
The Master's Voice

Lutheran Church of the Master

April 2011

Maundy Thursday, April 21:

- 7:00 pm Worship

Good Friday, April 22:

- 7:00 pm Worship

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 23:

- 7:00 pm Worship

Resurrection Sunday, April 24:

- 7:00 am Sunrise Worship
- 10:00 am Worship

Easter Breakfast

Served between 8:00 am and 9:30 am



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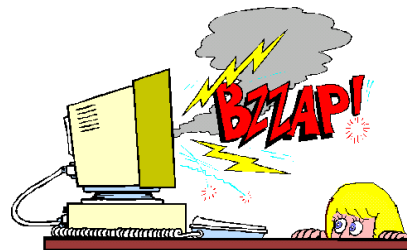
From the Editor

This was me this past week...frazzled & frustrated! Thanks to the wonderful world of technology and computers (urggh!) my week just went to pot for deadlines...especially the April newsletter. So enjoy this pared-down, mini-edition of April news. It includes what you really need to know... and the other stuff -like the calendar - you are welcome to go online at www.lcotm.org to check out. Music schedules? Those involved should have your own copy by now. Worship assistants? Those are printed in the bulletin each week for the upcoming week. Whew! Let's not have another week like this one!!! Thanks for understanding! -MLP

Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Curt Gerald

Last week was one of those weeks! I think you know what kind of week I'm talking about? The main computer in the office crashed ... well, it didn't "crash" and fall apart ... I guess it got a virus. So, off to Doctor Ron it went. The problem is that that



computer was gone all week ... and without the main computer ... well ... it is like a sailing ship without any wind! And then we figured out that because the main office computer was gone, none of us could print from our computers to the copy machine in the office because we were all configured through the main office computer. But then Dr Greg came in and reconfigured each of our office computers so that they speak directly with the main printer in the office. And then, by Friday, the main

computer was back on Merridee's desk ... so the office can start catching up on that missing week.

All of this meant that the newsletter was also delayed. Which was good for me (because I didn't have my article written last week) ... but ... our goal this year is to have the newsletter out by the first of the month. Well ... "**April Fools!**" ... it isn't going to happen in April.

And this is a really busy week around here too. We have the training sessions for the Campaign Cabinet for the WholeLife Discipleship Campaign tonight and tomorrow night ... we're a voting site for the elections tomorrow from 6:30AM through 7:00PM (and they are usually tabulating ballots until 9 or 10PM) ... the food pantry continues to serve over 600 families every month ... and the preschool is in that time of year when the students need to be outside in the fresh air after this seemingly longer than usual winter season ... but, the weather people are forecasting rain every day, so the children need to be inside (where the tables, chairs, and voting equipment have now been placed.)

Four families in our congregation are grieving the loss of a loved one ... a couple families are preparing to celebrating the baptism of their little one ... I'll be presiding at a wedding the week after Easter ... 21 eighth graders will be confirming their faith on the first Sunday in May ... and the entire Christian Church (this is one of those years when the "Western Church" or Roman Catholic Church and Protestant Churches and the "Eastern Church" or the Orthodox Church celebrate Easter on the same day) will be singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011.

That is how Church Life goes, isn't it? It is messy ... we deal with conflicts in the church between people (going way back to serious arguments between Paul and Peter in the book of Acts) and we work through conflicts in schedules. And in order to do all of this, we make decisions, we prioritize our time and our lives, and sometimes in order to do one thing well or in order to do something new we have to say no to something old or to doing the same old things in the same way that we have always done them.

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That is what these next three months are about in our WholeLife Discipleship Campaign. And it all comes together under a simple phrase ... I'm sure it will impact your life like it has impacted mine since I first heard it thirty years ago: **"Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts."** Like you, we will continue our regular giving like we have been giving throughout our marriage. Every year our goal has been and continues to be to give 10% of our income to charitable giving ... and most of that has been given to and through the various congregations in which we have been members and to ministries like Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. So, as long as we are members in the Lutheran Church of the Master (which means until the new pastor is called and installed ... or until March 29, 2013 ... which ever comes first) we will continue giving to and through this congregation.

But now ... in the midst of everything that is going on ... we will also be thinking about what we can give that will be sacrificial. That takes some time to think about. That is why we have until June 26 to pray about it and to think about it. During the first three weeks in May, visitors will be coming into the homes of every member to share the Vision, exchange Information, and receive Prayer requests from every family to be

included in the 24 hour Prayer Vigil, 5:00PM Friday through 5:00PM Saturday, May 20-21.

Let us pray ...

Pastor Curt

From our Diaconal Minister

By Pat Gerber Bornholt

ATTENTION: Women of LCM: Tuesday night Women's Bible study. This fall we are studying the book of Revelation. We meet at the Bornholt home; 1270 Central Park Dr. The next meeting will be on **April 19 @ 7 PM.**

OWLS NEWS:

Winter Schedule

4/13	11:30	worship and soup.
4/27	9:30	Brunch
5/11	11:30	Lunch
5/25	9:30	Brunch



New Ministry at LCM!

