

QUILL



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD—April 2007—
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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Worship-Taize Service with Communion-8:30 AM
Adult Bible Study (2 classes) and
Children's Sunday School—9:30 AM
Lutheran Book of Worship with Communion 10:30
AM

American Sign Language at 10:30 AM
service.

APRIL DATES

APRIL SPECIAL DATES

April 1 Palm Sunday
April 3 Passover Begins (Jewish)
April 5 Maundy Thursday
April 6 Good Friday (Christian)
April 7 Easter Vigil
April 8 Easter Sunday (Christian)
April 9 Easter Monday (Christian)
April 10 Last day of Passover (Jewish)
April 22 Earth Day
April 25 Administrative Professional's
Day

American Sign Language Interpreter is provided for Children's Sunday School and for the 10:30 AM service every Sunday.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE—APRIL 8 AT 7:00 AM

The custom of the sunrise religious service on Easter morning was brought to America by Protestant immigrants from Moravia. The first service was held in Bethlehem, PA, in 1741. The origins of the early morning service stems from Luke: "but on the first day of the week, at early dawn women visited Jesus' tomb and found it empty." Sunrise services may also be related to the Easter fires held on hill-tops in continuation of the New Year fires—a worldwide observance performed at the vernal equinox, welcoming the sun and its great power to bring new life to the world.

Join us for Breakfast between services Easter Sunday Morning starting at 8:15 am.
Beverages will be served starting at 8:00 am

**QUILL DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE WILL BE SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007 AT 12:00
Midnight. Please have your articles to me by that date or before. Send to
Lcgsquill@aol.com.**

Holy Week Events



APRIL 1 TAIZE LITURGY—8:30 AM
PROCESSION WITH PALMS LITURGY 10:30 AM

APRIL 2, 3, 4 (MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY)
MATINS AT 8:00 AM
VESPERS AT 7:00 PM

CHURCH WILL BE OPEN 12 NOON TO 3 PM FOR ANY THAT WISH TO COME AND PRAY



APRIL 5 COMMUNION SERVICE 12 NOON
Soup and Bread Lunch afterwards
FOOT WASHING and HOLY COMMUNION-7:00 PM



APRIL 6-GOOD FRIDAY
WAY OF THE CROSS 12 NOON AND 3:00 PM
TENEBRAE SERVICE 8:00 PM
Music will begin at 7:30 PM



APRIL 7—SERVICE AT 8:00 PM



APRIL 8-TAIZE SERVICE 7:00 AM

SERVING FROM 8:15AM TO 10:00 AM
Beverages will be available at 8:00 AM



APRIL 8-THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD-EASTER SUNDAY
FESTIVE COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30 AM

SOME EASTER SYMBOLS



PALMS:

A Roman custom to welcome royalty by waving Palm Branches. Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches.



CROSS:

Reminds us of Jesus' victory over death and of our new life and hope this victory gives.



EASTER LILY:

White flower used to decorate churches and homes. White is color for purity. The lily is a sign of pure life through Christ's resurrection



EASTER EGGS:



The sign new life and symbol of spring.



LAMB:

The lamb was the first sacrifice on the first Passover. Represents Jesus as the "Lamb of God". Some people eat lamb at the Easter feast.

RABBIT:

People used to believe the rabbit was responsible for new life in spring. Early Christians saw it as a symbol for the resurrection of Christ.



PRETZEL:

A Lenten food that looks like arms folded across the chest in prayer.



PASCHEL CANDLE:

A large decorated candle symbolizing our Lord's glorious Easter triumph over the darkness of death and sin. It reminds us of the pillar of cloud and fire that led the people of God to the promised land. Paschal candles have been used since the 5th century.



HOT CROSS BUNS:

Small sweet yeast bun with raisins or currents, marked on top with a cross of white icing. Traditionally served in England on Good Friday.



An Opportunity to Participate

*The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a **participation** in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a **participation** in the body of Christ? [1 Corinthians 10:16](#)*

Spectator or participant? There is vast difference! I recall hearing someone say many years back that “*Christianity is not a spectator sport.*” The point was being made: we who would consider ourselves among the many centuries of faithful followers of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, are NOT simply observers of events. The faith we confess is, when coupled with the faith given as the gift of God in Word and Sacrament, alive. Considering the relationship between faith and works, Dr. Martin Luther realized that “*faith is an active thing.*” While love, or “good works” do NOT save us, they most certainly accompany saving faith in Christ.

