

St. David's Episcopal Church

Lent 2007

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. (Luke 4:1-13)

Sounding in our ears on the first bleak Sunday of Lent, the Gospel bears witness that this new season is not for the faint of heart, not for dabblers. Lent is for keeps.

Some recall childhood rituals of renunciation, shamed or cajoled to “give up” some small thing for the duration. We went without sweets or television or whatever we could feel we could spare. Something manageable, not too taxing, a pale shadow of the heroic deprivations of the saints, their fasts so far removed from our little legalisms. And always, we counted the days until Easter came in a glut of chocolate rabbits and jelly beans, and all went back to normal as if nothing whatsoever had happened.

Earnest adults put aside such empty gestures and split the hairs of our Lenten discipline; Does fasting count if there is fruit juice? Must we suffer through the night or break our fast at sundown? These days, subtraction gives way to addition - instead of giving old things up, we take new things on, pack mules piled high with fresh obligations. Give them up or take them on, always there remains the bedevilment of spiritual pride.

Preoccupied with the letter of the Lenten law, do we miss the spirit? Indulgence forgone is empty unless consecrated, an outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace of willing abandonment to some greater Holiness beyond our own.

And that brings us back to the wilderness of Jesus. His sojourn there, directed by the Spirit, was a preview of things to come. Forty days of an empty belly, a down payment on three years of self-emptying service to friend and foe alike, ending on the cross.

In this season of corporate discernment, seeking God's sacrificial plan for our faith community, let us not neglect our own personal charge. In this time of war and rumors of war, of growing inequity, of climate change and its furious storms, fractured communities and nations, the world has no need of spiritual dabblers. God has trained and prepared us for a baptism of fire. As the Spirit leads the way into our own personal wilderness to confront our own devils of trouble, pain, anxiety and grief, what self-emptying awaits us? Will we embrace it faithfully, trusting in God's transforming purpose?

In the language of Ash Wednesday, “I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.” Lent is not for the faint of heart, but be assured - that same Spirit that leads us to the wilderness will abide with us there, fortifying our hearts with love and hope.

With prayers for every blessing of the season,

Jonathan +

St. David's Episcopal Church

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Senior Warden: *(to be determined)*

Outreach Commission - *"Promotes ministries of charities...local and general"* - Judy Laffin

Pastoral Care Commission - *"Promote Ministries of spiritual growth"* - Phyllis Sindlinger

Communications Commission - *"Promotes an informed and involved membership"* - Ralph Linscott

Education Commission - *"Promotes transmission of the faith"* - Laura Martin

Property Commission - *"Promotes necessary improvements and repairs"* - Ray Laffin, Junior Warden

Stewardship Commission - *"Promotes personal and corporate stewardship"* - Jim Huber

Bishop's Committee Treasurer - Sandy Ridenour

Evangelism Commission - *"Promotes the spread of the gospel"* - Gene Niednagel

Worship & Music Commission - *"Promotes an empowered community of faith"* - Pamela Smith

Congregational Life - *"Promotes building of church community"* - Carol Ruffin

In order to protect the privacy of our church members, their phone numbers, email addresses, and home addresses are not published online. For this information, please consult your print copy of the church newsletter or the church directory.

Some Useful Information About the Lenten Season

Lent: The season of the church year that runs for forty weekdays and six Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It's tone is penitential and the liturgical colors are purple or natural unbleached linen. Many Christians observe Lent by undertaking special programs of study and by practicing self-denial as a way of concentrating on fundamental values and priorities in preparation for Easter. Traditionally, Ash Wednesday and other days during Lent an appropriate time for the spiritual discipline of *fasting*. Those whose health permits it are encouraged to abstain from food for one or more meals during the day. Some may wish to engage in a modified fast, in which fruit or fruit juices are consumed. Fasting shifts our awareness from the needs of the body to the promptings of the Spirit. As an additional discipline, some choose to contribute the money which would normally go for food to a charity which serves the needs of the world's hungry. For information about such charities, contact the pastors.

Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday") Traditionally, this is the last day for Christians to indulge themselves before the more sober weeks of fasting which begin with Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras has long been a time of extravagant fun for European Christians.

Ash Wednesday: The beginning of Lent. The observances of this day set the seasonal tone of penitence and preparation through appropriate prayers and the imposition of ashes (made from the palms of the previous Palm Sunday) in the sign of the cross on worshipper's foreheads. It is especially appropriate to fast on this day.

Palm (or Passion) Sunday: The beginning of Holy Week, this service commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as well as foreshadowing his death on the cross through the reading of the Gospel narrative of his crucifixion.

Holy Week: The last week of Lent and the week before Easter in which the events in the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry are remembered. It begins with Palm (or Passion) Sunday, includes the services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and culminates with the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services.

Maundy Thursday: This Holy Week service commemorates Christ's institution of the Holy Eucharist. It takes its name from the Latin *mandatum novum*, or "new commandment", referring to the new commandment given by Jesus at the Last Supper, that his disciples should love one another as he loved them. The service includes the ceremony of footwashing, patterned after Jesus' own action, and concludes with the stripping of the altar and shrouding of the cross in preparation for Good Friday.

Prayer Vigil: An opportunity for personal and private devotion between the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. The church remains open during this time and devotional materials are provided for those who wish to "watch with Christ" in the garden of Gethsemane during the night before his crucifixion.

Good Friday: The day on which the crucifixion of Christ is remembered. The Good Friday service includes the reading of the passion narrative from John's Gospel, intercessory prayer, and a time of special devotion before the cross. Again, it is especially appropriate to fast on this day.

The Easter Vigil: The earliest and most important worship service of the early Church, the Vigil has been rediscovered in our time. The service is rich in symbolism. Taking place at any time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, it begins in darkness with the lighting of the new fire from which the Pascal candle is lighted. This is followed by the chanting of the Exsultet, an ancient hymn of praise and thanksgiving for the central acts of God in the history of God's people. These saving acts are then outlined in a series of readings from the Old Testament. Baptism, or the renewal of baptismal vows, then follows, culminating in a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Christ in the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter: The oldest and greatest feast of the church year, celebrating the resurrection of Christ from the dead. The liturgical color is white. It is the culmination of Holy Week and its observances begin with the Great Vigil and continue with the Eucharist on Easter Day. The Easter Season runs for fifty days until the Feast of Pentecost.

For more definitions click on: <http://www.holycross.net/anonline.htm>

And Jesus said, “Let anyone with ears to hear, listen!” (Mark 4:9)

Because the appointed scripture passages are printed each Sunday in our service booklet inserts, we are able to follow along during the readings, consult the lessons when the preacher refers to a particular quote, and take the readings home with us for further study. But, these scriptures we are so accustomed to reading were originally intended to be heard. Until the invention of the printing press in the fifteenth century C.E., most people could access the Bible only by listening to passages being read aloud during gatherings for worship and study.

Our lectionary recently presented an illustration of this way of experiencing scripture in Luke’s telling of Jesus’ visit to the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth: “He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:16-21) It seems to me that the impact of Jesus’ proclamation would have been considerably less if the “eyes of all in the synagogue” had been fixed on their worship booklet inserts!

