

# RESURRECTION NEWS



# Easter

APRIL 2011



## Pastor's Letter

April, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For 18 months, I had the real pleasure of working with five young men and women in their preparation for the Rite of Confirmation and reception of the Lord's Supper. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, they were examined before the congregation and each presented their essays. Each essay was a confession of faith, both their own and that of the One, Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church. Needless to say, I'm very proud of each of them and it is a pleasure to offer their essays for publication in the Newsletter. I hope that you will find as much edification and encouragement from them as we all did when we heard them delivered. They are presented here in the order in which they were originally given, based on their place among the Six Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism.

Your in Christ,

*Pastor Nielsen*

### **Tiana Thomas.**

Assigned topic: **"How does the Son accomplish my salvation?"**

In John 3:16 it is written, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." With this being said, Jesus simply means "the Lord saves." It is amazing how God allowed his one and only Son to die on the cross for my salvation. It is also through the Word and sacraments in which the gift of faith in Christ and the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are given to me and all believers. I trust in Jesus Christ as my only Savior to save me from sin, death, the devil, and to give me the gift of eternal life.

Why was it necessary for our Savior to be true man and true God? Christ had to be true man in order to take our place under the Law and fulfill it for us. He also had to suffer and die for our guilt to take the punishment we deserved for our sin.

Jesus had to be true God in order that His fulfilling of the Law, His life, suffering, and death, might be a sufficient ransom for all people. Only God could redeem the whole world; past, present, and future. Only God so loves the world enough to give Himself to save us.

Forty days after Christ's resurrection, he ascended into heaven. Christ sits at the right hand of the father to judge both the living in the dead and no one knows when his second coming will be. All we know, according to the Scriptures, is that Christ will return visibly and with great glory on the Last Day. He will return to judge the world, not to set up an earthly government. Before Christ returns, there will be increasing turmoil and distress for the church and the world. His return will be a source of hope and joy for all believers. Personally, I look forward to the day when I will see Him in all His glory.

### **Taylan Thomas:**

Assigned topic: **"What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of faith?"**

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the holy Trinity. True God with the Father and the Son. We need the Holy Spirit because by our human nature we are spiritually blind, dead and an enemy of God. Therefore I cannot by my reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ or come to Him.

The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel. I was baptized when I was an infant. That was when I was first called to the gospel. He has invited me by the gospel to participate in the spiritual blessings that Christ gives to his baptized children. It is by the Holy Gospel the Holy Spirit gives faith to us.

The Holy Spirit has "enlightened me with his gifts". Apart from the Holy Spirit, we all remain in the darkness of sin in which we were born. The Spirit shows me what I am too blind to see on my own. I need a savior and my Savior is Jesus.

The Holy Spirit not only gives me faith, but he also keeps me in the one true faith by the gospel. Therefore I will always want to hear and study the scriptures. If I ignore God's word and fall away from it, I can lose touch with all that I have received from Jesus.

The Holy Spirit also calls, gathers, enlightens the whole Christian church. Sadly not everyone is saved. That is because some people resist the Holy Spirit and they remain in their unbelief and in God's judgment by their own fault.

The Holy Christian Church consists only of believers of Christ. Because it is by faith that we become a member of the Church, Therefore it is invisible because only God can see into people's heart. The Holy Christian Church is the communion of saints, the total number of those who believe in Christ. The visible Church is all who hear the word of God and profess the Christian faith. But even though I have listed two different churches there is only one church. The visible is called church because of the believers who are gathered around the means of grace, God's word and sacrament.

God gives eternal life to me and all believers in Christ through pure Grace alone and nothing can take us out of his hand. This is most certainly true.

### **Elizabeth Larsen**

Assigned topic: **"What is the place of prayer in the life of faith?"**

"I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please you. For into my hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen" (Luther's Morning Prayer).

Luther's Morning Prayer is the prayer we prayed at the beginning of each of our confirmation classes. It helped us get our minds focused to learn about God, and has provided a wonderful example of the way we should be praying daily to our Father in heaven.

What is prayer? Prayer is talking to God through our thoughts and words. In the technology driven world we live in today, praying to God is even easier than sending text messages or chatting with a friend on Facebook. Even before Facebook, God hears every thought. We should only pray to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We pray to God to ask for help with our daily needs and to ask for forgiveness of our sins. When we pray we should ask God to help people in need. We should also pray for our friends and family. When we pray we should thank and praise God, just as we hear in Psalm 136:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."

