

April Calendar of Events

April 1	Maundy Thursday worship and First Communion—7:00 pm
April 2	Good Friday worship —7:00 pm
April 4	Easter Sunday worship —7:00, 8:30, 10:00 am <i>Easter Brunch —8:00—10:00 am</i>
April 7	Sit 'n Be Fit classes begin —1:00 pm
April 12	<i>LEAF</i> articles are due
April 15	Scholarship applications are due
April 18	Confirmation class
April 19	Book Club meets —7:00 pm
April 23	Whitnall Friendship Circle Rummage Sale 8:30—5:00
April 24	Whitnall Friendship Circle Rummage Sale 8:30—1:00
April 28	Dead Sea Scrolls –Trip to the Museum —11:00 am

- Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays
- Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, April 11th, ONLY.
- Dorcas Circle meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Sunday School at 10:00 am—meets in church Sunday, April 11th.
- God's Young Voices—meets Sunday mornings at 9:40 am .
- Senior Choir meets every Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.
- Health and Wellness meeting, Thursday, April 8th, 7:00 pm
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:00 pm
- Good News Bible Study meets Wednesday, April 14th at 11:30 am.
- OWLS meet on Thursday, April 8th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant
- Property committee meeting Tuesday, April 13th, at 6:30 pm.
- Christian Education meeting Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 pm
- Evening Bible Study meets Thursday, April 15th, 7:00 pm.
- Friends meet Tuesday, April 27th at 9:30 am.
- Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesdays.
- PICK N SAVE WPLC WE CARE NUMBER IS # 934480



Pastor Michael will be leading us on a field trip to see the **Dead Sea Scrolls at the Milwaukee County Museum, Wednesday, April 28th**. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk in Hornburg Hall. Please meet at the church at 11:00 am and bring a bag lunch. We will see a video about the Scrolls before we leave. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see "*one of the most important authorities of our faith*".



April is National Autism Month

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There are a number of disorders under the autism "umbrella". There is no known single cause for autism. In February 2007, the CDC reported that the prevalence of autism had risen to 1 in every 150 children and almost 1 in 94 boys. Researchers are investigating a number of theories, including the link between heredity, genetics and medical problems.

Autism is treatable. Children do not "outgrow" autism, but studies show that early diagnosis and intervention lead to significantly improved outcomes. Here are some sign to look for in the children in you life:

- Lack of or delay in spoken language
- Repetitive use of language and/or motor mannerisms (hand-flapping, twirling objects)
- Little or no eye contact
- Lack of interest in peer relationships
- Lack of spontaneous or make-believe play
- Persistent fixation on parts of objects

Given the limited time physicians often spend during well-baby visits, it frequently is the parents that offer the first insight into a problem that could lead to a diagnosis. Early diagnosis is important in obtaining treatment for autism and related disorders.

We should be seeing the first signs of spring soon. Now is the time to think about getting out of the house to walk and increase our exercise routines. Starting early will set the stage for positive progress. Happy Easter!
Barb Estrada, RN, PN

SIT 'N BE FIT

Due to popular demand the classes will begin on Wednesday, April 7th at 1:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome!



Annual Auxiliary Membership Drive

On **May 2** we will once again welcome Linda Lueck, Client Relations Coordinator from Luther Manor, who will give us an update on what's happening at Luther Manor and help us with our Annual Auxiliary Membership Drive. Dues remain at \$2 and go a long way when added together with other ULPA (United Lutheran Program for the Aging) congregations to purchase the extras for all those who call Luther Manor home. Linda will also be bringing samples of resident art work that has been on display recently at Luther Manor.

On **May 2** we also will be celebrating **Bless the Years Sunday** when the Health & Wellness Committee will be presenting flowers to all those 80 years young and above.

At a recent meeting at Luther Manor we were happy to learn that the State has over-turned their decision from a year ago and we can once again serve home baked cookies to the Health Center residents who are overjoyed at the news. The residents continue to enjoy the store bought cookies that you cannot make at home such as Fig Newtons, Oreos, Lorna Doones, Sugar Wafers, and of course they do love all of the Girl Scout cookies. Place any cookies you'd like to donate on Barb's desk and I will take them to Luther Manor.

