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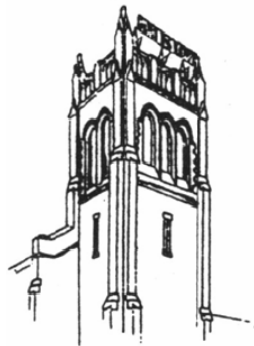
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April 2010 HAPPENINGS AT EPIPHANY

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

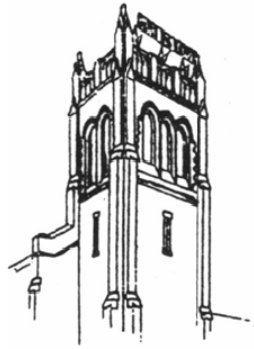
Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>4 EASTER 7:00 AM Sunrise 9:00 AM Welf/Fel Cl. 9:00 AM Contemp. 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM Sun. Sch. 10:30 AM Trad.Wor. 11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Cub comm 8:30 PM AA/AlAnon</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Sr.Powell. 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Basketball</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Thrift Shop 10:30 AM Hmks</p>	<p>1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Holy Communion First Holy Communion</p>	<p>2 GOOD FRIDAY 2:00 PM Hour at Cross 3:00 PM Holy Communion 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Hour at Cross 8:00 PM Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 EASTER VIGIL 10:00 AM Svc @ St. Matthias 7:30 PM Great Vigil @ St. Marks</p>
<p>21 3pm CNCS Play Scout Sunday 9:00 AM Welf/Fel Cl. 9:00 AM Contemp. 10:30 AM Sun. Sch. 10:30 AM Trad.Wor. [retreat continues]</p>	<p>22 8:30 PM AA/AlAnon</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM Sr.Powell. 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Basketball</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM Thrift Shop 7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>25 7:00 PM Praise Band Reh. 7:00 PM Cubs</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17 6:00 PM Service @ Jerusalem</p>
<p>28 102nd Anniversary 9:00 AM Bkfst.& Cong.Mtg. 10:30 AM Sun. Sch. 10:30 AM Trad.Wor. 11:45 AM Worship Cmte. 4:30 PM Cont of 6:00 PM Youth grp</p>	<p>29 8:30 PM AA/AlAnon</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM Sr.Powell. 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Basketball</p>	<p>21 10:00 AM Thrift Shop 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>22 7:00 PM Praise Band Reh. 7:00 PM Cubs</p>	<p>23 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24 8:30 AM Bread for life 5:00 PM Worship</p>
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Synod Middle School Retreat thru Sunday



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HOLY WEEK AT THE GOD IS LOVE CHURCH!

HOLY MONDAY – March 29

Noon Prayer & St. Luke Passion: 12:30pm in the Chapel

HOLY TUESDAY – March 30

Noon Prayer & St. John Passion: 12:30pm in the Chapel

Stations of the Cross: 7pm at St. Matthias' Church

SPY WEDNESDAY – March 31

Maryland Crab Soup, Bread & Dessert Luncheon: 11:45am Celebration Hall (\$5)

Confession, Forgiveness & Holy Communion: 12:30pm in the Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 1

Italian Dinner: 6pm in Hightman Hall (\$9 adults)
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper with First Communion: 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2

The Solemn Hour at the Cross – Tenebrae: 2pm & 7pm in the Church

Holy Communion in the Gethsemane Garden: 3pm & 8pm in the Chapel

Fish Fry & Oyster Stew Dinner: 6pm in Hightman Hall (\$9 adults)

EASTER VIGIL – April 3

Morning Prayer: 10am at St. Matthias' Church

Great Vigil of Easter: 7:30pm at St. Mark's Church at St. Paul & 20th Streets. Carpool from Epiphany leaving 7pm, sharp.

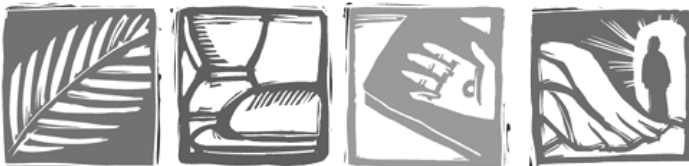
EASTER DAY – April 4

SonRise Holy Communion: 7:30am in the Chapel

Contemporary Celebration: 9am in Hightman Hall

Festival Celebration: 10:30am in the Church

Kid's Easter Egg Hunts: 10 & 11:45am in the Courtyard.



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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a divine drama, services that help us walk with Christ the unfolding story of life, death and resurrection. Each service adds texture, detail and experience to the story, but not all services are equal or the same.

