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Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

The old saw has it that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Having lived in Carson City for nearly 30 years now I've found that is not necessarily true. What that saying attempts to describe, however, is probably generally accurate; at the beginning of the month we still experience a fair amount of winter while at the end we are (hopefully) beginning to move into the softer, refreshing gifts of spring. However the Resurrection became associated with this season of the year, most people, I believe, would find that the feast emulates the season. I mean that those acquainted with the entire Passion narrative would be able to identify the first part of the Passion, that is the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of Jesus with the deadliness of winter. We would also recognize in the Resurrection, Easter Day, the gift and promise of new life. Unfortunately, many people find the entire narrative too distressing and choose to focus on the latter part, Easter, alone.

In the olden days (listen to me!) the church had an entire week to work with the whole story. We would come into the service on Palm Sunday anticipating a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, illusory as it might have been. I say illusory because while Jesus had a pretty good sense of what would transpire at a later time, the disciples themselves seemed to cling to their dreams of power and influence with all their might. For me, after Palm Sunday there was a sense of either anticipation or foreboding, take your pick, about the coming week, Holy Week. I knew, as I'm pretty sure most of you knew, that we would be back at the sanctuary on Thursday to hear about the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. Jesus had warned the disciples many times what was likely to happen to him in Jerusalem but like most of us they heard only what they wanted to hear. Finally when it all got to be too much to bear they fled. Then on Good Friday they and we would face the condemnation and crucifixion. Frightened and demoralized after the crucifixion they hid in the upper room and missed the resurrection.

We need to take time to take in that narration. Considering what proportion of each Gospel the

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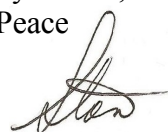
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Passion story comprises, that length of time is little enough indeed. But truly, that time between Good Friday and Sunday lasted an eternity, as we awaited the proclamation of the Easter Resurrection.

In some ways, not much has changed. In other ways, a great deal has changed. We are no more eager to encounter deprivation and condemnation than the disciples. We too would prefer not to have to contend with the loss of our dreams. Today, many people believe they have found a way to do that. They simply bypass the events of Holy Week by attending Palm Sunday and then returning only when they can count on good news, Easter Sunday. The broader church has attempted to address that by identifying in a new way the Sunday before Easter. What was once Palm Sunday is now the Sunday of the Passion. Instead of depending upon Christians coming to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to hear again the account of their salvation, the broader church has conflated the events. The events of Palm Sunday and the rest of Holy Week are now a single narrative provided on the Sunday before Easter. Of course, we here at St. Paul's continue to offer the opportunity to engage in the entire Passion event, its confrontation with fear and death.

I know that by the end of January or the middle of February I've had enough of winter. I've been cold long enough, I've felt the bitter north wind out of Alaska bite through my jacket frequently enough, I've seen enough of the ice in the shadows of trees and bushes and buildings so that I ache for spring. I've seen enough of death. I've had enough of darkness. All I want is warmth and life. But, another part of me wonders, is that the answer? Is Easter, like spring, just about waiting? Is it only about finding comfort? And then I remember; the risen Jesus found the frightened, discouraged disciples in their darkness and despair. He found them. In him they lost their fear and their darkness and their despair. And in him, only in him, they were given life.

Peace



Vacation Bible School

Renee Woslum, Director

There will be a Vacation Bible School early this summer, so please watch the bulletins and newsletters coming up and keep this event in mind for your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends to attend our very worthwhile and fun opportunity for Christian education. VBS is a dynamic and fun learning experience. We have a wonderful youth group as well as other super leaders that help us but please don't hesitate if you would like to help in any way. I guarantee you won't be sorry. Our programs come from the Augsburg/Concordia publishing company and they challenge as well as teach the kids. VBS will also be represented at the Spring Fair in March so please stop by and check out our programs.



Rummage Sale

It's not too early to start thinking about WELCA's rummage sale to be held April 20, 2013. This is WELCA's biggest fundraiser of the year so we are looking forward to collecting your usable items to make this our best ever.

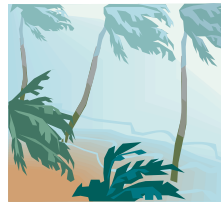
I will have more information coming and sign-up sheets but wanted to give you an advance notice to plan on helping us out if you can. We will not be able to store items in advance down at the church until the week before the event as there is no available space. So please don't bring anything down before then.

