



The Courier

April
2009

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

Our Vision: This is the place where you will experience Christ.



Join Us For Lenten Activities



Maundy Thursday
April 9th

Dinner - 6:00 PM

Drama - 7:00 PM- Were You There?

Good Friday - April 10th
12:00-3:00 Vigil

****The office will close at 12:00 PM**

Easter Services-April 12th
6:30 AM - Sunrise Service (outside)
8:00 & 11:00 AM - Traditional Service
9:30 AM - Praise Service

Monday-April 13th
Office Closed



This year our Easter Egg Hunt is going to be held on Saturday April 11 at 10:00 a.m. We are inviting the children of our community to come and participate so that we can then invite them to come back for Easter services with their families. Please invite your young friends and neighbors!



Martha Circle

The Martha Circle will be meeting at the home of Dottie Reed on April 14th with Charlotte Snead as co-host. If you do not plan on attending, please let Dottie know. Please call Dottie at 482-0593 for directions.

Tuesday
April 14th



Men's Breakfast

7:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Chancel Guild April 2009 Schedule

- 3rd** Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy
- 10th** Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts
- 17th** Gerry White
Hazel Robinson
- 24th** Audrey Wilson
Irene Thiessen

If you can't work your day, swap with someone or call me. Thanks for your continued help.

Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Dir.

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Carolyn Hornung

Moderator of Deacons

Jeni Nance

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

Editor's Note: Some articles may be edited for space. Some are left intact by request of their authors.

A Spirit of Joy



From the Pastor

Many years ago I had an aunt who was in her late 90's. As an 8 year old boy, 98 seemed not only old, but I often wondered if Mary actually KNEW Jesus (funny...98 doesn't seem THAT old anymore). Anyhow, Mary was a remarkable little lady and the oddest thing was, she ALWAYS had a smile. No matter what the problem or concern, no matter what the joy or sorrow, Mary always had a smile. But Mary had a life that was anything to smile about.

Mary's parents emigrated to the US when a horrific depression hit England. Mary watched as two of her brothers died before age 1, as another brother died in the Spanish American war (I told you, she had been around a while!!!), and her husband died in the flu epidemic of 1917. Her husband was the lover of her life and she never remarried. She raised a child on a meager income and squeaked out a living before osteoporosis set in; every step, every move was pain. Late in life she watched as her only child, a daughter, passed away from cancer. But for Mary, life was a joy, and she ALWAYS had a smile to share.

Once, in the midst of a discussion, I remarked about a kid at school who had been less than nice the week before, and my thoughts of him were not so nice, as well. Mary retorted, "Clinton, bad thoughts come home to roost." She went on to explain that, as Christians, we are called to be filled with joy, not anger; forgiveness, not retribution; love and tolerance, not insisting on our own way. Mary died when I was a teenager and at her funeral the Episcopal bishop that presided noted that Mary was a true Christian, filled with love and joy, and while always honest, never said a bad word about anyone!

No where in scripture do we find a eulogy for Jesus. Indeed, most of the disciples fled in fear while the women took a risk and cared for Christ. But if a eulogy were to be written, it would probably be about his love for others, his healing of broken people, his call to love God and his willingness to serve, even die, on the cross.

What would our eulogy sound like? Will we be remembered for our kind words or our anger? For our short temper or our forgiveness? For our ability to see good in others or our ability to only see the negative? Our joy in Christ, or our anger at the world?

Easter is about the finest and final love of God, so that we may have life and have it abundantly. Easter is about forgiveness and a new start, a resurrection! Easter is about the ability to recognize that we are NOT a part of the problem of this world, but merely passengers, enjoying a voyage until we are at last rejoined with our maker.

This month, and in every month to follow, may the joy of Christ be with you. May you see the good in others (and tell them about it). May you find ways to build up the people who were made "in the image" of God. May you have peace and happiness not only on Easter, but every day of the year. And finally, may you have a smile like Mary's so that others may ask, "What are you always smiling about?" Christ is risen...He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter!

