

The Good News - November 9, 2008

We are using the Track 1 Lesson and Psalm in today's insert.

LCEM Board – The LCEM Board meets at St. Paul's, LaSalle on Wed, Nov 12 with HE at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7pm. All are welcome.

UTO Giving Update – The following amounts were donated to the United Thank Offering by parishioners of the LCEM. St. Paul's, LaSalle gave \$55; Christ, Streator gave \$105; and Christ, Ottawa gave \$225.87. All donations were presented at the Deaneray Day in Belvidere on Nov 1. Thank you to everyone who gave to UTO. For your convenience boxes are on the back tables to take home for your change collection until the Spring UTO Ingathering. Thank you for your continued support of ECW and UTO.

Annual Stewardship Campaign. Please give prayerful consideration to your financial support for your congregation and the LCEM in 2009 and return your pledge card today. The treasurers are starting to put together budgets for 2009 and knowing your financial commitment would be very helpful. Thank you.

Diocesan Convention – The 171st C invention of the Diocese of Chicago is Nov 21 & 22 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard, IL. For more information please contact the Diocese at 800-426-3894 or go to www.episcopalchicago.org Everyone in the diocese is welcome to attend convention.

Nets for Life - In response to the Bishop's charge to the people of our Diocese, the LCEM Board has issued this challenge: Each household in the four congregations is asked to purchase at least one malaria net at \$12 each. The congregation that meets or exceeds their goal by the largest percentage will win the "Golden Net" award to be displayed at their church. There will be a poster at the back of each church showing your congregation's goal and progress. The challenge ends Nov 30, 2008. Please make all checks payable to your own church with "Nets for Life" on the memo line. Remember the real winners of this challenge are those who receive the nets and that lives that are saved! Each net last 5 years; proper instruction on their use and follow up visits are included in the cost.

Thanksgiving Day Service – The LCEM Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00am at Christ, Ottawa.

Foyer Sign up – A sign up sheet is at the back of each church if you wish to sign up to host a Foyer. Please also contact Buffy Hoskins at 815-667-4835 with questions.

BOOKS - Streator needs adult and children's books and good used children's clothing to give away. Please leave all items at the back of your church for pick up. Thanks.

Christ Church, Streator

Streator Vestry – The Vestry meets on Thursday, Nov 13 at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Eve – Christ, Streator is the host of this year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service in Streator on Nov 26 at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

Community Meal – Next meal is Sat, Nov 29, 11:30am-1pm. Please call Gert Dawson at

815-672-4342 if you can help. All help is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who pitch in each month. Everyone is welcome to come and eat.

St. Andrew's, Grand Ridge

Country Jams Are Back – The Open Session Country Jams are back. All acoustic musicians/instruments welcome. The next Jam is Fri. evening, Dec 5, 7-10pm at Christ, Ottawa. Other Jams are on the first Friday of each month through Mar 09. We need volunteers for the kitchen at each Jam. Please contact Lou Boyd (815-249-6879) or Barb Mills (815-434-6295) for more info on how to join in or help out. Everyone is welcome to come and listen.

St. Paul's, LaSalle

LaSalle Bishop's Committee – The Bishop's Committee meets downstairs today after the service. Everyone is welcome.

2008 Flowers - Please sign up if you wish to donate flowers in the coming weeks, in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone or some special occasion. Thank you.

Christ Church, Ottawa

Ottawa Vestry – The Vestry meets on Monday, November 17 at 7pm. All are welcome.

Community Meal – The next meal is Dec 7 from 12-1pm. Mary Fabricius is the host and the meal is spaghetti. A sign up sheet is on the back table. Thanks to all who pitch in each month to keep this very worthy community service going. A host is needed for the meal on January 4. Please call the office 815-434-0627 if you can host this meal. Thanks.

"Honey Do" List – Al Kammerer has put a "Honey Do" list at the back of the church. If you would like to help with an item please contact Al (815-795-3936) or write your name & number next to the task. If you can provide financial assistance to cover task expenses please place your donation in the offering plate marked with the Honey Do task you are helping to complete. And if you know of a task please add it to the list. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Thank you. If you don't see the list please call Al.

Coffee Hour Needs – Coffee hour hosts are needed after the 10:30am service. Bring a treat, (cookies, pastries, muffins, etc.) mix the drinks, make the coffee & clean up; that's all there is to it! Please sign up on the calendar downstairs.

Fill the Freezer – Our emergency food supply is gone. We get requests for help for food and have nothing to offer. Those who come have exhausted all other outlets. So, when you prepare meals if you have extra please put a serving in a freezer container, write your name & the date prepared and bring it for our freezer. Extra containers are downstairs. Thanks for your help in feeding the needy.

Community Needs - Please also continue to fill the shopping cart at the back of the church. Items needed are listed on the cart. They are taken to the Food Pantry and ADV/ SAS regularly. There is also a Laundry Soap bottle on the back table for your coins for laundry used by A Servant's Heart to help the homeless clean their clothes.