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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

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Joy in the Lord. You often hear me talk about having joy in the Lord. In the Bible we read of people who sing, dance, laugh, and praise God with happiness and joy. Many of us grew up to be somber, stoic, and quite proper when worshipping the Lord. But, I wonder if that is how Jesus was? I'm sure God wants us to have joy in our lives.

Recently I came across this article "Laugh Your Way to Grace" by the Rev. Susan Sparks in the July/August issue of the Joyful Noiseletter. The following are some excerpts from that article:

She observed: "We bring laughter and humor into just about every other aspect of life. Yet, in our most intimate place, our spiritual search, we tend to check our humor at the doors of our houses of worship like we check our coats."

Yet, she says, "I believe that humor can empower us to lives with elegance and beauty and a generosity of spirit. It is a tool that can enable us to live our daily lives, our *spiritual lives*, with grace.

If you can laugh at yourself, you can forgive yourself. And if you can forgive yourself, you can forgive others. Laughter heals. It grounds us in a place of hope. Not only can a ministry of humor work. It is desperately needed.

Honored by the ancients as a spiritual healing tool, celebrated by the great world religions, laughter is a deeply spiritual gift that we've lost somewhere along the way. One of the great lost legacies is laughter. For thousands of years humor and laughter have played an essential role in our human search for enlightenment and spiritual connection. Unfortunately, we seem to have lost track of that branch of the family.

So much pain in our world today – terrorism, violence, war – stems from deep canyons of separation that divide cultures, nations, even families. When diverse voices and faces come together through laughter, we connect at a deeper level.

Life can certainly beat the joy right out of us. But no matter how dormant our joy, the one thing life can't take away is our innate ability to laugh. Not everyone feels like being funny. You may not even feel happy, but somewhere deep down, your humanity yearns for joy. We are surrounded by a smorgasbord of joy and happiness. With every new day, there is the miracle of life and energy and spirit".

She is so right. May we feel the love of God through joy and laughter.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR:

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Leon Fleming, Amy Goerner, Matilda Griffin, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Matthew Jones, Mary Louise Miller, Matthew Moore, Sara Moore, 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, Georgia Winiecki, Emma Miller, Jesse McGee, Will Franz, Chance Nichols, Fred Baber, Jake Boerner, Ally Kranz, Pat Dowd, Kay Hoese, Bert Mooney, Steph Brown, Muriel Webster, Ed Winiecki, Andre, Bud Cole, Shelby, John Sherba, Matt Wiles, Carl Weber, Becky Wartham and family, Jessie Hughes, Christina Paulsen, Tim and Shari Underhill, Christine Wimert, Janet Sprinkle, Kate Johnson, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of baby Christopher Minor, Tim Williams, Tom Ross, Taylor Anderson, Evelyn Miles, and Peggy Sonntag.

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

THE PRAYER: Shepherd us, O God. Gather your people with your goodness and mercy. Bring healing and wholeness to all those who suffer especially (names). We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Earth laughs in flowers.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A person can fail many times, but they aren't a failure until they begin to blame someone else.

John Burroughs

Prayer is a cry of gratitude and love, in the midst of trial as well as in joy.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits.

St. Philip Neri

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who kept Paul in prison, hoping Paul would try to bribe him for release?
2. Who did Jesus send fishing in order to get money for taxes?
3. What was Jesus talking about when he spoke of destroying the temple and raising it up in three days?
4. Who built the first altar?
5. How many people were baptized on the day of Pentecost?