Pastor Clint





Safe Haven Kids Views on Easter



Ms. Julia's VPK Class

- **What is Calvary?**
 - "A big place where there is lots of sand and no water." **Sierra Age 5**
 - "Where there are no camels and no place where you can eat." **Jesus Age 4**
- **Why did people want to hurt Jesus?**
 - "They wanted to kill him and block him." **Jacob Age 4**
 - "Because he looked kind of funny." **Sierra Age 5**
 - "Because they wanted to lock him in jail." **Joseph Age 4**
- **Why are you happy that Jesus came back to life?**
 - "Because I was so excited I had a smile." **Jonathan Age 4**
 - "Because he gave us food." **Kristen Age 4**
 - "Because he gives the horses food." **Gabriella Age 4**

Ms. Nelida's VPK Class

- "Jesus dies for us and he come back alive and on Easter you get eggs and Peter Cotton Tail comes on daytime." **Zeda Age 5**
- "Easter is Jesus love us so much and is Jesus love God. We can have fun and have a lot of candy. Jesus has a staff and he's got long hair and a beard." **Jenny Age 5**
- "God gives us stuffed eggs and loves us so much and he gives us toys." **Lara Age 5**
- "Easter is when we get easter eggs, God watches over if we be good or bad." **Ashton Age 4**

Ms. Maria's Three-Year Old Class

- "It's time to collect eggs, flowers and the pond." **Griffin Age 3**
- "It's time for when Jesus died." **Christina Age 3**



**If you would like to hear these children sing unto the glory of God,
please join us on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009 during the 9:30 am service.**



**God Bless,
Julia Neal, Director
Safe Haven Christian School**

Currently Pastor Clint and I are teaching a class called "Know 101." We have invited all members of CLPC to attend and so far we have had about fifty members attend this class. Our hope and goal for the class was to get back to the basics of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a Presbyterian and what it means to be a member of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church so that every member is on the same page of what CLPC is about.

In the class we talk about our mission which is "Living God's presence through Love and Service." We also talk about our vision which is "This is the place . . . where you will experience Christ!" We also talk about what the requirements are to be a member of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church. These requirements come straight from our Book of Order which is part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)




The first requirement of being a member of CLPC is a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and savior. That's easy to say, but what does it mean to call Jesus Lord and savior? To call Jesus Christ Lord and savior means that we believe that Jesus is God's son who came and lived, was crucified on the cross and resurrected on the third day. We believe that Jesus is God's word made flesh and that through his death and resurrection he paid the price for our sins. The only way that we can have a relationship with God is because of Jesus Christ. That is the savior part. Jesus died for our sins. The Lord part is a little harder because it requires discipline on our part. If Jesus is Lord then we live our life according to scripture. We live our life in a way that reflects the love and service of Jesus. It means that we set aside our own agendas, our own desires, and live in a way that Jesus would have us live. It is not the easy path in life to allow Jesus to be Lord, but as we give our lives to Christ we are changed into the people of God that we were created to be.

A nniversary Celebrations

2nd Otto & Sheila Muller-Girard
7th Nora Jean & James E. Rollins
12th Jack & Cheryl West
Nate & Anne Burley
19th Rod & Sue Herrick
27th Carol & Gar Sarosik
30th Jim & Clara Davis

B irthday Wishes

1st Payton Hayman
3rd James Oestrieck
6th Brendan McQuilkin
7th Joan Spear
10th Larry Johnson
12th Michele Pepper
14th Rob Coe
Virginia Burford
18th Douglas J. Wilson
Ken Burbach
19th Elizabeth Peters
20th Darby DeBolt
Robert Shrader
21st Sheila Muller-Girard
22nd Paulette Mikolowski
23rd Skip Bergmann
Mae Osborne
25th Joshua Ames
26th Dee Cords
28th Arthur Kling
30th Penny Roberts
Lisa Kendall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Celebration Times 8:00 & 11:00 Traditional 9:30 am Praise 9:30 am K-41 Kids 9:30 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Puppets 12:00 pm Sr. Youth Group	<h1>April 2009</h1>					
CLPC Musical - 7:00 PM Cypress Lake Methodist Church	6 9:30 am Project Linus 12:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm PW Board Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze 6:30 pm Safe Haven Mtg. 7:00 pm Master Singers Food Pantry 11-1 &	7 Courier Deadline is the 15th!	1 9:00 am PIP 10:30 am Children's Chapel 1:00 pm KNOW 101 Class 5:00 pm Rockin' Angels 6:15 pm Middle Sch. Youth 6:15 pm Pioneer Club 6:45 pm Gloria Choir	2 4:00 pm The Clappers	3 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3-6:00 pm Organist Practice 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	4 10-3 pm Lithuanian Sch. 1-4 pm Organist Practice 5:30 pm Wedding
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12 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service Breakfast to follow Traditional Service Praise Service 11:00am Traditional Service No Youth Group Share Registration	13 Office Closed Food Pantry 11-1 &	14 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 12:30 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Condo Assn Mtg. 7:00 pm Eye Circle 7:00 pm Ministry Teams	15 9:00 am PIP 10:30 am Children's Chapel 6:15 pm Pioneer Club 6:15 pm Middle Sch. Youth 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	16 4:00 pm The Clappers	17 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3-6:00 pm Organist Practice	18 10-3 pm Lithuanian Sch. 1-4 pm Organist Practice
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Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's Gathering

