

The Messenger

April 2011

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

SOUP SALE

Since Old Man Winter doesn't seem to want to let go this year, we're having another soup sale to warm up your cold bones. You can pick up your orders on April 2!! Thanks for all your support.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, April 3, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. We will have a coffee hour afterward and hope you will join us and bring a goodie for everyone to share.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

TURKEY SUPPER

On April 16, we will hold our Spring supper which will be a **Turkey Supper**. There are posters on the table in the Narthex and a sign-up sheet for when you can help. Please get the word out about this supper. It is one of our major fundraisers. For more information on how you can help, please see inside this issue.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 21, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for a light supper prepared by Pastor Penny. After our meal, at 7:00 pm, we will proceed to the Sanctuary for our service commemorating the Lord's Supper and reflecting on Christ's suffering and sacrifice. If you are unable to join us for supper, please still come for worship. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Good Friday, April 22, we will join with churches of the Mountain Top Ministerium for an ecumenical service at St Paul's Lutheran Church. The service will begin at 12:00 pm. We welcome everyone to this community worship service.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PARTY

The Sunday School Easter Party will be held on April 23 from 10 am to noon. Each child should bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs for the egg hunt. The Sunday School will provide the candies this year so they do not have to bring any eggs. We will have a brunch with cereals, fruits and juices, and, of course, painted toast. Come out and bring a friend for a fun time.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES and FELLOWSHIP

On Easter Sunday, April 24, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection at our Sunrise Service at 6:30 am and our regular worship service at 10:30 am. After the Sunrise Service, we will have an Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Our Sunday School will meet at 9:00 am for a special celebration service.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Don't you just love this beautiful warm spring weather? Better not put away your woolies just yet. It is good weather for March Madness – the NCAA basketball tournament. It feels like basketball weather. I don't know how many of you watch the games but my blood pressure has gone up just about every game. I was so excited yesterday when Virginia Commonwealth University beat Kansas. What a great game – especially since I was rooting for VCU! Back in the '60's I went to MCV in Richmond before it became a part of VCU.

Looking back reminds me how times change. We live in a changing world. Archie and I were talking about how technology changes so fast – just about daily – and how we are both glad to be getting older so we don't really have to keep up with 4G and 5G and all that stuff.

But you know what? The Word of God never changes. It stays the same year after year. God is still speaking but God continues to speak the words of love and peace and brother/sisterhood. If we could just get that word out to the world – if we could just get that word out to our neighbors – even to our own families.

I just heard on the radio this morning that this generation is the first generation of parents which have not passed on the Christian faith to their children as was done in years past. How sad that is. How sad it is that school work and sport's teams are more important, in too many cases, than learning about what God can mean in our children's lives. Football or baseball or any number of sports may get our children into college but is that the most important thing? If God doesn't come first in parent's lives it's not likely that it will be a priority to the children.

Kids don't want to go to church so we say "okay". It's not okay. Have any of you had to get your children up to go to school? Why does discipline stop when it comes to Sunday morning? We are all familiar with Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

If you want to read some words from prophecy go to Jeremiah 2. Here is just a sample:

"Look closely. Has this ever happened before,
That a nation has traded in its gods
for gods that aren't even close to gods?
But my people have traded my Glory
for empty god-dreams and silly god-schemes.
I've wasted my time trying to train your children.
They've paid no attention to me, ignored my discipline.
And you've gotten rid of your God-messengers,
treating them like dirt and sweeping them away"

Seems like I'm on a soapbox this morning as I write this but it's discouraging trying to get a youth group going strong when there are better things to do. They say they are bored in church – so let them come and suggest changes to make it better. You know that I'm all for good change. I'm all for different music if we can get the kids to participate. I just want to see them here. Let's give it a try.

Easter is almost here. I pray some of you have learned about the Seasons of the Church Year the last few Sundays. This Sunday we will be covering the Lenten Season followed by Pentecost. It is my prayer that you have been concentrating on Lenten disciplines such as prayer and Bible study during the last few weeks. Many of you have enjoyed our Wednesday night suppers and services. I look forward to Easter and the many surprises that it brings.

God bless you!

PASTOR PENNY

Our Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathy to Lois and Joe Huntzinger on the death of her brother, Ed Cooper. Ed has been on our prayer list for a while as he battled cancer. He went home to the Lord on March 14. We pray for God's peace and healing love to comfort Lois, Joe and Ed's family in their time of sorrow.

Those of us involved with VBS know Christine Kellow who attends Stairville UMC. Her husband, Wayne, passed away on March 26. We are so sorry for Christine and her family. May God sustain you and hold you close to his heart.

