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OUR MISSION – To welcome and lead all to Christ



PREPARING FOR
Easter



FROM THE PASTOR



*“In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time...
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.”*

During Lent we hear a lot about self-examination and repentance: taking a long, honest look at ourselves and our priorities. What we see is not always pleasant. Greed, selfishness, and prejudice more often than not describe what we see when we take that hard, unblinking look at ourselves. In this uncomfortable self exam we see what we truly are: sinners.

Can we ever change? Well, not completely, but that’s no reason for despair. The cross of Christ towers over the wreck that is our life. Jesus faces and defeats the weaknesses that seem to hold us so tightly in their grasp. In his victory we are set free. Free to live and love and laugh and dance because Jesus has done on the cross what we could not. On that lonely hill he was faithful to God all the way to death. Christus Victor! (Christ is the victor over sin and death.) His victory party is our lifelong celebration!

We are now free to live powerfully and honestly. To do what’s loving not because we are afraid of God’s wrath, but because we filled with his grace. All the light of sacred story points to the cross. The bible exists to point us to the cross. It’s the place where our weak attempts to justify ourselves die and a new creation springs forth. We live in its light from today unto eternity.

Yes, we recognize our weakness during Lent but, thankfully, we also find our strength: the cross of Christ.

Christus Victor!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Jay

Memory Verse—March

Old Testament—Joshua 1:9

“I hereby command you: be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

New Testament—1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”



Council Members are:

Alfred Domschke, President
Rick Kniseley, Vice President
Michael Miller, Secretary
Mark Noegel, Evangelism
Richard Rakoff, Worship & Music
Julie Palm, Christian Education

Dan Evans, Fellowship
Sari Fowles, Social Ministry
Debbie Bensen, Stewardship & Finance
Kreutzer Garman, Property
Debbie Rescott, Treasurer



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

The Church council met on February 8, 2010 and here are some highlights of discussions and decisions

- Newly appointed Christian Education chairperson, Julie Palm, gave a detailed report of the many new programs and ministries that are being planned by her committee. A men's breakfast is meeting on the first and third Thursdays of each month and a new women's Thursday evening Bible study has also begun to meet. She continued by detailing many new improvements planned for the Sunday School rooms and programs.
- Debbie Bensen, chair of the Finance Committee, reported that pledge cards for 2010 would be distributed on February 14th. She shared that in the fall we would go back to the process of completing pledge cards prior to the start of the new year with a makeup date in January for our winter friends.
- Kreutzer Garman, our property chair, reported that the brush clearing along the canal was progressing well and would soon extend to all banks of the island. He raised the issue of the warranty on the Sunday School building roof, and will work with pastor in the church office to find the original contract.

Old Business:

- President, Alfred Domschke, reminded council members that yearend reports were due for the annual meeting to be held on Sunday, February 21st.
- Debbie Rescott reported that the annual audit had been completed and that the results would be shared at the annual meeting.

New Business:

- Julie Palm requested funds for two unfunded Christian Education projects. First, \$200 to cleanup and buy storage units for the eastern-most classroom. Council voted to expend the money using funds available in the Property budget. Second, a request was made for \$250 to update the church library and to place a new bookshelf in the alcove near the fellowship restrooms. Council expressed a willingness to do this, but tabled the motion until Julie could come back with a funding source.
- Vice President, Rick Kniseley, reported to the council on the Florida Bahamas Synod initiative that the churches of our synod "go green." Rick will form a subcommittee to examine ways that LCR could do a better job of conserving energy and resources. He listed a number of possible ideas and suggested an annual energy audit.
- Pastor Jay reported on the need for a subcommittee to examine and present possible revisions of the Continuing Resolutions to the council for approval. For some time, the council has been aware that certain outdated continuing resolutions no longer reflect the way our congregation functions. As an example, pastor cited the organizational chart which combines into one the Social Ministry and Fellowship Committees and divides Christian Education into two separate committees. Pastor will work with Rick Kniseley and two others on a subcommittee to bring possible solutions back to council for review and approval.
- Alfred Domschke went over the agenda for the congregational meeting on February 21st.

The next meeting will be March 8th, 2010.