This means that those who are baptized and believing Christians –what WE claim to be- are participants in what Pr. Harry Wendy (drawing on author Dorothy Sayers) calls a *divine drama*. We are, all of us, involved in an unfolding saga or narrative that, from beginning to end, invites us to be participants, not in a “drama” of our own creating, but in a drama that originates in and centers upon God’s action in the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Christian life is, to draw upon Luther’s understanding of Holy Baptism, a *life or death* matter. It even involves –as Dorothy Sayers would suggest- a profound mystery. But Christian faithful KNOW “*who done it!*”

The mystery of Christ, God in the flesh who takes on our humanity even unto death, and in so doing beats death, is what we are going to observe two weeks from now. There are, in the history and tradition of the Church, services held for us to participate in. Just as the Passover described in Exodus is observed in a manner in which the entire community of Israel are active participants, so the Paschal feast of Easter (called *Pascha* in eastern Christian tradition) also affords the same opportunity.

Holy Week is one week away. You are being asked and challenged by your pastor to “*go to church*” at least four days in a row. True...God’s commandment is that we “*remember the Sabbath day...*” not days. It IS demanding to fit more than one service into what for most of us is a normally busy week.

But consider: God serves us at the services of Holy Week by allowing us to participate in his loving action for humanity in the Word and Sacrament offered at each service. From Maundy Thursday of the *Triduum* (Three Days) through the Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord, the mystery of Christ, crucified and risen, is revealed to us in a way that invites us to actually participate in. All our senses are touched with darkness and light, sound, taste and smell that communicate to us the Word made flesh and crucified and risen for our salvation. We do not just “show up” and passively sit and watch it happen; our bodies and minds are engaged in a series of services that bring us –in symbolic and sacramental ways- the drama of our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Let me urge you to attend ALL the services of Holy Week, for while we all know what spectator sports are, we are NOT casual observers of the Faith we confess!

Serving Together!

Pr. Steve

President's Report

Our **Gourmet Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday night, April 22. The chefs will be offering an entrée of either *Pecan Crusted Rack of Lamb* or *Salmon in Puff Pastry*, either being accompanied by other delicious courses. Those who had purchased tickets earlier should see their sales person and exchange them for the April 22 version. For those still needing tickets, they can be obtained from Sara Gunn, Barbara Kilpatrick, Sally Hyman or Bob Becker for \$20. There is a limit of 40 tickets to ensure the quality of the meal, given the size of our preparation facilities. So don't wait too long to get a ticket. The last day for tickets is Sunday April 15.

Council was briefed by the Music Committee on the **New Hymnal**. The Committee's main goal is to provide the congregation with experience and information on the New Hymnal so everybody can form an opinion before voting at the May Voters Meeting. The Committee has an article in this Quill with discussion on questions that have been asked by various members.

Be sure to remember the pre Easter **Congregational Work Day**, Saturday March 24, 8:30 am to Noon. The Trustees will be leading projects both inside and outside the church building. With your help we will be "all spruced up" for Easter.

The Trustee's briefed the Council on our **Policy for Groups Using Our Church Facilities** and received input on clarifying that Policy. The Trustees will be taking that input and proposing a revised Policy for the Voters to consider.

When the congregation enjoys **After Service Refreshments**, there is a donation basket that yields \$5 to \$25. Those funds have been used for various purposes over the years. The Council discussed the use of those funds and has asked the Board of Finance to propose some criteria for using them for unexpected needs that come before the Council. The Board will make a recommendation at the next Voters Meeting.

Council has also **asked for reports** from the Interior Decoration Committee and the Trustees on Guidelines for Picture Hanging and Review of Building Security respectively.

Please consider signing up for the "**Pass It On Car Wash**". As soon as Karen Meyer has 18 volunteers to help, she will select a day for this thoughtful gesture. With 18 helpers (washers, dryers, vacuumers, lunch makers, etc.) we can do this service for our neighborhood without putting a lot of work on a few members. Look for Karen's article in this edition of the Quill.

GOURMET DINNER
APRIL 22 - 6:00 PM
TICKETS \$20.00 EACH
DEADLINE FOR TICKETS APRIL 15

MENU
Plated Salad
ENTREES
Pecan Crusted Rack of Lamb
Or
Salmon in puff pastry
Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes
Julienne of Summer Vegetables
DESSERT
Bananas Foster/Vanilla Ice Cream

You may bring your own wine - glasses will be furnished.

*Purchase tickets from Sara Gunn, Barbara Kilpatrick, Bob Becker or Sally Hyman.
Number limited to 40 due to size of preparation facilities.
Get your tickets early.*

LSB WORKSHOP
SUNDAY APRIL 29
12:15 pm
(or after late service)

Pastor VanOsdol will present a brief introduction to the makings of the new LCMS hymnal
The Lutheran Service Book.

Learn why the new hymnal and what is in it for us as a congregation.
Look at the book, ask questions, sing some hymns, look at the worship settings.
Plan to attend this workshop after the late service April 29.
A light lunch will be provided.
See the article from the Music Committee found in this newsletter.

