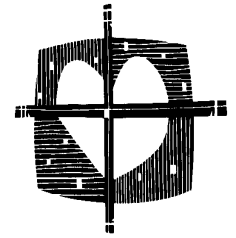




# The Chalice

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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On February 4, 1968, exactly two months before Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, he delivered his last sermon at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church. In it, he described his preferences for his own funeral. He didn't want people to mention his Nobel Peace Prize, his other awards or where he went to school; none of that was important, he said. Instead, he wanted his eulogist to say King "tried to give his life serving others" and "tried to love somebody."

In that sermon, King also said "everybody can serve," regardless of background or educational level. The only requirements, he said, were "a heart full of grace" and "a soul generated by love."

According to the Bible, true success comes when we do what God requires of us, namely "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with him (Micah 6:8). God wants us to use the talents and gifts he's given us to pursue his kingdom on earth.

Success comes when we glorify God by sharing our blessings and wisdom with others, especially people who are hurting or in need. Success comes when our family is tied together with love, prayer and worship — and when we share one another's struggles, successes and goals.



## Baptized in Christ

—Mary E. Voegtlin

He got dunked! Jesus Christ got dunked! All that I can say is "hooray" for John. He did it, He baptized Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I admit it, I said that about our Lord. I just mentioned that to someone the other day when I thought about the baptism of our Lord and Savior.

In my own thoughts I try to picture this. What was going on at the Jordan that day? Were there a few people there or hundreds of people, possibly enjoying themselves involved in some activity, eating and drinking celebrating. I imagine there were many there. All types of people: poor, hungry, lame, and sinners of all kinds, so that covers a lot of territory. These people, all different, now had something to pull them together; they were there in good spirits, good will toward each other. Whether outcasts or unwanted, they now belonged to each other. Jesus removed the barriers between them. They had heard about John the baptizer and wanted to see him, watch others be baptized, and try to make up their own minds whether to do it themselves.

Picture John looking up and seeing, Jesus standing before him to be baptized. Just the fact that John knew right away it was the Lord. John's first remarks are "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" *Wow! Double Wow!* is all that I can say.

In today's world we do need a reminder constantly about the barriers that are there in our lives: religious, social, generational, and political differences. How do we coexist in this diversified world, where to we go to for our hope and strength—the biggies in Christianity are Baptism (being made right with the Lord), Holy Communion (reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross), the Word of God (how to live our lives) spoken here at Holy Communion and churches throughout the world.

Baptism is a very special word for all baptized Christians. Everyone needs to belong. This is a lifelong covenant: once baptized you are the Lord's forever. No one can take that away from you. You are linked with your brothers and sisters in Christ forever.

Jesus had John baptize him for the order of things. This Jesus did for us, the people who were there saw it happen and it has been passed down throughout time, first by word of mouth and then the written word. This is the most precious gift. That's why today we have our children baptized. Parents and godparents are told this is a beautiful but serious undertaking. This gift is a gift from God. They must abide by the commitment they have made to the child or adult being baptized.





Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund or the Endowment Fund by the following people and are gratefully acknowledged:

***In memory of Phyllis Kline***

Dolores Fauser  
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Dawn Jennings  
Fred & Sandy Shourds  
Mary Voegtlin  
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Glenn & Judy Berryann  
Fred & Sandy Shourds  
Mary Voegtlin

***In memory of  
Ruth McCormick***  
Margie & Gerry Hagquist

## Hang On!

When a couple received a rose bush as a gift, they planted and cared for it, eagerly waiting for it to bloom. A few months later, a bud finally appeared. Day by day, it began to fill out. The couple's anticipation grew when they could see that the rose would be bright red.

One day, they were surprised to notice that the green around the bud had been pulled away and the flower petals were torn apart. They asked their young daughter if she knew what had happened. "I just couldn't wait any longer," she said, "so I blossomed it myself."

The psalmist tells us to "Wait for the LORD ..." (Psalm 27:14, NRSV). Instead of trying to help God along, let him bring things to fulfillment in his perfect time.

