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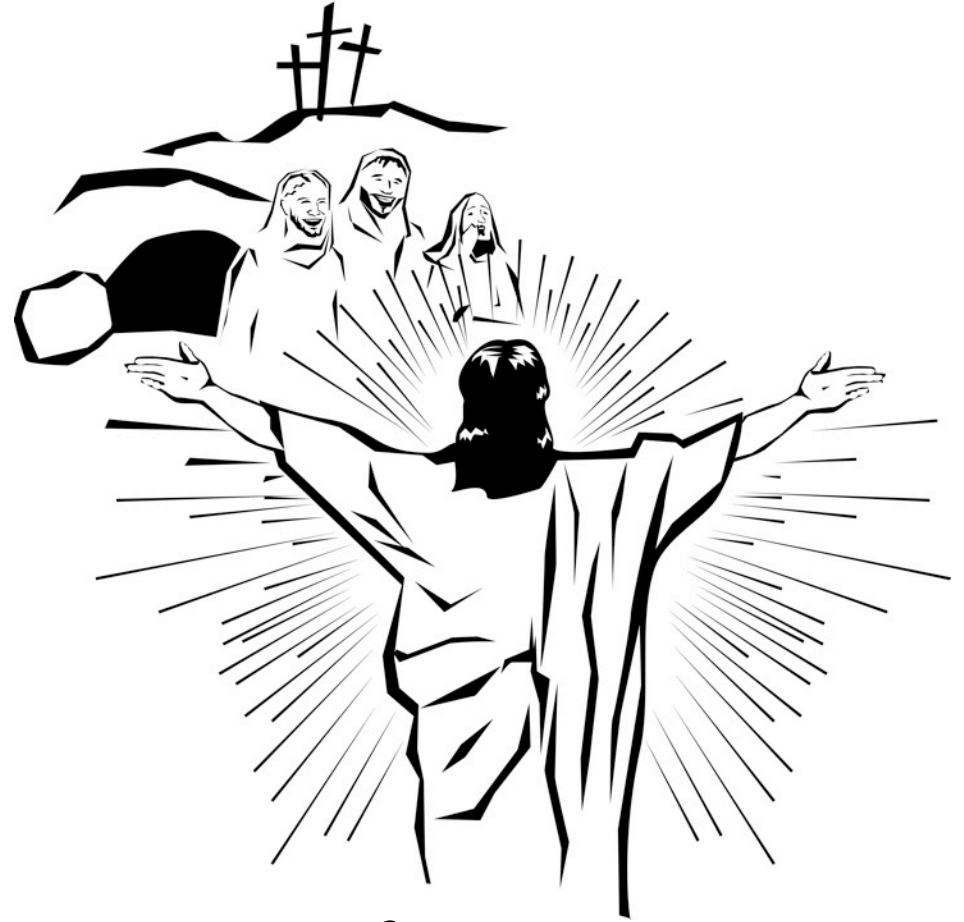
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE

VOICE

April 2011

JESUS IS OUR FOUNDATION - HIS SPIRIT, OUR WINGS.



He is Risen!



Participate in Jesus' Death and Resurrection by Sharing the Sorrow and Hope of our Sisters and Brothers in Japan

Instead of devotional message suited to Good Friday and Easter, we invite you to share in the sufferings and hopes of the Japanese people. We were shocked when directed by a blog we read to

a page on the Internet filled with hate-filled comments by Americans toward the Japanese like "Finally, payback for Pearl Harbor!" The ELCA has a partner church in Japan, a church of some 22,000 members spread throughout the country. The following is taken from the ELCA Disaster Response Website:

The Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC) has reported minimal damage to its churches in Tokyo and is assessing the full extent of impact to JELC congregations near the epicenter, particularly Sendai Lutheran Church. The President and General Secretary of JELC were in Malaysia attending a Lutheran World Federation leadership conference at the time of the earthquake. The ELCA, through the churchwide unit for Global Mission, currently has 22 missionaries serving in schools and parishes of the JELC; all have been found to be safe and secure. Through its predecessor bodies, the ELCA has been present in Japan since 1892 and will accompany the JELC in its planned response to this disaster. Elsewhere in the Pacific region, the ELCA remains in contact with companions in the Pacific Islands, South America and throughout the coastal region of the U.S. to respond as needed to the tsunamis caused by the earthquake.

