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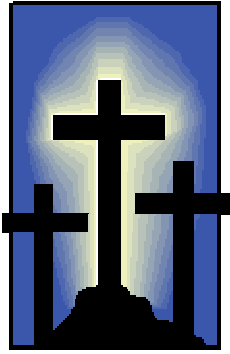
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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

June/July 2009

“The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, ‘Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’” (Mark 6: 30-31 NIV).

We regularly need rest and refreshment. It is one of the purposes of the Sabbath. Jesus and his disciples had to take the time to get away from the pressures of their daily tasks. And so do we. The question is, do we?

Summer is almost here and many of us think of vacation time. Under the current economic situation, planning time away from home may not be possible. But, there are many more things we can do this summer with our vacation time.

I suggest some spiritual renewal along with the physical. Make time to connect with God. Read the bible, offer prayers, say, “I love you, Jesus”. Instead of a trip out of town, spend some time in nature. A walk in the woods can do wonders. In the evening, sit in your back yard watching a beautiful sunset. Then as night descends marvel at the heavens and all that God has made.

You can be refreshed by doing some new things like visiting with our shut-ins. Bake them some cookies, take them a book you enjoyed or just hold their hand and have a friendly chat. Volunteer at some local non-profits like NESAP or Carroll Lutheran Village.

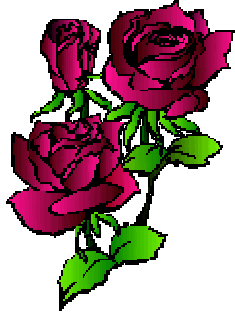
Maybe you can do more tasks for the church. Help at the flea market, assist with some repair work or painting, work with the youth and go on one of their outings. Help with our Vacation Bible School. You will be amazed at how refreshed you will feel by doing service out of love for others.

We should use the leisure time that God gives us to refresh ourselves for the work which God has called us. With that rest comes a sense of peace and calm by having a closer relationship with God.

Whatever you do to renew and be refreshed do it hand in hand with God. Have a fun and restful summer and vacation.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



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

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, 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 Norwood, Harry Thomas, Bill Higgins, Christine Wheeler, Heidi Delehanty, Claude Steger, Pastor Dick Michael, Joe Urban, Bonnie Mehaffie, Chip Smith, Cindy Wilder, Steve Hatfield, Norma, Amber Smith and baby, Matthew, Carla Geldmacher, Tim Underhill, Ruth McGee, Mark Baskette, Margarete Anastasi, Maxine DuBois, Cassie Harris, Jackson Turrall, Mary Honeycutt, Sophia Carrera, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of Mike Kenny, Buddy Basler, Jim Nunn, and Terry Glendenning, Sr. May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

THE PRAYER: Merciful God, bring compassion and encouragement to all who are hurting. We pray for the mentally ill, those bound by addiction, and all who are troubled in body and spirit especially (names). Bring hope and healing to all who call upon your name. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

Doug Larson

We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.

Sam Keen

Anger or hatred is like a fisherman's hook. It is very important for us to ensure that we are not caught by it.

The Dalai Lama

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank You



for all those who helped set up and provided for the Easter egg hunt.



for those who filled in for Pastor Mel while she was sick and led both a Sunday and Lenten worship service. Thanks to Pastor Norma Schenning who filled in Palm Sunday.



to our youth who presented an Easter pageant and to Patti Schunk who headed it up.



for those who made and served the delicious Easter breakfast especially Vivian Chenoweth and Maidie Brown.



to Carol Hunt and Pattie Schunk who made and served the Seder meal and who set up the liturgy for the meal. Thanks to those who participated in the meal and liturgy including "Rabbi" Stricklin.



to all those who donated and helped at our first flea market of the year.



to everyone who donated soda, water, coolers, ice, and cups for Carroll Lutheran School's flea market.



to Susan Fleming for hosting a Pampered Chef party with the proceeds to be used as gifts for our basket bingo fund raiser in the fall.



to the Outreach Committee and all those who made our spring blood drive a big success.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What young man confessed his riotous living to his forgiving father?
2. Who confessed his remorse over betraying his master?
3. Who confessed his sin to an angel that only his donkey had seen?
4. What epistle says that blessing and cursing should not come out of the same mouth?
5. According to Paul, who was made a curse for our sins?

NEWS

LONG VIEW NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

Several times a year, St. Paul's and Pastor Mel lead worship services at Long View Nursing Home in Manchester. Service time is at 1:30 on Sundays. If you wish to participate please be there by 1:15. The dates this year are June 14, July 19, August 9, and September 20.

FLEA MARKET

Our next two flea markets will be June 20 and July 18 with rain dates on the following Saturdays. The hours are from 8 a.m. until 4p.m. Sarah Morris heads up this fund raising event. We are asking again for your donations of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, sodas and water. Please place hot dogs and hamburgers in freezer; and leave the soda and water next to the freezer. Money donations are always appreciated. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Sarah Morris so she can get you on the schedule. Even help for just a couple of hours would be great.

