

# The Churchman

Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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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."*

## Images of the Season—Easter

What image comes to mind when you think of Easter—Jesus getting up and walking out of the tomb? Actually, none of the resurrection stories gives a detailed description of what happened in the tomb, other than to say that the Crucified One was raised. We are not told that the hand of God reached into the tomb to jostle Jesus from his death sleep, or that the Holy Spirit came into the tomb to give him mouth to mouth resuscitation. Whatever happened in that tomb was something beyond human understanding. So the primary image for Easter is a profound absence: just the empty tomb itself.

Matthew gives additional details about the entombment of Jesus that enhance our understanding of the resurrection. He relates how the Jewish religious authorities requested that the tomb be sealed and that guards be posted, so that the body could not be stolen and the claim made that Jesus had been raised. Jesus became a prisoner of the tomb. But it is death itself, not the guards, who is the jailer. Fittingly, in the Easter hymn "Come, you faithful, raise the strain" (LBW 132) we sing that "Christ has burst his prison" (st. 2).

Of course the rolling away of the stone did not release Jesus from the tomb, for he had already been raised and gone ahead of the disciples to Galilee. In the resurrection Jesus transcended time, space, and death—those things that limit human existence. So the stone was not rolled away for Jesus, but for the disciples and for us. We need to see the evidence that the "right hand of the Lord has triumphed" (Ps. 118:16) in raising Jesus so that we might believe, and through believing "have life in his name" (John 20:31).

Jesus' victory over death is but a foretaste of God's final victory over death in the age to come. Isaiah anticipates God's ultimate defeat of death (25:7) when he speaks of God destroying "the shroud that is cast over all peoples" and swallowing up death forever. Death having been defeated, the only thing left for God's people to do is to throw a big celebration, replete with the best food and wine. Each repetition of the Lord's Supper anticipates the new life of the end-time, and the risen Lord comes again to share with us the gifts of eternal life in the bread and wine, which are his own body and blood.

Other images for the Easter season remind us that Jesus' victory over death was not for his sake alone—a divine tour de force—but was for us and for our salvation. Jesus' resurrection is the precondition for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). It is also the precondition for our new birth as God's sons and daughters destined to receive a permanent inheritance (1 Peter 1:4), and for our being ransomed from the ways of sin and death with Christ's own blood (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The good shepherd image of John 10 is also one that we associate with Easter, specifically, the fourth Sunday of Easter. Why Easter? The reason is that Jesus can only be our good shepherd insofar as he himself has conquered death. He lays down his life (that is, sacrifices himself) for his sheep, but he takes it up again, and he can share the power of eternal life with the sheep who hear his voice (10:10, 28). Only the one who has conquered death can be the guardian of God's sheep.

Jesus' victory over the grave is completed in the ascension and at the sending of the Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus ascends not just to another place, but to another age, the future reign of God where sin and death have no power. As the one who conquered death, Jesus ascends to take his rightful place in the dominion where the power of eternal life has full sway. Jesus takes his place in the future reign of God for us. He pours out his Spirit on the church to empower it for mission in the world (Acts 1:8), and through the sacramental means of grace—proclamation of the word, the meal of thanksgiving, and the cleansing and renewing bath—Jesus comes in the power of the Holy Spirit to incorporate us into the reign of God. The risen Lord, death's conqueror, gives us a share in what will be our future glory with him.

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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  
9:45 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal  
10:15 a.m. - Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English)

### **Choir Rehearsals**

Wednesdays, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### **Prayers for Peace**

First Wednesday of each month at  
St. Mary's Church, 12 noon

### **Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for articles for the June, 2011 issue of the congregational newsletter is Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

- |        |   |        |                                 |
|--------|---|--------|---------------------------------|
| May 1  | Anne Babinec<br>Pastor Lauritsen                                | May 19 | Sean Jones                      |
| May 5  | Henry Quest<br>Susan Waldman                                    | May 20 | Irene H. Boor                   |
| May 6  | Jonathan Drahos   | May 27 | Kristine Tuidor                 |
| May 7  | Charlene Patula<br>Mildred Skrha<br>Amalia Stanhibel            | May 28 | Edward Meksto<br>Timothy Sender |
| May 8  | Susan Hrusik  | May 29 | Thomas Myers                    |
| May 11 | Kerry Bute<br>Jake Collins<br>Karole Gaydusek<br>Jane Lauritsen | May 30 | Grace Ateca<br>Ireland Mitchell |
| May 13 | Joseph P. Hassel<br>Kenneth Hurbanis                            | May 31 | Judith Kozik                    |
| May 18 | Brian Bucz  |        |                                 |



