand,  
before the next inventory  
is done and the food  
slips are passed.  
Thanks a bunch!

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### March Council Meeting

Council will be having their  
next meeting on Tuesday,  
March 17 at 7:00 pm,  
in the fellowship hall.

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### Welcome Back Party

Mark the date of April 11 at  
5:00 pm, for a welcome  
back party for Pastor Dave  
and Ivy. More details later.

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### Adult Education Classes

If you have any  
suggestions for adult  
education  
classes or  
would like to  
teach a class  
please contact  
Frank Barnes.



### Picture Directory

Anna Trobaugh is  
generously offering her  
time and expertise in  
taking family, individual  
and couple photographs  
of our members, for the  
up-coming picture  
directory. Anna is still in  
need of a standing flood  
light, before she is able to  
begin taking pictures, if  
you have one to loan out  
to her during March and  
April, please call her at  
360-601-7768.

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### Nativity Camp Out

"Mark your calendars!" It  
may still be winter, but  
think about summer...  
Nativity Camp Out is  
Friday, August 13 through  
Sunday August 15th at  
Newberry Group Camp  
(Newberry National  
Volcanic Monument).  
Come for fun, fellowship,  
swimming, canoeing/  
kayaking, camping,  
worship in the woods on  
Saturday, potluck and  
more... Questions?  
Contact Selina Berg  
at 541-312-8663

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### Need Altar Flowers

Remember that special  
someone with flowers.  
Please sign up on the  
sheet posted in the hall.

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## Treasurer's Report

For the month of  
**January 2010**

<b>Income</b>	\$18,642.06	Dec \$26,009.34
<b>Expenses</b>	\$22,280.93	Dec \$24,418.22
<b>Net Income</b>	-\$ 3,637.37	Dec \$1,596.72

**Checking Account balance** \$19,274.41  
Dec \$25,370.28

**Designated Funds balance** \$38,184.92  
Dec \$38,183.42

**Sabbatical Fund balance** \$14,270.57  
Dec \$18,799.13

**Endowment Fund** \$42,512.20

Our average income for January was \$3,728 per week, we need \$5,670 per week. Donation-wise we are down \$10,568 for the month. Please note that these figures are slightly skewed, because we missed paying Pastor Dave's pension and health insurance. So, the expenses are lower by \$2,351.31. It will show up double in the February report.



There is no longer a Sanctuary Renovation fund. That checking account now houses our Sabbatical monies.

## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday - 9:00 & 10:45 am**

**Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday - 7:00 pm**

## Easter Sunday

**Sunrise Service - 6:00 am**

**Contemporary Service - 9:00 am**

**Traditional Blended Service - 10:45 am**

Youth Ministries will be serving brunch on Easter Sunday, after the 6:00 am service, until 10:45 am service. All donations will assist in sending the youth ministries students to Camp Lutherwood.

The Easter egg hunt will begin immediately after the 9:00 am service, (approximately 10:15 am). All kids are welcome between the ages of one year old thru 5th grade.

Kid's please remember  
to bring your baskets.

## In Need Of:

- Someone to maintain (sweep) the front entrance weekly.
- Someone to clean (shampoo) the carpets in the fellowship hall quarterly.
- Bakers for our fellowship cookies monthly.



## Happy Birthday to You ...

March 3	Dorris Dunn	March 16	Carolyn Haughton, La Juana West
March 4	Tristan Hollingsworth, Donna Rustand	March 17	Jake Munson, Josh Mahl, Mya Fraley
	Johanna Myers	March 18	Harold Carlson
March 5	Robert Finch	March 19	Joyce Carlson
March 6	Aleta Nissen, Jayda Koland,	March 20	Hannah Gainey
	Del Van Camp	March 21	Jessica Norris, Corry Hollingsworth
March 8	Sharon McAllister	March 23	Breanna Aasland
March 9	Shawn Aasland	March 24	Kari Hatlestad
March 10	Nikki Garcia	March 25	Ruth Burleigh
March 11	Pat Gamble, Ashley Nunez	March 27	Jason Braiser
March 12	Scott Peterson	March 28	Karen Munson
March 13	Bob Heisey	March 29	Lyle Jacobson
March 14	Bev Peterson	March 31	Peggy Lindsay

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## What's Happening for Youth

### What a Wonderful Ride!

Over the course of 8 years of youth ministry, I have had the privilege to speak at many camps, retreats, and events. Each time, I watch as God reveals himself to students in new, vibrant ways. I observe the Holy Spirit move in their hearts, and smile as students brace themselves for a wonderful ride.

