

The Churchman

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"Together in Worship and Serving in Faith"

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"We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world."

Holy Week Worship Schedule 2010

Palm Sunday, March 28th

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Pasie I (in Slovak)
10:15 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion,
Procession with Palms and Dramatic
Reading of the Passion Narrative
Dorcas Society's "Coffee and..."
following services.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion,
Absolution, Foot-washing and
Stripping of the Chancel

Good Friday, April 2nd

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Pasie II (in Slovak)
(No Communion at this service.)
Please plan to attend Communion on
Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.)
7:00 p.m. Service of Darkness and
Passion Play: *Were you There?*

Easter Sunday, April 4th

The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:45 - 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Festival Liturgy of Holy
Communion *(No 8:15 a.m. service)*

IMAGES OF THE SEASON—EASTER

An informal survey of preachers shows that the sermon for Easter Day is widely regarded as the year's most difficult to prepare. Why is that? In part, no doubt, it has to do with the awareness that for many in the congregation it will be one of the two times they'll hear the gospel message all year. That awareness puts a great deal of weight on a few minutes of communication. But more likely it comes from the sense that the message of Easter is simply more than we know how to say.

Too Much to Bear

An old story reports that an actor once commented to a preacher that the difference between them was that actors speak of things that are not real as if they were, and preachers speak of things that are real as if they were not. That is probably an unfair assessment, but it does point to the difficulty not only of preaching but of speaking our faith in general, perhaps especially at Easter. The message of the resurrection, however firmly we may believe it, however real it may be to us, is extremely hard to communicate. It's a lesson preachers learn early in their homiletical careers. It's easy to find illustrations of sin and images of sorrow. It's even fairly simple to paint pictures of repentance and forgiveness. But resurrection and new life—those don't come so easily.

The problem, of course, is that resurrection is quite simply outside of our human experience. It is impossible, illogical, and thus, virtually inexpressible. How then do we speak of it? What images can convey resurrection in a way that does justice to its reality?

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:15 a.m. - Service of the Word (in Slovak)
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School and Children's Choir
9:30 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15 a.m. - Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English)

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays, April 14th, 21st and 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Articles for the May, 2010 congregational newsletter are due Sunday, April 4th. Thank you for being prompt!

The Fact of the Resurrection

Arguments—both scholarly and popular—over the nature of Jesus' resurrection revolve around the exact nature of the actual event. Some contend that a bodily raising—what one Anglican bishop called "tricks with bones"—is an insult to faith. Others have put their emphasis on the reality of the faith of the disciples. It doesn't matter exactly what happened, so says this approach, it's sufficient that it was something so radical as to change lives and produce faith.

While both of those views get around the intellectual difficulties in speaking of resurrection, they tend to prove the actor's contention: we are speaking of reality as if it didn't happen. The scriptural accounts of the events of Easter never try to explain anything. They simply state what happened: "that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:4). They offer no explanation, no apologetic use of experience. It is simply fact. And this is the foundation on which the faith of the apostles was built: on fact.

This fact, however, is of a remarkable sort. The risen Jesus appears within history, on ordinary days, in ordinary rooms where the disciples gathered to eat and to talk. Into this setting comes one who is human but is not limited by the normal conditions of time and space. He eats fish for breakfast but also enters rooms where doors are locked. He is just as always, but also completely different.

Easter for Us

Can we speak of that which is and make it real? Only in a limited way. But limitations are the point of this season: our human inadequacies cannot limit the glory of God. The risen Christ did not abandon his human body but rather glorified it. Any image we may use to speak of the resurrection will fail to do it justice. It is simply too great for us to communicate fully. But the paradox of the season is that even our poorest attempts can give some hint of the message of resurrection.

The crowning image of Easter is found there in the joining of human and divine, the promise that "this mortal body puts on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:54). It is an image that looks to its fulfillment at the end of time but is also made real here and now. It says that human life has become infinitely valuable, because the fact is that the Lord is risen!

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ESCAPE FROM THE TOMB (JN. 20:1-18)

by Barbara Brown Taylor

When I was a girl, I spent a lot of time in the woods, which were full of treasures for me. At night I lined them up on my bed: fat flakes of mica, buckeyes bigger than shooter marbles, blue jay feathers, bird bones and—if I was lucky—a cicada shell, one of those dry brown bug bodies you can find on tree trunks when the 17-year locusts come out of the ground. I liked them for at least two reasons.

