

The St. John News

April 2011

THE BLESSINGS OF WEEKLY COMMUNION

Your Pastors and Elders have been studying the biblical wisdom of having Holy Communion at every Sunday and Wednesday service for well over a year now. During this time the Board of Elders and Pastors have read and discussed a very persuasive book entitled, "The Blessings of Weekly Communion" filled with convincing reasons why we should restore this practice of every service, every Sunday Communion.

To appreciate the Sacrament of the Altar, and desire it regularly, you first have to understand what it is, and why Christ wants us to receive "often". Far too many regular church-goers don't understand. They think that they are doing God a service by coming to church. While they're willing to do this for an hour or so each week, they're unsure whether they want to commit to the longer Communion worship format every week. They feel like we are asking them to "up" their commitment to the Lord by asking them to stay in church twenty minutes longer every other Sunday morning or Wednesday evening.

But attending church is not a service we perform for God's benefit. It's the other way around. God is doing us a far greater service when we come to church. For God has gifts that He wants to give to us in the divine service. Gifts found only in His Word and Sacraments. God's reason for wanting you in worship is so that you can freely receive His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. For worship is where God gives us these gifts in His Word and Sacraments.

Long ago, Jesus Christ won forgiveness and peace with God for us by His cross. Then Jesus Christ gave us eternal victory over our enemies sin, death, and the devil by His resurrection. We call this good news -- the Gospel. Christians gather weekly to hear this Gospel preached to us, and to receive this very same Gospel visibly, tangibly, and personally by receiving Christ's body and blood. God wants to give us a double portion of His love and grace for us in Christ in worship centered on His preached Word and distributed Supper of forgiveness.

As Christians we gather weekly in the confidence that Christ is present among us in His Word and Sacrament. For these, along with Holy Baptism, are the means of grace by which Christ has chosen to save us. Just as we come to church in order to hear about what Christ accomplished for us by His obedient suffering and death, so we come to receive with our lips that same Christ who comes to us in His own true body and blood.



Like the sermon, the sacrament is the way that Christians shed their sins, receive God's mercy and Christ's forgiveness. Do we have to receive the Sacrament of the Altar weekly? Of course not. But should the church make the Lord's Supper available for those who do desire it that frequently? Yes. When you realize that the Lord's Supper is God's gift to His people in Christ to strengthen faith, to forgive sinners, to turn hearts back to God, and to bring us Jesus -- making it available every Sunday and every Wednesday really seems like a "no brainer".

Luther and the Lutherans after him thought so too. In our Lutheran Confessions which all Lutheran Pastors and Congregations are sworn to uphold, we learn that during the Reformation Era and after, it was the practice of every Lutheran congregation to celebrate the Lord's Supper at every service on every Sunday because of the extremely high importance that Lutherans have historically placed on the Gospel comfort that Holy Communion provides. The early Lutherans understood that as sinners Christians are constantly in need of what the Lord wants to give us in the Lord's Supper.

It's unfortunate that in the years following the Reformation that this church practice of offering the Sacrament of the Altar in every service faded away and was forgotten. Pietism and other spiritual movements within Christianity lessened the

importance of the Lord's Supper in the life of the Lutheran Church. When these lower views of the Sacrament became dominant, it lessened the frequency of a Christian's desire to receive the Sacrament. People even became afraid of the Sacrament which God had intended only to bring abundant comfort and reassurance to believers. At this, the Lutheran Church's lowest theological point, the Sacrament was only celebrated four times a year so that members did not run what they considered the great risk of receiving it unworthily. This happened as strict spiritual preparation for the Lord's Supper became more important than the Gospel intent of the Lord's Supper. Over time our Biblical understanding of the Lord's Supper as Gospel, and the frequency of its use have made a comeback in Lutheran congregations.

Most of the arguments against the practice of every Sunday, every service Communion are really not biblical objections at all, but rather utilitarian concerns such as: "Won't it take too long?" Others will worry that it will take away from the specialness of the Lord's Supper. However, we preach the

Gospel every Sunday without any similar concern or objection. Others will fear that it will turn into a form of legalism by making members feel that they must come forward to the altar every time the Lord's Supper is offered. However, we want it to be abundantly clear that our congregation is only making the Sacrament available to those who may desire it on a given Sunday, without making any judgments about those who will continue to prefer taking it less often. Finally, there are some logistic concerns that we need to work out. We are concerned that the service not run too long. We are also concerned with how to continue to fit in the children's message? We ask for your love, your prayers, and your patience as we work through these details to get them right.

