

# TIDINGS

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## A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

### *The Road not Taken*

*Robert Frost*

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood  
and sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
and looked down one as far as I could  
to where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
and having perhaps the better claim  
because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
though as for that, the passing there  
had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
in leaves no feet had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh,  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I --  
I took the one less travelled by,  
and that has made all the difference

Lent, the forty days that begin with Ash Wednesday, is historically a season of preparation. During Lent, candidates seeking to be baptized would be prepared during Lent, finally baptized during the Easter Vigil. For those people already baptized in the church, Lent was considered a time of baptismal renewal, a time to reexamine the baptismal call, and renew a commitment to life as a child of God.

The disciplines of Lent- prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, were seen as a way to help Christians focus on the meaning of baptism. These disciplines were meant to help individuals prepare themselves for Easter, and consider their own way of living in light of the way of Christ. Lent is most certainly a time to examine our own way of living, but it is not meant to be a time where we dwell only on sorrow, or force our worship into sadness.

During this season of Lent, we will be focusing on "The Road Not Taken", the way that makes all the difference- the Way of the Cross. Each Sunday we will learn about new ways of being Christians in the world, ways of humility and truth, ways of danger and homecoming. Our Wednesday night Lenten gatherings will be our "Road-Trips" into places in our history where we learn about God's hope and salvation for God's people through time.

Please join us in experiencing these new roads during our Lenten journey. As the Frost poem says, *the road less traveled by has made all the difference*. The Way of The Cross has made all the difference.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Petersen

## 2006 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT-THE SPECIAL SHEPHERD



On Sunday morning 17th, the Sunday School presented their annual Christmas program as part of the 10:30 worship service. "The Special Shepherd" was the story of a young shepherd boy who had the ability to talk to the animals and thus learned the Christmas story from Mary's donkey's and the Wiseman's camel. The program was enhanced by the wonderful animal costumes fashioned by Dawn Boers.



Many other people contributed to make the program memorable. Of course there were the children who learned their lines and followed directions superbly. Their teachers and parents aided them in this endeavor. Lynette Schroeter put in many hours gathering and setting up the scenery as well as organizing, making and repairing costumes. Carmen MacKenzie and Lee Stein assisted her with the costumes. David Hall and David MacKenzie helped with checking the sound system. The Greenslades, the Hanebergs and Sue



Geisler provided rehearsal lunch. Many thanks are due to all these people for yet another wonderful Christmas show by the IPLC children.

Darcie Wadycki



## GET IN MY BELLY!

By Lee Samsami Stein

Fat Tuesday is rumbling towards us, so mark your calendars for IPLC's 18th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bake Sale on Tuesday, February 20th, 2007, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at 4057 N. Harding.

Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, is celebrated with merriment, self-indulgence, and—in particular—with great quantities of pancakes. Long ago, strict Christian Lenten rules prohibited the eating of all dairy products. So, keen housewives made pancakes to use up their supplies of eggs, milk, butter and other fats. Families ate stacks of them, and pancakes were popular with everyone from all socio-economic classes.

Ticket prices are as follows:

\$6.00 for adults

\$4.00 for children twelve years and under.

They may be purchased ahead of time by calling 773-267-1667, or through any one of the church council members (see the back page of this newsletter for church council members).

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Magic Mushroom children's summer Bible school program. The Magic Mushroom program is a four-week long summer program

for children three years of age through sixth grade that has served the Irving Park community for over 30 years. It consists of instruction in Bible studies, art, music and physical education. Please note: If you'd like to enroll your child in the program this summer, get a head start – registration begins at the Pancake Supper!

By the way...Please help us out! We need help with decorating the gym, sweets for the Bake Sale, as well as sellers, pancake flippers, servers, and kitchen help for this special night! We can also use your help for publicity too! We'll need people to put up posters and give flyers to local businesses. Adults and youth alike are invited to help out. Please visit the sign-up sheet in the narthex (in the back of the church) or call the church office.

For more information on the Pancake Supper or Magic Mushroom call the church 773.267.1667.



## SHROVE TUESDAY

## INTRODUCING E. L. W.

During the month of January, we have begun to use the new *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal (ELW). The hymns are being selected from the hymnal and we are beginning to learn the first setting that begins on page 94.

