

# *St. Thomas Lutheran Church News*

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## *God Sticks With Us*

In his book “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction,” Eugene Peterson comments on Psalm 129 in a chapter on Perseverance. He paraphrases the first part of the psalm in this way:

*“They’ve kicked me around ever since I was young”  
—this is how Israel tells it—  
“They’ve kicked me around ever since I was young,  
but they never could keep me down.  
Their plowmen plowed long furrows  
up and down my back;  
But GOD wouldn’t put up with it,  
GOD sticks with us...”*

Our readings for Lent don’t include Psalm 129, but they might. Interestingly, it doesn’t come up during Easter either. And that one line (but they never could keep me down) sounds a lot to me like the common wisdom expressed in the phrase, “You can’t keep a good man down.” It’s surely an apt Easter sentiment.

It makes me wonder whether that saying has its roots in ancient psalmody. Although I doubt it; the more common translation reads: “they have not prevailed against me.” That just doesn’t have the same ring to it.

And yet the affirmation is perfect for this late Lent time that anticipates the Good News of Easter. They never could keep Jesus down. They attacked him in Nazareth and tried to throw him from the brow of the hill; and he walked through them unscathed. They attacked him in public for his troublesome teachings, and he was able to turn their words back upon them. They misunderstood him. They argued with him. They considered him dangerous. And in the end, they organized against him, saw to his betrayal and beating and humiliation. And finally—they thought—they eliminated him, torturing him to death on a cross.

Unless, of course, you take those words of the hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus” to heart:

*“I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.”*

We all had a hand in trying to keep this ultimately good man down.

And still, God wouldn't put up with it. And still, God sticks with us. Because the one we tried to keep down rose again. And the God who made that new life possible makes new life available also to us.

At Easter, we remember this incredibly excellent news. The resurrection is God's resounding word with which all the heavens resound. God wouldn't put up with trying to keep Jesus or us down. Our God is the one who sticks with us, no matter what.

Easter blessings, grace, and peace,

Pastor Lyle



## *Lean On Me*

During my college years, I went on several Habitat for Humanity break trips. I worked on houses in Virginia, South Carolina and Texas. After spending this spring break with LCM students, I can add Florida to the list! We took a van of nine students, including St. Thomas' Andrew Eichmiller, all the way to Orlando, Florida.

We spent three days working on a house for a young couple and their two children. Seeing the students take ownership of the work, conquering their fears of heights and power tools, and coming together as a group was amazing. This was a truly amazing group of young adults who served and loved out of their hearts.

Each evening we spent in the Habitat dormitory, we had a time of singing, reflection, and devotion. I would like to share some of Wednesday's evening with you.

From Exodus 17:8-13

While the people of Israel were still at Rephidim, the warriors of Amalek attacked them. Moses commanded Joshua, "Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us. Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did what Moses had commanded and fought the army of Amalek. Meanwhile, Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of a nearby hill. As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage. Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset. As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.

After reading the Scripture together, we had a great discussion about how we saw ourselves in this story. From task to task and moment to moment, we were able to see ourselves in all of these roles. One minute, I would be encouraging a student to try to get a pesky screw in one more time. The next, I needed help to stabilize a piece of siding. Then together with a student, we would cheer on the roof team! One student even said she felt like Joshua, out working on the front lines, follow God's orders to serve!

I ask you the same question. Are you Moses in need of support from families and loved ones? Or are you Aaron, giving support? Or maybe you are connecting in a caregiving team like Aaron and Hur together? Most importantly, remember that no matter where you see yourself in this story, God is present with you, sustaining you in daily life. We all need help from God and from one another in order to make it through. We all need somebody to lean on.

Peace,  
Colleen



Andrew Eichmiller being a great Aaron and holding up part of the porch!



The whole group doing our victory pose at the end of the week!

Photo Credit: Jeff Schacht



## *Save the Date:*

### Blessing of the Bicycles

Saturday, April 13, 3pm Location to be determined

Believers and Bikes of all shapes and sizes welcome!

A collaborative effort of Fringe Christianity

More information to come.

