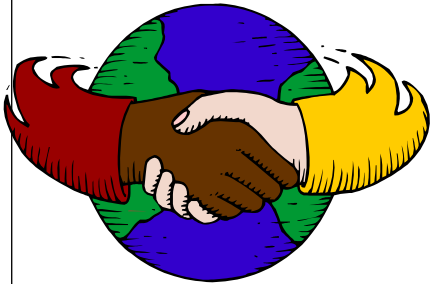




## Reaching Out...Helping Hands



The Mission and Outreach meeting on January 23, 2012, reflected on the events of 2011 and completed early planning for upcoming 2012 events and activities.

Feedback from Christmas families was that they were very grateful for the food and gifts that St. Gregory's provided for them. The Salvation Army sent a letter of thanks and it is posted on the Mission & Outreach bulletin board in the long hallway. The committee also expressed thanks to the youth for delivering the goods. Mike Zimmerman reported that Toys 4 Tots collection went very well. He also gave the committee lots of information about the organization and how they serve our community. Lily reported that we sent \$100 toward the effort the Diocese had organized to support the Kentucky family (of one of the mission trips) in getting a wood burning stove for their home.

There was discussion regarding our needed support in manning Supper House, but it was also noted that we will not be able to support them monetarily unless we hold special fundraisers, get donations specifically for Supper House, or donate items in lieu of money. Any monetary donations would be passed on by the Mission/Outreach committee through proper measures.

New information was presented for the need of towels and diapers at Every Women's Place. Rhonda Holthrop made two boxes for a collection of items, which are in the hallway. A poster by Brian Rhinesmith and bulletin announcements, compliments of Deacon Lilly, have been completed. When the items have been collected, Jan VanDusean will deliver them.

Ideas for future Mission/Outreach events included a motorcycle run fundraiser that raises money for veterans, and doing something for the veterans at Brookhaven. Global involvement of some kind was discussed and material from Episcopal Relief and Development was examined for ideas. The committee felt that a Lenten meditation booklet would certainly get the congregation thinking about our call to mission and service. Another idea, linked to the church's Millennium Development Goals, was to partner with a school or church in need, which would make our giving so much more personal.

The committee approved a donation to the Second Chance program, of which Brian Rhinesmith is affiliated, to help defray picture frames for mentor's certificates of appreciation (parolee's mentors), which were given out at an award's breakfast on January 7th.

The next Mission/Outreach meeting will be Monday, February 27th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall area. Everyone is welcomed to join at any time.

## Altar Flower Openings

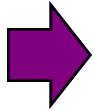
Thanks to so many donations, there are only 3 Sundays still open for you to sign up to give flowers.

The open dates are September 9, September 23, and October 28.

To sign up or get more information, see Mother Rachael or Jocelyn Shaw.

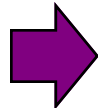
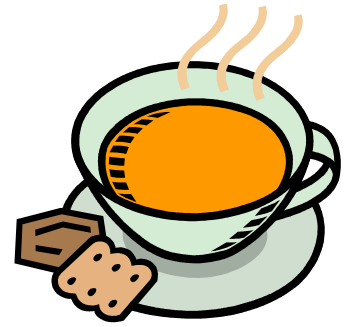


# “Take On” Something in Lent

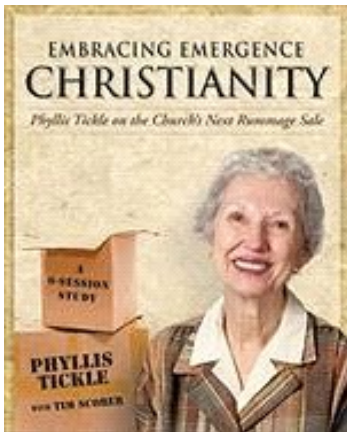


## Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers

We will once again gather for a simple supper of soup and bread Wednesdays during Lent. We will eat at 6 pm. Join us for the Lenten Class afterward at 6:30 pm if you like as well.



