



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

January/February 2010

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



73 79 69 1

What would you do with these numbers?
Which do you think is the most significant?
What do they tell us about the future?

Many believe numbers have significance, all on their own. For example, 13. It is interesting how many high rise buildings do not assign the number 13 to a floor, as if not attaching the number, means there is no 13th floor. Many have numbers they believe are lucky, and will try and arrange things around that number, including winning the lottery.

Most would say they cannot know what do with a number, until they know what it is counting. However, even when we know that, we don't always understand its significance. There is a huge scientific debate that has recently broken into the open over the significance of what many think is a simple number, the average annual temperature of the earth. What do the numbers really tell us about the future?

In the above list, our faith tells us the most significant number for the future is 1. One God, one Master, one Jesus – who makes us all one people, with one faith, one

baptism, one Spirit. Unfortunately, in terms of us making our fortunes here on earth, with whatever numbers you want to count, God remains annoyingly resistant to revealing the future to us, except for one thing: one day we will become like Jesus.

Having said that, it is annual report time. That involves reporting some numbers, so, for those who like to know what the above numbers count, here it is.

- 73 – our average Sunday attendance in 2009.
- 79 – our average Sunday attendance for January of 2010.
- 68 – our average Sunday attendance for January of 2009.

What does this tell us about the future of OSLC?

I'm not sure it tells us much, if anything. (If you would like to hear more on that, ask me.)

Which is the most significant for OSLC?

I've already told you I think the most significant number for OSLC is 1. Of 73 79 68, I am not sure if any one of these is of more significance. However, in these numbers there is a "1" I think is significant. That is – Where do you see yourself? Beyond the significance of this "1", I think there are some significant events we can recall from last year.

We said goodbye to some members, until we see them again on the day of

resurrection: Christel Bocek; Ellen Olson and Uta Pinnow. We celebrated the marriage of one of our members: Kate Phillips to Edward Williams. We welcomed some new members: Don & Wendy Punter; Bryan & Bev Rosnau; and Larry Mix, along with Elinor as a friend of OSLC.

We (re)introduced Soup Suppers for Lent, early Beach service on Easter Sunday, Christmas caroling, Pies Plus event (Nov.), fun Fridays to show hospitality to those going out on the BC Mission Boat, and decided to change to a new worship time year round. And we continued to follow our Lord through weekly worship, and the significance of his incarnation, teaching, dying, rising and future return for how he makes our present count and our future certain. Praise God!

Finally, we had 73 people take the Spiritual Life Survey in October. I find it interesting that this is the same as our average attendance for the year. This high level of participation is quite a statement on the importance people attach to OSLC. Thanks again for taking the time to fill in the survey. Come out to the voter's meeting on February 28 to hear more about this, and its significance for OSLC in 2010.

I look forward to all that God has for all of us in the coming year. And I bring you blessings in the Good News of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus, the risen crucified Christ.

Pastor Craig (Acts 8:12)



NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK (or should I say computer)

Actually I feel a little guilty in saying that I have any 'News' because it is not so much news as it is the same old, same old. Everyone else gets to do things and has some news but I get to chair a meeting from time to time. The Pastor gets to do a whole

lot of things, the Elders get to help the Pastor and help people solve their problems from time to time, the Trustees get to fix things and help keep church things working, the Treasurer keeps all of our financial affairs in order, in fact almost everyone gets to do something, and I chair meetings. That is also why everyone else will be contributing interesting and important information to the Year End Report and I just have the same old, same old.

The nice thing about my job is that sometimes I have a pretty good idea of what's going on in the church. In that regard I can give you the comfort in knowing that you are in good hands. I am proud to be a part of all of the volunteers who do all of the work in the church, they are all very dedicated, very capable and honourable Christians. If we give you the impression that we are a little disorganized from time to time that's only because from time to time we are a little disorganized, but we do get the job done. In all that we do, we have the welfare of the church foremost in our minds.

At the same time I would like to give praises to all of the members of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, for one, for the challenge that was accepted in retiring our mortgage. This was achieved during a period when almost everyone else in the world was experiencing financial setbacks, when governments have been called upon to dole out millions to maintain stability, when other churches have become unable to meet financial needs. I am confident that next year when we get around to doing a Year End Report we will clearly see the benefits in what it is we have done. And don't forget that at the same time we continue to be a guiding light for the BC Mission Boat. We don't have to look very hard for a mission project or for some way to reach out, it's upstairs.

And in closing I would like to put everything back into perspective by saying that, while we may like to sing praises on one another, we need to remember that all of this is just one big gift from God. We are truly blessed. Thanks God.

Hilton Zutz, President.

FROM THE ELDER'S DESK

-Andy Pickard



Your Elders had a meeting full of diverse discussions on Thursday, Feb. 4th – so there's no shortage of items to write about. Starting off with Lent, which will be upon us shortly – how would

you like to continue drinking coffee, eating chocolate, and savouring decadent desserts for Lent? Would that be hard to take? Instead of giving up these necessities of life, give up a little time each day. There are 40 days of Lent, and there are 40 chapters in Rick Warren's book "The Purpose Driven Life". So a suggestion for your Lenten sacrifice is to give up some time every day [6 days a week, that is, because as Pastor Craig has taught us, Sundays don't count as part of Lent]. And there's nothing to say that you cannot drink coffee and eat chocolates while you read your daily chapter!

Pastor Craig reported that he had just finished a 3 session communion preparation class, which had gone well. If some of you are thinking back to your own communion classes – did your parents participate in the classes with you? My guess is – probably not. In this recent series, parents and their child[ren] participated – and the feedback was tremendously positive. Their joint participation gave the families opportunities to talk about important matters of faith which would not normally have come up in family discussions. And as those of us who have parented children know – keeping the lines of communication open during adolescence and right through to adulthood is so important.

The Elders are delighted that Donna Tufts has volunteered [yes, that's right – volunteered, not coerced] to lead VBS this summer – scheduled for August 9 – 13. So now is the time to jump in and volunteer for the key positions!

That's all for this month. God Bless!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attention all Offering Counters:

Please note, it is now no longer necessary to make as many copies of the Offering report as you were doing. In an effort to cut down on waste and be environmentally conscious, we have established that **One** copy of the original report is all that is required now. The original and envelopes and any cheque copies go to Marianne Waldner, the Financial Secretary, and the one copy comes to me, Wendy Punter, Treasurer. Thank you for your attention in this matter. In His service.

Wendy Punter.

Wendy P

BC Mission Boat Grocery Card Fundraiser invites New Shoppers in 2010

For information and to purchase cards, see us at Sunday fellowship on Feb. 14, 21, 28

or you may see Bonnie at the church office.

8 Good Reasons to Use Grocery Cards from QF, SaveOn & Thrifty's

#8. When you shop, you feel like you are getting your groceries for free!

#7. You get prepaid groceries + your own points at the store!

#6. It's convenient to go shopping - just put the card in your pocket & run to the store!

#5. Your donation is 6% of your grocery bill - You pay \$100, Mission Boat gets \$6.00!

[\$3500 and more has been raised - this will grow in 2010 = more mission visits]

#4. We feel like we can give twice - first with the grocery \$ and also by direct donations.

#3. We can shop at the best local stores for the freshest produce, meals and flowers!

#2. It's a way of giving, without it even costing anything -- where else can we do this?

#1. Best of all - **We support the BC Mission Boat's Outreach**

Ministry, so all year long -- visits are made to communities & they receive Christian support. --over \$3000 so far and growing!!

"Connecting people in coastal British Columbian communities with God's Love."

VBS

Yes, we are having a VBS this summer! The dates are Aug 9-13. If you are interested in helping out in some capacity, please contact Donna Tufts, 954-1943, cdtufts@shaw.ca, and let her know.

