

Building Bridges To God

# EQUIPPING THE SAINTS APRIL 2010



Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

## Holy Week Events



### PALM SUNDAY SERVICE - March 28, 10:00 AM

Holy week begins with the procession of Jesus into Jerusalem; it ends with his resurrection on Easter morning. In between, we remember how the people who greeted him with shouts of praise turned against him, shouting "crucify him." Palm Sunday (also known as Passion Sunday) includes the reading of John's Passion Story. Weather permitting, we will begin the Procession of Palms outside in front of church, and then proceed inside.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - April 1, 7:00 PM

"The Scandal of Servanthood" - The Maundy Thursday scripture reading is the traditional account of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. The heart of the 'scandal' here, of course, is Peter's question, "Lord, are you going to wash MY feet?" The 'sequel' to that scandal is Jesus' instruction that those who are his disciples will also be servants, even as our Lord is.



### TENEBRAE SERVICE

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - April 2, 8:00 PM

"The Scandal of Crucifixion" - Jesus equates his 'being lifted up on a cross' to the event of Moses 'lifting up a serpent in the wilderness' in order to save all who were bitten by snakes, and would have died. All who look upon him in faith receive eternal life. What a promise! What a scandal!

**EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, April 3, 9:00 - 4:00 PM - 1/2 hour intervals of personal praying time.**

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE - April 4, 10:00 AM

Please join us for a Continental Breakfast at 9:00 before Worship. No Sunday School.

"The Scandal of Doubt" - Today's sermon will be to affirm that Jesus -*alive*- appears in the midst of the body of Christ, the church, in every age and place. When we 'see' him in faith, we believe or: *when we believe, we will see him....*



# *From your Pastor.....*



## "No storm can shake my inmost calm..."

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...while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?" (ELW #763 - *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*.)

The church gathers to sing...especially during Lent and the Easter season. For some, that seems a strange thing to do! *"With things as bad as they are right now, what do we have to sing about?"*

Those who have traveled to Haiti, especially in the days and weeks following the 8.8 magnitude earthquake there in January, often comment on one thing they all seem to notice. It's the way the children laugh and sing amidst the destruction and death all around them. *How can they do that?*

Maybe it's because they're not strangers to death and destruction. Happens all the time for them! Maybe laughter and singing are their coping techniques, a way of escaping the unrelenting tragedy of their existence.

Then again, maybe they know something we don't. Maybe they know that God created us for singing...at least, those of us who live by faith and not by fear. Maybe they know *another story*, one that seems to escape us in our lesser trials and tribulations.

Perhaps they know, deep down inside, that the God who is sovereign and untouched by mortal suffering chose to enter into this human story of sin and death and actually die as one of us. Maybe they know that God *"...so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..."* That he did so in order that, whenever bitter disappointment comes near to us, and the stench of death lingers around us, God can say, *'I've been there. I know. I am with you even now.'*

There's more, of course. The rest of the story is that after all the crying and dying, God laughed at death! *"Death has been swallowed up in victory! ...The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 15:54, 56-57).

God *laughed*, and angels *sang*, and one day all creation will join in singing, *"...for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign...Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

I bet, if you listen carefully, you can hear the children and the old folks in Port-au-Prince singing *"Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!"*

*Pastor Rich*



Pastor Rich will be having a Worship Service at the Elizabeth Scott Residence every first Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.



A note from Delores Pratt.....

Hi,

Hope all is going well at church. My prayers are with those that have needs. May they feel the Lord is walking with them.

My great grandson is making meat loaf for our dinner this evening. Both great grandsons now play cards with us.

Churches around this area have fish fries and game nights so I've been in many of them.

A grand daughter is going on a mission trip again this year.

Delores



**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES...**  
will no longer be put in the newsletter, but will be available in the church office.

Please call or stop by for a copy.

## Friends and Family Activity

Casino Night and Pizza Party !



Saturday, April 17 at 6:30 PM  
Jim and Diana Burkhardt's Home  
5715 Ashbrook Dr.

Start out the night a "Monopoly Millionaire". Play Poker, the Roulette Wheel, Black Jack, Tripoly and bet on the horses. Enjoy exotic home made pizzas all night long. Games for the kids and young at heart in the basement: Foosball, Ping Pong, Basketball, board games and movies. Bring your family and friends.

Please sign up in the Narthex for a pizza topping to bring, and bring your own beverage to drink.

Any questions, please call Jim and Diana at 419 866-8365.

See you there!

# *Lady Saint's Minutes*

On Saturday, March 13, fifteen ladies were greeted by a beautiful green room thanks to Joan Moomey and her assistants. Thank you girls, it was lovely!

For devotions, Joan Moomey, with Rose Thomson's help, presented a skit titled "What if the Lord called you?", which was very entertaining.

Our hostesses were Judy Reber, Eloise Way, Mary Lou Houle, and LaVerne Bussdieker. Next Sunday, March 21, we have been invited to Bethel Lutheran Church for a Lenten Tea with the theme "A Lamp Unto My Feet." Please attend if you can, it's at 2-4:00 pm. They also need assistance on Saturday to help set up or bring some tea sandwiches on Sunday.

Other activities scheduled:

April 10 -	Clean up inside at church
April 24 -	Clean up outside of church
May 2 -	Cinco de Mayo
Aug. 26 & 27 -	Rummage Sale
Oct. 2 -	Lady Saint's Retreat at 577 Foundation
	9:00 - 4:00 PM
	\$10.00 per person
	Theme will be "Women at the Well"
Nov. 5 & 6 -	Quilt Show

We collected \$43.00 today from our meeting - treasurer report. Thanks to all for a great meeting!

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn Gabriel  
Secretary/Treasurer

# APRIL VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS

April 4  
April 11  
April 18  
April 25

Eloise Way  
Barb Mounjie  
Peg & Keith Mauer  
Julie & Ted Beitelschees

## READER

Dave Driver  
Gretchen Schultz  
Peg Mauer  
Ted Beitelschees

## COMMUNION PREP/ASSIST

April 1 (Maundy Thursday)  
April 4  
April 11  
April 18  
April 25

Rose Thomson & Mary Lou Houle  
Ted & Julie Beitelschees  
Bill & Judy Reber  
Lynda & Roger Meyer  
Tim & Amy Merkel

## MONTH

April

## ALTAR

Gretchen Schultz

## MEDIA

Don Sundby

## SOUND

Mike Okoneski

## COUNTERS

April 4  
April 11  
April 18  
April 25

Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel  
Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel  
Pat Toepfer & Ann Miller  
Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel

## OFFERING

April 4  
April 11  
April 18  
April 25

Mary Lou Houle  
Rose Thomson  
Tim Merkel  
Judy Grimes

## USHERS

April 4  
April 11  
April 18  
April 25

Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
Tim Merkel, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
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Tim Merkel, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch



4/4 Judy Reber

4/11 Marilyn Gabriel  
Mary Lou Houle

4/22 Kathryn Strand

4/26 Darlene Stokes

4/29 Sue Merkel  
Sara Zaborski

4/30 Bev Rose

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