



# The Voice

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## April 2017

One favorite symbol of Easter is the butterfly. Starting life as a lowly caterpillar, it goes through a process of struggle and change, the darkness of confinement in a cocoon, before bursting forth through a process of metamorphosis, to become a new creature, a thing of stunning beauty, no longer bound to

the earth but free to fly. It wasn't long before the followers of Jesus saw in this phenomenon of nature a way to understand Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. St. Paul, writing in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of First Corinthians says:

*What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed.*

Whether we are talking about Jesus, the first of us to rise from the dead, or whether we are talking about the rest of us and our journey from life on earth to eternal life, the image of the caterpillar turning into a butterfly suggests a dynamic process: a letting go of one thing in order to embrace and become another. The cocoon represents both death and life for within that cocoon one life gives way to another. When Jesus emerged from the tomb on Easter morning

he was still Jesus, but his disciples had a hard time recognizing him. There was both continuity and discontinuity. One identifying mark were the scars in his hands and feet: a carryover from his death, but no longer wounds, but a way to identify the risen one with their friend and Lord.

The process cannot be forced. It must take its own time. You and I are in this process right now, for while we live, we are always caught up in the process of dying and rising. We have many different ways of naming this reality. We say, "One door closes, another opens." One time our faith will be weak, but another time we are sure and certain all we had been told is true. This month, as Easter comes right in the middle of the month. Remember that out of your own struggles with the faith in Jesus, a new person will emerge, fit and ready to inhabit eternity.



Pastors Wendy and Tim

## Holy Week at St. Paul's

Dating back before the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Christians in and around Jerusalem began to remember the final week of Jesus' life with a series of dramatic services based on those events. Eventually they became so popular they spread throughout the entire church. We call this week "Holy Week" for the way Jesus' final days on earth are presented to us. Here's how we will be celebrating them this year.



### Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>—Palm Sunday

On this day we hand out branches of palm to all who come to worship. We read the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and act out the part of the inhabitants who cut palm branches and waved them in celebration of Jesus' coming. Later we tell the story of his suffering and death, this year, from the Gospel of Matthew. We conclude with Holy Communion. **Worship is at 9:00 and 10:30am**



### Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday

On this night we remember our Lord's Last Supper where he gave us the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. Our friends and neighbors from Calvary Episcopal Church will join us here for a joint worship. At the end the altar is stripped as we remember Jesus' arrest and the beginning of his suffering. **Worship is at 7:00pm**



### Friday, April 14—Good Friday

On this day we remember the death of Jesus on the Cross. We gather at **2:00pm** to remember the story of his death according to John's Gospel, We make our solemn prayers for the world, we meditate on the cross, then go home. We gather again at **7:00pm** for a devotional service of hymns, scripture, poetry, and prayer as we mourn his death and burial.



### Saturday, April 15—Holy Saturday

The Creed tells us "he descended to the dead." On this day we remember how Jesus went among the dead, freeing them and opening the gate of heaven for them. We gather at **10:00am** for a simple service of morning prayer, after which we decorate the Church for Easter.

**Easter Sunday Worship will be at 9:00am and 10:30am**



**Lutheran's Award Banquet - On Friday April 28, 2017 -**

Annual Awards Banquet, held in partnership with the St. John's Lutheran Home for Children and the Lutheran Foundation moves to The Grapevine Banquets in Depew. It's a festive evening of mingling, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and a chance to recognize people of

outstanding service.

Please join us this year in congratulating **Pat & Joanne McGowan** on receiving the The Magi Award. Cost for the evening is \$49.00 per person. Contact Lutheran Charities Office @632-2623

**Lutheran Day at the Bisons! -**

Last summer's Lutheran Day at the Bisons drew 200 BuffaLutherans to Coca ColaField for a great evening of baseball and fun!



The 2017 edition is scheduled for **Friday July 28**. Save the date and help us surpass last year's attendance!



**20th Annual Golf Classic Coming! -**

It's not too soon to hold **Friday August 11**, Lutheran Charities Golf Classic at Chestnut Hill Country Club It's a great day of golf, food, beverages and prizes—watch for details! Or see Dave Johnston to participate. This event sells out early!



**LUTHERAN CHORALE OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER -**

presents its "30th Anniversary Concert"

Saturday, April 22, 7:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church  
9535 Clarence Center. Road

The program will feature selections by Bach, Telemann and other composers in the Lutheran choral tradition. Tickets are \$12 and can be obtained from any Chorale member, at the door, or by calling 649-2662.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

We still have the following dates open:  
April 9 & 23; May 7; June 25; July 23 & 30; Aug 6 & 20; Sept. 3 & 17;  
Oct. 1 & 15; Nov 5 & 26; Dec. 3, 10 & 17.



*Spring Bazaar*

Greenfields Continuing Care  
5953 Broadway Lancaster  
Saturday, April 29, 2017  
9:00 - 3:00  
Over **35** vendors  
refreshments and lunch menu available.