Palm Sunday and **Easter** go without saying! These are *do not miss, holy days of obligation!*

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are devotional services. They are offered as a way for us to center ourselves on Christ during these dramatic days. Perhaps your schedule will afford you the opportunity to attend one of those services, but maybe not.

Maundy Thursday and **Good Friday** are a different story! These are the dramatic services that set the stage for Easter. Without them Easter is not as rich nor does the joy of the resurrection make as much sense. Pr. Raymond Myers, the beloved late pastor of this congregation, commented in a 1966 *Herald*: "I cannot imagine missing Maundy Thursday or Good Friday Services and then coming Easter morning. You've missed half the story!"

Come Thursday and witness the power of the Last Supper even as our young people receive their first communion. See the altar stripped even as Jesus is stripped of his life. Come back for Good Friday for the dramatic seven last words from the cross, even as light and shadows overcome the church. Visit the Gethsemane Garden and meet Jesus in the Holy Communion.

Bishop's Easter Message

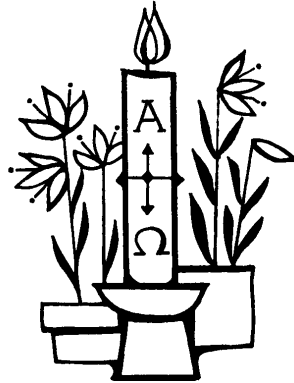
The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

"Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified ... has been raised"

Mark 16:16

When Mary Magdalene, Mary and Salome came to the tomb, their hopes and fears intersected. They wondered aloud about the impossibly large and heavy stone that presented an obstacle to their immediate plans. Worse, what they thought lay behind the stone was unspeakably devastating. Jesus, who embodied the hope of God's promise in a fully human life, was not simply dead, but crucified -- executed in the most extreme humiliation, a savage mockery of the hope that had lived with him.

But the stone was gone, the grave empty. Where they had expected to hear the silence of death's mockery, they were met by an astonishing message that the crucified one was raised from the dead, that their hope was victorious over humiliation, and that Jesus lives and is leading the way into an unexpected, surprising future with God.



Jesus lives and resurrection hope beckons. Jesus' resurrection on the third day signals that God is not finished until the life of Jesus renews the whole creation. Sinners once haunted by the threats of judgment will live forgiven, restored, renewed and freed. All lives broken by sin's

injustices and haunted by death's terrors will be transformed by joy and transfigured into the new creation in Christ.

You and I are witnesses of this new creation. You have been baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection and have heard his promise. Your lives are hidden in his and he feeds you with a foretaste of the eternal feast of joy. He will meet you in your hope. He claims your daily work and makes it into a holy calling. He lives in you and sends you into the world as an ambassador of reconciliation, a testimony of God's incomparable love. Jesus lives! Your life in him is resurrection witness.

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Synod Bishop's Easter Message

The Rev. Theodore F. Schneider, De/Md Synod Interim Bishop

There was but one sentence on the front of the Easter bulletin: There are just two kinds of people here this morning: those who believe in the resurrection and those who wish to heaven that they could. No doubt some were surprised and wondering: "Which one of those am I?"

It might just depend upon the day. Sometimes, there is no doubt at all. On others...! There are many who know the angst of the father of the demon-possessed son who cried out to Jesus: "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24) Been there! Done that!

Ours is not simply a 21st century phenomenon. When it comes to the resurrection from the dead, be it Jesus' or ours, belief has never come easily. Jesus' most faithful followers, on the way to the tomb before dawn on that first Easter, were not expecting a resurrection. They were worried about rolling a stone away. As Mary Magdalene tarried in the garden, she did not recognize her risen Lord. She thought he was the gardener. Then there was the ever-famous Thomas, "Doubting Thomas." (I think we give him that judgmental name because we project our own guilt in this matter upon him.)

Saint Paul confronts disbelief head on as he writes to the Christians at Corinth. "How can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?" (1 Cor. 15:12) Perhaps the problem is that belief in the resurrection is just too good to be true. We have often been cautioned that if an offer is too good to be true, it probably is. Or as Saint Luke tells us, the disciples "disbelieved for joy." (Luke 24:41) Yet Saint Paul would contend that believing this good news is central to the very Gospel itself. That is to say, "If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all most to be pitied." (1 Cor. 15:10)

Easter's message is not one about miracles...or whether we believe in miracles...but about what we believe about God. Saint Paul speaks consistently of Christ's resurrection in the passive voice, "Christ has been raised." As one former parishioner liked to say it: "I believe that God created all things; the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, and all of space, as well as all of us. If God can do that, then he can raise someone from the dead if he wants to."