When and where should we pray? We can pray anywhere. Mostly we pray in church, or when we are by ourselves, or with our families. I pray in church, with my family, and before I go to sleep at night. Our family normally prays this prayer before dinner: God is good, God is great, and we thank him for our food and family. Amen. God hears the prayers of every believer. Even though we might not think God is listening, God hears our prayers but answers in his own time and own way, as we read in Isaiah 65:24, "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." God does not hear the prayers of unbelievers because they are not praying in his name.

The prayer that our Lord has given us is the Lord's Prayer. In the Lord's Prayer, we are told that God loves us and that he wants us to pray to him without fear. God wants us to pray in his name and with confidence. When we pray by ourselves we should talk to God about any troubles we are having in our life. We should never be nervous or afraid to talk to God. Praying for our enemies is also needed because they need to be

forgiven for what they have done wrong to us. We need God's help to apologize to them for the wrong things that we have done.

For me, prayer is a way to get my feelings out. God listens to me and does not get upset at me for what I say. I know that if I am having a bad day, and just need to talk to someone about something, God will be there for me. If you ever need to talk to someone, God is the one you should talk to. If you are ever feeling pressure about something, you should talk to God and he will help you work through your problems. I can also turn to God to ask for forgiveness when I make mistakes, to thank him for sending Jesus as my savior, to praise him for all he does for me everyday, even helping me through the 200 yard breaststroke race!

Just like we began our confirmation classes in prayer, we ended each class with Luther's evening prayer. It seems appropriate to end this discussion about prayer with those words, "I thank you my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day, and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen" (Luther's Evening Prayer).

### **Siena Fitzpatrick**

Assigned topic: **What is Holy Baptism and how is it significant to the life of faith?"**

Going to church each Sunday, we all walk past the baptismal font on our way to receive the Lord's Supper. But do we really understand what lies inside? It doesn't just contain plain water, but holy, divine water. The water of baptism contains God's Holy word and promise. It holds forgiveness of sins, eternal salvation, and it can rescue us from death and the devil. It gives me the gift of faith so that I may believe what God does for me in this font. As Mark says in 16:16, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

God commands in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Therefore, baptism is not just something man came up with on his own. Baptism was instituted by God Himself, and He said that **all nations** are to be baptized. That includes people of all ages, even infants. Some people disagree and say that if babies can not understand what it means to be baptized, then they should wait until they are older and can comprehend what baptism truly is. However, babies are included in "all nations" and babies can certainly have faith. Infants are also born with original sin and need the forgiveness, just as much as I do, and therefore, they need what God does through baptism. Baptism does not depend on our abilities, or how much we can comprehend, but is God's way of saving helpless sinners of any age.

Before a person is baptized, the Old Adam, a corrupt and evil nature, is still living within him or her. When Holy Baptism occurs, the "Old Adam" is drowned and dies with all sin and evil desires, and a New Adam emerges. The New Adam is the new spiritual life and nature that strives to live and grow before God in the one true faith. So, as a baptized child of God, I want to live according to the new life God has given me and not the old, sinful life he has drowned. In order to let this new life come out and live within me, I must strengthen and learn about my faith by going to church and studying the Bible. Since I want to live a new life with God, I want to obey what He commands.

As you can see, there is no way that plain water can do things this great. As Luther says in the Small Catechism, "For without God's word, the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."

So the next time you walk past the baptismal font, take a second to realize the power it holds, not because it holds water, but because the water holds the word of God, forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and deliverance from death and the devil.



## **Arthur Conover**

Assigned topic: **"What is The Lord's Supper and how is it significant to the life of faith"**

A fairly normal conversation for me is- "Hey Arthur, are you doing anything Sunday evening?" "I have confirmation class." "Oh, that stinks." Because I am a teenager, my friends assume that I don't care about religion and that my parents force me to be religious. But that just isn't true. I go to confirmation class not so I can get an allowance from my earthly parents, but so I can receive forgiveness from my heavenly Father. I go to confirmation so I may receive Communion.

On the day before his crucifixion, Jesus gave his disciples the first Lord's Supper. He gave them bread and wine, and told them they were his body and blood. Although this would sound crazy to most people, the disciples had been with Jesus for a long time and had figured out that if he said something, it had a way of being true. In Matthew Chapter 26, we read, "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." According to Luther, the benefit of this is exactly what it says. "These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given to us through these words." That is the reason that I go to church not only Sunday Morning, but also evening- so that I can receive these amazing gifts from my Father.

The amazing thing, (Well, one of the amazing things) about the Lord's Supper is that nothing we do makes it what it is. Communion gets what it is from God, not our beliefs. However, this makes it dangerous as well, because if we treat it wrong, then we are treating Jesus' body and blood wrong. Luther says that those who openly do not believe or are unrepentant should not be given the Lord's supper. This is not as a punishment, but to protect them. However, those who are weak in there faith should definitely be given The Lord's Supper so that their faith will be strengthened.

Communion is one of the most important parts of the life of faith. It not only gives forgiveness but also helps to strengthen faith. That's what I'm looking forward to most. Not finally having my Sunday evenings free, but to receive communion.

### **Mid-Week Lenten Worship: 'JOURNEY TO THE CROSS'**

Mid-week Worship Schedule continues as follows:

**Wednesday Evenings - 6:00pm. / Thursday Mornings - 10:30am.**

*(These are spoken services of Word and Prayer.*

**March 30/31** Jesus before Pontius Pilate

**April 6/7** Jesus judged by Herod and Pilate

**April 13/14** Jesus judged by the people

**April 22 - 7:00pm. Maundy Thursday** Jesus institutes the Last Supper

**April 23 - 7:00pm. Good Friday** Jesus goes to the cross

### **The Schedule for Worship during Holy Week is as follows:**

✠ **Palm Sunday: April 17<sup>th</sup>** - The congregation gathers for worship in the Fellowship Hall and processes together into the Sanctuary. Sunday School at 8:45am. and Worship at 10:00am.

✠ **Maundy Thursday: April 21<sup>st</sup>** - The Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper. Worship begins at 7:00pm..

✠ **Good Friday: April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Commemoration of the Crucifixion of Christ. Worship begins at 7:00pm.

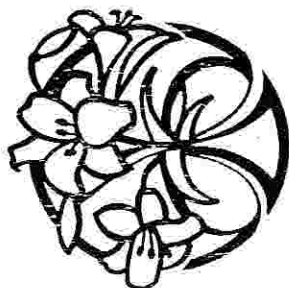
### **Easter Sunday Schedule: April 24<sup>th</sup>**

✠ **Easter Breakfast** served from 8:30am. – 9:30am.

*(Men for serving and cooking should arrive by 7:45am.)*

**Sunday School – Easter Egg Hunt** – 9:30am.

✠ **Worship** begins at 10:00am.



## Easter Lilies 2011

Please use this form if you wish to reserve an Easter Lily for the chancel for Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The price of each plant \$13.50

**The deadline to order a plant is  
Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

I would like it dedicated as follows:

Donated by:

In honor of:

In memory of:

To the greater glory of God.

I will \_\_\_\_\_ / will not \_\_\_\_\_ be taking my plant home with me after the Easter service.

Make checks for \$13.50 payable to :

**"Lutheran Church of the Resurrection"**

Please mark your check and envelope – "Lily"

### **Easter Lilies: Deadline is April 17th**

Please use the form attached to the newsletter to order an Easter Lily for the chancel. All plants may be taken home after the service on Easter. Please make all checks payable to: LCR and note "Lily." Lilies will be \$13.50 each and the deadline is Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Homeless Shelter Meal - Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

To be prepared by the Sr. Youth Group. See Jared Goldsmith for more information.

### **The Board For Youth - Survey.**

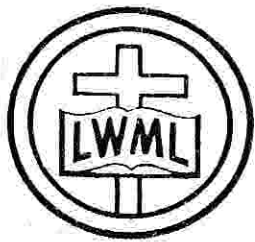
The Board for Youth will be conducting a brief survey of parents to determine the best times for activities to be scheduled. At this point, they are working on five primary activities for the year which include: Sunday School Party (May 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship); Vacation Bible School (June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>); Summer Family Picnic; Advent Family Night; and Talent Show.

### **Memorial Gifts to the Congregation:**

- **New chairs for Room #201 and the balcony.** New, cushioned, folding chairs were recently purchased in memory of James Grant.
- **Candle Lighter and Stand.** Purchased with 'Undesignated Memorial Funds.'

### **Vacation Bible School- June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. 8:30am. - 11:30am.**

RESERVE THE DATES NOW. A very exciting program is being prepared for all children from Preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Please see Lisa Monteleone and Sasha Fitzpatrick for more information.



Web site: [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

#### **HOMELESS SHELTER HEALTH SUPPLIES:**

Thank you for your donations. We will deliver them to the Waterville Homeless Shelter at the end of March.

#### **APRIL AND MAY DONATIONS:**

For these two months, we will be collecting supplies for First Choice—Central Maine Pregnancy Center in Waterville. Please help us collect: diaper rash cream, baby wash and shampoo, BPA free bottles, fingernail clippers, size 2-3 pull-ups, size 3-4 pull-ups, and size 4 & 5 diapers. You can leave them in the box in the Narthex.

#### **MITES:**

Your MITES are needed—pennies to dollars. It all adds up. Together we can all make a difference in spreading God's love.

#### **SAVE:**

Campbell soup UPC codes and also Prego, Swanson, V-8, Pepperidge Farm and Franco UPC codes. Leave the labels in Doris Brossy's mail box. Soda or soup can flip tops can be left in a zip lock bag on the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Yvonne takes them to the Maine Children's Cancer Home.

#### **LWML MISSION STATEMENT:**

"The mission of the Lutheran's Missionary League is to assist each woman on the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world."

#### **"LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTLY":**

There are a few copies of the current "Lutheran Women's Quarterly" on the table just outside the church entrance. Copies of previous issues are in the library in the Adult Classroom.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

April 14, 9:00 AM.

Yours in Christ, Anna Bisson

#### **GOD'S CAKE**

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God let this happen to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter was telling her mother how everything was going wrong: she was failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her mother was baking a cake and asked the daughter if she would like a snack. The daughter said, "Absolutely, Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her mother offered. "Yuck!" said the daughter.

"How would you like a couple of raw eggs, or some flour, or maybe some baking soda." "Gross, Mom, those are all yucky!" said the daughter.

To which the mother replied, "Yes, all those things seems bad by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and eventually they will all make something wonderful.



## **Monthly Worship**

**April 3, 2011**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 142

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:14-21

**Epistle:** Ephesians: 5:8-14

**Holy Gospel:** John 9:1-41 or John 9:1-7,  
13-17, 34-39

**April 10, 2011**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 130

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Epistle:** Romans 8:1-11

**Holy Gospel:** John 11:1-45 (46-53) or John  
11:17-27, 38-

**April 17, 2011**

**Palm Sunday**

**Psalm:** 118:19-29 or 31:9-16

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Holy Gospel:** John 12:12-19 and Matthew  
26:1-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-66 or John  
12:20-43

**April 24, 2011**

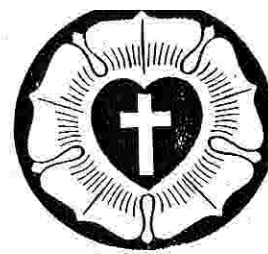
**The Resurrection of our Lord**

**Psalm:** 16

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah  
31:1-6

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10



## **Luther Quiz**

1. Luther considered this the chief article of Christian doctrine:

**A) Baptism B) Justification C) Mercy**

2. True or False: Luther believed that all people worship a god.

3. According to Luther, this New Testament book "speaks of nothing else but that Jews as well as Gentiles, the righteous as well as the unrighteous, are justified only by faith in Christ Jesus."

**A) Matthew B) Acts C) Hebrews**

4. Caught in a severe thunderstorm at age 21, Luther promised this saint he would become a monk, if she helped him:

**A) St. Elizabeth B) St. Agnes C) St. Anne**

5. Of the seven sacraments administered by the Catholic church in Luther's time, Luther believed only two were true sacraments:

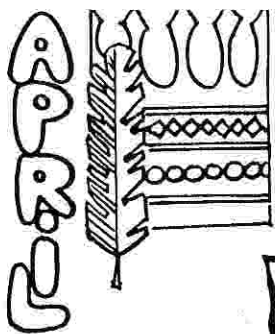
**A) Confirmation and marriage B) Ordination and penance C) The Lord's Supper and baptism**