Questions? Contact Colleen Montgomery

### Stories and Steins

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Indiana University

Invites you to an evening of food, drink, and storytelling

July 12, 2014, 4:30pm

Upland Brewery

350 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Bloomington, Indiana 47404

\$35 donation per seat

To request an invitation or for more information: [colleen.r.montgomery@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.r.montgomery@gmail.com) or 812-333-2472



# *Youth Ministry News*

Greetings,

As you are all well aware, we're in the middle of Lent and coming up sooner than you might realize is the Youth Group sponsored EASTER BRUNCH! This is our biggest event each year. It requires many hours of preparation and the help of so many volunteers. So I wanted to take some time to inform you of what is going on with this year's Easter Brunch.

We have a lovely sign-up board for donations in the Narthex that the youth made at our kick-off to Lent, the Pancake Dinner. It is a big board with many donation spots open, so please take a look at it when you're at St. Thomas. We all have many gifts and ways we could help; there are spots to donate food, equipment, or your time. If you sign up to donate a quiche we do need that delivered fully cooked on Easter morning by 9am. All other food and equipment donations will need to be delivered to the kitchen at St. Thomas by Good Friday and labeled "Easter Brunch".

If you are an adult or youth helping with the brunch we will be setting up and doing some food preparation on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. On Easter Sunday we will start at 7:30am and continue serving food until about 10:45am, so those that wish to attend late worship may do so, clean-up will resume after worship has ended.

As always we will have t-shirts this year for our volunteers and extras will be available, with a donation, for anyone interested. I'll end by asking you take some time to pray and discern how you could become involved with the youth group and the amazing tradition of Easter Brunch!

So, you might be asking yourself where the free will offerings we collect at Easter Brunch go. Well this year's will be our starting funds to help us send a group to the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering. This event happens every three years and is an incredible experience for the youth, for some it is a once in a lifetime event. If you would like to know more about the effect of attending a National Youth Gathering simply ask one of our high school youth or college students who went back in 2012 to NOLA. This year's gathering is in a city much in need of the 20,000+ youth from across the nation who will attend. Detroit is our destination for the summer of 2015 gathering! Now, while it is an incredible experience it is also an expensive one and registration opens this fall, which is why we begin collecting donations now.

With Peace,  
Karl Teskey



## *St. Thomas Mutual Ministry Committee*

A purpose of the Mutual Ministry Committee is affirming the ministry of the St. Thomas staff. After several months on the job, we ask each new staff person a few questions and present their answers in a newsletter article.

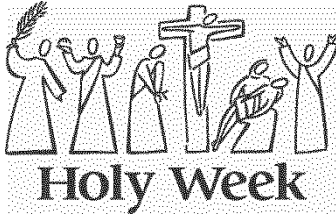
Juan Carlos Zamudio Rodriguez, Adult Choir Director

Juan Carlos hometown is Durango, Mexico. He is currently studying toward a Doctor of Music in Choral Conducting at IU and received his Masters Degree from IU in Choral Conducting and Baroque Violin. He attended the Tibor Varga Conservatory in Switzerland for Violin studies and received his BA from Universidad de las Americas Puebla in Mexico.

His musical background includes performing in instrumental and choral ensembles as well as conducting in Mexico, Europe and the US, with a special interest in the baroque repertoire.

His responsibilities as Adult Choir Director include rehearsing and conducting the choir, collaborating with St. Thomas organist Aaron Sunstein in worship music planning as well as the Worship and the Arts Series for St. Thomas.

The favorite parts of his job are when the choir meets their potential and the fellowship he enjoys with the St. Thomas community. His hobbies include calligraphy and making enchiladas. His significant other is girlfriend Evelyn Nelson who occasionally sings with the choir. His future plans are to graduate from IU and comments that he is grateful to be part of the St. Thomas community.



## Schedule

April 17 Maundy Thursday: Services at Noon & 7 PM  
April 18 Good Friday: Services at Noon & 7 PM  
April 19 The Great Vigil: Service at 10:00 PM

## Easter Sunday

April 20 Festival Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
Easter Breakfast Served in Community Hall beginning at 7:45 AM



## *April Adult Forum Schedule*

April 6: Culture of Conversation, Sanctuary: Join Pastor Lyle for an open conversation about the ministries and missions of St. Thomas. Feel free to bring questions and/or concerns.