For those of us who usually read along during the Ministry of the Word, here’s a suggestion for approaching scripture in a new way during Lent. Try setting the printed materials aside and focus instead on listening. Experiment with different ways of hearing the word – watch the reader as he or she proclaims the Word -- listen with eyes closed -- imagine you are a member of an ancient synagogue or an early Christian community. Pay attention to how changing your usual way of being present to the readings affects the way you experience the scriptures. And remember, “...the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.” (Deut. 30:14)

Deborah Hutchison ~ Pastoral Associate

The work of Jesus was not a new set of ideals or principles for reforming or even revolutionizing society, but the establishment of a new community, a people that embodied forgiveness, sharing and self-sacrificing love in its rituals and disciplines. In that sense, the visible church is not to be the bearer of Christ's message, but to be the message. ~ **Stanley Hauerwas**

Interim Report of The St David's Long Range Planning Committee and Plans for Related Congregational Activities During Lent

When the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was authorized by the congregation of St. David's last fall, we promised not only to report regularly on our ongoing work, but also to involve as many of our members as possible in the process of discerning God's will for our church. Only as a "consensus of the faithful" emerges can we reasonably claim to understand what God would have us do in this place. And only as we identify God's purpose for us can we realistically envision the potential impact of that mission on our organizational and physical structures.

Reporting of Activities

Following an initial organizational meeting, the members of the LRPC engaged in individual study of *Listening Hearts: Discerning God's Call in Community*, a guide to understanding spiritual discernment, mindful of two questions: "Why does St. David's exist?" and "Who do we serve?" The committee reconvened in late January for a daylong retreat during which these questions were discussed. A more detailed reporting of that discussion will be made available soon.

The remainder of the retreat involved planning next steps, including the incorporation of the congregation as a whole in the discernment process. It was decided to solicit your ideas by means of a written survey and a series of three open conversations. The survey is still being formulated. The schedule of the conversations is outlined below.

But First, Learning to Listen for God's Voice

On Sunday, February 25th, you are invited to an after-church forum on the spiritual practice of discernment, led by Pastoral Associate and LRPC member Deborah Hutchison. Come learn to use the same discernment techniques employed by the LRPC in seeking God's plan for our congregation. The congregation as a whole can play a part by learning how to identify God's voice among the many that vie for our attention. By the way, these techniques are invaluable for discerning about personal issues as well.

Copies of *Listening Hearts: Discerning God's Call in Community* will be available for members of our community to take home and read, prior to the forum gathering. It's a quick and easy read and well worth the effort.

Learning to Share What God is Saying

Conversations about the future of St. David's will be held in the Parish Hall. The first two will take place over "brunch", following Sunday worship on March 11th and 18th. On Sunday evening March 25th, a third conversation will feature a soup supper. The LRPC will provide the food for these meetings. We hope that every member will plan to attend at least one of these events. You can help us determine how much food to prepare by signing one of the sheets that will be available in the entryway in the next few weeks.

Worship & Music Notes

What did you think of the Lord's Prayer in contemporary language?

During the four Sundays of Advent, we used the Lord's Prayer in the contemporary-language version from the Book of Common Prayer. What did you think? Did it feel different? AND –

What do you think about having our preachers preach down at floor level?

During Epiphany, our preachers have been preaching from the lectern outside the altar rail, instead of from the pulpit. How is that sitting with you? Do you notice the difference? Take a few minutes and share your opinions with Pamela Smith (323-1817, narthex@baba-yaga.org) or Jonathan or Deborah Hutchison (988-7672, chesed2@msn.com).

Choir program on Sunday, April 15, probably at 7 PM

The choir loved its mystical, wondering 2006 Easter Lessons and Carols service *New Life in Story and Song*, and the handful of people who came seemed to like it, too. We've decided to offer it again this year and hope to get a few more people excited about Easter carols. Please pencil it in for the Sunday after Easter and think about bringing a friend!

Any dancers out there?

For the New Life in Story and Song program, we have a vision of adding some liturgical dance. Has our generous Creator given St. David's any dancers? Please make yourself known.

A suggestion for Lent...

When certain geezers and geezerettes among us were children, we were instructed to give something up for Lent. This geezerette has a suggestion: how about giving up reading along in your service booklet as the readers read the Bible readings every Sunday? It's so different to put down the booklet and look at the reader, so curiously peaceful and free. Try it! You'll like it! Probably.