- May 8, 1993: Christopher and Kristine Boike  
 May 8, 1971: Walter and Judith Cudecki  
 May 15, 2009: Jeffrey and Lisa Triska  
 May 23, 1993: Earl and Rita Mika, Jr.  
 May 25, 1968: John and Shirley Kostelny  
 May 28, 1995: Jennifer and Benjamin Smith  
 May 29, 1994: Jillian and James Collins

Sts. Peter and Paul  
Annual Mission Dinner 2011

**“Serving Others”**

Hosted by the Missions and Outreach Committee  
of the Congregation.

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011  
at 12:00 noon  
following the 10:15 a.m. Service  
(no 8:30 a.m. service)

Ticket Prices  
Adults: \$10.00  
Children (ages 6-14 years old): \$4.00  
Children (age 5 and under): Free  
Ticket sales begin Sunday, May 1st  
and are available from members of the  
Missions and Outreach Committee.

**New Members Sunday. . .**

New members are now being registered for reception by the congregation on The Day of Pentecost, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If you wish to make Sts. Peter and Paul your church home, please speak with Pastor Lauritsen, (708) 442-5250 or [djlauritsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djlauritsen@sbcglobal.net).



**Dorcas Society News. . .**

Dear Friends,

Please be sure to mark your calendar for our Annual Craft Fair scheduled for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. More information is coming in future issues.

Please join us at our next meetings on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> at noon. We'd love to have you.

Emily Kostelancik  
President



**We receive thanks. . .**

To the Congregation of Sts. Peter and Paul,  
Thank you so much for your kind words, thoughts and prayers; your cards, calls, visitation to the wake and funeral; and memorial donations to the church in our dad's (Martin Pennino) memory. Your outpouring of love and support for our family during this most difficult time is greatly appreciated. Our dad was truly a "gentle" man and we will miss him dearly, but we have many good memories and know that through our faith in God he is in a better place.

—Sincerely, Martin and Ann Pennino



*Support the youth who want to help the people  
in need within the Appalachian area of our country.*

WHERE: STS. PETER & PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 31ST AND DESPLAINES AVENUE, RIVERSIDE  
 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
 DONATION: \$5.00 PER CAR  
 \*\*\*\*\*RAFFLE DRAWING 6 TICKETS FOR \$5.00\*\*\*\*\*  
 SATURDAY MAY 14, 2011

## May Happenings

### Slovak Athletic Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm.

### Ladies' Altar Guild Meeting

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon

### Woodwind Quintet Concert

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.

### Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

### Myjovsky Group Meeting

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon

### Church Council Meeting

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

### Annual Mission Dinner

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 noon

### Preschool Graduation

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

### Dorcas Society Meeting

Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 12 noon

### Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**RCA** (Recovering Couples Anonymous) meets weekly on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Friendship Room

### Preschool News...

It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks our 13<sup>th</sup> year of preschool will come to an end. On May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., nine preschoolers will graduate from the stage in the dining hall. A small reception will follow the graduation.

This year on May 24<sup>th</sup> we are having an end of the year Pizza Party here in our dining hall. Everyone is really looking forward to this - even Miss Patty and I!

Summer Camp begins on June 21<sup>st</sup> and sign up continues. Please continue saving Campbell Soup products and thank you for helping our preschool through the Campbell Soup label program.

Have a happy, safe, and relaxing summer.

Donna Tuider  
Preschool Director/Teacher

For more information, news, photos and sermons, visit us on the web at:

## Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> the congregation will remember in prayer and recognize those members of Sts. Peter and Paul who are completing courses of study and graduating this spring from eighth grade, high school, college, graduate and professional schools, and completing residencies. We would like to have a complete list of the names of our graduates, the schools from which they are graduating, and a little about their future plans-all of which could be included in the Sunday bulletin and summer issue of the newsletter. Please speak with Pr. Lauritsen or Karen Rouleau if you know of graduates and can provide some information. We also would hope that as many of our graduates as possible could be present at worship that Sunday.

