

The Epistle

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Tuesday in Easter Week

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

As our mid-week Lenten homilies, we enjoyed the reflections of Sr. Joan Chittister on stories from the Desert Abbas and Ammas, and other wisdom stories. In this Easter season she writes: "We are an Easter people and alleluia is our cry," Saint Augustine wrote. Alleluia means I have found God in the here and now. I celebrate the presence that gives life quality and gives life meaning always. I sing to Monday mornings, alleluia; to washing dishes, alleluia; to friends and work, alleluia; to dawn and dusk, alleluia; to old things and new, alleluia. Say alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to life. That's what it is to be "an alleluia people."

The Fifty Days of Easter from Jesus' Resurrection to his Ascension, should hold our attention even more so than the forty days of Lent. If we are to be formed as Easter people as St. Augustine of Hippo wrote so very long ago, then we need to recognize God in the here and now as Sr. Joan suggests. We have fifty days of "Alleluia" – alleluia to washing dishes; alleluia to mowing the grass; alleluia to family and friends. It mirrors my resolve for the New Year of learning to praise God more consistently throughout my days.

So this morning, it is alleluia to writing to each of you this Easter week!

If there are pastoral care needs of which we should be aware, please do contact me (515-460-4814) or the church office (753-6317).

Blessings as we become Easter people,

Mary Jane+
Rector

★ Thank You! ★ ★ THANK YOU! ★

St. Paul's served the evening meal of 67 people at the House of Compassion on Tuesday, April 12th. We would like to thank Roger Halleck, David Bursley, Tom & P.J. Colbert, Marge Cook, Bill Baltisberger, Don Crowley and Mary Jane for helping!

Thank You to Mary Lou Tappe & Nancy Stone for doing Meels on Wheels on April 27th!

What's New:

Former member, Aletta Stumo, has written a new novel, Precious Norman Honor. We have not read it, but wanted to pass on the note we received about the new book.

There are copies of a new edition of Julian's Window for you on the back table of the church. It includes a reflection on intercessory prayer by Fr. John-Julian Swanson, OJN.

Please help yourself!



COFFEE SCHEDULE

May 1 – Fred & Ce Hubbard

May 8 – Sheryl Readout

May 15 – Betty Bradner & Mary Harvey

May 22 – Nan & Rex Ryden

May 29 – Don & Sandy Crowley

June 5 – Fred & Ce Hubbard

June 12 – Bill & Barbara Baltisberger

June 19 – Tom & P.J. Colbert

June 26 – Audrey Hafar

Up Coming Events:

St. Margaret's Mission -

Will meet Thursday, May 5th, at 6:00 p.m. with Mike Heaverlo and Cathy hosting the meal!

Church Women United -

Will have their Celebration Meeting on May 6th at 9:15 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran!

Concert and Reception to honor Audrey Hafar! **Saturday, May 7th at 7p.m.** Enclosed are two invitations one for you and one for a friend!

St. Paul's Guild -

At 10:30 a.m. May 12th, St. Paul's Guild members are asked to bring cookies and help prepare "Love Plates" for our shut-ins and church staff. We will visit the Pre-School Three-year Olds class at 11:00 a.m. for a little program. About 11:20 a.m., we will return to the Conference Room for a soup luncheon, hosted by Freida McInroy and Nan Ryden.

St. Paul's Vestry - will meet **Wednesday, May 18** at 7:00 p.m.

Rogation Sunday - May 22nd

Dear Friends,

It is Spring and time for the UTO Ingathering.

Use the enclosed envelope to offer your thanksgiving coins or a check for the amount of your blessings. Send or bring it to the church so that it can be joined with the thank offerings of other Episcopalians by May 15th.

Your prayers and offerings have built churches and schools, made needed renovations, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, provided shelter for the homeless and have provided care and support for those with physical, mental and emotional challenges.

Regular intentional thanksgiving can make a difference in your life as well as the lives of those who receive your offering.

Yours in thanksgiving,
Pam Campbell – UTO Parish Coordinator

The House of Compassion-Invites everyone to our annual volunteer banquet. Without the many people that put their time, money, and talent into the House of Compassion it would not be able to operate. You are all invited to come eat, chat and be entertained on Monday, May 2nd, at St. Henry's Church located at 221 W. Olive St., Marshalltown as our way of saying thank you. Doors open at 5:45. We hope to see you then.

MEALS ON WHEELS

May 25th – Pam Campbell &
Barbara Baltisberger

If you cannot serve when scheduled, trade with someone or use the following members in an emergency only.

Barb Baltisberger	753-7494
Pam Campbell	753-8064
Nan Ryden	753-3788
Mary Lou Tappe	752-5833

Easter Lily's

Ellis & Colleen Harmon-

In Thanksgiving for: Our Family

Mary Harvey-

In Memory of: Loved Ones.