The first part of the ELW contains the following information about the structure and special services to be used throughout the year:

- Calendar showing Sundays and Principal Festivals and the Lesser Festivals and Commemorations throughout the year. (pages 14-17)
- Propers  $\frac{3}{4}$  List of lessons for the three-year cycle and the prayer of the day for each of the Sundays and Principal Festivals (pages 18-53). We are using the "C" cycle for the 2006-2007 church year. List of Lesser Festivals (pages 54-59), Commemorations (pages 59-61), and Occasions (pages 61-63).
- Prayers for Worship  $\frac{3}{4}$  Offering Prayer, Thanksgiving at the Table, Thanksgiving at the Font (pages 64-71).
- Additional Prayers  $\frac{3}{4}$  Worship, The Church, Congregational Life, Mission, Civic Life, Government, Nations, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Creation, Life Passages, Daily Life, Affirmation of Christian Vocation, Healing, and Spiritual Life (pages 72-87)
- Holy Communion  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pattern for Worship  $\frac{3}{4}$  "The basic pattern of this service - gathering, word, meal, sending - is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission for the gospel, into the life of the one triune God." (pages 91-93)
- Holy Communion  $\frac{3}{4}$  Setting One begins on page 94. The rubrics (instructions) are printed in red and smaller print. The rubric instructs what the worshiper, Pastor, and/or Assisting Minister should do and gives us the alternatives that may be used. Currently we are using *Sundays and Seasons* for the Confession and Offertory Prayer in the service and the service is being printed in the bulletin with the exception of The Great Thanksgiving. (pages 94-115)

Settings Two through Ten are on the following pages (pages 117-209)

- Service of the Word (pages 210-222)
- Holy Baptism  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pattern for Worship (pages 225-226). The Service of Holy Baptism (pages 227-231). Welcome to Baptism (joining the congregation) (pages 232-233). Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) (pages 234-237)
- Corporate Confessions and Forgiveness (pages 238-242)
- Individual Confession and Forgiveness (pages 243-244)
- Lent and the Three Days  $\frac{3}{4}$  services for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil (pages 247-270)
- Life Passages  $\frac{3}{4}$  services of Healing, Marriage, and Funeral (pages 273-291)
- Daily Prayer  $\frac{3}{4}$  Matins (morning), Vespers (evening), Compline (night), Suffrages (responsive) (pages 295-331)

Next month we will talk about the "normal" worship service, the rubrics, and all the alternatives.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT PROJECT

Thanks to all the people who contributed to the Sunday School mitten tree this past Christmas. The following items were donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry for their Christmas distribution.

- 4 hats with matching mittens
- 8 other hats
- 1 scarf
- 1 headband
- 5 pairs mittens
- 46 pairs gloves, good variety of sizes
- 10 coats
- 2 vests
- 27 Beany Babies
- 10 other stuffed animals

### IRVING PARK COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

#### VALENTINE BRUNCH

Sunday, February 11, 2007  
11:30 a.m. 'til 2:00 p.m.at  
Irving Park United Methodist Church  
3801 N. Keeler Ave.

#### Menu

Sausage & Egg Bake  
Cheese & Egg Bake  
Fruit Juices Fruit Cup  
Assorted Breads & Pastries  
Coffee Tea Milk

#### Tickets

Adults \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door  
Seniors & Pre-Teens \$4.00 in advance, \$5.00 at the door

Advance tickets may be purchased from  
Sharon Iverson or Lois Schill

## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

It was a terrific month for the Irving Park Lutheran "Return to Sender" World War II letters program.

Thanks to the Internet, directory assistance and word-of-mouth, IPLC has been able to return letters to 53 families (as of Jan. 19). We're still trying to track down the remaining 187 WWII "correspondents" whose letters were discovered last fall in a storage area. There were more than 1,000 letters in the collection.

The return of the letters has been deeply appreciated by the veterans and their families. Widows, children, nieces and nephews have all been especially thankful to receive the treasures that give an insight into what their family members were going through during WWII

The 39 veterans (or their families) who have received their letters since the last edition of the Tidings include: Clarence H. Anderson, Raymond N. Begy, Raymond Benson, Eugene P. Borgeson, Eldridge T. Davis, LeRoy A. Davis, Melvin Davis, Milburn A. Davis, Sigurd Fredrickson, H. Robert Hjerstedt, Howard K. Hjerstedt, Marshall A. Holmgren, Warner A. Holmgren, George Hrodey, Thomas Hrodey, Paul Huxmann, Oscar H. Jansen, Charles R. Jantho, Harry L. Joerger, Herman G. Johnson, Gustave B. Kielhack, Robert W. Kroening, Albert O. Leapley, Donald "Bud" Magnuson, William Magnuson, Francis J. Narowitz, John S. Ohrn Jr., Wilton E. "Bud" Petersen, Farris L. Peterson, LeRoy H. Peterson, Wesley S. Peterson, William G. Rieker, Harold Robert Seagren, Lester O. Sundling, Eugene R. Sriver,

Randolph B. Walinder, Walter O. Wallstrom, Russell W. Wende and R. Warren Westcott.

