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The Messenger

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the word of Christ."
(Romans 10:17)

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Jesus' Final Trip to Jerusalem *by Pastor Sims*

Most people like to take trips. It can be a trip to a new and exotic destination. It can be a trip to familiar stomping grounds. Wherever it may be, we normally go on trips to enjoy ourselves, spend time relaxing, hanging out with family or friends. We talk about the good old days, the fun we had, the times we shared. We tell a joke or two. Have a good laugh. Shed some sobering tears.

But eventually look forward to getting back home, to what is familiar and comfortable. Trips can be great, but they can also be very tiring.

Jesus took a trip with his friends. They went to a familiar place. They had been on this trip for three years. They were able to hang out with friends. I am sure they told a joke or two and had some good laughs. I also am sure they shed a few tears.

It was tiring. It was now time for Jesus to finish the earthly ministry he had begun at the Jordan River; when John the Baptizer pointed to him and said: *Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

Jesus rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of large crowds. They were singing their 'hosanna, to the Son of David.' His friends had come on the trip with him. His family was going to be there. It was a familiar place for him. He had spent pretty much every year of his life coming back to Jerusalem. This time would be different. He would not be going home with his mother nor leaving with his disciples.

This was Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem. It had been planned from eternity. There were a couple more planned stops to be made. Jesus would lay

down the law in the temple. He would warn the Pharisees of just how sinful they were. He would explain the signs of the end of the age to his disciples and encourage them to be prepared for the last day.

Jesus' final days on this earth were days of preparation; not only for Jesus, but for those who would play a role in his departure. Think of the woman who anointed Jesus at Bethany in preparation for his burial. Think of Judas who agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Think of Jesus who prepared his disciples for acts of love as he washed their feet.

Following the washing of feet, Jesus gave his disciples the sacrament of Holy Communion for the forgiveness of their sins. We still enjoy this wonderful gift.

After the gift was given, it was time for the final leg of the trip. A short walk to Gethsemane. A trip through the revolving doors of Sanhedrin justice and Roman courts. The brutal stay in the hands of Roman soldiers. The long, slow, grueling walk through the streets of Jerusalem. Up the roughed rock of the hill just outside the city, Golgotha. It was here that he died.

It wasn't over yet! He rested in a borrowed tomb for three days. He rose from the dead. He journeyed to hell to proclaim his victory. He showed himself to his friends. He is alive!

Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem to the cross, the grave and out of it is the reason we can sing our hosannas on April 21 and everyday as a believer. His trip was the perfect trip for our salvation.

Travel with Jesus through faith in him your entire life. He has prepared the perfect trip to heaven for you.





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 14

Palm Sunday - 8 AM & 10:30 AM

April 18

Holy Thursday - 7:00 PM

April 19

Good Friday - 1:00

April 19

Good Friday - Tenebrae -7:00 PM

April 21

Resurrection Dawn - 6:30 AM
at Schiller Park Amphitheater

April 21

Resurrection Day Celebration
- 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Thank You

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Thank you so much to St. Paul's for the wonderful lunch after Aunt Katie's funeral. We are so very blessed to know such loving people! Thank you for all the love and support during this time.

Love,

The family of Catherine Lang

Kroger Rewards Still Coming In

We received another quarterly check from Kroger for \$74.88. This program has been going on for a long time and we think we could benefit more from it. We know a lot of members shop at Kroger. All you have to do is go to the office and get information to register in the office designating St. Paul's Lutheran Church as the recipient. Once you are registered, you just have to show your key fob at the time of checkout and St. Paul's Lutheran Church should get credit. Let's all get together behind this Awards Program!

Food Pantry

The food pantry is looking better thanks to a number of people bringing in some donations. Because there are always people who need a little help to get by in difficult times, we want to keep this matter before us. Suggestions for donations are: canned fruit, applesauce, canned vegetables, soup (chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable), spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles, tuna and tuna helper, instant mashed potatoes, crackers, cereal, etc. Donations can be left in the church kitchen at any time.