Wait for the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.  
Psalm 27:14



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## Congregational Council

President	Eunice Jacobi	783-0516
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Lorraine Evans (767-3268), Bill Gibbs (307-2024),  
Barbara Hollis(767-6150), Barbara Redmond (629-3988),  
Sandy Shourds (753-7863), Rick Swan (875-6340)

## Ministry Teams of Holy Communion

*Ministers: All the baptized people of God*

### Caring Team

Facilitator	Dawn Jennings	767-1157
Baby Pantry	Gail MacDonald	609-704-1828
GIFT	Jon Hundertmark	768-1694
Health Ministry	<i>-open-</i>	
Kitchen	Joan Labbree	745-7283
Men in Mission	Jon Hundertmark	7681694
Quilting Hearts	Sandy Shourds & Barbara Redmond	753-7863 629-3988
Prayer Chain	Janice Parker	768-0111
2nd Cup of Coffee	Lorraine Bretz & Vivian Justice	767-8459 629-3988
Social Ministry	Evelyn Schulkins-Chaka	767-6238
Stephen Ministry	Lisa Huebner	609-270-7030
WELCA	Rita Batten	767-0738

### Facilities

Facilitator	Fred Shourds	753-7863
Boy Scouts	Mary Voegtlin	767-0650
Sexton	George Pluck	768-6880

### Finance Team

Facilitator	Jon Hundertmark	768-1694
Counters	Bud Howard	753-9379
Financial Secretary	Gerry Hagquist	768-0614

### Growing Team

Facilitator	<i>-open-</i>	
Bulletin Boards	Valerie Adams	296-5669
Greeters	Gary Galbo	627-4029
Newsletter	Chris Hylenski	309-3187
Website	Janice Parker	768-0111

### Learning Team

Facilitator	Janet Finnigan	753-1038
Cradle Roll	Janet Finnigan	753-1038
Sunday School	Chris Hylenski	309-3187
Vacation Bible Sch.	Valerie Ieraci	767-8776
Youth Group	Denise Levin & Janet Finnigan	566-1993 719-6614

### Mutual Ministry

Facilitator	Fred Shourds	753-7863
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### Sharing Team

Facilitators	Rick Swan & Eunice Jacobi	875-6340 783-0516
Annual Giving	Rick Swan & Eunice Jacobi	875-6340 783-0516
Endowment	Jon Hundertmark	7681694
Memorials	Mary Voegtlin	767-5575
Volunteers	Sandy Shourds	753-7863

### Worship Team

Facilitator	Barbara Redmond	689-3988
Acolytes/Crucifers	Janice Parker	768-0111
Altar Guild	Toni Sleeter	740-2650
Assisting Ministers	Barb Redmond	689-3988
Flower Delivery	Connie Pluck	768-6880
Lectors	Glenn Berryann	767-7416
Nursery	Jeannie Brickman	782-3779
Music	Mark Dishong	235-139
Ushers	Joe Batten	767-0738

# Around Holy Communion



## February Noisy Offering

### SOUPER Bowl

Sunday, February 6, is the day for our annual participation in SOUPER BOWL OF CARING, the nationwide, ecumenical effort to relieve hunger that coincides with football's Super Bowl.

In addition to the Noisy Offering collected that day, we ask that you bring cans of soup to church for distribution through our food pantry. And, if you wish to have your monetary donation added to your 2011 financial statement, please use the special envelope on the ushers' table.

Thanks to the Youth Group—and leaders **Denise Levin** and **Janet Finnigan**—for their enthusiastic support of this annual project.

## February Birthdays

Feb. 1	Dave Parker
Feb. 1	Cindy Simpson
Feb. 2	Richard Swan
Feb. 2	Blair Wisner
Feb. 3	Caitlin Fanz
Feb. 3	Nancy Liss
Feb. 3	John Thiel
Feb. 4	Jacob Jelesiewicz
Feb. 4	Genevieve Batten
Feb. 4	Beverly Hines
Feb. 8	Gail Davies
Feb. 10	Fred Britton
Feb. 10	Gloria Ieraci
Feb. 11	Rob Morales
Feb. 11	Charles Lawyer
Feb. 12	Raymond Evans IV
Feb. 12	Fred Shourds
Feb. 16	Evan Maloney
Feb. 18	Christine Caporale
Feb. 18	Geraldine Buck
Feb. 22	Harry Jelesiewicz
Feb. 22	Heather Marmon
Feb. 24	Melody Criss
Feb. 24	Gloria Grimmie
Feb. 24	Vanessa Walko
Feb. 27	Jeff Davis, Jr.
Feb. 28	Valerie Ieraci

*Our parish birthday list is designed to encourage members to greet each other as we celebrate the gift of life.*

