



RANGE LINE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2010

THE MESSENGER

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*“Serving God
With Love and Joy
As We Reach Out
to All People”*

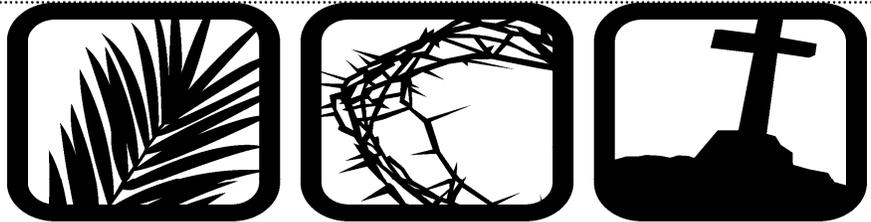
Worship Schedule:

Kids rhythm choir—9:15 am
Christian Education for all
ages at 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Join us for fellowship
after worship.



Easter Party for
kids during
Sunday School
time

Apr. 4th at 9:30

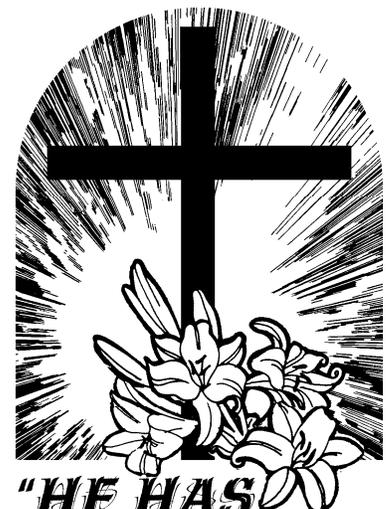


HOLY WEEK



April 1
Maundy Thursday,
7:00 p.m.

April 4
Easter Sunday
10:30 am



**“HE HAS
RISEN!”**

Luke 24:6

*Come join us this
Easter season.*

March 18, 2010

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer by Moderator Taul. The Confirmation Class and their sponsors were our guests. All engaged in conversation around the students statements of faith. The following students were approved for confirmation and will be confirmed in worship on April 18th: Ed Kubisz, Matthew Frey, Zachary Frey, and Amanda Banter.

Some of the items approved at the meeting were:

- To call a congregational meeting on April 25th for the purpose of creating a full-time Designated Pastor position and to elect the Designated Pastor Pulpit Nominating Committee
- Approved a Rummage Sale at the church on Thurs. May 13-15, proceeds to go toward the Mission trip to Appalachia in July
- Approved an Easter party for children, including Easter Egg Hunt, on Easter during Sunday School
- Approved receiving into membership by Reaffirmation of their Faith in Christ, Scott and Stacy Coil
- Approved Interim Pastor's request for vacation and study leave: April 5-11, June 9-21
- Approved placing a sonic wind profiler on the edge of our property pending review of an attorney. Church would receive \$300 per month for 5 years.
- Approved local Cub Scouts group to do a service project at the river property
- Approved borrowing from available funds to finish Manse work. The money is to be repaid upon sale of the manse.
- Approved Interim Pastor's mileage
- Received all reports



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Scott and Stacy Coil reside at 17521 Sunrise Dr. in Lowell. Their phone number is 696-3154 and their e-mail is sfitz_18@hotmail.com Scott teaches Biology at LHS and Stacy teaches in Crown Point. Please add the Coils and their addresses and phone number to your church directory. Welcome, Scott and Stacy!!

We also keep them in our prayers this week as they expect their baby to be born as this newsletter is being written!



I would like to thank my church family for all they have done for me the past few months. To start with, the carolers before Christmas, Darold & Alene Moore, Pastor Rose, Sue Bell, John & Barb Jurs, Shirley Moosmiller, Susie Hayden, Tiffany McElroy, Carl Banter, Dale & Dawn Straughen, They brought a lot of joy to me that day. I would also like to thank Pastor Rose for her many visits and serving me communion. Many times there were deacons with her....and sometime they came on their own. Thank you to Edna Jane & Carl, Bev, Maxine, Ella for her cards, Dawn and others that I may have missed. Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for their goody basket at Christmas and remembering me at other times. Also I would like to thank Judy Sharp and Betsy Kubisz for helping me home one Sunday. I would also like to thank my daughter Barb & son-in-law Allen for all the help that they give me. I am so grateful to be a part of this church family. I'm sorry if I missed anyone's names. Your friend, Vernon Childress

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – APRIL 25TH

There will be a meeting of the Congregation following worship on April 25th for the following purposes:

- To establish the position of Full-Time Designated Pastor
- To elect the Designated Pastoral Nominating Committee (DPNC)

These are the only two items that can be on the agenda at a called congregational meeting.

