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Celebrate Jesus! Easter Sunday
April 16, 2006 • 10:30 am



Holy Week Worship Activities

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday and Confirmation

10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday

7 pm Worship

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

9 am Cross Walk

9:45-10:15 am Lenten Prayer Service

7 pm Good Friday service with Passion reading

Sunday, April 16—Easter

6:30 am Longview Community Service
at First Lutheran Church

10:30 am Worship in our Sanctuary

Palm Sunday Reception

On April 9, Palm Sunday, the Education Committee will host a reception to honor Mason Elliott, confirmand, and new members. Cake and beverages will be served, and there will be a basket available for your cards/gifts for Mason for this important milestone in his spiritual journey. We will also recognize and welcome those people who have joined our church family. Please plan on attending and celebrating with us!



Bring flowers on Easter Sunday to transform a plain, wooden cross into a beautiful, living remembrance of God's promise to us. (This is a picture from last year.)

Worship in April

April 2—Confirmation Essay: "Christian Community" by Mason Elliott Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33 Reader: Jan Gray Music: Bell Choir Communion and Food Pantry

April 9—Palm Sunday Sermon: "Palms and Power" Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 Reader: Karen Young Music: Chancel Choir Confirmation Reception

April 13—Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm Sermon: "He Founded It" Reader: George Oelschlaeger Music: Chancel Choir

April 14—Good Friday, 7:00 pm Sermon: "Dead" Reader: Molly McGreevey Music: Chancel Choir

✠ April 16—Easter Sunday Sermon: "Christ Is Risen!" Scripture: Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8 Reader: Ed Johnson Music: Chancel Choir

April 23—Volunteer Sunday Sermon: "Peace Be With You" Scripture: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31 Reader: Mary Oelschlaeger Music: Solos

April 30—Heifer Project Sunday Sermon: "Hospitality" Scripture: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48 Reader: Bob Martensen Music: Bell Choir



Memo From Michael



Confirmation Fund

Church of Peace initiated a "Confirmation Fund" to benefit the education program of our church about six years ago. We invest the principal and the interest comes to support the education budget. The invested sum is about \$5,500 today.

I invite you to make an investment in youth and the future of your church by supporting the Confirmation Fund with a gift of money. Little envelopes will be available in church, or you can just write "confirmation fund" in the memo portion of your check.

While it would be wonderful if there could be some very large gifts to benefit the fund, I fully believe that if many of us keep making regular gifts once a year about this time we will ultimately collect a large fund that makes a significant contribution to our education and youth program budget.

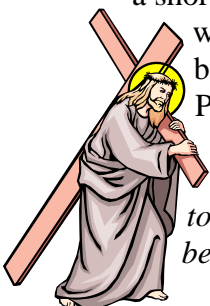
The Confirmation Fund project is positive and forward-looking. I appreciate that the focus is on a particular program area that is important in the life of our church. In this Easter season where our focus is on the resurrection and the promise of new life, I ask you to contribute to a fund with a future orientation.

See you in church. - Michael

GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK

Gloria Dei Presbyterian Church will sponsor their annual cross walk on Good Friday beginning at 8:50 am in front of the Rock Island City Hall. The walk lasts approximately 2 hours, and the group stops in front of churches along the route for a short prayer service. After the

walk is finished, a light lunch will be held at the Gloria Dei Presbyterian Church. Please let Nora in our church office know if you will be joining us. *As we walk together carrying the cross, may we be focused on Christ who died for us.*



Council Briefs

The March 2006 Church Council meeting had an exciting first. The first council teleconference was held, as council member Rhys Fullerlove called in from Texas and, via speakerphone, helped explain the congregational survey to the rest of the council.

The council decided to send out the congregational survey in order to determine the interests and views of the congregation. This information will be used to help create some long-term goals for the church. Surveys should be returned to the church by Easter Sunday.

In order to facilitate these soon-to-be-determined long-term goals, the council is investigating two plans. One plan is a possible partnership with other churches in the Western Association. The other plan is a five-year plan developed and implemented solely by church members. More information needs to be attained from the Western Association before any decision is made.

In building maintenance news, the council voted to accept a bid by Tacey to change the lights in the Music Room/Community Caring Conference office. This room will also be painted and have the carpet replaced thanks to rummage sale funds. The council also discussed replacing the wooden sign on the corner of 12th St. and 12th Ave.

Jimmy Sederquist, Secretary

There is one Lenten Bible Series on Angels in the New Testament remaining on Wednesday, April 5. Supper is between 5:30-6:30 pm, and the study begins at 6:45 pm. There will also be Friday prayer services on April 7 and 14 at 9:45 am.

Clean-Up Day

It's time to do some spring cleaning at the church—both inside and outside. On Saturday, April 1, come for breakfast casseroles at 8 am and then everyone will tackle some projects!



Guest Speaker for Sunday School

Please circle Sunday, May 2 on your calendar since that is when a representative of the Islamic Center of the Quad Cities will be here. He will present a program using our new power point projector in the Adult Sunday school class that meets at 9:00 am in the lounge. As we all know, ignorance breeds fear so let's get the facts straight so we can develop opinions based on fact and not fiction. As always, we encourage you to bring a friend!

Altar Guild Schedule

April

02 Bea Anderson
 09 Darlene McCarthy
 13 Bea Anderson
 14 Bea Anderson
 16 Marie Timmer
 23 Dorothy Jones
 30 Linda Porter

April Flowers

April 2—Open

April 9—In honor of the birthdays of Lou Della Bernauer and Dee Kuenning from the Bernauer Family

April 16—Easter Lilies

April 23—In honor of all volunteers from the Health and Wellness Committee

April 30—Open

April Greeters

02 Myrna Adams
 09 John & Joann Love
 16 Andy & Kathy Manthey
 23 Linda Etheridge
 30 Jean Held

Church Staff Members

Michael SwartzPastor
 Rachael BationoOutreach Director
 Nora Steele.....Secretary
 Brian Wischnak.....Sexton
 Mary Oelschlaeger Parish Nurse
 Mary Kae Waytenick ... Music Director
 Jessica Waytenick Choir Director
 Curtis Oelschlaeger Bell Choir Director

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4. Margaret Nothdorf
5. Timothy Day
6. Dee Kuenning
7. Linda Etheridge
8. Dean Anderson
Shirley Boetje
Georgia Steeber
9. Robert Jensen
Kathleen Elceser
Virginia Kelly
12. LouDella Bernauer
Johanne Varadi
Joy Bartels
13. David Franck
Scott Anderson
Richard Nessler
Christina Colgan
14. Werner Albrecht
16. Amanda Schroeder
18. Katie Fullerlove
19. Joanna Runge
20. Derek Radosevich
21. Al Nessler
23. Michael Sederquist
25. Dorothy Jones
Rhayn Fullerlove
Bob Milligan
Jayme Wadsworth
26. Marguerite Nelson
27. Joshua Stevens
28. Dwight Anderson
29. Amy Braughton



Thank you, friends at Church of Peace, for all of the cards and good wishes sent to us for our anniversary. Because of you and our children, it has been a memorable and special time. Thank you for all the good thoughts!

John and Joann Love

Thank you to all who remembered us with well wishes or cards on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary. What fun it was going to the mailbox for two weeks and finding greetings from friends, old and new.

Virginia and Bob Milligan

First Lutheran Church is sponsoring the Longview Community Easter Sunrise Service again this year beginning at 6:30 am with a breakfast to follow. You can help with reading scripture, call to worship, special music, preaching, or leading in prayer. Call Nora in the office at 788-6357 if you are interested! Plan on attending this special service on April 16th at 17th and 20th Streets!

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