



# March 2010 Newsletter

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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### To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As we journey through this Lenten Season, I want to draw your attention to a very old symbol: The sign of the cross. Many within our congregation make the sign of the cross after receiving Holy Communion. Others also join me when I make the sign at the Invocation, Benediction, and a few other points in the service. But why do we do this?

The following is an excerpt from the book "Ceremony and Celebration" by Paul H. D. Lang: Making the sign of the cross is another ceremony that has come down to us from apostolic times. We employ it in blessing persons and things. In the Order of Holy Baptism we use it with the words, "Receive the sign of the holy cross, both upon the forehead and upon the breast, in token that thou hast been redeemed by Christ the Crucified."

When the minister pronounces the Benediction, he blesses the people with the sign of the cross. In the Holy Communion Service, the celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the bread and the cup. . .

Crossing oneself was practiced by Christians from the earliest centuries and may go back to apostolic times. We know that it was already a common ceremony used daily in A.D. 200 for Tertullian writes: "In all our undertakings – when we enter a place or leave it; before we dress; before we bathe; when we take our meals; when we light the lamps in the evening; before we retire at night; when we sit down and read; before each new task – we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads." St. Augustine (A.D. 431) speaks of this Christian custom many times in his sermons and letters.

It is one of the traditional ceremonies that was most definitely retained by Luther and the Lutheran Church in the sixteenth-century Reformation. Luther prescribed in his Small Catechism under the heading, "How the Head of the Family Should Teach His Household to Bless Themselves in the Morning and in the Evening." He says, "In the morning when you rise (In the evening when you go to bed. . .) you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." . . . This ceremony is also still authorized in many of the present-day Lutheran service books.

Crossing oneself is done by putting the fingers of the right hand to the forehead, to the breast, and to the left and right shoulders, with the words, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." By doing this we profess our faith in the Triune God and in our redemption through Christ crucified. But it is more than a profession of faith; it is a prayer in action of thanksgiving or for blessing to God the Father, in the Holy Spirit, through our one and only Mediator, Jesus Christ. The sign of the cross may also be made from the right to the left shoulder. This is the older form which has been retained in the Eastern church.

In the church's worship it is a laudable custom to cross ourselves at the beginning and end of all services and at the following places in the Service or in the Order of Holy Communion Service: During the opening words, "In the name etc."; at the end of the Absolution; at the beginning of the Introit; at the end of the Gloria in Excelsis; when the Gospel is announced; at the end of the Creed; during the Sanctus at the words, "Blessed is He"; after the consecration at "The peace of the Lord"; when we receive the holy body and precious blood of Christ; when the minister says, "Depart in peace"; and at the end of the Benediction.

The holy cross is the symbol of our salvation. We were signed with it when we were baptized. It is the sign by which the church blesses people and things. By using it we become part of the wonderful history of our faith and companions in the company of the saints. It is right that we should make the sign of the cross frequently and to glory in it, saying with St. Paul, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:4).

Here at Our Redeemer, we are a part of the historic Christian Church handed down through God's faithful since the days of the apostles. Since then, many traditions and customs have changed, but I believe that making the sign of the cross is a great tradition which has been under-used in Lutheran circles over the past few centuries. In Luther's Catechisms, we are encouraged to use it in our devotional life and not feel uncomfortable making the sign in our Lutheran churches because it seems too "Catholic." We are reminded that the Reformation was not an effort to get rid of anything hinting of Roman Catholicism. Luther only fought to get rid of the abuses. Making the sign of the cross as a daily affirmation and reminder of one's Baptism and Christ's sacrifice is certainly not something that should be avoided or put out of practice.

I personally did not regularly make use of the sign of the cross until I was ordained. While at the Seminary, there were certain classmates of mine who implied that making the sign of the cross should not be optional and looked down on those of us who did not do it. This is a personal character flaw of mine, but there was no way I was going to do something simply because someone told me to or strongly implied that I should do it. Besides, on the occasions that I did make the sign of the cross at the Seminary, I found myself wondering who was watching rather than focusing on what that cross means.

