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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

April/May 2014

As I write this we are still in the middle of Lent. It is a time to reflect on our relationship with God. We need to take stock of how we are doing as Christians which is something we should be doing year round. The sacrificial stones were given out on Transfiguration Sunday as a reminder of the temptations we face each day and as a reminder of how easy it is to give in to those temptations. As we continue this journey through these 40 days of Lent, carry those stones as a reminder to read the bible, pray, and to reach out to others and not give in to the temptations. We heard how the devil tempted Jesus as he fasted and wandered in the wilderness for 40 days. He did not give in to Satan. Jesus has set the example for us. He tells us to worship and serve, only our Lord God. That should be our focus.

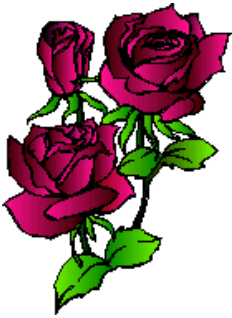
Many of us are weary of the snow and cold winter and are looking forward to spring and new growth. In the middle of all that, the biggest joy we will experience is that Jesus Christ was crucified, died and was buried and on the third day was raised from the dead. What a wonderful and miraculous thing Jesus did for us. He died for us so that we receive that promise of eternal life when we have faith in what our Lord did for us.

Let us sing praises of Alleluia, as we rejoice over the empty tomb. He is not dead. He is alive. What a joyful event this is. What more beautiful thing can make the doldrums of winter disappear? We are so blessed with so many things. Let us rejoice as we prepare to celebrate the risen Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen. He is risen indeed. Have a blessed and happy Easter.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



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

MEMBERS: : Lois Armacost, Mark Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Bud Boose, Mary Burk, Vivian Chenoweth, Rosalie Croft, Matilda Griffin, Bob Graff, Sydney Henry, Rob Holtz, Carol Hunt, Matthew Jones, Sara Moore, Edith Nuse, Katrina Ross, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Jim Howard, Joyce Rhoten, Georgia and Ed Winiecki, Bettie Panagakos, Phyllis Henderson, Phil Cieri, Bob Durham, Jr., Dave Dawson, Carol Lauer, Jeanne Braly, Kitty Macon, Shelby, Jane Benson, Christine Palmimor, George Yingling, Rachel Hurly, Brent Harlove, Jeanette and Jerry Herfurth, John McCubbin, Joy Pillsbury, Bruce Hilgartner, Ruth Baumgardner, Devan Curet, Congregations of Lazarus, Lineboro, Betsy Ulrich, Ruth Knatz, Delores Farber, George Pelikan, Beverly Chenoweth, Kay Forney, Joe Herfurth, Lisa Chalk, Joyce Tabaka, sarah Adams, Kathy, Dylan Beverly, Billy Arnold, Bopb Moses, Bernadine Harmon, Margurite Morgan, David Schweigman, Lois Cellito, The Davenport family, Roy Biles, Marnie Garcia, Hattie Amato, Robert Harris and those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of Charles James, French Foster, Henry Wolf, Arlene Beard, Tom Jones, Peg Sheeler, Mildred Hasson, Leon Hale, Sr., Richard Burmeister, Jeanette Herfurth, Barbara Bamford and Ann Roth. May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

THE PRAYER: Gracious God, satisfy the thirst of all who long for you; the hungry, the poor, the fearful, and the ill especially (names), that they draw deeply from your well of hope. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Beauty without virtue is like a rose without fragrance.

French Proverb

No one heals himself by wounding another.

St. Ambrose

A proud man is seldom a kind man. Humility makes us kind, and kindness makes us humble.

Father Frederick Faber

Then he (Jesus) said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Luke 9: 23

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What plant sprang up miraculously to give shade to the prophet Jonah?
2. What tree does Jesus say can be uprooted and thrown into the sea—if one has enough faith?
3. What kind of tree was withered by Jesus because it bore no fruit?
4. What leaves were thrown down in front of Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem?
5. According to Jesus, what person will appear coming in glory on the clouds of heaven?

Thank You, Thank You!

- ✝ to our youth who presented a skit on Souper Bowl Sunday during worship and collected funds to feed the hungry.
- ✝ to those who filled the baby bottles with coin for the benefit of Alpha Pregnancy Center.
- ✝ to the McGee family who provided a cake for fellowship after the baptism of Chayce McGee.
- ✝ to the youth for volunteering and preparing the food for Mario's Restaurant. Approximately \$940 was raised. Half of the funds will go to the Heifer Project and the other half to Lazarus Church, Lineboro whose church was destroyed by the fire. The funds will help them to buy Sunday school materials, bibles, and things that will be needed to rebuild their Sunday school program.
- ✝ to the Dubois family and those who helped with having the pancake meal on Shrove Tuesday.
- ✝ to Mary Neuheisel who recruited folks to provide for our Lenten soup suppers and to those who are making and serving the food.
- ✝ to Rachel Murphy who has volunteered to be our delegate representative to Carroll Lutheran Village.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA 1. a gourd (Jonah 4:6) 2. The sycamine (Luke 17:6)
3. A fig tree (Mark 11:12-14) 4. Palm leaves (John 12:13) 5. the Son of man (Matthew 24:30)

News

LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services will continue for the first three weeks in April, including Wed. April 2nd and 9th. Sunday, April 20, is Palm Sunday and there will be a reading of the passion. In Holy Week, soup supper will be served Thursday, April 17 followed by worship service which will include the stripping of the altar. On Good Friday, there is NO soup supper but a worship service will be held at 7 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

We will be celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 20. Our choir will be bringing us a special musical number. Also, there will be a blessings said over our sacrificial rocks as we collect our Lenten sacrifices during a second offering. Continue to carry the rock with you as a reminder to take time to be with the Lord and pray each day avoiding temptations, just as Jesus did.