Holy Week

Musicians, altar servers, preachers, liturgists, altar guild folk, all will be knocking themselves out for the Holy Week weekday services. And why, you may ask? Because these liturgies are so lovely, so profound, so close to the heart of God. I encourage you to suit up and show up.

Pamela Smith, 323 1817

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." (BCP, p. 265). This is fairly sobering language. For those who have been baptized, there is some comfort in knowing that the ash cross goes on top of an earlier cross made from water. The promise of new life underlies the reminder of death." ~ Barbara Brown Taylor, *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation*

"Lent is not tidy. Days grow longer (the word "Lent" comes from "lengthen"), the ground thaws, and the next thing we know, everything is filthy. Our windows need washing, our temples need cleansing, the earth itself needs a good bath. The English names for these months come from ancient words that reflect the need to roll up our sleeves this season: February ("purification") and March ("the spirit of war"). Winter doesn't leave without blustery battles that push things over and mess things up and even break things. Lent, if we honestly face its fury, will leave the landscape littered with bits and pieces of ourselves... Ash Wednesday is a kind of baptismal branding. We are marked on our foreheads with the cross of Christ, which is a tree of life to beckon us back to the garden, a ship's sextant to guide us to harbor, a bronze serpent to save us from dying in the desert." ~ Peter Mazur, *A Lent Sourcebook*, Vol. 1

--from Laura Martin

Tri-Parish Coalition - St. Paul's, Columbus; St. David's, Bean Blossom; Trinity, Bloomington
Bringing Episcopal International Outreach Programs
to South Central Indiana

Thank you for your prayers, support and love. Children in this world all need a quality education. To relieve poverty, education is the key. If anyone has a suggestion for a project involving the Tri-Parish Coalition, please call Marylin Day. All are welcome to join the Tri-Parish Coalition - call Marylin for additional information (988-7130).

Several ideas are proposed, but need approval from Indianapolis Diocese. These include:

1) Sponsor a musical program highlighting the Dinka music of the refugee Sudanese men resettled in Louisville, KY. These men are more familiarly called "the lost boys of Sudan". This program may be offered at the annual Diocesan Convention to be held this fall in Columbus, Indiana. Diocesan approval needed.

Using their own hand-made instruments, this music will provide opportunities for younger Sudanese people to learn their traditional music and will sustain irreplaceable instrument-building techniques of the Dinka tribe. With an initial grant in January, 2006 from the Indiana Arts Commission, Michael Malik Pac, made his first rebaba - a stringed instrument with the appearance similar to both a banjo and a harp.

2) Host an informational program presented by two recent visitors to Sudan - Karen Porter (an anthropologist) and Drew Klatte. At this presentation host a free-will offering to support the educational programs slated for Bor, Sudan by the Episcopal Church.

3) Continuing our commitment to the Diocese of Brasilia, the Coalition confirmed their annual support of the educational programs ongoing in the Church of Reconciliation and the parish of Anapolis in Brazil. This program's success continues and, now, with assistance by the Brazilian government (they have recognized the success, as well), this program will hopefully expand to other areas in Brasilia.

4) The Tri-Parish Coalition is now gathering letters written by children from any of our three churches, for the children in Anapolis. The letters will be translated into Portuguese and hand-delivered by a Diocesan representative in May (Dan Hoffman). Dan also promises to take many photos of the Anapolis parish to show the children we are supporting through our donations! Please give your letters to Marylin Day to be delivered to the translator.

The Tri-Parish Coalition met on Monday, February 12 to begin discussions for projects in 2007. Judith Gillespie, St. Paul's, Marylin Day, St. David's, and Ruth Droppo, Ann Marie Thomson, and Cynthia Brabsom, Trinity discussed several possible projects for the upcoming year. Again, the focus of this group is the sister dioceses of Bor, Sudan and Brasilia, Brazil.