Making the sign of the cross is meant to be a tool for personal edification of our faith. If you choose to implement this tool in your daily devotional or Sunday morning worship routine, do it because of the importance of Christ's cross in your life of faith. It is now something that brings me joy and has great meaning for me. Like all aspects of our worship life, it is not meant to be done for others to see but for God to see. Like prayer, whether done privately or within corporate worship, it is done with the focus on God.

If you feel making the sign of the cross would be beneficial to your life of devotion and worship, then I encourage you to use this ancient symbol. Like many parts of our worship life, it is a connection to the generations of faithful who have gone before us. But most importantly, it is a connection to the cross of Christ our Lord.

There is a good reason why our sanctuary has 154 crosses in its architecture. And in my count I did not include the crosses on Bibles or Hymnals or the "T" on the exit signs. We are "Easter people," but we are also people of the cross. As St. Paul says, "we preach Christ crucified" [I Cor. 1:23].

**In Christ,**  
*Pastor Eden*

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### **Special Voter's Meeting to be held @1:00 p.m. on Sun., Mar. 7, 2010**

Topics to be discussed:

- Nomination of a Presidential Candidate for the Synodical Convention.
- Possibility of purchasing the property of 1706 Elm.
- Scrip Fund
- Approving allocations for missions

### **Who's Who at Our Redeemer**

President	Larry Ehmen	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
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Vice-President	Bill Dicks	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Secretary	Wanda Spohr	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Treasurer	Carole Lannerd	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Financial Secretary	Janett Mueller	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Education Board	Becky Lunt	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Larry Foster	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Cynthia Ott, S. S. Supt., ex officio	appointed
	Hannah Ott, S. S. Supt., ex officio	appointed
	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	appointed
Board of Elders	Jim Callahan	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Jerry Lunt	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Richard Reichert	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Ryan Vaughn	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Steve Schoch	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Terry Morse	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
Evangelism Board	Rosie Meyer	Nov. 2009 – Sep. 2010
	Michelle Urbon	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
Property Board	Steve Kaiser	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Bill Humphrey	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Stewardship Board	Connie Louderback	Oct. 2009 - Sep. 2010
	Terry Lannerd	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
Youth Ministry Board	Jenna & Josh Crabtree	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Melanie Zehnle	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Carrie Fischer	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010

## Remembering In Our Prayers

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES:**

Mark and Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Aaron DeWerff, Cindy Flesner, Rick Flesner, John Haines, Blake Hemmann, Zach Howerton, Jason Klauser, Jared Lunt, Tyler McCarty, Dan Meyer, Amanda Schwartz, Jeremy Schwartz, Ryan Thruston, Spencer Toner, Marc Troxel, Kristen Vahle, Phillip Weisheit, and Patrick Weppler.



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS:** Nick Austin, Warren Bingman, Sean Burner, Mary Butler, Joseph Hoebing, Michael Morgan, Nancy O'Neal, Nancy Ott, Cole Schullian, Dean Schulte, Kory Tournear, Kurt and Alissa Ulmer and child, Jacob Weimer, Frank and Kay Weiss, and Vicki Wemhoener

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Norma Baird, Dolores Bruenger, Ben Clevenger, Chuck and Maxine Delven, Gloria Douglas, Barbara Ebel, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, Paul Hagemann, Ruth Holt, Merle Kuntemeier, Bob and Evelyn McGartland, Jacqueline Mickens, Mary Morgan, Marilyn Newman, Sue Patton, Patricia Powers, Dora Rodefeld, LaVora Scoggan, Ike Shaffer, Marietta Sheer, Ruth Sprenger, Lucille Stuffing, Thea Suelzman, Ida Utterback, Ann Viar, Robert Wemhoener, Wilma Wemhoener, Lucille Wiskirchen

## Keep Our Missionaries in Your Prayers

Dr. Zachary and Mrs. Erika Sommermeyer and son Eli in Ankara, Turkey,  
Apple of His Eye Mission Society,  
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia,  
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Harlow, Essex, U.K.,  
The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany,  
Mrs. Alvina Federwitz in Liberia, West Africa,  
Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz and their children in Papua New Guinea,  
Danny and Becca DeLoach and their children in Papua New Guinea,  
Dr. Steve and Mrs. Julie Lutz, home on furlough.