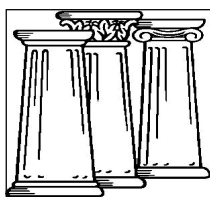
The last of the Presbyterian Women's Association will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 9, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be a show and tell travelogue presented by the P.W.A. attendees. Remember elementary school when you brought something to share? Each woman is asked to bring an artifact from a travel experience that she will tell us about in a two minute "show and tell." Lunch will be provided by Eve Circle. All women and their guests are invited to enjoy our fellowship.

April 2009

6th 9:30 am Project Linus Blanket Work Day
(Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

12th **EASTER**

14th 9:30 am Martha Circle
12:30 pm Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Eve Circle



Elders & Deacons

Elders

Irene Thiessen
Jim Sharpe
Doris King
Tim Baldwin
John Nance
Rob Coe
Harold Carrier
Gordon Coffman
Brian Granstra
Amanda Kraus
Julie McFadden
Jim Wray
Nate Burley
Kirk Charles
Ken Kendall
Walt France

Deacons

Dee Cords
Jaime Hill
Jennifer Nance
Hazel Robinson
Cathy Young
Barbara Pappalardo
Michael Sneed
Jackie Oestrich
Anne Burley
Daisy Graf
Daniela Valmer

MINISTRY TEAMS

COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

Chair - Brian Granstra
Member - Irene Thiessen
Member - Doris King
Member - Kirk Charles
Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Chair - Harold Carrier
Member - Nate Burley
Member Jim Sharpe
Support Staff - Julia Neal

DISCIPLEMAKING

Chair - Amanda Kraus
Member - Ken Kendall
Support Staff - Samantha Keller

FAITH SHARING

Chair - Rob Coe
Member - Tim Baldwin
Member - Jim Wray
Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

SUPPORT

Chair - John Nance
Property - Walt France, Jim Wray
Treasurer - Mike Scullion
Disaster, Prep. & Response - John Nance
Personnel - Jim Wray
Bldg. Chair - Rich Meacham, Gordon Coffman
Support Staff - Karen May



SHARE 2009



LAST DAY TO ORDER

April 12th
May 17th

PICK-UP DATE

April 25th
May 30th

Last order date is approximately two weeks before distribution day. Last orders are taken in Fellowship Hall on Sunday between 9-11 am.

Pick-Up Date is SHARE Distribution Day. Distribution Day is in Fellowship Hall on Saturdays between 9-11 am.

"I Know"

- ** I know He is the beginning, so why do I worry about the end?
- ** I know He is the creator, so why do I wonder who will destroy?
- ** I know He has forgiven me, so why can't I forgive myself?
 - ** I know He is a healer, so why do I speak of sickness?
 - ** I know He can do all things, so why do I say I can't?
 - ** I know He will protect me, so why do I fear?
- ** I know He will supply all my needs, so why can't I wait?
- ** I know He is my strength and my salvation, so why do I feel weak?
- ** I know that everything and everyone has a season, so why when someone's season is over do I weep instead of rejoice?
 - ** I know He is the right way, so why do I go the wrong way?
- ** I know He is the light, so why do I choose to walk in darkness?
 - ** I know that whatever I ask of GOD, GOD will give me, so why am I scared to ask?
 - ** I know tomorrow is not promised, so why do I put off for tomorrow what I can do today?
 - ** I know that the truth shall make me free, so why do I continue to lie?
 - ** I know He gives us revelation, knowledge and understanding, so why do I lean on my own understanding?
- ** I know I should live in the spirit as well as walk in the spirit, so why do I choose to live in the spirit but walk in the flesh?
 - ** I know that when praises go up, blessings come down, so why do I refuse to praise Him?
- ** I know I am saved, so why do I refuse the word He has given me?