Easter is not about believing in miracles but about believing in God. Again, we hear Saint Paul: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." (2 Cor. 5:19)

The good news then and now is bound up in this fact: God has the last word, and that word is life! The religious leaders had spoken, the crowd had spoken, and Pilate had decreed. The charges were insurrection, blasphemy, and treason. Then God speaks. The ground shakes, the sky goes dark, stones shatter and roll, graves are opened, and in the morning angels ask: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5) "He is not here. He is risen! Look for yourselves." (Matthew 28:6)

So do it. Look for yourselves. Such good news gives us the courage to live beyond ourselves and in the light of the Good News - and even to risk dying in Christ's name, without fear.

"Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

Pastor Yost

Lent! I wonder if there are still the observances of this season as many of our families used to observe this season. This is a time for fasting. No question but that this would benefit many a person. Let's keep in mind that obviously, the purpose of fasting is not to reduce one's weight. When you think that God in human form was an unbelievable happening; that is the beginning of our thinking seriously about denying ourselves something when God gave His all for us.

There are opportunities to assist us to keep in mind the seriousness of the season. Extra worship opportunities, extra self-denial envelopes, and a greater emphasis on what our Lord did for us - these are the things that make the observance of Lent worthwhile. Anything we do that awakens us to all that our Lord went through for us definitely proves worthwhile. Don't think of what you have to give up. Think rather of what God in human form gave for us. We look back and rejoice. When God came to earth, he was rejected, despised, and killed. Were we present when he was here in human form, would we have done anything different from what the multitudes did to Him?

If Lent proves to be the time when our thoughts are tuned more keenly to Jesus and what He did for us, the season is worthwhile. Think then, not so much of what you can give up, as what you can give. Interesting that just as this season began a number of tragedies occurred throughout the world. We do not need reminders of what we can do to observe this Lenten season. Reminders are everywhere and even right in our own neighborhoods. Use them! There is no better way to observe Lent!

In Our Prayers

Our Friends who are Sick...

Ann Abels, Alberta Ash, Steve Addison, Ron Allen, Joan Bonomo, Florence Brady, Delores Dillon, Janice Engler, Robin Forster, A. J. Forster, Joan Gullion, George Horst, Linda Hunt, Chuck King, Maryann Klima, Denise Loverde, Roberta Marsh, Pr. Carl Myers, Alva Perry, Barbara J. Sanders, Jack Sealover, Louis Slechta, Dorothy Sill, Dorothy Smith, Donna Tutchtou, Matt Wells, Carolyn Yost and Melinda Zimmerman.

Sorrowing

Families of Harry Sanders
and Betty Clare

Those who Serve in the Armed Forces

Eric Cullotta & Matthew Sather, Rychwalskis' grandsons; Christopher Berg, Berg's grandson; Ricky Buria & James Welsch, Dolan's grandsons; Scott Ernst, Shirley Ernst's nephew; Karen Ketter, Ketter's daughter; Robert Ruth, Marguerite Freeland's grandson; Stephen Veres & Douglas Engler, Charlie Engler's grandsons; Eric Wertz, Wertz family and Matthew Harrington & Jason Harrington, Edna Czarnowsky's grandsons; Jason Frey, Bobbie and Chuck King's brother-in-law.

We rejoice with Chuck and Margie Kay that their son, Mike, was honorably discharged from the Navy and returned home before moving to San Diego.

A Note from the Vice President

Mr. Gil Shelsby

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

Psalm 118:8

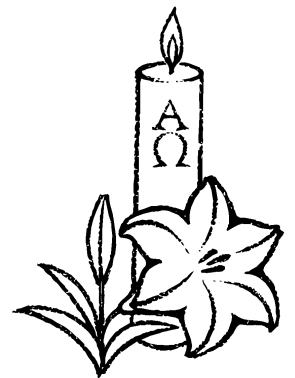
Recently I received an e-mail titled "The center of the Bible." There were lots of beautiful pictures of mountains, sunrises, sunsets, snow scenes, etc., along with some interesting and fascinating facts. Here is what it said. The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117 and the longest is Psalm 119. There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 Chapters after Psalm 118. If you add these two numbers, you get 1188. So the center of the Bible would be Psalm 118:8 that is written at the beginning of this article and that would be a great verse for a central theme of the Bible.

