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NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, HADDONFIELD, NJ

“TWO BITS” A DAY NOT A DENIAL IN LENT

Okay. Let’s get serious. Even if you’re on welfare two-bits, or a quarter, a day given in the coin envelopes during Lent is not a denial. What could you possibly be denying yourself for the sake of world hunger by giving up twenty-five cents a day? A gumball from the machine at the store? Parking for 30 minutes downtown in Haddonfield? And after forty days of denial, the total offering is only \$10. Is this really an expression of self-denial in keeping with our economic lifestyles?

This was the question the staff at Our Savior entertained a few weeks ago as we contemplated this Lenten tradition of our congregation. We’ll be honest. It is a major hassle and time consuming for the counters to remove forty quarters from the envelopes each year at Easter. Some of you have alleviated this by simply writing a check or placing a “sawbuck” in the envelope instead. But the staff wondered if there was a more meaningful way for our congregation to truly participate in a self-denial discipline in Lent that would also result in a greater offering to ELCA World Hunger. If we were to truly deny ourselves of something in Lent, what would it be, and what would be the cost equivalent that could be offered to World Hunger?

Pastor Englehardt has decided to give up his weekly afternoon matinee during Lent which is the equivalent of \$7.50/week or \$45 over the six weeks. Pastor Wayne is giving up the cost of a ski lift ticket (regardless if there’s snow or not), which comes to \$46. What could you deny yourself of this Lenten season to make a difference in the lives of those who hunger? It may only come out to \$10 as well, but it surely will have greater significance as a sacrifice than a quarter a day. At the Fastnacht celebration on Tuesday, February 20, there will be a large sign-up board listing what staff and council members have committed themselves to denying during Lent. Labels will be given out to adhere to an empty food can in your home where each person or the whole family can hold their self-denial offerings during Lent. We encourage you to sign your name and identify what you intend to deny for the sake of addressing world hunger. Then on Easter, we’ll celebrate those gifts offered in worship. Let’s make it a noisy offering on Easter Sunday.

MARRIAGE VOWS RENEWED SUNDAY FEB. 11

Valentine’s Day is a day both married and unmarried couples express their love and affection for one another. Some give chocolates (although I hope they’re fresher than the ones that have been on sale since December 26 of last year!). Others send flowers to the office or home with a card that conveys their deepest emotions. Some might even give a gift of jewelry as a symbol of their love, or take them out for a romantic night on the town. All of this is done as an expression of the love each has for each other, and for husbands and wives, it may be one of the few times in the year they are intentional in doing so.

In a time of the year when many husbands and wives are thinking about their love for each other it is fitting the church provide an opportunity for them to renew their vows of love and faithfulness exchanged on their wedding day. In the wedding service we pray that God use us as members of the body of Christ, to support married couples in their lives together as husband and wife. We acknowledge that because of sin the gladness of marriage can be overcast and the gift of the family can become a burden. We also remember that God continues still to bless it with his abundant and ever-present support through the faith community of which they are a part.

Therefore, in an expression of our love and support for married couples the Lutheran Church Our Savior will offer them an opportunity to renew their vows during each of the three worship services on Sunday, February 11. Following the sermon husbands and wives will stand and affirm their vows as made available in our Lutheran resources. In this affirmation of vows, we hope your Valentine’s Day experience will be all the more meaningful. Chocolates go stale. Flowers wilt. The ambiance of fancy dinners fade. But the gift of one’s lifelong word of love and faithfulness is what sustains every marriage. Join us for what is hoped to be an annual Valentine’s weekend opportunity.

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community that worships Jesus as our Lord,
proclaims and shares God's Word, welcomes all people, serves human needs,
and nurtures personal and spiritual growth through fellowship all to the glory of God.*



“ASHES, ASHES, WE ALL RISE ANEW”
By Pastor Wayne Zschech

“Ring around the rosy, a pocket full of posies. Ashes, ashes, we all fall down.” We all know the familiar children’s rhyme sung while holding hands and walking in a circle. It was a lot of fun, but do you know where it has its origin? Back in the 17th century the Bubonic Plague ravaged England with over 60% of the population being wiped out before the great fire killed the rats that carried the disease. Symptoms of contracting the plague included a rosy ring on the cheek, and a foul smell for which sweet smelling posies in one’s pocket were hoped to ward off the disease. The fallen plague victims were cremated, only leaving ashes to remain.

