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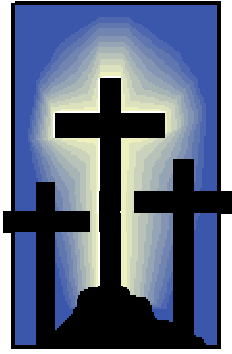
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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

April/May 2009

We are in the middle of the Lenten season. It is a time we are to reflect on our sins and to sacrifice for the sake of Jesus. A challenge was given to the congregation to pray and read the Bible every day. I hope everyone has willingly done that. It truly will guide us into a closer relationship with God.

Our children have also given us another challenge to undertake during this Lenten season. They have taken up a Heifer project to multiply the animals including sheep, goats, cows, chickens, etc. These animals are given to the poor and needy around the world. As members of the congregation they are asking us to partner with them in order to accomplish this project. Last year they raised over \$500 for this project. Their goal is to beat this previous effort. Hopefully, we will dig deeper into our pockets and help them accomplish this goal.

Yes, the church has many needs and we are asking for higher and more donations. Yet, we may resist during these economic times. This may be just the time to test our faith in God and believe God will still provide for us even as we give more.

I recently read this story from the February issue of Stewardship by the Parish Publishing Co. It puts things in perspective. The story:

Years ago, a young man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed to God his tithe. His first week's pay was \$10.00 and the tithe was \$1.00. As he grew older he became more prosperous and his tithe was \$7.00 a week, then \$10.00. He moved to another city and soon his tithe was \$100 a week, then \$200, then \$500. One day the younger man sent his old friend a wire, "Please come see me." The pastor arrived at the man's house. They had a good time talking over old times. Finally the man came to his point. "You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe. How can I get released?" "Why would you want to get released," asked the pastor? "It's like this," replied the man, "When I made the promise I only had to give \$1.00, but now it is \$500. I can't afford to give away money like that."

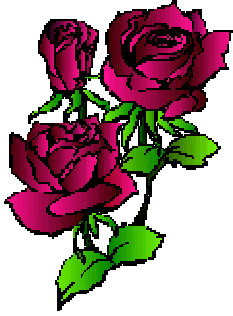
The old pastor looked at his friend. "I am afraid we cannot get released from the promise, but there is something we can do. We can kneel and ask God to shrink your income so you can afford to give \$1.00 again."

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:35),

Let us give a good measure, pressed down, for God has gifted us with the promise of eternal life through our belief in Jesus Christ. Jesus was willing to die on the cross to save our souls. What a gift, what a measure given back. What a blessing. There is no greater gift than that we know we are loved by God. May we rejoice as we walk this Lenten season, waiting for the celebration of Easter. May we journey the whole year through thanking God and loving and serving others with grateful hearts. Happy Easter.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER
WE PRAY FOR:**

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Kim Boose, Bud Boose, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Mike Durham, Matilda Griffin, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Matthew Jones, Oneida Jones, Heather Lord, Mary Louise Miller, Sara Moore, Bill Stratton, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Esther Watson, Carol Graff, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Braylynn, Casimer Gorecki, Joyce Rhoten, Pastor Gene Alexander, Bishop Jerry Knoche, Shirley, Ex Officio Bishop Mocko, Pastor Andrea Hagan-Arendt, Linwood Roberts, Troy Gourley, Becky Nouwood, Harry Thomas, Bill Higgins, Harold Edris, Heidi Delehanty, Claude Steger, Pastor Dick Michael, Brian Hale, Joe Urban, Bonnie Mehaffie, Chip Smith, Ann Smith, Cindy Wilder, Pat Moses, Jean Braly, Betty Panagakos, Joseph Tracey, Andrew Mays, Aliyah, Steve Hatfield, Bridgette, Kayla, Allison, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOSED LOVED ONES: family and friends of Pete, Nicky Trinity, Joanne Scholburg, Olin "Eli" Harris, and Catherine Warehime.
May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

THE PRAYER: Gracious God, provide respite and healing for all who suffer, especially (names). Cure all people by your expansive love, and restore wholeness of body, mind, and spirit to every human being. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If you are already in a hole, it's no use to continue digging.

Roy W. Walters

Flowers are God's thoughts of beauty taking form to gladden mortal gaze.