HAVE YOU SEEN IT? IN LIVING COLOR! Have you seen the new look to our Web Site? Go to lcs.org and give it a look. Rob Freeland and Sue Ellen Schulz have worked to make a clean, easier to use site. If you check the menu on the left hand side you will see Quill. Click on this you will pull up the latest issue of the newsletter-in living color. Those photos you have here in black and white can now be seen in color.

Interesting note: on March 14 a gentlemen from out of town attended the evening Lenten service. In talking with him before the service I offered him a copy of the newsletter and he said he had read it on the web. He said he travels a lot and always looks up local congregations in the area he will be staying. It is working. Good job Rob and Sue Ellen.

**ANOTHER REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE IS APRIL 22-
Midnight.**

Thank you!!!!

NOTES FROM ALTAR GUILD:

STOLE

The stole is a liturgical vestment of various Christian denominations. In the Lutheran church, the stole is seen as the symbol of ordination and the office of the ministry of Word and Sacrament. The placing of the stole over the shoulders of a newly ordained minister is an integral part of the ordination rite. The stole is never worn by lay people. Stoles are often given by the congregation as a love gift at ordination or at other life milestones.



The stole is a narrow band of cloth of fine material about seven to nine feet long and three to four inches wide and of the color of the day or season. It is worn around the back of the neck with the ends hanging down in front. The stole symbolizes the bonds and fetters with Jesus was bound during his Passion. Another theory links the stole to the napkin used by Christ in washing the feet of his disciples, making it a fitting symbol of the yoke of Christ, the yoke of service.

The history of the stole indicates it was originally a kind of shawl worn covering the shoulders and falling down in front of the body. The Church of Rome adopted the stole in the seventh century and it became a mark of dignity. One theory about the use of the stole is that it came from the tallit (Jewish prayer mantle) because of the similarity to the present use when the minister puts it on when leading in prayer. The most likely origin is the connection with the scarf of office among Imperial officials in the Roman Empire. The original intent was to designate a person as belonging to a particular organization and to denote their rank within their group. The stole, unlike other liturgical garments worn by every cleric or layman, was specifically restricted to particular classes of people based on occupation.

You can go to Wikipedia and look up Stole for more history of this vestment.



Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.

—Louise Lewin Matthews

A hearty "Thank You" to the people that helped me with my move recently. Marque Kilpatrick, Karen and Gary Meyer, Nathan Murphree and to Pastor Steve and Darlene for getting the word out.

Marilyn McMahan



LIGHTS OUT: Why are the lights still burning downstairs when everyone is upstairs worshipping? Look at the electric bill! Be a good conservationist and **TURN OUT THE LIGHTS!** If you are the last one out of a room, **PLEASE** make sure the *lights are out*. If you turn on the kitchen light, *turn it off when you leave*. You will find the switches by each room door and by the stairwell for the fellowship hall. Take a second and save a dollar! Thank you.

2007 CALENDAR: One Saturday there were two meetings scheduled at the same time. This should not cause a problem, except that half of the members of each committee were also on the other committee. This can be avoided by taking two simple steps: 1. Before you schedule a meeting of any type using the facility, **CHECK THE CALENDAR** and 2. After you schedule your meeting date and time, **WRITE IT ON THE CALENDAR** which is found in the workroom, (the room between Pastor's and Darlene's offices). This will also get your meeting in the bulletin, newsletter, and the calendar on the Web.

FLOWER CHART: Flowers are not used on the altar during Lent; however, there are still blank spaces for Easter and the Sundays thereafter. It is a simple process to donate flowers. Just select a date and write your name on the calendar. If someone has already taken that date, that is ok as we have room for two arrangements on any given Sunday. If you have a special request i.e. anniversary, birthday, etc., write it on the calendar also. Contact Sally Hyman if you want a special color or flower. The flower colors should be compatible with the liturgical color of the day. Sally will contact the florist and they in turn will bill you for the arrangement. You may pick up your flowers after the late service Sunday morning.

REFRESHMENTS: If you haven't hosted refreshments recently consider signing the chart in the Narthex. Elizabeth Bowen- has agreed to be the coordinator for the Refreshments. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth.

NURSERY: The nursery needs help during the 8:30 and 10:30 liturgies. If you can commit one Sunday a month, please see Antoinette Boller.

SECURITY: It has come to this. It is recommended all personal items be kept with you or put in a locked room while working in the building. If your meeting is downstairs, the upper doors should be locked when the meeting starts. If you arrive late someone will let you in on the lower level. Simple precautions for your safety and peace of mind.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

PLACE OF HOPE always needs blankets and travel size toiletries.

ADULT LEARNING CENTER can use reading glasses, books, paperback pocket dictionaries and thesauri.

PERRY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE always needs disposable razors; shave cream, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soap. No aerosol cans, please. Please put in the large blue tub in the Narthex.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY: Pastor will be asking for homemade cookies to take to Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend April 12-15, 2007. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Also pick up a brochure with information about what cookies you can make.