### Appalachian Service Project 2011 Trip

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - June 18<sup>th</sup>

### WOODWIND QUINTET CONCERT

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:30 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary. More details to follow in the Sunday bulletin as they become available.



### A MOTHER'S LOVE

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain, It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain, It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . . It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . . It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . . It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation . . . A many splendored miracle man cannot understand And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand. . .  
...Helen Steiner Rice

**A Well Story Turns Love Story**  
**A sermon for the Third Sunday in the Lent, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42**

*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. . . but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

What happens this morning at Jacob's well is just one of several "well stories" from the Bible that eventually turn into "love stories" from the Bible. Maybe you remember some of these "well stories" turned "love stories."

In Exodus 2, a Hebrew boy, on the run from an Egyptian Pharaoh, meets an exotic girl at a well in Midian just east of Egypt. Remember, Moses met Zipporah while she and her sisters were fetching water for their father's flock. When some young shepherds came and chased the girls away, Moses, like a real gentleman, came to the rescue and even watered his future father-in-law's sheep for the seven lovely sisters. When the girls' father heard about the Egyptian hero, he decided to give one of his daughters to Moses in marriage. A Jewish boy meet an exotic girl, and a love story is sure to follow.

Something similar happens much earlier in Genesis 29 when Jacob, fleeing for *his* life, stops at a well in the country of his ancestors, "the people of the east," and, at "high day," meets his future wife, Rachel while she is watering *her* father's sheep. See, a Jewish boy meets a not-so-exotic girl at a well, and a love story is sure to follow.

What happens this morning at Jacob's well between Jesus and the Samaritan woman all begins in Genesis 24 when Abraham sends a servant off to the old country to find a wife for Isaac. The servant comes to a well in the city of Nahor where he meets Rebecca, future wife of Isaac, who just happens to be his second cousin.

In the "well-story-turned-love-story" which we have before us this morning, the Jewish rabbi Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well where "Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud." But, of course, we all know that there can be no romance going at this well, that there will be no "love story" this time around in this "well story." Well, maybe we'd better take a closer look. After all, this is the longest recorded conversation that Jesus has with anyone anywhere. He talks longer with this foreign woman than he does with any one of his disciples, any one of his accusers, even any one of his own family.

You may also have noticed some peculiarities about this very long conversation. Number one, Jesus is alone at the well. You would expect that at least one of the disciples would have stayed to keep him company; but no, all twelve of them need to traipse off to buy lunch.

Number two, we read that Jesus conveniently forgot his little leather bucket and rope which any sensible traveler in that part of the world would have used to draw water from a well. So, if Jesus is going to get a drink, he will have to depend on someone else to give it to him. You see how the story is getting set-up.

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Number three, and perhaps most peculiar, is that Rabbi Jesus initiates a conversation with a woman, and not just any woman, but a Samaritan woman, something truly scandalous and taboo at the time. In Jesus' day, women were not even allowed to worship with men, whose morning devotions included the prayer, "Thank God that I am not a woman." Women were not to be seen or heard in public, especially not by holy men who refused to speak even to their own wives in public. In fact, one pious group of men was known as "the bruised and bleeding Pharisees" because they closed their eyes when they saw a woman coming down the street, even if it meant banging into a wall and bloodying their noses. But, not only is she a she, the woman at the well is also a Samaritan which, as far as the Judeans were concerned, made her not only a half-breed but a full-pagan. To make matters even worse, not only is she a she and a Samaritan, she is also a woman "with a past" as we used to say. Respectable women came to the well in the mornings and the evenings while it was still cool when they could greet each other and talk about the daily news, no doubt, including the latest escapades of this woman. The fact that she comes to the well at noon was a sure sign that the woman was probably not welcome at the morning meeting of the Riverside District #96 PTA.

As Jesus could clearly see, the woman had been married almost as many times as Zsa Zsa Gabor who holds the record in Hollywood at nine. So, the woman must have been very surprised when she comes in the heat of the day and sees a strange man sitting alone beside the well with no water pouch. She sees his olive skin, his dark eyes, his strong nose; and she perceives that he is no Samaritan but a Judean. And we figure this has to be *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* all over again. Utterly taboo. Socially unacceptable. Downright scandalous.

"How dare you, a Judean, ask me, a Samaritan woman for a drink?" And just to make sure that we get the point, the narrator of John says that Judeans and Samaritans have a past about as shameful and painful as black and white in America. Judeans and Samaritans have a shared history, a shared ancestry, a shared religion, and yet so many centuries of bad blood between them that they can't even go to church together.