First, because they were horrible looking, with their huge empty eye sockets and their six sharp little claws. By hanging them on my sweater or—better yet—in my hair, I could usually get the prettier, more popular girls at school to run screaming away from me, which somehow evened the score.

I also liked them because they were evidence that a miracle had occurred. They looked dead, but they weren't. They were just shells. Every one of them had a neat slit down its back, where the living creature inside of it had escaped, pulling new legs, new eyes, new wings out of that dry brown body and taking flight. At night I could hear them singing their high song in the trees. If you had asked them, I'll bet none of them could have told you where they left their old clothes.

That is all the disciples saw when they got to the tomb on that first morning -- two piles of old clothes. Mary didn't even see that much. She was too distraught. The moment she saw the door to the tomb standing wide open, she ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciples that Jesus' body had been stolen. They beat her back to the tomb and found that she was right, at least about his body being gone.

Only why would grave robbers have bothered to undress him first? Without even going inside, the beloved disciple could see the linen wrappings all lying in a heap. When Peter went inside, he saw more. The cloth that had been on Jesus' head was rolled up in a place by itself. Odd, that someone should go to all the trouble of rolling it up.

None of it was making any sense to them, John says, because no one who was there that morning understood the scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead. Still, when the beloved disciple followed Peter inside the tomb and saw the clothes lying there, he believed. Believed what? John does not say. He simply believed, and without another word to each other he and Peter returned to their homes.

The rest of the story belongs to Mary. She is the one who saw the angels. She is the one who saw the risen Lord, who had gotten himself some new clothes, incidentally. Someone recently pointed out to me that there is a naked gardener in this story somewhere. Either that or Jesus found the extra set of work clothes down by the fertilizer and the rakes. Peter and the beloved disciple saw none of this. They saw nothing but a vacant tomb with two piles of clothes in it. They saw nothing but emptiness and absence, in other words, and on that basis at least one of them believed, although neither of them understood.

Any way you look at it, that is a mighty fragile beginning for a religion that has lasted almost 2000 years now, and yet that is where so many of us continue to focus our energy: on that tomb, on that morning, on what did or did not happen there and how to explain it to anyone who does not happen to believe it too. Resurrection does not square with anything else we know about physical human life on earth. No one has ever seen it happen, which is why it helps me to remember that no one saw it happen on Easter morning either.

The resurrection is the one and only event in Jesus' life that was entirely between him and God. There were no witnesses whatsoever. No one on earth can say what happened inside that tomb, because no one was there. They all arrived after the fact. Two of them saw clothes. One of them saw angels. Most of them saw nothing at all because they were still in bed that morning, but as it turned out that did not matter because the empty tomb was not the point.

The tomb was just the cicada shell with the neat slit down its back. The living being that had once been inside of it was gone. The singing was going on somewhere else, which may be why Peter and the other disciple did not stay very long. Clearly, Jesus was not there. He could have stayed put, I guess, sitting there all pink and healthy between the two piles of clothes so that everyone could come in and see him, but that is not what he did.

He had outgrown his tomb, which was too small a focus for the resurrection. The risen one had people to see and things to do. The living one's business was among the living, to whom he appeared not once but four more times in the Gospel of John. Every time he came to his friends they became stronger, wiser, kinder, more daring. Every time he came to them, they became more like him.

Those appearances cinch the resurrection for me, not what happened in the tomb. What happened in the tomb was entirely between Jesus and God. For the rest of us, Easter began the moment the gardener said, "Mary!" and she knew who he was. That is where the miracle happened and goes on happening -- not in the tomb but in the encounter with the living Lord.

In the end, that is the only evidence we have to offer those who ask us how we can possibly believe. Because we live, that is why. Because we have found, to our surprise, that we are not alone. Because we never know where he will turn up next. Here is one thing that helps: never get so focused on the empty tomb that you forget to speak to the gardener.

—submitted by Pastor Lauritsen

Official Pastoral Rites. . .

Funerals:

John Skaritka, 86 year old husband of Ann, passed away on March 2nd. Funeral services for John were held at Sts. Peter and Paul on March 6th.

Paul Adler, 76 year old brother of Ruth Hurbanis, passed away on March 7th in Indiana. Funeral services for Paul were held at Hitzeman Funeral Home on March 11th.

Sue Stepanovic, 89 years old, passed from this life on February 8th in Chicago. A memorial service for Sue was held at Sts. Peter and Paul on March 12th.