April 13: Lutheran Campus Ministry, Conference Room: Come and see photos and hear reflections from LCM students on their Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Trip.

April 20: Easter Sunday

April 27: Spiritual Growth Group Meeting Time \*Please note the shift from the normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month meeting time\*



## *First Communion Classes*

“First Communion Classes” are for children who are aged 10 or younger and those who have not yet participated in one of our yearly sessions. The class either prepares children to receive Holy Communion or helps children already receiving the sacrament to gain a better understanding. Children should be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or baptismal sponsor. Those receiving communion for the first time are encouraged to do so on Maundy Thursday (Thursday, April 17, Noon or 7:00 p.m.).

Classes will be held on Sundays, April 6 and 13, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please bring along a light lunch.





## *Easter Flowers*

Please sign-up on the chart in the narthex. Donations of any amount are welcomed and will provide flowers for the sanctuary on Easter morning and for the church gardens. If you would like to purchase a lily and take it home after the 11 a.m. service, the cost is \$12.00. Please write "lily" on the envelope. All who would like to contribute may sign up **NO LATER THAN PALM SUNDAY, April 13th**, so that flowers can be purchased in adequate time. Envelopes are provided and may be placed in the offering plate.

## *A Recipe for Caring Fun*

Combine:

1 sunny room equipped for children ages 1-4

2 watchful, caring adults

3 or more puzzles

4 or more games and toys

Add lots of rambunctious, happy children and parents who feel good about going to worship because their children are safe and happy. Mix all the ingredients together and you have an hour of satisfied learners, youngsters AND grown-ups!

St. Thomas is fortunate to have a wonderful space for our youngest members and great care for them while they are there. We know that many parents want their children in worship with them and that is a good thing. But sometimes little bodies have a hard time with spending a "still hour", so the wonderful alternative is our nursery. Perhaps you only need it for part of the worship hour, or your child is better off being there for the whole time. Either way, the experience is planned to be a happy one! Volunteers engage with children and take opportunities for learning when it presents itself. We hope to have a paid, trained staff person to partner with our faithful core of volunteers at each service and each Sunday. If you have been wondering if the nursery is a place for your 1-4 year old please stop by and talk to the person who is volunteering. Ask questions, see for yourself and if you enjoy the availability of having the church nursery, consider volunteering on an intermittent or regular basis. **NOW THAT'S A REAL RECIPE FOR CARING FUN!**



## *Nursery Attendant Position Opening*

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is looking for a caring, enthusiastic person of faith to staff its Sunday morning nursery for pre-Kindergarten-aged children.

- Duties:
- staff the nursery Sunday mornings (8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
  - be available for seasonal special services
  - work with volunteer staff from the congregation
  - be guided by the Safe Sanctuary policies of the congregation
  - have reliable transportation

CPR and First Aid certification is required (provided by the congregation, if necessary). An Early Childhood or related degree is preferred, but not required. Preference will be given to a Bloomington resident. The hourly wage is \$10.

Send resume and references by April 7, 2014 to the Personnel Committee or electronically to [kayhill@stlconline](mailto:kayhill@stlconline).

## *New Member Classes*

Pastor McKee and our Pastoral Intern, Colleen Montgomery, will lead a class for people who are considering uniting with St. Thomas beginning on Sunday, May 4th following the 11:00 a.m. worship service (12:30 – 1:30 p.m.) in the Conference Room. The class will provide Lutheran perspectives on scripture, the sacraments, worship, and the Church, as well as offer information about opportunities to learn and serve at St. Thomas. New members will be received on a Sunday following the classes.

If you are already a member, you are also welcome to attend. It's a good refresher if you haven't attended a class in a while. Bring your questions!



## *Clean Out Your Linen Closet for Living Waters:*

Our mission partners at Living Waters in Cherokee, North Carolina, help many hundreds of families every month with clothing, food, and other needs. This spring, Pastor Jack and Lisa Russell are in particular need of household items for people in the community who are without these everyday necessities.

Liz Gaskins will be traveling to Living Waters on April 29. We would like to collect the following items to send with her to help the Russells' ministry to their community:

Bed sheets and pillowcases, towels, comforters, blankets, and small basic electrical kitchen appliances (such as electric skillets, George Foreman-style grills, toaster ovens, and toasters). In addition, the pantry can also use house cleaning and personal hygiene items including laundry detergent, all-purpose household cleaners, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, baby powder, etc.