Being fascinated by numbers and amazed by the coincidence of 1188, I decided to do some research. I found that the King James Version contains 1189 Chapters thus making Psalm 117 the center Chapter as it is Chapter number 595. The KJV has 31,102 verses so it does not have a single middle verse. I then discovered that different Bibles have different numbers of books. The Hebrew Bible, the Catholic Bible, the King James Version and the New International Bible are all slightly different. So I decided to throw the numbers out and get back to some other great central themes that would work for me. How about John 3:16 and 17 for a great central theme, or for us at Epiphany, 1 John 4:8 which says He who does not love does not know God; for God is Love.

By the way, Psalm 117 is the shortest, with only 2 verses and Psalm 119 is the longest.

Easter Vigil

The Congregations of the Baltimore City Conference (and the first ring of the counties) will gather for the **Great Vigil of Easter**, one of the most magnificent services of the Church Year, at St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1900 St. Paul Street (at 20th Street) on Saturday, 3 April at 7:30pm. Following the service, a fantastic "break-the-fast" reception is shared. It is a real treat to worship at St. Marks and those of us from Epiphany that have gone are looking forward to it again! Plan to join us!



Family & Friends Game Night!

Friday, April 23 6pm - Come and share Pizza for dinner. We usually play Trivia or Pictionary AND...we play teams, so there is no need to feel any pressure. If enough people come, a pinochle game is usually going on too. Do you have a favorite game? Bring it – we would really like to have more people join us.

Volunteer Appreciation Month

VOLUNTEERS

Many will be shocked to find,
When the day of judgment nears,
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there are no committee chairmen,
No yard sales or rest area coffee to serve,
No library duty or bulletin assembly,
There will be nothing to print and staple,
Not one thing to fold and mail,
Telephone lists will be outlawed.
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.
You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,
And not once volunteered on Earth!

Loving Thoughts

What does Easter Mean?

What does Easter mean to you? Easter baskets filled with chocolate candy, chocolate bunnies and bright colored eggs? Perhaps a new outfit or a dinner fit for a king? Have you forgotten the real reason we celebrate Easter? Christ suffered and died on the cross for our sins. Three sad days passed and He rose glorious from the dead for you and me. He is ALIVE, our Savior lives...Alleluia. He will be there when our burdens of life overpower us. He will be there when our hearts are filled with pain and sorrow. He will be there to bring sunshine into our lives. We should never forget that Christ suffered on that cross for you and me. His love for us then was great but it is greater now. He is always there – we are blessed with His love.

Christ is risen! Alleluia
Sing His praises! Alleluia
Christ is risen from the dead!

Audrey Thomas

Epiphany

Homemakers

We wish each and everyone a very Happy, Holy Easter.

The signs of spring are really in the air and on the ground with the many spring flowers blooming.

We are finally catching up on our meetings after the snow storm and blizzard. We did not meet at all in February and have had two meetings in March, thank goodness. Our Easter project for Ivy Hall is running just a little behind schedule so we are looking for everyone to be present at our meetings.

Our next business meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7th, at 10:30 AM in Celebration Hall, Room 106. Remember we are having a catered luncheon on that day – the cost will be \$4.00 each. We will be collecting money for our June 2nd Luncheon at Bowman's. Cost will be \$25.00.

On Wednesday, April 28th, we will meet at 10:30 AM for our Craft Day and then out to lunch. I know we are all looking forward to this.

Looking forward to seeing all of our members as well as any others who would like to visit us. We look forward to seeing new faces.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-665-3473.

Esther M. Balles, President

God Bless Those Who Celebrate!

May Anniversaries
Virginia and Charles Schnepf
Susan and Stephen Fogle
Margaret and Norman Wirts
Linda and Terry Siegle
Melinda and John Zimmerman
Gloria and Henry Koenig
Barbara and William Lehman
Michelle and Ray Bartholomew

CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAYS
OF OUR OCTOGENARIANS

Edna Rejzek

E. Jean Marshall

Norman Albaugh

John Nies

Marian Sause

Glenda Albaugh

Beatrice Ennis

May Birthdays
Carol Addison
Dana Thompson
Pr. Tom Frizzell Jr.
Buddy Geiger
James Oakes
Edna Rejzek
Donald Enright II
Juanita Tausendschoen
Sue Fitzsimmons
E. Jean Marshall
Donald Watson III
Jacob Schleupner
Norman Albaugh
John Nies
Lambert Aryee
John Zimmerman
Marian Sause
William Baldauf
Brooke Stroemer
Kathi Beatty
Linda Siegle
Debra Schehlein
Lee Gibson
Kelsey McIntyre
Glenda Albaugh
Beatrice Ennis



