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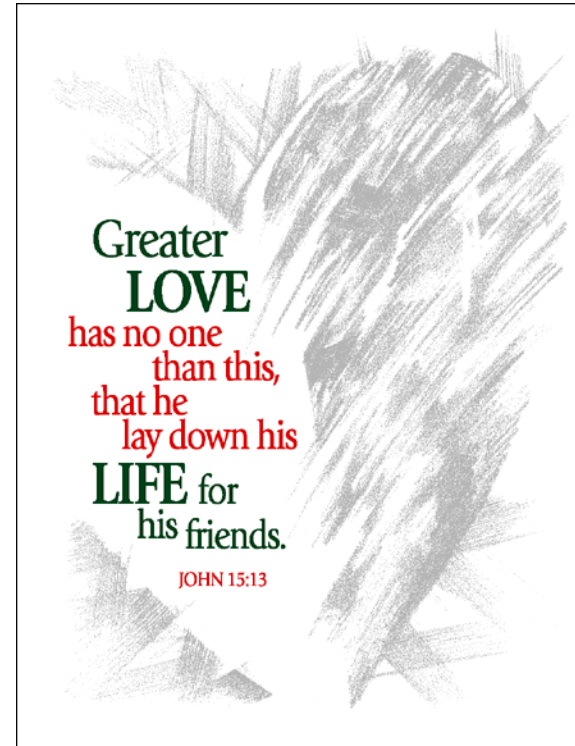
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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM

Morning Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

8:45 AM **10:45 AM**

Gary Etter Jerry Archer

Arlene Uldrich

Charlene Brown

REFRESHMENT

This coming Sunday we will once again gather around the Lord’s Table and partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we do the first Sunday of each month. I was sitting here the other night listening to music (some call it “Praise” music) as it helps me to think, and I got to thinking back to seminary days when I was the Youth Director/Associate Pastor at a church in Downer’s Grove, IL. I was the most popular guy in seminary because I had an all- female youth fellowship of about 25 girls from 5 different high schools in the area. The major problem was that they were all rivals of each other. I planned a fall retreat at the Lutheran Church Camp with the intention of helping those girls discover how much they needed each other. But the highlight of the weekend came on the Sunday morning before we packed up to leave the camp.

That weekend saw approximately 8 other churches of various denominations present in different areas of this huge camp. Just outside the mess hall was a small knoll with a cross on a concrete pad. I decided it would be a good place to hold a worship service that morning. We were the only group to hold a worship service that morning. The air was crisp and the concrete cold, but we gathered and sat in circle had a devotion and then celebrated Holy Communion by passing the bread to each other and then passing the cup till it was all the way around the circle. Before partaking each one gave a brief statement of what they learned that weekend. The parents of the groups Vice President had driven for the weekend to help as chaperones and brought their youngest daughter with them who was only 7th grade. She told her dad later that after participating in the weekend with the rest of the group and seeing how much closer they were to each other that when she took communion that Sunday morning she felt closer to God than she had ever felt before.

Her dad and I got to talking about it and he made the comment that for some youth and even some adults Holy Communion is little more than drinking juice and eating crackers or bread, sort of a once a month refreshment break. I got to thinking about it on the drive home and he might be on to something there. It may not be what he meant, but the communion should be a time of refreshment

The idea kept coming back to me again and again. Sometimes our lives are like a kid’s gym clothes. They get used every day, getting dirtier and dirtier, and can even get pretty rank at the end of the week. If they’re not washed over the weekend, they can become downright foul.

Our lives get messed up with sin, discouragement, failure, and the like, and if we don’t allow the Lord to clean them regularly they get pretty rank, even downright foul. And what a better opportunity do we have to come to

Attendance Jan. 22, 29, 2012

8;45 — 15, 13
10:45 — 79, 75

Sunday school — 25,

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

Income rec’d +/- Amt.

Nov. '11 - \$10,027 - \$5,823

Dec. '11 - \$ 32,991 + \$18,033

Thank you to all our church supporters, our generous December income has tremendously helped the end of the 2011 year budget.