"PASS IT ON" CAR WASH The date for the car wash has been set for **APRIL 28** from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM with the rain date for May 5, same time. If you haven't signed up to help with the car wash, there is still time. Check the sheet on the bulletin board. Purpose of the car wash is simply to do a good deed for someone and asking them to pass it on to someone else and they, in turn, will pass it on. Read Matthew 20: 26-28.



Introducing Deb and Bob Beckwith

They may *look* like a solid, respectable Lutheran couple. However, your intrepid Quill investigative reporter recently uncovered the truth: Deb and Bob Beckwith met for the first time in the dark back seat of a car! Nineteen-year-old Bob had been out with friends, and they offered Deb a lift home from her

summer job. Following this cozy introduction, Bob decided he would like to see more of Deb, or rather, "see her for the first time." At the time Bob was enrolled at the university in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Deb was thirty miles away at Concordia, Seward. They began dating and made the trip back and forth between their respective schools with increasing frequency. When Deb's first call as a Lutheran school teacher relocated her south to Florida, Bob invested in plane tickets with the intent of flying down to visit, "but I was so homesick," Deb remembers with laughter, "most of the tickets were used to fly *me* back to Nebraska!" Shortly after Deb moved back to Nebraska, the couple was married and remain "best friends."

Deb was born in South Dakota, but lived for most of her life in Lincoln, Nebraska, where a little country church was "a *big* part of life." She credits this church, along with the loving influence of her mother and grandparents, with instilling in her a strong faith. When Deb was in confirmation class, her pastor suggested she attend Concordia, Seward and become a teacher in Lutheran schools. This led Deb into a ministry of "bringing Jesus to children and their families," a blessing she wishes every teacher could experience. "I was very blessed," she recalls, and then—with a chuckle—"and very tired!" Deb has learned that life isn't always "a straight path. But I'm always amazed at what happens when God puts me in a new place."

Bob grew up in a small town in northeast Nebraska, where his family was very active in their small town community. A strong music program in the school system fostered a life-long love of music in him. His undergraduate studies were in accounting, but after working for a CPA firm, Bob decided he wanted to do taxes instead of auditing, so he completed a Masters Degree in Colorado and worked for a large accounting firm in Lincoln for most of his career. When he eventually sought a change of pace, Bob relocated to a smaller firm here in Greenville. The move was a huge change for the Beckwiths, but "God really does bless you wherever you go. The Lord knew what he was doing!" When Bob and Deb first visited Good Shepherd, they were "mobbed by people" who seemed "genuinely happy to see new people walk in." We are grateful they have joined our church family!

The Beckwiths have two children. Daughter, Emily, is a DCE at Fountain of Life in Kernersville, NC, and their son, Paul, is working on a second degree in music production and synthesis at Berklee in Boston. In their free time, Deb and Bob both love hiking and the beach. Deb also enjoys fishing, gardening, reading, spending time with close friends, and experiencing "new adventures."

GOD BLESS THE SPAGHETTI

We tend to ask God for things that are on the fringes of our spiritual lives.

We ask that our kids will be safe when they go to school. We ask....that we will get over the flu. We would like better days; A better job – A new car – A bigger house- or that our bosses will recognize our service and give us a raise. Of course there is nothing wrong with these requests, but are we not trivializing an all powerful and omnipotent God.

Remember back when you first started to get serious about your mate. You wanted to share every good thing about you and you couldn't find enough good things to tell your friends about him or her. Well, that's the way it should be with God; both daily and continuously. It is so important to ask God to reveal Himself to us personally...as well as to others. God is revealed in the Bible. So let me ask you...how much time do you spend in the Bible? God is also revealed in others and in circumstances. Case and point...back before I let my intentions be known to Karen, I took notice of her with a group of friends enjoying an evening out...when she remembered her responsibility to the church choir and excused herself to go to practice.

I sometimes wonder if our hopes and prayers are predicated on what we read in papers and magazines – or see and hear on TV and radio. Is our character, or what we are to become determined by what we wear – what we drive – what we eat – where we live – how much money we make – or who we know? Most of our hopes and prayers are basically wishes. Such desires could probably be accomplished with a little extra “self effort”.

The Bible does not use hope the way we use it. Hope in the bible is something promised by the character of God in His word. We know that His word is absolute and certain... therefore anything promised by God would be a certainty. We can now hope with a certainty knowing that His promise will come true. Although there is one caveat-we must believe that Jesus is who He says He is. How often do we see our types of prayers and hopes in the Bible?