On Monday evenings at 6:30 PM, LCM is hosting a group called **TEEN PARENT CONNECTION**. This is a group for teen parents to come together with other teen parents to share what it is like to deal with the issues such as school, family and caring for a baby. This support group is also a great way for these teens to meet others to learn about how to care for their children. The mission of this group, which is part of Healthy Families DuPage, serves the community of Carol Stream. This will be accomplished through education on the realities and the responsibility of teenage pregnancy and through long-term assistance to adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, parenting skills and empowerment toward self-sufficiency.

If you are willing to provide a very simple meal for them on a Monday evening please let me know. Who knows how God will work through us to help these young people.

Women of Faith

There are 2 opportunities to attend a conference this coming August and September. The one in August is in Indianapolis on 19-20, and September 30 &

Oct. 1 in Milwaukee. If a group is interested in going to Indianapolis, I am available, but I am not able to go to Milwaukee in September.

Finance Update

**February
2011**

General Fund

Current Month	Offering	14,529.00
	Expenses	<u>(23,862.00)</u>
	Net	(9,333.00)

YTD	Offering	36,070.00
	Expenses	<u>(45,966.00)</u>
	Net	(9,896.00)

Building Fund

Current Month	Offering	3,806.00
	Expenses	<u>(7,432.00)</u>
	Net	(3,626.00)

YTD	Offering	9,738.00
	Expenses	<u>(14,864.00)</u>
	Net	(5,126.00)



"Lit-n-Lattes" book club

will hold an introductory meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Master. Wear your name tag and plan on offering your opinion about the books that we should begin with for 2011. Enjoy some fellowship with other people that love to read! Please bring your personal calendar as we will need to decide on a regular meeting day and time. Reply as soon as possible and the book list will be sent to you for your review. Please respond to Kris Flanigan at 630-682-3061 or kflanigan419@att.net



BandGifts.com

From 212 Youth & Leaders:

“We are many parts, we are all one body” – and the 212 “part” sincerely appreciated everyone’s attendance and help with making Feast of Fools 2011 a raging success! We had a fantastic evening and are so very thankful to everyone that baked, bid, attended, donated and participated in the talent show. Very special thanks to Ellen Hermann for her culinary expertise, Greg Rembiszewski for his technical help, our rocking guest band (a Feast first!) and to the parents who worked diligently to make Feast come together. Lastly – to the students of 212 – thank you for your cheerful willingness to serve always. You amaze & inspire us all!

Dear Pastor Curt and the whole LCM Congregation,

Thank you so much for welcoming us into your congregation with open arms and also for celebrating our US wedding with us. The cake was so thoughtful and was a great way to meet and interact with everyone.

Much love,

Chris & Angie Stone

LSSI's Forget Me Not Brunch



Mark your calendars for LSSI's Forget-Me-Not Brunch and Fashion show which is coming up on May 7. If you have attended in the

past, you know that this is a wonderful way to share a special Saturday filled with good food, boutique shopping and fashion with the important women in your life. If you have never attended, please come and find out why this successful event is marking its 27th year!

The Fashion Show will be held at The Meadows Club, 2950 W. Golf Road, Rolling Meadows, IL. The cost is \$75 per adult; \$40 per child.

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Make plans now to celebrate Mother's Day while benefiting Lutheran Social Services "Bonding with Books" literacy program. "Bonding With Books" encourages Head Start parents to read to their children by providing each family with beautiful children's books for their home library. These books are tied to the school curriculum to reinforce school learning at home. Contact Edward Newton at 847/635-4656, or Edward.Newton@LSSI.org OR Eileen Gerald at emgerald@comcast.net or 847-729-5473 for more information. You may register online at LSSI.org.

Community News

We are missionaries moving out of the country and need to SELL or RENT our home. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

May God bless you,

Harry & Mars Enns
Missionaries with SIM
Members of Wheaton Bible Church

AD:

HOUSE for SALE or RENT - Available
May 1, 2011

Members of Wheaton Bible Church have a beautiful 2-story, modern colonial-style house for SALE or RENT. Moving out of the country April 28. For more info call Harry: 630-681-9135 or Jane 630-790-1776 x212

To view go to: <http://tinyurl.com/67ghjsf>



Check out the newly opened **ReStore** operated by the DuPage County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. This is a great organization and wonderful community resource. The **ReStore** is located just north of Rte. 64 (North Ave.) at 869 S. Rohlwing Rd. (Rte. 53), Addison. They are looking for donations of usable building materials, plumbing and electrical fixtures, appliances, hardware, tools, building supplies, carpeting and flooring materials, kitchen cabinets and anything else you might find in a hardware store or at Home Depot that someone else might be able to use in their home improvement project. The concept is similar to any resale shop: Collect donated, usable items, clean them up and then re-sell them to the public. For more information contact Jim Fessler at [630-510-3737](tel:630-510-3737) or visit their webpage at <http://www.dupagehabitat.org/projects/ReStore.aspx>.