

THE RISING SON

January 2012

A NEW LO- CATION

STARTING
SUNDAY,
FEB. 5
WE WILL BE
WORSHIP-
ING AT THE
MANTENO
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
9:00 AM
WORSHIP
10:15 AM
EDUCATION
HOUR

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Decisions, decisions, decisions. During the upcoming months, our congregation will need to make many decisions concerning a new church building. We have already begun making decisions. We have decided to sell our building. We have decided to meet for worship during the interim at the Methodist Church. We have decided to store many items in storage. And this is just the tip of the ice berg.

Soon, we will be deciding on the actual building itself as we work with our architect. We will make decisions on budget, on design, and on a whole host of items.

In the end, what matters most is not so much what we decide but how we decide it. It won't really matter if the color of the paint in the new church is green or blue or off-white. What will matter is that we make this decision and a thousand others in a spirit of compromise, kindness and love for each other.

When Sheryl and I moved to Manteno we had exactly two decisions to make on our home. The carpeting had not yet been laid and the hardware on the cabinets had not yet been installed. We did not agree on either decision but we made the

final decision together compromising and in a spirit of love and caring.

What a blessing it is as we concluded our last Voters' Meeting with applause and appreciation for each other. What we decided will soon be forgotten. How we decided it was pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Our congregation must be commended for making major decisions in such a kind, loving, God-pleasing manner. May God continue to bless us together as we treat one another with kindness and love and as we seek to carry out His mission in this place.

LENTEN SERVICES

Our Lenten Services will be held starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22. **A Congregational Meal will be held at 6:00 PM and our Service will be held at 7:00 PM.** This will be the first of six consecutive

midweek services which will focus on the passion and death of our Savior Jesus Christ.

These services will be held at our church building!!! Even though the sale will have

taken place by February 22 we will still be able to meet in our church building for these meals and services. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these important times of growth.

MEETING AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

O.W.L.S Luncheon

O.W.L.S. will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at noon at The Pizza Stone Restaurant in Manteno.

O.W.L.S. will also be held on Wednesday, February 15 at noon at Tuscany's Restaurant in Manteno.

Our worship services can be seen on Channel 4 (Comcast) each Wednesday and Thursday at 10 AM and 6 PM each day.

The sale of our church building is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 1. Following that date we will no longer be able to meet in our current church building on **Sunday Mornings**. The Manteno United Methodist Church has graciously invited us to use their church building for our services. Here are a few points to keep in mind.

- **Starting on Sunday, February 5 we will meet for worship and Sunday School/Bible Class at the Manteno United Methodist Church. It is located at 255 W. Second Street.**
- **The time will not change!!! Worship will still be held at 9:00 AM and Sunday School/Bible Study**

will still be held at 10:15 AM.

- **The Methodist Church is completely handicapped accessible. The main entrance is on the east side of the church and is on ground level with no steps. A modern elevator (not a people mover or chair rail) is located just a few feet from the main entrance. The sanctuary is just a few feet from the elevator. No longer will steps impede anyone from coming to our services!!!!!!**
- **Parking should not be a problem. If walking is at all difficult, please park in the parking lot to the east of the church or on the street on the south side of the**

church near the entrances.

- **If walking is not a problem, we are asking our members to park in the parking lot of the Manteno Primary School (at the corner of Maple and Second Streets). This will enable ample parking for those who have difficulty walking.**
- **Only our Sunday morning services will be held at the Methodist Church. All other activities will be held at our current church building at 499 Park Street. (More details on this can be seen below.)**

Sharing our Current Church Building

While our current church building will be sold to Freedom Life Center on Wednesday, February 1, for a period of no more than two years, we will be able to continue to use this building for the following activities until our new church is built.