## Our Seminary Students

Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN:  
Andrew Dierks, 6600 N. Clinton St. 189, Fort Wayne, IN 46825



## Our Mission

To the glory of God we are SHARING Our Redeemer by ...  
CARING for one another in Christian love and compassion  
ENCOURAGING growth and outreach through worship and Bible study  
BEARING one another's burden's as family  
*(Colossians 3:12-17)*



## News & Notes

**3-Drawer Cart by the Office Steps**

Top Drawer: For Campbell's labels & Gen-

eral Mills box tops for education, HyVee UPCs, County Market brand UPCs, & Tyson A+ labels. They benefit the St. James school library. They can't use the Betty Crocker or the Kool-Aid points though. Thanks!

2<sup>nd</sup> Drawer: For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan home used them to make things.

3<sup>rd</sup> Drawer: For cancelled stamps for mis-sions. They must be complete stamps.

**Food Bank:** Do you know anyone from our church family or their families who needs the help of our Food Bank? If so contact Cindy Ott at 228-9354 or 430-0301.

**Thank you notes** are STILL coming in for the knitted items and food which were donated to the Seminary. See the bulletin board in the Front Entrance Hallway. There are lots of nice ones.

**Sunday School Report:** In March we will be collecting for the Our Redeemer Knitters.

**St. James Lutheran School News** - The Board of Christian Education is working to compile an accurate list of alumni graduates of St. James Lutheran School. A listing of alumni students is provided in a binder located in our Narthex. Please check it out & add any info you know.

**Heads up** June 14 -18 we'll be looking for able bodied men to help remove the pews so we can get the new flooring laid in the Church and then put them back afterwards.

**We are looking for new men** interested in becoming Communion Assistants? With all services having communion, we need more people. If you are interested in helping call Ryan Vaughn (221-9854), Pastor Eden (224-3929) or the church secretary (223-1769).

**Thrivent Financial members** are invited to join in \$3 million Helping Haiti effort. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members who want to make a financial contribution to support disaster response efforts in Haiti can

have their donations to one of the Lutheran relief agencies multiplied by the fraternal benefit society. To participate, visit [www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti](http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti) and make a contribution to one of the following:

Lutheran World Relief  
ELCA Disaster Response  
LCMS World Relief/Human Care  
WELS Committee on Relief

Thrivent Financial will add \$1 to every \$2 its members donate, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million. That means a potential of \$3 million or more to support relief efforts: \$2 million + from its members and \$1 million added by Thrivent Financial.

**GREETING CARDS** (sponsored by the PLuS group) Be sure to check out the wide variety of assorted greeting cards. You will find birthday (for men, women, and children!), wedding, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. Each card is only 50 cents.

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**Bake Sale!!!** The youth group will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday, March 14 between church services. Plan to stop by and pick up a delicious bake good item. The free will offering will support the summer youth trips to Montana or National Youth Gathering Convention in New Orleans. We have 14 youth attending these trips and are very excited to have the opportunity to travel and share and strengthen their faith with others. Thank you for your continued support.



What a busy month it has been!

We started the month off with our meeting on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Ruth Sheer and Ruth Essington. Eleanor Schlegl led everyone in the second part of our bible study entitled "Heart Matters: A Look at Mary", which covered a "devoted" heart and a "believing" heart. The Lutheran Women's Quarterly is a wonderful resource for bible studies from a woman's perspective.

Final details were put in place for the Bunco night and the Lenten service we are serving desserts at. In addition, ideas were gathered for fundraisers and mission projects, which we will be voting on and implementing at next month's meeting.

