

March Calendar of Events

Holy Week Schedule:

- March 16th Palm Sunday**
 - March 20th Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm**
 - March 21st Good Friday worship at 7:00 pm with a special children's program in Hibbard Hall, during worship**
 - March 23rd Easter Sunday worship at 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:00 am**
- Easter Breakfast will be served from 8:00 —9:30 am**

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- **Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays**
- Please bring your **aluminum cans and Campbell labels** on the second **Sunday, March 9th, ONLY.**
- **Dorcas Circle** meets **Tuesdays at 9:00 am.**
- **Sunday School at 10:00 am**—meets in church **Sunday, March 9th.**
- **God's Young Voices**—meets **Wednesday evenings at 6:00.**
- **Senior Choir** meets every **Wednesday at 8:00 pm.**
- **Health and Wellness** meeting, **Thursday, April 3rd, 7:00 pm**
- **Worship & Music** meets **Tuesday, March 4th, at 7:00 pm**
- **Ladies Aid** meets **Wednesday, March 12th at 11:30 am.**
- **OWLS** meet on **Thursday, March 13th, at 8:30 am** at the Forum Restaurant
- **Property committee** meeting **Tuesday, March 11th, at 6:30 pm.**
- **Christian Education** meeting **Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm**
- **Women's Bible Study** meets **Thursday, March 20th, 7:00 pm.**
- **Friends** meet **Tuesday, March 25th at 9:30 am.**
- **Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada** is here on **Wednesday mornings** but not the 19th she will be here on the **Friday March 21st** of that week
- **PICK N SAVE WPLC WE CARE NUMBER IS # 934480**





Walking Your Way to Better Health

Even though we are not doing an official walking program this Lent. I felt that I should not ignore how walking is a healthy activity. I recently read statistics that show walkers are better at sticking to their exercise program than most other exercise groups because it's a "doable" activity. Developing a "doable" exercise habit means that having long-term success is easier to accomplish. On average, walking burns the same number of calories as running without putting as much stress on your joints, especially your knees. Other benefits of consistent walking are lower blood pressure, cholesterol levels can change for the better, diabetics have lower and more controlled blood sugar levels, and walking can be a great way to lose weight. Your heart, lungs, and muscles become stronger. Walking can also increase bone mass by an average of 5% in just nine months.

Walking also improves your mental outlook. It can boost your spirits, calm you when you're angry and relax you when you are stressed. Less stress may also decrease your risk of illness or disease. You can walk alone, with someone, or your whole family for that matter. In our busy lives, this may be a great way to spend a few minutes catching up on the events of the day or planning the week ahead.

If you walk on a regular basis, such as three to five times a week, you're on your way to improved fitness in just a short time. It's a well-documented fact that people who

exercise regularly live longer. The incidence of developing heart disease is half that of sedentary people. So, when you put it all together – a stronger heart, lungs, bones and muscles, decreased weight, less stress and a longer life – going for a walk sounds like a good idea.

Starting an exercise habit, like walking, can seem to be an overwhelming task. It helps to have a plan and that builds up to a healthy level. Don't forget the need for some warm up and cool down activity, like stretching. Nothing stops your good intentions of exercising like incurring an injury. Think of the phrase "start low and go slow" when beginning your plan. Here is a suggested 10-week walking schedule from the Mayo clinic web site.

Walking schedule (time, days a week) Weekly total

1	15 minutes,
2 days	30 minutes
2	15 minutes,
3 days	45 minutes
3	20 minutes,
3 days	60 minutes
4	25 minutes,
3 days	75 minutes
5&6	30 minutes,
3 days	90 minutes
7&8	30 minutes,
4 days	120 minutes
9&10	30 minutes,
5 days	150 minutes

Get on your walking shoes; walk outdoors (don't forget sunscreen and a hat) or indoors (mall walking), or try a walking tape/CD in front of your TV. Choose a start date to begin and just start moving!

Caregiver's Spiritual Retreat "Loving in Difficult Times" Saturday, April 5, 2008

Being a caregiver to an adult or family member is demanding physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Healthcare providers recognize the need for time to reflect upon the stresses and issues of care giving. A select group (Luther Manor included) of sponsors has provided a forum for discussion, learning, solace, encouragement, and spiritual reflection. This year's program will be held at Clement Manor, 9405 West Howard Ave. from 8:30am to 2:45pm. The day includes 2 keynote speakers, lunch and coffee break snacks, discussion groups, a tea room provided by the Herb society of America-Wis. Unit, and the chance to receive a chair massage. Clement Manor will also provide respite care, at no charge, for any adult whose caregiver would not be able to leave the person unattended. In the past, caregiver's of persons and families with many chronic conditions, both young and old, have attended. Also people who work in any care giving setting would benefit from this day.

We invite you to come and relax in a supportive and nurturing environment. Brochures and registration information is located on the kiosk. The total cost of the day is only \$15.

Please think about attending or passing the information on to others you know who would benefit from this experience. If you have questions about this day, please feel free to give me a call. I will be there facilitating some of the discussion activities.

Barb Estrada, RN, PN

Condensed Council minutes from January 22nd, 2008

Security for Sandy's computer/Volunteer and misc. member access: Roger Brinkmeier explained that password protection was put on Sandy's computer after three unauthorized people were observed using her machine at the church picnic. One person has requested access to the machine in order to type memos and use a USB drive with photo capability. Password was not given to that person due to our concern about privacy issues (confidential personal and financial information on Sandy's machine) as well as avoidance of viruses, etc. One possible solution is to put Sandy's old machine on a rolling cart and place it in Kelly's office (or an alternate location) so various people could have access. A wireless connection to the printer in Sandy's office is do able, and photo software could be added. Kelly's current machine is too old and slow for these functions. Barb's machine cannot be used, as it is owned by Luther Manor. Roger distributed copies of a sample Internet and Computer Policy from the ELCA website which he can easily modify for our use at no cost. He also informed us that he's working on a Procedures Manual for the church computer system which will eventually be placed in the church office.

Roger's recommendations are as follows:

- Assign someone from council to work with him in order to establish a computer usage policy. Said policy would be presented to council for approval.
- Nobody should be given access to Sandy's computer except Pastor and Kris, and perhaps office volunteers (to be determined).
- Pastor's computer should be password protected.
- Determine a location for variable access computer on rolling cart.

Motion was made to form an official policy on the use of church owned computers and appoint a council member to work with Roger in writing guidelines. MOTION APPROVED. Kyle Sorvick was appointed to work with Roger.

Council wishes to thank Roger for sharing his knowledge and for all the time he has spent on up-grading our computer system.

Cell phone for Pastor Fazio

Pastor Fazio is looking into obtaining a separate cell phone for church use. A \$50 per month fee has already been built into the 2008 budget for pastor's cell phone.

Annual meeting

Some discussion also held about placeholder in 2008

budget for Volunteer Coordinator. Emphasis must be made that proposed \$7,000 funding might not be used right away, but approving it now provides for the needs of the church and our ministries. If not approved now, a separate meeting would be required later this year, as our constitutional bylaws require congregational approval of expenses exceeding \$5,000.

Nursery Coverage

Jill Underberg shared a letter which she prepared for mailing to all nursery volunteers, asking them to check the LEAF each month for nursery assignments, arrange for a substitute if necessary, arrive 10 minutes before the start of the worship service and remain in the nursery (even if no children are there) until the end of the sermon, and finally, adjust the thermostat to original temperature before leaving. A list of all nursery volunteers and their phone numbers will be enclosed with the letter. A copy will also be posted in the nursery.

Note: Jill advised that only the pastor can be heard over the speakers in the nursery. Microphones for the assisting ministers should be adjusted, as they come through very faint, and any special announcements cannot be heard at all.

Secretary's report

Ruth advised that the November minutes were edited prior to publishing in The Leaf in order to avoid confusion over some misleading statements. One further correction: The cake for Pastor Lund's farewell was provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, not the Friends group. November minutes were approved with above corrections.

Treasurer's report

Brent will make a full report at the Annual Meeting on 1/27/08. He further advises recently received bills for partial payment related to Pastor Fazio's moving expenses have already been paid.

Pastor's Report

Statistical report for December 2007: Beulah Flewelling removed from membership by reason of death. 19 new members added: Brady and Kim Aderman; Andrew and Krista Bainbridge; David and Angela Cotey; Pastor Michael and Kathy Fazio; Dr. Erv and Marion Kuglitsch; David and Darlene Mecikalski; Andrew and Catherine Paremski; Tony and Shannon Rubenzer and their children, Melody King, Michelle and Miranda Rubenzer.

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Pastor Fazio received a letter from Southwest Interfaith asking WPLC to increase our annual donation by \$100 in order to keep their programs from running into a deficit. All in attendance agreed we would increase our 2008 donation from \$400 to \$500, but donations for future years would be determined on an annual basis.

Pastor Fazio's installation service is planned for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 24th. The Bishop will preach the sermon and the Dean of our cluster will preside over the first half of the service. Pastor Fazio will preside over the second half once he is officially installed. Reception with coffee, punch, cake and "finger food" will follow immediately afterwards in Hornburg Hall.

Pastor Fazio pointed out that he and Kathy incurred substantial personal expenses in connection with their relocation to Milwaukee. A breakdown of the expenses was provided, and should be reimbursed if it falls within the previously approved total of \$7,299 for moving expenses.

All council members were given a copy of the book "Healthy Congregations". Pastor Fazio told us this was the most important book he read during seminary, and he would like everyone on council to read it as well and to participate in a Council book study. Future council members will also receive a copy of this book. Each person on council signed up to lead discussion on one chapter (what points they feel are most important/beneficial and how we can adapt those ideas). We will start by reading Parts 1 and 2 (first six chapters) and spend an hour discussing them.

Education Committee: Kyle Sorvick

The confirmation classes have been combined, and the time extended by ½ hour (5:00 – 6:30). Classes will meet every other week for the remainder of the year with the exception of the Lent/Easter break. During Lent, confirmation students are strongly encouraged to attend Lenten worship services on Wednesday evenings.

Endowment Committee – Jerry Pagel

Account was reviewed by our broker in January. An audit was also done in the past month by church members. Roger Brinkmeier advised that technically, new Endowment board members should be elected four weeks after the annual meeting. A change in their bylaws is recommended to allow Endowment Committee elections at the annual meeting. A special election is also needed to appoint Endowment committee members for staggered terms that don't expire at the same time. This will be added to the agenda for the annual meeting. Also, another council member is needed on Endowment because Ward Kopp is now off council, which automatically removes him from Endowment Committee. Jerry Pagel is the only existing council member on Endowment. Ralph Llanas volunteered to be new council representative.

Fellowship: Kris Laposki

Plans need to be made for Installation reception on February 24th. Pastor would like coffee and cake and "finger food".

The Youth Group will serve a pancake supper on Ash Wednesday.

Health and Wellness: Jill Underberg

"Stations of the Heart" displays will be set up in the Heritage Room starting on Ash Wednesday.

Worship & Music – Ruth Rice

ELW Setting Three will be used every Sunday during Lent. Communion will be served on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, as well as on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Holden Evening Prayer will again be used for Lenten worship on Wednesday evenings. A grape juice option instead of wine will now be offered during communion. In an effort to get the acolytes more involved in the worship services, they will now follow the Assisting Minister during communion, carrying a basket for empty cups. Altar Guild reports they desperately need more helpers.

Stewardship: Kris Laposki

This group will be meeting soon and will weigh the pros and cons of using the services of the James Company; would like to avoid paying their hefty fee. Consider taking advantage of their offer to do a free presentation outlining their services.

Evangelism/Publicity: Gloria Brinkmeier

See short piece written for the annual report.

Audit Committee – Ralph Llanas

Date needs to be set for next audit of church books.

Mutual Ministry: Jill Underberg

A date needs to be set to meet with Pastor Fazio and review job descriptions.

Green Committee: Kyle Sorvick

Bins to recycle bulletins have been placed at each exit from the sanctuary. A recycling box is still needed for office papers.

Old Business

Insurance review needs to take place before March 2008. This will need to be a separate meeting with preferably all council members present, but at least all officers and the property chairperson and/or liaison.

Consideration was previously given to moving council meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of the month, however this will NOT be done due to time constraints for financial reporting and short amount of time to submit minutes for The Leaf before mid-month deadline.

New Business

We have received a letter from Lutherdale asking for donations. Council approval is needed for this. Are Endowment funds available over and above youth retreat expenses previously contributed? Check with church treasurer to see how much, if anything, was donated last year.

Brief discussion was held about viability of moving our financial year end from 12/31 to 3/31 or another cycle to make preparation of the annual report easier. Church treasurer advises our fiscal year end must remain at 12/31 because the synod requires calendar year statistics on financials. We could, however move the date of our annual meeting to mid-February or March, but that would also require a change in our constitutional bylaws and possibly synod approval.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. (note earlier time)

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Rice, Church Council Secretary

Birthdays

- 2 Ronald Hause
Scott Johnson
Alyssa Schubert
- 4 Travis Brugger
- 5 Stephen Meier
- 6 Evelyn Prescott
- 7 Korine Vierthaler
Warren Wollmer
- 8 Michael Krajewski
- 9 Joan Maasz
Anthony Seaks
- 11 John Meyer
Donald Ross
- 14 Kelleen Brown
- 16 Heidi Bukowski
Kenneth Kiefer
Raymond Remington
Edith Smith
- 17 Joshua Hareng
Mark Winiarski
- 18 Irene Bonnert
Jennifer Schubert
- 19 Alan Gellings
Russell Goetz
Kirsten Henneberry
- 20 Jason Krainer
Dawn Stein
- 21 Meta Gardner
Walter Sievert
- 22 Savannah Cousert
Kurtis Kaempfer
Sheila Mittelstaedt
Sandra Sparacino
- 23 Robert Bonnert
- 25 Joseph Jenna
Debbie Schulte
- 26 Casey Kienbaum
- 27 Justine Kaempfer
- 28 Sarah Knier
Ryan Sparacino
- 29 Denise Schulte
- 30 Marlys Boyer
- 31 Chris Crawley

Anniversaries

- 1 Jerry & Sally Cole
- 16 Donald & Bonnie Hareng
- 20 Kenneth & JoAnn Kiefer 54
- 21 Robert & Barbara Gollash 55

Social Ministry Update:

What a pleasant experience to see a big table overflowing with cans of soup and literally overflowing to the floor beneath! That was the scene on ***Souper Bowl Sunday***, February 3rd. Thanks to very generous church members we gathered a grand total of **209 cans of soup** of every variety and size, the best ever in the six years of Souper Bowl Sundays. These cans of soup, along with four full grocery bags of assorted non-perishable food items, were delivered to hope House and their South Side Food Pantry on February 9th. In addition, \$120.00 was collected in the soup kettles provided. When combined with some Social Ministry coffee hour donations it became possible to send checks to both the Hunger Task to send checks to both the Hunger Task Force, \$100.00 and America's Second Harvest in Wisconsin, \$70.00. Money donated to these organizations is used to supply food pantries and meal programs to assist in feeding hungry children and families, the unemployed, the working poor, and the elderly in the Greater Milwaukee area. Social Ministry is fortunate to be able to sponsor the ***Souper Bowl Sunday*** in a congregation of members who heed Christ's words to His disciples when He said: . . . *as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me.*" Matthew 25:40

Thank you all for your generous response on Souper Bowl Sunday!!
—Marilyn Schoenleber

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP PLAN the *Mother-Daughter* banquet to be held in May? Please give me, Sharon Hause, a call at 262-679-2161. If you cannot be part of the planning, I would love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

2008 RUMMAGE SALE DATES ANNOUNCED: Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th Whintall Friendship Circle will once again sponsor the annual Rummage and Bake Sale. All items are welcome with the exception of appliances, hazardous materials, non-working dehumidifiers with freon, outdated computers. Most requested items: children's clothing and toys; jeans, all sizes; sporting goods; tools; furniture. Questions? Please call Jim & Julane Gaffney 414-422-0143, committee chairs. Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED: The Whitnall Park Lutheran Endowment Fund offers scholarships to Senior High graduates who plan to further their education by attending a vocational school, college, or university following graduation. Application forms and guidelines are available in the church office or may be downloaded from the church website, www.whitnallparkchurch.com. High school seniors applying must be a confirmed member of Whitnall Park Lutheran Church for at least two years; the scholarship is available for the 2006-07 academic year. Deadline for submitting the application is **APRIL 15, 2008...** mark your calendar and don't miss out on this opportunity.

	<h1>Guide to a Greener 2008</h1>	<p>Green Websites to Check Out: www.arborday.org (get free trees) www.globalgreen.org www.milwaukee.gov/greenteam www.travelgreenwisconsin.com</p>
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Green Checklist Here is a list of easy-to-do things to help you have a “greener” 2008.

Recycle:

- Aluminum
- Batteries
- Plastic
- Glass
- Shoes
- Eye Glasses
- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Junk Mail
- Cell Phones

Reuse:

- Paper & Plastic Grocery Bags
- Coffee Mugs (use ceramic instead of paper/plastic)
- Refill Water Bottles
- Donate items to charity instead of throwing them away

Conserve Energy:

- Lower Thermostat by 2 degrees in winter, and increase by 2 degrees in summer
- Insulate windows & doors
- Turn off lights and electrical items when they are not in use
- Use energy saving florescent bulbs

Conserve Water:

- Don't run water when you aren't using it
- Limit car washes & sprinkler use in summer
- Buy environmentally friendly household detergents

Monitor Car & Fuel Use:

- Eliminate 50 miles of driving each year by walking or riding a bike
- Car pool when possible
- Keep car in efficient working order (tire pressure, oil changes)

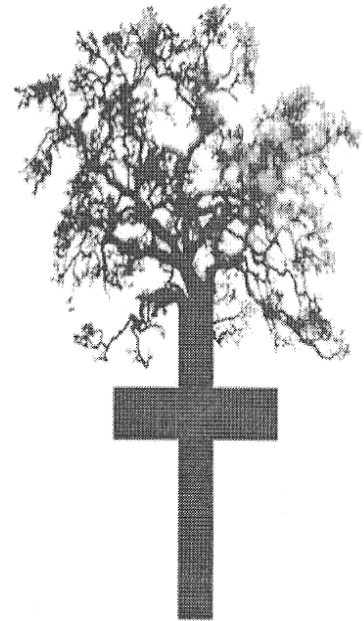
Energy Saving Facts:

- By using a microwave instead of a oven/stove you can reduce your cooking energy by 80%
- Clean air filters and aligned tires can improve your cars gas mileage by as much as 15%
- Wash only full loads of laundry and save up to 3,400 gallons of water each year.

God Gave us domination to care for the earth

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness and let them have domination over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air... and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26



March 2

- 8:30 Assisting Minister **Linda Shea** Acolyte **Daniel Peyer**
 Ushers **Ron Hause, Carl Hanson**
 Greeter **Dorothy Perkl**
 Altar Guild **Betty Mattice**
- 10:00 Assisting Minister **Tom Laposki** Acolyte **Jessica Fedran**
 Ushers **Sid Arthur, Steve Mason, Ron Noeske**
 Greeter **Elsie Hansen** Nursery **Susan Schlueter**
 Altar Guild **Marilyn King**

March 5 Wednesday Worship 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm 12:30 Lenten Lunch 6:00 Lenten Supper**March 9 Services with Healing — Sunday school children meet in church**

- 8:30 Assisting Minister **Jane Dillon-Perkl** Acolyte **Paul Saari**
 Ushers **John Hembrook, Don Jensen, Dorothy Perkl**
 Greeter **Dolores Porath**
- 10:00 Assisting Minister **Mike Sparacino** Acolyte **Sarah Martin**
 Ushers **Tom Laposki, Brian & Kristi Peyer**
 Greeter **Joan Henderson** Nursery **Jill Underberg**

March 12 Wednesday Worship 12:00 and 7:00 pm 12:30 Lenten Lunch 6:00 Lenten Supper**March 16 PALM SUNDAY—HOLY WEEK BEGINS**

- 8:30 Assisting Minister **Ron Sonntag** Acolyte **Ryan Sparacino**
 Ushers **Jim and Linda Shea**
 Greeter **Ellen Dallmann**
 Altar Guild **Evelyn Schubert**
- 10:00 Assisting Minister **Ron Labott** Acolyte **Christopher Sorenson**
 Ushers **Larry Pfeil, Brian Martin, Jack King**
 Greeter **Marilyn King** Nursery **Tricia Henneberry**
 Altar Guild **Marilyn Medeiros**

March 20 MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship 7:00 pm Assisting Minister Tom Laposki**Acolyte Stacy Tikkanen Altar Guild Bernice Sparacino and Julie Anne Sorenson****March 21 GOOD FRIDAY at 7:00 pm Assisting Minister Kraig Sorvick Acolyte Melissa Hoffman****March 23 EASTER SUNDAY**

- 7:00 Assisting Minister **Linda Shea** Acolyte **Danielle Kaboskey**
 Ushers **Jim Shea, Jack King**
 Greeter **Pat Suderland** Altar Guild **Jerrijo Cowman**
- 8:30 Assisting Minister **Jane Dillon-Perkl** Acolyte **Sara Kussard**
 Ushers **Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance**
 Greeter **Patty Sparacino** Altar Guild **Jerrijo Cowman**
- 10:00 Assisting Minister **Marjorie Pagel** Acolyte **Betsy Katschke**
 Ushers **Norm Zimmer, Jerry Pagel, Walter Sievert, Jerome Thome**
 Greeter **Sandra Krause** Nursery **volunteer**
 Altar Guild **Sandy Abraham**

March 30 Communion at 10:00 only

- 8:30 Assisting Minister **Ron Sonntag** Acolyte **Cassidy Stein**
 Ushers **Ron Hause, Carl Hanson**
 Greeter **Nancy Winger**
- 10:00 Assisting Minister **Joan Maasz** Acolyte **Jenna Laposki**
 Ushers **Sid Arthur, Steve Mason, Ron Noeske**
 Greeter **Kris Laposki** Nursery **Heidi Martin**
 Altar Guild **Elaine Johnson**

**From M.E., Kelly Brown
Minister of Education**

Even though it doesn't look like it, we are in the season of Lent. We have begun our Lenten Mission project February 6th. The Sunday school is collecting items for Hope House. Here is a list of suggested items that they could use:

shampoo and conditioner
soap
deodorant
toothpaste and toothbrushes
diapers
cleaning supplies
new adult blankets
new children's blankets
new children's books

In addition to the items listed, canned goods would also be appreciated. We will be collecting items through March 23rd. There will be a box located upstairs in Hornburg Hall. The congregation is also invited to participate.

The **fifth grade Sunday school students will be preparing for their first communion.** As part of this preparation, they will be making their own chalice in Sunday school. The chalices will be ready for Maundy Thursday.

Reminders:

March 16th- Palm Sunday - the congregation will gather in Hornburg Hall and we will have a procession into church with palms. There will not be a children's message - the children will be immediately dismissed to Sunday school.

March 21st - Good Friday - children's program at 7:00 pm.
Children should meet in church.

March 23rd - EASTER - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a little something to help get rid of those "Snow Blues":

Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Noah.

Noah who?

Noah good knock- knock joke?

Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Lettuce.

Lettuce who?

Lettuce pray



The Youth Group has many activities coming up:

March 8th - Youth Group to attend play at Franklin High School - meet at church at 6:30 pm

March 9th - Youth Group meeting
6:00 pm

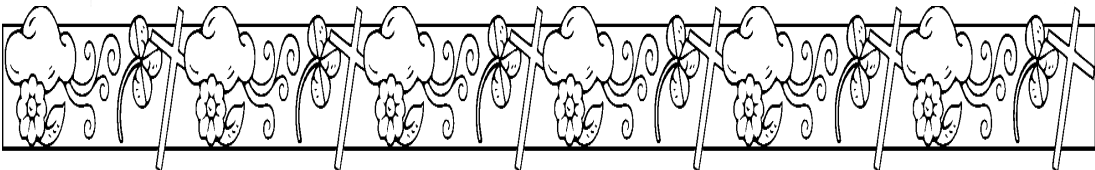

March 15th - Youth Group will be selling refreshments at dart ball tournament

March 16th - Youth Group meeting
6:00 pm

March 21st - Youth Group to participate in children's Good Friday program

March 2008

Whitnall Park Church

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23 7:00 AM WORSHIP 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship EASTER	24 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours	25 9:00 AM Dorcas 9:30 AM Friends 11:00 AM Pastor's Study 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class 6:30 PM Council meeting	26 9:30 AM Parish Nurse 6:30 PM God's Young Voices 7:30 PM Senior Choir	27	28 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours	29
30 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday school 5:00 PM 6th, 7th & 8th grade Confirmation	31 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours	 <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 5px;">Holy Week Calendar</p>				



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes I come across poems or stories that speak to me in ways that I find personally meaningful. When this happens, I tend to want to share the insights gained from these writings with people whom I believe might also value these words. This was the case when I came upon a poem called *The Dash* by Linda Ellis, which someone placed upon my desk. In it, she sets forth a wonderful ideal as to how to approach life and take stock of the seemingly insignificant aspects of daily living. Some of you may have read this before, if so, take time to read it again...it's a message that we all need to be reminded of often.

*I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning to the end*

*He noted that first came the date of
her birth
And spoke the following date with
tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years*

*For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not how much we own;
The cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?*

As you continue on your Lenten journey toward the hope and promise of Easter, keep *The Dash* in mind...it's truly a reminder of what matters most in life and the fact that we always have the possibility of new beginnings. In Christ all things are possible!

God's Richest Blessings be with you,

Pr. Michael

*For you never know how much
time is left,
That can still be rearranged.*

*If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile
Remembering that this special
dash
Might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things
they say About how you spent your
dash?*