Join the Congregation in Breaking the Fast of Lent at

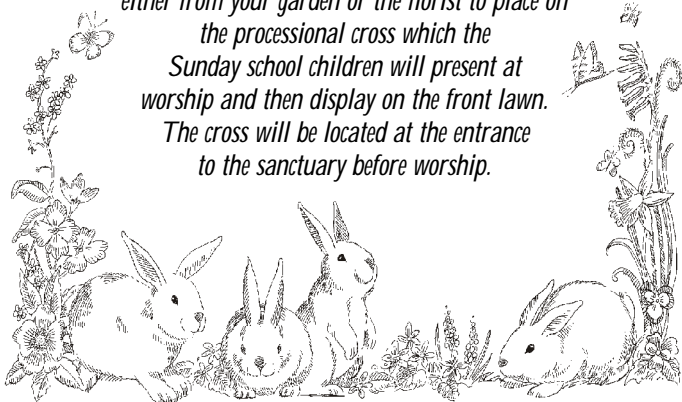
Easter Breakfast

on the Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 4th
8:45 - 10:00 a.m. in the dining hall,
hosted by the families of the Sunday school.

The free will offering at the breakfast will support our young people who will be participating in the Appalachian Service Project work camp in Tennessee for a week this coming August.

An Easter egg hunt for the children will follow the 10:30 a.m. liturgy.

Also on Easter Sunday please bring a few flowers either from your garden or the florist to place on the processional cross which the Sunday school children will present at worship and then display on the front lawn. The cross will be located at the entrance to the sanctuary before worship.



Sts. Peter and Paul Annual Mission Dinner 2010

Hosted by the Missions and Outreach Committee
of the Congregation.

Sunday, May 2nd, 2010
at 12:00 noon
following the 10:15 a.m. Service
(no 8:30 a.m. service)

Ticket Prices
Adults: \$8.00
Children (ages 6-12 years old): \$4.00
Children (age 5 and under): Free
Ticket sales begin on Sunday, April 11th.

Beneficiaries of the Dinner include
St. Thomas Hospice,
the Youth Group, and the
Appalachian Service Project.

New Members Sunday. . .

New members are now being registered for reception by the congregation on The Day of Pentecost, May 23rd, 2010. If you wish to make Sts. Peter and Paul your church home, please speak with Pastor Lauritsen, (708) 442-5250 or djlauritsen@sbcglobal.net.



New Arrivals. . .

Congratulations to John and Kelly McShane, and first-time grandparents, John and Linda McShane, Sr., on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Sarah (6 lbs., 6 oz) on February 24th in Beavercreek, Ohio, and Ken and Shirley Wood, first-time great-grandparents on the birth of their great-grandson, Samuel Joseph Simonetti (7 lbs., 7 oz.) on February 7th. We rejoice with the McShane and Wood families for these gifts of new life and offer our thanks and praise to God, the Author and Giver of all life.

Registration for our "Fun Through Learning" Summer Camp and Fall 2010 Preschool Program has begun. Brochures with our summer schedule for camp and various morning and afternoon programs for preschool are available in the revolving stand in the dining hall. For additional information, an application, or to make an appointment to see our facility, contact Karen in the office or speak with Donna Tuidor, Preschool Director.



**WORDS ABOUT WORSHIP:
WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE AGE FOR CHILDREN TO
PARTICIPATE FULLY IN HOLY COMMUNION?**

(Occasionally people raise questions regarding the reasons why we practice certain things the way we do in worship. Most recently several people have wondered about the appropriate age for full participation in Holy Communion. The following excerpt is taken from *The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament*, adopted for guidance and practice by the Fifth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, August 19, 1997. I also have in my study several sets of Communion preparation materials which I use with parents and children as well as adult candidates for Holy Baptism. Please let me know if you would be interested either in making use of these materials or reviewing them.—DJL)

The Holy Communion is given to the baptized.

Principle 37

Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized.

Application 37A

When adults and older children are baptized, they may be communed for the first time in the service in which they are baptized. Baptismal preparation and continuing catechesis include instruction for Holy Communion.

