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SAINT PAUL'S VOICE

April/May 2012

April 1, is Palm Sunday. We celebrate with the blessing and procession of the palms, led by our youth. It is a celebration of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem. During worship we will have the reading of the passion when the mood changes from that of joy to one of sadness as Jesus faces the pain and suffering in his death on the cross.

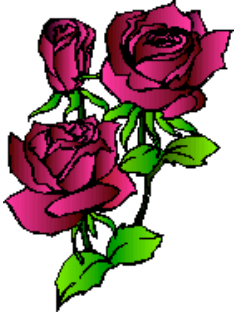
As we went through Holy Week we heard of Jesus sharing of the bread and wine at the Last Supper. Then in show of his servant hood, he washed the disciples' feet. Jesus prays at Golgotha. Next we hear of Peter's denying he ever knew Jesus and then of the betrayal of Judas as he kissed Jesus so the soldiers would know which one was Jesus. Then began those awful acts Jesus had to endure: the beatings, the mocking, the being spit on, and the stripping of his clothes. He was then hung on the cross to die a painful death. Truly, we are moved by this sacrifice that Jesus made.

It is Easter morning and the women find that the tomb is empty. Jesus is not there. He is risen. He has beaten death and is alive again. What a miracle, what a victory. Jesus did this so we would have that promise of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. This is a story of love and hope for all of us who believe. Jesus has given us the promise of life with him always. How precious this gift is for each of us. May we never take for granted the sacrifice Jesus made for each and every one of us.

He is risen. He is risen, indeed. May this bring much joy to all who believe in what Jesus has done for us. May you have a blessed and Happy Easter.

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, Rosalie Croft, Matilda Griffin, Amy Goerner, Lee Hardesty, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Matthew Jones, Mary Louise Miller, Matthew Moore, Sara Moore, Anna Schultz, Bill Stratton, Shirley Stratton, Steve Utz, 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, Bert Mooney, Christine Wimert, Heather Lord, Bud Cole, Tim and Shari Underhill, Bethany Drew, Sam Meister, Joan Prall, Tammy Severe, Betty Roderick, Lee Flannery, Sue Cavnor, John Stevens, Ed Winiecki, Bettie Panagakos, Phyllis Henderson, Jan Gorecki, Barbara Bamford, Elizabeth Richards, Helen Martin, Melissa Dowd, Joseph Herfurth, Mary Honeycutt, Jackie Susserman, Shelby, Glenna Grimes, Tracey Boyle-Jaeger, George Yingling, Kathy and Ryan Inman, and those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of Catherine Anastasi, Ernest Standford, Joe Royston, Jake Boerner, Tony Mehaffie, Gladys Reed, Harry “frog” Snyder, Gilbert Silas Benson, Michael Truluck, Lucia MacFarlane, and Jim O’Meara.

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

THE PRAYER: : O God, we pray for those waiting for answers to prayers, for those whose lives are full of tears; for those sick in body or spirit especially (names). We pray you shed your mercy on them. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If we don’t change, we don’t grow. If we don’t grow, we aren’t really living.

Anatole France

Make everything a prayer.

David Steindl-Rast

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.

Mark Twain

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What is the only Gospel to mention Jesus’ riding on a donkey?
2. What kind of tree did Zacchaeus climb in order to see Jesus?
3. What plant was used to lift up a sponge to the dying Jesus?
4. According to Matthew’s Gospel, an earthquake occurred when Jesus died on the cross. What other spectacular event occurred at that time in the temple?
5. Where were the disciples when they heard a noise that sounded like a mighty wind filling the house they had gathered in?

Thank You, Thank You!



to all those who supported Alpha Pregnancy Center by filling a baby bottle with coin.



to our youth who presented a Souper Bowl skit and collected money for World Hunger.



to all those who support NESAP's and Carroll Lutheran School fund raisers.



to the Dubois family for providing a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner.



to all those who provided soup and bread for our Lenten Season meals. Also to those who participated in our Lenten Service dialogue sermons.



to all those who planned, set up, hosted, cooked, waited on tables, washed dishes, and put the area back in order for the Mario's Restaurant evening out. It was a huge success, over \$1100 was raised by our youth, their friends, and support of the parents.



to all who planned and helped with our Easter Egg Hunt especially Colleen Geldmacher who headed it up. Our youngsters had a great time with the hunt, the games, and the crafts.

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| <p>1. ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA 1. Matthew (21: 1-9) 2. A sycamore (Luke 19: 1-4) 3. Hyssop (John 19:29) 4. The temple veil (curtain) was torn in half from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51) 5. Jerusalem (Acts 2:2)</p> |
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News

PALM SUNDAY/EASTER

We will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with a palm procession led by our children. During the service, there will be a reading of the Passion with members of the church participating in the reading. Palm Sunday will be celebrated April 1. The following Sunday, April 8 we will celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Our church will be decorated with Easter lilies and spring flowers. Come join us for this wonderful gift God has given us.

SPECIAL MUSIC/EASTER BREAKFAST

The students of Carroll Lutheran School will be bringing us special music and testimonies Sunday after Easter, April 15. There will be a second collection that day for the school. After worship we will have our annual Easter breakfast with a free will offering. Come and enjoy this special day.