The Session established the number of the DPNC as seven. Why? Because for voting purposes, an odd number of members is more desirable. A committee larger than 7 would be unwieldy and would have a more difficult time setting meetings.

The Nominating Committee will present the following nominees for election by the congregation: Norma Lance, Darold Moore, Kat Slosser, Roger Parks, Susie Hayden, Glenda Hoots, and Matt Hayden.

Our Book of Order directs a congregation to elect people to this committee that reflect the diversity of the congregation.

BO G-14.0221 states: "Every congregation shall elect men and women from among its active members, giving fair representation to persons of all ages and of all racial ethnic backgrounds ..." BO G-14.0531 "The session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a pastor nominating committee, which shall be representative of the whole congregation....."

Some of the criteria considered for nominees to the DNPC were:

- The ability to regularly attend meetings up to perhaps a 2 year period
- Commitment to the Church
- A lot of time to give to this process
- Ability to work diligently and expeditiously for the overall good of the congregation
- THE ABILITY TO KEEP INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL
- The willingness to participate in discussions while respecting the opinions of others

Nominations can be made from the floor. However, in order to be considered, one must have reviewed the responsibilities for persons serving on the DPNC, and must have agreed to serve if elected. Judy Sharp, Chair of the Nominating Committee, has copies of some of the responsibilities of members who will serve on the DPNC.

If you have any questions prior to the congregational meeting, please direct them to Judy Sharp or to Pastor Rose.



BUNCO PARTY—The 3rd annual Bunco party was held last month. Glenda Hoots, Sue Cartwright and Irene Schontube did an awesome job organizing and hosting the fun afternoon. They raised \$675 for the church general fund. Thanks to all who helped donate in any way!

CONFIRMATION CLASS—The Confirmation class shared their Statement of Faiths with the session at the last meeting. They are four fine young people that will be officially join our church on April 18th.

MEN'S CLUB SOUP SUPPER —The Men's club had another successful soup supper. They served about 150 and took in \$800 to benefit the camp fund.

THANK YOU to a family that just gave a generous gift to our church. We are to celebrate our abundance and be good stewards of all that God has given us!

STEWARDSHIP KALEIDOSCOPE

Pastor Rose, Janet Moore and myself (Susie) recently had the opportunity to attend a national Presbyterian Stewardship conference in Indianapolis. It was sponsored by our Synod of Lincoln Trails and many more across the country. Also by the Presbyterian Foundation, the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program and the Presbyterian Endowment Education and Resource Network. It was 2 days packed with speakers, workshops and worship. It was energizing to be surrounded by about 300 Presbyterian ministers, lay people, elders, and people just focused on stewardship. There were workshops on planned giving, narrative budgets, shrinking memberships and faithful financial discipleship. Others taught pastors to love the ministry of fundraising and how to preach and teach about money! We heard three keynote speakers that were excellent. We gathered new ideas for capital campaigns, annual campaigns and how to talk to our members and children about having an attitude of gratitude and becoming generous givers!

Make plans now to be in worship on **Sunday, April 25** to hear from the three of us as we kick off a year of JOYFUL stewardship!!

Stewardship is not just a question of checkbooks, but a question of how a person lives day by day. We're all stewards of God's bounty, including love and consideration, helpfulness and even courtesy. Stewardship embraces a sort of volunteer attitude. It is a natural characteristic of Christians, but it takes practice and awareness.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR CHURCH!!

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!!

That means that grass mowing will soon be starting up. We have a few faithful volunteers that mow every Thursday morning. We could use some help before the first mowing to pick up bottles, garbage, etc. in the yard.

HOW ABOUT IT TEENS....you're off this week!! If you would like to show up any Thursday morning to help the mowers, they would appreciate someone doing some weed-eating around the new trees, etc.

HERE'S WHAT NEEDS DONE AT THE MANSE YET!!

It's going to be nice this week, let's get this job wrapped up. Joe has spent too many hours down there alone!! Step it up and help get it done!!

Front and rear doors and frames –scrub and paint
Breezeway – Garage service door – scrub and paint
Basement stairs and landing – paint
Basement laundry tub drain – replace
Basement furnace room – paint
Basement divider panel wall – paint
Need living room window screen
Freshen up exterior of house (power wash/minor repairs, deck and siding)
Yard maintenance – Boundary – window wells
What to do with truck bodies being used for storage



**Ticket Taker
at the County Fair**

The Lake County Fair Board asked if we would like to take on manning a second ticket booth at the fair this year. In addition to the one south of the 4-H building, we would also have people in the north pass gate. The last two years we made \$1400 each year. This would give us an opportunity to double that!! Watch for a sign up sheet soon on the bulletin board. We will still do the 3 hour shifts during the week and a four hour shift on Friday, Saturday & Sundays. So...find a partner and plan on signing up for a shift, or two, or three....

