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It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2: 20

On Sunday, April 12 we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Our first service at 7 a.m. will be a bit different from the 9:30 am worship. During the 7 a.m. worship, we will begin by using part of the traditional (and very ancient) Easter Vigil service, also known as the Service of Light. Traditionally this service begins before the first light of dawn as it celebrates the risen light of Christ breaking into the world on Easter morning. We will begin this worship outside (weather permitting) around a fire in the east churchyard. The fire represents the first work of the Creator in the beginning: light. We remember that first creation, as well as the new creation that is found in Christ, the risen light of the world. We will light the paschal candle from that fire. The paschal candle is the large candle that represents the light of the risen Christ. Everyone will carry their own small candle, which they will light from the paschal candle. Then we will process into the sanctuary, the light of the paschal candle leading the way. This is the light of the risen Christ, but also symbolizes the pillar of fire that led the Hebrew people from Egyptian slavery to freedom. We remember that we are led from the slavery of sin to freedom in Christ. Once we arrive in the sanctuary, there will be four readings, which present a review of salvation history. The first is Genesis 1:1-2:4a which recounts the creation, now renewed by Jesus. The second in Exodus 14:10-13, 15:20-21, which tells of the deliverance at the Red Sea. The third is Isaiah 55:1-11, speaking of salvation freely offered to all. The final reading is Daniel 3:1-29, the deliverance from the fiery furnace, a kind of foreshadowing of the resurrection. From this point we will move to the Gospel, the sermon and Holy Communion as we complete the worship.

The second service at 9:30 will be a traditional Easter worship, like we have done in the past at St. Luke. Whichever worship you attend, come give thanks and praise to our gracious God who grants us new life and hope through his Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

See you in worship,

Pr. Dave



Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for March: Mark McGough, Ken McGrew, Joan Wilson, and Jeff Kingsley.



The 2008 financial audit took place on March 2nd. Thank you to Katy Eggert, Joyce Bluel and Dwight Paulson for helping out.



April Readers:
 5 – Katy Eggert
 9 – Sue McNeill
 10 – Al Baird
 12 – 7:00 – Jeff Kingsley
 12 – 9:30 – Wendy Bjorklund
 19 – Ken McGrew
 26 – Barb Jensen



Acolytes
For April:
 5 – Connel McGough
 9 – Riley Miller
 10 – Colleen McGough
 12 – 7:00 – Peter Klein
 12 – 9:30 – Abby Winecke
 19 – Olivia Peterson
 26 – Corinn Burchill

Kit Kat Cookie Bar Recipe

By: Joyce Bluel

Here is the recipe for the bars that I brought for coffee fellowship on March 8th that many people requested.

- 84 Ritz Crackers – (about 2 ½ sleeves)
- 1 ½ c. graham cracker crumbs
- ¾ c. brown sugar
- 1 c. sugar
- ¾ c. butter
- 1/3 c. milk
- 1 c. butterscotch chips
- 1 c. semisweet chocolate chips
- ¾ c. peanut butter



Line a 9 X 13 inch pan with parchment or non-stick foil. Put a layer of Ritz crackers across the bottom.

In a saucepan, stir together graham crumbs, sugar, butter and milk. Turn heat to medium and bring to a boil. When mixture begins to boil, set timer for 5 minutes and boil for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour half of this mixture over the Ritz crackers, and then lay another blanket of Ritz over the graham cracker mixture. Pour remaining graham cracker mixture over second layer of Ritz, and then top with one last layer of Ritz.

In a saucepan, combine butterscotch chips, chocolate chips and peanut butter. Melt, over low heat. Spread melted mixture over top of last layer of Ritz.

Let this cool at room temperature for a while and then transfer it to the refrigerator for about half an hour or as long as it takes for chocolate/butterscotch/peanut butter layer to set. When it has set, remove from refrigerator by lifting it out by the parchment/foil. Place on cutting board and cut into bars.