Mary Burgeson and Peggy Truttman have also offered to help with this event. Anyone wishing to donate items and help please contact me at 883-7748.

Thanks in advance for your support and I will look forward to seeing and working with you!

Clay Woslum, Chairman

Hurricane Birds



Pat and Rich Weigel are relocating to Florida. This is their schedule and new information. Here's what they tell us:

"We are officially moving to Florida (no more California income tax) but will be Hurricane Birds (you should have heard of Snow Birds) and flee Florida during the hurricane season, normally 1 June to 1 Nov. So we will be traveling coast to coast twice a year and plan on using the southern route in the fall and the northern route in the spring. Sounds like migration almost."

Travel Agenda:

Feb. 15 - 17 Carson City, NV
Feb. 18 Tonopah, NV
Feb. 19 Boulder City, NV
Feb. 20 - 24 Peoria, AZ (phoenix area)
Feb. 25 Tucson, AZ
Feb. 26 27 El Paso - Fort Bliss, TX
Feb. 28 Fort Stockton, TX
March 1 - 2 Kerrville, TX
Mar. 3 Houston, TX
Mar. 4 Baton Rouge, LA
Mar 5 - 6 Pensacola, FL
Mar. 7 Live Oak, FL
Mar. 8 Jensen Beach, FL

Their new address: 10310 S. Ocean Drive, Unite 405
Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Rich cell: 307-780-5911

Pat cell: 530-721-2991

Financial Secretary Report

St. Paul's Financial Status

February Receipts to the General Fund: \$15,790

Fiscal YTD which is 31 weeks:

We received during this period \$132,679.93. We anticipated receiving \$131,130. We therefore have received \$1,549.93 or 1.18% above our requests. We thank you!

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Saville, Financial Secretary



WELCA

On behalf of WELCA I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our annual WELCA chili cook-off, promoting fun and fellowship. All the proceeds from this event will benefit our community

A BIG Thank you to the following people who made this event such a success.

- A special thank you to Clay Woslum for helping me set-up tables and decorate Friendship hall etc.
- To our entertainment chairman, Caroll Massie and our entertainers, The Handbell Choir (Directed by Darlene Lacugna), Lyndsey Chowanski on the Saxophone, Serena Chowanski on the Flute, Tom Gesick with his son Nick on the Guitar and singing, Justin Stevens on the Piano, David Lingensjo playing a medley of songs on the Piano and accompanying Caroll Massie who sang a couple of songs. We have some great talent within our family.
- The contestants who took the time and entered our chili cook-off and the judges (Jason, Robert and Susan Coleman) who had the tough decision to pick the winners.
 - ⇒ 1st place went to Mary McFarland
 - ⇒ 2nd place went to Richard Kowalczyk
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 - ⇒ People's Choice award went to Judy Webster)
- And thanks to all the people who donated some wonderful items for our Silent Auction, brought food items to share and stayed to help clean up.

Treasurer's Report

by Louise Griffith

The following are the receipts and expenses for the month and fiscal year to date ending January 31, 2013:

- Receipts for the month \$ 15,236.67
- Fiscal Year to Date \$132,623.64
- Expenses for the month \$ 17,421.26
- Expenses Fiscal Year to Date \$120,055.21

March

2	Richard Lowther
3	Kim Neiman
3	Debbie Revelle
4	Dennis Yeskie
5	Michelle Stevens
6	Sarah Jevne
6	Lin Nary
7	Fred Steinle
9	Nicholas Gesick
11	Ryan Revelle
12	William Cullen
12	Jazmin Grant
12	Herb Schmalenbach
15	Ellen Harrell
15	Kristin Holland
15	Frida Sivertsen
18	Evelyn Luterick
21	Matthew Hamilton
21	Monique Hautekeet
22	Ken Elverum
24	Marilyn Maruca
24	Jeanne Russell
25	Emily Helsley
30	Katie Anderson
31	Ken Beaton
31	John Fischer
31	Don Kovisto

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Sunday school

Our Sunday school has gained some extra help in the past couple weeks. From my recent plea for additional people we have gotten three new volunteers to help us. Diane Linebaugh is now teaching our 3rd/4th grade class. Barbara York and Carr Sandell will be our newest substitutes. These lovely ladies are a very welcome addition to our group and their time and talents are very much appreciated.