Thank You, Thank You!



to those who attended the Anna Schultz's 100th Birthday party.



to those who arranged for our spring blood drive, especially Suzi Lyons and to those who donated blood.



to those who filled the barn banks with money for NESAP and ELCA World Hunger during the weeks of Lent.



to those who serve on the Worship and Music Committee that planned for meaningful services for Palm Sunday and Easter.



to all those who went to Long View Nursing Home to distribute Easter baskets and palms to all the residents. Easter baskets were also provided for our shut-ins.



to Vivian Chenoweth and Maidie and Tim Brown who provided a delicious meal for our Easter breakfast.



to Colleen Geldmacher who headed up the Easter Egg Hunt for our children even if it got postponed twice due to the weather.



to our Youth who presented a wonderful Easter pageant during worship on Sunday, May 1, especially Patti Schunk and Carol Hilgartner who directed them.



to our confirmation students who made oral presentations of their scholarship to the congregation and then were confirmed May 22. They are Madison Baber, Wendy Folfas, Katie Graff, and Cheyenne Kelly.



to those who presented special music on Mother's Day, Vivian Chenoweth, Shirley and Bill Stratton and Beth Hannon.



to those who help with our flea markets, especially Sarah Morris who organizes them.



to our children who earned perfect attendance Sunday School pins and certificates.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA 1. Felix (Acts 24:26) 2. Peter (Matthew 17:24-27) 3. His body (John 2: 19-21) 4. Noah (Genesis 8:20) 5. about 3,000 (Acts 2:41)

News

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

We rejoice in receiving the Goerner family as members of our church. Amy, Erik, daughter Jocelyn, and son Curtis became members March 27. On that same day, Erik, Jocelyn, and Curtis were baptized.

Erik is a landscape supervisor and Amy works as a business continuity planning person which includes helping with contingency plans. She works at Morgan Stanley. However, since she was in a bad car accident in December and received serious neck injuries, she has not been able to work.

In his free time, Erik likes to do outdoor things like gardening and splitting wood. He enjoys fishing and hunting but mainly he likes to play with the kids and puts the family first. Amy likes to watch NASCAR, go shopping and likes to read fiction books or books about politics. She, too, likes to spend time with the kids.

Their birthdays are as follows: Erik, May 31, Amy, August 5, Jocelyn, June 9, and Curtis February 10. Erik and Amy's anniversary is September 15. Their address is 3931 Carrollton Road, Upperco, MD 21155. Phone number is 410-374-1253.

We are glad to have them as part of our church family.

OUTREACH NEWS

We've received many Thank-you's for the Easter baskets delivered to our shut-ins and our Easter bags taken to Long View Nursing home.

THANK YOU to the Sunday School kids and parents who helped pass out the Easter bags and palms to the Long View residents. They enjoy our youngsters so much! The Flea Markets have started and Sarah needs help. Please contact her for further information. Our Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for September 24th---mark your calendars so you can save a life!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This is a reminder to let you know that worship begins at 8:45 for the months of July and August and also September 4th which is Labor Day weekend. We will go back to our 9 a.m. schedule the second Sunday in September.

FLEA MARKETS

Remember our flea market is always held the third Saturday of each month from 8 – 4. If it rains, the flea market will be held the following week. For the first time since our flea markets began seven years ago, both Saturdays in April were rained out. As of this writing we are holding our breath and praying that the same doesn't happen in the month of May.

PASTOR MEL ON VACATION

Pastor Mel will be on vacation from June 1 to June 8. She will return on Thursday, June 9. In case of emergency, please call council president, John Kelly at 443-248-3429. He will contact a pastor who will be on call in her absence.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On May 1st more than twenty one Sunday school students took part in the Easter Program. This year's THE EASTER PUZZLE was presented to the congregation. Bible Scriptures were used to show the viewpoints of those who encountered Jesus after the tomb was found to be empty. Puzzle pieces represented the doubts and questions that his disciples had concerning his resurrection. When all puzzle pieces were removed a picture of Jesus appeared. Revealing Himself to us. On this Sunday morning the Easter Puzzle was solved. There should be no more questions or doubts that Jesus is here, right next to us.

The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, July-August 2011 edition

A six-year-old boy told his father one day, "I'm going outdoors and play ball with God." "So how do you play ball with God?" the father asked. "Oh, it's not hard at all," the boy replied. "I just throw the ball up, and God throws it back down to me."