I am thankful to serve a congregation in our more secular times which still recognizes the biblical importance of the Lord's Supper and treasures its Gospel reassurance. I hope you are thankful to belong to such a church.

God's Steward of the Mysteries of God,
Pastor Mark Elliott

Let Us Pray

Healing and Recovery: Bob, Susan, Gary, Phyllis, Mary, Rev. Don Ehlers, Betty, Mary, Jean



Following Surgery: Cindy

During Treatments: Juleigh, Gene

For Peace and Comfort: Brad & Pam and family at the death of son Brad, David and family at the death of wife Carolyn, Joel and family at the death of mother Jean, Alex & Sue and family at the death of Sue's mother

Hospitalized: Barbara

Military: John, Jimmy, Dustin, Brandon, Keidi, Christopher, Taylor

Missionaries: Pastor David Rakotonirina and the Madagascar Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Magnus Bengston and Lielsalaca Lutheran Church in Latvia, Pastor Obot Ite and the Lutheran Mission in Kingston, Jamaica

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men of the congregation are invited the second Thursday of each month to Original Pancake House for prayers, devotion, food and fellowship. Please join us this month on Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30am.



Mission Statement

United in faith, we serve the Kingdom of God by building lives that are rooted in the Word, centered on Christ, and motivated by Grace; to reflect Christ's love and share His Gospel with all.

Chasubles

What on Earth Is a Chasuble?

Why Should We Use Them?

In the past six months, Pastor Elliott and I have started wearing chasubles during the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Sunday mornings. Some of St. John's members may have thought, "What on earth is a chasuble?" and "Why should we use them?". Those are fair questions and ones I have wrestled with myself. The other question that I have wrestled with may be on the minds of St. John's members too: "Isn't that a Catholic thing?" These are fair questions and I will dedicate this article to answering them.

First Question: What is a chasuble?

A chasuble (pronounced CHAH-zuh-bull) is a vestment worn by pastors who officiate at the service of Holy Communion. The chasuble dates all the way back to the church of the first few centuries following the Ascension of Christ. A reference may be made to this vestment as early as Paul's letter to the pastor named Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:13, where Paul tells Timothy to bring with him the books and scrolls useful for the ministry, along with the cloak.

In the years following Christ's Ascension, the apostles and other called pastors wore the type of garments that were common to those in Roman society that were well-dressed. To further distinguish the office of pastor and to highlight the importance of the Lord's Supper, the chasuble was introduced. As early as the 600s A.D. alb, stole, and chasuble were the normal signs of those who held the pastoral office. Such garments were not far removed from the vestments worn by the priests of the Old Testament, which served as marks of their office as priests.

The chasuble itself was used first in the secular realm by scholars, peasants, and soldiers as an outer garment for protection against the elements when outside or in cool places. The word *chasuble* comes from the Latin word *casula*, which means "little house." As dress of that time moved away from the flowing gowns that were common, the clergy of the church continued to use chasubles and the other vestments in the worship services of the church.

Second Question: Why should we use them?

The primary reason for using the chasuble in today's Divine Service is because it draws attention to the celebration of the Lord's Supper and helps keep the Sacrament from being viewed as "common." The Lord's Supper is a special meal in and of itself as it was instituted by Christ as the new covenant for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26–29; Mark 14:22–25; Luke 22:14–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26). It holds a special place in the Divine Service as it is where God comes to us to feed us with the body and blood of his Son for the salvation of our souls. It is the concrete presentation of the Gospel that was heard in the preaching of the sermon. Likewise, the preaching of the Gospel is highlighted by the positioning of the pulpit in the chancel, which is often times elevated above the congregation.

Along with other vestments, the chasuble reminds us of the continuity of the church's worship throughout history (Pless, John T. *The Leaders of Worship. Lutheran Worship: History and Practice.* pp. 222–223). As more and more Christian churches are content with "modernizing" their worship practices and moving away from the historic worship of the Christian church, it remains crucial that the worship of the Lutheran church, rooted firmly in the Gospel and the history of the church, continues to follow the historic worship of the Christian church as it adheres to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Admittedly, there can be a danger or risk in wearing the chasuble during the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Such an elaborate vestment can draw unnecessary attention to the man wearing it. But, no more so than the alb and stole that Lutheran pastors most often wear, not to mention the clergy shirt that is worn throughout the week. Luther did strongly caution against the attention that is drawn to the man wearing

the vestments. His reason for doing so was because the pope and bishops wore such vestments for the purpose of drawing attention to themselves and their positions of authority. Luther was not against the wearing of these vestments by the clergy for the purpose of highlighting the Sacrament of the Altar.

