

The Epistle

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The Week after the Third Sunday of Lent

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We continue on our Lenten journey to learn disciple lessons from Jesus as we walk with him to the Cross. Making this paschal journey each year is our preparation to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection. Accompanying Jesus on his journey into suffering and death, is part of our learning that Jesus accompanies us in our own sufferings and at the end of our lives. Last Sunday, Mary Jane Halsted, beautifully sang a contemporary hymn during the offertory, whose words invite us into meditation and prayer in this holy season.

Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

Words and Music Natalie Sleeth, 1986

With prayers for a Holy and Blessed Lent,
Mary Jane+

~Up Coming Events~

ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

will meet Thursday, April 7th; at 6:00 p.m. with Mary Thomas hosting the meal!

ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

will meet **Thursday, April 14th** at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Greatest Generation talks during the coffee hour:

April 10: "The Homefront and the 1940s" with Barbara Baltisberger, Betty Bradner, Marjorie Cook, and Colleen Harmon.

May 1: "The Depression and the 1930s" with Dorothy Apgar.

EUCCHARIST

Eucharist will be observed at 5:15 p.m. for the remaining Wednesdays in Lent.

Maundy Thursday Services - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - The church is open from noon - 3:00 p.m. with Liturgical Readings each half hour, Periods of Silence, Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament at 2:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m. Saturday before Easter.

House of Compassion

St. Paul's will serve the evening meal at the House of Compassion on Tuesday April 12th. Please sign up on the green clip board at the back of the church if you would like to help!

Russian Exchange Student:

To Give April 14th Program For Guild On Thursday, April 14th, St. Paul's Guild will have a salad luncheon at 12 noon, contributed by the members and hosted by Barbara Baltisberger, Colleen Harmon and Sheryl Readout. The program will be given by Stanislav (Stas) Kukhaenkov, a Russian exchange student from MCC. Barbara Jennings, director of the YFU (Youth For Understanding) program will help with the presentation.

The regular business meeting will follow. Meetings of St. Paul's Guild are monthly, April through June, September through December. Luncheons are at 12 noon, the second Thursday of the month, unless otherwise announced. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Please RSVP to the hosts listed, or to Guild secretary, Sally Klinkefus (752-4364), if you wish to attend. This will help us with our planning. Notice will be given in each Epistle, of meeting dates, times and programs. We look forward to an interesting and informative year!

Lenten fellowship and worship

service will be held every Wednesday morning during Lent. Breakfast will start at 6:30 a.m., followed by a Lenten message. The following churches will host on the dates indicated:

April 6 Hope United Methodist Church
2203 S. 3rd Ave.

April 13 Our Savior Lutheran Church
3001 S. 6th St.

April 20 First United Methodist Church
202 W. Main St.

There are three different Lenten devotionals and a poster available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself!

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.



2011 COFFEE SCHEDULE

April 3 - Kay Beach

April 10 – David & Karen Bursley

April 17 - (Palm Sunday) – Oaklands

April 24 - (Easter Sunday) Don & Pam Campbell

May 1 – Mary Lou Tappe

May 8 – Sheryl Readout

May 15 – Betty Bradner -Mary Harvey

May 22 – Nan & Rex Ryden

May 29 – Don & Sandy Crowley



To all our dear friends from St. Paul's who have remembered us with calls, cards, and prayers, we sincerely thank you! We still consider you as our family; we are being moved to a local hotel so we can return to the hospital for daily blood counts. Andy is recovering and we hope to be home in Marshalltown, by 3/27!

Friends in Christ,
Andy & Nancy DeKock

Serving through the Emergency Food Box Helps us all!

Emergency Fox Box serves many!!!

Since the Emergency Fox Box is seeing an increase in the number of families needing help throughout all of Marshall County, your offerings of food (please note the dates on the canned items) and/or **cash donations** are needed. The Emergency Fox Box is supported solely by the contributions of generous people like yourselves.

Currently, the items that we are in need of the most are **chicken noodle and tomato soups and large can of soups with meat. These food items are not currently available from the Food Bank in Des Moines in the quantities that we need.**

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, you may send a check or cash at any time.

Again, thank you for your past contributions. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated.

MEALS ON WHEELS

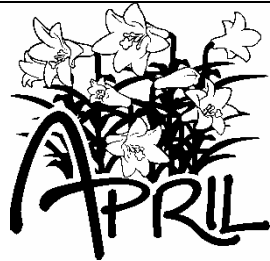



April 27th Nancy Stone & Mary Lou Tappe

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(After Feb.)	752-5833

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Church Women United – 9:15am	2
3 9:30 AM Worship	4	5	6 Happy Birthday! Sheryl Readout 5:15 Holy Eucharist	7 St. Margaret’s Mission – 6pm Happy Birthday! Dale Holubar	8	9
10 9:30 AM Worship		12 House of Compassion Meal	13 Happy Birthday! Joe Carter 5:15 Holy Eucharist	14 7pm Vestry	15	16
17 9:30 AM Worship Happy Birthday! Mike Heaverlo	18	19	20 5:15 Holy Eucharist	21 7:00 Maundy Friday	22 12-3pm Good Friday! (2pm Stations of the Cross)	23 7:00 Easter Vigil

<p>24 9:30 AM Worship</p>  <p>EASTER</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Happy Birthday! Mary Thomas</p> <p>5:15 Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Happy Birthday! Eleanor Handorf</p>
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