Following Jesus and investing in your relationship with him, always proves to be a thrilling journey filled with many twists, turns, and excitement. It is true what Paul writes in his letter to the church of Corinth, "you are a new creation, the old is gone, the new has come." When we go on this ride, the way we interact with people changes, the way we see the world shifts, and our actions become dynamic...often flying in the face of societal norms.

So how do we listen while traveling?



For the last month it has been really awesome to go through the book of Mark with our middle school students at element. Our conversations about the book's implications for our life are amazing. It is so fun to watch these students listen for God's direction and call as they read and discuss scripture... and we're only on chapter 2!

As we journey to the cross this Lent, I encourage you to take time to sit with scripture. May God meet you in the silence, the ancient words, and stir in you hope for this wonderful, exciting ride we are on!

Much Peace,

Ron Werner Jr  
Director of Youth Ministries

### Children's Ministry

March should be a fun time for the children at Nativity as we are planning to have indoor Winter Olympic competitions each week at our Kids' Night Out. Parents are invited and encouraged to join us at 5:30 pm, and attend the Soup Supper together with their children and the Nativity family. Our meetings will continue to be from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

As we look forward to our meetings in April and May, we would like to invite parents and grandparents to think about how they might contribute to our children's Wednesday evenings in one of the following ways:

- preparing and bringing in a dinner;
- helping with crafts or arts projects;
- helping with recreational activities;
- sharing some other interest or talent they may have.

If you would prefer to assist others who are leading we would be happy to use you in that way.

Please call Dee at 541-389-9202 if you have further questions as to how you can help, or if you would like to sign up to help one or more of the evenings.

The Kids' Night Out is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

On Sunday mornings our Junior Church meets during the first service. We will continue our study of Old Testament characters. Children go with their parents to the service and are dismissed at approximately 9:15 am, for Junior Church. They will then return to their families for communion.

Dee Engel  
Director of Children Ministries

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## What's Happening . . .

### Would You Be Interested in Being a Host Parent for an Exchange Student from Norway?

Gisela Sexton, from The Dalles and a representative for the EF Foundation for Foreign Study is looking for host families for the following students for Fall 2010. Gisela's daughter and son-in-law have lived in Bend for 10 years; she has placed other students in the Central Oregon area for the last 3 years.

Girl 1 - Marie Lavise Velhelmson, from Savelandsvik, Norway; 16 years old and loves to horseback ride, sing in a choir, and hiking. Cats, dogs and horses are her favorite animals. She wants to be a veterinarian. She also loves sports and plays on a Christian Sports Team (volleyball).



Girl 2 - Berge Monika, from Frei, Norway; 16 years old and loves to dance, read, cook . . . also skiing, hiking and fishing.

It is important to find host homes for them as soon as possible as Bend schools close their doors to exchange students early in the year; and the students have to get their Visa.

Go to this website if you want to learn more about [www.effoundation.org/master/who](http://www.effoundation.org/master/who).

Both girls are excited to come and are thankful for this opportunity. If you would like to share your life with one of these girls and be a help in this educational opportunity in their life, please contact Gisela at 509-767-4295 or (cell) 509-310-9070.

### Getting to Know You

The fellowship committee has started a new ministry entitled "Getting to Know You." Since Kirk Sandburg is our new council president, he and his wife, Jan, are the first contributors to this new ministry. Please take a minute to read "their story" on the wall next to the kitchen in the fellowship hall. And let one of the members of the committee know what you think of this endeavor.

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### What's Happening on Wednesday Evenings During the Season of Lent

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Kids Night Out  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm – element  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm – Soup Supper  
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm – Holden Evening Prayer

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### Contemplative Outreach of Central Oregon

Contemplative Outreach of Central Oregon invites you to the 2nd Annual "A Taste of Silence" on Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Heritage Hall at the First Presbyterian Church on 230 NE 9th in Bend. All are welcome to a morning of Centering Prayer, a method of prayer drawn from the Christian contemplative tradition which facilitates opening to an ever deepening relationship with God. A brief introduction to the method of Centering Prayer is offered for those new to this way of prayer. For more information, call: Rita at 541-382-0086 or Elizabeth at 541-382-4401

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### Thank You's . . .