We also learned that some Health Center residents, consistently, do not receive mail. It was suggested that we could give "Thinking of You" cards signed "Your friends at Whitnall Park". Cards can be placed on Barb's desk. Mark what they are for and we will get them to the volunteers who deliver the mail each day. Thanks for your support.

Kathy Sonntag
Key Person

Sandy Abraham
Co-worker

Council minutes from January 26th, 2010

Members in Attendance: Betty Hembrook, Van Johnson, Gloria Brinkmeier, Donna Winiarski, Jennine Sonntag, Sandy Sannes, Jill Underberg and Pastor Michael Fazio.

Report by Brent Rice: Discussion of 2009-2010 budget. We could cut down on some of our office expenses by using e-mail more often. As an example, people could view The Leaf via the WPLC website. Pastor proposed that we use \$2,400 of our donation to the synod (over \$14,000 last year) to offer for a treasurer. We have not had anyone volunteer for this position yet. Perhaps a small salary would be an incentive for someone to come forward. Brent will be leaving the Treasurer's position at the end of 2010 and we need to get someone in place.

Motion made and passed to reduce the donation to the Synod from \$14,980 by \$2,400 to allocate to the treasurer position.

Do we need a short-term solution while Brent is still around as well as a long-term solution? Probably.

Motion made and passed to accept the Amended Budget.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report combined with Brent's budget report.

Pastor's Report: Sandy will be back next week from her medical leave. Pastor is very busy and needs some help with communion classes for the 5th graders. He will ask Kelly Brown to assist him. There have been many new people coming to services and expressing interest in membership. Even though we have just received new members this past fall, he believes that he could schedule another New Member class in the near future.

He has just started leading a four-part adult education series, produced by Rob Bell, whom Pastor is familiar with and likes. The series will end just as Lent starts. The first session went very well and was well-attended.

Pastor has received the Musical Solutions Service Agreement for our organ maintenance. It will be \$400/year for the service contract. **Motion made and passed** to approve the contract. He has also received a new endorsement that would become part of our

multi-peril policy that will expire on March 15, 2010. We need to explore this and set-up a meeting for our insurance representative to meet with the council to discuss this and any other changes since we last renewed. Jennine Sonntag will organize the meeting.

The Helping Hands Fund account has been set up. Two signatures are required for checks over \$200. Officers and the pastor are authorized to sign checks on this account. The fund currently has \$1,110.

The Swedish Society sent a thank-you letter regarding the Christmas Eve service that they held at WPLC. They have also sent an application for 2010.

Pastor Fazio submitted a breakdown of all pastoral acts between 12/23/09 – 1/26/10 including: led worship and preached at 11 services (including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day); 10 hospital visits; 9 pastoral counseling appointments; 6 home visitations; 4 home/hospital communions; 33 pastoral phone calls; 1 healing service; Funeral planning with Simpson Family (Dec. 26); Funeral for Reg Simpson, Dec. 30, with internment on Dec. 31; Funeral planning with Robinson family (Jan. 11); Funeral for Tim Robinson (Jan. 16); recognition of baptisms held w/ in the past year at "Baptism of our Lord" service (Jan. 10); Website meeting with Donna Winiarski and Roger Brinkmeier (Jan. 11); begin four-week Scripture Study based on Rob Bell's NOOMA DVD series (Jan. 26); Youth Group Family meeting (Jan. 17); Worship and Music Committee; all Wednesday morning and Thursday evening bible studies, confirmation classes, and committee meetings; weekly local pastors' bible study meetings at Jackson Park Lutheran; meeting of Veterans Task Force of the Greater Milwaukee Synod (Jan. 26); CPE Program every Thursday; Meeting with Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Jeff Barrow (Jan.12); and working with new Sunday offering counting team.

Pastor Fazio's upcoming activities and tasks include: Youth Group planning meeting (Jan. 31); Ash Wednesday and Pancake Dinner (Feb. 17); Lent begins on Feb. 17 – start of mid-week services at Noon and 7:00 pm; Joint Planning Meeting for Worship & Music and Christian Education Committees to plan for the remainder of 2010; Continue with DVD scripture study through February 16, 2010.

