

# MARCH 2009

## Schedule of Events

- March 8—Youth Group Gathering for 6th grade and up at the church from 4pm to 5:30pm
- March 10—Women's Bible study begins this at 6:30pm. BE TRANSFORMED is a 10-week study in video and workbook format. Cost of the workbook is \$15.00, but please don't let that keep you from taking part - the Board of Christian Ed would like to help those unable to pay. Please see Sue Wyand or sign up on the board at the back of the sanctuary.
- March 12—Damariscotta Association Gathering beginning at 7pm. Information will be shared concerning transition progress of ABCOM and concerning our association
- March 15—Men's and Women's Breakfasts are served down stairs. All are welcome
- March 22—Youth Group gathers from 4-5:30pm
- March 22—Rev. Dr. Al Fletcher speaks to the Lincoln Assoc on the history and importance of the Association. The gathering begins at 6pm
- March 28—"Fireproof" the movie will be shown in the Carter Room at 6:30pm
- April 5—Palm Sunday—Don't forget your America for Christ Offering.
- April 9—Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
- April 10—Good Friday Worship @ 7pm with the Damariscotta Baptist Church and Lincoln County Assembly of God (place—TBA)
- April 12—Easter Day Celebrations
  - 6am Sunrise Service—Parking lot
  - 9am Sunday School
  - 10:30am Resurrection Celebration Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 AM Schedule w/ Communion Noon—SS Staff Meeting	2	3	4 6:30pm Trust Grp	5 6:30pm Diaconate	6 6am Men's Huddle	7
8 AM Schedule 4pm Youth Grp	9 6:30pm Worship Team Practice	10 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (WBS)	11	12 7pm Dama. Assoc Gathering	13 6am Men's Huddle	14
15 7:30am Breakfasts AM Schedule	16 6:30pm Advisory Board	17 6:30pm WBS 6:30pm Trustees	18 6:30pm Trust Grp	19	20 6am Men's Huddle	21
22 AM Sched. 4pm Youth Grp 6pm Assoc Gthg—Rockland	23	24 6:30pm WBS	25 6:30pm Trust Grp	26	27 6am Men's Huddle	28 6:30pm Movie "Fireproof"
29 Food Pantry Day AM Schedule followed by "Fellowship"	30	31 6:30pm WBS	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>AM Schedule</u> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p> </div>			

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**Where Christ is exalted and people are loved!**

*"Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.""*  
(Matthew 11:28-30, NLT)

Dear friends,

Perspective is a funny thing. They say we're on our way to breaking snowfall records and I can believe it. It seems like so long since we have seen the grass and I can't imagine when we will. Even as I write this from an office that has endured inches of ice on its roof, I recall winters where the snow banks were big enough for forts, and snow rabbits were built as high as my family's ranch home. Funny, I haven't heard the saying, "we don't have winters like we use to," this year... they say we're gonna break records.

Any crisis we find ourselves in is a matter of perspective. When we were children we played in the snow banks of our parents' financial bills and family problems. When we first become adults by our own strength we try to endure... though our perception is still, "will they never melt?" and we become overwhelmed.

God never left us alone. Jesus, His Son, promises a 'yoke' to all those who will turn to Him. Many perceive that as more work... Jesus meant more help. In the cross, Jesus bore the burden of the wages of our sin (wayward and selfish living) that we may not only look forward to new life, but learn new living... in our marriages... families... and communities. And that we might gain a new partnership of teammates within the Church, the Kingdom of God.

Let's team up and face life head-on with Christ.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Bob

**The Board of Christian Ed** is planning to mail "final exams stress relief boxes" to all of our college students during the week following Easter. Items suggested by the Board

Shoe boxes or plastic Sterilite/Rubbermaid boxes for mailing

Cookies or brownies - well packaged

Gum

Granola bars

Hot cocoa packets/coffee or tea bags

Candy

Small toys/stress relief squeeze balls

Money to defray cost of postage

Any other items you might suggest

College students identified by the CE Board:

Joe/Kathryn Clark

Anna Courville

Emily Davis

Andrew Lane

Nate Steeves

Stephen Whitaker

Ally/Dan Wyand

If you would like to provide any items for the boxes or have a student to suggest for our list, please see Sue Wyand (563-5861).