We would like to thank the following for delivering Meals on Wheels in February:
 Al Baird
 Ann Verschoyle
 Eva Mac Niven
 Bruce Magnuson
 Audrey Rongstad
 Ralph Wassmann
 David Elliott
 Roger Diestler
 Jane McGrew

Usher Notes...

Many thanks to our

ushers for March: Eva Mac Niven, Carl Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Dwight Paulson, Katy Eggert.

Our ushers for April will be: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Audrey McNamara, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Al Baird.





Hey, Youth! Mark your calendars for...

Saturday, April 11, 8:30 a.m. We will once again be joining our neighbors in a citywide Park Clean-up Day. Roll up your sleeves and pitch in!

Friday, April 24, 6:00 p.m....that's when we will be having another popular YOUTH OVERNIGHT...join us...invite your friends!

Watch your email inbox for details on both of these events, and plan on participating!



Come to another of our fantastically popular Ladies Night Out events on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Olive Garden in Roseville. Meet at church at 5:00 if you wish to carpool. If you wish to attend, please contact Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) by April 14. It should be a great evening, as usual...don't miss it!



91 Hungry people were served supper at St. Matthew's Catholic Church by St. Mark and St. Luke Lutheran Churches on Monday, February 23rd. Many thanks to our workers: Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Helen Bye, Jean Gilland, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson for baking cookies.

EASTER SERVICE TIMES CHANGED:

At the February church council meeting, the decision was made to alter the starting times for services on Easter Sunday. This change is being made to accommodate the kitchen staff in their preparation of Easter breakfast. The new service times will be 7:00 and 9:30. This change affects ONLY the services on Easter Sunday (April 12).



April Birthdays



- 1 - JOAN HOLTZ
- 2 - BETH PETERSON
- 3 - BARB JENSEN
- 4 - CARL GOERS
- 5 - DAVID ELLIOTT
- 6 - TOM GAARDER, JOSHUA STADEM
- 7 - MICHAEL ARNDT, JEAN GILLAND
- 11 - SAMUEL ELLIOTT
- 13 - LEROY RONGSTAD
- 14 - LARRY VIGDAL
- 15 - RILEY MILLER
- 18 - PASTOR JACK
- 21 - TRACY ARNDT
- 24 - JOHN FABIE
- 26 - ABBY KLEIN, GLADYS BYRNES
- 30 - EDDIE MCGREW

April Anniversaries



- 11 - DAVID ELLIOTT
- AND SUSAN LORENZ: 1990



The Bazaar Committee has agreed to pay for a folding ping-pong table for the youth of the church. If anyone knows of someone who is looking to sell a used one that is in good shape, please let Pastor Dave or Joyce Bluel know.

Spotlight on... Denney Kelly



I was born in Rockford, Illinois in 1946. I came from a family of 100% Swedes. I have one younger sister, Judy. I have two children, Patrick and Sean. And I have three grandchildren, Shelly, Jenny and Carter, and one great-granddaughter, Lilyana Joan.

I went to school at Concordia University and the University of St. Thomas. I was raised in the Baptist faith.

I have been employed as a credit manager, special ed. teacher, and substitute teacher. I enjoy reading, biking and camping.

My late husband, Mike, and I joined St. Luke Church in 1973. Pastor Al and Martha came through Sibley Manor and asked us to come. The people in the church were so friendly, especially the Diestlers. Mike and I raised our children at St. Luke.

I have volunteered at St. Luke as a Sunday School teacher, commissioner, usher, and as a member of the Clowns of the Cross troupe.

The best thing about St. Luke is that members are all very friendly. I do hope that St. Luke continues to grow; that we are still here 100 years from now!



Holy Week News

Maundy Thursday Worship will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. Come worship this Thursday as we receive the absolution of our sins confessed on Ash Wednesday. This is the end of the time of Lenten penitence. “Maundy” is an English form of the Latin word for “commandment.” This is the worship when we hear Jesus’ new commandment to love one another. At the end of this worship, we strip the altar, which represents the stripping of Christ before his crucifixion.

