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# **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

### April/May 2011

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our youth are setting an example for us during the Lenten Season to focus outwardly towards others. They have us looking at the needs of those who are hungry. Their efforts are benefiting NESAP and ELCA World Hunger. They even have a hands-on project by going to NESAP and stocking the food pantry with the items that you have donated during this season of Lent. They have given us barn banks to fill so that money can be used also for feeding the hungry. What a great example they are giving us.

Is that all we need to do for Lent? Are there other things our Lord would want us to do during this sacrificial time of the church year? And for that matter, things we should be doing the rest of the year too. There are so many needs out there in the world. Even if we give only a little, it all adds up to benefit many.

What are some things we can do? Can we give more of our time and talent? Can we volunteer time to help at NESAP or some other non-profit that needs our help, like Meals on Wheels or Carroll Lutheran School, or Carroll Hospice? Yes, money donations help too. We can buy fewer items at the store or give up a meal in a restaurant once a week. Every small act counts.

Here's another way we can sacrifice. Why not give up pride, our obsessive behaviors and self-absorption? Why not give others hope when they are in dismal situations? Why not invite those who are un-churched to come to worship with us? Why not pray and read the Bible on a regular basis so we can come to know our Lord better?

Even as we do all this sacrificing, it doesn't begin to compare to what Jesus has done for us. As we go through Palm Sunday, hearing all the pain that Jesus went through makes us realize how much Jesus loves us. We should be humbled by all this grace God bestows on us. May we get on our knees and thank God for this gift that is freely given to us.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, may we rejoice in what God has done for us. May that love of God move us to be sacrificial the whole year through.

Happy Easter. He is risen. He is risen indeed.

Love in Christ,



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER**

**WE PRAY FOR:**

**MEMBERS:** Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Bob Bare, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Leon Fleming, Matilda Griffin, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Matthew Jones, Mary Louise Miller, Anna Schultz, Bill Stratton, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Genny Casper, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Braylynn, Joyce Rhoten, Shirley, Becky Norwood, Bill Higgins, Pastor Dick Michael, Georgia Winiecki, Emma Miller, Jesse McGee, Renee Adams, Will Franz, Jan Engman, Chance Nichols, Bill Mayer, Guthall family, Lee Reese, Fred Baber, Amy Goerner, Jake Boerner, Jeff Kates, Baby Collin, Ally Kranz, Joe Lang and family, Rachel Adams, Pat Dowd, Kay Hoese, Chaplin Jimmie Schwartz, Allen Stone, Burt Moore, Ken Schroth, Linda Hale, Steph Brown, Muriel Webster, Tami Moore, Ed Winiecki, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:** family and friends of John Kloet, Michelle Hughes, Nancy Peterson, Hugh Pettingill, Helen Ball, Jessica Belkmap, Christopher Hammar, Eileen Reid, and Carol Graff.

May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

**THE PRAYER:** You wept at Lazarus’s tomb and weep with us when we mourn. We pray for widows and orphans; for those who are depressed; for those who are sick especially (names) and for those who have lost hope. May you touch them with your healing touch. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

God sometimes seems to speak to us most intimately when He catches us, as it were, off our guard.

C.S. Lewis

Faith is not meant to be a comfort blanket... it is a strenuous call to engage all we are with the Father of Jesus..

Sister Wendy Beckett

Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.

Leon Bloy

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. What Roman official in Jerusalem bowed to the wishes of an uncontrollable mob?
2. In what city was Jesus almost killed by an angry mob?
3. Who sent spies to act as followers of Jesus and to try to trap him?
4. According to tradition, what follower of Jesus had been a prostitute, though the Bible does not refer to her as one?
5. What was Judas given to betray Jesus??

# Thank You, Thank You!



to those who attended the Bible Study on discipleship.



to those who helped clean the sidewalks and parking lot during the snowy winter days.



to our older youth group who performed a skit on hunger preparing us for the Lenten Season. Special thanks to Derek DuBois and John Kelly for heading up this project.



to all those who filled the baby bottles with cash for the benefit of Alpha Pregnancy Center.



to all the youth for their presentation on Souper Bowl Sunday and for their collection for NESAP.



to Charles Baber for filling the vacant slot on the council due to John Kelly being elected president of the council.



to Gene Zepp and all those who help with baked goods and cleaning up for our fellowship Sundays..