New business discussed – It was voted that we host the Friday night meal on June 4<sup>th</sup> of the LWML Central Illinois District Convention, which is being held at St. James Lutheran Church and that we coordinate the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> carry-in for the Bible Institute here at Our Redeemer.

Plans are also in the works for the part that our society will play at the 2011 National LWML convention in Peoria. Many of us have already been assigned to various committees and look forward to that event! Especially with it being so close to home.

Next came Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, Bunco night. If you were unable to attend, we're sorry you missed it! We always have a ball of fun with the game itself, but mostly we enjoy the fellowship with all the different ladies of Our Redeemer. Events like this, where there is no agenda, give an opportunity to get to know more about each lady of our church. What they do for fun, what they do for a living, etc... You never know what you may have in common with the person you set next to in church each week! Thanks to all who attended. Look for this fun event again!

Lastly, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, we coordinated the carry-in dinner for the Bible Institute after our outstanding speaker, Rev. Michael Mohr. The weather was a little bit of a hindrance, but we still had over 60 in attendance and the food was mmm good!

Please make plans to attend one of our meetings and check us out! Our group has grown to 25 members and we are truly blessed with the many gifts, talents and resources of all the ladies and we welcome you to join us in "serving the Lord with gladness"!

*Lutheran Women  
in Mission*

If you would like more information about our Evening Ladies Aid Society, please contact any member, or Michele Clevenger at 217-224-7881 or at [m.l.clevenger@comcast.net](mailto:m.l.clevenger@comcast.net) or

check out the LWML on the World Wide Web at [www.lwmlcid.org](http://www.lwmlcid.org) or [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

## March Birthdays

1 Donna MacFadden	12 Jared Lunt	21 Aaron Boerema
3 Ruth Hillebrenner	12 Savannah O'Dell	22 Michele Austin
3 Matthew Kemp	12 Wilma Wemhoener	22 Donald Blattner
3 Evie Ott	13 Joshua Weisenburger	22 Tiffany Hines
3 Richard Schaller	14 Charles Church	23 Clayton Markert
5 Robert McGartland	14 Jessica Scharnhorst	24 Anna Ehmen
6 David Bent	14 Zachariah Schweitzer	24 Robert Wemhoener
6 Kara Vahle	14 Mary Tipton	26 Glenna Garnett
7 Darrell Drescher	17 Thyssen Church	26 Kristin Humphrey
8 Rachel Boerema	17 Dorothy Hagemann	26 Richard Reichert
8 Christopher Schnack	17 Ellen Hines	27 Jerry Manton
9 Alex Doran	17 Mary Morse	27 Mark Voepel
9 Brandon Hufendick	17 Katie Voepel	28 Eleanor Schlegl
9 Erin Humphrey	17 Jeffrey Wolfmeyer	29 Andrew Fodor
9 Chad Manton	18 Ella Ehmen	29 Julia Troxel
11 Pamela Church	18 Erin Fischer	30 James Holtman
11 Logan Frink	20 Ciera Clevenger	31 Kimberly Spohr
12 Deanna Hibbert	20 Connor Clevenger	

## March Anniversaries

6 Ben & Marcia Clevenger	17 Raymond & Kathleen Miklius
12 Bill & Patricia Florey	17 Michael & Susan Weiss
	28 Allen & Miliss Ebel

## March Baptisms

1 Alex Doran	11 Florence Lavery	21 Phillip Baker
1 Reva Ehmen	15 Amanda Creely	21 Megan Chezem
1 Barbara Glasscock	15 David Pellman	21 Katherine Koenig
1 Brooke Gooding	16 Elizabeth Burner	23 David Bent
1 Maggie Nixon	16 Gretchen Kemp	25 Ryne Lubben
8 Doreetha Elliott	17 Emily Drescher	26 Donald Baker
8 Rebecca Lunt	17 Martha Otto	27 Keelan Crawford
8 Jerry Manton	17 Chad Purcell	27 Matthew Weppler
9 Ruth Hall	17 Jeffrey Wolfmeyer	28 Ella Ehmen
9 Brandon Hufendick	18 Amy Buss	29 Andrew Fodor
9 Gary O'Dell	18 Janett Mueller	29 Bonnie Hallerberg
9 Ellen Stockhecke	19 Donna Haire	30 Zachariah Schweitzer
10 Jeremy Holtman	20 Roger Hyer	31 Jane Howlett
10 Joshua Holtman	20 Jessica Scharnhorst	31 Ryely Meyer
11 Danielle Fleming	21 Richelle Anderson	31 William Schanbacher