OUTREACH

Thanks to all who joined us in the Easter Bag delivery at Long View Nursing Home. Our young people brightened their day!

Also thanks to everyone who helped make our Spring Blood Drive a huge success. We exceeded our donor goal and our efforts will help 126 people. Our next Blood Drive will be Saturday, Sept. 26th. Please plan on being a life-saver.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bill and Shirley Stratton for winning a Delaware/Maryland Synod Social Ministry award. This award is given to those who do outstanding work in the church and outreach projects. They were nominated through the Lutheran Westminster Conference of pastors. The event was held at Carroll Lutheran Village with a dinner and program that included the highlights of their work. They were presented a trophy award by the synod.

CHANGE OF WORSHIP SERVICE START TIME

Every year in the months of July and August, the worship service starts at 8:45 and not at 9 a.m. Please make note of this so you won't be late for worship. We do this in order that our organist gets out on time to meet her next church service commitment. We will sing only two verses of the hymns in the months of July and August.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme for this year's VBS is "Discovery Canyon". It will be held the week of July 27 thru July 31st from 9:00 am -12:00 noon. VBS will feature crafts, music, science, storytelling and much, much more!!! Contact Carol Hilgartner for more information @ (410)374-8827. The program is being directed by Elspeth Heiss-Moses.



ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

1. The prodigal son (Luke 15:18)
2. Judas (Matthew 27:4)
3. Balaam (Numbers 22:34)
4. James (3:10)
5. Christ (Galatians 3:13)

Celebrations for June & July

June Birthdays

- 4 Natalie Panagakos
- 6 Kim Boose
- 7 Genny Casper
Matthew Binebrink
- 9 Tim McGee
- 13 Jenny Siperko
Megan Baskette
- 14 Alisa Armacost
- 15 Mary Armacost
- 20 Hope Hale
Shirley Harris
Kristy Durham
- 23 Emily Hilgartner
- 25 Bob Graff
Dena Warren

June Anniversaries

- 2 David & Angie Henry
- 4 Dave & Nelly Warren
- 6 Claude & Mary Steger
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 Carol Graff
- 18 Jessica McGee
- 19 Samuel Jones
Michael Hoffman
- 22 Denise McGee
- 29 Michael Tracey, Jr.

July Anniversaries

- 2 John & Mary Letts
- 15 Richard & Ginny Harris
- 12 Bob & Ruth Bare
- 22 Gary & Susan Hann
Rob & Denise Holtz
- 26 Tim & Denise McGee
- 31 Pete & Heather Panagakos

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 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours Pastor Mel Vacation	3 Pastor Mel Vacation	4 Pastor Mel Vacation	5 Pastor Mel Vacation	6 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
7 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection	8	9 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm –Council	10 730 pm AA	11	12	13 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours 9:30am Shared Ministry Workshop
14 900am – Worship 1:15 Long View Nursing Home Worship	15	16 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	17 645 pm Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran 730 pm AA	18	19	20 800am-400pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
21 900am – Worship Second Offering Carroll Lutheran Village Fellowship after worship	22	23 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	24 730 pm AA	25	26	27 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
28 900am – Worship	29	30				
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July

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19 845am – Worship Second Offering Carroll County Rape Crisis Fellowship after service 1:15pm-Long View Nursing Home worship	20	21 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 845am – Worship Church	27	28 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours	29 730 pm AA	30	31	

The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, June - July 2009 edition

At a wedding rehearsal, a pastor whispered to the father of the bride, "As you give your daughter's hand to the bridegroom, you should say something nice to him."

The next day during the wedding ceremony, the father, a grocery store manager, took the pastor's advice. He placed the bride's hand on his son-in-law's arm and said, "No deposit. No return."

A young woman had dated her boyfriend for a long time without his ever mentioning marriage.

Her boyfriend took her to a Chinese restaurant one day, and asked her, "How do you like your rice? Steamed or fried?"

She looked at the menu and replied, "Thrown."

Via Lois Ward,
Longmont, Co



Sarah Singer's Baby Shower

Comedian Red Skelton's recipe for a good marriage:

"We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops."

A woman was driving home from a business trip in Arizona when she saw an old Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. She stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride.

With a silent nod of thanks, the old woman got into the car. The old woman sat silently through the trip until she noticed a brown bag on the driver's seat.

"What's in the bag?" she asked.

"It's a bottle of wine," the driver replied. "I got it for my husband."

"Good trade," the Navajo woman said.

Via Rev. Dr. Jim Moiso,
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Portland, OR



Bill and Shirley Stratton celebrate with their daughter Linda after winning the Delaware/Maryland Synod Social Ministry award.