*Your name and date may be added or corrected by calling the church office.*

## Hats Off to the Carolyn & Evan!

**Carolyn Maloney**, who is a special education teacher of youngsters with autism, was chosen as the 2011 Teacher of the Year at Warren E. Sooy Elementary School in Hammonton. Carolyn would never brag about herself, so Pastor took the liberty of copying below some of the comments posted on Facebook by fellow teachers and parents of her students:

- "I wouldn't know what to do if my son had not gotten to have you in his life! You aren't just the teacher of *this* year to me...you are every year!"
- "There is no better person that you. You were the most amazing mentor to me because of how amazing of a teacher you are."
- "I am so happy that you were named. It has been a long time coming. You are a dedicated, caring, fantastic teacher!!"
- "In my eyes there is no one more deserving of TEACHER OF THE YEAR than you!!!! You are a remarkable teacher!!!! & friend!!!! Of course you should have gotten this years ago, when you had my son in your class. You have helped my son and so many more."



**Evan Maloney**, who plays the trombone at Berlin Community School, was awarded a coveted position on the "All South Jersey Junior High Gold Band." Band membership is awarded on the basis of competitive audition involving students from all over Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean and Salem Counties, who have been

endorsed by their school principals and music teachers.

## FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

will be held on two Saturdays, March 26 and April 2, with the children receiving on Sunday, April 3. If you believe your child is ready to receive the Sacrament, please notify Pastor Fazzini.



Newly formed Synod Youth Band benefits from the talents of **Scott Howard** on guitar and **Brian Levin** on drums.



*A Way of Life*

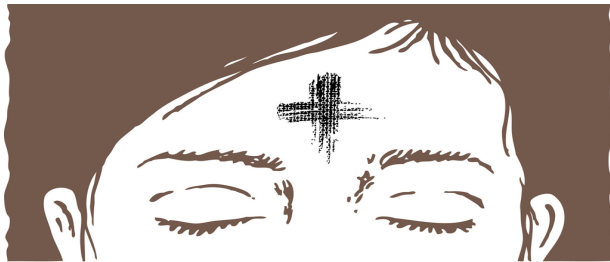
*I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.*  
—2 Corinthians 8:8

You can give without loving, but you cannot love

without giving. While not a new statement, this still merits our consideration. Genuine, sincere love involves giving, and giving expresses our love: "For God so loved the world, that he gave..." (John 3:16). We have numerous opportunities to give time, energies, and money through our church. Paul confessed to the Corinthian congregation that he wanted "to test the sincerity of your love."

We are not members of the Corinthian congregation, but Paul's counsel still is wise. If we love God, love our church, and love the new life we have in Christ, we will give. If genuine love motivates our giving, we will give as God gives...our very best!

What is shaping your giving? Are other motivations, less biblical and inspiring, determining your giving pattern? Let giving be a primary means of expressing the sincerity of your love.



**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 9**

## Stratford Classical Christian Academy

If you've been looking for a great school for your children in grades K through 9, check out Stratford Classical Christian Academy (710 W. Laurel Rd in Stratford, 856-882-7222) during their Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 9 & 17, from 8 to 10 AM.

**Laurette Gibbs'** son, Regis, attends and Laurette couldn't be more pleased, so if you have any questions, give her a call.

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

World peace and Armed Forces personnel around the world

### Added this month

**Ill:** Catherine Wood, Bob Martin, Doris Nicholls, Marcia Ems (*friend of Dave & Janice Parker*), Helen Hughes (*friend of Jean Kennedy*), Janis Wervey (*mother of Valerie Adams*).

**Grieving:** Nancy Grover (*death of brother*), Denise, Kristin & Brian Levin (*death of Erick*), Carolyn Maloney (*death of grandmother*), Craig Woodruff & children (*death of wife and mother*).

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Ginnie Auwarter, Michael Buonpastore, Kerri Byrne, Tom Czajkowski Jeff Davis, Linda Eardley, James Fuhrmeister, Doris Harrison, Robbie Hartzell, Peggy Henry, Janet Hill, Steve Huffman, Marilyn Kaiser, Gertrude Lawyer, Alison Lyon, James Michael McGibbon, Lee Olmstead, Elsie Pertschi, Tim Quast, Mary Roberts, Diane Sangree, Elizabeth Stinson, Joyce Thives, Monique Thomas, Martin Vitelli, Carolyn Walko.