## Wednesday Night Lenten Class Begins February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm



This year we will begin a study entitled *Embracing Emergence Christianity: Phyllis Tickle on the Church's Next Rummage Sale*. Author, historian and keen cultural observer Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis surveys 2000 years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now. What are the implications of this "Great Emergence," both culturally and spiritually? What are the key questions and issues that need to be addressed? Where might we be headed next? And, perhaps most importantly, where are you, at this moment? Might you be an emergence Christian? This class will include a short DVD presentation and discussion. This class will continue each Wednesday in Lent through April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## You're Invited!


On Friday, February 24th at 7pm St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be showing *Pray The Devil Back to Hell*, which chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country.

Thousands of women — ordinary mothers, grandmothers, aunts and daughters, both Christian and Muslim — came together to pray for peace and then staged a silent protest outside of the Presidential Palace. Armed only with white T-shirts and the courage of their convictions, they demanded a resolution to the country's civil war. Their actions were a critical element in bringing about an agreement during the stalled peace talks.

A story of sacrifice, unity and transcendence, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* honors the strength and perseverance of the women of Liberia. Inspiring, uplifting, and most of all motivating, it is a compelling testimony of how grassroots activism can alter the history of nations.

St. Luke's is located at:  
1655 W. Norton Ave.  
Muskegon, MI

<b>February 5</b>	<b>February 12</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>February 26</b>
<b>LEM</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>LEM</b>
Linda Scheerer	David Wells	Sue Wierengo	Alister Jackson
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Jim Horan	Dean Huff	Brian Rhinesmith	Katherine Porter
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Jennifer Manak	Marti Johnson	Jocelyn Shaw	Julie Fugate & Sharon Skodack
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
Horan	Katz	Potluck	Bustin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir 7pm	2	3	4
5 8am Eucharist 10:30am Eucharist	6	7	8 Choir 7pm	9	10	11
12 8am Eucharist 10:30am Eucharist	13 ECW meeting 6:30pm	14 	15 Choir 7pm	16	17	18
19 8am Eucharist 10:30am Contemporary Eucharist; Potluck; Vestry meeting	20	21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7:30pm Benefit Youth Mission Trip	22 Ash Wednesday Noon & 6:30 pm Eucharist; Choir following late service	23 Lenten Home Eucharist, Scheerer Home 6:30pm	24	25
26 8am Eucharist 10:30am Eucharist	27 Mission— Outreach meeting 6pm	28	29 6pm: Soup & Bread Supper; 6:30pm Class 7pm Choir	MARCH 1	2	3 Vestry Retreat

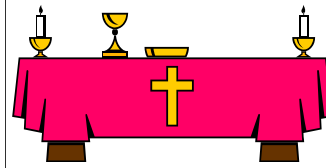
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## Help Needed for Cleaning Tasks

If you've previously signed up, please do so again. We're just updating our time and talent donation list. See Mother Rachael to help out. Thanks!

- ✓ Cleaning bathrooms 1x each week  
-2 in hallway and 2 in parish hall
- ✓ Garbage & Recycling on Sundays
- ✓ Vacuuming Hall and Library 1x each week
- ✓ Vacuuming Parish Hall 1x each week
- ✓ Water plants
- ✓ Winter Shoveling (this includes Sunday mornings BY 7:30am)
- ✓ Kitchen Cleaning (in addition to coffee hour hosts general pick up, this is done 2x each month)
- ✓ Vacuuming the Sanctuary  
(doesn't include inside altar rails)

## Sew Talented!



Once again, Jocelyn Shaw has offered to create delightful new vest-

ments for the altar and clergy. This time, the vestments will be a deep red for Pas-siontide. These will be darker than the vestments used for Pentecost with black orpheries, and will be specific to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. While Jocelyn will be donating her time, we need to raise \$175 for the material to create the altar hanging, burse and veil, chasuble, dalmatic and two stoles. An entire set of vestments would typically cost \$3-5,000, so we are getting a bargain.

Please consider contributing to this fund. You may include a check in your offering envelope or separately; please put "new vestments" in the memo line.