From the Junior Warden

Have you not noticed the beautiful icicles that in the past have adorned our church's eaves? And have you not noticed water trickling down the interior of our exterior walls that in the past accompanied that ice dam? Thanks to our St David's roofers and roofettes as well as to all stewards of St David's who have supported the project financially, the roof project conserves God's resources, frees our future stewardship resources, adds comfort, sheds the elements, and is aesthetically pleasing. *(continued on next page)*

To honor those who came together to make this happen, the Bishop Committee resolved to dedicate St. David's 2007 grant to Brown County Habitat to Vern, Dave, Joe, Steve, Caleb, Jonathan, Gene, Sandy, Karen, Judy, Jim, Dewayne, Phyllis, Mike.

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| The 2007 St. David's Roofing Project: | Insulation | 2000 |
| | Plywood/framing | 800 |
| | Trim/nails/misc. | 500 |
| | Electrical. | 500 |
| | Dumpster | 400 |
| | Shingles/roofing | 1200 |
| | Total | ~ \$5500 |

With Gratitude, past Jr. Warden - Doug

Lenten Forums

To provide more opportunities to form and inform our faith, we will have brief (45 mins.) discussion group following each of the 5 Sunday services of Lent:

| Date | Subject | Reference Materials |
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| February 25 | Spiritual discernment | <u>Listening Hearts: Discerning God's Call in Community</u> |
| March 4 | personal growth | <u>Groundworks III</u> |
| March 11* | discerning God's will for St. David's | |
| March 18* | discerning God's will for St. David's | |
| March 25 | personal growth | <u>Groundworks III</u> |
| March 25 (evening)* | discerning God's will for St. David's | |

*these discussions will be coordinated by St. David's Long Range Planning Committee, they will be providing food for these meetings, please sign up in the entryway for meetings you plan to attend to help plan these meals

For more information, you can reach Laura Martin at lsmartin@bloomington.in.us or call 988-7037.

Funny Pages

A special blessing

Some of you may have seen the comments of Bishop Rod Michel of Long Island as reported in The Living Church earlier this month. He was reminiscing about his early days of ordained ministry, and he said:

"I was asked by a funeral director to conduct a graveside service for a homeless man from the area. The burial was to be at a cemetery way back in the country, and the man would be the first to be laid to rest there. I was not familiar with the outback, and...I got lost, and being a typical man, I did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late, bedecked in full sartorial splendor, and saw the crew eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

"I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and stepped to the side of the open grave, where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them long, but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. Well, I poured out my heart and soul and closed the lengthy service with a blessing and walked to my car. I felt I had done my priestly duty for that poor soul, and that the crew would leave with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication, in spite of my tardiness. As I was opening the door and taking off my vestments and biretta, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, 'I have never seen anything like this before...and I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years.'"

--from Becky Morrison

Baptist Conversion

Each Friday night after work, Bubba would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak. But, all of Bubba's neighbors were Catholic....And since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday.

The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Bubba, and suggested that he become a Catholic. After several classes and much study, Bubba attended Mass, and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, "You were born a Baptist, and raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic."

Bubba's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood.

The Priest was called immediately by the neighbors, and, as he rushed into Bubba's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement.

There stood Bubba, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted:

You wuz born a deer,
you wuz raised a deer,
but now you a catfish.

--from Jennifer Rekers

Inspiration

Two Wolves

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather:
"Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

--from Marilyn Day

A good cup of Coffee

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups.

"Now consider this: Life is the coffee: the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us." God brews the coffee, not the cups..... Enjoy your coffee! "The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to GOD.

--from Jennifer Rekers

St. David's Famous Recipes

Steve Fitzgerald's favorite:

Apple Kuchen*

Serves 6-8 1 Hour & 30 Minutes total time

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, plus some for the pan

½ cup of sugar, plus 1 ½ tablespoons for the topping

1 large egg

1 cup all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon baking powder

8-10 McIntosh apples—peeled, cored, and cuts into eighths

1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon

¼ cup apricot jam

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 10 inch tart pan and set aside. In a large bowl using an electric mixer cream the butter and sugar at high speed. Lower to medium speed and add the egg. Combine the flour and the baking powder, then gradually add to the butter mix mixture.

