

THE CHIMES

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Old and Yet New

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19

This fall St. Paul's will celebrate our 140th anniversary. We have a long history of God's faithfulness. In our new location we celebrate our history while looking for new ways to serve God and our neighbors.

On Sunday, March 15 an All Ministry Meeting was held after worship. After each ministry shared some of their upcoming events we divided into groups to look at different aspect of our community. Each group thought about the strengths and challenges that are before us.

We discovered that the community surrounding the church is stable and growing. We found out that there are not as many children in the area as we thought (but still many families). We learned that there are only a few social service agencies in the community and at least 15 other churches. We are enthusiastic about our room to grow and desire to make full use our buildings and land. We are excited about the unique understanding of our faith compared to nearby churches. We remembered that we are fortunate to be in a stable financial situation and have a brand new building. We recognize that there are challenges as we contemplate where God might be leading us, but we are motivated to follow where God leads us.

No decisions were made about next steps, but we learned a lot. This is the first of meetings and discussions we will have to help us determine where God is calling us next.

Each of you is part of the next chapter of St. Paul's history. Please join me in spending time in prayer asking God for direction for our church. Please talk to one another about where you feel God is leading us. Please engage our neighbors and community remembering that God is about to do a new thing.

Journeying with you,

Pastor Jill



St. Paul's tradition of performing the portrayal of the Last Supper will again take place on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this presentation.



Friday, April 3, 2015

Church open for private prayer and reflection from Noon – 6:00 p.m.



Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, 10:00 a.m. All ages are welcome.



Sunday, April 5, 2015

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service & Communion

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Presentation from the Church School



Food Pantry Sunday

Due to Easter being on the first Sunday of the month, we will collect food pantry items on April 12th. Please consider helping those less fortunate by bringing non-perishable items. Thank you.



Risus Paschalis – April 12

The Worship Ministry will be leading the service on April 12th. We will be observing Risus Paschalis – the Easter Laugh. This type of service began in the 15th century in Bavaria. Amusing stories and jokes were told during the service as a way to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus which was considered the best joke God played on Satan.

Actually, we will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday because these words I can pronounce easily. Please come and join us for our modern-day version of this ancient custom. Come dressed in bright clothing, bring your sense of humor, and be ready to laugh with your church family!

EASTER MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Robert Andresen
Ronald Peterson

Melvin Drafall

Tom & John Harwood
Mildred & Ralph Black

Chuck Swanson
Wilbert & Elda Heinrich

Albert C. Huber, Jr.

Franklin Kaiser

Donald Kamp
Randy & Deena Kamp

Minna & Gertrude Bohner
Laura Willer

Harold & Carol Meglin
Delbert Schmidt

Sharon Kagel

Janet Wurscher

Betsy Jacobsen

Loved Ones

John, Doris, & Mary Ellen Kobel

Clyde Starr, Louis & Marie Hodel,
Robert, Eunice, Mitchell & Marge Bierman

Carl & Rosemary Stute

Rodger Carlson, Gerdo & Bert Carlson
Ruby & William Schultz

John Hawke

Ray & Brian Volkening
The Volkening Family

Raymond & Brian Volkening
Herman & Bertha Volkening
John & Leone Deihns

Edward & Henrietta Werner

GIVEN BY:

Eileen Andresen

The Drafall Family
Carol Graeff

Anne & Dan Heinrich

The Huber/Smith Family
The Kaiser Family
Barb Kamp & Family

Jon Kobel

Myron & Linda Meglin

Bill & Verona Mursewick
Mike & Ginny Mursewick
Mary Reel
Bill & Sally Rhymes
Polly Russell
Dave & Bonnie Starr

Mark & Cheri Stute
Dale & Sandy Volkening

Herman & Judy Volkening
Ken & Mona Volkening & Family

Ruth Volkening

Janet Werner



Scholarship applications are available in the church office beginning April 1, 2015. Please contact the church office to pick up an application or have one mailed to you. Completed applications are due in the church office by May 20, 2015. Any questions, please contact the scholarship committee. Please remember the Scholarship Fund when giving a memorial.

Thank You,

The Scholarship Committee:

Bonnie Starr, Doug Volkening, and Karen Westerman

PADS

Thank you to all those who either donated meal items or volunteered time to serve at PADS. The grilled cheese and ham sandwiches and sloppy joes were greatly appreciated. We also wish to thank the ACTS group for donating funds to the PADS food account. There are times when we are very busy and purchasing special meals helps us out. We are fortunate to have funds available from donations for these occasions.

Blessings,

Anne Heinrich

Staff: Jill Terpstra - Pastor
Secretary - Linda Becker
The Choir - Led by Jon Kobel
Piano Accompanist - Gay Bouwmeester

Council:

President - Anne Heinrich	Fellowship/Hospitality - Janet Werner
Vice President - Karen Westerman	Mission – Barb Kamp
Financial Secretary - Sandy Volkening	Calling & Caring – Ginny Mursewick
Treasurer - Myron Meglin/Dave Thompson	Properties - Dan Heinrich
Recording Secretary - Cindy Heinrich	Stewardship – JoAnn Pate
Christian Education - Karen Smith	Worship - Vernon Knaak
Evangelism - Polly Russell	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>
April 05	Dave & Pat Thompson	3	Linda Meglin
12	Paula DeFarno & Ernest Stagg	4	Joy Zweifel
19	Mike & Ginny Mursewick	5	JoAnn Pate
26	Sally Wilson and Kids	1	Karen Westerman

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