Enrollment for 2019-2020

If you know of anyone interested in Christian education for their children, please share our school information with them!

Ed Choice Scholarship renewals and new applications should be turned in now so that there is time to complete the online work to submit them to the Ed Choice Office. The state deadline for new applications is April 30th. There might be another window opening in the month of July but there is no guarantee for that!



Tennessee Trip

We are in the final planning stages for the Smokey Mountain Trip which will take place on April 22-26. Twenty-two fifth-eighth grade students are signed up to go on the trip during the Easter break from school. They will be chaperoned by Mr. Galecki and 4 parents. The charter bus is secured and tickets for various shows are purchased. Thank you to all who have helped to make this trip possible. If you still want to help in any way, please contact Mr. Galecki!



- April 12 Jump Rope Contest – 12:30 PM
- April 19 Good Friday – Gr.K-8 sing for The Good Friday Service – School dismissal is at 2:00 PM
- April 21 Easter Sunday
- April 22-26 Easter Break – No School Tennessee Class Trip
- April 29 School resumes after Easter break
- May 1 Track Day (Gr.K-4) (Grove City)
- May 3 Track Meet (Gr. 5-8) sponsored by Trinity (Jenera)
- May 10 PTO Talent Night
- May 13 Teacher Professional Day – No School
- May 17 School Picnic
- May 24 Last day of School Closing Service/Graduation-7 PM

sanctuary on Resurrection morning. You can sign up for a plant or for lilies to be placed on the rustic cross outside in memory of loved ones or in thankfulness for blessings, etc. The plants will cost \$12 and you can designate an amount for the lilies on the rustic cross. Please place your orders by April 10th if possible.

(Pat Ratz, president)

Evangelism



“Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said. But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re

talking about,” he said. Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!” After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.” Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.” – Matthew 26:69-75

No sinful human being comes into this world with a natural talent to evangelize. While a person may be charismatic and approachable, he or she still has a sinful nature that makes him not want to talk about Jesus. Furthermore, Satan works overtime to prey on his weaknesses to keep him from opening his mouth to speak God’s Word.

We are no different. Naturally we are too weak, too indifferent, too scared, or too ashamed of Jesus. We freeze up, change the subject, or totally botch the slow pitch thrown to us by the Holy Spirit. If you’re wondering when is the right time to sit next to Peter and weep, it’s now.

Yet, while we weep bitterly with Peter, we must remember that Peter’s sin and our sins are not counted against us. For off in the distance, Jesus was paying for our weaknesses, fears and failures. God’s anger is not directed toward us. It was directed upon our loving Savior Jesus. This means

ORGANIZATIONS



The April activity for the Altar Guild will be the annual spring cleaning in the sanctuary. The date is set for Saturday, April 6th

beginning at 9:00 AM. Members of the church are invited to join us and help on that day. We will not have a regular meeting again until September. The Guild continues to serve by taking care of the altar flowers, altar paraments, altar candles and acolytes’ robes as well as carrying out other responsibilities throughout the summer months.

There are still openings on the Altar Flower Calendar for 2019. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please check it out and sign up. The cost is \$25.00 for the altar vases and \$15.00 for special flowers after the altar vases are taken.

The Altar Committee for April is Dawn Howell, Kim Frye, and Tammy McFarland



Easter Lilies: Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards for people to sponsor Easter Lilies to beautify our

God has forgiven you. He is not angry with you. The blood of Jesus has erased your sins. God loves you and is reconciled with you!

What a loving, gracious God you have! No wonder the gospel is what empowers you to speak in Jesus' name and tell people what God has done for them.