First Holy Communion Class

All children who are at least five years of age and have not yet received the Lord's Supper are invited to join Pastor Jay for a First Holy Communion class during the month of March. The class will be held in the sanctuary immediately following 11:00a.m. worship and will last approximately 30 minutes.



Students will become familiar with the history, practice, and meaning of Holy Communion along with gaining a simple understanding of its vital place in Christian living. The classes will be held on three consecutive Sundays: March 7, 14, and 21, with First Communion received on Palm Sunday, March 28.

If you would like for your child to participate in this class, please let the pastor know as soon as possible so that the appropriate materials can be ordered. Parents are invited and encouraged to sit in on the classes.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Spiritual Gifts, God Has Gifted YOU To Serve! by Julie Palm, Chair of Christian Education

Putting your gifts to use

God has given each Christian two vitally important gifts. The first is the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, his work of redemption, and thus forgiveness of sin. The second is the gift of one or more special abilities. These abilities are called spiritual gifts and they are received through our baptism. See: Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and I Peter 4:10. Through scripture, we learn that all Christians have been given at least one spiritual gift. The purpose of spiritual gifts is twofold: (1) to unify Christians in their faith and (2) to produce growth within the church, both numerical and spiritual. These gifts are to be used out of love for one another, and in service to one another. We do not choose which gifts we will receive. God bestows them upon us through the work of the Holy Spirit.

The LCR is now beginning a "Ministry of Prayer Shawls and Quilts". We want YOU to help us. If you can knit, crochet, sew a straight stitch on a sewing machine, iron or tie a knot, we need YOU!

Our organizational meeting will be Monday March 15th at 11:00 a.m. Our hope is to have our first shawls ready for Pastor Jay by April 2010. We will have a pot luck lunch, please bring a dish to share on the 15th.

About Prayer Shawls and Quilts

Shawls and quilts have been made for centuries. They are symbolic of our unconditionally loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received prayer shawls and quilts have been uplifted and comforted. The makers begin with a prayer. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Traditionally they are delivered by a Church Pastor. Shawls and quilts can be used for: undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; birthing, nursing a baby; during an illness and recovery; ministering to others...there are endless possibilities!

Vacation Bible School
Riverside Church will host
Save these Dates June 14-18



Sunday School is looking for "Mrs Pockets". Are you Mrs Pockets? She will read to children one time a month on Sunday mornings and encourage children to have their parents check out books from our church library. Mrs Pockets will wear an apron with large pockets where books will be stored. If you know who she is, please contact Julie Palm, Christian Education Chair at 321-783-6638.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (FYI)

- Our youth will be participating in the annual CROP Walk for the hungry on March 7, 2pm at Lori Wilson Park. Youth will be seeking sponsors for each mile they walk on the beach that day. All monies raised go to support the work Church World Service does with the poor. All members of LCR and families are invited to join in the walk. Simply see Pastor Jay for a sponsor form.



- A meeting for all food pantry workers will be held on Saturday, March 6th in the fellowship hall at 9am. A similar meeting will take place on the first Saturday of each month.

- Beginning in March, our youth group will meet every Sunday of the month. The first Sunday will be an event day for a field trip or service project. The second Sunday will be a gathering of the entire group for a program, games, food, and music. The third Sunday we will help serve a meal to the needy at either the Methodist Church or Riverside Presbyterian, and the fourth Sunday will be another, less structured, gathering. Each church in our community youth group will take responsibility for a month.

- On March 21st at 6:30p.m. Riverside Presbyterian Church (with help from the community youth group) will be hosting a free meal for the needy. Helpers are needed for setup, serving, and cleanup. Speak with Pastor Jay or Julie Palm if you are interested in helping. Our plan is to offer this meal each month at either Riverside or First United Methodist Church. LCR is sponsoring the meal at Riverside on May 16th.

- The new member class will meet on Sunday, April 18 at 12:30 to discuss the book, *Baptized We Live*. If you are thinking about joining LCR, ask Pastor Jay for a copy of the book so that you can read it in advance and be ready to discuss. New members will be received on April 24th and 25th at all services. You love LCR, and we'd love to have you as a member!

-Our community youth band will be leading worship and playing for the Casual Saturday Evening Service on March 20th. Make plans to come out and worship and support our youth. (Charlie Stanke is a member of the band). The service begins at 5pm.