In Ephesians Paul prays for god to Reveal Himself to the Ephesians in the hope of their calling – what Paul is asking is that they will understand God's word in a manner that others will see God in them. In other words, for God to reveal Himself with the certainty of hope that what is true in them will also be true of them. That is, transforming the knowledge of what we know about God into a relationship that we can have with God. This is praying the theological truths....to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the glory of His suffering.

Here on earth we all desire to be accepted and loved. God knows that and wants that for us as well. Besides all that I may wish for, I pray that I start to think of myself in the same way God thinks of me- that I may eventually truly know Him.

Your Friend in Christ,
Gary Meyer

FINANCIAL FIGURES

As of 3/18/2006

DATES	SERVICE	ATTEN- DANCE	ENVELOPE OFFERING	BUDGET NEEDS	OVER (SHORT)
01/07/07	Sunday		6,674.00	4,168.65	2,505.35
01/14/07	Sunday		3,147.29	4,168.65	(1,021.36)
01/21/07	Sunday		2,009.65	4,168.65	(2,159.00)
01/28/07	Sunday		2,106.00	4,168.65	(2,062.65)
02/04/07	Sunday		6,729.55	4,168.65	2,560.90
02/11/07	Sunday		1,977.00	4,168.65	(2,191.65)
02/18/07	Sunday		2,212.75	4,168.65	(1,955.90)
02/21/07	Wednes- day		372.00		
02/25/07	Sunday		1,494.00	4,168.65	(2,674.65)
02/28/07	Wednes- day		260.00		
03/04/07	Sunday		6,690.00	4,168.65	2,521.35
03/07/07	Wednes- day		357.00		
03/11/07	Sunday		3,341.50	4,168.65	(827.15)
03/14/07	Wednes- day		173.00		
03/18/07	Sunday		2,851.00	4,168.65	(1,317.65)
ENVELOPE GIVING Y-T-D			40,394.74	45,855.15	(5,460.41)
TOTAL GIVING Y-T-D			41,132.70	45,855.15	(4,722.45)
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:					
SUNDAY SCHOOL			203.31		
LIBRARY			500.00		
LANDSCAPE			243.05		
Lutheran Service Book			1,500.00		
YOUTH FLOW- ERS			328.00		
			24.00		
ROBE REPLACEMENT			200.00		
ALTAR GUILD			733.50		

ATTENDANCE:

Feb 18 8:30-38; 10:30—80 = 118
Feb 20-Shrove Tues-40
Feb 21-Ash Wed—12;00- 24; 7;00-72 = 96
Feb 25 8:30 32; 10:30 64 = 96
Mar 4-8:30-41; 10:30-80 = 121
Mar 7-7:00-48
Mar 11-8:30-32; 10:30-78 = 110
Mar 14-7:00—50
Mar 18-8:30-36; 10:30-81 = 127

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

THE OFFICE IS OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY
10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 pm.
FRIDAY—OFFICE IS CLOSED.

BULLETIN DEADLINES ARE: TUESDAY
2:00 PM to get in the following Sunday's
bulletin
SPECIAL REQUESTS OR BULLETIN IN-
SERTS MUST BE TO DARLENE **ONE**
WEEK PRIOR TO THE
TUESDAY DEADLINE FOR
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN.



EASTER LILIES: We have ordered our usual 20 Easter Lilies from the Nursery. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider purchasing a plant to decorate for Easter services. You may take your plant home after the late service on Easter Sunday.

EASTER WEATHER SUPERSTITIONS

If it rains on Easter Sunday it will rain the following seven Sundays.

A White Christmas will bring a green Easter and a green Christmas will bring a white Easter.

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The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd
Council Meeting
March 11, 2007

Bob Mead called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm and opened with prayer.

Present: Bob Mead, Ted Clark, Jenine Bristol, Gretchen Taylor, Darlene Murphree, Larry Hyman, Sally Hyman, Sue Ellen Schulz, Pastor Saxe, Joann Winkelman, Marjorie Winkelman, Jacob Nagy, and Monika Santiago.

Trustees: Bob Meade reported that

- the Trustees are reviewing and discussing potential changes to the guidelines and policies in regard to the use of the church facilities by outsiders
- a congregational workday is planned for Saturday, March 24

there is a need for a Landscaping Chairperson

Bob Meade will approach a certain member about serving as head of landscaping. In addition, Sally Hyman asked the Trustees to consider a memorial for Kay Mellom in form of two brick planters with seasonal flowers in front of the church. Furthermore, the Council suggested that the Board of Finance develop a Procedure for using the After Service Refreshment money for unexpected but needed projects.

Treasurer: Gretchen Taylor reported that all bills are current. We are still borrowing from ourselves in order to pay the bills. A report is on file.

Financial Secretary: Jenine Bristol reported the shortage in the weekly giving is now \$357.80. A report is on file.

Family Life Committee: Sue Ellen Schulz reported that items such as, napkins, cups, etc. have to be purchased in the future since Thrivent stopped supplying these items.