Third Question: Isn't that Catholic?

The question of relation to the Catholic church has been a hindrance to the Lutheran church from its Reformation days. Karlstadt, who wrongfully understood Luther to be against all things Catholic, sought to remove every semblance of the Catholic church from the Reformation church. Others, such as Zwingli, did likewise. Many Protestant churches to this day abide by the same thinking. Such thinking has influenced the Lutheran church as well, and continues to do so.

Luther, however, was not against whatever was Catholic. Luther was against whatever was not the proper teaching, preaching, and administering of the Gospel. Luther then attacked those practices and teachings of the Catholic church that were enemies of the Gospel. What wasn't influenced by the teaching of works righteousness Luther was happy to leave alone. Those things included the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, making the sign of the cross in remembrance of Baptism, the Divine Service, the preaching of the Gospel, the crucifix, the use of candles and altars in church, and the wearing of vestments by the clergy. Luther rightly understood that before these treasures of the Church were "Catholic", they were "catholic", that is they were universal, belonging to the whole Christian church on earth. The use of chasubles in the Divine Service continued in the Lutheran church until the influence of Pietism and the Protestant churches persuaded many Lutheran pastors and churches to abandon this valued practice.

C.F.W. Walther, the first president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (not known as that at the time), had these strong words to say in light of the church suffering from outside influences: "It is truly distressing that many of our fellow Christians find the difference between Lutheranism and Roman Catholicism in outward things. It is a pity and dreadful cowardice when a person sacrifices the good ancient church customs to please the deluded American denominations just so they won't accuse us of being Roman Catholic!" (as taken from Walther's book, *The True Visible Church*). Walther is absolutely right. Practices may be similar or the same with other church bodies, but that does not mean we are the same. Our theology is what distinguishes us. The use of chasubles does not.

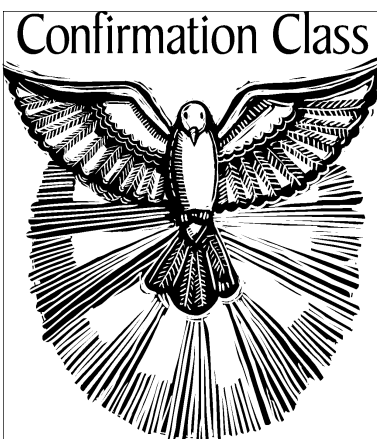
Conclusion

Chasubles are the colorful vestments worn over the alb and stole of the pastor who is officiating at the Service of the Sacrament. Chasubles have been used by the church throughout much of its history. The chasuble serves to highlight the Lord's Supper and to keep it from being viewed as common. It also serves, along with the other vestments worn by pastors, to remind us all that the worship practice of the historic Christian church continues among us today. The use of chasubles in the Divine Service is not a "Catholic" invention, just as the sign of the cross, the crucifix, and the preaching of forgiveness of sins in Christ are not "Catholic" inventions.

As the pastors of St. John Lutheran Church, Pastor Elliott and I, in using the chasubles, are seeking to restore a bit more of the historic worship practice of the church. We hope that these chasubles help draw more attention to the work of Christ and to the blessings he so freely bestows upon us in his Supper.

Space has not allowed me to say all that can be said about the history and use of chasubles. If you would like more information on this subject, please feel free to email me at revcaithamer@stjohn-lcms.org or call me at the church. Next month, I plan to write about the meaning of the artwork that you see on each of the chasubles used here at St. John. Until then, the Lord bless you and keep you as you eagerly anticipate the glorious celebration of our Lord's resurrection from the dead!

To God alone be the glory!
Pastor Caithamer



Junior Confirmation for 2011 is May 1 at 2 PM. Please pray for these young people that they will remain steadfast in their confession of the Triune God and continue to follow the Word of Christ all of their lives and into the kingdom of heaven. The Questioning Session for this group will be Palm Sunday, April 17 at 9:30 in the church. All are invited.

