

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

APRIL 27/28, 2008

SIXTH 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 William Brassow

PREACHER

Pastor Carl Otto

ORGANIST

Mrs. Barbara Otto

SERVICE NOTES 8:00 a.m.

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Anthem

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528, 377 (1-5, 9-10) (181, 355, 358)

3rd and 4th grades

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Last Week: 665

Last Year: 636

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

SERMON TEXT: JOHN 14:15-21

THEME: THE LOVING CHRIST GIVES US COMFORT

ALTAR FLOWERS The altar flowers are given with thanksgiving to God for the 28th wedding anniversary of Ron and Pam Jarzabkowski on May 3rd, and with thanksgiving to God for the homecoming of Mick and Mara Fredrich's children.

HOSPITALIZED Covenant/Cooper: John Schneller; U of M/Ann Arbor: Allyson Moore.

MEMORIALS \$100 for the Benevolence Fund in loving memory of Louis Jahn for the April 24th anniversary of his birthday.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET Just a reminder to those who signed up for the WSC's Mother/Daughter Banquet. The Banquet begins at 12:30 p.m. today, April 27th, at the Parish Center. A freewill offering will be gathered for expenses.

EIGHTH GRADE PLAY The 8th grade will be putting on a short twenty minute comedy called "Jack and the Beanstalk" this 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.

ONE IN CHRIST Jessica Eubank and Wade Oakes became one in Christ in a wedding service conducted at our church Saturday afternoon. May God help them to fulfill the promises they made and to reflect your love in their love for one another.

ASCENSION SERVICE We will celebrate our Risen Savior's triumphant ascension to heaven in a special service this Thursday, May 1st, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at church.

ADULT CHOIR Adult Choir members, please note that our rehearsal this Thursday, May 1st, will be at church at 8:00 p.m. (following the Ascension Service.)

EXAMINATION & CONFIRMATION All members are invited to the church this Friday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. for the Public Examination of this year's Youth Confirmands. Their Confirmation will be in the 10:30 a.m. service next Sunday, May 4th. We will also be welcoming St. Paul's Confirmands from 1958 and 1983 in that service.

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.

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. After each service through May 12th, you can sign up for your family's photo session in the church basement. Please note that the photography sessions will take place in June. Check your calendars, and sign up today!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Volunteer opportunities abound at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. We are looking for help with grounds-keeping, making phone calls to update our database, help at the 2nd Annual Volunteer Weekend (5/30-5/31), and serving meals at the Michigan District Convention (6/10-12.) If you are interested, you can sign up at www.mlsem.org, by email to lss@mlsem.org, or call Laurie Starr at 793-1041, ext. 236.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR An estate planning seminar is being sponsored by Martin Luther College on Thursday, May 29th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Auburn Hills. The guest speaker will be MLC President Mark Zarling. A complimentary dinner will be provided for all who attend, along with a \$15 gas card. The seminar runs from 1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Michelle Gartner (507-217-1075 or 507-637-3858) in the MLC Mission Advancement office.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 27/28, 2008

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 17:22-31

[22] Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. [23] For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. [24] "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. [25] And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. [26] From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. [27] God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. [28] 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' [29] "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by man's design and skill. [30] In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. [31] For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

EPISTLE LESSON

1 PETER 3:15-22

[15] But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, [16] keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. [17] It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. [18] For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, [19] through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison [20] who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, [21] and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, [22] who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

GOSPEL READING/SERMON TEXT

JOHN 14:15-21

[15] "If you love me, you will obey what I command. [16] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

On the calendar ...

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| <i>Sunday, April 27th</i> | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School/ Bible Class |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Confirmation Rehearsal |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Mother/Daughter Banquet |
| <i>Monday, April 28th</i> | 6:30 p.m. | Worship Service (IC) |
| <i>Thursday, May 1st</i> | 10:00 a.m. | Pictorial Directory Layout/Design |
| | | Committee meeting at school |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Ascension Service |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Adult Choir rehearsal at church |
| <i>Friday, May 2nd</i> | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation Examination |
| <i>Saturday, May 3rd</i> | 2:30 p.m. | Martin/Hathaway Wedding |
| | | Track Meet at VLHS |
| <i>Sunday, May 4th</i> | 10:30 a.m. | Confirmation Service |

OUR THANK-OFFERINGS

| | ST. PAUL'S MINISTRY | SYNOD MINISTRY | PIF |
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| Weekly Budget Offering 4/20/08 | | | |
| Budget YTD Offerings YTD | | | |
| % YTD Budget | 92% | 97% | 91% |