Thank You

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone for their support. The Mardi Gras Brunch was a lot of fun and we made about \$200 toward the Mission Trip. We also want to thank you for purchasing the Weis Gift Cards through our fundraiser. We are planning more activities to help make our mission trip possible.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, April 13, at 12 noon for a covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish and spend some time with us. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information about our group.

Women's Group – The ladies met March 23 and had a great time knitting – whether at the beginner level or expert or somewhere in between. They plan on discussing some gardening in the next couple of weeks and possible a “field trip” (literally) to see some of our member's gardens. If you would like to join them, please see Camille or e-mail her at vidclip@epix.net.



Lenten and Passion Week Services

Come join us for Supper and Service on Wednesday, April 6 and 13. We share a meal at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall after which we gather in the church at 7:00 for service. On April 6, Pastor Archie will lead us as we learn about the Blind Man who Jesus healed. Pastor Penny's message on April 13 will center on the Woman at the Well.

Our Passion Week services will begin on Palm Sunday, April 17, at 10:30 am. Come join those welcoming the King. Let us greet him with more than just palm branches and welcome him into our hearts.

Pastor Penny will prepare our Lenten Supper at 6:00 pm on Maundy Thursday. Following Jesus' example of service to others, we have been serving up delicious meals to each other. Service to others was a central theme of Jesus' message and as Christians we attempt to imitate his lead.

Good Friday will be observed with an ecumenical service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Beginning at 12 noon, everyone from our churches and communities is invited to join us as we remember the great cost Christ willingly paid for our salvation.

EASTER OFFERING

For many years our church has gathered a special offering for Easter which has been used to support our denomination's local institutions: Bethany Children's Home (\$150), Lancaster Theological Seminary (\$250) and Phoebe Devitt Homes (\$150). Any amount over the \$550 needed to fulfill these gifts is used to offset our offering to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) which we have budgeted at \$1,500. Please notice that this is a special offering in addition to our regular envelopes which are intended to support our General Fund or Building Fund. With that understanding, we hope you will give generously to our church and also to the organizations we support.

Easter Sunday Worship Services and Breakfast

On Easter Sunday, April 24, we will celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death with two joyful services. The Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 am and our regular worship service will begin at 10:30 am. At both services we will join in the sacrament of Holy Communion. After the Sunrise Service, we will have an Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Our Sunday School will meet at 9:00 am for a special celebration service. So come hungry for food – spiritual and physical – and be filled with the spirit of the Risen Christ.

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Rice Elementary:

Honors: Brad Kotarsky; Hunter Rinehimer

Sunday School News

Easter Party

Our Sunday School Easter Party will be on Saturday, April 23, from 10 am to 12 noon. Each child should bring six candy eggs for the egg hunt and a basket or paper bag to collect their eggs. We will also be making a craft and, of course, painting toast. A light "breakfast" (cereal, fruit, etc.) will be served.

Bake Sale

We will be selling baked goods during the Turkey Supper on April 16. This fundraiser helps collect money for purchasing curriculum and supplies for our Sunday School program. If anyone would like to donate baked goods, we would be very grateful.

Lisa Rinehimer

YOUTH GROUP

3RD WORLD COUNTRY

Our Mission Sleepover this year will be to live like people in Third World Countries. We usually do the 30-Hour Famine, but the Youth thought this would be more realistic. We'll still be doing things like asking for donations and shopping for the Food Pantry. Details are being finalized and we'll have them for you soon.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

If you ordered Weis gift cards, I have them for you. Remember that the gift card plan will provide \$50 to the Youth Group for every \$1,000 cards sold so please keep signing up. There are sheets on the table in the narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall doorway. We are also looking into gift cards from other grocery stores and may be able to offer them sometime soon.

Marc Davis



Youth for Hire – The Youth Group members are hiring out for spring cleaning chores. Need a hand with some house cleaning or yard work? They're available for everything from dusting to raking and only ask for a donation for their time. You can hire them by signing the sheets on the table in the Narthex

or next to the Fellowship Hall doorway. This is another way they are raising money for the mission trip, so let's get them busy!!

Turkey Supper Dates

April 14 to 16, 2011

Please promote this dinner as much as possible since it is one of our biggest fundraisers. Posters are on the table in the Narthex. Please take a couple and pin them up around our community.

Please remember that it is not necessary to be at the supper "forever". If everyone takes a turn, we can all help each other and feel good about volunteering to support our church. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the Narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall Door.

Don Eroh is the person to see if you can volunteer your time to cook a turkey (what's a Turkey Supper without turkey, right?) *Please save the broth for gravy.* The turkeys arrive either at your home or at the church (depending on how you arrange it with Don) on Thursday morning.

On Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m., tables are set up. Then there is the cleaning and cutting up of the vegetables for the pickled cabbage and "eyeing" and cutting up of the potatoes for the stuffing.

