

## Adoption Round-Table

The next Adoption Round-Table will be held on Sunday, February 21st in the church sanctuary from 2:00 - 3:30 PM. The meeting is free to anyone in the community whose life has been touched by adoption. It is our desire to provide compassionate understanding and support for adult adoptees, adoptive parents and birthparents. Please contact Linda Hettinger at 484-880-9740 for additional information.

## Women of Worship

February's WoW meeting will be a continuation of the Real Women of the Bible DVD and discussion. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the Frattarola's.

Also coming up is the annual Retreat with Advent Lutheran Church at Black Rock Retreat Center on March 5-7. If you haven't signed up, but are interested in attending, please let Aniela Frattarola know before February 15. A sign up form is attached, including cost information.

February 2010

Sharing  
God's  
Abundant  
Love



## The Baptism of Joshua van Krieken



# Pastor's Perspective

## Wishin' and Hopin'

*1Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2This is what the ancients were commended for. 3By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible*

*- Hebrews 11:1-3.*



As I began thinking about this month's Pastor's Perspective my gray matter opened a cell that had been shut for a long, long, long time. I was reading the above passage and all of a sudden Dusty Springfield was singing "Wishin and Hopin" (1964 EGAD) in my head. She claims in that song that "wishin and hopin won't get him into your heart." You actually have to do something. To say the least, combining a passage from Hebrews with the lyrics of a sixties pop song is a real mind bender. Yet it served to stir up some serious thoughts.

How do we differentiate between wishing and hoping and how does either influence our 'doing'? Fundamentally, wishing needs no other foundation other than desire. We desire something and that desire prompts wishing. Hope differs from wishing in that hope has a historical foundation. According to Derek Maul (In My Heart I Carry a Star, Upper Room, 2008), "Hope is a providential assurance, and providence is that blessed confluence where God's intention for our future intersects with our faithful response in grateful obedience to God's guiding word."

*Pastor Dan*

## Upcoming Events

Souper Bowl Sunday	February 7
Valentine's Day	February 14
Lenten Lunches Begin	February 17
WoW February Meeting	February 18
Adoption Round Table	February 21

# Council Corner

On the last Saturday of January council meet for the annual council retreat. I believe that there was great excitement for the upcoming year. Many wonderful thoughts and ideas were discussed. Council will continue on task with their objectives.

Members are always welcome and encouraged to join us for all Council Meetings. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 23 at 7 pm in the Church Office.

## Birthdays *February*

Jessica Repetz	02/02
Tom Plystak	02/09
Pete Hill	02/09
Trish Hill	02/11
Dan Lohr	02/12
Rebecca Vasques	02/12
Goldye Johnson	02/17
Victoria Craven	02/19
George Vasques	02/20
Nancy Kelly	02/22



## The Recipe Box

### Cranberry Cake

#### Ingredients:

3 eggs  
 2 cups sugar  
 ¾ cup softened butter  
 1 tsp. almond extract  
 2 cups flour  
 2 ½ cups fresh cranberries  
 2/3 cup chopped pecans  
 Sweetened whipped cream or Cool Whip

#### Directions:

1. In a mixing bowl, beat eggs and sugar until slightly thickened and light in color (about 3 minutes).
2. Add butter and almond extract to eggs/sugar mixture and beat for 2 minutes.
3. Stir in flour until just combined.
4. Fold in cranberries and chopped pecans.
5. Spread in a greased 13 x 9 inch pan.
6. Bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean.

Serve with sweetened whipped cream or Cool Whip.

## February's Spotlight is on Hospice

This month's outreach project is to collect items for **"Bags of Blessings"** that will be given to Brandywine River Valley Home Health and Hospice for distribution to their hospice clients. A basket has been placed in the narthex to receive your kind donations. If you are wondering what might be a good contribution for those folks, a suggestion list is available on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.

Please help us reach out to those who so need to feel God's loving touch. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for continuing to share God's abundant love with our neighbors