Happy Birthday

- Karen Hammonds—Feb. 4
- Mary Schwarz—Feb. 7
- R.C.Walker—Feb. 8
- Austin Marcum—Feb. 9
- Stoney Brooks—Feb. 10
- Jessica Donovan—Feb. 12
- Joe Hager—Feb. 13
- Gavin Rayney—Feb. 13
- Lisa Ybarbo—Feb. 13
- Kyle Barnett—Feb. 18



In Our Prayers

- Glenda Boddie Jim Coleman
- DeAnn Decker Cletta Dicks
- Jerry Edwards Jamie *Geswein*
- Beverly Guffey Ken Hambrick
- Vern Hine Bill Hine
- Carol Hildebrecht Edna Holland
- Mollie Huggins Ruth Ingles
- Marilyn Jones Dan Jones
- Nova Kigar King family

- Dustin Knowlton Vince Knowlton
- Erik Landing Mary Lehman
- Nancy Lyttle Bob McCray
- Lauren McClure Marcella Miller
- Karolina O'Donnell
- Harriet Shawhan Mary Reynolds
- Calire Riccos Laura Ruppert
- Tom Scheit Wayne Stolich
- Paul Stutz Danny Tomaz
- Gloria Van Camp Flo Warner
- Evelyn Wheeler Mary Willett
- Paul White Diane Yost

Those in Nursing Care

- Ginny Breckler—Trinity Home
- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Marion Farren—Trinity Home
- Sharon Gilmore—Heartland—Kett.
- Peggy Goldberg—Heartland—Kett.
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Mildred Heath – Walnut Creek
- Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
- Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
- Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
- Charles Warren – East Moline, IL
- Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp.

Military

- Ian Bader - USA, (Brown’s grandson)
- Scott Certain – USA
(Jo Anne Jay’s son-in-law)
- Andrew Hayden – USA
(Edna Holland’s grandson)
- John Meyer - Afghanistan
(Nancy Meyer son)
- Nathan Nicholas—USA
- Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)
- Adam Reeves—USA (Edna’s grandson)
- Sam Rogers—USA (Jen Roger’s son)
- Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)
- Kevin Stites— USA (S Stites grandsons)
- Ryan Stites - USA



In Sympathy

Church Members & family,

Expressing deepest sympathy and offering a prayer that Christ will bless and comfort you and keep you in His care.

He is home. We hope to be greeted by him! - Wendy Mulligan, Ascension member

Dear Community members,

Our hearts go out to your whole congregation and to Rev. King's family. The pain of it lingers as long as the love endures. You, his loving family and his loving faith family are in our thoughts and prayers and heart, grateful for all he brought to us at Ascension parish. I God's Peace, Your brothers and sisters at Ascension Parish

Greenmont-Oak Park UCC,

I send my sincere sympathy to the church family as you mourn the loss of your former pastor, Greg King. - Deepest Sympathy,

Wilda Peters, SONKA
Business Manager

Kroger Neighborhood Rewards

Thank you for participating in the Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program. As you know, each time your organization's gift cards are reloaded and used for making purchases, your organization earns money. Our participation in the program has earned the church \$427.72 for the past period. Thank you to all our dedicated Kroger Reward program users.

Dear Friends,

Hard to believe another year has gone by and we are beginning 2012. Time moves quickly at Homefull. We are grateful for your support of the homeless families we assist.

I woke up really early, not able to sleep and decided to move to the couch and see if I could muster up a few more hours of sleep. As I laid there I became painfully aware of the sounds of my home. My home spoke volumes to me this morning. My couch creaked a little. My dog, followed me to the family room., and settled down and sighed as he drifted off. My refrigerator drops ice every so often, I heard that. I could hear the heat click on and off every few minutes.

As I listened, it is those noises that comfort me rather than keep me awake. It is all those noises that homeless people never get to hear. I can only imagine the contrast of noises between homelessness and Homefull. We have moved so many people from homelessness to housing in 2011, just last month alone we placed 21 families. I hope those families are how listening to their new noises of peace and comfort.

Thank your for giving these families the opportunity to share in the sweet sounds of being HOMEFULL. Warm Regards! -

the fountain that washed whiter than snow, like the old time gospel hymns say, than in the communion?

Sometimes a person's life can lose its freshness because of not living a good Christian life. What a great opportunity we have to come to communion and confess that our lives are stained; ask for the strength to lay those sins down on the altar and leave them there. Hear the assuring words that Jesus gave his life to obtain forgiveness for our sins and to release us from the power of sin. How refreshing it is to get up from your knees and walk away refreshed and renewed and clean.

We all have those times in our lives when discouragement may cause us to lose that freshness. As we go through our day to day life we hit spells that nothing seems to be going right. Dreams just don't seem to be attainable, everyone seems to be against us and we just don't know where to find the strength to make it through each day.

I invite you to come to the Table with us and consider Jesus. Look at the problems in his life. On the face of it, Jesus' life was one in which many times it seemed that little was going right, his dreams were shattered, and everybody was against him. But God had a plan in mind for his son. A life that was a failure in the world's eyes became victory in God's eyes and the victory for our lives. In the communion we ask for "all the benefits of his passion." Those benefits include love,

joy, peace, strength, victory. They are yours to claim and then rise refreshed.