Background 37B

Customs vary on the age and circumstances for admission to the Lord's Supper. The age for communing children continues to be discussed and reviewed in our congregations. When "A Report on the Study of Confirmation and First Communion" was adopted, a majority of congregations now in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America separated confirmation and reception of Holy Communion and began inviting children to commune in the fifth grade. Since that time a number of congregations have continued to lower the age of communion, especially for school age children. Although *A Statement on Communion Practices* precluded the communion of infants, members and congregations have become aware of this practice in some congregations of this church, in historical studies of the early centuries of the Church, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and in broader ecumenical discussion.

Application 37C

Baptized children begin to commune on a regular basis at a time determined through mutual conversation that includes the pastor, the child, and the parents or sponsors involved, within the accepted practices of the congregation. Ordinarily this beginning will occur only when children can eat and drink, and can start to respond to the gift of Christ in the Supper.

Application 37D

Infants and children may be communed for the first time during the service in which they are baptized or they may be brought to the altar during communion to receive a blessing.

Application 37E

In all cases, participation in Holy Communion is accompanied by catechesis appropriate to the age of the communicant. When infants and young children are communed, the parents and sponsors receive instruction and the children are taught throughout their development.

Background 37F

Catechesis, continuing throughout the life of the believer, emphasizes the sacrament as gift, given to faith by and for participation in the community. Such faith is not simply knowledge or intellectual understanding but trust in God's promises given in the Lord's Supper ("for you" and "for the forgiveness of sin") for the support of the baptized.

Application 37G

When an unbaptized person comes to the table seeking Christ's presence and is inadvertently communed, neither that person nor the ministers of Communion need be ashamed. Rather, Christ's gift of love and mercy to all is praised. That person is invited to learn the faith of the Church, be baptized, and thereafter faithfully receive Holy Communion.

The age of first Communion may vary.

Principle 38

Common mission among the congregations of this church depends on mutual respect for varied practice in many areas of church life including the ages of first Communion.

Background 38A

"In faithful participation in the mission of God in and through this church, congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization—as interdependent expressions of this church—shall be guided by the biblical and confessional commitments of this church. Each shall recognize that mission efforts must be shaped by both local needs and global awareness, by both individual witness and corporate endeavor, and by both distinctly Lutheran emphases and growing ecumenical cooperation."

Background 38B

There is no command from our Lord regarding the age at which people should be baptized or first communed. Our practice is defined by Christ's command ("Do this"), Christ's twin promises of his presence for us and for our need, and the importance of good order in the Church. In all communion practices congregations strive to avoid both reducing the Lord's Supper to an act effective by its mere performance without faith and narrowing faith to intellectual understanding of Christ's presence and gifts. Congregations continually check their own practices and statements against these biblical and confessional guides.

Application 38C

Congregations of this church may establish policies regarding the age of admission to Holy Communion. They also may grant pastoral exceptions to those policies in individual cases which honor and serve the interdependence (*koinonia*) of congregations of this church.

Application 38D

Out of mutual respect among congregations, children who are communing members of a congregation of this church who move to a congregation with a different practice should be received as communing members (perhaps as a pastoral exception to the congregation's general policy). They and their parents also should be respectful of the traditions and practices of their new congregation. Even if transferring children have received education appropriate to their age in a former parish, the new congregation's program of instruction is also to be followed.

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April Happenings

Church Council Meeting
Thursday, April 8th, 7:30 p.m.

Slovak Athletic Association Meeting
Wednesday, April 14th, 1 p.m.

Myjavsky Group Meeting
Thursday, April 15th, 12:00 noon

Preschool Open House
Saturday, April 17th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

ASP "Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction" Fundraiser
Saturday, April 17th, 5-8 p.m. - Ascension Lutheran Church

Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 20th, 7 p.m.

Dorcas Society Meeting
Tuesday, April 27th, 12 noon

Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 27th, 7:15 p.m.

CODA meets weekly on Wednesday evenings
at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

AA Group meets weekly on Saturday evenings
at 7 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

Legends of the Game Volleyball meets every
other Monday, 6:30-9:00 p.m. beginning
January 4th through April 26th.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 1: Betty Mocek	Apr. 17: Olga Viskupova
Apr. 4: Anne Marie Drahos	Apr. 19: Dorothy Myers
Apr. 6: Krystina Gomez	Apr. 21: Anne Otjepka
Kathi Kostelancik	Apr. 22: Hannah Boike
Apr. 7: Iveta Boyanchek	Apr. 24: Jolana Babiar
Benjamin Myers	Paul Watkiss
Apr. 9: Christopher Boike	Apr. 26: Susan Pagurko
Apr. 10: Steve Ateca	Carol Triska
Apr. 11: Joshua Czerak	Apr. 27: John Hassel
Diane Ritacco	Apr. 29: Jereme Gaydusek
Apr. 13: Robert Kavicky	Laura Teter
Apr. 15: Susan Jones	Arden Kurhayez
Apr. 16: George Duczman	Courtney Kurhayez