William Wilberforce

There is really no way to experience joy until you decide to take that leap and plunge into God's hands just like a child jumping into a swimming pool.

Thomas Williams

Be not simply good; be good for something.

Henry David Thoreau

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who did Jesus take with him to Gethsemane?
2. Who brought to Jesus the boy with the loaves and fish?
3. Who was reluctant to have Jesus wash his feet?
4. To whom did Jesus say, "Feed my lambs"?
5. Who told Jesus he had seen a man driving out demons in Jesus' name?

Thank You



To our young folks of Sunday School who periodically bring special music to our worship services.



To our youth who presented a skit during worship promoting the Souper Bowl which provides funds for the hungry.



To Carol Hunt who sees that our newsletters get formatted, copied and mailed.



To all those who bake goods and set up for our fellowship each month, especially Gene Zepp and Oneida Jones.



To everyone who filled the baby bottles with coin to donate to Alpha Pregnant Center.



To those who provided soup for our soup suppers during Lent.



To our newly reformed choir that brings us special music each month.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Peter, James, and John (Mark 14:33)
2. Andrew (John 6:8-9)
3. Peter (John 13:6-9)
4. Peter (John 21:15-19)
5. John (Mark 9: 38)

St. Paul's Sunday School Easter Program

Sunday, April 19th, during the church service.

Don't miss meeting and hearing stories told by some of the people who knew Jesus and heard him preach.

From Thrivent

Teach Your Kids to Share Day Baltimore's Port Discovery April 24

Every day, children receive messages about money and spending. From video games to movies, toys to music concerts—it can leave parents feeling overwhelmed. Now there's a way for parents to instill sensible money habits in their kids and have fun doing it.

On the evening of April 24, families across the country will come together for a lively and interactive educational experience. **Locally, this event will be held at Baltimore's Port Discovery Children's Museum from 5-9 PM.**

Using innovative tools and techniques, Teach Your Kids to Share Day focuses on teaching kids a values-based approach to money management. Together, families will explore ways kids can share, save and spend; discuss the importance of being responsible with money; and build a financial foundation for children that will last a lifetime.

Families can look forward to dinner, activities and prizes, plus educational materials to take home. Parents will gain a better understanding of why it's important to teach kids about financial principles. Kids will learn how even small decisions regarding money can make a big difference.

Teach Your Kids to Share Day is open to adults (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) and children ages 6–10. Cost is only \$10 per family. You do not have to be a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. No products or services will be sold.

To register, please visit Thrivent.com/shareday or call 800-236-3736.

Flea Market Schedule

April 18, 2009 benefits Current Expenses

August 15, 2009 benefits Property Fund

May 23, 2009 benefits Property Fund

September 12, 2009 benefits Outreach

June 20, 2009 benefits Outreach

October 10, 2009 benefits Current Expenses

July 18, 2009 benefits Current Expenses

RAIN DATES ARE ONE WEEK LATER

Cost: \$15.00 per space - Time: 8 AM – 4 PM - To reserve your space contact: Sarah Morris

Phone NO.: 410-526-7598 or by email: sarah.r.morris@comcast.net

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News

PAMPERED CHEF PARTY

A Pampered Chef Party will be held at Susan and Leon Fleming's home on Friday, April 30 at 7 pm. The funds raised from this event will go towards covering the basket bingo expenses. Come out and have a fun evening while purchasing items to make your time in the kitchen even more efficient.

FLEA MARKET

Again this year, we will have monthly flea markets beginning April 18 through October 10. The hours this year will be from 8 a.m. until 4p.m. Sarah Morris heads up this fund raising event. Each month we will need donations of hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas and bottles of water. Money donations are always appreciated. Volunteers will be needed each week to help with the coffee and donut stand and to help serve the sandwiches and soda. Please sign up to help for a few hours each month. The funds raised go to various outreach projects and current expenses. See the chart on the bulletin board for details.

OUTREACH

2009 Blood Drives - May 2nd and Sept. 26th. 8:30 am – 2:00 pm. Please call Suzi for appointment: (410) 239-7656

We need more donors desperately. Please come out and bring a friend to give the gift of life.

Palm Sunday - Immediately after worship services, we're taking Easter bags to the

residents at Long View Nursing Home--- kids welcome!!