Who Serve - March

ALTAR CARE

Shirley Stevens & Carole Gittings

ALTAR CLEAN UP

April 4—Donna Fairley, Susy Pfarr, Gladys Ilgenfritz, Carol Schlepner

April 11—Linda Gruzs, Carol Myers, Margaret Kramer, Tom Kopriva, Stephanie Cancila

April 18—Jim & Elsie Bell, Marion Johnston, Joan Gullion, Audrey Thomas

April 25—Shirley Stevens, Emmie Shelsby, May Heidelmaier, Amie McGee, Gladys Ilgenfritz

ASSISTING MINISTERS

April 04 Georgeann Roeder

April 11 Jacob Schlepner

April 18 Doug Wittich

April 25 Edna Rau

LAY READERS	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson
April 04	Carol Myers	Kent Gruzs
April 11	Gifty Brown	Amber Leber
April 18	Amber Leber	Gary Lenz
April 25	Georgeann Roeder	Bill Momberger

USHERS

April 01 Holy Thurs Bob Horst, Carol Thomas, Roland Smith, Linda Gruzs, Walter & Katherine Koepper

April 02 Good Fri 2pm Bud Stevens & Al Zang

April 02 Good Fri 7pm Kent Gruzs, Don Watson, Terry McGee, Phyllis Single, Carl & Joan Becker

April 04 Leo Schlepner, Carl Rau, Jack Roeder, Terry McGee, Virginia & Charlie Schnepf

April 11 Don Watson, Pat Nemecek, Henry Berg, Katie Kwiatkowski, Charlie Engler, Henry Koenig

April 18 Gil Shelsby, Mark Dittmar, Bud Stevens, Norman Albaugh, Al Zang, Woody Smeltzer

April 25 April Crosby, Carl Rau, Roland Smith, John Kluver, Walter & Katherine Koepper

ACOLYTES

April 04 Amber Leber, Ryan Becker, Kristina Wittich, Jacob Schlepner, Carrie Cancila

April 11 Brooke Stroemer, Heather Stroemer, Dennis Aryee, Lambert Aryee

April 18 Jacob Schlepner, Jeremiah Schlepner, Margaret Morin, Joseph Wray

April 25 Brendan Kluver, Kevin Durbin, Ryan Becker, Amber Leber

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please secure a replacement and notify the parish office! Thank you for serving!

Thanks for Your Stewardship!

February 21, 2010

ATTENDANCE: 164

5pm: 21, 9am: 42, 10:30am: 101

OFFERING: \$6,639.93

BUDGET: \$4,840.00

February 24, 2010 – Lent MW Svc

ATTENDANCE: 67

12:30: 25, 7pm: 42

February 28, 2010

ATTENDANCE: 183

5pm: 25, 9am: 41, 10:30am: 117

OFFERING: \$5,655.93

BUDGET: \$4,840.00

March 3, 2010 – Lent MW Svc

ATTENDANCE: 71

12:30: 28, 7pm: 43

March 07, 2010

ATTENDANCE: 198

5pm: 32, 9am: 54, 10:30am: 112

OFFERING: \$5,003.94

BUDGET: \$4,840.00

March 10, 2010 – Lent MW Svc

ATTENDANCE: 68

12:30: 27, 7pm: 41

March 14, 2010

ATTENDANCE: 164

5pm: 18, 9am: 42, 10:30am: 104

OFFERING: \$4,192.62

BUDGET: \$4,840.00

A Reminder:

When returning Lenten Quarter Cards, please place them in the envelope they came in if at all possible!

Many Thanks!

Easter Gifts

Paschal Candle & Candlestick

In Loving Memory of Emma & Harry Kemp

By John & Emma Miller

Palm Sunday Palm Fronds

In honor of our family and friends of Epiphany

By Ron & Pat Sparks

2 Palm Sunday Potted Palms

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By Ron & Pat Sparks

2 Palm Sunday Potted Palms

In Loving Memory of Elsie & Fred Ernst

by daughter Shirley

Palm Sunday Pony

In honor of our wonderful family

By Harris & Wilhelmina Dolan

Flowers at the Easter Paschal Candle

In Loving Memory of Charlie Smith

By Gladys Ilgenfritz

Flowers at the Easter Chapel Altar

By Carol & Rodger Thomas

1 Fair Linen for the Chapel Altar

by Debbie Hansen

The Easter Lily Cross

In honor of our grandchildren

By Emmie and Gil Shelsby

Flowers for the Easter Contemporary Altar

In honor of our granddaughters, Abigail and Nora

By Margie and Chuck Kay

Sponsorships in April

FLOWERS

April 04 – CHANCEL—In loving memory of my husband, Herbert Czarnowsky, on our 69th Wedding Anniversary by loving wife Edna. CHANCEL—In honor of our children & grandchildren by Roland & Dorothy Smith.