## February Birthdays



5 Trevor Picard  
9 Kelcy Benedict  
10 Charles Dobberstein,  
Clark Ganson

- 11 Jeff Oh
- 12 Judy Dobberstein
- 13 Makayla Holtrop
- 18 Jocelyn Shaw; Rachael Evans
- 19 AJ Wortelboer
- 21 Angela Wortelboer
- 22 Lou Manak
- 26 Joy Picard
- 27 Winki Jepsen

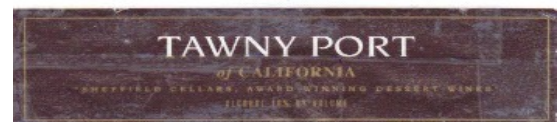
No February Anniversaries

## Pick Up a Bottle



"As a cost saving measure, we're asking every family to bring in at least one bottle of wine for use during the service. We use about one bottle per week, so we'll need just over 50 bottles over the course of a year. Below is the type of wine we are using. You can purchase it at any Meijer, and it goes on sale quite often! You can give it to any Altar Guild member, Rachael, or leave it in the Sacristy. Thanks for your help!

Jocelyn Shaw, Altar Guild Directress."



## An Opportunity for More Youth Delegates to Diocesan Convention



### Qualifications

Currently in high school (or age equivalent if home schooled)

Be able to attend the entire Convention - April 20-21, 2012

Baptized Christian & member in good standing at an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western Michigan

### From the Diocesan Canons: Title 1: Section 3.04

Youth Delegates at any Convention shall be selected as follows:

(a) One youth delegate and one alternate from each of the five Deaneries shall be selected by each Deanery, at its first meeting following the preceding Diocesan Convention. The Deanery shall have the authority to fill any vacancies that occur in these two positions.

(b) Five at-large Youth Delegates and five at-large alternates shall be appointed by the Bishop Diocesan with advice from relevant Diocesan committees. The Bishop Diocesan shall have the authority to fill any vacancies that may occur in these positions

### Options Available

**Deanery Delegate:** Each deanery must choose one delegate and may choose one alternate

**At large Delegate:** There are five delegates and five alternates that represent the diocese as a whole. If you are interested, please send in a brief biography along with your grade in school and age at the time of Convention and name of parish to Gennie Callard.

**Note:** All names must be submitted to the Diocesan Office by April 1, 2012. Youth Delegate's fees, food & lodging will be paid for by the diocesan youth ministry budget. Alternates must be paid for by the deaneries, parishes or individuals. Financial assistance through the Diocese is available upon request.

### Duties

Diocesan Convention is the annual meeting of our Diocese. It is a legislative process using Robert's Rules of Order. **The "youth delegates" get seat, voice and vote.** This opportunity is meant for young people who have an interest in government, legislation and the wider church community. This is not a youth event and is not intended for everyone. The youth delegates must be mature enough to sit and pay attention during the business meetings.

The youth delegates will sit at a table together. They discuss the information being discussed on the floor and things that will be voted on. They are asked to vote their conscience & as the Holy Spirit guide they (not as their parish, friends or deanery wants them to vote). They are invited to speak at the microphone to issues that they care about (if they so wish). We are all asked to come to Convention with our own thoughts, ideas, beliefs & backgrounds – and to look for ways to come together and live as a Diocesan community.

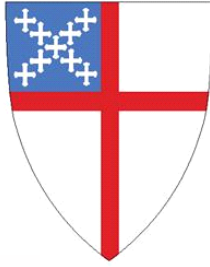
**Lodging is at a local hotel and the cost is covered by the diocesan budget.** Two youth delegates will be roomed together and on the same floor as the adult mentors. The youth delegates must be trustworthy enough to stay in a hotel room with another young person with limited adult supervision.

### For more information

Contact Gennie Callard, Assistant to the Bishop for Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries (269) 381-2710 gcallard@edwm.org. A list of requirements & permission forms will be sent to the delegates when names are received.

*Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth': for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." -Jeremiah*

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

**Shrove "Fat" Tuesday  
Pancake Supper**

Join us for the  
**Traditional Pancake Supper**  
before the beginning of Lent.

**Tuesday, February 21st**  
**5:30—7:30 pm**  
**St. Gregory's Parish Hall**

**Cost: Donation**  
**Proceeds to the Youth's**  
**2013 Mission Trip**

Ash Wednesday   
Services

February 22nd

Noon &  
6:30 pm

Eucharist  
With  
Imposition of  
Ashes

