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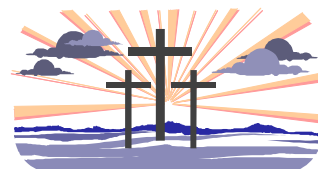


Dear Friends and Fellow Members of St. John's:

Explain Easter or resurrection? We can't! No more than we can explain electricity, or true and deep love, or how someone might actually give their life for another. We don't explain this mystery. We accept that the power of God at work in Christ's resurrection surrounds us like the air we breathe, and the gravity that keeps things from floating away. We celebrate the wonderful mysteries of God's grace and presence as we worship in this holiest of weeks, and as we shout "Christ is Risen" on Easter morning. May Christ's resurrection and Easter joy be refreshing and invigorating for you. And remember, we "go and tell"! We don't keep this to ourselves! -Pastor Paul

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday, April 1, Worship & Holy Communion, 11:00am & 7:00pm
Good Friday, April 2, Worship, 2:00pm and 7:00pm
Easter Vigil, April 13, Worship, 6:00pm
Easter! Worship & Holy Communion, 6:00am, 8:00am & 9:45am
Easter Breakfast served, 7:15-8:45am. *Invite a friend, neighbor, or relative!*



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY is APRIL 11th!

On the second Sunday of Easter 2008, we introduced *Holy Humor Sunday*, and celebrated God having the last laugh over sin, death, and the power of the devil. We'll laugh and cry again this year as we celebrate God's gift of humor. (We'll keep Saturday worship 4/10 "traditional" for those of you who prefer not so much laughter.) *Invite a friend, neighbor, or relative! Email clean jokes/riddles/stories to pastorpaul@nconnect.net*

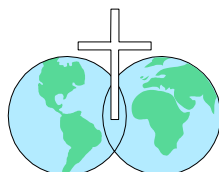
SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

April 30 will mark the completion of our current one-year *Sharing God's Blessings* Appeal. We will be introducing the next phase of our Building Fund Appeal in April & May. This will allow us to sustain the progress we have made in reducing our building debt, while growing in our ministry and growing our congregation. Watch for information in the bulletins and newsletters. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. -

Tom Spencer & Heather Anders

(5/1/09-4/30/10 Appeal Pledges: \$61,744; Goal \$125,000. Received so far: \$81,209;

Yearly mortgage payment: \$88,585; Mortgage Balance: \$844,386)



MEN-IN-MISSION GATHERING APRIL 16-17

Our ELCA has an active men's ministry, and we invite guys of all ages to a Friday night/Saturday gathering at St. John's/Brookfield that is motivational and spirit-filled. You can come for Friday-Saturday, just Friday evening, or just Saturday. Talk to Pastor or Ron Campopiano, or go online to www.lutheranmeninmission.org (click on 'events' and then 'regional events'). Registration is needed.

WORK DAY AT CROSSWAYS CAMPS!

We have committed to help out one of the church's best resources by adopting a chalet at Imago Dei Village Camp, and being responsible for its upkeep. Saturday May 1 is a Work Day at all three camps. Can we get a crew to go up on Friday night and work on Saturday? (Village is located near Clintonville, about a 2 hour drive.)

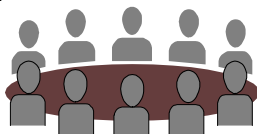


SPRING CLEAN UP HAPPENS HERE, TOO!

It was great to have so many people help spruce up the building and grounds on Fall Clean Up Day. Let's repeat that on Saturday, April 24, 8:00-12:00. Come and lend a hand even if it's just for an hour! We'll have jobs for all ages!

GO ON A "HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION", AUGUST 8-12!

That's our theme for Vacation Bible School this summer. We start on Sunday evening with activities for the whole family. Then we'll continue Monday-Thursday, 9:00-12:00 for kids ages 4 - 6th grade! We're looking for teachers & helpers! Give Staci Bohling (677-0437) a call or talk to Laura Bartelt!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pete Kutzora is our new President. Heather Anders is Vice President. Keri Kraus is Secretary. The Sheriff's Department has solved our burglary, and missing records were recovered, damaged, in Cedar Creek. Regrettably, one of our 18 year olds is involved, along with a friend. Keep these guys in your prayers, that they get on a better track in life. We'll see how legal proceedings and our insurance claim unfold.

Attendance for the year so far: 261/week (2009 231/week)

Giving Year-to-date figures (as of Feb.): Receipts General Fund: \$30,697; Expenses General Fund: \$26,222. Receipts Building Fund: \$13,504; Expenses Building Fund: \$15,203.

Receipts Benevolence Fund: \$2,057; 2010 Goal: \$13,000 Missionary Fund: \$787. 2010 Goal: \$6,000

CROSSWAYS CAMPS has great spring/summer programs for kids, families, adults!
Go to www.crosswayscamps.org