

The Lutheran Visitor

Come Party With Us at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23!

On Saturday night, April 23, beginning at 7 p.m., the biggest party of the church year begins. Easter Vigil is one of the most ancient worship services in the Christian tradition. In churches across the world, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Eastern Orthodox worshippers will ring in the Resurrection of our Lord with the original “early morning” Easter worship service. In the ancient world the new day started in the evening. And as Christ’s resurrection turns night into day it’s appropriate that we use this ancient practice on Saturday night.

Easter Vigil starts with fire! The worship begins with the lighting of a new fire outside. From this fire we will light the paschal candle (the big candle that is lighted to signal the light of Christ at Easter, funerals, baptisms, and other times). This light will be spread to the candles of worshippers.

Easter Vigil continues with music. The most ancient of songs are sung, as well as new songs, familiar hymns, and all kinds of joyful music. We announce that this is the night in which Christ arose from the dead triumphant.

As we keep vigil for Easter to come, we tell each other the stories of God around the Easter fire (now carried indoors on candles). From the creation of the world until now, God has done marvelous things. We will hear, see and experience the mighty deeds of God in these stories.

Easter Vigil brings us to the waters of baptism. In the ancient church, new Christians were brought into the church on the night of Christ’s resurrection. At our Easter Vigil we will remember our baptism into Christ and possibly celebrate the baptism of others.

The party ends with the feast: Easter Vigil announces the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and hands him over as a kind of Easter cake that breaks the fast of Lent and the sorrow of sin and death. Christ is alive. We celebrate the victory of our Lord at the Lord’s table, enjoying Holy Communion together around flowers, banners, other signs of celebration and Alleluias.

Since Lent has ended, it’s a good time to party. The icing on the cake of this Easter celebration will be a reception with chocolate and other treats to break the Lenten fast and to celebrate new life.

Join us!
The Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, April 23 7 p.m.

Pastor Jennifer Obermueller

Empty Bowls Event



The staff members of the Huntington Area Food Bank would greatly appreciate your support of the 2011 Empty Bowls fundraising event. All proceeds from Empty Bowls will help the HAFB in their mission of fighting hunger in the Tri-State area.

We extend an invitation for you to join us at the eighth annual Empty Bowls event. The Empty Bowls event is Friday, April 8, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church located at 1015 Fifth Avenue .



Notable Events

Congratulations to:

Rebecca Pettit auditioned and was asked to join the Marshall University Orchestra. She will be playing in their spring concert, April 26th. Rebecca is a violin student of David Becker.

Betsy Pettit will be attending Governor's School for the Arts in vocal performance being held in July at Davis Elkins College.

Jennifer Riley will be graduating from Marshall University Joan C. Edwards Medical School on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. She will be attending Baylor Medical School/Baylor Medical Center in Houston, Texas for her OB/GYN Residency.

Bernadette Wellman appearing in Spring 2011 Huntington Quarterly in an article about Christian Associates and Cridlin Food Pantry called A Common Good.

Prayer Requests



Let us pray for our friends and family members LaDonna; Mikah; Olivia; Susan; Eddie; Mary; Karen; Marissa; Kris; Beverly; John; Jan; Rex; Niza; Kris; Tim and son; Chris and family; Ryan and her family; Jim Case and family; all victims of natural disasters; those involved in disaster relief; for the military, especially Tim and Brian; for those suffering from malaria or HIV/AIDS; for those with mental and physical disabilities and for church council.

Please notify the church office (304)525-9630 or e-mail stpchurch@frontier.com if a name needs to be added or removed.

Perfect Attendance

The church choir director was frustrated because at least one member was missing from each Easter cantata rehearsal. At the final practice, she announced, "I wish to publicly thank the tenor for being the only choir member to attend every rehearsal."

"It's the least I could do," said the tenor, "since I won't be here for Easter."

News



For the 66th year, the "hillsides of Camp Luther will again come alive with laughter, music, learning and fun as participants gather for camp. Camp Luther meets the week of June 19-25, 2011 at Camp Caesar in Cowen, West Virginia. The theme this year will be "Jesus Chooses Us!"

If you did not receive your papers in the mail, please contact the church office.