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These are the words spoken by the pastor as an ashen cross is smudged on the brows of those coming forward on Ash Wednesday for the imposition of ashes. Like the nursery rhyme, and the words spoken at a funeral committal, ashes are a reminder of our mortality and finitude. They remind us we cannot escape death, no matter how hard we may try to keep it at arm’s length or deny its reality in our lives.

Ashes offer another reminder. Long ago ashes were oftentimes used as a cleansing agent, where rubbing ashes on one’s skin eliminated hard to remove dirt. Lent is also a time of cleansing and renewal. We pray along with the psalmist to “create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me”, and the ashes imposed remind us of God’s cleansing Spirit of renewal.

Finally, because the smudged cross is made with ashes mixed with oil, we are reminded of the mark with oil placed on our brow at baptism. We remember the promise we were given, “Child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” In the waters of baptism we have been joined to both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And while the ashes remind us of our eventual death, the smudged cross reminds us death does not have the last word. As people “of the smudge” we are people who trust in the resurrection to new life it offers through faith in the risen Christ. In Lent we journey both toward the cross and the empty tomb. And this gives us hope.

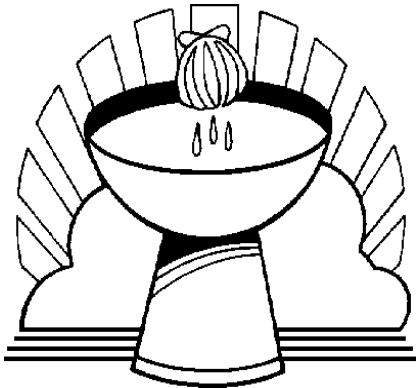
For these reasons, we will begin to offer the imposition of ashes at both of our Ash Wednesday services at noon and at 7:30 in the evening. I realize for some this addition might be a challenge to their practice of faith. It certainly is not a tradition of this congregation. Yet, it is a tradition of the Church, and has always had a place in the Lutheran liturgy whether pastors and congregations chose to include it or not. I believe it can only add to our experience of drawing closer to God as we enter into the season of Lent, and the time of renewal for which it calls.

There’s a second verse to that old nursery rhyme I learned just a few years ago. It goes, “Ashes in the river, ashes in the sea; we all rise up, one, two three.” Our ashen bodies have been washed in the river and sea of baptism. We will rise up in the resurrection as Jesus did following his crucifixion after days one, two, and three. I pray this new verse and new practice on Ash Wednesday might draw us all closer to our Lord’s promise of new life in the resurrection in this season of Lent.

WHERE’S THE FONT IN LENT?

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. It is a time when we walk with Jesus in the wilderness of our lives, longing for the waters of new life offered in the baptismal waters of Easter. We long to sing the “alleluia” of praise for our Lord’s resurrection; absent in worship since Transfiguration Sunday, and now must wait until Easter Sunday morning to sing it gloriously again. We practice the disciplines of Lent, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving to the poor. And finally, just as the early Church catechumens prepared for baptism into the community of faith during Lent, we too will participate in Lenten midweek worship and study. And, just as they waited until Easter to provide the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we too shall abstain from baptisms until Easter Sunday.

As a visible sign of our journey through the wilderness of Lent, the baptismal font will be removed from the front of the sanctuary and placed in a visible part of the narthex. No baptisms will be scheduled during this time of preparation. Its absence from our worship space will heighten our anticipation of its return at Easter, and the life-giving waters it offers in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Like the veiled cross that we await to lift high for our Easter processional worship, so too we will await the life-giving waters held by the font of baptismal blessing.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM

One calling the church office between these hours can generally expect to reach a church staff person to talk to.



CAMDEN COUNTY TOASTMASTERS

Would you like to improve your communication skills, practice public speaking and hear positive feedback in a non-threatening environment? Camden County Toastmasters meets at the church at 7:30 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

SIMPLY GIVING

A Simple Choice - A Generous Response

Simply Giving is an automated giving program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It's designed to help you conveniently, consistently and joyfully give financial gifts to our congregation's ministry.

By participating in Simply Giving, you can use electronic funds transfer to give your weekly, semi-monthly or monthly offering to our congregation.

To learn how you can participate in Simply Giving, contact Monica Ebbenga in the church office.

Let Simply Giving help you build better stewardship by turning a simple choice into a generous response.

MOMS GROUP

A nondenominational group of mothers/caregivers of young children meets each Monday and Thursday morning from 10-12 noon for casual conversation and playtime in the church nursery.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

SENIOR GAME DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AT NOON
BINGO PINOCHLE BRIDGE ~ COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!

FOOD AND DRINKS (SODA) SERVED
BEST OF ALL . . . IT'S FREE!