**Homebound:** Ruth Auwarter, Brian Fuller, Doris Gray, Frank Ieraci, Bill Medlin, Catherine Wood.

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**Please note:** Names will be removed from this list after having been published in two issues unless the persons responsible for listing them have notified the office or **Dolores Fauser** (856-767-3321) of the "permanent" nature of the crisis. Also remember that we have a Prayer Chain for emergency situations. Please call **Janice Parker** at 856-768-0111.

# Thank You Notes

Pastor Fazzini, My heartfelt "thank you" to you and the members for all the nice things you have done for me. Also thank you to the women of the Quilting Hearts for the lovely quilt, and to the WELCA women for the wonderful tin of cookies. All was greatly appreciated.

Gratefully, *Gerry Gandolfi*

To all my family at HCLC: All your kindness has been truly amazing. Your outpourings of love via visits at home and wife Erick was in the hospital, your cards, donations to the children's college fund, the food, and of course all your prayers for us have been beyond measure. You are doing God's work in such a meaningful way. God bless you all! You have made this difficult time so much easier for us.

Love and peace,  
*Denise, Kristin & Brian Levin  
& family*

To My Church Family: Thank you for the boutonniere to wear on my Confirmation day. Also thank you for the new Bible. I plan to use it often.

Love, *John Wisnewski*

To My HCLC Family, Thank you for the Bible and the flowers you gave to me at Confirmation. Thank you for all of your support, through Confirmation and always. It means a lot to me. Growing up you have always helped me and guided me. Ever since I was a little girl dusting the altar with my mom, you have encouraged me to keep volunteering and have taught me so much. I am so thankful to have such a wonderful church family.

Love, *Taylor Watkins*

Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you for your generous gift to help our poorest brothers and sisters in Haiti. Your compassion is a shining reflection of God's love and mercy.  
*"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed." (Prov 19:17)*

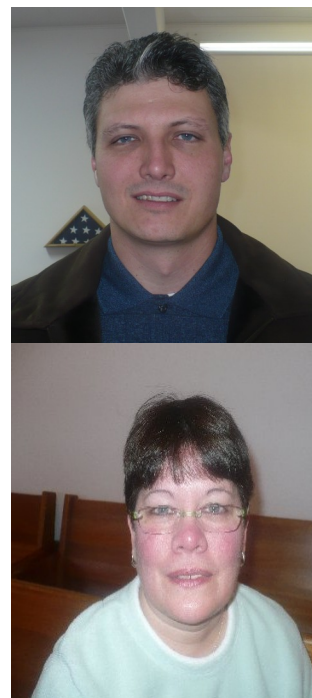
The people of Haiti face tremendous challenges in the months and years to come. But thanks to your support, they can face these daunting challenges with home and courage. Your gift will help heal those who have suffered so much.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers. I am continually inspired by their faith and strength of spirit. But they need our continued support. People in Haiti have lost everything...their homes, their possessions, and most tragically, family members and loved ones.

On behalf of those you are helping, I extend my deepest and most sincere gratitude. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness.

A servant of the poor,  
*Robin G. Mahfood*  
**FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.**

## Nominees for Council



At our Annual Meeting on February 6 you'll be asked to vote for two new members of Council: **Jeff Shepard and Patty Slim.**

Patty, a member since 2004, has been serving as a Stephen Minister and is organizing the Lions Club Craft Fair in April to help raise funds for HCLC. She and Steve, her husband of 25 years, have two adult daughters. Patty works full time for EZ Pantry, which is a food shopping service for the elderly and disabled.

In 2010 Jeff and his family (wife Cathy and sons Dylan and Ryan) returned to the Berlin area and HCLC after several years in Pemberton, where they worshiped at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The Shepards were members here in 1997, when Dylan was baptized by Pr. Mary. Jeff works in the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning industry, and Cathy works for Medilink Home Care.

We are so grateful to Patty and Jeff for their willingness to further the mission of Christ at HCLC.

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## Church Office Hours

With the new Spending Plan in effect, **Mary Voegtlin** will be in the church office 15 hours each week: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 8:30 to 1:30. For obvious reasons, Sunday morning is the worst time to ask Pastor for extended time for talking, so please try to make an appointment with her. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call her at home (856-809-0363)

# PIECES OF LOVE



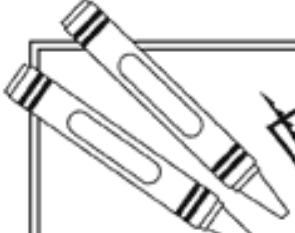
Send special reminders of your love by creating messages that people can assemble and enjoy.