6. Another term Luther used to describe Christian righteousness that comes from God was this:

**A) Works righteousness B) Passive righteousness C) Self righteousness**

**"Answers on "Birthday page."**





- 4/4 Seth Carlson
- 4/7 Zachary Monteleone  
Gail Carrano
- 4/9 Elizabeth Parks-Stamm
- 4/12 Sarah Nielsen
- 4/16 Art Carrano
- 4/28 Glenn Carlson, Jr.
- 4/29 Emily Larsen  
Heidi Long



- 4/14 Sherman & Robin Hill
- 4/30 George & Karen Markham



- 4/5 Jenna Zahner
- 4/9 Sue Niles
- 4/17 Darryll Zahner
- 4/19 Elizabeth Larsen
- 4/27 Taylan Thomas  
Tiana Thomas
- 4/29 Twila Kaska
- 4/30 Glenn Carlson, Jr.
- 4/?? Jim Pryor  
Gail Carrano

## CONFIRMATION



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/2 Evelyn Gaug  
Peter Gaug
- 4/6 Bonnie Mathieu
- 4/7 Darryll Zahner
- 4/12 Chris Batson
- 4/14 Sharon Klipp
- 4/30 Karen Morren
- 4/?? Dottie Evertson  
Yvonne Batson  
Vesta Holt

### Catholic Heart Attack

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart bypass surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic Hospital. As he was recovering, a nun asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

She asked, "Do you have health insurance?"  
He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?"  
He replied, "No money in the bank."

The nun asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?"  
He said, "I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters. Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Perfect! Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

### LUTHER QUIZ:

- 1) B 2) True 3) C 4) C 5) C 6) B



# STEWARDSHIP

April 3

April 10

April 17  
(Palm  
Sunday)

April 21  
(Maundy  
Thursday)

April 22  
(Good  
Friday)

April 24  
(Easter  
Sunday)

Acolyte

Dan  
Morren

Taylan  
Thomas

Brenden  
Melton

Sarah Kohl

Emily  
Larsen

Emily  
Monteleone

Comm.  
Assistant

Don Pryor

Eric Stout

Glenn  
Carlson

Chris  
Batson

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Jared  
Goldsmith

Ushers

John  
Morren  
&  
Jared  
Goldsmith

Glenn  
Carlson, Jr  
&  
Bill Jahnke

Seth  
Carlson  
&  
John Gould

Don Pryor  
&  
George  
Kohl

Glenn  
Carlson  
&  
Mark  
Larsen

John Ayotte  
&  
Chris  
Batson

Greeters

John &  
Karen  
Morren

Bill & Velta  
Jahnke

Sharon  
Klipp  
&  
Pat Kiblitiz

George &  
Julie Kohl

Mark &  
LeeAnne  
Larsen

Tom &  
Katie  
Huesers

Altar Guild

LeeAnne  
Larsen

Avis Grant

Irma  
Mytlinger

Sharon  
Conover

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Darryll  
Zahner

Flowers

No Flowers  
(Lent)

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Sharon  
Klipp

Fellowship

Kitty  
Carlson

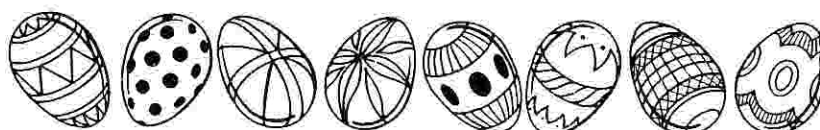
Yvonne  
Batson &  
Becky Cote

Sharon  
Klipp

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Easter  
Breakfast



# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3 4th Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>4</b>  <b>6:00 pm Elders</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>6:00pm. Midweek Lent Worship</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>10:30am. Midweek Lent Worship</b> <b>7:00pm. Inquirers Class</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Homeless Shelter Meal— Sr. Youth Group</b>
<b>10 5th Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>11</b>  <b>6:00 pm Bd. For Youth</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>6:00pm. Midweek Lent Worship</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 am LWML</b> <b>10:30am. Midweek Lent Worship</b> <b>7:00pm. Inquirers Class</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Palm Sunday</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>Easter Lily Deadline</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>May Newsletter Deadline</i> <b>6:00 pm Church Council</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship</b>	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 pm Good Friday Worship</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 am Breakfast 9:30am. Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>7:00pm. Inquirers Class</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>