to Lynn Sheavly, executive director of NESAP, who brought us a meaningful temple talk about the needs of the hungry and all the things NESAP does for those in need.



to our youth who took all of our food collection to NESAP and actually helped stock the shelves at NESAP.



to all those who provide the food for our soup suppers during Lent.



to our youth who held an Italian Restaurant spaghetti meal, Friday, March 4. A candlelit evening, with decorations set the mood for the evening. The owner, Mario, was present and there was a hostess and many youth waiters. Over \$800 was raised for NESAP and ELCA World Hunger. Even friends of our youth came to help serve and cook. We thank everyone who helped and to Patti Schunk and Carol Hilgartner who headed up this project. A job well done.

**ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA** 1. Pilate (Matthew 27: 23-23) 2. Nazareth (Luke 4:29) 3. The chief priests and scribes (Luke 20: 19-20) 4. Mary Magdalene 5. 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26: 14-16)

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# News

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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We rejoice over the baptism of Jacklyn Noelle Williams who was baptized Sunday, March 20 during worship. She is the daughter of Chrissy and Tony Williams. Grandparents are Cindy and Harry Schmidt and her uncle is Alan Miller. May we all contribute to her Christian growth.

## **LENTEN SERVICES**

We continue our Lenten Services during April. April 4 and April 13, we will have our soup suppers at 6, followed by worship at 7. We will celebrate Palm Sunday, April 17 with the reading of the passion. On Maundy Thursday, soup supper is at 6 follow by worship at 7. On Good Friday there will be no soup supper but there will be a worship service at 7. As we continue through this Lenten season let us reflect on our relationship with God and determine to sacrifice on Jesus' behalf.

## **FLEA MARKETS**

Once again we will be having our monthly flea markets starting in April They will be held the third Saturday of each month with a rain date the following week. Youth will be selling coffee, cocoa, and donuts. Luncheon food we will be sold each time. Volunteers will be needed to help make and sell the food. See Sarah Morris if you can help. Snowballs will be sold in the summer. If you can help with this, see John Kelly.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23 from 10 am to noon, rain or shine. We will have an egg hunt, games, snacks and lots of fun! Invite you friends and relatives to join us! Please contact Colleen Geldmacher with any questions.

## **EASTER EVENTS**

The annual Easter Breakfast and Children's Easter program will take place on May 1.

## **SPRING BLOOD DRIVE**

Our spring blood drive is set for Saturday, April 9 from 8:30 to 2. Please give the gift of life and be a donor. Call Suzi Lyons, (410) 239-7656, for an appointment.

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our baby bottle donations to the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Reisterstown.

We'll be assembling 40 ditty bags for homeless shelters in the Westminster area on March 18th. We'll be taking Easter bags to the residents of Long View Nursing Home on Palm Sunday, April 17th. Arrangements can be made for all children who would like to help deliver these bags with us.

Thanks!

## The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, April 2011 edition

Have you ever wondered what Joseph of Arimathea's friends might have said to him about giving his tomb to Jesus?

"That was such a beautiful, costly, hand-hewn tomb. Why did you give it to someone else to be interred in?" they might have asked.

"Oh, he only needed it for the weekend," Joseph might have replied.

Via Peter Dring  
Land O Lakes, WI

At an Easter Sunday service, the pastor asked the children, "What is different in the church today?"

A five- year-old child looked up at the cross above the pastor's head and answered, "Someone left a towel on the cross."

Via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft  
Glassboro, NJ, UMC

Posted on JN's Facebook by Pastor Dave Swinton of Harlan, Ia:

"Yesterday my favorite 95-year-old told me that she has macular degeneration and that she's annoyed with the woman down the hall who keeps calling it 'immaculate conception.'"

A pastor was counseling a stockbroker worried about the market decline.

"Are you getting your rest and sleeping well at night?" the pastor asked.

"I've been sleeping like a baby," the stockbroker replied. "I sleep for about an hour, wake up, and then cry for about an hour."

Question: What has 40 feet and sings?

Answer: The church choir.

Seen on a bumper sticker:

"Money talks. Mine says goodbye."