So, the stage is set for scandal and intrigue at Jacob's well. The Word that became flesh will go anywhere and cross every boundary to reveal itself. But, of course, we all know that there could be no romance going on at this well, that there could be no wedding in the making at this well. However, this is John's Gospel, and we remember that it all began with a wedding at Cana in Galilee, chapter 2, when water was changed to wine. After all, John the Baptist has just rung the wedding bells in chapter 3 when he calls himself the best man for the bridegroom who will soon appear.

You see, this story, with its "living water," was likely used by the early church at baptisms. Here in Samaria, as at baptism, Jesus is crossing major barriers to reach this woman, which would suggest that in Holy Baptism there *is* a marriage taking place—a love story

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between Christ and his bride the Church—a marriage which eventually will include both Jews and Samaritans as well as us Gentiles. Martin Luther speaks of baptism as “a joyful exchange” between Christ and his bride the Church when he writes that “The third incomparable benefit of faith is that it unites the soul with Christ as a bride united with her bridegroom. By this mystery, as the apostle teaches, Christ and the soul become one flesh [Ephesians 5:31-32]. And if they are one flesh and there is between them a true marriage . . . it follows that everything they have they hold in common, the good as well as the evil. Accordingly, the believing soul can boast about and glory in whatever Christ has as though it were his own . . .”

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The “well story” of Jesus and the Samaritan woman turns out to be a “love story” after all. For only One who loves you truly knows you as you are and not as you pretend to be. Only One who loves you knows your deepest desires. Only One who loves you can look at your past without batting an eye.

Curiously, in John’s Gospel, the crucifixion happens at “high day,” and once more Jesus asks for a drink. With this drink, given him on the cross, Jesus’ marriage to humanity is complete. Who’s the bride? We are the bride, the Church, all who come adorned as a bride to meet the bridegroom.

“For while we were still weak,” Christ died with us in our wilderness, that we might be one with him and he with us, one flesh, joined in this life and whatever life might come after this, “for richer or poorer, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, so long as . . . ,” well, so long as he lives and reigns with the Father and Holy Spirit.

### May Scripture Readings

1. **John 20:19-31 - Second Sunday of Easter**
2. 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 - Philip and James, Apostles
3. 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 - From pitiful to hopeful
4. 1 Corinthians 15:19-28 - Resurrection? Really?
5. Acts 2:14a, 36-41 - It’s for you
6. Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 - Payback time
7. 1 Peter 1:17-23 - Not abandoned
8. **Luke 24:13-35 - Third Sunday of Easter**
9. Exodus 24:1-11 - God’s picnic
10. John 21:1-14 - How’s the fishing?
11. Acts 2:42-27 - God’s glory
12. Psalm 100 - To know God
13. 1 Peter 2:19-25 - For the other
14. Acts 1:15-26 - Matthias, Apostle
15. **John 10:1-10 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**
16. Ezekiel 34:17-23 - For the least of these
17. 1 Peter 5:1-5 - Taking charge
18. Hebrews 13:20-21 - Blessing and benediction
19. Acts 7:55-60 - Breaking cycles of hatred
20. Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 - The enemy within
21. 1 Peter 2:2-10 - Building a spiritual house
22. **John 14:1-14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**
23. Acts 7:17-240 - Speaking truth to power
24. Acts 7:44-56 - A dead end
25. Proverbs 3:5-12 - Follow the leader
26. Acts 17:22-31 - A big God
27. Psalm 66:8-20 - The promise and problem of prayer
28. 1 Peter 3:13-22 - Led to a loving God
29. **John 15:15-21 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**
30. Psalm 47 - Behold God’s handiwork
31. Luke 1:39-57 - Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

### From the Worship and Music Committee. . .

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Lutheran Choir of Chicago concert on March 19, 2011. We also appreciate those who brought refreshments to serve at the post-concert reception, and also those who assisted with the set-up, serving, and clean-up for the reception. The Lutheran Choir of Chicago graciously offered to split the donations received during the free will offering with us, so our church was given \$150.00 for our efforts. We trust that everyone who attended enjoyed the music and the refreshments and fellowship afterward.

