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What's your sign?

Our beautiful Announcer sign has been gracing the parking lot for some five months, letting passers-by know of our weekly services and special events.

But, what about a change of pace? What clever, inspirational, witty or profound words would YOU like to see posted on Broadway?

The NewsNotes editor is conducting a contest for original or familiar quotations that are catchy and will remain "fresh" for several weeks.

Please submit two or three of your best and leave them in the NN mailbox. No anonymous entries, please!

Winning entries will receive personalized and detailed instructions on sign changing and will be certified as Master Messengers.

Luther explains it for us

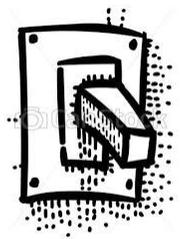
Our relationship with God should have no on/off switch

By Rev. Jeff Zell

Martin Luther chose to structure the Catechism differently than catechisms of previous ages. In the Small Catechism we begin with God's Ten Commandments. They show us our faults as well as how we ought to live for God and toward our neighbor. The Apostles Creed is the Good News. The Apostles Creed shows us the love God has for us by the fact that God created us, redeemed us, and sanctified us.

We respond to the Good News of God's love for us in a variety of ways. Prayer is one of those responses. Martin

Luther could have used this space to talk about any number of aspects of prayer. He could have talked about appropriate times of prayer, the different forms of prayer such as expository, liturgical, or *lectio divina*. Instead, he decided to lead us in a reflection on the meaning of the prayer Jesus taught us. The Lord's Prayer or Our Father may be found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4.



Easter weeks time to focus on Living Our Baptism

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reprinted from "Living Our Baptism" on the ELCA Website:

The season of Easter is an ideal time of the church year to emphasize Living Our Baptism and to discover the five gifts of discipleship.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus defeats death itself. He is

risen indeed! Easter propels us from the tomb and stench of death into a new life provided by Christ alone.

Jesus lives again, but the story of his resurrection is not limited to his own single life. He lives, so others might live again. He lives, so we might be infused by the Holy Spirit to live as a new creation and in loving relationship with God. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans writes, "Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:4-5 NRSV)

Baptism and Easter have always had a strong connection. As Christianity spread in the early church, the weeks before Easter were used to instruct and prepare

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Luther begins with the address to God, "Our Father in heaven." In response to the Lutheran question, What does this mean?, Luther explains, "*Here God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father and we are his children. We therefore are to pray to him with complete confidence just as children speak to their loving father.*"

Luther encourages us to understand our connection to God in terms of an ongoing relationship, a personal relationship.

God is portrayed in a number of different ways in the Bible (creator, deliverer, judge, etc.), but as we respond to the Good News of God, we should focus on God as our Heavenly Father who wants us to trust Him and to know that our Heavenly Father wants what is best for us.

Questions worth pondering during these weeks of Easter is this: Do we think of, and pray to, God as our good Father or do we have a different image in our head? Why is that other image there? As we mature in faith, should that image remain?

CTK rummage sale benefits orphanage

The 15th annual Christ the King Lutheran rummage sale will be April 27 and 28.

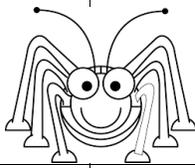
The sale raises money for various mission activities, including trips to a boy's orphanage in Jamaica.

Church members have been visiting the orphanage since 2004 and have reported seeing "great things being



April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Resurrection of Our Lord Breakfast 9:15-10:15 a.m.	2	3 Mary Circle, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall	4 Bible Study, 10 a.m.	5	6	7 
8 Easter II 1st English annual meeting; Bach Cantata Vespers, 4 p.m.	9	10	11 No Bible Study,	12	13	14
Pastor on Study Leave to April 16						
15 Easter III Social Ministry	16	17 Ministerium, at Grace, Syracuse, 9:30 a.m., Congregation Council, 6:30 p.m.	18 Bible Study, 10 a.m.	19	20	21
22 Easter IV Stephen Ministry Sunday	23	24	25 Bible Study, 10 a.m. NN Deadline	26 Hope Ministries meal, prepared by 1st English	27	28
29 Easter V Fifth Sunday, Sunday School Singers perform; LWR School Kits assembled.	30	1 NN Mailed	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>Every Sunday at Gloria Dei:</i> <i>9:45 a.m. Sunday School (29th);</i> <i>10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour; 10:45 a.m., Sung Liturgy</i></p> </div>			

Baptism

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people for their upcoming baptism at the Easter Vigil—the night before Easter Sunday. The liturgy of Holy Baptism beautifully describes this new

life in Christ Jesus: “God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in

God’s mission for the life of the world.” (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 227)

Of all seasons of the year, the weeks of the Easter season lend themselves to focus on “Living our Baptism.”