Brendan	Matthew	Kody	Sierra
David	Tucker	Tyler	Will
Nathaniel	Alexander	CJ	Kate
Gyrenus	Jayden	Ali	
James	Jodie	Ma	
Paul	Nathaniel	Alexis	

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with you during Holy Week and Easter. Door hanger invitations are available on the table in the entry area of the sanctuary. Please take some and pass them out, especially to those you know who do not have a church home. You just might make an eternal difference in their lives.



Sunday School News
The following children had 80% or better Sunday School attendance for the winter quarter.

- * is for perfect attendance
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| Alexander | Paige |
| Ella | Aidan |
| Addison | Grace |
| Nicholas * | Billy |
| Jack | Kelly |
| Ella | Matthew |
| Addy | Allie , |
| Brian | Rachel* |
| Molly * | Andy * |
| Charlie | Nathaniel * |
| Aidan | Alexis |

To the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church, I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship money that I have recently received. This will help me accomplish my goal in continuing my education at Concordia University Chicago in becoming an elementary Lutheran school teacher. Thank you again and God Bless.
Spenser



Our Sunday School offerings for this year are going to help restore Trinity Church in New Orleans. It was damaged during the hurricane. We have sent \$618.80, so please continue to bring your offering for this mission offering.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to every one for their help in the collecting of Campbell soup points for the Lutheran Special Education Ministries in behalf of our Sunday School. In March a value of 3863 points in UPC codes, lids and a bonus certificate were packed and shipped for this mission. We will continue to collect the Campbell UPC code which must include the Campbell Boy or the proper icon on the label. The UPC code or better yet the entire label may be placed in the designated box in the coatroom. A list of eligible product labels is posted on the large bulletin board. Please keep those label points coming!!



PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Mary Martha ladies will have a hymn sing on Thursday, April 14 at 1:30. Please join us! Also mark your calendars for May 12 when we will have our Spring Luncheon which is for both men and women. More on this later.

Congratulations to the St. John Lutheran School Bible Bowl Teams:

5th Grade: Caity , Molly , Kelly , Connor , and Isabelle First Place	7th Grade: Rebekah and Thomas Third Place
6th Grade: Matthew , Chris, Allie , Allie , and Rachel First Place	8th Grade: Ben and Matthew Fourth Place



Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML will install their new officers at the April 18th meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. Join the Pastor as he blesses the 2010-2011 year, installs the officers, eats the goodies, and visits with everyone! There will be a terrific Devotion for the group and it will close out our year with the many blessing that God has provided for others through this group. Refreshments will be served!

The 34th Biennial LWML Convention is only two months away and its right here in Central Illinois. Registration information can be found online at www.lwml.org. You won't be disappointed coming to this event watching all the magnificent District banners enter the convention hall and spend time with thousands (really - thousands!!) of LWML sisters in Christ, "Being with Jesus - Living on the Edge". Go online and register now and - if you volunteer to work at the convention - you'll get a discount!

LWML is having the "first ever" LWML "Tee Up 4 Mites" Charity Golf Outing at WeaverRidge Golf Club in Peoria, Illinois on June 22, 2011, which is the day before the 34th Biennial LWML Convention convenes. This is open to the Public and is for both men and women.

Tee Time: 6:45a.m. (Shotgun Start)
 Format: Four Person Scramble
 Lunch: 12 noon after golf (Sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries Men's Network)
 Entry Fee: \$95 Donation (Tax Deductible as law allows)

Mulligans: \$5 each
 Door Prizes: Prizes for top three finishing teams, closest to pin, and longest drive

Refreshment Cars sponsored by Greater Peoria Group of Thrivent financial for Lutherans. Registration forms are on the narthex table. If you are not a golfer but would still like to support this event, you may become a Hole Sponsor for \$100 or a Prizes Sponsor for \$1000. For more information go to www.lwml.org/convention.

\$\$\$ ATTENTION ALL THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERAN MEMBERS \$\$\$

Policy holders of Thrivent may have Choice Dollars available to them each year. These funds can be directed to many Lutheran non-profit organizations, as well as to your congregation. St. John Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran School have been approved to receive your dollars. This is the second year of this new program from Thrivent; it is not a matching funds program. Your dollars are directly attributed to the business you have placed with Thrivent. There are easy to follow instruction cards on the narthex table and in the school office to help you. You may place your request on-line or by calling Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836. You may also designate to have your yearly gift to be sent to the same organization(s) ongoing. If you have any questions, please call your Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative.