Please make sure any used items are gently used and clean; small appliances need to be in safe, working order. We are not collecting clothing.

Please bag the items and leave them inside the Education Office (at the end of the nursery corridor, next to room 16) at the church.



## *St Thomas and Beth Shalom Women's Build Day for Habitat for Humanity*

St. Thomas women are to join with the women of Beth Shalom on Wednesday, May 14 to do a women's build day for Habitat for Humanity. Marie Fleming along with Debbie Allmeyer from Beth Shalom will be the team leaders.

Builders can begin registering online now. As soon as you register you will receive a confirmation email and Debbie and Marie will be notified of your registration. Please note that each registrant is asked to contribute \$250 toward the cost of the build.

There are several women who would like to participate but need help in raising the funds. We are trying to raise as much of the \$250 for each woman as possible. If you are unable to join the build but wish to support the team financially, there will be a table in the narthex through the month of April to accept your donations.

Please contact Kaye Hill in the office or Marie Fleming (812 360-8689) with your interest or questions in joining the build. Please note the deadline is April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Please let Marie know if you will NOT be joining the build.

For those women who can't do May 14<sup>th</sup> date but still want to build can go to the registration site and choose from the many days whose teams have room for more, including May 17.

## *ECHO News*

Spring is here and it is time to plan your gardens and get your plants. To assist you, we are planning to have a plant sale on Sunday, May 4 and May 11, in the Narthex at St. Thomas to benefit ECHO. What is ECHO? ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization), is a global, non-denominational Christian organization headquartered on a demonstration farm in North Fort Myers, FL. It is committed to reducing hunger and poverty in developing countries, and is dedicated to honoring God through providing sustainable hunger solutions to community leaders, development workers and missionaries. It provides seeds, plants, information, training and networking for agricultural workers in over 180 countries around the world. The workers use the resources provided by ECHO to help subsistence farmers diversify their crops and increase their yields, lifting them out of the poverty cycle. You can help! Come support this special hunger-fighting organization with a purchase or cash gift. All proceeds go directly to ECHO. If anyone has plants they would like to donate to the sale, please contact Jan Ellis (339-0403 or [ellis141@comcast.net](mailto:ellis141@comcast.net)). In addition, we will need some volunteers to help during the actual sale. Thank you.



## *Feasibility Study Report Available*

Jeff Knauer of Kirby-Smith Associates has submitted his feasibility study report regarding our proposed capital campaign for Phase II construction and renovations. A copy of the complete nineteen-page report is available in the narthex on the entry table. Individual copies of the two-page report summary are also available. If you'd like a copy of the full report emailed to you, please contact Dawn Bakken at [debakken@msn.com](mailto:debakken@msn.com). Thank you to everyone who participated in the questionnaire and the personal interviews.



## *Special Meeting of the Congregation*

For the second year in a row our congregation was presented with the very unusual problem of additional income. On Sunday, March 9 that was the issue at hand for St. Thomas congregation. Due to additional income and being frugal with our budget, the church ended 2013 with a \$18,683. surplus. With thanksgiving to God, all of the money was divided. The final approved allocation of the 2013 Budget Surplus is:

\$2000 out to MCUM

\$2000 out to St. Vincent dePaul

\$2000 out to the Interfaith Winter Shelter

\$2000 out to the IK Synod as benevolence

And the rest is internal:

\$2000 into pastor's discretionary fund

\$3000 into the capital repair fund

\$2200 for nursery staffing and

\$3483 to pay down our letter of credit





## *Renewable Energy Credits*

We have received our first SREC check. This is the amount we made by selling our Renewable Energy Credits through Sol Systems of Ohio. The check reflects the sale of our solar power generated last year. It's \$946.25 and a larger amount than was expected.

This check and all SREC funds will be placed into a restricted fund account, so that we can track this income. The intention is to periodically write a check from this restricted account to help pay off the loan related to the costs of the solar array installation. Once the loan is paid off we will decide how to designate future SREC funds.



