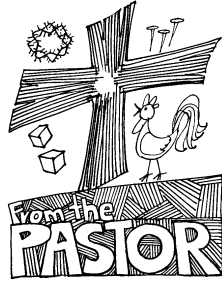


Dear Partners in Ministry,

I've been thinking about Lent and what it means and why it is a special time of the church year. Recently, I've heard people say that things are tough enough without adding more gloom and talk of denial and ashes. I don't know about you, but I have had enough of cold and snow and gray days. I don't need more gloom either. So what do we do about lent?



Another way of looking at it is to consider that Lent is about the lengthening of the days and preparation for the astounding miracle of Easter and the resurrection. Lent is about focus and getting back to the basics and sharpening something that you obsess about, let it go. If there is something you should be doing to make life better for those in need, do it. And most of all, know that each day the light grows, each day the sun shines longer, each day leads us to Easter. By Easter Sunday, there will be new life and new hope.

At St. Philip's, we prepare for Easter by walking the paths of Lent. We begin remembering our own mortality on Ash Wednesday. Each Sunday we will experience a new path, some tough like the path to the wilderness and some tougher like the path to Jerusalem. All of our paths lead us to the path to new life and rebirth and resurrection. Our special offering will be for Habitat for Humanity which will begin with the path home.

All are welcome on the journey. We have good companions to travel with and we have the one and only, ultimate guide in Jesus Christ. It only gets better and better from here.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sue

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
Joint Neighborhood Ministry wants to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of our ministry. Your assistance means so much to us. Without your support, we would not be able to lend a helping hand to as many families as we do each month.



Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your in-kind donation of personal care items, food, clothing, sandwiches, baby items, kitchen items, blankets, school supplies, during 2009 calendar year. Your donation made an immediate difference in the lives of the families we serve.

Thank you from Joint Neighborhood Ministry staff, volunteers, and the neighbors we serve. You are making a difference!

Sincerely,

(signed)

Alisha Robinson, Food Pantry Coordinator

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our shut-in Walt Miller, and Virginia Hladnick who had surgery on February 19th at St. Clare Hospital.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On February 28th, we welcome two representatives from St. Louis Habitat for Humanity. One is Jim Kennedy, one of our house leaders and the other is a Habitat staff person, Josh. Please stay for a short program after worship. The Habitat Blitz Build for our UCC house will start in April. Watch for a sign-up sheet to volunteer. On February 28th, banks will be distributed to both the children and adults in our congregation so that we can put our loose change (and maybe some paper money) in them each day during Lent. Last year we had a good group of volunteers to work on the house in June. Our goal this year is to have an even larger group!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

There are still some Lenten Devotionals available on the credenza in the gathering space if you care to have one for the season.

HARDEE'S FUND RAISER

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Hardee's Fund Raiser. We haven't gotten the results as yet but we should hear before too much longer.

50+ GROUP

The March activity for the 50+ Group will be our annual pilgrimage to O'Leary's for their corned beef and cabbage dinner. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. All are welcome to join us.

BULLETIN BOARD



Be sure to check the bulletin board each week after worship to see what is going on in the near future and also to sign-up for liturgist, children's time and the welcoming team and any event you might want to attend. It helps the committees a lot when they know how many to plan on, etc.

TRIVIA NIGHTS

The Trivia Nights for this year's event are Friday, March 12th and Saturday, March 13th. The best way to support our Trivia Nights is to get together a table of 8 for \$100 and come and play! If you cannot make it, but would still like to support the church with this fund raiser, you can donate gift cards to use as prizes at Trivia Night.

We ask that you purchase gift cards in \$10 increments at the following businesses:

Borders
Friday's
Kohl's

Olive Garden
Saint Louis Bread Co.
Target

When you purchase the cards, please place them in a sealed envelope with your name, the amount of the card, and the store or restaurant where the gift card was purchased. Please give these cards to Shirley Nottelmann in the church office and she will get them to the Trivia Committee. Thank you so much for your support.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On Wednesday, March 17th, there will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner at St. Philip's followed by a short worship service centered on the life and work of, guess who, St. Patrick. Please sign up so we know how much to make. Everyone is welcome, there will be hot dogs for the children. We will start at 6:30 p.m.