**& Birthdays
Anniversaries**

April 9, 1988: Susan & Kelly Jones
April 23, 1949: Steve & Beverly Podzamsky
April 23, 1960: Janina & Steven Yezo
April 26, 1997: Virginia & Charles Gruntman
April 29, 1961: Jerome & Helen Gaydusek

April Scripture Readings

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 - Maundy Thursday
- John 18:1-19:42 - Good Friday
- Matthew 27:57-66 - Living in a Saturday world
- Luke 24:1-12 - Easter Sunday**
- Luke 24:13-49 - The gift of sight
- Acts 5:12-16 - Signs and wonders
- Acts 5:17-26 - Ragtag disciples
- Acts 5:27-32 - Following our convictions
- Psalm 118:14-29 - Deliverance from a tough spot
- Revelation 1:4-8 - Alpha and Omega
- John 20:19-31 - Second Sunday of Easter**
- Esther 7:1-10 - More than a coincidence
- Esther 8:1-17 - God's work, our hands
- Esther 9:1-5, 18-23 - Living faithfully in any land
- Acts 9:1-20 - Reprogramming the GPS
- Psalm 30 - Joy in the Lord
- Revelation 5:11-14 - Song of the Lamb
- John 21:1-19 - Third Sunday of Easter**
- Ezekiel 1:1-15 - The call of Ezekiel
- Ezekiel 1:26-2:1 - Ezekiel's commission
- Acts 9:19b-31 - Bold devotion
- Acts 9:36-43 - Restoring dignity
- Psalm 23 - Divine Shepherd
- Revelation 7:9-17 - Easter message
- John 10:22-30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**
- Mark 1:1-15 - Mark, Evangelist
- Ezekiel 37:25-28 - My people
- Acts 11:1-18 - Them and us
- Psalm 148 - Adore the Lord
- Revelation 21:1-6 - Beginning and end

Altar Flowers

Feb. 28th: In loving memory of beloved father +Eugene Gana+ on the anniversary of his death by remembering daughter Adrienne.

March 7th: In loving memory of +Martin Selecky+ on the anniversary of his birth, his parents +Mary+ and +Martin Selecky, Sr, and sister +Anna Dzurja+.

March 14th: In loving memory of parents +John+ and +Anna Kolarik+ and +Wynston+ by remembering daughter Anne Babinec.

Easter Lilies...

Easter lilies will be available for \$14.00 each for those who wish to place a lily in the chancel for the upcoming Easter celebrations. To order, please sign up on the sheet posted in the dining hall or call the church office. Deadline for ordering is March 26th. Please make your checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church.

Appalachian Service Project (ASP)
"Spaghetti Dinner with Silent Auction" Fundraiser
Ascension Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 17th, 5-8 pm

Tickets: \$10 Adults - \$5 Seniors/Children
Tickets available at the door.

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

Maundy Thursday, April 1st:

Greeters: Rose Tornil and Joan Triska
Acolytes: Jonathan Haase and Jake Collins
Assisting Minister: Lois Mika
Comm. Minister: Vicki Michaels
Lectors: Brandon Michaels & Sarah Michaels
Nursery Attendant: No nursery coverage
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

Good Friday, April 2nd:

Greeters: Ed and Joanne Sefara
Acolytes: Sara Watkiss and Nina Ritacco
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lectors: Phil Painter and Dot Myers
Cross-bearer: Charles Matthies
Nursery Attendant: No nursery coverage
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Paul Watkiss

Easter Sunday, April 4th:

Greeters: Donna Tuider and Ann Pennino
Acolytes and
Torchbearers: Nina Ritacco and Katie Melnyk
Crucifer: Isaac Lauritsen
Assisting Minister: Jan Hapgood
Comm. Ministers: Tom Michaels, Joan Triska and
Martin Pennino
Lectors: Jan and Janice Hapgood
Nursery Attendants: Olivia Lauritsen and Sarah Michaels
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Ann Pennino

April 11th:

Greeters: Steve and Beverly Podzamsky
Acolytes: Hannah Boike and Jessica Byrne
Assisting Minister: John Broussard
Comm. Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lectors: Isaac Lauritsen and Kristine Boike
Nursery Attendant: Danielle Kovack
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Paul Watkiss

April 18th:

Greeters: Mildred Melka and Steve Michael
Acolytes: Nathan Byrne and Jacob Czerak
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
Comm. Minister: Anne Otjepka
Lectors: John and Shirley Kostelny
Nursery Attendant: Kristine Boike
Ushers: Wally Kessler and John Broussard

April 25th:

Greeters: Kristine Boike and Anne Otjepka
Acolytes: Olivia Lauritsen and Isabelle Boike
Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
Comm. Minister: Dot Myers
Lectors: Gary and Jocelyn Drahos
Nursery Attendant: Isaac Lauritsen
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

Altar Care and Sacristan:
Fred Kuzel

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

May 2nd:

Greeters: Emil and Mildred Mendel
Acolytes: Alison Jones and Abby Collins
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino
Lectors: Tom and Lavinia Myers
Nursery Attendant: Carrie Boike
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Ann Pennino

May 9th:

Greeters: Betty Kany and Mildred Melka
Acolyte: Sarah Michaels
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Comm. Minister: Vicki Michaels
Lectors: Anne Otjepka and Karyn Bute
Nursery Attendant: Olivia Lauritsen
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

May 16th:

Greeters: Larry and Ruth Bakalich
Acolytes: Donovan Byrne and Charles Haase
Assisting Minister: Tom Michaels
Comm. Minister: Joan Triska
Lectors: John Broussard and Kristine Boike
Nursery Attendant: Sarah Michaels
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Paul Watkiss

May 23rd:

Greeters: Charles Matthies and Fred Kuzel
Acolytes: Olivia Lauritsen and Isabelle Boike
Assisting Minister: Lois Mika
Comm. Minister: Anne Otjepka
Lectors: Jane Lauritsen and Sheryl Hallmann
Nursery Attendant: Kristine Boike
Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

May 30th:

Greeters: Ramona Suffern and Shirley Wood
Acolytes: Nathan Byrne and Jacob Czerak
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
Comm. Minister: Dot Myers
Lectors: Joanne Sefara and Shirley Wood
Nursery Attendant: Kristen Kovack
Ushers: Wally Kessler and John Broussard

Altar Care and Sacristan:
Mildred Melka

Remember

If you are unable to keep your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement and call the church office with the change. Thank you.

We are in need of congregation members to serve as communion ministers. If interested, please speak with Pastor Lauritsen or a member of the Worship and Music Committee. Thank you.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

FOR THE CHURCH

In memory of George Joseph Hinlicky on the anniversary of his birth and in memory of Roy and Marie Lauritsen on the anniversary of their marriage, by Dennis and Jane Lauritsen and Family.

John and Annette Kozik, in memory of Ruth Hasselof.

Charlene Hassel, in memory of Joe Hassel.

Wally Kessler, in memory of Barbara Ray and Martha Borchardt.

In memory of Katherine Hodul on the anniversary of her passing, by loving son George Hodul and daughter Joyce Svancara, and their families.

Ken and Shirley Wood, with thanks to God on the birth of our great-grandson, Samuel Joseph Simonetti.

Suzanne Surak, in celebration of her 96th birthday.

Ann Kasper and Nancy Mathis, in memory of uncle and great-uncle, John Vymetal.

Club Myjava and County

IN MEMORY OF PAUL ADLER

Ruth and Richard Hurbanis, in memory of brother and brother-in-law.

Hans Jacobs, in memory of brother-in-law.

Jeff and Nancy Jacobs, in memory of uncle.

Milan and Anita Horak

Emil and Mildred Mendel

Anne Otjepka

Ray Bittner

Steve and Beverly Podzamsky

Anne Gavac

IN MEMORY OF SUE STEPANOVIC

The Step Family, in memory of mother.