We are also taking Easter baskets to our shut-ins and members needing a little lift.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Again this year, St. Paul's will have an Easter Egg Hunt from 10 am to 2 pm on April 4. It will be held rain or shine. Invite all your family and friends to attend this fun event. We thank Carol Hilgartner and Colleen Geldmacher for heading this up.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Our weekly Bible Study will resume sometime after the Easter season. Pastor Mel will announce when they will begin. . We will meet each Monday evening at 7 p.m. Our next study will be on the Women of the Bible. Come and learn more about those women who have influence in the scriptures.

HEIFER PROJECT

During this Lenten season our children are asking us to partner with them to raise funds for the Heifer Project. This is a new approach over the past years when they did the Read to Feed. They are hoping to surpass their previous amount raised which was over \$500. See one of our youth and help them reach their goal.

EASTER PAGENT/BREAKFAST

On the Sunday after Easter, our young folks will be putting on the Easter Pageant. Come see them as they perform the events around Jesus' death and resurrection. After the play, join us downstairs for a hearty breakfast meal. A free will offering will be asked.

The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, April 2009 edition

On Easter Sunday in a Catholic church, a four-year-old boy pointed to a statue and asked his mother, "Who's that lady?"

His mother replied that she was Mary, the mother of baby Jesus.

"I thought you said Mary had a little lamb," the youngster said, bringing laughter from the neighboring pews.

Via Jeff Totten
Hammond, LA

During the children's sermon at the Easter Sunday service at First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo MI, the pastor asked, "What is hope?"

A child replied, "Santa Claus!"

Diane Lane
Kalamazoo, MI

A pastor announced that the church's "prison quartet" would be singing at the Sunday service. When four church members approached the pulpit, the pastor introduced them and said, "This is our prison quartet. Behind a few bars and always looking for the key."

Via Lois Ward
Longmont, CO

During a recent visit to an English cathedral, an American couple's way was barred by a church caretaker who asked them for a fee to enter the church.







When they said that all they wanted to do was pray, the caretaker replied: "What are we to do? If we didn't charge, this place would be full of people."

The Anglican Digest

Celebrations for April & May

April Birthdays	11	Bonnie Fuller
2	12	Sue Hann
	18	David Henry
4	21	Jason Smith
7	23	Mary Burk
9		John Letts
10		Bryan Lord
11	26	Barb Utz
	29	Roland Hale
18		Bill Hale
20		Stacey Merryman
27		
April Anniversaries	May Anniversaries	
3	2	Thomas & Barbara Green
	8	Tim & Maidie Brown
23	12	Bob & Ruth Bare
	15	Bill & Shirley Stratton
May Birthdays	16	Bob & Pat Graff
3		Lynn & Bobbie Fuller
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April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 730 pm AA 600pm- Soup Supper 700pm- 	2	3 600pm SPY Event	4 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
5 900am – Worship  Reading of the Passion Youth Sunday Food Collection 1215pm Confirmation Class	6	7 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	8 730 pm AA	9 600 Passover Seder Meal 730 Service 	10 Good Friday  Service of Darkness 700 pm	11 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
12 900am – Worship 	13	14 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm –Council	15 645 pm Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran 730 pm AA	16	17	18 800am-400pm Flea Market 930 am Shared Ministry Workshop 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
19 900am – Worship Youth Easter Pageant 	20	21 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	22 730 pm AA	23	24	25 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
26 900am – Worship Temple Talk – CLS w/ Students singing Second Offering Carroll Lutheran School 1215 - Confirmation Class	27	28 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	29 730 pm AA	30 700pm Pampered Chef Party at Flemings		9

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours Blood Drive
3 900am – Worship Food Collection Youth Sunday	4	5 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	6 730 pm AA	7	8	9 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
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24 900am – Worship New Life for Girls Temple Talk and Witnessing Second offering for New Life for Girls	25	26 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours	27 Pastor Mel Vacation	28 Pastor Mel at Synod Assembly	29 Pastor Mel at Synod Assembly	30 Pastor Mel Vacation
31 Pastor Mel Vacation						10

St. Paul's Basket/Pampered Chef Bingo

Friday, October 2nd

Co-Chairs: Meg Jones and Sandy Baber

To gear up for our bingo Susan Fleming has offered to host a Pampered Chef party at her home on Thursday, April 30th at 7 p.m. She & Leon live at 3531 St. Paul Road, Hampstead. Our Pampered Chef consultant will be Carrah Holmes, who will also be our consultant when purchasing items for our October Bingo. Susan will donate all proceeds from the sales to the church, which includes all specials, in addition to the free and discounted benefits that a hostess earns.