Roger Reaber Scholarship

The Roger Reaber scholarship is available to any member of Range Line Presbyterian Church who is pursuing a post high school education. Applications are available in the Narthex. Please complete the application and return to the Church office or Jerry Moosmiller by May 1, 2010.

Per Capita Payment

Range Line Presbyterian Church is responsible for paying \$32.16 for each member to the denomination to help support the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. In January each Church member was asked to contribute their per capita if possible. To date we have received over \$ 1377.76. The Stewardship Committee extends a thank you to all members that have reimbursed their per capita. This has been a great help in allowing more of our financial resources to go toward spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

If you have not made your per capita payment and are financially able to do so please place your reimbursement in the Worship Offering Plate and note that it is intended for Per Capita.

Thanks,
Stewardship Committee

OPPORTUNITY AT NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING April 27th

During the next meeting of Presbytery, Dr. William Enright will present a brief portion of a larger seminar that demonstrates how to "bake the cake" of congregational generosity by exploring the significant and necessary steps to creating a lasting culture of generosity. After this event, congregations will have an opportunity to apply to participate in a pilot project which will include small group and individual exercises where you as a congregational team can imagine and design your own plan for your congregation. Application materials will be available at the meeting on the 27th. The training days will be June 5th, Aug. 20th, and Sept. 10th.

If you would like to go to Presbytery on the 27th, please contact Pastor Rose or Janet Moore. Presbytery will be in Logansport.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION VISIT

On Tuesday night, March 23rd, a group of us had a very stimulating session with Lisa Longo of the Presbyterian Foundation. There are many exciting and "doable" things that we as a congregation and individually that we can do to benefit our congregation on a long-term basis while receiving a return for ourselves and our loved ones. The easiest thing one can do is to remember your church in your Will. If you have loved the church and served her faithfully during your lifetime, you can also assure that your faith and your values continue through your Will. Why not consider a tithe of your estate?

We discussed the values of an Endowment for our congregation. Churches must have an endowment in these times in order to maintain their financial viability. For as little as \$25,000, we could establish an endowment (permanent) fund and add to it as time goes by. Lisa Longo from the Presbyterian Foundation is willing to return and walk us through exactly how to do this. She is also available to any member of the congregation who would like to discuss other investments that would benefit the church and that would also give you income.

We also discussed some strategies to benefit the church and avoid some taxes on the money that you have earned. Lisa left materials from this meeting with us. If you would like a packet, please see Pastor Rose.

EASTER MORNING JOY

*Imagine --if you can, dear hearts--
That twas you---who went to find
An empty tomb--JESUS gone
Guard soldiers all struck blind*

*Imagine--hearing an angel speak--
Saying "He is risen, and is not here"!!
How happy would your heart be--
Could you retain-- that joyful tear?*

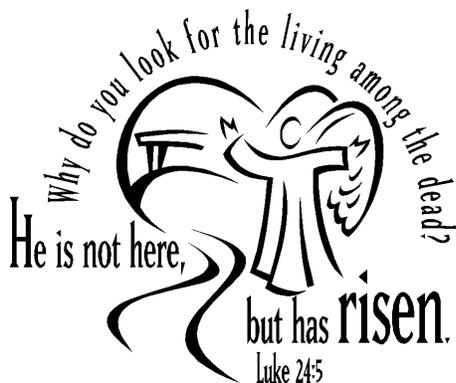
*Imagine --the hastening of your steps
As you rushed to share the news.
The rocky path, no longer steep
But smooth beneath your shoes*

*Imagine remembering the promise
GOD gives to all who believe
That His son now lives forever
And His death we need not grieve*

*God's promise kept in words of truth
This life is not the end.
But hope eternal is ours to claim!!
He lives!! He lives!! -- my friend*

*Easter joy--yet what sacrifice
That God's own son should pay the price
For love eternal---peace divine
Praise God I'm His---and He is mine*

Easter Morning Joy © Marie Alexander



EASTER BUNNY BREAD WITH SPINACH DIP!
Try this for your Easter dinner. It's really not hard to
make...kids love it!!