- **Lenten Services in 2012 & 2013 will be held in our current church building.**

- **We will maintain two offices here. Pastor Werner's office and the secretary's office will continue to be at our current church building.**
- **Confirmation Class and various meetings will continue to meet at our current church building.**
- **VBS will continue to be held each summer at our current church building.**
- **Our annual Rummage Sale will be held at our current church building.**



**BIRTHDAYS
FOR
JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

- 1/3 Christine Mittler
- 1/11 JoAnne Floyd
Gil LaRoche
- 1/13 Benjamin Swiatek
Ken Ware
- 1/14 Ellen Smith
- 1/16 Helga Zumbahlen
- 1/20 Patrick Gerst
- 1/24 Gerald Walsh
- 1/31 Michael Mittler
- 2/1 Judy Dahlman
- 2/5 Randy Byerley
Mary Voss
- 2/8 Kendall Hanson
- 2/9 Barb Taden
- 2/15 Sandra Detweiler
- 2/17 Dolores Gertler
Matthew Plachy
- 2/19 Robin Zivanovich
- 2/24 Dyva Fullerton
- 2/28 Judy Pecht

**ANNIVERSARIES
FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

- 2/10 Richard & Laura Rauch
- 2/23 Robert & Judy Bischopink



**BAPTISMAL
BIRTHDAYS FOR**

JANUARY/FEBRUARY



- 1/1 Betty Bittinger
- 1/22 Alex Gerst
Kevin Gerst
Sofia Gerst
- 1/30 Gretchen Salau
- 2/1 Victoria Byerley
- 2/11 JoAnne Floyd
- 2/13 Ellen Smith
- 2/27 Judy Dahlman



USHERSCHEDULE

A SCHEDULE FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
January 22	Don Bertram	Helga Zumbahlen	Patrick Gerst	Kevin Gerst
January 29	Jim Armentrout	Les/Janice Schultz	Paul Russert	Jared Wurster
February 5	Tom Taden	Marcy Brower	Gil LaRoche	Kevin Gerst
February 12	Javier Atristain	Dolores Gertler	Dee Foster	Jared Wurster
February 19	Fred Pecht	Millie Pudwell	Patrick Gerst	Kevin Gerst
February 26	Don Bertram	Javier/Marilyn At	Paul Russert	Jared Wurster

Building Committee Update

Here are a number of items that the Building Committee has been and will be working on.

- The Building Committee has become more structured by voting the following people to the following positions: Chairman-Tom Taden; Treasuer-Betty Bittinger; Secretary-Judy Bischopink. Other members include Don Bertram, John (Mitch) Mitchell, Richard Rauch, Dawn Russert, and Paul Russert,
- The Building Committee has been working with attorney Greg Deck to formalize the sales contract for our current church building. The contract has been signed by our congregation and Freedom Life Center, the buyer of our church building. (Greg Deck has also generously offered his services *pro bono*.)
- The Building Committee will be working with the Methodist Church in the upcoming days to work out the details as we share their building with them.
- When the sale is finalized, the Building Committee will be contacting our architect, Jeff Jarvis, and continue to produce architectural drawings for the new church building. The Building Committee will also contact Laborers for Christ to secure their services in the construction of our church building.
- The Building Committee has been in contact with and will continue to be in contact with village and county officials as we work through County Highway 9 issues and any other issues that might impact our construction plans.

Packing and Moving—Much Help is Needed!!!!

On Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 AM we will be packing the items within our current church building which will need to be placed in storage until our new building is completed.

On Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 AM we will continue packing and transport these boxes and items to a storage facility.

Needless to say, this will be a large undertaking. Much help will be needed as we pack and move. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those who are willing to help. Also, if you would like to help but are unable to help on those specific days, speak with Pastor Werner. Any help provided during the week is also greatly appreciated as we place many items in storage.

MANNA Gift Card Fundraiser

MANNA Gift Card Fundraiser is an easy and very profitable fundraiser for our congregation. As we move into a new building and face a monthly mortgage payment, one way to alleviate the financial burden is through fundraising and MANNA is perhaps the easiest and the most profitable fundraiser available. Please consider using gift cards to pay for your purchases. If you eat at a restaurant, you can use a gift card and profit the church. If you buy gas or groceries, you can use a gift card and profit the church. If you give gift cards as Christmas or birthday gifts, you can profit the church. If you have never taken advantage of this fundraiser, please consider doing so. It costs you nothing and profits the church much. There is an order form included in this newsletter. Last year we made about \$1800. The amount we could earn for our building could be magnified many times that as we have only about 10 faithful families purchasing through this program. The next order will be made on Sunday, February 5. Please see or call Debbie Christensen for any questions 468-3676.

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Missouri Synod



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