So, all of the benefits Susan will earn as a host she will put towards prizes for our bingo! Thank you Susan!!!



If you can make it to the party - GREAT! Please let Susan, Meg, or Sandy know before April 26th. If you can't make it but would like to place an order for yourself, which will ultimately help out St. Paul's, you can do so by checking out Carrah's website at: www.pamperedchef.biz/cookinwithcarrah. When ordering please mention Susan Fleming's name so St. Paul's will be credited for the sale.

If you do not wish to order over the internet but would like to see a Pampered Chef book, please see Susan, Meg, or Sandy.

We would like to thank all of the members of St. Paul's for their continued support of our Bingo!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

During this season of Lent the students at St. Paul's are working hard. Not only are they preparing for our Easter Program they have been learning and earning money for Heifer International. For those of you who are not aware of this organization, it was started many years ago to help families around the world in need. Animals are given to families that qualify and when the animals reproduce the first off spring is given to a neighboring family. This enables the families to eat better and to provide extra income derived from the products the animals will produce.

The first week Noah came to St. Paul's to talk about the Heifer Project.

The second week we saw how just eight animals became sixty-eight making it possible for everyone in our church village to have one or more animals (Thanks to the bunnies).

The third week we heard a story about "Faith" the cow. The fourth week there will be a game show. Together students and congregation members are learning how Heifer International works around the world.

Students not only learn but they earn, earning money to help with purchasing animals to be given away (cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, llamas, bees, water buffalo, ducks, etc.) Our students are trying to raise enough money to purchase two (2) llamas and two (2) sheep.

Thanks to so many in our congregation, who have become partners with our students, families of our students, and teachers, we hope to meet our goal.

Council President's Message

Spring is almost here and we have many things happening around our church. The church parsonage has been rented; the tenants are doing a beautiful job of sprucing up the house before they move in, a real money saver for the church. Our church has also helped, with replacement/installing/cleaning of several items that haven't been done in many years. Our parsonage will soon be in great shape, I'm anxious to see it when completed.

Our sexton has taken a medical leave of absence; Susan Fleming and Sarah Morris are donating their time and will be cleaning the church during this absence. We need your help cleaning up after yourselves. Taking your trash home after Sunday school classes, meetings or events would be appreciated.

We hope to have the parking lot striped soon; Leon Fleming is heading up this project, check with him if you would like to help. There are many little things that need to be done before the actual striping is done.

Hymnals and our Roof project are in need of funds, I have allocated two months of Flea market vendor rentals to "Property Fund" to help us prepare for the high dollar amount of replacing the roof in the next few years. We are still collecting money for the purchase of hymnals, please see Carol Hunt with you hymnal order.

We have a very busy Fundraising Calendar approved by council for 2009, (see insert) everyone is welcomed to come out and help at any of the events or donate items or money to help make this a great year, all proceeds from these events are for the church to continue with it's mission and projects.

I would like to thank all my council members for everything they do for our church; I have a great team and truly do enjoy working with them on the many issues that come before us.

Please let me know what is on your mind either by phone (410-526-7598), mail (11821 Maren Court Reisterstown MD.) or email (sarah.r.morris@comcast.net) or in person. Communication; is a very important and a necessary element to make sure the congregation is aware of what their Council is doing! I look forward to hearing from each of you; your comments and idea's are important and needed for me to better serve you as council president.

Sincerely,

Sarah R. Morris
Council President

March 15, 2009

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FLEA MARKET

Hot dogs
Hamburgers
Ketchup-Mustard-Relish
Tin Foil sheets (box 500)
Chips – box/bag of small packages
Napkins
Box of rubber gloves
Soda – cans Coke, Diet Coke
Water – 10 or 12 oz. bottles

Or you can donate money and we will purchase the items needed.

Please place all hot dogs and hamburgers in freezer, chips on top of freezer all other items please place in Outreach closet.

Thank You!