

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
Court & Bond Streets Saginaw, Michigan

APRIL 20/21, 2008

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Prayers for before and after Worship and Holy Communion can be found in "Christian Worship," pages 10-11, 134-139, or 156.

LITURGIST

Pastor Carl Otto

PREACHER

Pastor William Brassow

ORGANIST

Miss Audrey Metzger

SERVICE NOTES

Order of Service

Hymns

Psalm

Anthem

8:00 a.m.

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343, 529, (426, 309, 312)

10:30 a.m./6:30 p.m.

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343, 529, 426

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5th and 6th grades

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Last Week: 650

Last Year: 590

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this week in the 8:00 a.m. (IC) service, and next Sunday in the 10:30 a.m. (IC) and 6:30 p.m. (IC) services. Members, please register by card; visitors, please speak with one of our pastors before planning to participate.

SERMON TEXT: Acts 17:1-12

THEME: HOLY SCRIPTURE ALWAYS BLESSES AND KEEPS US

- 1) When our lives are tested for it**
- 2) When our lives are tested by it**

ALTAR FLOWERS The altar flowers are given with thanksgiving to God for the 70th birthday of Bernie Beyer on April 4th, and for the 34th wedding anniversary of Paul and Joyce Schultz on April 20th.

HOSPITALIZED St. Mary's: Virginia Aldrich and J.R. Claus.

LWMS RALLY The Spring LWMS Rally will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Midland this afternoon. Pastor Paul Kuske will present "Serving in Bulgaria." Registration starts at 2:30 p.m.; the meeting begins at 3:00 p.m. A flier with directions to the church can be picked up at the Card Shop in the church basement. Your mission gift should be placed in the box at the card shop by this morning to be credited to the national mission projects.

ADULT CHOIR Adult Choir members, please note that our rehearsal this Thursday, April 24th, will be at church at 6:15 p.m.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Board of Trustees is asking for volunteers to perform some of the duties of our custodian, Dan Fein, during his recovery from foot surgery. Volunteers will be needed as soon as possible. If you can help, please contact Principal Michael Hein for details (799-3271.) Thank you for your continued support.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET Women Serving Christ is having a Mother/Daughter Banquet at the Parish Center *next Sunday, April 27th*, beginning at 12:30 p.m. All ladies in the congregation are invited to attend and bring guests – grandmothers, sisters, aunts, daughters! Please sign up at the card shop in the church basement TODAY so we know how many to expect. A freewill offering will be gathered for expenses.

M.O.M.S. The M.O.M.S. meeting this Tuesday, April 22nd, begins with a supper at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Moms, are you looking for a night out? This is the opportunity to do so! Childcare will be provided. Call Jennifer Martin (799-8523) for more information, or if you have questions.

ST. PAUL'S NIGHT OUT Please join the Evangelism Committee at 6:30 p.m. this Thursday, April 24th at the Parish Center for a "night out." We will go to a local neighborhood to reintroduce ourselves to those around us, and return to the Parish Center for snacks, coffee, etc. at 7:30 p.m. No experience is necessary, and everyone is invited. For more information, contact John Boggs (799-6977.)

FRIENDS & FAMILY NIGHT MLS is having a Friends & Family Night this Friday, April 25th with great food and fellowship. For \$10 (\$5 for children 12 and under) you can enjoy many fine Italian dishes. Beverages, side dishes and dessert are included. Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., followed by a showcase musical event in the chapel at 6:30. You will enjoy hearing music by our students and one of our tutors. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the MLS Adopt-a-Student program. Hope to see you there!

ARBOR DAY The Trustees have scheduled an Arbor Day for church and school this Saturday, April 26th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, for trimming, general clean up, and various needed repairs. A sign-up sheet is on the coffee table in the basement. We will meet at school to gather equipment and get assignments. Come and join us this year and enjoy a good workout and great Christian fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Trustee George Barrett (754-9616.)

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. There is **no cost** to you or the church to have your photograph taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. One stop is all that is required. After each service through mid-May, we will begin the sign-up process for photography and portrait viewing session. Please note that the photography session will take place in June.

EIGHTH GRADE PLAY The 8th grade will be putting on a short twenty minute comedy called "Jack and the Beanstalk" on Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to come and watch. Yes, there is a GIANT in it! We hope the audience has half as much fun watching as the class is having putting this on.

OUR THANK-OFFERINGS

	ST. PAUL'S MINISTRY	SYNOD MINISTRY	PIF
Weekly Budget Offering 4/13/08			
Budget YTD Offerings YTD			
% YTD Budget	92%	97%	92%

On the calendar ...

<i>Sunday, April 20th</i>	9:15 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Sunday School/ Bible Class LWMS Rally
<i>Monday, April 21st</i>	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
<i>Tuesday, April 22nd</i>	6:00 p.m.	M.O.M.S.
<i>Wednesday, April 23rd</i>	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Class Bible Class
<i>Thursday, April 24th</i>	9:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cornerstone Staff Adult Choir practice <u>at church</u> St. Paul's Night Out Bible Information Class
<i>Friday, April 25th</i>		Lutheran Schools Music Festival at Bethlehem
<i>Saturday, April 26th</i>	8 a.m. - Noon 2:00 p.m.	Arbor Day at Church and School St. Michael's Invitational Track Meet Eubank/Oakes wedding

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 20/21, 2008

FIRST LESSON/SERMON TEXT

ACTS 17:1-12

[1] When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. [2] As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, [3] explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said. [4] Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women. [5] But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. [6] But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, [7] and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." [8] When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. [9] Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. [10] As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. [11] Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. [12] Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 PETER 2:4-10

[4] As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him-- [5] you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. [6] For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." [7] Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," [8] and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for. [9] But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:1-12

[1] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. [4] You know the way to the place where I am going." [5] Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" [6] Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [7] If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." [8] Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." [9] Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. [11] Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. [12] I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.