- 2 loaves (1 pound each) frozen bread dough, thawed
 - 2 raisins
 - 2 sliced almonds
 - 1 egg, lightly beaten
 - Lettuce leaves
- Dip of your choice

Directions

1. Cut a fourth off of one loaf of dough; shape into a pear to form head. For body, flatten remaining portion into a 7-in. x 6-in. oval; place on a greased baking sheet. Place head above body. Make narrow cuts, about 3/4 in. deep, on each side of head for whiskers.
 2. Cut second loaf into four equal portions. For ears, shape two portions into 16-in. ropes; fold ropes in half. Arrange ears with open ends touching head. Cut a third portion of dough in half; shape each into a 3-1/2-in. oval for back paws. Cut two 1-in. slits on top edge for toes. Position on each side of body.
 3. Divide the fourth portion of dough into three pieces. Shape two pieces into 2-1/2-in. balls for front paws; shape the remaining piece into two 1-in. balls for cheeks and one 1/2-in. ball for nose. Place paws on each side of body; cut two 1-in. slits for toes. Place cheeks and nose on face. Add raisins for eyes and almonds for teeth.
 4. Brush dough with egg. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 30-45 minutes. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack to cool.
- Place bread on a lettuce-lined 16-in. x 13-in. serving tray. Cut a 5-in. x 4-in. oval in center of body. Hollow out bread, leaving a 1/2-in. shell (discard removed bread or save for another use). Line with lettuce and fill with dip. Yield: 1 loaf.

COMING UP AT RANGE LINE:

- Apr. 1—Choir Practice at 6:00 pm
- Apr. 1—Maundy Thursday service 7:00 pm
- Apr. 4—Easter egg hunt for Sunday School
9:30 am
- Apr. 4—EASTER SERVICE 10:30 am
- Apr. 5—Choir rehearsal at 6:30
(and every Monday at 6:30)
- Apr. 7—Monthly Dinner 4:30—7:00
- Apr. 8—Ministry Teams meet at 7:00 pm
- Apr. 11—Deacon meeting after worship
- Apr. 15—Session meeting 7:00
- Apr. 18—Confirmation Sunday
- Apr. 24—PW Spring gathering
- Apr. 25—Joyful Giving Sunday
Congregational meeting after worship
- Apr. 28—Wednesday monthly bible study—7:00 pm
At the Hayden's 4203 E. 173rd Ave.
- May 2—Community Sing at Methodist Church 4:00pm



Happy Birthday to.....

- Apr. 5—Matt Frey
- Apr. 6—Vernon Childress
- Apr. 8—Roger Parks
- Apr. 14—Betsy Kubisz
- Apr. 18—Hunter Jusevitch
- Apr. 25—Alex McCracken
Morgan Blank

Happy Anniversary to....

- Apr. 7—Bob & Barb Morris
- Apr. 14—Ron & Bev Laszlo

Do I have your important dates? Let me know if you are not appearing in the Messenger. Susie



PRAYER REQUESTS

Vernon Childress	Lillian Schoon
Alice Rinkenberger	Oci Wise
Clarence Bradley	Gladys Osburn

Del & Alice Jones Cody Evans

Chester Ascher Richard Straughen Bob Owens

If you know someone who should be on the Prayer List, please contact the church at (219) 996-8746 or rlpc@netnitco.net. For pastoral emergency you may call Pastor Rose at home 696- 6091

2010 SESSION MEMBERS AND THE MINISTRY TEAMS THEY SERVE

- Moderator—Rev. Rose Taul Clerk of Session—Janet Moore
- Buildings & Grounds—Joe Kormendy and Allan Nethery
- Christian Education & Youth—Chari Hayden and Bill Slosser
- Evangelism & Mission— Susie Hayden and Alene Cavanaugh— Moore
- Fellowship & Membercare— Norma Lance and Juanita McElroy
- Stewardship, Finance & Administration — Jerry Moosmiller and Dale Straughen
- Worship & Music — Judy Sharp and Betsy Kubisz
- Deacons— Allen Dockweiler, Edna Jane Miller, Carl Skinner, Maxine Green
Dawn Straughen, Nancy Nethery

PLEASE HELP THEM OUT BY SERVING ON A MINISTRY TEAM THIS YEAR!

You can come each month to ministry team meeting the first Thursday at 7:00 pm or just offer to volunteer for lay leader, childcare, special music, greeter for a month, usher, serve refreshments one Sunday. Be involved in your church family!!



YARD SALE

WE ARE PLANNING A YARD SALE FOR MAY 13-15TH. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF THINGS YOU NO LONGER USE. NO ADULT CLOTHES PLEASE, KIDS AND INFANTS CLOTHES ARE OK. THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO FUND OUR MISSION TRIP IN JULY. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE GATHER YOUR ITEMS AND HOLD THEM UNTIL THE SALE IN MAY. IF YOU NEED THINGS PICKED UP WE WILL GET THEM THEN. THANKS





“Baked Chicken Dinner”

Wednesday, April 7th

Monthly Dinners

4:30—7:00

Baked Chicken - Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable—Salad
Dessert and Drink included

Adults \$8.00 - Children 6-12 \$4.00

*There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for help and desserts. Tickets are available for sale, see
Bobbi Kormendy*



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To everyone at the home of:

