

The Epistle

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Now it is Lent. The word "Lent" means springtime, but not quite yet in Iowa, apparently. We can believe that the word "Lent" has its roots in the same word as lengthen because the days are getting noticeably longer, and that is most welcome! I was surprised to get an e-mail last week announcing that the title for last Saturday's "A Prairie Home Companion" was "Quadragesima" – the old Latin name for the 40 days of Lent. Liturgically, Sundays are always celebrations of the resurrection, so there is relief from fasting and Lent now begins on Ash Wednesday so there will be 46 days before Easter. If you still have a 1928 prayer book, you will find several Sundays designated with "gesima" words designating the days before Easter - "Quinquagesima" for 50 days before Easter, and the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and the two Sundays before as Sexagesima and Septuagesima. My intent is not to have you hunting for your old Latin textbook or your 1928 Prayer Books. The "new" prayer book of 1979 – is hardly new any more. Having a Book of Common Prayer and a Bible in an understandable translation, are basic equipment for the spiritual journey. We would be glad to help you order copies of either or both. Garrison Keillor probably knew that the word "Quadragesima" would bring smiles of recognition from Roman Catholics and Episcopalians of a certain age, and obviously, I must be one of them.

Lent is a good time for extra reading and prayer. There are several types of Lenten booklets available for you at the back of the sanctuary. Or, if you need suggestions for a book to read for Lent, I would be glad to help.

During Lent we will have mid-week services at 5:15 p.m. This is a beautiful meditative time of day at this season in the church.

May you have a Holy and Blessed Lent,

Mary Jane +

CHURCH NEWS

ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

St. Margaret's Mission will hold their next meeting Thursday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m., hosted by Harold and Patricia Gourley.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

VESTRY

St. Paul's Vestry will meet Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Mar 7 Don & Sandy Crowley
Mar 14 Bill & Barbara Baltisberger
Mar 21 David & Karen Bursley
Mar 28 (Palm Sunday) Betty Bradner

Apr 4 (Easter Sunday) Mike Heaverlo
Apr 11 Pudd Handorf & Freida McInroy
Apr 18 Fred & Ce Hubbard
Apr 25 Don & Pam Campbell



Coffee Fellowship

ALTAR GUILD CLEANING

The altar guild will hold their spring cleaning day on Saturday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m.



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

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:

Feb 24	Trinity Lutheran Church, 1011 South 3 rd Ave
Mar 3	St. Henry's Catholic, 211 W Olive St
Mar 10	First Friends Church, South 6 th St
Mar 17	New Hope Christian, 3901 S Center St
Mar 24	Elim Lutheran Church, 302 W Church St
Mar 31	Congregational Church 312 W Main St

EUCHARIST

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flower schedule for the rest of the year is now available on the clipboard at the back of the church. Please sign up for the Sundays you would like to furnish flowers.

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Ce, Fred, Dana and Scott Hubbard, in the death of Ce's father, Clifford Alexander.



HOUSE OF COMPASSION

St. Paul's served the evening meal at the House of Compassion, Tuesday, February 9. Our crew of P. J. and Tom Colbert, Bill and Barbara Baltisberger, David Bursley, Kay Beach, and Don Crowley served 32 diners. Our "chef" Lynette and Don Crowley made "stone" stew, which was served with fruit cocktail, and bread and butter. One of the visitors brought her birthday cake and ice cream to share with those in attendance.

March is our month to help replenish the Supply Closet at the House of Compassion.

Suggested items are paper products, personal items, soaps, cleaners, over-the-counter medications and vitamins.

Brown grocery bags are available at the back of the church to take home and fill and return to the shopping cart.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Mar 24 Nan Ryden & Mary Lou Tappe
Apr 28 Nancy Stone and Barbara Baltisberger

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

Bill or Barbara Baltisberger 753-7494
Pam Campbell (after March) 753-8064
Nan Ryden 753-3788
Mary Lou Tappe (after Feb) 752-5833

STORK'S NEST

We are again partnering with The Stork's Nest during the month of March as they hold their Diaper Drive. There will be inserts in the bulletins on March 14 and 21 with information about The Stork's Nest incentive program. Diapers and wipes are the most requested items. Envelopes will also be provided if you wish to make a cash donation.

EMERGENCY FOOD BOX



The Emergency Food Box's success or failure is determined by your help. We are seeing an increase in the number of families needing help throughout our country, and especially here in Marshall County. Your offerings of food and/or cash donations are needed more now than ever for just this purpose.

Currently, the items that we are in need of the most are **macaroni and cheese, peas, rice, pork and beans, instant mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes and corn**. These food items are not currently available from the Food Bank in Des Moines in the quantities that we need.

St. Paul's next opportunity to help restock the Emergency Food Box will be Sunday, March 14. Please bring non-perishable food items to place in the cart. Or, if you prefer, you may send a check to the Emergency Food Box; P.O. Box 391; Marshalltown, IA 50158. These funds are used to buy needed items locally and to pay handling charges for items we are able to get from the Food Bank of Iowa.

Again - thank you for your past contributions, and please consider the increasing need for food and/or contributions during these tough economic times.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 6:30 Lenten Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:15 Eucharist	4 6:00 PM St. Margaret's Mission Happy Birthday! Laurie Elder Ledford	5	6
7 9:30 AM Worship 1-3 Pack dry food for the hungry in Haiti in the Great Hall	8	9 Happy Birthday! Harold Gourley	10 6:30 Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:15 Eucharist Happy Birthday! Audrey Hafar	11	12 No preschool	13 
14 EFB Sunday 9:30 AM Worship	15 Happy Birthday! JoAnn Finch	16	17 6:30 Lenten Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:15 Eucharist	18 7:00 PM Vestry	19 No preschool	20 10:00 Altar Guild Cleaning Day
21 9:30 AM Worship	22	23	24 6:30 Lenten Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:15 p.m. Eucharist MEALS ON WHEELS	25	26  Lent	27
28 9:30 AM Worship 