### North Park Fish Bake

North Park will be holding their wonderful Baked Fish Dinner on Friday, April 7th From 4 – 6:30 pm. Join us, once again, for our **FABULOUS** Baked Fish Dinner. You'll never miss the fryer!!

Special seasonings and breadcrumbs embrace the fish, then it's baked to perfection.

The dinner includes ...  
Homemade sides: Coleslaw, American and German potato salads. Bread and butter. Drinks and desserts.  
With mac-n-cheese available for the kiddos.  
This is eat in -or- take out  
Cost is \$12.00 per person  
For more info. or for tickets please call the church at 836-2785

# Easter Flowers 2017 Order Form

Paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_\_  Cash \$\_\_\_\_\_

Date payment received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$8.00**

Number of Plants      Number of Plants

**Lily:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Tulip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of donor** as it will appear in bulletin:

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**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please enclose this form in an envelope and mail it to church or place it in the offering plate with cash or check payable to *St. Paul's*. Please be sure your name and "Easter Flowers" is on the outside of the envelope.

**Order deadline: Palm Sunday, April 9.**

### PARISH NURSE NEWS

Have you ever thought about the shock & grief the disciples felt after Jesus' death? Yet if He had appeared to them any sooner than three days, they may not have been emotionally ready to accept Him. Also in the ancient world, there may have been thinking that if anyone was seen within a few days after death, he may have been considered a ghost. We know from scripture however, that Jesus arose physically and He promised his disciples that He would do so on the third day.

Have you ever experienced physical, psychological or emotional distress such as the death of someone, the loss of a job, or news of a diagnosis? You may feel the same way the disciples did. In my working with patients, initially they may be numb or in disbelief, but after the first few days they may begin to crystallize their thinking about their situation. In postoperative patients or those having an acute illness, on the third day, patients may emotionally be in a different place than the first day. When the Red Cross does crisis intervention after a natural disaster, the social workers know that on day 1 or 2, people may not be able to verbalize their concerns because of shock. The staff provide comfort and wait until the initial days have passed before counseling or referring them. The power of three days. The disciples came together and prayed. Although the sting of loss may be felt, prayer is listening for God's answers and asking for peace to carry on. One of our members shared this meditation." Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then & put aside anxious thoughts and imaginations." And on the third day....

Rosemary Rizzo, RN



Ash Wednesday and Lent



Women's Day Out



## Parish Registry

### Please Pray For

Dick Atkins	Marge Kolb
June Atkins	David Kuehfus
Dick Edwards	Marianne Murbach
Ursula Grau	Pat Nowak
Phyllis Hallock	Eva Paulson
Beverly Heinricher	Joy Phalen
Ed Jacobi	Tony Rizzo
Pearl Kibler	Rita Sturgis
	Sal Terranova

### *This month we celebrate Birthdays for*

Annette Berg on April 26  
Jack Tamburlin on April 29

Please offer them your best wishes

### Global Mission

The ELCA supports over 240 missionaries in 40 countries around the world. Countries of every letter of the alphabet (except Q & X!) from Angola to Zimbabwe. Most of them don't have to raise their own funds to support their service, as missionaries in many other denominations do. Instead, their work is funded through the Mission Support that congregations send to their synods, as well as direct donations.

Rafael Padilla, executive director of ELCA Global Mission says, "What sets the ELCA apart from other denominations is the support system we have in place for people who serve on behalf of this church."

Both long- and short-term missionaries come back to the US on home assignment every two years. During this time, they travel to visit congregations to meet and thank the people whose offerings and gifts help support their ministries. To learn more, see [elca.org/globalchurch](http://elca.org/globalchurch).

Your offerings and Mission gifts support the Global Church. **Thank you!**

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.

### Baptized

March 5, 2017

**Lydia Marie Keim**, daughter of  
Stephanie (nee Wood) & Joshua Keim

**Zoe Eloise Malchow**, daughter of  
Tiffany (nee Kuzon) Malchow

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

On Saturday, April 22 we'll go to see the movie *The Zookeeper's Wife*, which is based on one of the books we've read. Details will be coming soon.

Our next regular meeting will be Sunday, May 21 at 3:00pm, when we'll meet upstairs in the Friendship Room to discuss Everyone Brave is Forgiven by Chris Cleave. Sharon Gorczyca will be our hostess and all are welcome to join us. Questions? Please call Ellen Pachioli at 636-9786.

### Thank You

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- Lee Clukey for getting our dishwasher up and running
- Carl Sagerman for fixing the ceiling in the hallway next to the kitchen
- Marty Nowak for painting the hallway

**Deadline for the May edition of The Voice is April 24th**

**Please submit articles to [stpaulsvoice@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulsvoice@yahoo.com) or our box in the office**