## *Save the date-- and clear out your clutter!!*

On Saturday, June 14, the Lutheran Campus Ministry at IU board of directors will host its third "yard sale" at St. Thomas to help raise program funds for the ministry. While doing your spring cleaning, don't forget to set aside those items you are no longer using for the sale. We are especially interested in children's and baby items, furniture and household goods, sporting goods, electronics (but no tube tv's please), and antiques. We will not be accepting any adult clothing (we encourage you to pass that along to another charity). In terms of books, we are only taking children's books and relatively recent publications. We will be looking for people to volunteer to assist with set-up the week before the sale and on sale day. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex in early May. If you have any questions or are interested in helping out, please contact Kelli Skram at [kskram@indiana.edu](mailto:kskram@indiana.edu) or (812)333-2474.



## *Kent Unger to be Commissioned as a Lay Care Visitor*

Kent has been a member of St. Thomas for over ten years now. He grew up in New Castle Indiana and graduated from Indiana University. He received his B.S. and M.S. in 1970 and 1973 in Education. He taught school for 34 years in the Indiana public school system. After retiring from public school teaching in 2004 he went on to teach for 2 years at Ivy Tech State College.

As a boy he was involved in sports and Boy Scouts. He went on to coach basketball, football and track at the elementary level. He also became a scout leader and coach when his two boys Ryan and Aaron were in school. He is very proud that both boys graduated with B.S and M.S. /MBA degrees from Indiana University and St. John's University.

Scouts, coaching and teaching have taught Kent many aspects about human behavior, and conditions of life. He has handled every condition you can imagine as a public school teacher and coach. He has also been blessed and fortunate to travel all over Europe many times while visiting his son Aaron who lives in Stuttgart, Germany. This, Kent believes, has helped him understand the aspects of lives of other people in the world.

Kent has been actively involved at St. Thomas. He presently serves on the Outreach committee. He also helps to serve communion and volunteers as crucifer. Being a Lutheran Care Visitor is another way Kent hopes he can serve his Lord and his fellow man.

Kent has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 47 years this August. By the way, she also has her B.S. and M.S. from Indiana University and is a retired teacher. "The Lord has blessed my life and family. It is important that I continue to pass those blessing around to those in need."

## *LOMIK News*

The Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Indiana-Kentucky camps have begun preparations for the upcoming summer schedule and have a few events that are worth noting for those who would like to be involved. On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Lutheran Hills there will be a Kickoff Breakfast starting at 9am. This is a FREE event, but you will need to RSVP by phone (260) 667-7750 or email Mark Radloff at [mark@lomik.org](mailto:mark@lomik.org) to ensure there is a place for you. This event will give you the chance to meet the LOMIK board of directors, enjoy a breakfast, receive a t-shirt, and learn about what has been and is going on with the camps. If you have previously been involved, but not recently, this is an excellent opportunity to rejuvenate your participation.

The second event is the Children's Day on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. This is an open house for the entire family that gives a chance for children nervous about camp or who have never been to meet the staff and explore the facilities. Unlike the Kickoff Breakfast, there is no need to register for this event, simply show up that day and enjoy! The program runs from 10am-2pm and includes lunch provided by the kitchen staff.

On another note, LOMIK has been gracious enough to send us three scholarships for this summer season. There are some criteria to qualify for one of the scholarships, so if you are interested in learning more contact Karl Teskey either at church or by email [kteskey@stlconline.org](mailto:kteskey@stlconline.org). Here is the camp schedule:

- Trailblazers, entering grades 7-9:  
June 22-27, July 13-18, or July 20-25
- Pioneers, entering grades 4-6:  
June 15-20, July 6-11, or August 3-8
- Pilgrims, entering grades 1-3:  
June 15-18, June 29-July 2, or August 3-6

We also will be hosting our Confirmation class summer camp week at Lutheran Hills July 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you all to take some time to enjoy the majestic of nature we have available to us through our wonderful Lutheran camps.



### *Thank you for your kindness*

Dear St. Thomas women,  
Thank you so much for the wonderful dinner you prepared for our family following Matt's funeral. We know it was a lot of hard work and we thank each of you! It was very special having the funeral and dinner at our church. It meant so much to Jim and I and Matt. We appreciate all the effort. God bless all of you and your families.

Marti & Jim Doering  
Mychal & Sarah Doering  
Mark & Michele Patton  
Alex Drake-Patton  
Noah Drake-Patton  
The Mike Patton Family

### *Many Thanks*

Dear St. Thomas Family,

Thank you for the use of your facility this past weekend (March 22) for my parent's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration. It was awesome! I was pleased to meet and share the occasion with so many of you.

Sincerely,  
Christina Bush

**Lively Older Lutherans (LOL)** will meet in Community hall for lunch following noon Lenten Services on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let me know that you will be attending and what food item you will be bringing. If you have any questions please contact Jane Warner at 988- 8160 or [janewarner@comcast.net](mailto:janewarner@comcast.net) . Friends and members of St. Thomas please join the LOL group for lunch ad conversation.

## *Barn Dance*

The Local Growers Guild is sponsoring a barn dance on April 12th from 6-9 pm at the clubhouse/barn in the Fields just off Moores Pike. It is a family event and all are welcome! Check out the Local Growers Guild website or facebook page for more details. Tickets go on sale March 3rd and are available in the church office or by contacting Shari Rogge Fidler. Tickets for adults will be \$15 and there is a discount price for children.

## *Native Plant Lovers*

Check it out:

INPAWS (Indiana Native Plant and Wildlife Society) is having a sale, on Saturday, May 10, up in Indianapolis. The group's web site is

<http://www.inpaws.org/gatherings/native-plant-sale-auction/>.

Bloomington Restorations has a plant sale with lots of natives (usually the last weekend in April).

## *Save the Date*

### **Vacation Bible School "HAYDAY" 2014**

Sunday, June 22 - Tuesday, June 25

5:00-8:00 p.m.

pre-school through elementary grades

**\*\*please note the update in dates/times\*\***

Information on registration and signups for HAYDAY volunteers will be available in the narthex in early May.

## *April Birthdays*

- 4/3 Marti Doering, Jake Owens
- 4/4 Irene Fogleman
- 4/5 Lynn Brown, Carole Kirsch, Koral Dimick
- 4/7 Nancy Mathews
- 4/10 Craig McDonald
- 4/11 Lyra Dimick
- 4/12 Sam Eichmiller
- 4/13 Tim Moore
- 4/14 Susan Goldsworthy
- 4/15 William Foley
- 4/16 Suzanne Halvorson, Zach May, Mary Peters
- 4/17 Lillian Rademacher
- 4/18 Judy Bush
- 4/20 Kelli Skram
- 4/22 Sophia Lipe
- 4/25 Sonja Dorr Binder
- 4/26 Truman Daleke, Martijn Hajos, Edith Unger
- 4/30 Missy Eichmiller

## *April Anniversaries*

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| Ron & Cindy Ohslund | 4/3  | 24 years |
| Yvonne & Paul Leber | 4/19 | 16 years |
| Deborah & Don Owens | 4/28 | 37 years |

## *News From Chichipate*

A photo recently received from Pedro. The photo was taken after the strong wind that recently effected Chichipate and its crops. As you will see in the photo there are now no crops to harvest. Please keep this Community in your prayers at this difficult time.



## *MCUM Events in April*

### MCUM 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring into Action! Luncheon and Auction

Sunday, April 6, 2014 11:30 a.m.

Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

Tickets available from Judy Bush

Between March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30, all your food and financial gifts to MCUM qualify for the Feinstein Challenge. This challenge will divide \$1 million proportionately among participating agencies nationwide based on the amount of donations collected. HELP US FILL our baskets for the MCUM pantry to help them in this challenge. Of course, other gift donations also help! Our food donations have been a bit down recently, so let's turn that around and fill all the baskets! As always, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP AND GENEROSITY.

#### **MCUM Food Pantry Needs for April:**

Mixed canned fruit, assorted canned fruit (no pineapple please)

Dry beans

Closet needs: window, bathroom, and floor cleaners

men's & women's deodorant

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# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL INCLUDING HOLY WEEK & EASTER

	APRIL 6 8:30 AM	APRIL 13 Palm Sunday/8:30	APRIL 17 Maundy Thurs/noon	APRIL 18 Good Fri/noon	APRIL 19 Vigil - 10 pm	APRIL 20 Easter/8:30 am	APRIL 27 8:30 AM
DEACON	Gail Seegert	Kathleen Boggess	C Montgomery	Betty Smith	David Rohlfing	Naomi Sveholm	Kris Stewart
LECTOR	Dana Barron	David Ellies	Jane Warner	M O'Connor	Lyman Hitchcock	Lynn Coyne	Kent Unger
ACOLYTE	Madelyn Shupe	A Goldsworthy				Nick May	Gretchen Wheeler
SERVER	Kay Isaacson	Gail Seegert				David Ellies	Judy Bush
USHERS	G/G Laughman	F/ML Nierzwicki			Seaman/Hill	D/D Nixon	L/U Coyne
GREETERS	David Ellies	K/B Unger				J/J Bush	Carl Ziegler
NURSERY	Tiffany Shupe	Misty White					Pauline Caldwell
CRUCIFER		David Ellies			Charles Sweet	Kent Unger	
FLOWERS						B/C Gallien	Biehn/Daleke
BREAD/WINE	F/ML Nierzwicki	Robin Hershberger	Katie Anderson		Carol Seaman	Chris Ogan	Kim Filiatrault
COUNCIL CO	John Bush	Liz Gaskins				Dawn Bakken	
	Charles Sweet	Maren Foley	Tim Climis		Dawn Bakken	Charles Sweet	Maren Foley
ALTAR GUILD	Cindy Gallien	Gail Seegert				Jean Brown	Barb Unger
	Betty Smith	Pauline Caldwell	Betty Smith			Mary Sasse	Charlene Braun
	APRIL 6 11:00 AM	APRIL 13 Palm Sunday/11:00	APRIL 17 Maundy Thurs/7pm	APRIL 18 Good Fri/7 pm	APRIL 19 Vigil - 10 pm	APRIL 20 Easter/ 11:00 am	APRIL 27 11:00 AM
DEACON	Lyman Hitchcock	Lyman Hitchcock	C Montgomery	Gary Ingersoll		Robin Hershberger	Julia Bourkland
LECTOR	D Soudakoff	Chris Ogan	Gail Seegert	Barb Unger	SEE	Stephanie Biehn	Kathy McDonald
ACOLYTE	Lilly Rademacher	Natalie Schacht	M Bourkland		VOLUNTEER	Nina Daleke	R Bourkland
SERVER	Stephanie Biehn	Sandy Arnold	Mary Sasse		LIST	Katie Anderson	Deb Moore
USHERS	Baurle/Filiatrault	Owens/Hill	McDonald/Ohslund	J/M Doering	ABOVE	D/S Arnold	P/L May
GREETER	T/J Garl	Marie Bridell				C/M Foley	Karen Blaisdell
NURSERY	Cindy Ohslund	Kim Filiatrault					Lauren Wright
CRUCIFER		Dean Arnold				Tim Climis	



## MONTH of APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Worship Co 6:30 Mission Co 6:45	2 Lenten Worship noon & 7 pm Lunch	3 Youth Musicians 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	4	5 Property Co 10:00
6 Worship @ 8:30 & 11 Edu Hour @ 9:45 First Communion Class 12:30	7 Community Band 7:00 Jesus Feminist 7:00 pm	8 U Club Yoga 10:00	9 Lenten Worship noon & 7 pm Lunch LGG 7pm	10 Youth Musicians 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	11	12 Choir Rehearses 10:00
13 Palm Sunday Worship @ 8:30 & 11 Edu Hour @ 9:45 First Communion Class 12:30 Congregation Council	14 Community Band 7:00	15 U Club Yoga 10:00	16	17 Maundy Thurs Noon & 7:00 pm	18 Good Friday Noon & & 7pm	19
20 Easter Sunday Worship @ 8:30 & 11 Easter Breakfast beginning at 9:00 am	21 Community Band 7:00 Spinners/ Weavers 7	22 U Club Yoga 10:00	23	24	25	26 Bach Rehearsal 1pm
27 Worship @ 8:30 & 11 Edu Hour @ 9:45 Bach Cantata 2:30 pm	28 Community Band 7:00	29 U Club Yoga 10:00	30 Friday Musical Board 9:30 am			