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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

I no longer remember whether the year was 1986 or 1987 but the Easter morning of one those years turned out to be quite beautiful and warm. As people were leaving the morning service that day I wondered out loud whether we might want to think about having a sunrise service the next year. I do remember quite clearly Cheryl Kinder stating something like, "Maybe you'll first want to wait a year or two to see what kind of weather we can have on Easter morning before trying that." Well, there's no question that after 28 Easters in Carson City I now have a very clear understanding of what she was trying to tell me. I now understand it well enough to fear what may likely happen between now and what I'll call "real" spring. You know, the day that you know you may now safely plant your tomatoes. Too many times I have seen the lilac outside our kitchen window get ready to bloom because of several weeks of warm weather, when, the next thing you know, the north wind suddenly shows up blowing at 25 or 30 mph and the temperatures bottom out at 19° or 20°. There go the blooms for that spring.

This remembrance was triggered by the Gospel reading we had for March 23. There, Jesus reminded the disciples of a saying, "Four months more, then comes the harvest." Jesus was pointing out that people remember patterns and make predictions, forecasts, based on those perceived patterns. In the passage cited above the general agricultural community would have been able to plan for a harvest so many months down the road because of the general state of the crop four months before. This is not the only reference of this sort we hear coming from Jesus. Others similar to this are sprinkled around the gospels.

Generally, these kind of sayings move us in the direction of recognizing that we can anticipate something will occur. The exact timing or the exact outcome may be somewhat vague but we believe from past experience that our trust is well founded. The rain will come, the days will warm, the harvest will be there.

Easter is meant to provide us the foundation

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



The teachers, helpers, and I are getting ready for a busy spring this month. The children have had a really good foundation for Lent in the past and are ready to go into this season of reflection and prayer with a good background. There are many publications around about children and the good things they learn in Sunday School. Some of the reasons are: In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships and they discover God's word with those friends. Sunday School is fun! Just stop by some Sunday when Mrs. Burgeson's class is putting on a skit and witness the fun we are all having watching the kids acting out the stories they have learned.

Please consider helping us this fall and joining our group. I will have some openings as some of the teachers will be retiring. You won't be sorry I guarantee it!

We will have our annual "Easter Egg Hunt" at the Easter breakfast in between the first and second service on Easter Sunday, April 20. The children should bring a basket ready to gather eggs hidden in the garden. There will be a couple special eggs that will bring a special prize. The approximate start time will be 9:30-9:45 am. No Sunday School will be in session on that day but please come and enjoy!

Renee Woslum--Sunday School Superintendent

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for trusting God's promise that we can confidently wait for his salvation to be worked out. We may not know many, or any, of the precise details, but it will happen. Remember that Jesus had begun advising the disciples well in advance of what must happen. But they, even listening to Jesus, did not understand or grasp what he meant. From their behavior I can confidently say that all had doubts, all experienced fear, all mistrusted. Yet God was faithful. The followers of Jesus learned that they could confidently await the future not because they had always been faithful, but because God had been, is, and always will be faithful.

The blessings of Easter uphold and sustain you,

WELCA NEWS

WELCA is gearing up for our annual event, The Rummage Sale! It will be here before we know it so please mark your calendars for April 26 from 8 am to 2 pm. We start to take donations of any goodies you wish to donate after Sunday, April 20. (Easter) We will store them in Friendship Hall so please check to see if there will be someone at the church before you bring any items during the week. If you need to donate some large items that you are not able to bring yourself, please call us and we can arrange to have them picked up. We have some great guys who will assist us in doing this for our sale.

Our chairman this year, Clay Woslum is looking for volunteers in all capacities and asks that anyone interested sign up on the sheet on the WELCA board. Clay will hold a volunteer information meeting before Holy week. Please watch the bulletin and announcements for the date and time. He wants us to be sure everyone has the details of the set-up, the actual sale day, and clean up.

The Rummage Sale is always a fun and profitable event for WELCA and we look forward to having a great day! We hope to all of you there and thanks so much for your support!

Renee Woslum-Gloria Randle

WELCA --Co-Presidents

Our phone # - 883-7748

President's Corner



Easter Greetings Everyone!

Time sure flies when you're having fun.

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of 2014 is already past and that Palm Sunday, Passover, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are upon us. Which means --it's that time of the year again to ensure the safety of our young members by doing a general walk-around, pick-up and trash removal of the church property before the Easter Bunny arrives. If there are no conflicts with the date of Saturday, April 12, we will have a continental breakfast at 0800 am and then proceed outside to clean our church property. Gloves, rakes, shovels, pruning shears, and maybe a chain saw or two, will be needed for this event. We should be done by noon and then everyone can be on their way. No sign-ups are needed if you're willing to do a little work on the church property and ensure the safety of our young ones. Just show up and a good time should be had by all.

God Bless You All--Bill

Birthdays

April

2-George Hamilton	17-James Johnson
3-Nellie Revelle	17-Andrew Moltz
4-Gloria Randle	17-Stan Pesis
5-Colin McPhail	18-Jaklyn Anderson
6-Susan Bunker-Niles	18-Nicholas Jevne
6-Emily Gould	18-Sarah McGee
6-Mark Marsh	19-Elizabeth King
8-LaVon Anderson	19-Lora McComb
11-Florence Bilderback	23-Oscar Anderson
12-Mary Burgeson	24-Pat Thunder
12-Austin O'Kelley	28-Ferol Arnold
16-Greta O'Kelley	28-Dale Randle
17-Kay Elverum	



Financial Secretary's Report (February 1, 2014 thru February 28, 2014)

The Financial Secretary's Report is not available for the April newsletter.

Please take a look at the Financial Secretary's Chart posted on the wall near the church office.

HEALTH NEWS CORNER

Thank you for thinking of the children in our community. 498 children have been identified in need in the community. Any donations are appreciated, The focus this month is two-fold: STS and FFT (Step into Spring and Food for Thought).

"Step into Spring" has reached \$600-also collected were 16 pair of socks and five pair of tennis shoes. Any checks should be made out to CCSD-STC (Carson City School District-Step in Spring).

"Food for Thought" would like specific donations of: Beef Ravioli cups, spaghetti/meatballs cups, fruit cups, cereal cups. Additional information is on the Health Bulletin Board.

The Wellness Service Committee (formerly Health Care) will be meeting in April to set up annual activities. Anyone with ideas, or concerns are welcome to attend. Date: April 28, 2014 Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Questions: Betty Razor (775) 841-2208

Food for the Poor

Thank you for all the children who received a nutritious meal. Your concern for them I believe is very pleasing to our Lord. He has blessed Food for the Poor to be able to provide a meal for 6 cents, so for every dollar put in the Food for the Poor basket 16 children will receive a nutritious meal. Thanking you for them, David Harrell

L.E.E. Group



St. Paul's LEE Group (Lutheran Eager Eaters) will meet for a potluck luncheon in Friendship Hall on Thursday, April 3rd, starting at 11:30 am. "April Showers" or not, you are assured the bet meal in town. Ham will be provided as the feature item and you are asked to bring complimentary items of veggies, salads, rolls/butter, desserts, etc. So, please come on down. Bring a potluck dish to share..and check us out! EVERYONE is welcome! Hope to see YOU at LEE as we gather to enjoy the Spring time and Easter celebration. Nellie Revelle, Secretary

Youth Group Activities

By Traci Angel

Youth Group meetings are held the first and third Sundays of each month. The meetings are held at the church from 5:00-6:45 pm. All youth 7th grade through 12th are invited to be a part of our group. On March 2nd, we held a very special youth activity day! We had a great group of youth grades 5th and up playing games. Eating lunch, and we went bowling! We will be having more youth activity days in the coming months.

EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The youth group will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20th! We will be serving breakfast starting at 9:00 am until 10:30 am! On the menu is pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, tea and of course, plenty of coffee. We hope that you will bring your appetites for the BEST pancakes around! We look forward to serving you on Easter Sunday! You never know if a special guest could show up to help out the group..If you should have any questions, please give Traci a call at 721-5495.

Vacation Bible School



It's not too early to remind you to mark your calendars as VBS will be happening soon! This year our program is scheduled for July 14-18. The theme will be Workshop of Wonders-Imagine & Build with God. This an exciting new program with lots of challenging activities for the kids.

So please watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted soon. I will need volunteers in many capacities. If you are able to help the whole week or even just a couple days, any assistance will be appreciated.

Thanks for your support! Renee Woslum-Director

COMMUNION ASST'S APR/MAY



- Apr 6 10:30 am Roger Moellendorf
- Apr 13 8:00 am Gloria Randle - (Palm Sunday)
- 10:30 am Linda Wilson
- Apr 17 7:00 pm Joan Schultz
- Apr. 20 8:00 am Louise Griffith
- 10:30 am Dick Lowther
- May 4 10:30 am Roger Moellendorf
- May 11 8:00 am Jay Olshen
- May 18 10:30 am Dick Lowther
- May 25 8:00 am Renee Woslum

THANK YOU

for all the prayers, cards, and concern for our family and the memorial gifts given in memory of Janis Harrell. They are very much appreciated. St. Paul's Lutheran Family was truly her home and family to worship at and with and she looked forward to every time she was able to do so.

Love in our Lord -
The Harrell Family



PLEASE NOTE

The Retirement Party Committee coordinating Pastor Stan's retirement party will be meeting on April 19, 2014 at 1:00 pm. at the church.

Please save the date and mark your calendars! The party is set for June 29, 2014 at 4:00 pm. We hope to see all of you there!

Those serving on the committee are:
Cheryl and Wayne Kinder
Dorit and Otto Sandmeier
Joan Schultz
Kristine Sandmeier
Betty Thoreson
Judy and Dick Lowther

Any questions, please call Judy Lowther, 882-5683.

Greeters for APR/MAY

- Apr 6 Evelyn Luterick
- Apr. 13 Mary Neumann
- Apr. 20 Evelyn Luterick
- Apr. 27 Mary Neumann



Thank You!

On January 7, Darlene Lacugna fell at home and broke her shoulder in three places. After extensive surgery and many weeks of therapy, she is finally coming along as well as can be expected. Her therapy has progressed to the point that she was released on March 15, 2014. She is continuing therapy.

I want to thank all of you for the gifts, cards, visits and prayers--especially the prayers. Everything helped. Shoulders take a long time to heal.



Bell Choir News!

Chuck and I are still planning on resuming Bell Choir in September. God willing and the creek don't rise. We both miss the Bell Choir. Chuck has also had medical issues since January but has recently been released by the doctor. Now he can continue to help me with the Bell Choir set-up and operation.

We ring to the glory of God!

Darlene Lacugna, Bell Choir Director