**What you need:**

- Large wooden craft sticks
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Zippered sandwich baggies

**What you do:**

1. Make a rectangle out of seven craft sticks by placing them next to one another, long side against long side.
2. Tape the sticks together.
3. Turn the sticks over and draw a special picture or message. You can include this Bible verse: "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV).
4. Cut through the tape to separate each craft stick.
5. Put all the sticks in a baggie.
6. Give your special messages to family members, friends or teachers — along with directions for viewing them.



# PUZZLE

## A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

**DIRECTIONS:** Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

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to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

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1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

## We'll Take Your "Trash"


- Inkjet and toner cartridges
- Campbell soup, Swanson, Prego labels
- "Boxtops for Education"
- Tabs from aluminum cans
- Old cell phones
- Hard plastic caps



## God's Interfaith Food Table

GIFT is collecting toys for children attending the GIFT Christmas Party on December 12. Please be generous as times are difficult right now.

GIFT is sponsored by:  
 Holy Communion Lutheran,  
 Berlin Baptist,  
 Centenary United Methodist,  
 and Good Shepherd Episcopal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11:00 GIFT 6:15 Youth Group 6:30 God's Kids 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pastor's day off	<b>5</b> 7:30 NA
<b>6</b> <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> with movie in library for children 11:00 Crossroads Holy Communion 12:30 Coffee & Fellowship <b>EPIPHANY 5</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 Baby Pantry 8:15 AA	<b>8</b> 1:00 WELCA 7:30 AA	<b>9</b> 11:00 GIFT 6:15 Youth Group 6:30 God's Kids 7:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Matt Talbot	<b>10</b> 7:00 Council	<b>11</b> Pastor's day off	<b>12</b> 9:00 Men in Mission 7:30 NA
<b>13</b> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Crossroads Holy Communion 12:30 Coffee & Fellowship <b>EPIPHANY 6</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 Confirmation 8:15 AA <div style="border: 2px solid pink; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>CHALICE DEADLINE</b></div>	<b>15</b> 1:00 2nd Cup Coffee 7:30 AA	<b>16</b> 6:15 Youth Group 6:30 SS Teachers 6:30 God's Kids 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>17</b> 7:00 GIFT	<b>18</b> Pastor's day off 7:30 Brownies	<b>19</b> 7:30 NA
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<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>				
	<b>February 6</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>February 27</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:30 Jonathan Watkins 11:00 Lena Richards	8:30 11:00 Katie Parker	8:30 Jonathan Watkins 11:00 Chase Finnigan	8:30 Kristina Rocco 11:00 Evan Maloney
<b>Crucifers</b>	8:30 Katelyn Viscusi 11:00 Jonathan Labbree	8:30 11:00 Katie Maloney	8:30 11:00 Katie Parker	8:30 11:00 Katie Maloney
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Connie Pluck			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lisa Huebner, Toni Sleeter			
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	8:30 Mike Belay 11:00 Jon Hundertmark	8:30 Taylor Watkins 11:00 Glenn Berryann	8:30 Gerry Hagquist 11:00 Joan Labbree	8:30 Mary Voegtlin 11:00 Sandy Shourds
<b>Lectors</b>	8:30 Melody Criss 11:00 Janet Finnigan	8:30 Glenn Berryann 11:00 Glenn Berryann	8:30 Mary Voegtlin 11:00	8:30 Mary Voegtlin 11:00
<b>Counters</b>	Bud & Janet Howard, Margie Hagquist, Mary Voegtlin	Amy LoBosco, Rita & Joe Batten, Janice Parker, Barb Watkins	Scott Howard, Chris Hylenski, Rick Swan, Judith Wisner	Jon Hundertmark, Dolores Fauser, Joan Labbree, Karen Humphrey
<b>Greeters</b>	8:30 Barb Redmond      11:00 the Maloney Family			
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Music Ministry			
<b>Ushers</b>	8:30 Fred Shourds, Barbara Redmond      11:00 Bill Hoffman, Chase Finnigan			

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**Dated Material**  
**Return Service Requested**

Nourished by Word and Sacrament we  
**Welcome**  
all to share God's love  
**Proclaim**  
the Good News of Jesus Christ  
**Serve**  
all people sent to us by the Holy Spirit