From the Choir Director

Sun., April 3	8:00	Handbells
	10:45	Handbells (Prelude)
Wed., April 6	6:00	Handbells
Thur., April 7	5:00	Easter brass rehearsal
	6:00	Men's Choir
	6:45	Hallelujah Chorus Rehearsal?
	7:00	Mixed Choir
Sun., April 10	10:45	Mixed Choir (+Jane Mehlan, flute)
Wed., April 13	6:00	Handbells
Thur., April 14	5:30	Palm Sunday Instrumentalists Rehearsal
	6:00	Men's Choir
	6:45	Hallelujah Chorus Rehearsal?
	7:00	Mixed Choir
Sat., April 16	10:00	Palm Sunday Instrumentalists rehearsal
Sun., April 17	8:00	Men's Choir
Palm Sunday	10:45	Mixed Choir
Wed., April 20	6:00	Handbells
Thur., April 21	5:00	Brass
Maundy Thursday	6:00	Handbells & Mixed Choir
	7:15	Service
Fri., April 22	6:00	Men's Choir
Good Friday	7:15	Service
Sat., April 23	10:00	Hallelujah Chorus & Brass Rehearsal
Sun., April 24	6:00	Sunrise Service (+ Trumpets?)
	8:00	Mixed Choir and Alleluia Ringers
	10:45	Men's Choir

Wednesday, April 27

No rehearsals

Thursday, April 28

No rehearsals

Saturday, September 24 St. John Lutheran will be hosting the 2nd annual Music and Worship Workshop, sponsored by the Central Illinois District. Plan now to attend!

We are going to do something different with the Palm Sunday Processional this year and anyone who plays an instrument at any level of ability is invited and encouraged to participate. Be in touch with Keith Williams and he will provide you with some simple music to play.

For the past few years we have made the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah a part of our Easter Day celebrations. In order to do so however, we need far more treble voices than we have now. So in order to decide whether we will be able to sing the Hallelujah Chorus, I need commitment from willing volunteers who could attend brief rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:45pm in April. So please let Keith Williams know if you can come so we can figure out whether we will be able to continue this tradition. Thank you.



Our library is a very busy place, fun, but busy. On a typical Thursday afternoon, over 125 books are returned and over 125 new books are checked out. We recently had a friendly competition between our first and second grade classes. The goal was to return as many books as possible each week. For four weeks both classes tried very hard to remember to return their books and each week there was improvement! The second grade class did the best job and were the winners of all of my (Mrs. Craig) Boxtops for Education. Congratulations Mrs. Mihm's 2nd grade class! We have been blessed with additional parent volunteers in the library. Heather and Robert have assisted students on two Thursday afternoons. Their son, Nathan, is a first grade student in Mrs. Haase's class. Thank you very much Heather and Robert! The annual Books by the Bushel program, hosted by the Junior League, will be held April 15, 16 and 17 at Barnes and Noble. A "wish list" of books has been prepared that our library would LOVE to own. A percentage of your purchase will be donated by Barnes and Noble back to the participating schools. Books purchased for St. John will have a book plate placed in the book with the name of the donor, and if you would like, who the book is donated in honor of or perhaps, in memory of. During the first week of May all of the books received in this program will be displayed in the school office. We have added a new member to our Birthday Book Club! Long-time congregational member, Esther , celebrated her 90th birthday. Good friends Nellie , Gene and Jan , Bob, Wendy and Megan made a thoughtful donation in honor of Esther. Esther grew up on a farm near Springfield, Illinois and taught school in a one-room school house. Books chosen with Esther in mind, will be on display at Esther's birthday party, here at St. John, in April. Happy Birthday Esther!

Keep reading!
Ronda Craig, librarian

Funeral Service Preferences

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Favorite Bible Verse or Verses I would like used:

Hymns I would like sung:

Preferred Funeral Home

Interment

I would like memorials to be given to:

Other suggestions regarding funeral:

If interested, please fill out and either give a copy to the church or a family member, or both.

Vacation Bible School: June 13-17

Vacation Bible School planning time is already here!

We'll be meeting Monday April 18.

VBS volunteer sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you are able to help, please sign-up or talk to Faith Block.

We still need toilet paper tubes. A box is located in coat room.

Thank You Thanks to everyone for supporting the youth Lenten Dinners! We are well on our way to sending our youth out to grow in Christ this summer!