Nomination Committee: Pastor Saxe reported that the committee continues with the nomination process.

New Business: Sue Ellen Schulz informed the Council that it is very difficult to replace the light bulbs in the ceiling of the sanctuary and the choir loft. The Council asked the Trustees to contact the company who installed the lights and to consider purchasing a service package.

Jenine Bristol reported that the choir sings one hymn per service from the new hymnal during lent to get the congregation accustomed. Also, the money to purchase the new hymnals is available due to personal commitments received from the congregation. However, an additional \$500.00 is needed to purchase the supplemental software. Jenine Bristol will share this information with the congregation at the next Voters Meeting. Pastor Van Osdol will visit our congregation April 29 and make a presentation to promote the new hymnal.

Pastor Saxe made the Council aware of the influx of Furman students and to consider inviting them for dinner at home. The Council decided to wait until Fall and then to find someone to be in charge of this program.

Pastor Saxe asked the Council for specific feedback in regard to the Building Security Procedures. All concerns/ideas are to be emailed to the church so action can be taken.

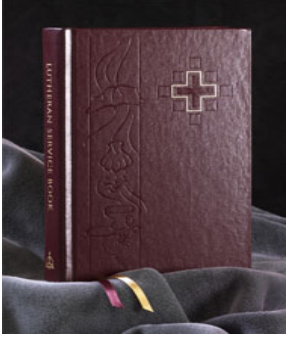
Bob Meade adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Pastor Saxe closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Monika Santiago

New LCMS Hymnal – the “LSB”

Greetings to all !!



The Worship & Music Committee is pleased to introduce you to something wonderful in our Synod. The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has published their new Service Book and Hymnal called **Lutheran Service Book**, or “**LSB**”.

We would like to highlight some of the features of this new resource to you via this letter.

What is the LSB ?

The *LSB* is the new official LCMS hymnal and service book. It is meant to be the successor to the *LW* (the “blue” book), or *LBW* (our “green” book). The *LSB* has been in development for over 8 years. It was released for publication this past Fall (Fall, 2006).

How was it developed ?

It is obvious looking through the hymnal that all aspects of the book were carefully and prayerfully considered by LCMS. The committee basically took the best of *LW*, *LBW*, *TLH* (the “red” book), the *Supplements*, and *Christian Worship*, and formed a new & improved hymnal.

Do we have to learn a bunch of new stuff ?

Nope, not at all. We already know and routinely use at least 4 of the 5 general purpose Divine Service Settings contained in the *LSB*.

It's what we use now except in an easier-to-use and follow format.

What are the 5 settings ?

As mentioned above, LCMS took the best of all the current hymnals and refined them ever further into 5 general settings (called “Divine Service I, II, III, IV, and V”).

Two of these are from *LBW* settings 1 & 2 (which we routinely use now). Another is the “tried & true” favorite *TLH* service (“pg 15” from the red book – which a lot of folks love and know from memory), and another is *Luther's German Mass* – which we've done on occasion. About the only one we are not familiar with is the setting that they took from the *LW* (the “blue” book).

Are these the only settings or services ?

No, just like the *LBW*, it contains the full array of occasional services too – i.e. Vespers, Matins, Compline, etc. It's a full-service book.

So what's new & improved ?

Here's one of the best parts to the new *LSB*...

Language: Unlike the *LBW* and other more recent hymnals, LCMS prayerfully and judiciously returned to the more traditional language of church hymnody. So, where appropriate, LCMS restored many of the original lyrics to commonly sung hymns.

Pitch: Many folks have said that some of the *LBW* hymns are “too high” to sing. LCMS transposed many hymns “down” so that the music is in an easier range to sing.

Harmony: One of the long-standing difficulties with *LBW* hymn accompaniment was that traditional 4-part harmonies were replaced by modern musical phrases which, in many cases, were not conducive to choir or congregational singing. LCMS recognized this and restored much of the original harmonies that were (and will be) more familiar to congregations.

“Options”: LCMS decided to limit the number of responsorial options within the actual Divine Service settings. What does this mean? It means that there is just 1 proper response to each section of the liturgy (except at the Gospel response – both the Lent & non-Lent options are still included). But in reality, this should make the service much more “user friendly” especially for visitors and those new to Lutheran-style services.

General Lay-Out: LCMS also made an obvious effort to format the entire *LSB* into a single design. So, “Page 1” is actually “Page 1” and everything proceeds from there to the end of the book. So, no longer will someone get confused as to whether, for example, “page 101” is “Hymn # 101” or page 101 in the liturgy section, or Psalm 101. Also, page- turns within the liturgy section were re-formatted to minimize distracting page-turns in the middle of a response or spoken section.

What are some other new features ?