THE EVANGELICAL

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Traditional Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Celebration Service 9:15 AM

Nursery Provided at 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Sunday Church School at 10:30 AM

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Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Pam Lyons, Publicity
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

February Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Kathy Ellis, Linda Powell
Counters: Bette Loemker, Jeff Wenzel

February 4

Coffee Hour: Worship & Music Committee
Readers: 8- Chris Boyle **10:30**-Betsy Kuehn (reader), Holly Dreher, Juhan Runne (Communion assistants)
Ushers: 8-John & Laura Oakes **9:15**-Dale Kredatus **10:30**-Eric & Betty Woltz
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge, Adriana Cheney, Brie Zschech
9:15-Katherine Berger, Kelly & Holly Harrington, Noelle Quanci, Maddie Gralish
10:30-Greg Beahm, Kelly Haswell, Jon Maniaci, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty

February 11

Coffee Hour: TBA
Readers: 8-Laura Oakes **10:30**-Cathe Bare
Ushers: 8-John & Laura Oakes **9:15**-Dale Kredatus **10:30**-Eric & Betty Woltz
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge, Adriana Cheney, Brie Zschech
9:15-Scott DiCrescenzo, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle
10:30-Andrew Bernard, Michael Wolf, Chris Heinze, Sarah Barrett, Shane Bobo
Erin Schaffner, Sarah Barrett, Spencer Cowan, Megan McLaughlin, Julia Gross

February 18

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild
Readers: 8-Bill Neveling **10:30**-Charles Coleman
Ushers: 8-John & Laura Oakes **9:15**-Dale Kredatus **10:30**-Eric & Betty Woltz
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Adriana Cheney, Robert LaBarge, Brie Zschech
9:15-Katherine Berger, Maddie Gralish, Nicole Fallon, Jesse Gralish
10:30-Erin Schaffner, Erica & Allison Gensel, D. J. Richards, Julia Gross

February 25

Coffee Hour: TBA
Readers: 8-Alan Super **10:30**-Beth Hill
Ushers: 8-John & Laura Oakes **9:15**-Dale Kredatus **10:30**-Eric & Betty Woltz
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Adriana Cheney, Robert LaBarge, Brie Zschech
9:15-Scott DiCrescenzo, Kelly & Holly Harrington, Gary & Kristi Bobo
10:30-Greg Beahm, Jon Maniaci, Michael Wolf, Chris Heinze, Sarah Barrett



Thurs	1	Working Arm, 9:30 AM Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Sun	4	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Souper Bowl Sunday Confirmation, 6 PM Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM
Mon	5	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Tues	6	Executive Committee, 7 PM
Wed	7	Bible Study, 9:30 AM Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Youth Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Thurs	8	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Sun	11	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Renewal of Marriage Vows Troiano Baptism, 10:30 AM Confirmation, 6 PM Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM
Mon	12	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM No Bible Study
Tues	13	Church Council, 7:30 PM
Wed	14	No Bible Study Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Youth Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Thurs	15	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Sun	18	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Confirmation Huddle, 6 PM Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM
Mon	19	Mother's Group, 10 AM Faith Circle, noon Prayer Group, 7 PM No Bible Study
Tues	20	Fastnacht, 6:30 PM
Wed	21	No Bible Study Ash Wednesday Said Svc., noon Ash Wednesday Svc., 7:30 PM
Thurs	22	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Sun	25	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Confirmation Class, 6 PM Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM
Mon	26	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Tues	27	Senior Game Day, noon Lenten Service/Grace Episcopal, 12:05 PM
Wed	28	Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Lenten Soup Dinner, 6 PM Youth Choirs, 7 & 8 PM



WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
SERVICES

“Life on the Edge of Faith” Lenten Midweek Theme

There’s a lot in life that pushes the boundaries of our faith. Be it unexplainable catastrophes of nature, the inconceivable treatment of humanity, or the cumulative stresses in our lives our faith is oftentimes stretched to the limits. It is then the witness of the Christian community and their supportive presence to sustain us in crisis. “Life on the Edge of Faith”, a midweek Lenten series by Beth Huener, will explore how five characters bear witness to a world-changing event that forces them to the edge of faith. Each service contains a brief sermon, and the five midweek services also feature monologues from the perspective of someone who was present at our Lord’s Passion (a sleeping disciple, the high priest, a maid, a soldier, and a city resident). “The bewilderment experienced by these characters will help worshipers find a voice for the confusion that we all feel from time to time” writes, Huener, interim pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Toledo Ohio.