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Pastor had made a request for vacation from Sat. Dec. 26 – Sat. Jan. 2, however, the majority of this was not taken due to Sandy Kestner's hip surgery and Reg Simpson's funeral.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Christian Education – Jennine Sonntag**

VBS has not been well-attended for a number of years. There have been efforts made to schedule VBS at different times and dates to try to be accommodating, which has not resulted in greater attendance. We have concluded that WPLC families are simply not able to give the time to VBS, due to jobs and other obligations. We will try to plan a Sunday evening family event in August to take the place of VBS.

Endowment – Betty Hembrook

\$5,000 will be given to the mortgage fund.

Finance – Van Johnson

The Sunday offering counters did a good job in Jan. We need to finalize plans to purchase a new computer. Pastor stated that we could use three additional people on the Finance Committee.

Fellowship – Sandy Sannes

The church was once again decorated in a beautiful fashion for Christmas thanks to the planning and direction of Sharon Hause. Fourteen members helped with the decorating and the sanctuary was filled with over 50 poinsettias. The manger and crèche, a gift from the Kuglitsch family in 2008, were placed on the 24th of December. A cookie exchange was held on December 13th with seven participants. The pictorial directories are expected to arrive shortly.

Sandy Sannes traveled over the holidays and attended a church that posted a greeter at the door where parishioners entered the building. It was a nice touch and provided a very positive and welcoming environment, especially for new attendees. It would be nice for WPLC to try this.

Health and Wellness – Jill Underberg

Barb Estrada's statistics will appear in the Annual Report. "Sit and be Fit" classes will resume after Easter and will be held Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. A future project will involve the Kidney Foundation's organ donation program. Also planned is a diabetes program as well as special activities to do during Lent. The Blue Christmas service in December was well-attended. Jess Williams presented an idea for a new project to deliver birthday cakes to shut-ins.

On Sunday, February 14, 2010, we will have another "lunch and learn" which offer information on what seniors can do when their money runs out. The program will consist of two speakers from Luther Manor and attorney Isabell Mueller.

Worship and Music – Donna Winiarski

Liturgy for Lent has been set. A joint meeting with the Christian Ed Committee will take place on February 2, 2010 to plan through the end of 2010.

Property – Van Johnson

A large bulletin board in the Sunday School hallway has been approved and the committee and Kelly Brown are now discussing different options. There is a problem with access to church. Various people and groups have not been able to gain access to the church for meetings. The Property Committee needs to take an inventory of who has keys so a decision can be made about who need additional keys.

Social Ministry – Gloria Brinkmeier

Annual report has been submitted.

Stewardship – Sandy Sannes

Since December, 2009, we have been trying to identify members who have yet to pick up their collection envelopes. Audrey Grafwallner assisted in clarification on some envelopes, especially those that needed to be mailed to members. We still have approximately 30 sets of envelopes that have not been picked up. Council members are asked to review the sheet with remaining names to hopefully provide direction. The goal is to keep church records current and minimize future excess envelope orders.

Youth Group

Pastor held an organizational meeting for the Youth Group and parents on January 17th. It was well-attended and people were enthusiastic.

Annual Meeting Planning

The congregation needs to select two delegates to represent WPLC at the ULPA (United Lutheran Program for the Aging) Annual Meeting at Luther Manor to be held on April 26, 2010. Nancy Sherman and Karen Adams have been the delegates in the past and have volunteered to do so again. **Motion made and passed** to nominate Nancy Sherman and Karen Adams to be delegates at the annual ULPA meeting.

Submitted by Jennine Sonntag, Council Secretary.

Birthdays

- 1 Joyce Goetz
Joshua Kopp
Patricia Sparacino
- 2 Andrew Untiet
- 3 Karen Everts
- 4 Margaret Michaels
- 5 Sidney Arthur
Holly Loebel
- 9 Emily Ably
- 10 Marilyn Medeiros
- 11 Donald Dowell
Jennifer Just
Troy King
Briana Reiszewitz
- 12 Mari Fredrickson
- 13 Elaine Johnson
- 14 Dwayne Harbort
- 15 Stuart Arthur
Charles Schoenleber
- 16 Johanna Koralewski
Patti Kowalski
- 17 Eric Wiza
Kathryn Wiza
Norman Zimmer
- 18 Marilyn Gustafson
Melanie Saari
William Senft
- 19 Pamela Dorenbos
Van Johnson
Ervin Kuglitsch
- 20 Mark King
Marybelle Potter
- 22 Natalie Bainbridge
- 23 Kaci Rouse
- 24 Michele Palmer
Hunter Schubert
- 25 Shawn Ahles
Ralph Llanas
James Meier
- 26 Kaitlyn Martin
Trista Mittelstaedt
- 27 June Steinke
- 30 Elwood Potter

Anniversaries

- 1 Tony & Patti Kowalski
- 15 John & Jennifer Just
- 16 Lukas & Amanda Stone
- 17 Carl & Marilyn Medeiros
- 22 David & Rose Palmersheim
- 28 Robert & Lori Edmundson
- 30 Joseph & Amy Suchla
Steven & Kathleen Clark

**Sr. High School
Scholarships
Available through
WPLC Endowment Fund**

The Whitnall Park Lutheran Endowment Fund offers **scholarships to Senior High School graduates** who plan to further their education by attending a vocational school, college, or university following graduation. Application form and guidelines are available in the Church Office or may be downloaded from the church website, www.whitnallparkchurch.com. The scholarship is for the 2010-11 academic year. **DEADLINE for submitting the application is April 15, 2010...** mark your calendars... don't miss out on this great opportunity.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to those who have placed business cards. **We have people to do: Flooring, Carpeting, Plumbing, Car repair, Siding and windows, Baby sitting, Appraising, and Tax service.** We still need more! If you don't have a formal business card, but have a skill to offer, we can make you a card! We will be setting up a new area where you can post if you need a job done. Just fill out a card with what you need and a contact number.

For your well being—

All women of WPLC are invited to attend a "5-Star Retreat" on Friday and **Saturday, May 14 and 15**, at Atonement Lutheran Church, Watertown. The cost for the full retreat is just \$10, with a free-will offering to help defray expenses for food, etc. Those who can't attend both days are welcome to come for just the one day. There will be time for relaxation and networking, along with planned activities.

Details about the retreat, along with a registration form and information for overnight lodging, is available on the kiosk in Hornburg Hall or from Marjorie Pagel, 414-425-4066.

Speakers include: Rev. Sue Moline-Larson, who will lead the Friday night Bible study on relaxing; Rev. Gail Brodersen-Heins—Pastor of St. Stephen the Martyr, Greendale; Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld—Pastor of Good Shepherd, Waukesha; Linda Post-Bushkofsky—Executive Director of the Women of the ELCA; and Nancy Davis—executive director of ABC Connections, a volunteer program that helps the elderly. She's also a certified laughter leader.

Women who live in the Whitnall School District and who are continuing their education may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from Hales Corners Woman's Club. Applications, due **March 31**, are available at the Hales Corners Library and at the Whitnall High School Guidance Office. The scholarship is offered to a woman presently attending an accredited school of higher learning or who plans to attend in the fall of 2010. Call 414-329-3242 for further information. (Please share this information with women you know who meet the above qualifications.)

Social Ministry Update:

Lutheran World Relief

Founded in 1945 as a non-governmental organization to respond to the needs of communities devastated by World War II, Lutheran World Relief has evolved from a relief agency shipping material resources to war-torn Europe to an agency that works with partners (including Church World Service which Whitnall Park supports through the CROP Walk each October) worldwide to respond to emergencies, seek lasting solutions to rural poverty, and work for peace and justice for all. LWR seeks to "stand with" rather than "doing for" communities in need. By working with diverse partners with complementary resources and skills LWR seeks to empower poor communities to improve their lives.

Whitnall Park supports LWR in two direct ways, through the quilts made by Dorcas and the school kits collected and assembled by the Social Ministry Committee. The quilts are shipped to a warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland, and then shipped to areas of need. Quilts have gone to Haiti in wake of the recent devastating earthquake there. Please look at the map to see where the 378,050 quilts went in 2009. Because it takes up to a year to get from Whitnall Park to where the quilts are needed, it is important that as many as possible be shipped by train (paid for by a foundation grant) in October to the warehouse in Maryland. The school kits provide the supplies needed for a child who otherwise cannot attend school. School kits are used in disaster areas, but their greater use is to help communities work their way out of poverty. Education, along with sustainable agriculture, better health facilities, and clean water, lead to better lives for struggling people. In 2009, 231,360 school kits were shipped by LWR with more shipped by Church World Service.

Whitnall Park has long supported Lutheran World Relief. Dorcas was organized in 1974 and made blankets and rolled bandages for LWR early on. Yearly quilt totals exist from 1992. In the past the Social Ministry Committee collected clothes and soap for LWR. School kits have been assembled and shipped since 2001. Below are the year-by-year totals. Please look at the display in Hornburg Hall during the Easter Season for more on the activities of Lutheran World Relief. Quilts are being made, and school supplies will be again collected in the summer and early fall to be shipped by train in mid-October to the warehouse.



Parking Lot Fund Drive

A campaign has been initiated to raise funds for a new parking lot.

We had hoped the parking lot would hold up another year or two, however, it is apparent it needs to be done as soon as possible.

Look for upcoming mini bake sales, raffles and special events to help

raise funds. Special envelopes are also available for monetary donations. With your help, we can make it happen! More information to follow.

If you have any questions, or would like to help; please call Pat Suderland, 414-425-4647.

Property Committee

Updated church web site includes:

All Pastor's sermons - as audio files playable in Windows Media Player and other Windows type media players; missed last Sunday, want to hear the sermon again? Want to share the sermon with some one?

The complete weekly bulletin insert that comes in the service bulletin; lost the bulletin? View and/or print it online.

Complete monthly Leafs stored as PDF files; viewable and printable.

Church Monthly Calendars are in the calendars link; events further in the future than the current month are listed by committee.

Dorcas Quilts

1992--110	1998--201	2004--162
1993--132	1999--208	2005--158
1994--145	2000--215	2006--159
1995--154	2001--210	2007--141
1996--154	2002--162	2008--134
1997--154	2003--195	2009--95

School Kits

2001--80	2006--219
2002--102	2007--253
2003--166	2008--236
2004--182	2009--368
2005--218	

- April 1 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship** Assisting Minister **Kraig Sorvick**
Ushers **Jim & Linda Shea** Acolyte **Melanie Saari** Altar Guild **Dorothy Saari, Evelyn Schubert**
- April 2 7:00 Good Friday Worship** Assisting Minister **Tom Laposki**
Ushers **Jerry Pagel** Altar Guild **Julie Ann Sorenson**
- April 4 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**
- 7:00** Assisting Minister **Linda Shea** Acolyte **Andrew Schlueter**
Ushers **Ron Noeske, Jim Shea, Jack King**
Greeter **Volunteer**
Altar Guild **Krista Bainbridge**
- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Jane Dillon-Perkl** Acolyte **Maddison Underberg**
Ushers **Ron Hause, Carl Hanson**
Greeter **Patty Sparacino**
Altar Guild **Jerrijo Cowman**
- 10:00** Assisting Minister **Ron Labott** Acolyte **Sarah Schlueter**
Ushers **Katie Mason, Greg Saari, Paul Saari**
Greeter **Nancy Sievert** Nursery **Katie Ewaskowitz**
Altar Guild **Pat Suderland**
- April 11 Services with Healing / Sunday school meets in church**
- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Ron Sonntag** Acolyte **Jim Shea**
Ushers **John Hembrook, Jerrijo Cowman, Ken Perkl**
Greeter **Nancy Winger**
Altar Guild **Sandy Johnson**
- 10:00** Assisting Minister **Marjorie Pagel** Acolyte **Jeffrey Johnson**
Ushers **Tom Laposki, Brian & Kristi Peyer**
Greeter **Gary & Dawn Stein** Nursery **Heidi Martin**
- April 18**
- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Lou Graef** Acolyte **Kylie Just**
Ushers **Jim and Linda Shea**
Greeter **Ellen Dallmann**
Altar Guild **Jim & Linda Shea**
- 10:00** Assisting Minister **Becky Sorvick** Acolyte **Georgi Llanas**
Ushers **Larry Pfeil, Brian Martin, Jack King**
Greeter **Jerome Thome** Nursery **Susan Schlueter**
Altar Guild **Dolores Vorpahl**
- April 25**
- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Kristin Martens** Acolyte **Cody Suchla**
Ushers **Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance**
Greeter **Sharon Hause**
- 10:00** Assisting Minister **Tom Laposki** Acolyte **Emily Brown**
Ushers **Jerry Pagel, Jerome Thome, Walter Sievert**
Greeter **Rosemary Richter** Nursery **Jill Underberg**
Altar Guild **Sandy Abraham**

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

Spring is surely around the corner! Finally, the snow is melting and it's starting to warm up.

The weekend of March 12th-14th, the 7th and 8th grade confirmation class attended Lutherdale Bible Camp for the spring confirmation retreat. The focus for the weekend was on the "Apostles' Creed." A special thank you to Susan Schlueter and Al Schubert for chaperoning!

During Lent, the Sunday school focused on Prayer - the power of it and what it can do for us in our lives. We completed prayer activities, which helped to reinforce the message. We made **prayer shawls** and had them blessed in church. Our **prayer rocks**, reminded us to pray daily. We added links to our **prayer chain** every week, to have our prayers lifted. We learned that we can use our fingers as **prayer reminders**. We shared **pretzels**, showing us how early Christians prayed-with their arms across their chest. My hope during this Lenten season, is for the children to learn how important prayer can be and how during tough times, God is always there for them.

We are encouraging the Sunday school children to attend the Good Friday service with their family. We have ordered workbooks for children attending the Good Friday service. These workbooks use games and kid friendly explanations for each day of Holy Week.

The Sunday school children will be having a procession into church on Palm Sunday - the children should meet in Hornburg Hall at 9:45. Following the procession into church, the Sunday school children will sing a song and then be dismissed downstairs to their classrooms.

As part of our Sunday school lesson on Palm Sunday, the youth group will be presenting " *A Sunrise Pageant* " for the children. This pageant will explain the events that took place during Holy Week.



Reminder:

March 28th - Palm Sunday - children should meet in Hornburg Hall at 9:45

April 1 Maundy Thursday - Fifth grade class takes their first communion at 7:00 pm

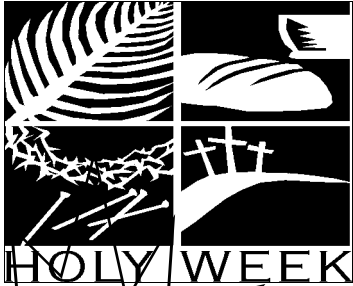

April 2nd- Good Friday 7:00 pm

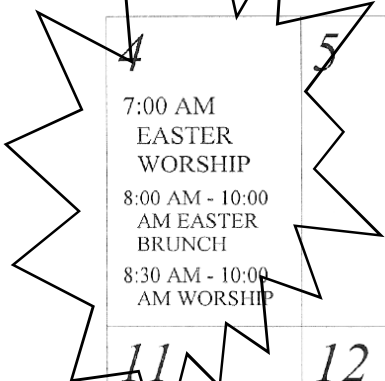
April 4th - Easter - 7:00 pm, 8:30, 10:00 Worship—
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Easter Blessings!

