

Dear Friends,



Grace to you from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Martin Luther, the most important thing that we know about ourselves as Christians is that we have been baptized. It is the sign of God's promised salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Church's celebration of Lent and Easter, from very early in its history, has focused on the sacrament of baptism, Lent as preparation for baptism and Easter as the primary time for baptisms to take place.

In our Easter worship, particularly, but throughout the year we focus in some way almost every Sunday on baptism.

One of the more concrete ways we do this is through the renewal of our baptismal vows. This rite is called an *Affirmation of Baptism* in our Lutheran liturgical books. We use the rite preeminently on Easter Sunday when we gather around the font to affirm the faith into which we were baptized. In addition, we use the *Affirmation of Baptism* to welcome new members into our First Lutheran community if they have already been baptized in another Christian tradition. We also use the rite for what is commonly known as confirmation, the full inclusion of a baptized member in the life of the congregation, usually in middle or high school. (Unlike the Roman Catholic and Episcopal church, confirmation in the Lutheran church is not a separate sacrament.)

On the Sundays of Easter and on other special Sundays during the year we give special thanks for baptism and are sprinkled with baptismal water as a reminder of our baptism. Finally, on almost every other Sunday, we turn and face the font for confession and absolution recalling that baptism is the source of this ongoing forgiveness.

So, dear ones, on every Sunday, but most especially on this Easter Sunday, remember that you have been baptized into the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pax,\

P. Austin



### *Youth Variety Show*

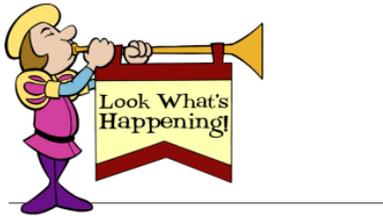
**The Youth Variety Show that was held on March 16 at Christ Lutheran was a huge success. There were 10 different kinds of chili in the cookout and Paul Kizer from St. Stephen's was the winner! The kids and pastors' outdid themselves with their talents. There was singing, magic tricks, readings (One was from Pastor Andy and the other was a Farmer's version of Romeo and Juliet)! The food and fellowship was great and everyone had a good time. Each church supplied a basket to raffle off and the average for most baskets was at least \$30.00. There were bakery goods for sale and they were yummy! The youth raised \$1,829.00. Well done Kids!**



*Don't forget our Shut-ins during the Easter Season! Send them an Easter card or call them up. Let them know you are thinking about them.*

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**April 7** - You are invited to join us to watch a movie, "Jesus Life (1 1/2 hrs) after service. Please bring finger foods and snacks.

**April 12 - S.O.U. L. Clinic Grand Opening**  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**April 13** - Make palm crosses for Palm Sunday 10:00 am.

**April 18 - Maundy Thursday** -Light supper preceding service ( 6:15 pm).

**April 19 - Good Friday** - Joint service at St. John UCC (7:00 pm).

**April 21 - Easter Sunday** -  
9:00 - 10:00 am Breakfast  
9:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt

**April 23 - Table Talk**

**May 18 - Derby Dinner Playhouse**  
"The Newsies"

A  from David

In April, we come to the end of Lent as we celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Palm Sunday begins the holiest of weeks in the church's liturgical life, with Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday brings the remembrance of the Last Supper of the Lord and of our forgiveness. Good Friday brings the story of the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. Our worship journey this month prepares us for the grand drama of the celebration to come, Easter. The joyous season of Easter is the season of the church year celebrating Christ's resurrection. You may notice changes in our worship space. The paschal candle usually stands near the baptismal font but it will also be lit each Sunday of the Easter season. Its light represents the risen Christ, the light of the world, who leads us out of darkness. The paraments on the altar and the vestments worn by the worship leaders are gold and white, symbolizing the joy of the Resurrection. We will sing the beloved Easter hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (ELW 365.) This stirring hymn brings back the Alleluia that was put away at the beginning of Lent. We will return to singing the Alleluia in the Cantic of Praise (*This is the feast...*) at the beginning of our worship service. Even the Gospel Acclamation includes an opportunity to sing Alleluia once again. All of this combines with the earth's glorious spring renewal to celebrate Christ's resurrection and the promise of eternal life.



## Council Minutes Highlights

Date – March 17, 2019

Visitor – Dr. Dustin Cox of S.O.U.L. ministries – currently renting the old Dare to Care office. He serves the homeless who struggle with addiction issues. Had been previously operating out of meeting rooms at the Main Public Library. Help people with obtaining records, food, They ask their participants to Pay it Forward – to turn around and help others. Their Grand Opening will be Friday April 12 during the afternoon. There will be several vendors present and he is promoting their work with the local media outlets.

YTD contributions 1,293 which is down 300  
We have a deficit of ~3,700. (so far)

### Old business

- a. Organ Repairs \$18 - the proposal was adopted at today's congregational Meeting
- b. Check Signers – all except Drew have gotten to the bank. If at all possible, Jim Blincoe, as treasurer, should sign each check
- c. Pastor's Housing Allowance the portion of Pastor's salary that is considered housing is \$18,000.
- d. Squirrel – Louis has purchased a trap. We do not know if it has been caught.

### New business

- a. Interior locks – Asking for locks on interior rooms. such as the primary room, studio, office, and other rooms.
- b. Baby gates on stairwell by office-elevator.
- c. Building users update - LYG has an associate, Spencer Jenkins, who runs a yoga class for them. They have another associate who wants to start a peer recovery group on the same night. The hope that we can get all building users in one room for a meeting about access and security.
- d. The basement bathrooms would be a good tornado shelter – need signs. The basement area is often locked.

### Committee minutes

Worship and Music – getting robes for acolytes  
Maundy Thursday meal – soup and bread  
Christian Ed- requests a lock for primary room.  
Finance committee-printed reports They created the recommendation for paying for the Organ repairs.

Membership Committee – organizing soup for Maundy Thursday  
April 7<sup>th</sup> viewing the Passion of the Christ Movie ( perhaps )  
Going to see Newsies – about the newsboys strike of 1890.  
Slugger baseball game  
Property committee – gutter falling on tire store side.  
Locks for doors to rooms that are not passages to other parts of the building  
baby gate – try out. Vicky is bringing.  
Dr. Cox mentioned that he found human feces in front of his office door. We told him regrettably that this is not an unusual occurrence.

Respectively submitted.

Sharon Lillie  
Secretary



*S.O.U.L. CLINIC*

*GRAND OPENING*

*APRIL 12*

*10:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

*Metro Council President David James will be the speaker and participate in ribbon cutting ceremony. There will be food, drinks, games and more! Come join in the celebration!*