There are many, many ways in which a person could plug in - directly or indirectly; before or during. We can find just the right spot for YOU!

QUILTERS

Thanks for all the people coming out to quilting on **Thursday mornings at 9:00 am** so far we have made over 10 quilts already.



We still encourage anyone interested in coming out to help and learn how we make quilts for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. We

will train you as we go and you'll find it to be a fun and productive morning. We have standing and sit down jobs available. Also an open invitation to all to come by for our fellowship coffee time at 10:30am.

Coming up at the end of the month will be a chance to buy raffle tickets to win one of our quilts. Tickets will be on sale following the worship service in the fellowship hall. All the

proceeds go to purchase quilt batts for our upcoming seasons in quilting. More information will be in the weekly church bulletins.

NOTES OF THANKS

From Marc and Donna Kazmiruk
"Thank you most kindly for the gift food



hamper, it will make a definite difference in this "lean" time of work slowdowns and layoffs. Donna and I have cut the turkey into four portions, as one large turkey is too

much all at once. Works out great! My employer was talking about re-opening about the middle of February, so, while I am still employed (at half hours) extra food really does make a much appreciated difference! Things could always be worse, so I suppose that things are actually pretty good, and Donna and I are enjoying relatively good health, and can see blessings from many different directions. Thanks again and we wish you peace, health, and happiness now and in the year to come. God bless you all.

From Margaret MacKinnon
A warm felt thank you to everyone at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Your gifts of love truly touched my heart. God bless all of you.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND RATES CHANGED

Interest for You and the Church Effective January 1, 2010, CEF rates on term deposits and savings accounts will decrease to better reflect the rates in the financial marketplace and the policies of CEF. Take advantage now to receive the higher interest rates:

Interest Rates Through December 31, 2009

- Savings 2.00%
- (minimum \$10 investment)
- 90 Day Term 2.00%
- 180 Day Term 2.0%
- (minimum \$5,000 investment)
- 1 Year Term 2.25%

2 Year Term 2.50%
3 Year Term 2.75%
4 Year Term 3.00%
5 Year Term 3.25%
(minimum \$200 investment,
3, 4 & 5 year terms over \$25,000
receive bonus ¼% interest)

Interest Rates Effective January 1, 2010

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180 Day Term 1.75%
(minimum \$5,000 investment)
1 Year Term 2.0%
2 Year Term 2.25%
3 Year Term 2.50%
4 Year Term 2.75%
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Investment opportunities offered by CEF help Alberta-British Columbia District members, congregations, and organizations meet their savings and investment goals while supporting the overall mission and ministry of the Church Extension Fund – helping to build ministry facilities and Lutheran Schools. Contact our congregational CEF Representative, (***insert name and contact information here***), or the ABC District Office at 1-888-474-0063, email: cef@lccabc.ca or website: www.lccabc.ca for further information.

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support the Alberta-British Columbia's District's mission to provide financial assistance to congregations, schools and other entities for building programs and ministry opportunities. Annualized rate of return for 2009 was 5.00%. Contact the ABC District Office, 1-888-474-0063 or email: cef@lccabc.ca or visit the website at www.lccabc.ca.

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LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



We will be holding our 2nd Annual Soup Suppers prior to our mid week Lenten Services beginning on Ash Wed. Feb. 17th. Please join us for a tasty light meal and wonderful fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is posted on our bulletin board for anyone who is able to help with bringing a pot of soup, buns or sandwiches or who would like to help set-up for our suppers. We will start at 6pm.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Hope to see all the men out for these relationship building events. The men meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am.