The Annual Youth Garage Sale will be April 15 and 16 in the gym. For a fee of \$2 per person, early buyers will have the first chance to buy on Friday evening from 5:00—8:00pm. (*Nothing* will be sold before 5:00pm on Friday). Then everyone can get in free to buy on Saturday, April 16, from 8:00am to 2:00pm, with a "bag sale" starting at noon. As you begin your spring-cleaning, please consider donating to the Garage Sale all of the valuable treasures that you no longer need. We appreciate items to be clean and in good working condition. You may bring donations to the gym stage from Sunday, April 10 through Thursday, April 14. No items may be accepted after Thursday. If you are dropping off during a school day, please come either before school starts or after school ends. All proceeds from this sale will be used to send our youth to the jr. high servant event at Camp CILCA and High School Youth to New York this summer.

GARAGE SALE



Mark your calendars now for the 9th Annual St. John Family Retreat! There is fun to be had for all ages on this retreat at Camp CILCA June 24-26 ! Plan now to attend! Registration Information is outside the church office.



St. John Family Retreat!



**WATCH THE YOUTH
FUNDRAISER CHART**

When you pass by the bulletin board by church office see the youths' fundraising chart. See how we are making it to our goal so we can send our youth out this summer to do their servant event programs.



April Youth Events

Sunday, April 10

LYF GROUP

More Information Coming Soon..

Fri-Sat April 15-16

Garage Sale

Set up begins Tuesday afternoon and continues through Thursday and Friday. Please come help whenever you can!! We need lots of hands to set up! Help during the sale and haul away leftover items after the sale. Please sign up on board by Church office.

Sunday, April 17
10:30- 12:00

LYF Meeting

Youth Room

Saturday, April 23
2:00—4:00 pm

Set Up Easter Breakfast

We need youth to help set up tables & chairs, decorate, and scramble dozens of eggs!! Please be there!

Sunday, April 24
5:30 am-

Easter Breakfast

We need help cooking and serving and cleaning up afterward. Please sign up to help for a shift. Thanks!

Mark Your Calendars:

June 10
8th Grade

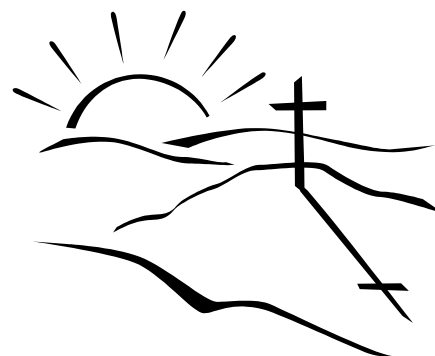
June 21-23
Jr. High Servant Event

June 24-26
Family Camp

July 8-16
Sr. High Trip to NY

Check out bulletin board by Church office for any registration or watch for information in bulletin.

All youth and their families are needed to help setup, cook, serve, and cleanup for the **Easter Breakfast**, to be served from 7 am to 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Set up is Saturday, April 23 at 2:00 pm. We will start cooking at 5:30 am, Easter morning. Sign up for a time that will allow your family to worship together. The proceeds will go toward sending our youth to the jr. high servant event at Camp CILCA and the High school servant event to New York.



Jr. High Servant Event

The Junior High Servant Event (for youth just finishing grades 6 – 8) is June 21-23 at Camp CILCA. Registration information is outside Church Office.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER SUNDAY !!!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



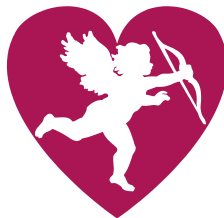
- 1 Alexander , Greg , Bob
- 2 Neal , Mary , Mary
- 3 Joel
- 4 Hannah , Gene , David
Rachel, Bonnie
, Preslee
- 5 Lucas , Kate , John
- 7 Jill , Michele
- 8 Dave , Judy , Tiernee
- 9 Cissy , Katie , Jim ,
Allie
- 10 Whitney
- 11 Tish, Jordan
- 12 Matthew , Micah
- 13 John
- 14 Chris
- 15 Douglas, Kathryn , Thomas
- 16 Andrew, Doris , Dylan
, Jamie
- 17 Beth , Sophie , Tyler ,
Zach , Betty , Meghan
, Victoria