Letter to God written in Sunday School: "Dear God. I am American. What are you?
Alfred, 7

A man carried his three-year-old granddaughter with him when he went up to receive communion at St. Patrick's Church in Baton Rouge, LA.

When he got up to the altar, a deacon raised his hand to extend a blessing on the little girl. Before he could place his palm on her head, she responded with a "high five".

Columnist Smiley Anders
Baton Rouge, LA Advocate

Posted by JN's Facebook fan:

"I got a package the other day, but when it arrived it was all damp. I complained at the Post Office, and they said it must have postage dew.

Driving in Maryland, Lorene Irving of Timonium, MD saw this church sign:

"Does your life stink?"

"We have a pew for you."

Via Bobbe Lyon
Maitland, FL

Congratulations!!

The following students have qualified for attendance awards:

First Year Pins: Gaije DuBois, Ashley Mountcastle, Emmy, Christian, and Louisa Neuhesiel, Sophia and Natalie Panagakos

Second Year Wreath: Christopher Geldmacher, Hannah Hilgartner, Sara Moore

Third Year Bars: Andy Geldmacher, Hope Hilgartner, Carrie Moore, and Natalie Wickline

Four Year Bar: Madison Baber, Ben Baber, and Sam Jones

Congratulations to both students and parents!

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Pastor Mel Vacation	2 Pastor Mel Vacation	3 Pastor Mel Vacation	4 Pastor Mel Vacation
5 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection Pastor Mel Vacation	6 Pastor Mel Vacation	7 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours Pastor Mel Vacation	8 Pastor Mel Vacation 730 pm AA	9	10	11 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
12 900am – Worship PENTACOST 2nd Offering Carroll Lutheran Village	13	14 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours 700pm – Council	15 6:45 Healing Service at St. Paul's 730 pm AA	16	17	18 800am-400pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
19 900am – Worship HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY Fellowship after worship 1:15 Worship at Long View Nursing Home	20 Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp @ Crace Lutheran	21 Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp @ Crace Lutheran 800am Sandwich Making 8:30 Bishop's Visit 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	22 Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp @ Crace Lutheran 730 pm AA	23 Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp @ Crace Lutheran	24 Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp @ Crace Lutheran	25 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
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Celebrations for June & July

June Birthdays

- 4 Natalie Panagakos
- 5 Lila Singer
- 6 Kim Boose
- 7 Genny Casper
Matthew Binebrink
- 9 Tim McGee
Jocelyn Goerner
- 13 Jenny Siperko
- 14 Alisa Armacost
- 15 Mary Armacost
- 18 Joshua Neuheisel
- 20 Hope Hale
Shirley Harris
Kristy Durham
- 22 Ryan Meadowcroft
- 23 Emily Hilgartner
- 25 Bob Graff
Dena Warren

June Anniversaries

- 2 David & Angie Henry
- 4 Dave & Nelly Warren
- 6 Kimberly & John Kelly, Jr.
- 12 Ray & Suzi Lyons
- 17 Mike & Helen Armacost
- 24 Shaf & Sue Bosley

July Birthdays

- 3 Jamie DuBois
- 9 Sydney Henry
- 10 Madison Baber
- 12 Selena Kelly
- 14 Grace Benson
- 15 Peg Beverly
- 16 Louisa Neuheisel
- 18 Jessica McGee
- 19 Samuel Jones
- 22 Denise McGee

July Anniversaries

- 2 John & Mary Letts
- 10 Bob & Ann Durham, Jr.
- 15 Richard & Ginny Harris
- 22 Rob & Denise Holtz
- 26 Tim & Denise McGee
- 31 Pete & Heather Panagakos



Singing "Five Little Angels"



The Easter Puzzle



2011 Confirmands

(L-R) Cheyenne Kelly, Madison Baber, Katie Graff & Wendy Folfas