Lent 2010 - 40 Days of Purpose at Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Sunday's Good News from the Risen Jesus

- Feb. 14 Good News for Life's Questions:
Jesus opens up the Bible
- Feb. 21 Good News for Worship:
Jesus reveals God's pleasure in saving us
- Feb. 28 Good News for Fellowship:
Jesus gathers us into God's family
- Mar. 7 Good News for Discipleship:
Jesus enables us to judge truly
- Mar. 14 Good News for Ministry:
Jesus shapes us with joy for serving God
- Mar. 21 Good News for Evangelism
Jesus gives all we need to share with others
- Mar. 28 (Palm Sunday)
Good News for Celebration
Jesus enables us to give glory to God

Wednesday's Lenten Service Theme

- Feb. 17 What on earth am I here for?
- Feb. 24 Worship:
You were planned for God's pleasure
- Mar. 3 Fellowship:
You were formed for God's family
- Mar. 10 Discipleship:
You were created to become like Christ
- Mar. 17 Ministry:
You were shaped for serving God
- Mar. 24 Evangelism:
You were made for a mission
- No Wednesday service. (see below)*

Services during "Holy Week"

- April 1 Maundy Thursday 6 pm** A church family potluck, all gathered around one table
- o With suggested topic for dinner conversation on “What we have learned”
 - o Followed by reminder of Lord’s last supper and sharing of Holy Communion
 - o Concluding with song by choir and reading of Psalm 22

- April 2 Good Friday 10 am** A service of remembrance of the day our Lord was crucified
- o Theme “The balance Jesus gives”

Lenten Reading Plan for The Purpose Driven Life

(note that Sundays are not part of the 40 days)

Feb. 17-20	Chapters 1- 4	<i>(Ash Wednesday – Saturday)</i>
Feb. 22-27	Chapters 5-10	<i>(Monday – Saturday)</i>
Mar. 1- 6	Chapters 11-16	
Mar. 8-13	Chapters 17-22	
Mar. 15-20	Chapters 23-28	
Mar. 22-27	Chapters 29-34	
Mar. 29-31	Chapters 35-37	<i>(Monday – Wednesday)</i>
Apr. 1- 3	Chapters 38-40	<i>(Thursday – Saturday)</i>

Leading to ..

Easter 2010 – Celebrating “What God has taught us so far”

Sunday, April 4

7:30 am We gather at the beach in worship
(a remembrance of the first announcement of the resurrection)

8:30 am We gather to share a potluck breakfast at OSLC

10:00 am A festival celebration of the resurrection with Holy Communion

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bill Broadley
- 6 Jutta Storey
- 6 Heinz Sperber
- 8 Jim Bell
- 10 Heather Tufts
- 12 Ewald Sprung
- 18 Etta Trapton
- 22 Josie Palleson
- 24 Elfriede Sprung
- 24 Noah Lysne
- 24 Vickie Carson
- 25 Ryan Becker
- 27 Olaf Reynolds



- 30 Dorothy Bender
- 30 Carol Carlson

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Karen Anderson
- 2 Eileen Hebert
- 6 Lila Mandziuk
- 16 Don Punter
- 19 Jean Broadley
- 19 Dave Domes
- 21 Jonah Koebernick
- 23 Marcus Huff
- 24 Gary Bender

25 Lorne Dyke
26 Ella Goldring

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

5 Ron and Marie Kollmuss
21 Bill and Josie Palleson



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

15 Guenther and Katharina Glaesing

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:00 pm AA Mtg.	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 am Drop-in Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	8	9 8:00 pm AA Mtg	10 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 1:00 pm Ladies Drop-in Bible Study/Fellowship	11 7:30-8:45pm Choir Practice	12  Men host supper for the ladies & Concordia students	13
14 9:00 am Drop-in Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Service II-Holy Comm.	15	16  6:00 pm Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper 8:00 pm AA Mtg	17 Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service	18 7:30-8:45pm Choir Practice	19 Read Chapters 1-4 "The Purpose Driven Life"	20
21	22	23 7:00 Church Council Mtg. 8:00 pm AA Mtg	24 Read Chapters 5-10 "The Purpose Driven Life" 1:00 pm Ladies @ SOS 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service	25 7:30-8:45pm Choir Practice	26 1:00 pm Ladies @ SOS	27
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