Sheryl Readout-

In Memory of: Family

Betty Bradner-

In Memory of: Loved Ones

Rex & Nan Ryden-

In Memory of: Their Mothers

Virginia & Jane

In Thanksgiving for: Their Children & Grandchildren

Don & Pam Campbell-

In Memory of: Loved Ones

Don & Sandy Crowley-

In Honor & Thankfulness: for the continued faithfulness & commitment of the people of St. Paul's

Patton & Dorothy Apgar-

In Memory of: John Apgar

Derol & Audrey Hafar-

In Thanksgiving for: Grandson Kevin Farmer's High School Graduation

Ministries Retreat at Grinnell College

July 15-17, 2011.

Registration is available online, and is cheaper before June 9. Scholarships are available, and I would encourage you to attend!

Track 1: Historic Creeds, The Rev. Mel Schlacter, Iowa City

Track 2: English Reformation: An introduction, The Rev. Kathleen Milligan, Dubuque

Track 3: Benedict and us: The Kathryn S. Campbell, Charles City

Track 4: Episcopal Identity: The Rev. Don Keeler, Storm Lake

Track 5: I am Joseph, your Brother: Dr. Joseph Molleur, Cornell College

Track 6: Poetry, Prayer, and the Psalms: Megge Fitz-Randolph - Kirkwood College

Track 7: Dreams as Spiritual Guidance: Helen Keefe, Coralville

Track 8: Solo retreat

Track 9: Whither the American funeral? - The Rev. Barbara Schlachter

Track 10: Dancing with Hands: Ministry to the Deaf: Donna Scarfe



Track 11: "Nothing yet is in its true form: C.S. Lewis and the Nature of Love: Christine Havens, Trinity, Waterloo and Hawkeye Community College

If going to Grinnell is not possible for you, but the idea of having some of your summer time here in Marshalltown, spent as retreat days, please do contact Mary Jane. If that sounds interesting, or you would like to know what a spiritual retreat is, please contact Mary Jane. She would be happy to help plan a retreat experience with and for you.



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May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 AM Worship	2 HOC Annual Volunteer Banquet at 5:45 p.m.	3	4	5 St. Margaret's Mission Meets at 6 p.m.	6 Church Women United Meets at 9:15 a.m.	7
8 9:30 AM Worship Happy Birthday! Dan McInroy	9 Happy Anniversary Patton & Dorothy Apgar! Happy Birthday! Scott Hubbard	10	11	12 St. Paul's Guild Meets at 10:30a.m.	13	14 Happy Anniversary David & Karen Bursley!
15 9:30 AM Worship	16	17 Happy Birthday! Bill Baltisberger Lou Jones	18 St. Paul's Vestry Meets at 7 p.m.	19	20	21
22 9:30 AM Worship	23	24	25  Spring	26 Happy Birthday! Hannah Carter	27	28
29 9:30 AM Worship Happy Birthday! Patton Apgar	30					

May Birthdays

Dan McInroy – 8th

Scott Hubbard – 9th

Bill Baltisberger – 17th

Lou Jones – 17th

Hannah Carter – 26th

Patton Apgar – 29th

May Anniversary's

Apgar's – 9th

Bursley's – 14th

Lay Participants for May 2011
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

All lay participants are to meet in the choir room for prayer 5 minutes before service time.

Date	Time	Lay Readers/Lectors	Acolytes	Ushers
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Each person is responsible for finding a replacement when needed and reporting the change to the church office.

Date: May 1 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Bursley
Chalice and Acolyte: Mary Jane Halsted
Ushers: Tom & PJ Colbert
Altar Guild: Nan Ryden
Lock-up: Kay Beach
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: Ce Hubbard

Date: May 22 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Ce Hubbard
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley
Ushers: Orlin & Sally Klinkefus
Altar Guild: Marge Cook
Lock-up: Kay Beach
LEV: Sandy Crowley
Coffee: Nan & Rex Ryden

Date: May 8 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Kay Beach
Chalice and Acolyte: Ce Hubbard
Ushers: Rex & Nan Ryden
Altar Guild: Pam Campbell
Lock-up: Kay Beach
LEV: Barbara Baltisberger & Mary Harvey
Coffee: Sheryl Readout

Date: May 29 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Oakland
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach
Ushers: Bill & Barbara Baltisberger
Altar Guild: Sheryl Readout
Lock-up: Kay Beach
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: Don & Sandy Crowley

Date: May 15 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Mary Jane Halsted
Chalice and Acolyte: Sheryl Readout
Ushers: Bill & Barbara Baltisberger
Altar Guild: Ce Hubbard
Lock-up: Kay Beach
LEV: Freida McInroy & Mary Lou Tappe
Coffee: Betty Bradner & Mary Harvey