April 2010

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p><i>1</i></p> <p>7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">First Communion</div>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office is closed</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>
<p><i>4</i></p> <p>7:00 AM EASTER WORSHIP</p> <p>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM EASTER BRUNCH</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM WORSHIP</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitt- ing & Crocheting</p> <p>7:00 PM Christian Ed</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>8:30 AM OWLS meet at the Forum</p> <p>10:00 AM Health & Wellness</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>
<p><i>11</i></p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:40 AM God's Young Voices</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday school</p> <p>Services with Healing</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">LEAF Articl- es are due</div>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting</p> <p>6:30 PM Property</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship & Music</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>11:30 AM Good News Bible Study</p> <p>1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Evening Bible Study</p> <p>WPLC Scho- larship appli- cations are due</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>
<p><i>18</i></p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:40 AM God's Young Voices</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday school</p> <p>11:30 AM Confir- mation Class</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Assemble the LEAF</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:00 PM BOOK CLUB</div>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitt- ing & Crocheting</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: #00AEEF; margin: 10px 0;">➔</div>	<p><i>23</i></p> <div style="border: 2px solid #00AEEF; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">8:30 AM - 5:00 PM RUMMAGE SALE</div> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <div style="border: 2px solid #00AEEF; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">8:30 AM - 1:00 PM RUMMAGE SALE</div>
<p><i>25</i></p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:40 AM God's Young Voices</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday school</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>9:30 AM Friends Meeting</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting</p> <p>7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>11:00 AM DEAD SEA SCROLLS - Field trip</p> <p>1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">EXPLORE THE BIBLE WITH US</p> </div>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours</p>	





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time this edition of the LEAF comes out, Easter Sunday will be rapidly approaching. This time of the church year (Lent and Easter) are times when we focus heavily on the Holy Scriptures and how God's Living Word impacts our daily lives. Actually, our focus on the Bible is emphasized all throughout the year, but the time surrounding Easter tends to draw people deeper into God's Word.

As we've been drawn all the more into the Scriptures, we have also been presented with a very wonderful and unique opportunity; the Milwaukee Public Museum has on display an exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls; ancient texts that have had a significant impact on our current understanding of Judaism and Christianity. The history of these ancient writings and their importance to our religion is an amazing story, one of which we ought to be aware. Following is a brief description of the Dead Sea Scrolls taken from the website wikipedia.org.

*The **Dead Sea Scrolls** are a collection of about 900 documents, including texts from the Hebrew Bible, discovered between 1947 and 1956 in eleven caves in and around the ruins of the ancient settlement of Khirbet Qumran on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea in the present day West Bank.*

The texts are of great religious and historical significance, as they include the oldest known surviving copies of Biblical and extra-biblical documents and preserve evidence of great diversity in late Second Temple Judaism. They are written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, mostly on parchment, but with some written on papyrus. These manuscripts generally date between 150 BCE to 70 CE. The scrolls are traditionally identified with the ancient Jewish sect called the Essenes, though some recent interpretations have challenged this association and argue that the scrolls were penned by priests, Zadokites, or other unknown Jewish groups.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are traditionally divided into three groups: "Biblical" manuscripts (copies of texts from the Hebrew Bible), which comprise roughly 40% of the identified scrolls; "Apocryphal" or "Pseudepigraphical" manuscripts (known documents from the Second Temple Period like Enoch, Jubilees, Tobit, Sirach, non-canonical psalms, etc., that were not ultimately canonized in the Hebrew Bible), which comprise roughly 30% of the identified scrolls; and "Sectarian" manuscripts (previously unknown documents that speak to the rules and beliefs of a particular group or groups within greater Judaism) like the Community Rule, War Scroll, Peshar (Hebrew peshar פשר = "Commentary") on Habakkuk, and the Rule of the Blessing, which comprise roughly 30% of the identified scrolls.

If you find this story interesting and would like to not only learn more, but also have the chance to see this amazing part of history up close and personal, please join members of your church family as we travel together to the museum on **Wednesday, April 28** to view this exhibit. We will gather at WPLC at 11:00 (please bring a bag lunch) to view a documentary video about the region surrounding the Dead Sea and then leave for the museum at Noon; we are scheduled to enter the exhibit at 1:00.

If you are unable to be part of the WPLC group going to see the scrolls, I would highly encourage you to visit this exhibit at your convenience; this truly is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness the very documents that have helped inform our faith and shape our religious understanding.

God's Peace and Blessing be with you,

Pr. Michael