A big “thank you” goes out to everyone who prepared and served the soup prior to each of our Lenten Wednesday Evening Prayer services. We also thank those who served as music leaders during the services.


We also want to thank those members who participated in our Holy Week and Easter services and helped make them meaningful. We especially want to thank Dale Hawes for directing our youth in the presentation of the Passion Reading for the Palm Sunday liturgy, and also Jane Lauritsen and Kristine Boike for the performances of our children’s choirs.

As always, we give thanks to God for both Pastor Lauritsen and Parish Musician David Richards, and ask him to bless them for their inspirational leadership of our Lenten and Holy Week services.

Our summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> as follows:

- Service of the Word (in Slovak), 8:15 a.m.
- Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English), 9:15 a.m.

*Charles Matthies*  
Worship and Music



**The Ultimate Sacrifice**  
**A Memorial Day Poem**


We set aside Memorial Day  
Each and every year

To honor those who gave their lives  
Defending what we hold dear.

In all the dark and deadly wars,  
Their graves prove and remind us,  
Our brave Americans gave their all  
To put danger far behind us.

They made the ultimate sacrifice  
Fighting for the American way;  
We admire them and respect them  
On every Memorial day.

...*Joanna Fuchs*



## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### May 1<sup>st</sup>:

Greeters: Emil and Mildred Mendel  
 Acolytes: Abby Collins and Jake Collins  
 Assisting Minister: Lois Mika  
 Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino  
 Lectors: Paul and Carrie Watkiss  
 Nursery Attendant: Kristine Boike  
 Ushers: Wally Kessler and Ann Pennino

### May 8<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Betty Kany and Mildred Melka  
 Acolytes: Nina Ritacco and Sara Watkiss  
 Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss  
 Comm. Minister: Shirley Wood  
 Lectors: Karyn Bute and Emily Kostelancik  
 Nursery Attendant: Olivia Lauritsen  
 Ushers: Joan Triska and Carol Melnyk

### May 15<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Larry and Ruth Bakalich  
 Acolytes: Isabelle Boike and Carrie Boike  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Michaels  
 Comm. Minister: Vicki Michaels  
 Lectors: Charles Matthies and Phil Painter  
 Nursery Attendant: Hannah Boike  
 Ushers: Wally Kessler and John Broussard

### May 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Greeters: Charles Matthies and Fred Kuzel  
 Acolytes: Jonathon Meyers and Jacob Czerak  
 Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels  
 Comm. Minister: Sandi Spilotro  
 Lectors: Gary and Jocelyn Drahos  
 Nursery Attendant: Sarah Michaels  
 Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

### May 29<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Ramona Suffern and Shirley Wood  
 Acolytes: Jonathan Haase and Charles Haase  
 Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies  
 Comm. Minister: John Broussard  
 Lectors: Dale Hawes and Mary Sordel  
 Nursery Attendant: Kristen Kovack  
 Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

*Sacristan and Altar Care:*  
 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.

**Please note there will be no 8:15 a.m. service on Sunday, May 1st.**

## JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### June 5<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Tad and Cathy Dabrowski  
 Acolytes: Sarah Michaels and Rachel Michaels  
 Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels  
 Comm. Minister: Joan Triska  
 Lectors: Shirley Wood and Jane Lauritsen  
 Nursery Attendant: Danielle Kovack  
 Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

### June 12<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: Steve and Beverly Podzamsky  
 Acolytes: Katie Melnyk and Hannah Boike  
 Assisting Minister: John Broussard  
 Comm. Minister: Anne Otjepka  
 Lectors: John and Shirley Kostelny  
 Nursery Attendant: Carol Melnyk  
 Ushers: Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

### June 19<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: John and Shirley Kostelny  
 Acolytes: Abby Collins and Jake Collins  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Myers  
 Comm. Minister: Tom Michaels  
 Lectors: Keith Altavilla and Jan Hapgood  
 Nursery Attendant: Vicki Michaels  
 Ushers: Wally Kessler and John Broussard

### June 26<sup>th</sup>:

Greeters: William Boor and Irene Boor  
 Acolytes: Isabelle Boike and Carrie Boike  
 Assisting Minister: Lois Mika  
 Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino  
 Lectors: Anne Otjepka and John Broussard  
 Nursery Attendant: Hannah Boike  
 Ushers: Wally Kessler and Ann Pennino

*Sacristan and Altar Care*  
 Anne Otjepka and Esther Meksto

### March, 2011



Attendance and Offering Report

### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering Recap

*Budgeted Offering: \$3,219.00*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weekly Attendance</u>	<u>Offering Received</u>
3/6	85	\$3,429.50
3/13	92	\$4,420.00
3/20	94	\$3,162.20
3/27	87	\$2,163.50

March, 2011 average attendance: 90  
 March, 2010 average attendance: 108

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### FOR THE CHURCH

Charles Matthies, in memory of parents +Ted+ and +Betty Matthies+ in commemoration of the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding.