FLEA MARKETS BEGIN AGAIN

The first flea market this year will be held the third Saturday of April, the 19th. This event is held the third Saturday of each month except in Oct. which is held on the second Saturday. This year some of our members will be shadowing Sarah Morris, learning the various tasks that are needed to have a successful flea market.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Each year, the Sunday after Easter, we have an Easter breakfast. It will be held after worship on Sunday, April 27.

OUTREACH

Outreach will be taking Easter Baskets to our shut-ins and residents of Long View Nursing Home on Palm Sunday.

Next blood drive is May 3rd.

YOUTH

St Paul's Youth are planning to visit Mount Vernon, George Washington's estate, on Easter Monday April 21st. **All are invited!** We will meet at the church at 8:00 am and carpool to Mount Vernon. We will spend the day at Mount Vernon, taking in the visitor's center, touring the home, grounds, farm buildings, etc... We will eat lunch while there; you will have the option to pack a lunch or purchase lunch in the cafe. Please let Sandy Baber know if you are interested in this day trip. Group reservations have already been made and we can add to the reservation, if needed. SPY will pay the entrance fee for our active youth. The adult group rate is \$14. Please RSVP to Sandy ASAP at 410-751-7511 or fourbabers@verizon.net.

The Lord's Laughter

From the book Church Chuckles: Tickling your Holy Funny Bone

In the beginning there was nothing and God said "Let there be light," and there was still nothing but everybody could see it.

Barbara Green remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for another transfusion. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

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The minister had given a stirring message about the blessing of forgiving others based on the forgiveness we have so freely received. "Who here is ready to pray with me to forgive all those who have sinned against them?" asked the minister. Everyone but one elderly woman raised their hand. "Miss Lucy, please, tell us why it is you feel you don't have any one to forgive?" Miss Lucy replied, "Because I have outlived all those heathen sinners, that's why!"

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An elderly couple was shipwrecked on an island, and the husband concerned about unpaid bills, asked his wife:

"Dear, did you pay our Visa card bill before we left?"

"I'm sorry. I forgot." she replied.

"And the MasterCard bill?"

"I forgot that too." she said.

"Did you send the installment check to the IRS this month?"





"Sorry dear," she said, "I didn't send that one either."

"And how about the monthly check for our church tithe?" he asked.

"Forgive me, honey," she said, "I forgot that, too!"

"Don't worry dear," the husband said, giving her a big hug. "If VISA, MasterCard and IRS can't find us, our pastor will."

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 600pm- Soup Supper 700pm-  730 pm AA	3	4	5 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
6 900am – Worship -Youth Sunday -Food Collection 11:45 Confirmation class	7	8 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm –Council	9 600pm- Soup Supper 700pm-  730 pm AA	10	11	12 10:00-12:00 <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i> 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
13 900am – Worship  2 nd Offering – Carroll Co. Rape Crisis <i>Easter Baskets to Long View after worship</i>	14	15 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	16 730 pm AA	17 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship 	18 <i>Good Friday</i>  Service of Darkness 700 pm Worship	19 800am-400pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
20 900am – Easter Worship  2 nd Offering - Collection of sacrificial rocks	21	22 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	23 730 pm AA	24	25	26 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
27 900am – Worship Easter Breakfast  after worship	28	29	30			

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 8:30-2:00 Blood Drive 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
4 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection Carroll Lutheran School Sunday – 2 nd offering for school	5 1:30 Worship and Music Committee	6 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	7 730 pm AA	8	9	10 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
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18 900am – Worship Fellowship after service 1:15 Worship at Long View Nursing Home	19	20 800am Sandwich Making 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	21 730 pm AA	22	23	24 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
25 900am – Worship 11:45 Confirmation Class	26 Pastor Mel Vacation	27 Pastor Mel Vacation	28 Pastor Mel Vacation	29 Pastor Mel Vacation	30 Pastor Mel Vacation	31 Pastor Mel Vacation
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Celebrations for April & May

April Birthdays

2 Colton Dubois
6 Wendy Folfas
7 Ava Grabowski
9 Bryan Benson
11 Sherry Zour
18 Richard Harris
John Folfas
24 Ella Lee Grabowski
25 Gracie Grabowski
26 Nathan Geldmacher

April Anniversaries

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

May Birthdays

9 Todd Armacost
18 David Henry
23 Mary Burk
24 Matthew Meadowcroft
26 Barb Utz
29 Roland Hale
31 Erik Goerner

May Anniversaries

8 Tim & Maidie Brown
12 Bob & Ruth Bare
16 Bob & Pat Graff
29 Jed & Colleen Geldmacher

St. Paul's Youth Raises Funds for Lazarus Youth