FLEA MARKETS

Our monthly flea markets begin this year on Saturday, April 21, from 8-4. Sarah Morris heads up these flea markets and can use volunteers to help with the parking and food sales. See her if you can help at any of the flea markets which will be held from April through October on the third Saturday of each month.

BAPTISMS

There will be two baptisms in the month of April. Paige Brown daughter of Jen and David Brown and sister of Jordan will be baptized Sunday, April 15. Chance Smetzer, daughter of Brinlee DuBois and Reid Smetzer will be baptized, Sunday, April 29.

OUTREACH NEWS

16 filled Baby Bottles were returned to Alpha Pregnancy in Reisterstown. This money will go toward education, counseling and supplies for young women who find themselves unwed and pregnant.

10 Easter baskets were prepared for our shut-ins and will be delivered in the weeks before Easter. We hope these baskets and greetings bring some cheer!

Plan to join us at Long View Nursing Home on Palm Sunday as we deliver nearly 100 Easter bags to the residents. In these bags are items such as lotion, tissues, Post-A-Notes, combs and a cute, cuddly little animal.

Our Spring Blood Drive date has changed and will now be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Please give the gift of life and call me for an appointment.

Suzi (410) 239-7656

The Lord's Laughter

From the book, *Rolling in the Church Aisles*

On their way to church service, a Sunday school teacher asked her pupils, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

As Stuart tidied up the kitchen after dinner, he realized the broom had been left outside on the porch. "Cindy, go out back and get the broom please." Cindy was scared and reminded her dad she was afraid of the dark. "Don't worry, Cindy, Jesus is out there to watch over you."






Cindy went over to the back door, opened it a crack, and whispered, "Jesus, could you please hand me the broom?"

When Amber's mother took her to visit family graves on Memorial Day, Amber was keenly interested in inscriptions on tombstones, as well as the names and dates. Her mom explained that the dates indicate the day of birth and death. When they got to one pair of tombstones, a husband's and a wife's, Amber asked why there was no death date for the wife. Her mother explained that the woman hadn't died yet. Amber looked horrified and demanded, "Why did they bury her, then?"

For Easter Services, we will ask Mrs. Brown to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Please keep the Handlys in your prayers. On their recent trip to the Grand Canyon, Martha broke her ankle while helping George pass large stones on a donkey.

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 900am – Worship Palm Sunday  PALM SUNDAY Youth Sunday Food Collection Easter Baskets to Long View after worship	2	3	4	5 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship 	6 Good Friday  Service of Darkness 700 pm Worship	7 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
8 Easter 900am – Worship 	9	10 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm –Council	11 730 pm AA	12	13	14 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
15 900am – Worship 2nd Offering Carroll Lutheran School Baptism of paige Brown Easter Breakfast  after worship	16	17 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	18 730 pm AA 6:45 Healing Service at Christ Lutheran	19 7:30 Prayer Session	20	21 800am-400pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
22 900am – Worship 12:15 Confirmation Class	23	24 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	25 730 pm AA	26	27	28 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours 8:30-2:00 Blood Drive
29 900am – Worship Baptism of Chance Smetzer	30					8

May

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		1 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	2 730 pm AA	3	4	5 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
6 900am – Worship Mother's Day Youth Sunday Food Collection	7 1:30 Worship and Music Committee	8 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm - Council	9 730 pm AA	10	11	12 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
13 900am – Worship Mother's Day 12:15 Confirmation Class	14	15 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	16 645 pm Healing Service @ St. Paul's 730 pm AA	17 7:30 Prayer Session	18	19 800am-400pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
20 900am – Worship 2nd Offering CC Rape Crisis Fellowship after service	21	22 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	23 730 pm AA	24	25	26 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
27 900am – Worship Last Day of Sunday School 12:15 Confirmation Class	28 Pastor Mel Vacation	29 Pastor Mel Vacation 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours	30 Pastor Mel Vacation	31 Pastor Mel Vacation Synod Assembly at Ocean City		
30 900am – Worship	31 Pastor Mel Vacation					

Celebrations for April & May

April Birthdays

2 Colton Dubois
4 Anna Schultz
6 Wendy Folfas
7 Ava Grabowski
9 Bryan Benson
11 Sherry Zour
18 Richard Harris
John Folfas
25 Gracie Grabowski

April Anniversaries

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

May Birthdays

3 Shari Underhill
9 Todd Armacost
18 David Henry
21 Jason Smith
23 Mary Burk
24 Matthew Meadowcroft
26 Barb Utz
29 Roland Hale
31 Erik Goerner

May Anniversaries

2 Thomas & Barbara Green
8 Tim & Maidie Brown
12 Bob & Ruth Bare
15 Bill & Shirley Stratton
16 Bob & Pat Graff
29 Jed & Colleen Geldmacher

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- * Security – No checks are needed which means no lost or stolen checks.
- * Environmentally friendly – Save on checks, envelopes and postage.

How to Sign Up

To participate, complete the Simply Giving enrollment form and return it to the church office along with a cancelled check and we will enroll you in the program.

This program will help the church maintain a steady stream of donations from our members and avoid the seasonal periods when income is lower than normal. I hope that everyone will see the benefits to themselves and to the church by using this program. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about Simply Giving.

Yours in Christ,

Richard Harris
Treasurer, St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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