Now as you reflect on this, consider the opportunity God is laying before you. St. Paul's *needs your help* in distributing Easter postcards on April 13th. These postcards will be distributed to our neighborhood inviting lost souls to hear the gospel that has worked so powerfully in you! There will be another opportunity on April 20th to pass out invitations at Schiller Park during the young kids Easter Egg Hunt. Come and help out! More information will be coming soon. – *Pastor Schrimpf*



Evening Women's Guild

Last Spring Evening Women's Guild Meeting on April 12th

On Friday, April 12th at 6:30 PM our ladies will meet in St. Paul's fellowship hall for our last spring meeting and to firm up plans for the upcoming Mother/Daughter banquet. Kathy Glende will serve as hostess and Suzanne Geiger will lead a devotion. Those attending can bring their Bibles for our ongoing study of the book of Esther and stay afterwards for food and fellowship.

Kentucky Derby Themed Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 5th

Ladies! Dust off and wear your fanciest hats to our Kentucky Derby themed banquet "Run the Race" and you might just win a rosy award to take home with you. All women of the congregation and their daughters/friends are invited to attend St. Paul's annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 5th at 5:30 PM. A warm home-cooked meal, desserts, prizes, a devotion, and homespun entertainment always make the evening memorable. In the church fellowship hall tickets will be sold starting Sunday, April 7th. Ticket prices are \$5 for

youth 12 and under and \$7 for adults. Consider who you could treat to this evening of food and fun! Questions? Call Suzanne Geiger at 614-214-9305.

Needed: Volunteer Men, Boys & Teens on May 5th for the Mother/Daughter Banquet

On Sunday, May 5th at approximately 4:45 PM, 12-15 men and boys of all ages will be needed in the kitchen during the Mother/Daughter banquet. The male volunteers will host the dinner for the women and set out the desserts. Any help is appreciated. Dinner is free to all male volunteers.

An Evening Out with the Ladies on Thursday, May 9th

All ladies of the church are invited out for an evening dinner on Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 PM. The Evening Women's Guild will join the Altar Guild in sponsoring this opportunity to enjoy great food and fellowship. Watch the church bulletin for the restaurant location or call Suzanne Geiger at 614-214-9305 with questions. All those attending should also RSVP to Suzanne as soon as possible.

(Suzanne Geiger, president)

April Befriend a Mission Cards Available to Sign

Our church has an opportunity to send greetings to our new Befriend a Mission Partners Pastor Paul Biedenbender who serves at Christ Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado and Pastor Mark Panning who serves as a religion professor at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Lilongwe, Malawi, Africa. Two greeting cards will be available for St. Paul's members to sign until Sunday, April 14th. The cards will be passed around at Sunday morning Bible class and also made available in the narthex of church. Please take some time to write a note of encouragement.

LWMS 2019 Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

Three ladies from St. Paul's plan to attend the annual LWMS convention in Des Moines, Iowa, June 27-30, 2019. Several missionaries will be featured as speakers throughout the convention. Missionary speakers this year will include: Rev. Pheng Moua, Immanuel Hmong Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
Joel Sutton, Latin American Missions Team

Paul Nitz, Malawi, Africa

Anyone else interested in going to the convention can still sign up. There are convention registration forms available on the credenza in the narthex of the church. Feel free to take one and fill it out. The early bird deadline is April 1; however, later registrations are still welcome.

Young at Heart



We will meet on Thursday, April 18, at 10:00 AM in the church library. We will continue our studies of other Christian churches led by Vicar Swiderski. Call Joyce Larger at 614-314-7571 with questions.

(Joyce Larger, coordinator)



In April, the Youth Group will have their regular gathering on the first Sunday of the month (4/7) after the 10:30 AM service with devotion, food, fun, and fellowship.

The plans are to have a movie night later in the month. Stay updated with the teens in the church bulletin, on our revamped youth group page on stpaulcares.org, and on Facebook!