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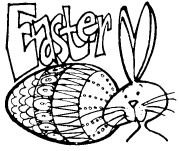
SAVE THE DATE! Mother-Daughter Luncheon is set for July 10, 2010.



NEW BIRTHS

Congratulations to Jeff and Kari Gutjahr on the birth of Dylan Jeffrey born Saturday, February 6th at 3:44 p.m. weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 20 ½ inches long. He joins his sisters Chloe and Madeline. The proud grandparents are Gary and Cathy Gutjahr.

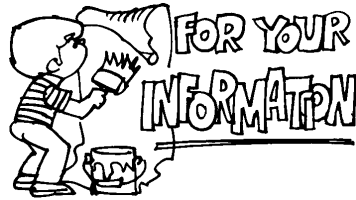
EASTER EGG HUNT



This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3rd. We will need wrapped candy to put in the Easter Eggs for that day. So if you see candy on sale you might want to start buying it now if you'd like to contribute.

COMING EVENTS

- March 1 Bible Study 9 am
- March 2 Bell Choir 7 pm
- March 3 Choir 7 pm
- March 4 Yoga 6:30 pm
- March 7 E & R traditional Communion
- March 8 Bible Study 9 am
Council 7 pm
- March 9 Bell Choir 7 pm
- March 10 Free Lunch – noon
Choir 7 pm
- March 11 Yoga 6:30 pm
- March 14 Birthday Sunday
- March 15 Bible Study 9 am
- March 16 Bell Choir 7 pm
Women's Fellowship - Ricardo's
- March 17 Outreach Ministry 10 am
Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner 6:30 pm
Choir (after dinner)
- March 18 Yoga 6:30 pm
- March 20 50+ Group – O'Leary's for dinner
- March 21 Habitat for Humanity offering collected
- March 22 Bible Study 9 am
Crier articles due
- March 24 Choir 7 pm
- March 25 Yoga 6:30 pm
- March 29 Bible Study 9 am
- March 30 Bell Choir 7 pm
- March 31 Choir 7 pm



COMMUNITY EVENTS (see bulletin board for details)

- March 5 and 19 – Fish Fry Dinners – St. Johns Evangelical UCC Church – Mehlville – 4-7 p.m. – jack salmon, cod, shrimp, frog legs - \$9 adults, \$5 children 12 and under
- March 20 – Wurstmarkt – Saint Paul UCC – 3510 Giles at Potomac – 4-6:30 p.m. – adults \$9, children 5-11 yrs \$4.00, under 5 – free; carryouts available

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 1 Pam Tangeman
- March 2 Karen Moran
- March 4 Pam Schiele Stang
- March 5 Joyce Thuston
- March 10 Jeanne Piffel
- March 11 Ruth Adams
Dawn Knoll
- March 12 David Schiele
Debby Wodicker
Jeff Gutjahr
- March 14 Scott Karcher
- March 15 Andy Gibson
Frances Kalbfeish
- March 21 Jason Karcher
- March 24 William Brill
- March 25 Susan Rohlfing
- March 26 Ellie Blum
Clara Hornung
- March 27 Meghan Mikusch
- March 28 Jeanne Hickman
Elaine Kimker
- March 29 Kali Hladnick
Shirley Nottelmann
- March 30 Bob Kammerer



LITURGISTS, USHERS, ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN'S TIME FOR MARCH

Liturgists



March 7	Andrea Moran
March 14	Jim Caldwell
March 21	Gary Karcher
March 28	Harry Jennings

Welcoming Teams

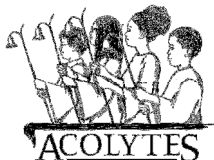
March 7	
March 14	Joy Lopez
March 21	
March 28	Joy Lopez

Children's Time

March 7	Andrea Moran
March 14	
March 21	
March 28	



Acolytes



March 7	Rachel Fischer
March 14	Madeline Williamson
March 21	Harrison Fischer
March 28	Jordan Lewis

TIME FOR SOME LAUGHS

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!' While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.' The second boy says 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.' The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instruction for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?' He answered, 'Call for backup.'

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a babysitter.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill.'

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he was ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing! Think about that !