Those who give to shared mission support and ELCA World Hunger are already helping to fund the ongoing work in Japan and the deployment of mission personnel through ELCA Global Mission. Special needs and opportunities have arisen in response to the current crisis. The ELCA invites gifts to ELCA Disaster Response in order to continue its work in Japan and surrounding region.

Send Checks to: ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694 Memo: Pacific Earthquake and Tsunami.

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STUDY THE WORD

Daily Lectionary

<p>Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday</p> <p>Su Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66</p> <p>M Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11</p> <p>Tu Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36</p> <p>W Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32</p> <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Th Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31-35</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>F Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42</p>	<p>Resurrection of Our Lord Vigil of Easter</p> <p>Sa Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18</p> <p>Easter Day</p> <p>Su Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10</p> <p>M Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Colossians 3:5-11</p> <p>Tu Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Exodus 15:1-18 Colossians 3:12-17</p> <p>W Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Joshua 3:1-17 Matthew 28:1-10</p> <p>Th Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 2:8-15 Colossians 4:2-5</p> <p>F Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3 1 Corinthians 15:1-11</p> <p>Sa Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 8:6-7 John 20:11-20</p>
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(Pastor's message continued from page 2)

The message of the JELC and the ELCA is the same: CHRIST BRINGS NEW LIFE! Pray for and give to the mission of the Church as it brings life and hope to our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. Happy Easter.

Pastors Wendy and Tim



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Let your light shine!

Thanks to everyone who baked, cooked potatoes and macaroni, helped prepare food or worked in the kitchen or on the floor for the fish dinner. Thanks to the Kolb family for selling so many tickets! It was an overwhelming success.

Thanks also to everyone who cooked turkeys for the Friends of Night People.

Thanks to everyone who donated time, baked, or helped financially with the Pancake Breakfast to benefit Judy Toone Sunday, March 27th. Judy is very grateful for the help. She can't say enough about her "Lutheran" friends. Once we got the ball rolling many of the people in her own church took notice!

North Park is looking for volunteers to help prepare the fish and salads for their fish supper on April 15th. If you can help that morning, please call Nancy Noble @ 636-9821. She will be leaving the church at 9 am that morning and has room for 2 more people in her car. They also need some desserts. Let Nancy know if you can help.

In addition to all the other boxes in the social hall for phones, glasses, stamps, campbell soup labels, Dash's receipts, and the food pantry (did we get them all???), we are collecting sneakers and sandals for Nicaragua! There is a box in the Social hall for them. Clothing for Friends of Night can be placed in the "Upper Room".



Visit & recommend to friends St. Paul's Website
www.stpaulswilliamsville.org



Holy Week Schedule 2011

Palm Sunday, April 17. Worship at 9:00 and 10:30am. Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and hear the stirring account of Jesus' Suffering and Death from St. Matthew's Gospel.

Maundy Thursday, April 21. Worship at 7:30pm at the **Williamsville United Methodist Church, Main and Oakgrove.** See the article on page 7 in this month's *Voice*.

Good Friday, April 22. 2:00pm The Liturgy of the Cross with St. John's Passion and solemn prayers.

Good Friday, April 22. 7:30pm A special Good Friday Service featuring a Cantata by our Chancel Choir, "The Words from the Cross" by Paul Fetler.

Holy Saturday, April 23. 10:00am A brief service of prayer before decorating the altar.

Easter Sunday, April 24. 9 & 10:30am Festive Easter Service

A "thank you" from the family of Sylvie Torkelson

Words can not express our deep appreciation to St. Paul's members and ministers for all their support over the past month. In the truest meaning of "family" you helped us through my mom's illness and death with your prayers, hugs, offers of help, cards, notes, many meals and a lovely funeral brunch. To you all, our heartfelt thanks.

Nancy and Gary Rasmusson

30 Pray for the participants of the 2011 Book of Faith Jubilee: Inspiring Everyday People to Engage the Bible as they meet at Luther Seminary, April 29–May 1.