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- 7 Gary Rea
 8 Jackson McComas
 Analee Maeland
 9 Ingrid White Sturgill
 13 Judi Korstanje
 Doug Korstanje
 14 Bob Tucker
 Judith Dumke
 Tom Kisling
 15 Kelly Cunningham
 16 Arlene Hoeft
 17 Shannon Simpkins
 21 Beth Brown
 23 David Stuart
 Kenny Kirby
 24 Cora Min Ling Butler
 26 Kristen Maeland
 30 Brock Tucker

Sorry if your birthday was overlooked. Please call the office so you can be added to the list.



The Sanctuary Lamp for April is placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Patrick by Kathie, Richard and Kelly Cunningham.

CRIDLIN FOOD ITEM

48 jelly



"MY GOD,
 MY GOD,
 WHY
 HAVE YOU
 FORSAKEN
 ME?"

Bible Quiz

Two places in the Bible, one in the Old Testament and one in the New, feature the following words: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The New Testament account is found in Matthew 27:45, when Jesus is hanging on the cross.

Where are the words found in the Old Testament?

- A. 1 Kings 19:4
 B. Jeremiah 38:0
 C. Psalm 22:1
 D. Lamentations 1:30

Answer: Check out the April calendar

Living in Saturday

Saturday of Holy Week is a strange day for the church. It's sandwiched between Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross, and Easter, when he rose.

Certainly, we know the truth and triumph of the resurrection, but until Jesus comes again, we're living in Saturday. The Lamb of God has been sacrificed, and the curtain of sin that separated us from God has been torn down. Yet we're still looking forward to — as Jesus said — the renewal of all things.

Although we may be battered and bruised, stumbling, limping or crawling, we shouldn't wallow in defeat. Instead, we can be confident in the victory Jesus won for us. We can shout with Paul, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

While you look back to Friday and look forward to Sunday, live victoriously in Saturday. Jesus has won and has run the victory lap ... and he's coming around again.

—Gregg McCaslin

APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	4	5 9:30 am Quilting 6:15 pm "Historical Jesus"	6 11 am Individual Absolution 6 pm Lenten Dinner 7 pm Lenten Service 7:30 Sr. Choir	7 12 noon Brown Bag Bible Study	8	9
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17 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	18	19 9:30 am Quilting 6:15 pm "Historical Jesus"	20 No Service 7:30 Sr. Choir	21 Maundy Thursday 7pm Worship Holy Communion	22 Good Friday 7pm Worship	23 Great Vigil of Easter 7pm
24 Easter Breakfast 8–9:15 am Easter 9:30 am Worship	25	26 9:30 am Quilting 6:15 pm "Historical Jesus"	27 7:30 Sr. Choir	28	29	30

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Worship Leaders for April 2011

	Acolyte	Sacristan	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Deacon	Nursery	Ushers
Sunday April 3	Ethan Arneson	Jon Anderson-Cain	Sally McGill	Keith Wellman	Traditional Communion	Jill/James May	Steve Golder Terry Adams Anders/Andrea Lindberg
Wednesday April 6							
Sunday April 10	Zoe May	Trey Bell	Mary Lou Fricke	Anna Mummert	Sandy Fricke	Jim/Susie Wagner	Steve Golder Terry Adams
Wednesday April 13							
Sunday of the Passion April 17	Heath Wade	Samuel Plate	Steve Golder	Bill White	Keith Wellman	Doug/Susan Korstanje	Steve Golder Terry Adams Anders/Andrea Lindberg
Maundy Thursday April 21	Kathleen Korstanje	Zakare Garnett	Norma Gensler	Norma Gensler	Traditional Communion		
Good Friday April 22	Jacob Simpkins			Wilma Anderson-Cain			Steve Golder Terry Adams Anders/Andrea Lindberg
The Great Vigil of Easter April 23	Ethan Arneson	Jon Anderson-Cain					
Easter Day April 24	Zoe May Kathleen Korstanje	Trey Bell	Carl Mummert	Anna Mummert		Sarah Bell/ Shannon Simpkins	

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Sweep over me, Lord
And brush out my sin!
Replace it with faith,
And live here within.
Amen.

—Peggy Ferrell, from
Prayers and Poems



Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

Dinner 6 p.m., April 6 and 13 in the Undercroft in the lower level of St. Paul

Evening Prayer 7 p.m., April 6 and 13

Triduum (The Three Days)

Maundy Thursday (including Confession and Individual Forgiveness and Holy Communion)

7 p.m., April 21

Good Friday

7 p.m., April 22

The Great Vigil of Easter (including Holy Communion)

7 p.m., April 23

Easter Sunday, April 24

8-9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion