

April 1, 2002

Alleluia! Christ is risen! We have come through Lent and Holy Week, and have entered the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It is ironic that in many Christian churches, the 40 days of Lent command more attention and devotion than the Easter celebration that follows. The glorious truth of the resurrection is at the heart of our Christian faith, and the liturgical calendar sets apart 50 days to celebrate it. These fifty days reflect the time period described in the Bible: the risen Christ appeared to his disciples for forty days before ascending to heaven. Then they waited ten more days until the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In the weeks of Easter, we will hear Gospel stories about some of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection. On April 7, we will hear the familiar story of "Doubting Thomas." Jesus appeared first to the disciples when Thomas wasn't there. Thomas was skeptical. But Jesus didn't make a command appearance to Thomas individually. Thomas only experienced the risen Christ when he was together with the other disciples. They were gathered together, and Jesus was in the midst of them.

On April 14, we will hear about two disciples traveling to Emmaus with a stranger. As the stranger explained the scriptures, their hearts burned within them – but still they did not recognize him. At table that evening, the stranger took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and they recognized that it was Jesus who was both their guest and their host. They knew him in the breaking of bread.

The risen Christ still appears to us, and is known to us, in these same ways. When we gather together, seeking him through worship and prayer, he comes among us. When we break bread and drink wine together around the altar, he is present there also, known to us more fully through the breaking of the bread.

During these Great Fifty Days of Easter, let us celebrate the resurrection with even greater enthusiasm than we took to our Lenten observance. And may we experience the power of the risen Christ, as we gather for worship, as we share Holy Communion, and as we grow together in faith.

Faithfully yours,
Lydia Huttar Brown, Deacon

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry met on Tuesday, March 12, 2002. Jeanne LeFevre presided. Jeanne reported on an interview with William Lea who is interested in the position of interim priest. The theft of money from the office was discussed and ways the building might be made more secure. Mike Allen reported that a picture of Fr. Joe is being framed and will be hung in the hallway beside the pictures of other former priests.

New business included discussions of the telephone system and the cost of updating it and the Sunday inserts in the Small Voice.

Six motions were passed:

1. To offer the job of interim rector to William Lea
2. To permit the storage of rummage for one month prior to each rummage sale
3. To approve the appointment of Dianne Del Giorno as the member-at-large on the Executive Committee
4. To donate \$500.00 to the Union Gospel Mission
5. To Move two Certificates of Deposit to U.S. Bank
6. To offer an extension of her contract to Lydia Brown

CASS LAKE CAMP SCHEDULE

Looking ahead to your summer planning . . . there is a one-week camp to fit all age groups. The camp will be in operation from June 8 – August 14. The schedule is as follows:

June 8-12	Work Week
June 15-19	YMCEC (Youth Ministers, Christian Educators and Clergy)
June 19-22	Camp Whipple (kindergarten-Gr. 4)
June 22-29	11/12 th Grade & Graduating Seniors
June 29-July 6	9 th /10 th Grade Camp
July 6-13	Diocesan Choir Camp
July 13-20	7 th /8 th Grade Camp
July 20-27	5 th /6 th Grade Camp
August 4-10	Family Camp
August 10-14	Young Adult Ministries Camp

The Episcopal Church Women contribute toward St. John students who attend Cass Lake Camp. If you re interested in any of the Camps listed above,

please see Allison Feigh our Youth Director, Gretchen Brunner or Jeanne Thoemke from Children's Ministry for further information and a registration form.

Please return your registration form as soon as possible.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Our annual United Thank Offering campaign is again underway. This program is sponsored by the Episcopal Church to fund various projects both at home and abroad. For each of us who participate with our offerings, it is a way to express thanks for the goodness of our lives, and for the particular blessings we have each enjoyed. These offerings are then dedicated to projects where others may find reasons to be thankful, as well.

Mite boxes may be found on the windowsills of the chancel. Please take one home and use it as a repository for tokens of your personal thanks. The ingathering is planned for Sunday April 28th.

PARISH OUTREACH REPORT

Several parish initiatives are now either in progress or about to happen. The United Thank Offering is underway and will soon be followed by the Adopt-A-Room program, which was begun last year; more on that in the May Voice.

The Out-to-Lunch program has seen a resurgence in interest. In February, we were able to offer lunch to 54 guests, which is a substantial increase over recent attendance. Likewise, we are finding new interest among parishioners to help with this program.

If you would like to volunteer for an Out-to-Lunch event, please let us know. The activity is not terribly demanding and there is great joy to be found in working a few hours with fellow parishioners on a Saturday morning. We encourage groups within the parish to participate as a way of experiencing a fellowship and camaraderie they might not otherwise enjoy. Out-to-Lunch is worthwhile, it is meaningful and it is fun.

Finally, on the subject of volunteerism, we are looking for new ways to express our Christian concerns for community through offerings of personal service. We expect to start by surveying the parish to see what sort of volunteer activities are already being pursued. It is likely that, already, many of us are regularly involved in such activities. In most cases, there is opportunity for others to participate, too. This should do for a start and may help us to focus on how to nurture a willing-ness for Christian service.

ADULT EDUCATION

On Sunday, April 7, we will view the sixth and last video in the N.T. Wright series on Jesus' Resurrection. The video series will then be available in the church library. During the rest of April, we will continue our series on "Who was Jesus of Nazareth?" using Father Raymond E. Brown's (Auburn Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at Union Theological Seminary NYC) **An Introduction to New Testament Christology**. Paulist Press, 1994.

The tentative schedule is:

April 7: Jesus' Resurrection 6. The Meaning of Jesus' Resurrection for Today

April 14: Who was Jesus of Nazareth? An Introduction to Christology 3. What Can Be Discerned About Jesus from His Deeds and Words Proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

April 21: Who was Jesus of Nazareth? An Introduction to Christology 4. What Can be Discerned About Jesus from His Words Concerning Himself.

April 28: Who was Jesus of Nazareth? An Introduction to Christology 5. Christologies Expressed in Terms of Jesus' Second Coming or Resurrection

Our meetings are held in the Parlor from 10:00-10:50 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

The **St. John in the Wilderness Adult Education and Formation web site** at www.StJohnAdultEd.Org has information on past, present and upcoming series and the latest schedule. If you ever want a copy of the handout or review the overhead transparencies used in a presentation, you can simply download them from the web site.

Anyone with any comments, questions or suggestions, please feel free to talk with me or drop me a note, David Monyak monyak@pipeline.com 651-481-8697.

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CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS

Several people have called attention to the fascinating stash of historical information stored in the fireproof room in the basement of the Parish Hall. We are seeking one or more individuals with an appreciation for history to review the materials and conceive of ways in which they might be organized, displayed or otherwise used. If you would like to consider this opportunity, or just have a look at this great stuff; contact Jeanne LeFevre, Senior Warden, or Mike Allen, Junior Warden.

Episcopal Church Women (E.C.W.) SPRING LUNCHEON

Are you going to be ready to celebrate spring?? Mark your calendars and join us on **Saturday, April 20, 2002**. This year our luncheon will be held at **Gulden's Roadhouse** on Highway 61 at 11:30 a.m. We will order off the menu and people will be responsible for their own bill. We decided to have this luncheon on a Saturday so those of you who work will be able to come. This will be a fun occasion and a small business meeting. Help us to wrap up on 2001-2002 year. **Please call soon!** Call Judy Kroesch at 429-0291. She needs to know how many will be attending before April 15 –

feel free to bring a friend! We can carpool from the church, or if you need a ride, call Judy.

Gulden's is handicap accessible.

RUMMAGE AGAIN

Yes, it is that time again! Hang on to your useful discards until April 1. Then, bring and store items in the shelves behind the dividers, at the north end of the Parish Hall. Pile and stack as tightly and neatly as possible to utilize space. Everything you bring should be usable and in working order. No large items (TV's, mattresses, typewriters, etc.) unless cleared first. No items to be left in the Church entry, please!

Set-up will begin Monday, April 29 at 9:30, with sorting and marking continuing during the week. Two hours of work enables you to purchase items as you sort, from Tuesday onward. Sale schedule is as follows: Thurs., May 2 7:00-8:00 p.m. All Parish Sale; Fri., May 3 9:00-12:00 p.m. and Sat., May 4 9:00-12:00 p.m. Public Sale. Lunch will be served on Wednesday and Thursday only. Sitter service is available Monday-Friday.

Don't even THINK of leaving us in the lurch! Come, have fun, bargain hunt, and meet new and old friends. Clean-up people are always needed at noon, May 4th. With enough volunteers, that can be completed by 1:30! Many hands make . . . Call Lynn Gadbois at 426-2302 or Pat Pickering at 429-0223.

ADVENTURERS NEWS

The Adventurers' next trip is coming up this month, and we invite anyone interested to come along. On Sunday, April 28th we will attend the Great American History Theatre production of "Sisters of Swing", the musical lives of the Andrews sisters, who grew up in Minnesota. The price is \$18.50. Our paid reservations must be in by April 8, so go to the church office or call Josie Power at 651-429-0673. We plan to car pool – will you drive or ride?

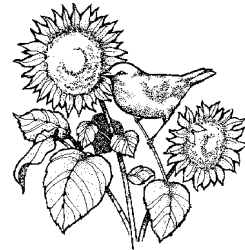
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 9:00 SERVICE

The special "Prayers of the People" for the 9:00 service were written by young people to be read by young people. The Junior High wrote the current prayers last year.

Young readers (Grade 3 and older) are encouraged to practice the prayers, which are printed in the bulletin, and be part of the 9:00 service by leading the congregation.

Parents are encouraged to help children who want to lead prayers. For some young people, advance planning is easier than volunteering spontaneously. Please select a Sunday and sign-up on the board in the Parish Hall.

If your son or daughter would feel more comfortable reading together with a member of the Junior or Senior High, contact Emmy Kegler (3rd Grade Sunday School classroom) or call Dianne Del Giorno at 651-771-7851. Either would be happy to help first-time readers.



WILDERNESS GARDEN CLUB

Calling all gardeners – we are looking for volunteers to invest their time and talent to keep our Church gardens maintained during the upcoming growing season. There are numerous gardens around our Church property and many hands make the work light.

There will be a short meeting in the Parish Hall for those interested in watering, weeding and taking care of the gardens on Sunday, April 14 at 10:15 a.m. If you are unable to attend this meeting and are interested in helping, please call Barb Van Steen at 651-484-1614.



**April
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Edward Chilton
- Robert Jagusch
- Joanna Torgerson
- 2 Aaron Hannigan
- Marilyn King
- Gladys Marquardt
- 3 Gretchen Peck
- 4 Lael Pickett
- 5 Dianne Del Giorno
- 6 Eve Cottle
- 7 Bruce Ackerman
- Anne Brunner
- 9 Zachary McManus
- Cyndy Silkworth
- Donald Smeed
- 10 Alec McManus
- Richard Schradle
- 14 Megan May
- Ronald Weide
- 15 Pat Parker
- Josie Power
- Virginia Van Havermaet
- 16 Louis Harris
- Pauline Van Arsdell
- Harold Wingfield
- 17 Nicole Mahanna
- Samuel Senjem
- Roger Smith
- 18 Nikki Korth
- Stephanie Schmit
- Barbara Toren
- 19 Virginia Ellis
- Doris Long
- 20 Karen Dufresne
- 22 Helen Gehrenbeck
- 23 Matthew Schwietz
- Sally Swenson
- 24 Jim Bartley
- Linda Monyak
- 25 John Fennig
- Emmy Kegler
- 28 Seth Colton
- 29 Brennan Maloney
- 30 Richard H. Kyle
- Aiden Leeper

If you have a birthday this month and you are not listed, please call the church office. We try to include everyone, but our records are not always complete. Thank you.

APRIL BIBLE READINGS

April 7, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 Psalm 111
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

April 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:14a, 36-47
 Psalm 116
 1 Peter 1:17-23
 Luke 24:13-35

April 21, 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
 Psalm 23
 1 Peter 2:19-25
 John 10:1-10

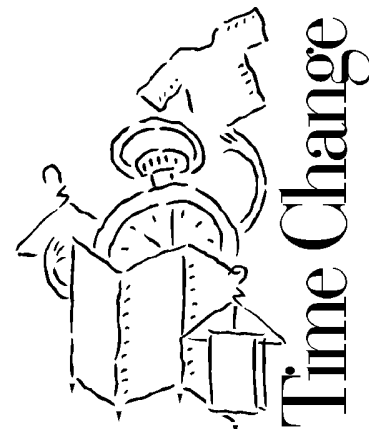
April 28, 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:1-15
 Psalm 66:1-11
 1 Peter 2:1-10
 John 14:1-14

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB PAGE!

We have a new web page at www.visi.com/~wilderness2. The new site contains the calendar, liturgical ministries schedule, Voice articles and more. Wondering if you're on the schedule to usher, acolyte, read? Check it out on the new site. Many thanks to David Monyak for all his creativity and hard work to make this possible.

Spring ahead April 7 (the first Sunday in April)





APRIL 2002



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7pm Outreach Committee Meeting 8pm AA & Alanon	2 9:30am Women's Fellowship 6pm Executive Vestry Mtg. 7pm Altar Guild Mtg.	3 12pm Healing Service 1pm Fabric & Fellowship 6:15pm 1 st Yr. Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 Easter 2 7:30/9:00/11:00 Holy Eucharist 9:50am Learning Time Daylight Savings Time Begins 11am Youth Ministry Meeting 12pm Handbell Rehearsal 7pm Junior High Youth Group	8 8pm AA & Alanon	9 7pm Vestry Meeting	10 9:30am Line Dancing 12pm Healing Service 6:15pm 1 st Yr. Confirmation	11	12	13
14 Easter 3 7:30/9:00/11:00 Holy Eucharist 9:50am Learning Time 12pm Handbell Rehearsal 5:15pm 2 nd Yr. Confirmation 6pm Senior High Youth Group	15 8pm AA & Alanon	16 9:30am Women's Fellowship	17 9:30am Line Dancing 12pm Healing Service 6:15pm 1 st Yr. Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18	19 St. Paul TEC Through Sunday	20 11:30am ECW Annual Meeting & Luncheon 1:45pm Youth Bingo Service Project
21 Easter 4 7:30/9:00/11:00 Holy Eucharist 9:50am Learning Time 12pm Handbell Rehearsal 7pm Junior High Youth Group	22 8pm AA & Alanon	23 1:30pm Gifts & Memorials Committee Mtg.	24 9:30am Line Dancing 12pm Healing Service 6:15pm 1 st Yr. Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 Easter 5 7:30/9:00/11:00 Holy Eucharist 9:50am Learning Time 12pm Handbell Rehearsal 5:15pm 2 nd Yr. Confirmation 6pm Senior High Youth Group	29 Rummage Week →	30 9:30am Women's Fellowship				

April 2002 ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Lay Reader	Lector	Chalice Bearers	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour
7 Easter 2	7:30 a.m. John Lansing 11:00 a.m. Cathryn Bashore	7:30 a.m. Marge Polanek 9:00 a.m. Maggie Anthony 11:00 a.m. Guy Cummings	7:30 a.m. Pris Campbell 9:00 a.m. Greg Schmit Barb Van Steen 11:00 a.m. Jan MacNally	9:00 a.m. C-Megan Mahoney T-Greyson Hensley T-Libby Mahoney 11:00 a.m. C-Ned Peck	9:00 a.m. Pam Burg Lynne Ware Jordan Warchol 11:00 a.m. Mike Allen Pat & Verne Pickering	Dorothy Dokmo Barbara Merrill Bette Smeed Deb Schmit	9:50 a.m. Sandy Stevenson Mary Bartley
14 Easter 3	7:30 a.m. Joyce Anderson 11:00 a.m. Jim Kroesch	7:30 a.m. Ken Anderson 9:00 a.m. Larry Mahoney 11:00 a.m. Josie Power	7:30 a.m. Jane Kyle 9:00 a.m. Susie Mahoney Bob Peck 11:00 a.m. Linda Monyak	9:00 a.m. C-Stephen Anthony T-Lauren Warchol T-Shannon Warchol 11:00 a.m. C-Sarah Ford	9:00 a.m. Debbie & Greg Schmit Nate Beske 11:00 a.m. Mark Hosfield Joann & Roger Smith	Janet Allen Anne Johnson Barb Van Steen Elizabeth Uppgren	9:50 a.m. Barb & Bud Monson John & Mary Lansing
21 Easter 4	7:30 a.m. John Lansing 11:00 a.m. Linda Monyak	7:30 a.m. Sherri Afryl 9:00 a.m. Mike Allen 11:00 a.m. Wendy Muscanto	7:30 a.m. Barbara Merrill 9:00 a.m. Barb Van Steen Greg Schmit 11:00 a.m. Jim Kroesch	9:00 a.m. C-Rochelle Ware T-Carlene Barron T-Henry Schneider 11:00 a.m. Katie LeFevre	9:00 a.m. John & Gretchen Brunner 11:00 a.m. Alma Limbach John & Mary Lansing	Joann Smith Nancy Brown June Hochbrunn Sherri Afryl	9:50 a.m. Joann & Roger Smith
28 Easter 5	7:30 a.m. Jim Kroesch 11:00 a.m. Jan MacNally	7:30 a.m. Bob Peck 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Haas 11:00 a.m. Joe Afryl	7:30 a.m. Mary Whitney 9:00 a.m. Bari Chilton Ed Chilton 11:00 a.m. Cathryn Bashore	9:00 a.m. C- Sarah Prochnow T-Mathew Moertel T-Julian Cox 11:00 a.m. C-Rachel Ford	9:00 a.m. Vicki & Bruce Canterbury Kyle Domin 11:00 a.m. Steve & Anne Johnson Tom Medd	Judy Kroesch Lynn Gadbois Sally Swenson Mary Whitney	9:50 a.m. Jeanie Long Alice Cox

* Everyone is responsible for finding their own substitutes.

* Please contact the Church Office by Thursday morning with any changes. If there are conflicts, please leave specific dates you do not want to be scheduled with individual schedulers.

* With the addition of new lay readers, we are now able to go back to our usual format for the 7:30 and 11:00 services. For these services, the lector will always read the second

lesson. The lay reader will read the first lesson and prayers of the people and serve one of the chalices.