STUDY THE WORD Daily Lectionary

<p>F Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:10-21 Ephesians 5:1-9</p> <p>Sa Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:32-34 John 1:1-9</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Su 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41</p> <p>M Psalm 146 Isaiah 59:9-19 Acts 9:1-20</p> <p>Tu Psalm 146 Isaiah 42:14-21 Colossians 1:9-14</p> <p>W Psalm 146 Isaiah 60:17-22 Matthew 9:27-34</p> <p>Th Psalm 130 Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8-3:3 Revelation 10:1-11</p> <p>F Psalm 130 Ezekiel 33:10-16 Revelation 11:15-19</p>	<p>Sa Psalm 130 Ezekiel 36:8-15 Luke 24:44-53</p> <p>5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Su Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45</p> <p>M Psalm 143 1 Kings 17:17-24 Acts 20:7-12</p> <p>Tu Psalm 143 2 Kings 4:18-37 Ephesians 2:1-10</p> <p>W Psalm 143 Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 Matthew 22:23-33</p> <p>Th Psalm 31:9-16 1 Samuel 16:11-13 1 Philippians 1:1-11</p> <p>F Psalm 31:9-16 Job 13:13-19 Philippians 1:21-30</p> <p>Sa Psalm 31: 9-16 Lamentations 3:55-66 Mark 10: 32-34</p>
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21 Pray for Linnae Stole who teaches English at the Lutheran High School in Cieszyn, Poland. Bless her continued ministry as she completes her first year of service.

22 Pray for ELCA Global Mission volunteer Dana Olson who serves as a tutor at Springboard for Children in London, a faith-based organization committed to serving at-risk children in the United Kingdom.

23 Pray for those who must adapt to an increasingly unpredictable environment and for those who speak out and educate about climate change.

24 Resurrection of our Lord

God of hope, we praise you for the witness of the growing churches in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Continue to strengthen and comfort these churches as they reach out with compassion to their neighbors.

25 World Malaria Day

Give thanks for the progress in controlling and treating malaria throughout the world. Pray for continued progress in preventing and treating the disease and for greater access to health care for those at risk.

26 Pray for Anna Rudberg, intern pastor in Slovakia, as she assists the Bratislava International Church and teaches religion in the local high school.

27 Pray for the Rev. Tim and Mari McKenzie who serve with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. Tim teaches church history at the Japan Lutheran College and Seminary and Mari assists with orientation for new ELCA personnel who teach English at Lutheran schools in Japan.

28 Pray for the Alaska Synod of the ELCA as they meet in assembly April 28–30.

29 Pray for the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Northeastern Minnesota, and Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana synods of the ELCA as they meet in assembly April 29–May 1.



St. Paul's Fish Dinner

“Final Notes”

GREAT JOB ST. PAUL'S! During Pastor Tim's welcome on Sunday, March 20th he commented on the participation and effort that made this year's Fish Fry a huge success. He even got a little choked up expressing the pride he felt for the job done for the Kolb family. Truly, an outstanding effort for a good purpose!

A total of \$3,220 was raised and matched with \$1610 from Thrivent Financial for a grand total of \$4,830.... Wow!

A “THANK YOU” FROM THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL KOLB:

We want to say “thank you” so much for the generosity shown our family by dedicating the profits from St. Paul's Fish Fry to the needs of our family. We were very surprised and pleased to see how many people care for us. It really means a lot to us at this difficult time. We wish to extend a special thank you to all the workers who took their time to help with the fish fry, and especially Bob and Arlene Bossert for making all of this happen.

God Bless you all..... The Family of Michael Kolb

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
NEWS...**

During the month of March the Sunday School focused on the good deeds of Jesus. Thank you to the volunteers for the month. One of the activities was to make a prayer quilt which is hanging on the bulletin board outside the classroom. You might have seen the children wearing big red hearts last Sunday that said WWJD. If you don't know what that stands for, ask one of them.

During the month of April we will focus on "Holy Week". The children will be baking prayer pretzels among other activities and crafts. We need volunteers for April and May. If you can help out, call Shawndra Langlotz @ 472-9700 or Nancy Noble @ 636-9821. We have a wonderful program for the children but we need adults to implement it!

Easter Sunday is the last Sunday of the month. There will be NO Sunday School that day but we will have an Easter Egg hunt following 9:00am Worship. JOIN US!



From the Parish Register

All memorials go into the Memorial Fund unless otherwise indicated.