Our students are learning about the Lenten season and also lessons on the "Fruit of the Spirit." We have been making Valentine's and other crafts to be used at our upcoming Spring Fair in March. The older students have been practicing Drama skits. Recently, they put on a skit telling the story of "The Good Samaritan". These skits give the children an opportunity to illustrate a story by acting out the different roles and they are also helpful for the younger classes to learn.

We will have a table at the Spring Stewardship event in March. We will be showing some of our crafts and pictures from Sunday school events. We hope you will help our Sunday school grow by getting the word out to your friends and neighbors and other family members about our good program that is available here at St. Paul's.

Blessings to all,

Renee Woslum, Sunday School Superintendent

EASTER LILY PLANTS

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FAMILY

Each year St. Paul's decorates the chancel with lily plants for our Easter services. We invite you to participate by using this form together with your check for \$11.00 per plant made payable to: *St. Paul's/ Lilies*. Please place this form in the Sunday offering plate, send it by mail or deliver it to the church office. All plants may be picked up any time after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. If you prefer, your plant may be given to a convalescent home or someone on our church's visitation list.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE AN EASTER PLANT (\$11.00 EACH)

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS ____ My check/cash in amount of \$ _____

Please deliver my plant to a convalescent home or person on the church's visitation list.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS

03/24/13

THANK YOU

Food For The Poor

By David Harrell

“Food for the Poor’s mission began with feeding the hungry, and remains at the heart of what we do. Faithful donors like you helped send the first bags of rice to Jamaica in 1982 to feed the hungry. You are still with us now, helping us to feed millions of hungry people across the countries we serve. From the smallest child crying from hunger, to a starving elderly woman thinking she is alone, you bring them lifesaving food, and the knowledge that someone does care.

From helping mothers in the remote areas in Haiti, to feeding schoolchildren in Guyana, you were there delivering food to where it was most needed in 2011. Because of you, the hungry are fed, and hope flourishes amongst the poorest of the poor.

With your ongoing generosity, thousands of families continue to be fed through outreach programs, school facilities and nutritional clinics in the Caribbean and Latin America. Thank you for saving and sustaining precious lives by supplying food to the poor. The impact of your love and compassion cannot be measured. May God bless you.

Feeding Facts & Figures

In 2011, Food for The Poor distributed more than 42.9 million pounds of food, enough to feed millions of malnourished children and their families This included more than:

- 24.9 million pounds of rice
- 7.7 million pounds of beans
- 10.3 million pounds of grains, canned foods and other assorted foods.”

The above information came from an annual report I received from Food for the Poor. I believe in our own small way we at St. Paul’s Lutheran Family are helping to make this happen. Our support is providing a meal for a hungry person, child or adult, who would very likely have to go without.

Thanks to our support and that of other church families like ours, Food for the Poor is able to provide a meal consisting of a portion of rice, beans, a piece of fish and a glass of milk for six cents a day. They are able to do this because they operate with only a 3.75% overhead.

If you feel God is asking you to help with this ministry, I would make a suggestion of a dollar a week donation. This amount will provide two meals a day for a hungry person somewhere in the world. There is a basket in the narthex which contains envelopes for your donation. You may either mail it directly to Food for the Poor or place the envelope in the offering plate. Whether you give the recommended dollar, more or less, it will be a blessing to a hungry person.

There are three opportunities to get together over food and worship on the Wednesdays of March 6, 13 and 20. These soup suppers, combined with the Holden Evening Prayer, provide an oasis in the middle of our work week. Come and join us in a true pot-luck. You are invited to bring a soup, a salad, a bread or a dessert; your choice. Beverages are provided. Invite a friend along and after supper there is yet another feast as we celebrate communion during our evening worship. See you there.

During the month of April Bill and Caroll Massie are taking a long awaited cruise to Tahiti. While they are gone we are looking for some help in getting the trash hauled away after our busy weekends. Would you be able and willing to help us out during that time. If so, please call the office at 882-3020

On Easter Sunday our Sunday School will hold an egg hunt between the two services. If you have never had the opportunity to enjoy watching the little ones hunt for eggs perhaps this is your chance. If you have done this before, then bring your younger children or grandchildren back and enjoy it all over again. Thanks to Renee and all of her teachers for supporting this activity!