Mix fully until incorporated. The dough will be very soft. With floured fingers, push the dough into the tart pan to form an even crust. (Do the sides of pan also.) Arrange the apples in concentric circles, and then sprinkle with the cinnamon and the remaining (1 ½ tablespoons) of sugar. Bake for 50 minutes or until the crust is browned. Let cool. Meanwhile in a small saucepan on medium heat, combine the apricot jam and the lemon juice, mixing them into a thin liquid. Remove from the heat and brush gently over the entire kuchen.

Serve plain or with vanilla ice cream.

from Real Simple Magazine June 2006

* Pronounced "Cookin."

From Sandy Ridenour:

Chocolate Zucchini Cake

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| 1/2 c. margarine | 1 t. soda, 1 t. salt |
| 1/2 c. oil | 1/2 t. baking powder |
| 1 3/4 c. sugar | 1/4 c. cocoa |
| 2 eggs, slightly beaten | 2 c. diced or grated zucchini |
| 1/2 c. buttermilk | 1 c. mini chocolate chips |
| 2 1/2 c. flour | 1 c. chopped pecans |

Cream the margarine, oil and sugar; add the eggs and buttermilk. Combine the dry ingredients and add, then the zucchini. Sprinkle the chocolate chips and chopped pecans on top. Bake in a 9x13 cake pan at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Especially good served warm!

2 from Phyllis Sindlinger:

Linguine Salad

Ingredients: 1 lb. box Linguine –cooked & drained (package directions)
2-3 chopped tomatoes (peeled & seeded)
2 cucumbers – peeled, seeded & chopped
1-2 onions –chopped
2 stalks celery, sliced thinly
1 small bottle Wishbone Italian Dressing
½ Bottle Salad Supreme
1 Tablespoon parmesan cheese (or more to your liking)
Garlic Powder

Mix all together and marinate overnight. Serves at least 8 as a side dish

Drop Sugar Cookies

Makes 4 dozen Preheat oven 350 degrees

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| Ingredients: 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour | ½ teaspoon soda |
| ¾ teaspoon salt | ½ cup butter |
| ½ cup shortening (Crisco) | 1 cup sugar |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | 1 egg |
| 2 Tablespoons milk | |

Method: Sift flour, soda & salt.

Cream together the butter, shortening, sugar, vanilla and egg which has been slightly beaten. Stir in the dry ingredients; blend in 2 tablespoons milk

Drop by spoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with bottom of a small glass which has been dipped in sugar. (You may have to slightly wet the bottom of the glass the first time.)

Bake 350 degrees – 10-12 minutes.

Parish Updates and Corrections

See enclosed update for the parish directory from Ed and Cheryl Fleming. This is page of their own design - very nice!

Sean Cole's birthday listing is incorrect in the parish directory, Sean's birthday is **April 6**.

New e-mails:

Tim Neidnagel: niednagel@sbcglobal.net

(Katherine) Jane and David Savage: d5j8z2@indy.rr.com.

Steve and Dot King: dotandsteveking@yahoo.com

New parishioner listings:

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Newsletter Submissions?

Please send your news items, stories of spiritual growth, book reviews, jokes, cartoons, recipes, etc. to Jane Herr (812)988-7611 or 4923 Stevens Rd., Nashville, 47448 or (the preferred method!): jane@rjherr.com.

Next deadline for submissions:

Sunday, May 13, 2007 for Pentecost

Update your Directory entry!

This is an ongoing project. Want a picture? Want the one you have changed? New addresses, new phone numbers, new e-mails, new parishioners--send me your info! Jane Herr (812)988-7611 or 4923 Stevens Road, Nashville, 47448 or (the preferred method!): jane@rjherr.com

HONK!