**Please join us at Camp CILCA's** Men's Retreat (March 5-7) or our Women's Scrap-booking Retreat on March 19-21. Please check out our website for more info at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org) and see the new summer program online too !!! Registration for all camp sessions is available NOW. Camp is most certainly a memory that you will want your children to have.

## Assignments for February 2009

### Communion Assistants:

Sat., March 6 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., March 7 at 8:00 a.m.		
Sun., March 7 at 10:15 a.m.	Terry Vaughn	Bruce Burner
Sat., March 13 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., March 14 at 8:00 a.m.	Jerry Lunt	Bill Dicks
Sun., March 14 at 10:15 a.m.	Terry Morse	Steve Kaiser
Sat., March 20 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., March 21 at 8:00 a.m.	Brad Ehmen	Clint Gooding
Sun., March 21 at 10:15 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	Steve Schoch
Sat., March 27 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., March 28 at 8:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Bob Frink
Sun., March 28 at 10:15 a.m.	Bill Humphrey	Chet Vahle

### Ushers:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	Gary McElfresh
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	Gary Cramlett, Bob Jording, Terry Lannerd, Larry Post
Sunday at 10:15 a.m.	Don Blattner Jim Howerton, Ryan Vaughn , Jeff Wolfmeyer

**Parish Nurse:** Mrs. Donna Troxel

**Altar Care:** Donna Troxel, Kriss Frink, Chris Schaller , Carolyn Cramlett

**Counters:** Mary Lazzerie & Barb Ellerbrock

**Registration Slips:** Ruth Essington

**Van Driver:** Jerry Manton

If you wish to help in one of these areas, please contact the church office at 223-1769 or by email: [secretary@orlc-quincy.com](mailto:secretary@orlc-quincy.com), and we'll help you contact the appropriate person.

# Pastoral Report

(January 1 - 31, 2010)

## Official Acts

Baptisms

Funerals

Carl Clifton (I didn't officiate)

January 7, 2010

## Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B,+0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Deaths [-1B, -1C]

Carl Clifton [-1B, -1C]

January 7, 2010

## Statistical Adjustment [+/-0B, +/-0C ]

Membership	Jan. 1, 2010	Gains	Losses	Jan. 31, 2010
Baptized	593	+0	-1	592
Confirmed	460	+0	-1	459

Answer to Good Works Puzzle on Page 12:

For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8-9

## Treasurer's Report

(January 1 — Jan. 31, 2010)

### Account Balances

Fund	January 1, 2010	January 31, 2010
Building Fund	62,100.85	62,215.99
Endowment Funds	25,202.94	25,202.94
General Fund	5,874.10	7,594.19
Kleinsorge Income	4,695.64	4,846.59
Kleinsorge Bequest	79,531.19	79,682.14
Memorial Fund	24,796.01	25,092.53
Total All Funds	197,505.09	199,787.79

### Budget Summary for Jan. 1 — Jan. 31, 2010

General Fund only	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	26,723.96	21,430.51	5,293.45
Expenses			
Missions	1,250.00	2,303.89	1,053.89
Personnel	12,752.99	12,784.55	31.56
Program			
Education	7,737.26	6,906.22	- 831.04
Elders	523.85	578.84	54.99
Evangelism	00	435.42	435.42
Stewardship	813.47	940.84	127.37
Youth Ministry	00	83.34	83.34
Total Program	9,074.58	8,944.66	-129.92
Property	2,366.96	3,229.19	862.23
Total Expenses	320,288.87	324,658.00	4,369.13
Income – Expenses	25,444.53	27,262.29	1,817.76

**Mark your Calendars for this year's Spring Fling.** This is the major money making project for St. James School. There will be a delicious meal and a silent auction. Cost is \$30.00 per ticket and the date is Sat., March 13th.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The PLuS group is asking for donations of bags of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. You may leave the candy in the church office. Please drop it off by Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. This will give us time to fill all of those Easter eggs!