Each midweek event, starting on Wednesday, February 28, will start with the worship experience promptly at 6:00 in the Parish Hall. Following the worship that is designed for maximum congregation participation, those gathered will enjoy a light soup supper and fellowship with other participants. The midweek services are designed for all ages to relate to and find meaning so families may want to take this opportunity to gather at Church on Wednesdays in Lent to for a different kind of family devotion. After all, no matter what our age, we all experience life on the edge of faith.

Children’s Church

We did not meet in January, and will not be meeting in February or March because of Lenten events during those months.

But we will be meeting the third Wednesday of April, the 18th. From 7 PM – 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Parents and children worship together in a special service that is puppet-enhanced and pre-school friendly! Don’t miss it.

Bible Study on The Book of Revelation

‘and everyone, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”’ (Rev. 6:15-17)’

Our study of this intriguing last book of the Bible begins on Monday night at 7:30 PM and Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM, respectively on January 29 and 31. Please note that on February 12 and 14, and again on February 19 and 21, we will not be meeting, as I have scheduling conflicts. We will resume on February 26 and 28. - *Pastor E*

Cradle Roll Gets “Splashed!”

In baptism parents and sponsors promise to raise their child or godchild in the Christian faith. This includes teaching them the Creed, Commandments, and Lord’s Prayer as well as putting the Bible in their hands and providing for their instruction in the Christian faith. But until the child is about three or four, the only part of that promise they really can commit to is bringing them to the services of God’s house. Or is it?

For many years the Lutheran Church Our Savior has provided a Cradle Roll ministry to parents of newborns through age three that begins when the child is baptized. That ministry has just been “splashed” with a healthy dose of “baptismal water” by changing over to the *Splash!* materials now offered by Augsburg Fortress. In addition to a newly designed and far more useful newsletter offering tips and articles on raising both a healthy and faithful child, each year the family will receive a lullaby CD with songs of faith parents can sing to their child. Our hope is within a few years we can begin singing those same songs in Children’s Church as well as during the openings for Sunday School. The initial mailing will hopefully have already been completed by this article, and future parents of baptized infants and children will receive their CD at the baptism. We look forward to this new and vibrant improvement to a much appreciated ministry of our congregation.

My Father’s House - Volunteers Needed to Prepare Meals

LCOS has committed to providing a healthy dinner for 14 young women who come to My Father’s House for Christian based, court-mandated counseling every Tuesday. My Father’s House provides education, prevention, assessment, intervention and treatment for the disease of addiction and the problem of substance abuse.

Each week, the Social Ministry Committee will be asking for a volunteer to provide a meal that would be able to feed the 14 young women who are currently in the program. Individual volunteers do not need to deliver the meals to the “My Father’s House” location. A separate volunteer from our church has agreed to take the meals each week.

Our volunteer need is two-fold. We have an immediate need to find volunteers who can provide meals in the upcoming weeks. We would also like to grow the list of repeating contributors so that we could get to the point that each of us would only have to provide meals once a quarter, or even twice a year.

We will be contacting parishioners who have contributed in the past or have expressed interest in cooking. If you can volunteer to prepare a meal or have additional questions, please contact Maureen Bell or feel free to use the sign-up sheet located outside the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

This year during the Lenten season, the Sunday School students will have a Lenten tree of crosses in the Narthex. The students will be making handmade crosses. They will be going on the internet, and using the encyclopedia to find different types of crosses and their meanings.

Throughout Lent, the tree will remind us that Jesus died for us all. Please watch as the tree blossoms with crosses.

Also, February 11 is "All Events Sunday" for school. The students will be making valentine cards for homebound members.

Don't forget the last Sunday of every month is Sunday School Food Pantry. Please have your child bring in a food item for the Pantry.

- Bonnie Richards, SCS Superintendent

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Katharine (Katy) Rishel graduated December 17th from West Chester University Summa Cum Laude with a double major in Special Education and Elementary Education. She was on Dean's List 5 of her last 6 semesters.



LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all who shared Christmas greetings and notes with us in the past holiday season. We are doing well and enjoying retirement, but we miss all of you and the wonderful ministry at Our Savior. May God bless you all and LCOS in this new year!
Pastor and Carleen Dunkle

Thanks for all your prayers and thoughts while I was in the hospital. - Chris Boyle

*Dear Cherub Choir:
Thank you so much for the generous gift certificate you gave me for Christmas - I had so much fun spending it at "Serendipity's". Thank you all for your dedication.
Love, Tr. Linda*

*Thanks Pastor Wayne and Pastor Englehardt for visits and prayers. Also, cards, phone calls and prayers from my many friends at LCOS during my hospital stay. Thanks is such a small word when you are remembered by so many.
God bless, Edith Sweet*

*Dear Altar Guild Members:
Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia plant. It is so beautiful! I was so surprised and so very pleased to receive it. It brightened up my Christmas for me and gave me many hours of enjoyment. Thank you again.
Sincerely, Marie Flenard*

*Dear [Altar Guild]:
Thank you so much for remembering me with the lovely poinsettia. Helen and I are enjoying its vibrance in our home during this Christmas season.
Sincerely, Lou Mountney*

*Dear Altar Guild:
Thanks for the beautiful Christmas poinsettia. It's so nice to be remembered. And to all my LCOS friends: have a wonderful year and be happy. Thanks for being my friend.
God bless, Edith Sweet*

*Thank you to everyone at LCOS and the Outreach Committee for the wonderful care package. The goodies helped a lot during finals. It's so nice to be remembered.
Meaghan Mahoney*

THRIVENT NEWS

This is the beginning of a new year and we need to acquire new Associate Members of Thrivent Financial. Whenever we request monies from Thrivent Financial we need a Service Team of six Thrivent member households. Thrivent has so much to offer to us and many Lutherans do not realize that they are not required to purchase a financial product, but merely become an Associate Member of Thrivent by purchasing a membership for \$10 per year.

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THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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January Counters: **Karen Kredatus, Mike Fallon, Jeanne & Tom Grimes,**

Thank you to **John & Marguerite Van Buren, Eva Shaw, Stacey Shaw, Sue Tharp, Janie Braccio and Carla Wright** for delivering the Christmas poinsettias!!!

Thanks to the **mystery helpers** who carried the Christmas poinsettias from the parish hall up into the sanctuary nave area. Your help was much appreciated!!!

Thanks to those who helped set up and decorate the Christmas trees: **Confirmands, Lisa Quanci, Jaime Fallon, Lyn and Don Rusie, Pastor Wayne and Linda Harrington.**

Thanks to those who helped take down the Christmas trees: **Pat Green, Julie Frederick, Jean Schroeder, Ann Hrivnak, Walt Haswell, Don Underwood, Heather Vaughn, Michael Dye, Kathryn Hallowell, Deb Hallowell, Bob Ely, Jane Evans, Peaches and Carol Larro, Pastor Englehardt, Dotty and Ken Koehler, Beth Hill, Shannon Foskett and Linda Harrington.**

Thanks go to the following for helping with setting up, serving and/or clean up, and for supplying desserts and/or jello salads following the memorial service for Frank Hoppe on Thurs., Dec. 21, 2006: **Lynne Boyle, Carole Hammon, Connie Haswell, Betty Keene, Helen Mountney, Martha Ostertag, Lyn and Don Rusie, Shirley Webb, Colleen Weber and Carla Wright.**

December *Messenger* helpers: **Lynne Boyle, Dot Powell, Jean Schroeder, Eleanor Gaines, Edith Sweet, Mary Wurst, Betty Keene, Jane Evans.**

IN HARM'S WAY

Benjamin Green, US Army, Iraq

Keep all who serve our country and preserve our freedoms in your prayers!



FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS!

Plan now to come out for one or more of the many great events planned this winter and spring! New members will find these social events a great way to meet people. Not-so-new members can get together with their friends from church without planning “what to do?”. All members, can find something of interest no matter the age. So read on for lots of fun things and MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IT’S TIME FOR FASTNACHT-EVERYONE WELCOME!

Fastnacht is a night of fun prior to the start of the lenton season. This year Fastnacht will be held on Tuesday, February 20th starting with real Fastnacht Doughnuts at 6:30 PM and Entertainment at 7 PM. New Fabulous MC!

IT’S BACK—BY POPULAR DEMAND—FATHER/SON EVENING!

Males of all ages are invited to attend a great evening of fun! Come out Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM for “a movie and make your own sundae’s”. Tickets go on sale Sunday February 4th. \$3.00 for adult men, and \$1.00 for boys (of any age) accompanied by an adult.

ANNUAL TASTING!

This year Kurt will talk to us about various kinds of BEER. Watch for more information in bulletins.

SPRING COCKTAIL PARTY!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 14th for our annual event. More details to come.

“TEDDY BEAR PICNIC” IS COMING TO MOTHER/DAUGHTER!

Grab your favorite bear and be prepared to come to our annual luncheon on Saturday, April 28th, 12:00 Noon. Don’t miss this wonderful yearly event. See March Messenger for ticket info.