Deaths: Roger A. Murbach, died March 12, 2011
Memorial Service at St. Paul's on March 20, 2011

In Memory of Michael Kolb

Carl & Dawn Sagerman - Endowment Fund
Tony & Rosemary Rizzo
Eva Paulson

In Memory of Sylvie Torkelson

Tony & Rosemary Rizzo
St. Paul's Ladies Aid
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morales

Birthday Blessings in Honor of Caroline R. Edwards

With love from her brother & sister and their families:
Earl & Barbara Jacobi and Pearl M Kibler



ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

April 2011 Prayer List

June Atkins	Dee Marinov
Julie Davis, Suburban	Arline Muhr, East.Nia.Hosp
George Dodd	Gail Olson
Marion Dodd	Maryann Pavel
Caroline Edwards	Joanne Plant
Donna Edwards, Bflo General	Carl Roeser
Dick Edwards	Betty Rubins, Glenwood
Elizabeth Gentz	Katherine Senn
Susan Grau	Pat Valentine
Phyllis Hallock	Ray Valentine, Sr.
Pearl Kibler	The Kolb Family
George Lorenz	



10 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Blessed God, in the midst of serious political and economic challenges in the region, we pray for the people of Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan, that your abundant grace may be showered upon them.

11 Pray for the Lutheran AIDS Network Biennial Conference, which meets at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, April 11-12.

12 Pray for missionaries serving as English teachers as part of the J-3 program of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church: Douglas Foster, John Hoyle, Susan Wironen, Dana Dutcher and Carolyn Stypka.

13 Pray for the ELCA public policy directors and the advocacy ministry shared by ELCA members as they speak out for families struggling in tough economic times, for internationally recognized human rights and for the good stewardship of God's creation.

14 Pray for Kristopher and Rebecca Hartwig. Kristopher serves with the Palliative Health Care program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania exploring hospice care with people living with HIV and AIDS. Rebecca is involved in a music and nursing ministry.

15 Pray for the Rev. Phillip Baker, ELCA regional representative for theological education and church relations in Asia, as he works with institutions and churches throughout Asia.

16 Pray for those who grieve because of war or natural disasters throughout the world.

17 Sunday of the Passion

God of mercy, send the gentle rains upon the lands of Djibouti and Somalia. May the fields bear fruit and the people be renewed in the midst of their constant living with drought and hunger.

18 Pray for the ministry of the Leadership Program for Musicians and all church musicians during this week of many worship services.

19 Pray for displaced people and refugees so that they may receive what they need: shelter, food, clothing, blankets, education and security.

20 Give thanks for the Rev. Richard Young's ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana. He has just returned from service in a parish of four congregations where, as a medical doctor, he coordinated and developed health programs for the church in Guyana.



**April
2011**

1 Pray for local, state, and federal elected officials, as they consider budget decisions that will affect our communities and all of God's people.

2 World Autism Awareness Day

Pray for all who live with autism spectrum disorders and celebrate their unique talents and skills. Pray for those who diagnose, treat, advocate and care for those living with autism.

3 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lord of the nations, we pray for the people of East Timor, Indonesia and the Philippines as they struggle with religious and political diversity. Grant that they may receive your peace and a sense of the richness of life that comes through your abundant gifts.

4 Pray for the participants in the Leadership Conference at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago April 4–5 as they reflect on the theme, "Experiencing God through Preaching and Worship."

5 Pray for the Rev. Justin and Kari Eller, who serve in La Paz, Bolivia. They work in the Office of Mission in the Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Boliviana (Bolivian Lutheran Church).

6 Pray for the Lutheran Summer Music Program and the young people who are applying to participate in this four-week music program that focuses on community, faith and Lutheran musical heritage.

7 World Health Day

Pray for those who research antimicrobial resistance and its global spread that threatens the continued effectiveness of many medicines used to treat the sick.

8 Pray for the ELCA Church Council as they meet April 8–11 at the Lutheran Center in Chicago.

9 Pray for Nancy Stevenson, an English teacher at Makumira University College of Tumaini University, the senior seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and for the educational ministry of the church in Tanzania.



***Maundy Thursday Service
to Highlight Unity***

John's Gospel tells us that at the Last Supper. Jesus prayed for his disciples "that they may all may be one." That unity in Christ will be manifested on Maundy Thursday, April 21st when members of St. Paul's will join with members of

Calvary Episcopal Church and Williamsville United Methodist Church for a joint celebration of Holy Communion in remembrance of the Last Supper. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which St. Paul's is a member, has a full communion agreement with both the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church. That means we recognize the authenticity of each others' sacramental worship. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join with neighbors and friends to manifest, at least in part, the unity Christ desired and prayed for.