ANY ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO THE FYI PAGE PLEASE CONTACT THE



PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHURCH.

- ◆ SARAH BENOIT
- ◆ MARY BERG
- ◆ PHYLLIS DYRDAHL
- ◆ ELEANOR DULL
- ◆ ROY DURSO
- ◆ MARY ERNST
- ◆ RITA EHRHARDT
- ◆ JOLENE HOGAN
- ◆ TROY MCCOY & STACEY CONNER-JAIDE, JOSHUA AND RY-
- ◆ DENNIS AND SUSAN MORRIS
- ◆ PETER AND JULIE PALM
- ◆ BILL AND DIANE PRYOR
- ◆ HEIDI SOMMERS
- ◆ KURT & AMBER THUEMLER-TAJ AND TANNER
- ◆ EARL AND JUDY TIMOTHY
- ◆ DAVID AND JILL WILCOX-ADAM, COLEMAN, AND BAILEY



Welcome LEE
Our New
Members



Lilies for Easter



Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Number of Lilies _____ x \$10.00 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Offering envelope number: _____

Plants are florist quality in six-inch pots.

This form is for those mailing in a request for Easter Lilies. Those in worship are asked to use the envelopes and box on the Narthex table.



LENTEN CALENDAR

March 3, 10, 17, 24	6:00 p.m.	Soup & Sandwich Supper
March 3, 10, 17, 24	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship
March 28th	8:30/11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday
April 1st	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday
April 2nd	6:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.	Prayer Virgil
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday
April 3rd	5:00 p.m.	Holy Saturday
April 4th	8:30/11:00 a.m.	EASTER
April 4th	9:30 a.m.	Free Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
April 4th	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt



EASTER

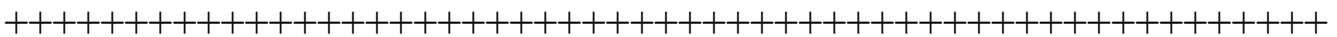
LENTEN WORSHIP

Each Wednesday until Holy Week we will gather at 6:00p.m. for a soup and sandwich supper in the fellowship hall. This simple meal will be followed by a brief worship service at 7:00p.m. This year we will center that service on the dialog series, *The Temptations of Jesus* by Curt M. Joseph. These dramatic dialogs between Jesus and the Devil help us focus on and fight the temptations that seek to destroy us. Facing our weaknesses honestly and opening ourselves to God's restorative power is the best way to prepare for the celebration of Easter.



When you attend the soup and sandwich suppers you are asked to bring a sandwich to share. If you would like to provide one of the four soups to be offered on a particular evening, a sign up sheet is posted on the "Ways to Serve" bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Lent is about reflection and preparation. The discipline of midweek worship is a great way to prepare. Join us.

Choir will meet immediately following worship at 7:30p.m.



EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST—APRIL 4TH

Following the 8:30 worship service there will be a Free Easter Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The LCR men will be cooking and serving this breakfast. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. We need donations of individually wrapped candy. Candy donations should be brought to the collection box in the back of the sanctuary no later than Sunday, March 28th. Easter morning we will gather in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. The children will be divided into two groups. Preschool children will look for eggs in the fenced play area. School age kids will have the main yard for their egg hunt. Please plan to join us for this fun-filled family event.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

3/4	Norma Powel
3/6	Alice Schneck
3/7	Elaine Jensen
3/8	Audrey Williams
	Claire Arendas
3/10	Rick Stees
3/11	Don Hinds
3/13	Jim Gray
	Laurie Gray
3/14	Joseph Trautman
3/16	Galen Leintz
3/18	Jacob Knoedler
	Diane Stees
3/19	Judi Froelich
3/20	Ronald Vaughn
3/23	Greg Amato
	Debbie Bensen
3/24	Sally Ann Woock
3/26	Michael Kennedy
3/28	Jennifer Billingham
3/29	Mary Ann Alukonis
	Fay Lawrence
3/30	Alexander Stankie
3/31	Jake Galzerano



March Anniversaries

3/7	Christine & Keith Garnett
3/16	Margaret & Thomas Corey
3/26	Gwen & Herbert Jordan
3/26	Julie & Peter Palm
3/27	Judi & Karl Bossert
3/30	Christine & Kurt Arendas
3/31	Jean & Charles Freeman