Letters have worked their way back to many destinations outside of Illinois, including California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin.

Now that we're moving into February, here's just a few highlights of what was happening at IPLC 65 years ago – less than two months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor – as relayed in the "Tidings" of February 1942:

\* Thirteen more names were added to the list of IPLC members who joined the military, bring the total to 55.

\* Plans were being made to collect books and bake cookies (the "Cookie Jar Campaign") to send to "Our Boys" as they were known.

\* The "Our Boys" Service Flag was dedicated on Feb. 22. The service attracted a capacity audience that filled the sanctuary and the auditorium. The drum and bugle corps of Cub Scout Pack 2863 was among the featured musicians. After the service, Part II of the program moved over to the five-year-old Educational Building, where a play performed by the Religious Drama Guild, musical entertainment and the showing of pictures of "our Boys" in Service (including those who served in World War I) were displayed in a slide show. Part III including an address by Chaplain E.F. Redman and the unfurling of the Service Flag. The flag was sewed by Mrs. Amanda Magnuson, who also sewed the World War I Service Flag 25 years earlier.

–Ralph Greenslade

## FINE ARTS - FEBRUARY 27, AT 2:00 PM, CHRISTOPHER LAUGHLIN, GUITAR

**Christopher Laughlin** was born in 1958 and raised in the Chicago suburb of Park Forest, Illinois. He began his guitar studies at the age of 14 with Richard Pick in Chicago. He attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, earning a Bachelor of Music degree in 1980. In 1984 he received a Master of Music degree from Yale University. On finishing his studies at Yale he was awarded a Fulbright grant and an Annette Kade Scholarship to study in Paris with Uruguayan guitarist Betho Davezac. He continued his studies for a second year on a scholarship from the French government.

In 1985, while still living in Paris, Laughlin made a short concert tour of Tunisia under the auspices of the United States Information Service. The success of these concerts established a long-lasting relationship between Laughlin and the U.S.I.S. that has resulted in four international tours and performances in the following countries: Portugal, Greece, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Doha, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, Haiti, Austria, The Czech Republic, Romania, Cyprus, Yugoslavia, Ghana, Benin, Cameroon, and Bolivia.

Also while living in Paris, Laughlin won prizes in two international guitar competitions, those of the village of Sable-Sur-Sarthe, in 1986, and of the Union des Femmes

Artistes Musiciennes, in 1985.

Christopher returned to Chicago in 1986. Since then he has soloed with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra, St. Joseph Pro Musica, the Symphony of the Shores, Westshore Symphony, the LaPorte County Symphony, and the Northwest Chicago Symphony and also with the Symphony String Quartet. He has made numerous live broadcasts on Chicago's WFMT radio, including three Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts, two Continental Bank Concerts, and five "Live from Studio 1" broadcasts. He also frequently gives recitals in the Chicago area.

Christopher has been a featured performer at colleges, universities, and small communities throughout the Midwest region since then. He has also performed recitals in Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Ann Arbor, Toledo, Washington, and New Haven, CT. His recitals have been broadcast on radio stations KUSC-Los Angeles, WETA-Washington, and all across North America on the WFMT satellite network. He has released two recordings on Peregrine Records, *Danza!* (1994) and *Simplicio* (1998).

Christopher Laughlin teaches at his Glenview, Illinois studio, and at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in Milwaukee.