April 11 - ALTAR—In loving memory of Richard B. Myers, Sr., by his wife, Carol, and children. CHANCEL—In honor of Sarah DeVincent as she celebrates her 8th birthday by her grandparents

April 18 - ALTAR – In honor of Harris & Wilhelmina Dolan on their 67th Wedding Anniversary by their children

April 25 - ALTAR— In honor of Susan Smith on her birthday by Gladys. CHANCEL—In honor of Phil & Debbie Balles on their 20th Wedding Anniversary by Mom. CHANCEL – In honor of the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Dorothy & Roland Smith and their son Chris on his birthday.

BULLETINS

April 04 In loving memory of my grandson Jason by Audrey Thomas

April 11 & 18 **Available**

April 25 In honor of the 92nd birthday of Kermit Sanders and the 1st Wedding Anniversary of Scott & Joanne Sanders

COMMUNION ELEMENTS

April 01 Maundy Thursday – In honor of the first communicants by the pastors.

April 02 Good Friday – In loving memory of Loved Ones by Carla & Larry Melocik

April 04 Easter – In honor of Kendall Single on her 4th birthday by Phyllis Single

April 11 Available

April 18 In honor of Larry Melocik on his birthday by Carla and family

April 25 Available

TOWER LIGHT - GOD IS LOVE

April 04 In loving memory of Helen McGraw 'Gran' with love from the family

April 11, 18 & 25 **Available**

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

In loving memory of our Aunt, Evelyn Norris, by Steve, Sue & Jeff Fogle

LOOKING AHEAD - SPONSORS NEEDED!

Altar Flowers: May 02, 09 & 30 \$25/week

Bulletins: May 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30 \$15/week

Communion Elements: May 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30 \$10/week

Tower Light: May 16 & 23 \$10/week

Please call the Church Office to Sponsor any of these memorials.

410-485-7654.

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Memorials

THE PERMANENT MEMORIAL FUND

In Loving Memory of Hazel Woolston

By Lois & Donald Nuetzel
By Jean Brandau
By Kay Maisenhalder
By Margaret A. Woods
By Gail Nuetzel
By Pastor Gohl

In Loving Memory of Charles Smith

By Janel Cohen

In Loving Memory of Ethna Belle Thorne

By Cynthia Franks

In Loving Memory of Frank Chrest

By Craig Johnston

In Loving Memory of Carol Ackerman & George Balster

By George Ackerman

In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Gorman White, Sr., our parents – Douglas & Ruth Lauf & Della O. White, our sisters – Naomi White Burton, Vivian Hanssen & Esther Meise, Pastor and Mrs. Raymond Myers and Sandra White

by Bobbie White

In Loving Memory of my mother, Ruth W. Lauf on March 14th

By Bobbie White

THE HIGHTMAN FUND

In Loving Memory of Pastor Kate Zimmerman

By Jean Brandau
By Pastor Gohl
By Alex Umanetz & May Heidelmaier

THE CENTENNIAL FUND

In Loving Memory of Gloria Kimball

By Jean Brandau

THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

In Loving Memory of Pastor Kate Zimmerman

By Roland Dorothy Smith

LONG TERM MAINTENANCE FUND

In Loving Memory of Hazel A. Woolston

By Susy Pfarr

In honor of Roland Smith and Jack Roeder

By Henry Berg with thanks

THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

In Loving Memory of Monford Taylor on his birthday

By loving wife Margaret

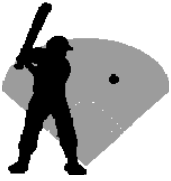
A Special Thank You...
*With Special thanks to all of You,
To know you is to know people who are kind,
considerate, and thoughtful. To know you is to
be grateful for the special things you do. To my
Church Family: For everything you've
done...for being the special people that you
are...thank you so very much. What a
Wonderful Surprise! The Flowers were
beautiful, birthday cake was delicious. I'll
never forget that day!*
*Love,
Mildred Imwold*

May tower Light

Material for the April Edition of *The Tower Light* will be due by April 12th. You may email material to Betty@God-Is-Love.org or drop your material to the Church Office.