**The Voter's unanimously voted** to replace the carpet & tile in the church. The money for this will be taken from the Building Fund. If you wish to donate to this project, please mark your donation for the Building Fund.



**You are invited** to Good Shepherd Luth. Church in Clayton, IL for their Soup Supper, starting at 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2010. They serve Oyster & Chili Soup, Hot Dogs, Barbeques, Homemade Pies & Cakes with Teas or Coffee. A free will offering is accepted.

### **Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ**

March 19-21, 2010 Christ Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL

April 23-25, 2010 Mt. Calvery, Galesburg, IL

May 21-23, 2010 St. Paul, Lexington, IL

June 15-21, 2010 Summer Training, Rochester, MN

June 21-30, 2010 Travel Teams

July 9-11, 2010 Christ, Normal, IL

July 17-21, 2010 National Youth Gathering, New Orleans

August 20-22, 2010, Faith, Kewanee, IL

September 10-12, 2010, Good Shepherd, Clayton, IL

October 8-10, 2010, Concordia, Geneseo, IL

November 6-8, 2010, Trinity, Coal Valley, IL

December TBA later

PLEASE REMEMBER TO bring your medical release forms. You never know when something can happen. You can find the form online at [www.OAFC.org](http://www.OAFC.org).

May God Bless each of you. Please invite your family, friends, and church members.

Jamie Louderback

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# PUZZLE PAGE

## GOOD WORKS

by  
Bill Schlegl

As Christians, we are taught to do many good works in our daily lives.  
However, what should we always remember when doing these good works?

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Answers on page 9

## **Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,**

I received word again of the gift that you have sent to me and I just wanted to say thank you. Your generosity has blown me away and I know my words cannot say how grateful I am for what you are doing for me. I stood there staring at the sheet in shock as I realized just how much you all are doing for me.

This quarter has had some major ups and downs here. There have been some major ups in the things I am learning and I am enjoying my practical classes such as my homiletics class. I continue to love working at my field work congregation and love the people here at the seminary. Had some random personal trouble happen a few weeks ago, but things are turning around and it is going better. All in all, though, it has been a good quarter!

I'm actually starting to consider potentially going into the military as a chaplain, no full decision yet, but something on my mind. If you could pray for me on that I would be very grateful. Is there anything I can pray for all of you about? I would love to know more about your congregation!

Again, I cannot thank you enough for the gifts you all are giving me. I am so thankful for you and you have been a reminder to me about how God will always provide for us. I pray that He is with you and you remember that grace that He has richly poured out through Jesus Christ!

God's Blessings

In His Service  
Andrew Dierks  
Box 189, 6600 N. Clinton St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

## **Amos - Restore the Roar!**

**March 3** Amos 5:18-20 – “This is the Night the Lord has Made!” Rev. Eden

**March 10** Amos 6:1-7 – “Grieving for Joseph” Rev. Bender

**March 17** Amos 7:1-6 – “Locust Here, Locusts There, Locusts are Everywhere!” Rev. Latzke

**March 24** Amos 7:10-17 – “Lion Alert!” Rev. Mueller

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

**Maundy Thursday** Amos 8:11-14 – “The Taste Test” Rev. Eden

**Good Friday** Amos 9:1-6 – “Buried!” Rev. Eden

**Easter Schedule:** Easter Vigil: 5:00 PM Saturday

Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM

Easter Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 AM Sunday School Video will follow

Divine Service: 10:15 AM

**Easter Sermon** Amos 9:11-15 – “Come to the Feast!” Rev. Eden