The *LSB* is designed to be not only a hymnal & service book, but also a premier Teaching Tool. They did this in several obvious and innovative ways: ALL portions of the liturgy, regardless of service, contain the actual scriptural references indicating where that portion of the liturgy is found in the Bible; also, Luther’s Small Catechism is included in the hymnal; and within the hymns themselves, verses with Trinitarian references are marked with a special symbol.

Can we afford it ? How much will it cost ?

This is also good news for LCGS... **ALL** of the money needed to purchase a full complement of pew hymnals and ancillary materials has been pledged by members of the congregation. If someone wishes to purchase a copy for themselves or to donate additional copies to LCGS, they can be purchased from Concordia Publishing House for about \$22.50 each (they are \$18.50 through the Summer – then they will go to full price). Leather-bound gift editions and other formats are available from CPH too. These make great home-devotional tools.

What about the Hymnal Supplement ?

The *Hymnal Supplements* can remain as-is. They won’t be affected by use of the *LSB*. We will continue to use these as we’ve been doing.

What about the LBW’s ?

If we choose to adopt the *LSB* as our service book, then the *LSBs* would replace the *LBWs* in the pews. It would be up to our congregation to decide what to do with the *LBWs*. A couple of suggestions by Synod include allowing members to take copies home, store them and use them if some particular need arose, use them for some favorite hymns that may not have been included in the new *LSB*. But ultimately, it’s up to the congregation to decide.

Why change it if ain’t broke ?

This is an excellent question. The answer is 2-fold.

Did you know that since 1847, the LCMS has only published 4 other hymnals/service books (not counting the current & Supplements)? That means a new hymnal is published every 35-40 years or so. In every age, God raises up poets and musicians that contribute meaningful and spiritually uplifting lyrics and tunes that comfort and sustain the children of God and aid in their understanding and God’s infinite power and wisdom. These songs are worthy additions to the general hymnody.

Also, after years of use, numerous constructive ideas for improvements would have been collected and, when appropriate, a new hymnal is brought forth incorporating these suggestions. This is certainly the case in the *LSB*.

And finally, as a side-note, there is benefit and constructive purpose for all LCMS congregations to use the same hymnal. As we know, Martin Luther himself advocated consistency in teaching. Our Synodical unity will be positively enhanced as more congregations adopt the *LSB*.

Will it take long to learn ?

This is another “good thing.” Since we are so familiar with the *LBW* and *TLH* services, transition to the new *LSB* will be essentially seamless. After a brief orientation session, we will be ready “to roll.” In fact, actual use of the *LSB* will be its best teacher.

We hope this has answered some of your questions and piqued your interest in the new *LSB*. We encourage all questions. Please do not hesitate to explore this excellent new resource.

Thank you.

APRIL 2007 PRAYER LIST

Members

Chris Johnson
Roger McClure
Bill Moser
Dorothy Blasé:
Virginia "Ginnie" Jones at Westside Nursing
Marian Cobb: @ home
Mildred Eick: @ home
Bert Byers
Jerry Frericks
Joan Schrantz
Larry Hyman
Cliff Norman:
Bernard & Ernestine Moore
Mary Coffman (wife of Pr. George in Seneca)
Pr. Chris / Megann Crume new-born daughter Sadie
Pr. Bob Wind & wife Shirley (SED Pr. surgery)
Pr. Dave Goodine & family
Pr. Roger Lindler recovering at home

Service people:

Tom Woods, member, Army National Guard in Afghanistan
Brian Hayes, member, Naval serviceman in Norfolk, VA
Travis LaVar (Kathy Washington's nephew Iraq)
Kevin Miller (Maudie Miller's grandson in Iraq)
CPL Austin Lawler, in Iraq (Duffau's friend)
Jonathan Foster (Karla Huchel's nephew)
SSG Jonathan Duffy (Leona's great-grandson)
Philipp Stephenson (Jenine Bristol's nephew –serviceman-
in Iraq)
Richard Groen, nephew of Christine William's: service
man
Nick Gnemi (Craig Piepho's cousin in Baghdad)

Family Members

Richard Carter (friend of Kathy Washington)
Jerry Thackson (friend of Kathy Washington)
Hannah Holford (Tom & Marian's grt grand)
Kathleen Loomis (Brandy Ableman's aunt)
Floyd Cumming (Elizabeth Bowen's bro-in-law)
Beulah Clark (Ted's mom & travel)
Curtis Rogers (Christine William's friend)
Martha Blanchard (Sherry Dull's aunt)
Glenn & Marilyn Beckum (Jim Derrick's friends)
Trudy Creasy: (colleague of Jim Derrick)
Roy Engelman (friend of Jim Derrick)
Dot & Jr. Hayes (Bonnie's in-laws) Huntington Nrsng
Home