Thrift Shop

Thrift Shop is up and running on Wednesdays from 12 'til 2pm and on the First Saturdays from 10am 'til 1pm. Many thanks for all our volunteers!



SAVE THE DATE!

PrimeTimers Trip

Sunday – July 11 – 5:30 PM

Aberdeen Ironbirds

Tickets \$13 – Call Carol Thomas –
410-931-1908

USE OF ROOM

Overlea AA – Jan. & Feb. Rent - \$80

Thrivent – January 31, 2010 - \$50

AUGSBURG VILLAGE

Choosing Your Community

When: Saturday, April 10, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Augsburg Lutheran Village Town Center

Complimentary Gourmet Brunch and Seminar

Enjoy a complimentary gourmet brunch while senior living expert Bart Stonesifer shares how to simplify the right living solution for you. Topics will include: Comparing Retirement Communities, Social and Spiritual Considerations, Tours and meeting new friends. Pastors, feel free to bring a member (or members) who may be considering Retirement Living. Family members don't hesitate to bring your loved ones.

Please RSVP to Bart Stonesifer by April 2 as space is limited.

MOSIAC CONCERT SERIES

First English Lutheran Church

3807 N. Charles St., Baltimore 21218

410-235-2356

May 23, 4pm Handel Children's Choir Spring Concert

June 27, 2pm Independence Day Organ Concert
R. David Huggins organist with guest artists Amy Branum Huggins, soprano, and organist, Karen Sturms.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

National Crime Prevention Council

1-800-303-8802



HOME REPAIRS

Every homeowner looks for good deals in repairs and improvements. But bargain repairs usually aren't bargains. Free inspections that reveal problems, workers who "just happened to be in the neighborhood", and unusually low prices for normally expensive jobs, signal fraud.

IF SOMEONE RIPS YOU OFF

Don't feel foolish or stupid. Tell the police, your city or state consumer protection office, or a consumer advocacy group. Very few frauds are reported, which leaves the con artist free to rob more victims.

RETREAT FOR ALL CAREGIVERS

Pastoral Counseling Services of MD is pleased to announce a caregiver retreat welcoming professional and nonprofessional caregivers together.

Compassionate Caregiving – A New Way of Being
Saturday, April 10, 2010

1pm – 5pm

Retreat Location:

Grace United Methodist Church

5407 N. Charles Street

Baltimore, MD 21204

For more information and to register please visit www.pcsmd.org or call 800-427-4027 ext. 140.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

Join the Women of Jerusalem Lutheran Church for their 55th Annual Banquet

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 6:30 pm

"I Love You to the Moon and Back"

Guest Entertainment: "A Little Knight Music" with songs of Broadway

Tickets: \$17 for adults/ \$7 for children

Call 410-485-5750 - Deadline for ordering: May 2nd

Sunday,

April 18th

6pm-8pm!

Youth Group

Youth Group has continued to be exciting and lively, with our 1st & 3rd Sunday evenings averaging over 18 youth for fellowship, games, discussion, and prayer. ***There is no youth group on Easter Sunday!*** If you're in 7th-12th grade, we look forward to seeing you there!

*Your Prayers and Presence are Invited as
Saliese Schultz, David Schultz & Andrew Brown
children of The Rev. William & The Rev. Arwyn Gohl
will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
on Saturday, 17 April 2010 at 5:00pm at
Jerusalem Lutheran Church
A Light Supper Reception will follow the service*

WHAT'S COOKING?

WITH MYERS FAMILY CATERERS

Thank you to all who have heard our plea for advance PAID reservations for our Lenten Dinners - it sure makes life easier for all of us.

Many thanks to Carol Addison, April Crosby, Allison Mercier, Ryan Becker and Kevin Durbin for their excellent kitchen help!

Special thanks to Sue Fitzsimmons for taking care of reservations for us!!

I would ask that anyone who uses the linen cloths in the Celebration Room please return them to the cabinet drawer washed and ironed. I take care of the linens Myers Family Caterers use and it would be a help if you would remember to take the Celebration Room linens home with you to be laundered. Thanks so much!!

A reminder that there will be no dinner served on Wednesday of Holy Week. We will be serving an Italian dinner on Holy Thursday and an Oyster Stew (prepared by Tom Kopriva) and Fish dinner on Good Friday.

It's always a pleasure to cook for you and especially so during Lent as we come together as one big Epiphany Family to eat and to worship.



