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Text for Next Sunday

Luke 24

Sunday someone asked me so what was with Luke 24? She went on to say she read it through twice as I had asked her. My brain whirled and I paused before admitting that I had forgotten what I had asked her (and the rest of you) to do. So with my brain back, let us look at Luke 24 and find the accounts of Jesus' resurrection that we think we would find most probable in changing us from fearful to faithful.

Grief Support Groups

7 PM Wednesday Night, January 7 @ Barbara Drake's

10 AM Thursday January 22 @ FCC

"Boomer Sooner"



Morris & Dorothea

FROM THE MINISTER

For the past couple of weeks it seems like life has been turned upside down more than once. Christmas and New Years means we have had more family gatherings and that is good. But there is uneasiness in our world with the new war in Gaza, unemployment, and waves of grief that sweep over us. I felt unorganized and unsure of what to do next. Things were not normal and in the midst of all this, our children asked everyday: so what are we doing today? It was great today to answer: you are going to school and I am going to the church. But for too many among our families and friends, the job is not there any longer. Their uneasiness and fear about life will not end with Christmas vacation.

So what can we do to help? I have been thinking about what we could do. Remember when the crowd pressed Jesus and the disciples wanted to send them away but Jesus told them to give them something to eat? I can see in my mind's eye the look on their faces and hear in their voices the whining words: "We don't have enough." But we know that they did have enough.

This Wednesday, the Outreach Ministry group will meet to consider our giving locally, to consider what we will be able to do for Loch Leven, our Youth Ministry and homeless feeding. What I will ask them to help us do is what I know we could do. We could help families who are still in their homes to have enough to eat. I hear God calling us to "feed them". What can God do with a "Bread and Fishes Ministry"? As we talk of reaching into our neighborhood, we can knock on the doors of their hearts and lives with food. We have enough and we know that God will continue to multiply our giving to meet the needs of others. Isn't that part of our mission?

Chris C. Nettles

"Praying for Our Community"

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,

Reba Mathis,

Wanda Baumer,

Barnaby Smith serving in Iraq,

Harold Mazingo died late New Year's at the age of 95. He was up and active but suffered from a swallowing problem which took his life. We ask prayer for Glendora and Paul as they prepare for his burial at Riverside National later this week.

Joan Watson's dad, Tom, was home last week with Joan caring for him around the clock but he went back to Riverside County Hospital.

Fabiola Salinas, Marcia Dulaney's mother, was hospitalized with complications from the flu.

Kevin & Gayle MacMillan,

Kent Tuohino, the interim pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church & the congregation.

Reminder for Outreach Ministry Meeting

There will be a short Outreach Ministry meeting on Wednesday, Jan 7 at 6:30. There are some budget items that require decisions. Then immediately following, the CROP walk meeting will convene.

Board Meeting Rescheduled

The first board meeting of 2009 was originally scheduled for the last Sunday in January. (January 25, 2009) The board moderator will out of town on travel. Therefore, it will be rescheduled for the following Sunday February 1, 2009.

SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER **Scott Field**
SONG LEADER **Mary Stuart**
COMMUNION **Elaine Carb**
HOSPITALITY MINISTER **Shirley Baker**
HOSPITALITY **Steve & Claudia Gray**

Look Who's Walking



McKenzie & Cason



What is Lindsey doing?

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7

6:00 PM Outreach @ Church
7:00 PM CROP Walk @ Church
7:00 PM Bereavement Group
@ Barbara Drake's house

THURSDAY JANUARY 8

9:00 AM Quilting
7:00 PM Choir

SUNDAY JANUARY 11

9:15 AM Adult Church School
10:30 AM Worship
10:45 Worship & Wonder Children's
Ministry

MONDAY JANUARY 12

6:30-8:00 PM Middle & High School Youth
Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 PM Leadership Training Meeting
@ Nettles' house

Our Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 72
Youth Group: 11 youth & 3 adults

Unbinding the Gospel Traing The third session of the training on Unbinding the Gospel will be at the Nettles house on Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. beginning with a pizza dinner.