Betty Bagel and children Jean Bagel, Ann Bagel and John J. Bagel, in memory of beloved husband and father +John Bagel+

In celebration of Jolana Babiar's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday by daughter Vera Ann Borysek and grandson John.

In memory of +Samuel Babiar+ by daughter Vera Ann Borysek and grandson John.

In memory of +Kristine+ and +Joseph Maresh+ and +Ed+ by goddaughter Vera Ann Borysek.

In memory of +John Oklepek+ by his family Wayne, Roy and Lana Oklepek along with their children Kayla and Courtney, and brother Milan.

Mary Jo and Scott Meyers and Family, in memory of father and grandfather +Joseph Vandlik+

Ruth Shintay, in memory of father +Rev. John Body+ Kenneth and Carol Morydz, in memory of father +Steve Boor+ Gary and Janice Small, in memory of mother +Suzanne Janovic Bartizal+ and grandmother +Zuzanna Janovic Pribula+

Joan Mikulina and Betty Buffa, in loving memory of +Elizabeth Mikulina+ on her birthday.

Joan Mikulina and Betty Buffa, in loving memory of +John Mikulina+ on the anniversary of his death.

In memory of mother and grandmother +Katherine Hodul+ by remembering family, George, Joy and Pamela Hodul.

Mildred Londak and Family, in memory of dear husband and father +Martin Londak+ on the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

Mildred Londak and Family, in memory of dear mother +Anna Licko+ on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death.

Peter and Sandi Spilotro, in memory of +Martin Pennino+

### IN MEMORY OF +ELIZABETH (BETTY) YURIK+

The Yurik and Perek Families, in memory of mother

George Hodul and Family, in memory of aunt

Bob and Betty Babyar, in memory of cousin

Steve and Beverly Podzamsky

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### Church Signs

God's alphabet has only four letters between I and U; L-O-V-E.

Can't sleep. Try counting your blessings.

Experts made the *Titanic*. Amateurs made the ark.

Got Jesus? It's hell without Him.

—submitted by Jan Hapgood

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**It's That Time Again For.....  
CLC Bunco Night**



**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

sloppy joes, chips, dessert &  
beverage

**Cost: \$10.00**

Tickets available from

Beverly Podzamsky, Joan Triska,  
& Donna Tuider.

Tickets on sale – May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>

**Tickets are not available at the door  
All profits will be donated to the Church General Fund**

**YOUR OFFERING  
IS AN OPPORTUNITY**

Consider some simple facts. Did you know, for example, that one-sixth of everything Jesus is reported to say in the New Testament concerns the relationship of a person to his or her material possessions? And one-third of all Jesus' parables are about this matter. The use and misuse of the world – of possessions, of physical things and of people – the use and misuse of the world we have been given by God to live in and with is what the history of salvation is all about. It's the matter of stewardship.

Let's not fool ourselves about stewardship, because if we do we will be fooling ourselves about the Gospel itself, about the very promise of salvation itself.

Stewardship is not tipping God. To toss God a tip, a little change from the excess of our lives, whether of money or time, is a little like tossing a bone to a dog who is looking for meat. If you find that your giving to God is being done in this spirit, then reconsider.

Stewardship is not just paying the bills. It's not a matter of meeting the church's obligations to the electric company and paying salaries. Our gifts honor the Lord and are an expression of our love.

While the church budget is important, our offering is an opportunity for us to truly *thank* our Heavenly Father for all He has given us. If we give in relation to what we've received, there will always be plenty to pay the bills, too.

In giving we receive. Stewardship is faithfully handling the possessions God has provided and regularly giving a worthy portion to support the ministry of His church. Have you ever met anyone who really had his "heart set to give," who did not testify that he or she was the one who benefited by the giving? It is in the giving that we truly receive.

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