THE ORDINATION OF
hambisa BELina

TO THE HOLY MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
Saturday, 10 April 2010 – 3pm
Grace Lutheran Church – 4300 16th Street NW, Washington, DC
Reception to Follow the Service in Honor of Pastor Belina.
The Gohls are attending and will lead a carpool.
Hambisa was Intern Pastor at Epiphany from 2008-2009



THE ORDINATION OF
traci BENDITZ GLOVER

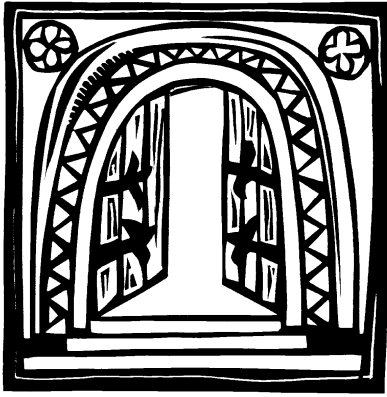
TO THE HOLY MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
Friday, 16 April 2010 – 7:30pm
Zion Lutheran Church, 1290 River Road, Marietta, PA
Reception to Follow the Service in Honor of Pastor Glover.
Pastor Gohl will be attending and will have room for riders to join him.
*Sister Traci Benditz was Coordinator for Christian Education and Youth Ministry
at Epiphany Lutheran Church in the mid-1990s.*



A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
the rev. kathleen LOIS powers ZIMMERMAN

WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
Saturday, 10 April 2010 – 11am
First English Lutheran Church – Charles at 39th Street, Baltimore, MD
Reception to Follow the Service.
Pastor Kate was Intern Pastor at Epiphany from 1998-1999

Calling All Ushers



Current and past ushers, want to be ushers**, and **ANYONE with thoughts or comments on how ushers can enhance our Traditional worship experience at 10:30am Sundays.****

We need a new database of ushers (past, present and currently interested) and ask **EVERYONE** who is interested to **e-mail** (wmomberger@comcast.net) or **write a note** (The Ushering Committee mailbox is outside the Pastor's Office). Many e-mail addresses and telephone numbers have changed, so *everyone* interested in Ushering **needs to contact the Committee by April 15,**

2010. Anyone who has thoughts or comments to provide, please contact us as noted above. Any questions, call 410-256-1937, **BUT no data** can be taken by phone! Ushering requires a commitment of on-time attendance, a smiling face, good will and much more! Check us out.

Information Needed: Full Name (First, MI, Last), Telephone number(s) with preferred number noted, e-mail address and Sundays in May, June, July and August when you can **NOT** serve. An e-mail address is **NOT** required, but is helpful. Be sure to voice your thoughts about ushering.

All responses received by the deadline will be sent more details so they can decide if service as an usher will be a fulfilling worship experience. Please **DO** provide your input whether you are interested in ushering or not. Your opinion counts! Thanks

**** Ush-er \esh-er\ [doorkeeper] [one who escorts persons to their seats] Epiphany Lutheran Church definition - these and many worship/church related tasks.**

Ushers for Saturday at 5pm and for Sunday Contemporary at 9am are currently in place, If you would be willing to help with 5pm Ushering Duties, please speak to Pr. Gohl; for 9am Ushering Duties, please speak to Pr. Kay, Bill Seidel or Bob Horst.

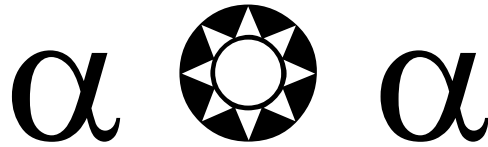
10:30am Lay Assisting Ministers

We will meet with Pastor Gohl on Sunday, 11 April immediately following the 10:30am Service in the Hackmann Room. This meeting is quite important as some changes will be reviewed and your feedback will be solicited. Please let me know if you can not make the meeting. Otherwise, I will expect to see you there! *Those who would be interested in becoming lay assisting ministers would also be welcome at the meeting. Please let me know you are planning to attend.*

Doug Wittich – wittich@comcast.net or 443/794-0735



The Epiphany Fellowship Committee
Presents Our Annual



FLOWER MART

FLOWER MART & COOK-OUT

Saturday, 8 May 2010 ✠ 9am 'til 2pm
Hightman Hall, Courtyard and Celebration
Hall

FLOWERS - Pre-Orders will begin Easter Sunday!

FLEA MARKET - Rent a Table for \$20 or help fill
our Book, Cake, Jewelry, Craft & Attic Treasure Tables!

CAR WASH - to Support our Mission Trip to New Orleans!

COOK-OUT - Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and More!

THRIFT SHOP - Clothing Treasures for Everyone!