By Bryon Wixom  
Milton, IA

# April

<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
3 900am – Worship  Youth Sunday Food Collection	4	5 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	6 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship  730 pm AA	7 700pm Confirmation Class	8	9 8:30-2:00 Blood Drive  1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
10 900am – Worship 2nd Offering Carroll Lutheran School  Collection of Barn Banks	11 1:30 Worship and Music Committee	12 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours  700pm –Council	13 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship  730 pm AA	14	15	16 800am-400pm Flea Market  1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
17 900am – Worship Palm Sunday   PALM SUNDAY Easter Baskets to Long View after worship  Fellowship after worship	18	19 800am Sandwich Making  1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	20 730 pm AA	21 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship  	22 Good Friday   Service of Darkness 700 pm Worship	23 10:00-12:00 Easter Egg Hunt  1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
24 Easter 900am – Worship 	25	26 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	27 730 pm AA	28	29	30
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# May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> <b>9:00 Worship</b> <b>Youth Sunday</b> <b>Food</b> <b>Collection</b> <b>Children's</b> <b>Easter Pagent</b> <b>2nd Offering</b> <b>CC Rape</b> <b>Crisis</b>  <b>De/Md Social</b> <b>Ministry</b> <b>Award at</b> <b>CLV4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>1000am-1200pm</b> <b>Treasurer's</b> <b>Office Hours</b>  <b>300 pm – 430pm</b> <b>Pastor's Office</b> <b>Hours</b>	<b>4</b> <b>730 pm</b> <b>AA</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>1200 pm -130pm</b> <b>Pastor's Office</b> <b>Hours</b>
<b>8</b> <b>900am –</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>1000am-1200pm</b> <b>Treasurer's</b> <b>Office Hours</b>  <b>300 pm – 430pm</b> <b>Pastor's Office</b> <b>Hours</b>  <b>700pm -Council</b>	<b>11</b> <b>730 pm</b> <b>AA</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>1200 pm -130pm</b> <b>Pastor's Office</b> <b>Hours</b>
<b>15</b> <b>900am –</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>Fellowship after</b> <b>service</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>1000am-1200pm</b> <b>Treasurer's</b> <b>Office Hours</b>  <b>300 pm – 430pm</b> <b>Pastor's Office</b> <b>Hours</b>	<b>18</b> <b>645 pm Healing</b> <b>Service @</b> <b>Christ Lutheran</b>  <b>730 pm</b> <b>AA</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>800am-400pm</b> <b>Flea Market</b>  <b>1200 pm -130pm</b> <b>Pastor's Office</b> <b>Hours</b>
<b>22</b> <b>900am –</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>800am</b> <b>Sandwich</b> <b>Making</b>  <b>1000am-1200pm</b> <b>Treasurer's</b> <b>Office Hours</b>  <b>300 pm – 430pm</b> <b>Pastor's Office</b> <b>Hours</b>	<b>25</b> <b>730 pm</b> <b>AA</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>1200 pm -130pm</b> <b>Pastor's Office</b> <b>Hours</b>
<b>29</b> <b>900am –</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Pastor Mel</b> <b>Vacation</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Pastor Mel</b> <b>Vacation</b>  <b>1000am-1200pm</b> <b>Treasurer's</b> <b>Office Hours</b>				<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>

# Celebrations for April & May

## April Birthdays

- 2 Colton Dubois
- 4 Anna Schultz
- 6 Wendy Folfas
- 7 Tyler Kuhn
- 9 Bryan Benson
- 10 Bobby Fuller
- 11 Corey Durham  
Sherry Zour
- 18 Richard Harris  
John Folfas
- 27 Tevan Fuller

## April Anniversaries

- 8 John & Jayme Folfas
- 20 Joshua & Mary Neuheisel
- 23 Derek & Jamie Dubois

## May Birthdays

- 3 Shari Underhill
- 9 Todd Armacost
- 11 Bonnie Fuller
- 18 David Henry
- 21 Jason Smith
- 23 Mary Burk  
John Letts
- 24 Matthew Meadowcroft
- 26 Barb Utz
- 29 Roland Hale  
Bill Hale

## May Anniversaries

- 2 Thomas & Barbara Green
- 8 Tim & Maidie Brown
- 12 Bob & Ruth Bare
- 15 Bill & Shirley Stratton
- 16 Bob & Pat Graff  
Lynn & Bobbie Fuller

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## MARIO'S DEPARTMENT OF SPAGHETTI



The March 4th spaghetti dinner was a terrific success. Mario hosted a delightful evening. His staff was very professional and served the patrons enthusiastically. The salad bar had many options for the greens enthusiast.