You may be thinking, "Those aren't my problems. Matter of fact things are going pretty well right now. I'm on top of my life; my relationship with the Lord is good. How do I obtain refreshment from the communion?"

Well, look at it a little different way. You are taking a trip and everything is going well and you are making good time. But just like any trip we need at times to stop and take time to stretch our legs, fill up the tank, and get something to refresh us - at least I need that fresh Diet Pepsi. When we partake of Holy Communion it is our opportunity to rest, check our spiritual bearings, fill up with a special awareness of how great a love the Father and his Son have manifested for us, and then go on with our journey.

The elements we take in communion are poor refreshments, in fact, they aren't even enough to begin to quench our thirst or soothe our hunger - in some cases they just make our stomachs growl louder - But they should remind us of the one who said, "I am the Bread of Life." What sweeter flavor could there be, what better refreshment? Hey! We'll set a place for you 'cause there is always room for one more at His Table - come on let's fill them up.
Dr. Bob

Youth News

Youth Groups Fall Schedule



Footprints— (K to 2nd grade)

1st Sunday of month

Crusaders - 3 to 5th grade

3rd Sunday of month

Girls of Grace—Jr High girls

2nd & 4th Sunday of month

Christian Nighthawks—Sr High boys - TBA

Jr High youth—6th to 8th

1st & 3rd Saturday evenings
8 to 11PM

5th Quarter—Sr High youth

2nd & 4th Saturday evenings
8 to 11PM

The Youth are planning some Spring fundraisers to add to their funds for doing a work camp this summer.

Sat. March 10, from 7 to 10 PM

Youth Talent show

Admission \$3.00/ <5 yrs. Free

Sat. April 28, from 4 to 7 PM

Spaghetti Dinner

Adult meal \$6/ child meal \$4
Dine in or carry-out.

Sat. March 31, May 26 & June 30

Trivia Night—game night

Admission \$2/ <5 yrs. free
Please bring a snack or appetizer to share.

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Feb. 13, Feb. 27, Mar 12.

Visitation Team Meeting

There will be a brief meeting following second service on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 12 noon for anyone currently visiting or possibly interested in visiting our Shut-in members. If you have not attended or participated but may be interested in visiting our Shut-ins, please joins us to see how you can serve in this rewarding ministry.

- Marilyn Foskuhl & Nikki Taylor

2012 Bulletin Chart posted

If you wish to donate Sunday Worship bulletins, please sign-up on the Bulletin Chart posted across from the church office. The cost of the bulletins is \$14. You can drop your payment into the offering plate, just mark it for bulletins. Your participation in our worship services by this gift is greatly appreciated.

- Worship Committee

King Family Support Fund

Thank you everyone who has supported the King family with prayers, encouragement and monetary contributions. To date we have sent Patti \$5,617.00 from our loving Church. Anyone who wants to make a donation may make a check out to GOPCC with a note in the memo denoting "King Family," and send it to the office or drop it in the collection plate on Sunday.



Sub Sale 2012

The church is going to work with the Preschool on the sale. This year the profits from sandwiches sold by Preschool parents will go for many of our special programs. The profits from sandwiches sold by church members will go to their special projects

All sandwiches are \$3.50 each

All sandwiches are wrapped individually in plastic bags Great for freezing!

All orders must be picked up

On Feb. 10, 7 to 8 PM

Volunteer help welcome

Feb. 10, 3 to 7 PM

- Ruth Fulmer, Director of Green-Oak Preschool

WINGS -

Annual Birthday Party

We will host our annual birthday party and will combine it with our Secret Sister reveal. Plan on joining us after worship service at around 12 noon, for a short meeting followed by lunch. After lunch we will have a birthday devotion and white elephant gift exchange. Those who participated in Secret Sisters last year will also reveal who they cared and prayed for during this time. - Diana Knowlton

HOMEMADE ITALIAN DINNER

Sponsored by

Ascension Boy Scout Troup 167

Greenmont Church will be the site of this fundraiser dinner to support the boys American Heritage Tour of Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg MD, Memorial Day weekend 2012.

All are invited to their dinner, Saturday, February 18, 2012, 5 to 9 PM. Tickets are: Adults \$10, Youth 12 and Under—\$7 Presale tickets are recommended to ensure raffle entry—there will be limited door tickets. Carry-out is available .

Tickets may be purchased by texting or calling:

Dan Accrocco 937-271-4636

CeCe Accrocco 937-271-4635

Our Trustees are happy to support these young men in their efforts toward their trip, by offering use of our church.

"Three Faiths One God"

Sat. Feb. 11th at 3 pm
Sponsored by the Dayton Intl. Peace Museum
Muslin Center, 3553 E Patterson Rd. Beaver Creek, Oh