What does it mean to “join in God’s mission for the life of the world”?



April Ministry Schedule

	April 1 Easter 10:45 a.m.	April 8 Easter II 10:45 a.m.	April 15 Easter III 10:45 a.m.	April 22 Easter IV 10:45 a.m.	April 29 Easter V 10:45 a.m.
Liturgical Assistant	Patty Carr	Leslie Miller	Karen Siderits	Lisa Suter	John Miller
Servers, Acolytes, bell ringers	Thomas Zell	Liam Boyd Garrett Miller Mackenzie Miller	Colin Dreher Kora Kazmierzak	Thomas Zell	Tyler Marek Dylan Marek Amelia Marek
Lector	Dan Lindborg	Jean Petersburg	Ginny Brummitt	Bob Suter	Patty Carr
Cantor		Marie Zell	Jack Seifer	Jim Carr	Marie Zell
Communion Assistant	Mary Ann Sorocco	Melinda Foley	Michelle Megyese	Peggy Niedbalski	Dolores Miller
Greeters	Dorothy Anderson Jean Petersburg	Dolores & John Miller	Phyllis Thompson, Lindy Dreher	Carol & Brian Saine	Carol & Bob Larson
Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp	F: Easter lilies and flowers L: Open	F: Carol Larson birthday L: Open	F: Harvey Holmes birthday L: Open	F: Open L: Open	F: Open L: Open
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Sorocco, Dolores Miller, Sheryl Taghon	Mary Ann Sorocco, Dolores Miller, Sheryl Taghon	Lindy Dreher, Phyllis Thompson	Lindy Dreher, Phyllis Thompson	Patty Carr, Peggy Niedbalski

February date not available at deadline



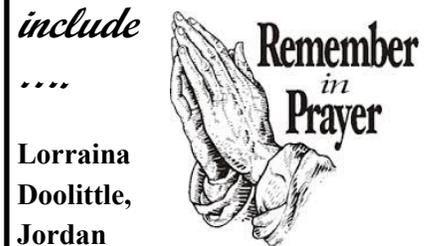
BUILDING ON FAITH REPORT

To Jan.. 31, 2018
YEAR TO DATE

Receipts for January \$ 788
Mortgage paid for February 2,379
Loan principal on Feb. 1 54,112
Mutual Bank balance on Feb. 1 12,402
Total paid from scrip sales 60,000

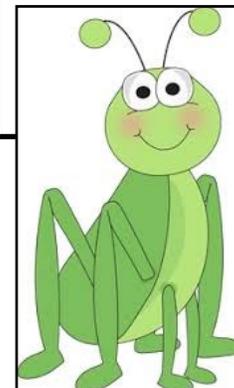
At present, 89% of each payment reduces the principal. Current interest rate is 4.95 percent. Mortgage termination date is April 2020. Twenty-six payments remain. Pledges totaling \$150,543 were received in a 2014 fund drive. Congregation should continue making regular contributions and purchasing scrip.

Those who have asked for our prayers include



Lorraina Doolittle,
Jordan Cone, Samantha Croymans, Ken, Thelma Lemanski, Douglas Sorocco, Shirley Brunt, Paul Scherer, Darlene Scherer, Don Tetzlaff, Gene Fortune, Jim Olson, Amy Fischetto (friend of Shenemans), Carolyn Scherer, Paula Sheneman (daughter-in-

law), Maria Miller, Amy Yahle, our



Ushers: Harvey Holmes, Stephen Saine, Russ Buysse.
Counters: April 1 Sorocco and B. Saine; April 8: Lindborg and Fortson; April 15: Forslund and Taylor; April 22: Miller and C. Saine; April 29: Suter.
Ushers scheduled by Russ Buysse, counters by finance committee; Altar Guild by Patty Carr, Sunday School teachers by Worship & Music; all others by Jack Seifer (mlkusa@sbcglobal.net)

‘Care Kits’ assembly April 29; all hands welcome

The collecting of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits is continuing to April 29..

Please check the list of wanted items by the big blue box in the Gathering Area or in the Communication Center mailboxes. Items include pens, pencils,

notebooks, rulers, scissors and even backpacks.. Double check to be sure donations meet LWR specifications for shipping.

During the Sunday School hour on April 29, everyone is invited to help the youngster assemble the items in “Kits

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Please notify the church office if a special occasion is missed

Those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in April include...

April Birthdays

Melinda Foley	April 1	Marcus Foley	April 12
Elizabeth Bradley	April 1	John Brummitt	April 13
Carol Larson	April 4	Harvey Holmes	April 13
Mary Lou Elder	April 6	Nancy Lindell Johnson	April 24

April Anniversaries

Linda and Len Jepson	April 8
Karen and Joe Menyhart	April 16