Mary Wendt (M McMahan's sis in law)
Suzanne Morris (Karla Huchel's niece)
Richard Czaja (Johnson's friend)
William White (Anne Johnson former son-in-law)
Anne Gentry (Jill Ostendorff's mother)
Lauren Gentry (Jill Ostendorff's niece)
Jack Hiss (Leona S's son)
Ashley Takacs (Leona's grt. Grnddaughter)
Jessie Hall Leona's grandniece
Terri Tacas (Leona S's grand-daughter)
Jerry Wilz (Janet's husband)
Terry Brokoff (Janet Wilz's brother)
Sue McCutcheon (Karen Meyer sister)
Jackie Parker: teacher @ SCSDB:
Dennis Mayer (Gary Meyer's cousin)
Michelle Evan (Gary Meyer cousin)
Michael Meyer: (Gary's Meyer's brother)
Debbie, (Gary Meyer's cousin).
Ruby Holmes: (friend of K&G Meyer)
Kimo Sanborn (Boller's bro-in-law)
Larry Boller Sr. (Larry Jr.'s father)
Harrison Williams
Jack Quinn (uncle of Cheryl Coggins)
Ellen Bugno (Mike's mother)
Lynn Alpers (Gretchen's grandma)
Allison Broadway (friend of Kelly Piepho)
Regina Reicroft (Joy Bowie's daughter)
Pat Stephenson (Jenine Bristol's aunt)
Martha Allhouse , (Helen Crossley dau.)

An Easter
Prayer





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↓ LEROY & ELIZABETH



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Sunday (P)</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Maundy Thursday (P)</i> Bethany Boller	6 <i>Good Friday (B)</i> Elizabeth Keaton	7 <i>Easter Vigil (P)</i>
8 <i>(W)</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14 Larry Hyman
	16 Alexander Hestermann Brad Schober	17	18	19 Vee Ayers Lynn Monaco	20	21
	23	24	25 <i>St. Mark, Evangelist(R)</i> Mr. & Mrs. Gary Meyer	26	27 Mr. & Mrs. Brad Schober	28
29 Kilpatrick Jr	30					

APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—APRIL 2007

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	ELDERS	ALTAR GUILD 8:30	ALTAR 10:
Apr 1-Palm Sunday	Bill & Trudy Tribbett	Walter Meyer Henry Seibel	Paul Duffau	Dani Hestermann	Catherin Joyce E
Maundy Thurs 7:00 PM			Ted Clark	12:00 Darlene Murphree	?
Good Friday—8:00PM			Marge Winkelman	N/A	Joan Win
Easter Vigil—8:00 PM			Marge Winkelman	N/A	Joan Win
Easter Sunrise 7:00 AM			Ted Clark	Robin Clark	N/
8-Easter 10:30 AM	Howard Nix	Marque Kilpatrick Ray Huchel	Marge Winkelman Paul Duffau	N/A	Ruth Ro
April 15	Helen Crossley	Howard Nix Mike Bugno	Marge Winkelman	Darlene Murphree	Karen
April 22	Marge & Joan Winkelman	Larry Hyman Ted Clark	Ted Clark	Marge Cermak	Geri Fr
April 29	Jacob & Heidi Nagy	Bob Mead Phillip Mead	Eli Hestermann	?	?
	APRIL 1	APRIL 8	APRIL 15	APRIL 22	APRI
FLOWERS			Hyman's	Marge Cermak	Scho
REFRESHMENTS	Graef's	Easter Breakfast	Sally Hyman		

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Passion / Palm Sunday</p> <p>Communion School Communion w/ Palms & LBW Com-</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8 AM Matins</p> <p>5 PM Elder's meeting 7PM Vespers</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8 AM Matins 9 AM Acolyte / Server training</p> <p>7PM Vespers</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 AM Matins</p> <p>7PM Vespers</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>12 PM Holy Com- munion 1 PM Soup lunch 7 PM Holy Com- munion w/ foot washing & stripping of altar</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>12 PM Way of the Cross 3 PM Way of the Cross 8 PM Tenebrae</p>	<p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>8PM Great Vigil of</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Ascension of Our Lord / Easter</p> <p>Communion (sunrise) Breakfast / NO Sunday School Festival Holy Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Pr. Vacation day</i></p> <p>NO WAU study</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Pr. Vacation day</i></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Pr. at Kairos re- treat</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Pr. at Kairos re- treat</i></p>	<p><i>Pr. at Kairos retreat</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p>1st Easter</p> <p>Communion School Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 PM WAU study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 PM Commu- nion 7:45 Choir re- hearsal</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>2nd Easter</p> <p>Communion School Communion Council Fruit Meal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 PM WAU study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>St. Mark, Evan- gelist</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>3rd Easter</p> <p>Communion School Communion Symnial workshop & lunch Instruction class</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 PM WAU study</p>					



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