**Maundy Thursday Celebration
Williamsville United Methodist Church
5681 Main Street (Main and Oakgrove)
Williamsville, NY**

St Paul's Prayer Circle
All are welcome!

Meets
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month
10:00am
Friendship Room

***Be part of an
important
ministry of
our church***

Recently, there have been articles in the News about physicians prescribing pain medications to unscrupulous patients who are actually street dealers.

Physicians can test patients for low drug levels and determine if they are using the prescription ineffectively or if they have ulterior motives. In my nursing experience, most patients UNDER treat themselves for pain. Fear of addiction is one reason, but to prevent tolerance, meds can be changed or used for a short time. Another reason is that patients think they have a character deficit if they need meds. They should be able to do it on their own, so they struggle and make things worse. Or they think they're tough enough, denying the pain. Another is that they get angry with the state they are in and make their body parts their enemy. God's name is evoked in ways other than in prayer! Or if they have faith, they'll get exactly what they want. Faith in this way, is used as a tool rather than understanding that Grace is sufficient no matter what the outcome.

Appropriate pain med usage along with other modalities such as physical therapy, massage, therapeutic touch, deep breathing, music, humor and activities to name a few are ways to manage pain. And what of Prayer? We initially accept that pain is there and then we can release it to God, trusting that we will receive exactly what we need. We shift our focus from cursing the body part and praying for pain to be removed to affirming that we are whole in Christ. What we focus on is magnified so if instead of praying "Lord in Heaven for Jesus sake, take away my toothache", we could pray Lord I am whole in you. I trust you to help me exactly as I need. And I will do MY part.

We can choose to use the knowledge that pain meds used appropriately can help us heal, rehabilitate and enjoy everyday life.

Rosemary Rizzo, BSN, RN



2011 Lutheran Awards Dinner

Greenfield Manor, 5933 Broadway, Lancaster, NY

Friday, April 29, 2011

Social Hour: 6:00pm; Dinner: 7:00pm

Tickets - \$40 each (\$400 for a reserved table of 10)

Patron Opportunities

Diamond - \$250; Platinum - \$100; Gold - \$75; Silver - \$50

Bronze - \$25

R.S.V.P by April 17, 2011

Registration forms are available from St. Paul's Church Office or on the web at www.wnylutherancharities.org.

This year four of the nine Magi Award recipients are members of St. Paul's or North Park churches.

North Park

Marcia Brown

Carol Rosenberg

St. Paul's

Eva Paulson

Katherine Senn

For more details contact St. Paul's Church Office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS!

Thanks to all the women who volunteered to sew aprons for VBS. There are still five bundles of five each in a box in the Social Hall. As you return the finished ones, please cross off your name. Feel free to take another batch if you can spare the time. The other 2 churches are in awe that I was able to get people to volunteer to sew them. The aprons cost us nothing. Ladies Aid donated some old white sheets and material for the straps. Then I found some old muslin costumes in the closet which I took home, washed, ironed and cut! The total cost of 125 aprons, plus 15 for the adults, was a lot of sweat, care and love on the part of our congregation. The children will be thrilled with the results. Stop and see them decorate their aprons during VBS, the week of Aug. 8-12th at Williamsville Methodist from 6 to 8:30pm. Mark your calendars and bring your neighbors, friends and grandchildren. We'll also need some help as the time gets closer.

Congratulations on your 60th Wedding Anniversary



A note from Dick & June Atkins

We wish to thank all the people of St. Paul's for the many cards and good wishes in honor of our 60th wedding anniversary. Our little celebration between services will always be remembered by us and our family.

Dick and June Atkins



The Fish Dinner was enjoyed by all. A "thank you" goes out to all who worked and all who bought tickets!

Ladies' Aid Quilters Prepare Lutheran World Relief Quilts

63 quilts were displayed in church on Sunday, March 20th and the congregation prayerfully asked that God use these around the world in care of the needy. In April quilts made in area churches will be collected and shipped off to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to our Ladies' Aid for their faithful work.



Emily Friedrich shows off the new lift chair installed to provide handicap access to the Fellowship Room. Up to now, the Fellowship Room has been out of reach for those unable to climb the stairs. (Emily was just demonstrating the chair - she is fine!)