Early Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. more potatoes are eyed (we need mashed potatoes, too) and then at about **8:00 a.m.** we start making the pickled cabbage and stuffing.

Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. we start cleaning the meat off the turkeys, which is easier if the turkeys are warm. Those of you who clean your own turkeys and then deliver them really help to speed up this process. Then, of course, the **actual event begins at 3:00 and goes to about 7:00 p.m.** We can always use lots of hands for serving food, working in the kitchen, busing tables, and waiting on tables. By 7:00 pm, the workers, many of whom have been there since 2:30 p.m. (mashing potatoes, making gravy, making sure the vegetables and stuffing are hot so that everything is ready at 3:00 p.m.) are ready for a rest. That's when it's nice to have a **clean-up crew come in at 7:00 p.m.** The tables all have to be cleaned off, tablecloths and chairs wiped down, Sunday School rooms put back into order and the walls put back up. The roasters and pots are washed and put away until the next supper. The kitchen cleaned and floors washed and vacuumed.

As you can see, there is a lot of work involved in having a supper, but it is a lot of fun and fellowship, too. Please consider where you would like to serve and join us.

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Let's hear it for the equestrians. The Tall in the Saddle Club Held their Holiday Party and Year End Awards Ceremony on January 15, 2011. **Morgan Rinehimer** was recognized for her participation and awarded Honorable Mention Most Improved Member 2010. Let's ride, Morgan!!!

The Mardi Gras Brunch is pictured with our members enjoying some great food. The kids had fun with games and we had a wonderful time supporting the Youth Group at their fundraiser.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the May Messenger is Monday, April 18. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee will meet on April 4 at 6:30 pm at Lynne Stewart's home. They welcome new members and new ideas.

CONSISTORY

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 pm.

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Dorrance Volunteer Fire Department is holding a pancake and sausage breakfast on April 3 from 9 am to 1 pm.

The Drums Elementary Relay for Life Team will present a Fashion Show on Sunday, April 3, at 1:00 pm. And who is that strutting down the walkway – Jim Rinehimer?!?! Tickets are \$10 and you can get them from Jim.

If you have information about events in our communities, please get it to me so I can promote activities in which our members are involved.

Thanks - Denise



OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

If our Worship Services need to be cancelled due to bad weather, please tune in to radio stations **WARM, Magic 93, 97BHT, 97.9X, or JR93.7.**



UPCOMING DATES

May 9-15 V.I.S.I.O.N Mission Week

June 4 Yard Sale

June 5 Men in Harmony Concert

June 18 300 Club and Silent Auction

July 25- 29 Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel UCC

Yard Sale – We are collecting items for our next yard sale on June 4. If you have “stuff”, just put it in the “purple room” downstairs. If you need help, just call Denise and she will arrange to have someone pick up your “treasures”.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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April 3

Greeters: Gene & Janice Broyan

Liturgist: Dave Myers

April 10

Greeters: Diana Decker & Judy Cybulski

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April 17

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April 24

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Clifford & Gladys Readler

Diana Decker

John and JP Jankowski

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Allen Dennis	6 Jim Stewart	19 Keirsten Whitmire
1 Jayne Rotski	6 Priscilla Farrell	20 Betty Dickson
3 Clifford Readler	8 Chelsea Myers	22 Hilbert Eigenbrod
3 Cadence Ring	8 Doris Yurchak	23 Lisa Kemmerer
4 Amber DeLuca	12 Sara Silveti	24 Kathy Rinehimer
4 Derek Stein	15 Barbara DeLuca	27 Stacy Prelewicz
4 Wayne Mast	16 Rosanne Kamat	27 Kirk Dollar
5 William Hoch	16 Priscilla Farrell	28 Dean Kline
5 Shane Oldershaw	18 Carissa Hoch	28 Clyde Heller
5 Betty Baker	18 Clyde Heller	28 Lorie DiMaria

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 14, 1979.....Randy and Pat Grosz
April 20, 2002.....Kevin and Debbie Price
April 21, 1990.....David and Donna Myers
April 26, 1952.....Donald and Mary Eroh
April 27, 1968.....Jack and Bonnie Shafer
April 30, 1988.....Duane and Denise Stein

APRIL 2011

I have made a "2011 Volunteer Schedule" sign-up sheet for those who would like to be Greeters, Liturgists and Acolytes. Please pick a date or two (or three). This way you can choose the dates when you are available, instead of having them assigned by me. Some of the dates are already filled in (Hooray!!). For the liturgists, I will provide a copy of the bulletin either by paper for you to pick up or via e-mail, so that you can review it before Sunday morning. Thanks. Denise

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