- 18 Sue , Alexis, Cora
- 19 Kurt , Emily , Roger
, Virginia
- 20 Anne , Ella
- 21 Janine , Andrea
- 22 Colin, Monica, Blake, Kim
- 23 Marian , Maura , Jordan,
Anita
- 24 Paula , Lana , Jayne
- 25 Lea , Brenda , Doug , Kevin
, Jack
- 26 Jeff, Ashley, Brandon, Curt
, Noah, Nathan , Gladys
, Duane
- 27 Noelle
- 28 Andrea, Caity
- 29 Tom
- 30 Mel



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Mark & Susan (34)
- 3 Gary & Dee (29)
- 5 Earl & Dorothy
(59), Earl & Marlene
(53)
- 7 Kevin & Brenda (22)
- 8 Ellis & Vicki (33)
- 13 Marc & Linda (26),
Jim & Dot (59)
- 16 Elmer & Tami (17), Dan & Karen (23),
Randy & Anne (34)
- 20 Kendall & Brenda(9)
- 22 Philip & Donna (44), Bill & Kim (16)
- 24 Ed & Ann (56), Michael & Alice (40), Mark
& Colleen (35)
- 25 Robert & Karen (2)
- 29 Tom & Nancy (16)
- 30 Nick & Dee (11)



ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR MARCH



Sundays	8:00	10:45	Comm
Mar 6	240	183	158
Mar 13	199	183	n/a
Mar 20	209	131	169
Mar 27	n/a	210	151

Wednesdays	3:00	Comm	7:15	Comm
Mar 2			30	25
Ash Wednesday	122	93	140	95
Mar 16	109	77	91	77
Mar 23	71		64	
Mar 30				

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Devotions and Hymn-sing at Amber Glenn on the 10th & 24th</i>	<i>Church office 359-1123 School Office 359-1714</i>	<i>Pastors' Day off: Fridays</i>			1	2
3 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes 10:45 Divine Service I 3:00 District Bible Bowl	4 8:45 MOPS 2:15 Moms' Prayer Group	5 10:30 Adult Bible Class 6:30 School Board 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Fellowship Board	6 8:25 Chapel 3:30 Holy Communion 4:30 Lenten Dinner 5:45 Midweek School 5:45 Lifelight 6:00 Handbells 7:15 Holy Communion	7 8:30 Lifelight 12:30 Widow's Group 5:00 Easter Brass Rehearsal 6:00 Men's Choir 6:30 Lifelight 6:45 Hallelujah Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 Mixed Choir	8	9 8:00 Handymen 8:00 Craft Fair
10 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 Divine Service II 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes 10:45 Holy Communion LYF Groups TBA	11 2:15 Moms' Prayer Group 6:00 Finance Board <i>Ram Rebate orders due</i>	12 6:00 Elders 6:00 Parish Ed 7:00 Youth Board	13 8:25 Chapel 10:30 Adult Bible Class 3:30 Lenten Service 4:30 Lenten Dinner 5:45 Midweek School 5:45 Lifelight 6:00 Handbells 7:15 Lenten Service	14 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 Lifelight 1:30 Mary Martha 5:30 Palm Sunday Instrumentalists Rehearsal 6:00 Men's Choir 6:30 Lifelight 6:45 Hallelujah Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 Mixed Choir	15 5:00 Garage Sale <i>Ram Rebate pick up Market Day orders due</i>	16 8:00 Garage Sale 10:00 Palm Sunday Instrumentalists Rehearsal
<i>Garage Sale Set - Up</i>						
17 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class 9:30 Confirmation Questioning 10:30 LYF Leader Mtg. 10:45 Matins 1:00 Voters Meeting	18 8:45 MOPS 2:15 Moms' Prayer Group 6:30 LWML <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	19 6:00 Council	20 3:00 Market Day Sale 5:45 Midweek School 6:00 Handbells	21 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:25 Chapel 5:00 Brass 6:00 Handbells & Mixed Choir 7:15 Holy Communion	22 <i>Good Friday</i> 6:00 Men's Choir 7:15 Worship Service <i>School Closed Church Office closes at noon</i>	23 10:00 Hallelujah Chorus & Brass Rehearsal 2:00 Easter Breakfast Set-up
24 <i>Easter</i> 6:00 Sunrise Service 7:00 Easter Breakfast 8:00 Holy Communion 10:45 Holy Communion	25 <i>Church and School Closed</i>	26 6:00 Evangelism 6:30 PTF	27 8:25 Chapel 5:45 Midweek School 7:15 Holy Communion	28	29 <i>Ram Rebate pick up</i>	30 9:00 PTF Car Wash