Good Friday worship will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 10. This will be a worship centered on readings and hymns as we remember the day when Christ was crucified.

Easter Breakfast (April 12) will be served by the youth between the 7 and 9:30 a.m. worship services as a fundraiser for the workcamp trip in July. Come and have a delicious breakfast while helping the youth raise money for this mission trip. A portion of the money raised will be matched by Thrivent, for which we give thanks!

This Easter, Michaela McGough and Emma McGrew will be celebrating first communion using the communion cups they made for this blessed occasion. Be sure to congratulate them and take a look at their handmade communion cups!



Join us for
Spring Clean Up Day
at St. Luke Lutheran Church on

Saturday, May 2nd
9:30 a.m.

Please come with pails, sponges, rags, and lots of energy...and leave with a great feeling of accomplishment! Questions? Call Joan Wilson at 651-253-6111

Highlights of the March 2009 Council Meeting:

- A Congregational Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2. Many hands make light work! Painting of the sanctuary walls may also begin during this clean-up. Electrical outlets will also need to be replaced.
- Nova Classical Academy is still trying to figure out their options for the future. Until they determine their options, we will not begin any negotiations. They are considering kindergarten in our space rather than first grade. This would reduce the number of children in our building and they would use tables rather than desks.
- As a result of the financial audit the terminology used for the reporting of loose offerings is being changed.
- The council will participate in a retreat on Saturday, May 16.
- Remember: council meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!



Notes from Conie:

* Lent is almost over and Holy Week will be upon us soon. Be part of Jesus' caravan into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, expectantly enthusiastic for this man to change the political climate of repression for the Hebrew people. Listen in awe to the story of the King of Jews washing the feet of his followers, doing the dirty work of servants and foreshadowing how his reign turns our idea of salvation on its head. Remember in word and in song the humiliating and agonizing death of the Son of God, who goes the ultimate distance to show us how much he loves us. By this grace, God opens a path for us to be in communion with him. Join us on the Holy Week journey from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the glorious resurrection on Easter morning--expect to be amazed.

* Our appreciation goes to Jo Klein, Abby Winecke, Andrew Stadem, Julie Bonde and the choir for their musical offerings during worship. Music gives our words more meaningful dimension and allows our feelings to be expressed. What a blessing to share this experience together!

* Wednesday Super Soup Supper restarts after Easter. Volunteer to be the Chef du jour on the kiosk and have the choir sing your praises!

* No rehearsal on Wednesday, April 8 for the choir. Maundy Thursday's warm-up is at 5:30 p.m., while Good Friday's warm up is at 6 p.m., and Easter morning's at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday evening rehearsals at 6:45 p.m. resume on Wednesday, April 15.

* Join us for a Worship and Music meeting on Sunday, April 19 after the service in the sanctuary...we really appreciate your input!

* The Worship Band will be leading worship on Sunday, May 18, the last day of Sunday School. See Jo or Conie for more details on music and rehearsals.

Easter Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.!



On Easter Sunday, April 12, you won't want to miss St. Luke's Easter breakfast!

Back by popular demand, we will once again be enjoying the Scott Diestler Made-to-Order Omelets!

The St. Luke Youth will be serving you a menu that will consist of omelets with your choice of a variety of fixings, from ham to green pepper, in addition to Cheesy Potatoes, and/or French toast.

Volunteers are needed to help the youth set-up on Saturday, April 11 at 12:30 p.m., and for clean-up the day of the event. If you are able to volunteer please contact Roger Diestler, Joyce Bluel, or Nancy Hegdahl.

The proceeds from the Easter Breakfast will be used for the Youth Group Workcamps program. Matching funds have been applied for up to \$325.00 through Thrivent Financial South Ramsey County Chapter 30100. Please come and enjoy the Easter festivities at St. Luke with your family and friends and also help support the youth group.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee." -Numbers 6:24