On behalf of the Brasier family, I want to thank you for the beautiful memorial service that you gave to my husband Tom and the delicious potluck that followed! Pastor Chon did an outstanding job and Corry was such a help. Thank you to all the members that provided food and all the ladies who worked in preparing the potluck! It meant

a lot. We received over a hundred cards, 5 plants, and \$1,000 to give to the Memorial/Prayer Garden. Your support has been un-measurable. I'm proud to be part of such a giving and compassionate church!

Sincerely, Chris Brasier

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Dee Engel wishes to thank Bonnie Norris and all who have helped out during her recovery from knee replacement surgery. She also appreciates the prayers, cards and flowers from the Nativity family.

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Thank you for the prayers and cards received on the occasion of my sisters' stroke and death; and also for the prayers and concern for my grandson, Brady Hardin, during his recent surgical procedure in January. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Your continued prayers for Brady will be welcomed for his kidney transplant that will be done on March 15 at OHSU in Portland.

Sincerely, Barb Smith

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### Greenhouse Donation

Walt and Mel Larkins have donated their greenhouse to Nativity for the Orchard and Community Garden projects. As a result we hope to develop some new gardening programs for the children of Nativity and Head Start. Thank you for your generosity Walt and Mel.

### Nativity Habitat Projects

Barb Smith has just been approved for a new Bend Area Habitat home. Once the schedule is posted we will let you know. Barb's home will be our third Nativity cosponsored Habitat build in four years. Congratulations Barb!

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The Youth of Nativity are currently involved in a cooperative Bend Area Youth Build. Check with Ron Werner for information on how you can help.

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### Firewood, Orchard and Garden

Wood splitting together with site preparation for the Community Garden and Orchard continues every Saturday from 9:00am to Noon. As the plantings begin to arrive for the Orchard and the weather warms up we will concentrate less on the firewood ministry. We have almost finished splitting the 30 cord donation that NLC received in early 2009. Thanks to all that have been involved.

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### New Door

A new door will be installed in the South wall of the Fellowship Hall for direct access to the Orchard. So far we have raised \$700.00 toward the \$2,300 needed for purchase and installation. The door has been ordered and will be on display soon. If you care to contribute please write your check payable to NLC making sure you highlight and note "Orchard Door" in the memo section of the check.



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## What's Happening . . .

The Well



### Your Source for Health and Wellness Information

Nativity Lutheran Church now has a health and wellness ministry. The mission of The Well is to serve all people in the congregation who are in need of health and wellness information and resources. Please note that we do not want to duplicate existing resources and ministries that Nativity already offers.

In addition to providing health and wellness information, The Well will offer a blood pressure check one Sunday each month. Look for upcoming services and information in the monthly Nativity newsletter.

The Well is coordinated by Nativity members Dana Topliff, RN and Jenny Stollenwerk, RN. Dana is a nursing instructor at Central Oregon Community College with extensive experience in education. Jenny's nursing background is in pediatrics, community health and case management.

We are looking for additional nurses and healthcare professionals in the congregation to serve as resources at The Well. For more information on serving, please contact Dana at [dtopliff@hotmail.com](mailto:dtopliff@hotmail.com)) or Jenny at [jstollenwerk@yahoo.com](mailto:jstollenwerk@yahoo.com).



### A Forum On Faith, Health Reform & Our Community

*How do we understand current efforts at health reform in the light of our faith values? How will health reform affect me? My family? My community?*

People from Bend's faith communities will gather to reflect on these questions together with knowledgeable panelists and faith leaders.

All are welcome to come and share concerns, hopes or reservations about health reform in a respectful dialogue about this important and timely issue. Presented by the Oregon Interfaith Health Justice Campaign, a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO).

On Saturday, March 6th from 9:30 - noon at First Presbyterian Church on 230 Ninth St.

*Panelist will include:*

Rev. Steven Koski, Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church

Mike Bonetto, Director of Community Benefits and Government Affairs,  
Cascade Healthcare Community  
Member of the Oregon Health Policy

Katherine Mastrangelo, Executive Director  
Volunteers in Medicine

Alea Christofferson, local business owner

Ron Williams,  
Oregon Action

Liz Baxter, Executive Director  
The Archimedes Movement

Free and open to the public.

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## Office Hours

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Pastor Pugh:** Monday - Thursday

**Ron:** Monday - Thursday

**Corry:** Monday - Friday

## Worship and Educational Opportunities

### Sundays:

9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services

9:15 am Junior Church

6:00 pm NYC (high school)

### Wednesdays:

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

4:00 pm YPN (K-5th grade)

5:30 pm element (middle school)

7:00 pm Adult Education

For more information,  
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