You can visit Mr. Laughlin's web site at [www.laughlinguitar.com](http://www.laughlinguitar.com)

# FEBRUARY 2007

## THE HISTORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY

- 1 Jeremiah 1:11-19
- 2 1 Corinthians 14:13-25
- 3 Psalm 56
- 4 Isaiah 6:1-8{9-13}, Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 14:13-25, Luke 5:1-11
- 5 Numbers 27:12-23
- 6 1 Samuel 9:15--10:1b
- 7 Luke 5:27-32
- 8 Isaiah 8:1-15
- 9 1 Corinthians 14-26-40
- 10 Psalm 115
- 11 Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26
- 12 2 Kings 24:18--25:21
- 13 Ezra 1:1-11
- 14 Luke 11:37-52
- 15 Jeremiah 22:11-17
- 16 1 Corinthians 15:20-34
- 17 Psalm 120
- 18 Genesis 45:3-11, Psalm 37:1-11,39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:2-38
- 19 Genesis 33:1-17
- 20 1 Samuel 24:1-22
- 21 Luke 17:1-4
- 22 Leviticus 5:1-13
- 23 1 Corinthians 11:2-22, 27-33
- 24 Psalm 38
- 25 Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
1 Corinthians 15:51-58, Luke 6:39-49
- 26 Jeremiah 24:1-10
- 27 Jeremiah 29:10-19
- 28 Luke 14:34-35

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Karen & John Frank - February 6, 1965  
Annette & Jose Beltran - February 19, 1994  
Nancy & Gordon Johnson - February 21, 1959  
Denise & Ken Propst - February 25, 1977

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in

love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Britta Larson
- 2 Lester Jacobson  
Gunhild Kristensson  
Britta Schroeter
- 3 Duncan Weir
- 4 Eric Richard
- 5 Doreen Welch
- 9 Emily Anderson  
Lois Schill
- 13 Lynette Schroster
- 18 George Speaker, Jr.
- 20 Sharon Girten
- 24 Ryan Jennison  
Valerie Wadycki
- 25 Nancy Hall
- 28 Melvin Davis  
Milburn Davis
- 29 Holly Van Essen

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am-Chapel, Sjunday School,  
Adult Studies  
10:30 am-Traditional Service  
11:45 am, Ensemble rehearsal

## MID WEEK WORSHIP

Thursdays at 7:00

# FEBRUARY 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 11:00 Hope Circle 3:00 MAP 7:00 Midweek 7:30 Basketball	2 9:00 Jam'in with Julie 7:00 Women's Volleyball, Boy Scouts 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	3 Pinewood Derby 10:30 Confirmation
4 Boy Scout Sunday 2:00 Women's Volleyball Game At Luther North 3:00 Swedish Cultural	5 3:00 MAP 7:00 Explorer Scouts	6 3:00 MAP 7:00 Explorer Scouts 8:00 Basketball	7 9:00 Jam'in with Julie 3:00 MAP 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Girl Scouts Bells 8:00 Chancel Choir	8 3:00 MAP 7:00 Midweek 7:30 Basketball	9 9:00 Jam'in with Julie 7:00 Women's Volleyball, Boy Scouts 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	10 Youth for Understanding 9:00 ICCIP Retreat
11	12 7:00 Explorer Scouts 7:30 Council	13 3:00 MAP 7:00 Explorer Scouts 8:00 Basketball	14 9:00 Jam'in with Julie 3:00 MAP 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Girl Scouts Bells 8:30 Chancel Choir	15 3:00 MAP 7:00 Midweek 7:30 Basketball	16 9:00 Jam'in with Julie 7:00 Women's Volleyball, Boy Scouts 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	17 10:30 Confirmation, Basketball
18 3:00 Jupiter Lodge 3:15 Women's Volleyball at St. Philip	19 7:00 Miriam Circle Fat Tuesday Set-up	20 Fat Tuesday 3:00 MAP 5:00-7:30 Pancake Supper to benefit "Magic Mushroom"	21 9:00 Jam'in with Julie 3:00 MAP 4:30 ICCIP 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Ash Wed. Service 8:30 Chancel Choir	22 3:00 MAP 7:30 Basketball	23 9:00 Jam'in with Julie 7:00 Women's Volleyball, Boy Scouts 8:00 Alkies Only 9:00 Men's Volleyball	24 10:30 Basketball
25 2:00 Fine Arts Christopher Laughlin 2:00 Women's Volleyball At St. Philip	26 3:00 MAP 7:00 Explorer Scouts	27 3:00 MAP 6:00 MAP Meeting 6:00 Team Night 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 Basketball	28 9:00 Jam'in with Julie 3:00 MAP 4:30 ICCIP 6:00 Lent Meal 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Lent Wed. Service 8:30 Chancel Choir	<p><b>Please Check weekly bulletin and the web-site, <a href="http://www.iplc.org/Calendar/month.php">www.iplc.org/Calendar/month.php</a> for updates to this calendar.</b></p>		

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9:00 am Sunday School, Chapel and  
Adult Studies

10:30 Holy Communion

Thursday, Midweek Worship

7:00 pm

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