Respectfully submitted,

Vicar Swiderski

Every Member Visits With Pastor Schrimpf

Dear members of St. Paul's,

I thank the members who have called me and made appointments for a visitation. I have enjoyed getting to know who you are. For those who have yet to make an appointment, feel free to call me anytime (614-817-2812). Please know that we do not need to meet at your home. I can visit you at St. Paul's, a café, the park, etc.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Schrimpf



Recommendations for church fellowship

2019/03/19/in Together

One of the highlights of this summer's 65th Biennial Synod Convention will be the formal declaration and recognition of fellowship with two confessional Lutheran church bodies. The 2019 synod convention will be held July 29 – Aug. 1, 2019, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.

The Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ – Kenya (LCMC – Kenya) was formed when the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya began to tolerate false teachings. A group of Kenyan pastors broke away and began searching for a confessional Lutheran church body. In 2015, Rev. Mark Onunda of the LCMC – Kenya met at length with the Doctrinal Committee of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa – Zambia Synod (LCCA – Zambia), a former WELS mission and now our sister synod. The LCCA – Zambia synod declared formal fellowship with the LCMC – Kenya last September. The WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations will be recommending to the synod convention that WELS also formally declare fellowship with the LCMC – Kenya.

The Christian Lutheran Evangelical Church in Taiwan began as a WELS mission and is now an independent Lutheran Church body that has always been in fellowship with WELS. Because this church is now independent, the Commission on Inter-Church Relations is recommending that the synod in convention formally recognize our fellowship with the Christian Lutheran Evangelical Church in Taiwan.

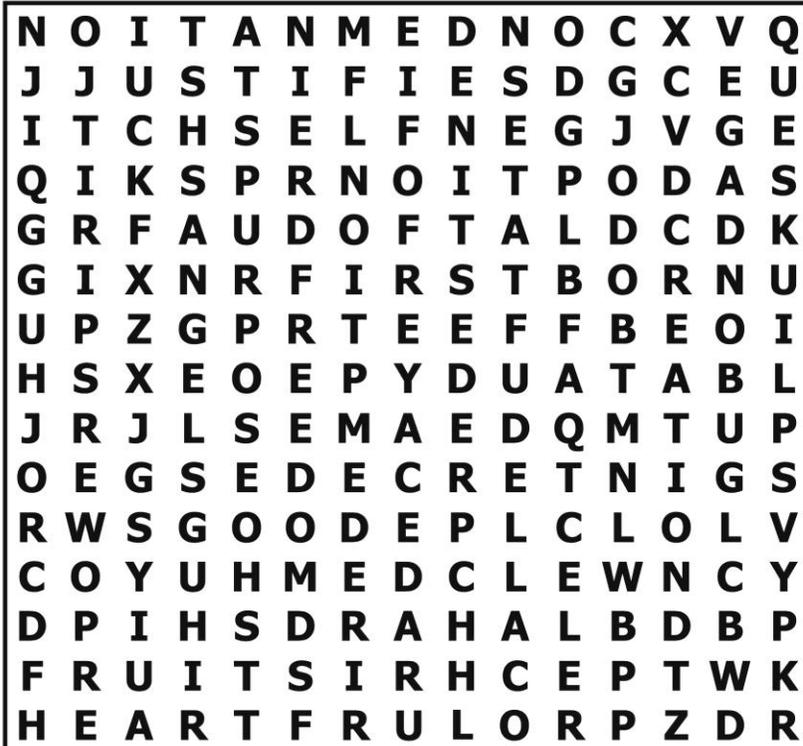
Representatives from each church body will address the convention and make presentations that will familiarize the delegates with these church bodies that will be recognized formally as a part of our fellowship.

We thank God for continuing to enlarge our fellowship with Lutheran Christians around the world.

Serving in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder

Puzzle!

Search for words found in Romans 8.



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| Abba | elect | Jesus | adoption |
| family | justifies | angels | firstborn |
| Lord | bondage | flesh | love |
| called | freedom | peace | Christ |
| fruits | powers | condemnation | glorified |
| predestined | conquerors | good | purpose |
| creation | hardship | redemption | decay |
| died | intercedes | Spirit | heart |

Romans 8: 1-10 was the sermon text on Sunday, March 31st.