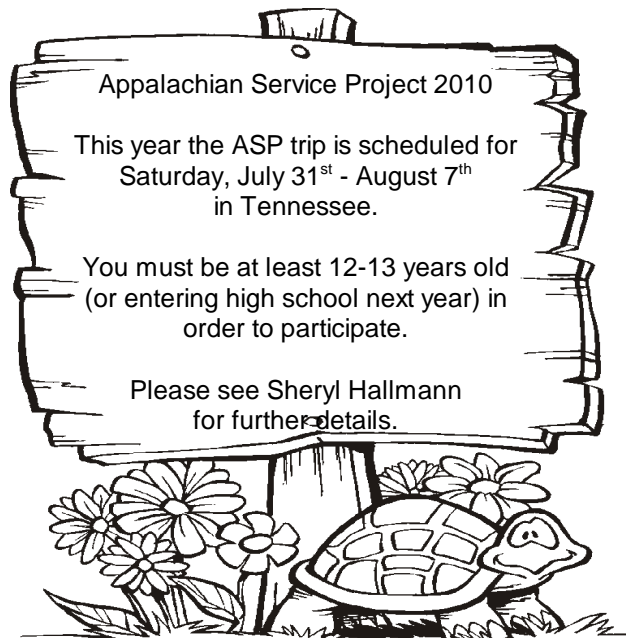
Ann Kasper and Nancy Mathis, in loving memory of aunt and great-aunt.

Judy Ferguson

Janet Ellen Sours

Edward and Joyce Svancara

Edwin and Adrienne Stevak



Appalachian Service Project 2010

This year the ASP trip is scheduled for
Saturday, July 31st - August 7th
in Tennessee.

You must be at least 12-13 years old
(or entering high school next year) in
order to participate.

Please see Sheryl Hallmann
for further details.

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Council Officers

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Council Members

Iveta Boyanchek	Susan Martinek
John Broussard	Charles Matthies
Sheryl Hallmann	Carol Melnyk
Jan Hapgood	Tom Michaels
John Kostelny	Paul Watkiss
Fred Kuzel	

Organizations/Committee Chairpersons

Community Life Committee	Martin and Ann Pennino
Dorcas Society	Deanna Oklepek/Emily Kostelancik
Finance Committee	John Kostelny
Ladies' Altar Guild	Susan Hrusik/Vera Borysek
Long Range Planning	Jan Hapgood
Maintenance	Jim Boyanchek
Missions and Outreach	Dan Tornil/Ramona Suffern
Mutual Ministry/Staff Support	Gary Drahos
Nominating Committee	Fred Kuzel
Social Ministry	Nick Sasuta/Joanne Sefara
Stewardship	Thomas Myers
Sunday School	Sheryl Hallmann
Worship and Music	Charles Matthies

Staff

Administrative Asst.	Karen Rouleau
Parish Musician	David Richards
Preschool Director	Donna Tuider
Preschool Assistant	Patty Stachnik

February, 2010



Attendance and Offering Report

Weekly Offering Needed for Budget: \$5,961.54

Date	Weekly Attendance	Plate Offering	Other Receipts*
2/7	105	\$3,217.00	\$ 3,372.00
2/14	104	\$2,957.00	\$ 280.00
2/21	93	\$3,228.00	\$ 541.20
2/28	78	\$2,026.00	\$ 231.00

*Includes memorials, tuition, flowers, etc.

February, 2010 average attendance: 95
February, 2009 average attendance: 93

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

The day of Resurrection,
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness.
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents,
May we hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail," and hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein,
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

-St. John Damascus

"The Unison Benediction"

(A Scottish Blessing)

May the blessing of light be on you—light without and
light within.
May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat
fire, so that the stranger and friend may come and
warm himself at it.
And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,
like a candle set in the window of a house,
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.
And may the blessing of the rain be on you,
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and
clean, and leave there a shining pool where the
blue of heaven shines and sometimes a star.
And may the blessing of the earth be on you,
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end
of the day.
And may it rest easy over you when, at last you lie
under it.
May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be
out from under it quickly, up and on its way to
God.
And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you
kindly.
Amen.

DIVORCECARE OFFERED AT ASCENSION

Ascension Lutheran Church in Riverside is offering a new outreach ministry which will meet weekly on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. through April 19th. The program is called *DivorceCare* and is for people who are separated or going through a divorce, and consists of thirteen individual sessions covering a variety of meaningful topics. Each session is "self-contained," so you can start or stop at any point. If you or any of your friends could benefit from this program, contact Mary Jean at the Ascension church office at (708) 447-2600 or Don Forney at (708) 447-8867 for additional information. Also, see the poster on the bulletin board in the dining hall. *DivorceCare* is nondenominational—all are welcome!

*"People are funny: they want the front of the bus,
middle of the road, and back of the church."*

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