The Brown County High School Theatre Dept. is presenting HONK! opening March 8. Curtain times are as follow: the 8th-10th @ 7pm and 11th @ 2pm. Tickets are 5\$ for adults and 3\$ for students. The story is based on the Hans Christian Anderson tale of the Ugly Duckling. To learn more you can Google HONK! and it will direct you to the official site. Our own Sean Cole is involved in the production, see him for more information.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

FEBRUARY

- 2 - Sarah Eads
- 3 - Rosemary Pedrey
- 4 - Mike Day
- 4 - Eliot Smith
- 9 - Thomas Smith
- 10 - Tom Hensel
- 11 - Anniversary of Tom & Desiree Hensel
- 15 - Sandy Fittz
- 22 - Phyllis Bailey
- 22 - Jan Baer
- 24 - Shanna Smith
- 26 - Kjestine Woods

MARCH

- 2 - Anniversary of John & Rosemary Pedrey
- 5 - Desiree Hensel
- 5 - Tracy Green
- 5 - Gail Hyde
- 6 - Sean Cole
- 6 - Laura Martin
- 14 - Becky Meyer
- 15 - Adrienne Skirvin
- 17 - Bob Nixon
- 24 - Gene Russell
- 28 - Bess Smith
- 29 - Emma Folz

APRIL

- 6 - Sean Cole
- 8 - Mary Lou Russell
- 24 - Ian Fleser
- 24 - Marc Skirvin
- 25 - John Green
- 27 - Ann Niednagel
- 28 - Ian Miller
- 28 - Nickie Curry

28 - Charlene Folz

MAY

6 - Coral Hamlin

6 - Dana Skirvin

7 - Daniel Folz

9 - Sarah Niednagel

10 - Jan Halladay

12 - Susan Wheeler

12 - Anniversary of Doug & Judy Miller

17 - Pam Taylor

20 - Ray Laffin

20 - Scott Olive

20 - Arthur Omberg

25 - Judy Miller

26 - Tim Fleck

26 - Dona Glentzer

27 - Anniversary of James & Judy Huber

27 - Anniversary of Gene & Donna Neidnagel

27 - Erica Von Stein

27 - Lauren Von Stein

28 - Marjorie Wright

30 - Joe Ridenour

31 - Anniversary of Eliot & Pamela Smith

Don't see your birthday or anniversary? I don't have info for some newer folks - drop me a line at jane@rjherr.com

Order of St. Luke Conference

There will be an Order of St. Luke Conference that is sponsored by the Indianapolis OSL Chapter on April 27 - 28. Keynote speakers are Rev. Dr. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield. He is an Episcopal priest from San Antonio, TX with an outstanding bio! I have brochures with additional information if anyone is interested. --Becky Morrison [rtm2608@sbcglobal.net]

Lent and Easter Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events

Throughout the season of Lent, worshippers are asked to enter the church quietly and remain in prayerful preparation for the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

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| 2/21 | Ash Wednesday [Lent begins] | 7:00 am | Prayer Service and Imposition of Ashes |
| 2/21 | " " | 6:00 pm | Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion |
| 2/25 | 1st Sunday in Lent | 9:30 am | Holy Communion |
| | with Lenten discussion group (in the church, each Sunday in Lent, after worship) | | |
| 3/3 | UNDER ONE ROOF | 10 am - 4:15 pm | Diocesan Ministries Fair in Indianapolis (brochures in entryway) |
| 4/1 | Palm Sunday | 9:30 am | Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Gospel and Holy Communion |
| 4/5 | Maundy Thursday | 7:00 pm | Commemoration of the Last Supper Holy Communion and Footwashing |

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| 4/5 | Gethsemane Prayer Vigil | 9:00 pm ~ | "Watch & Pray with Jesus" (<i>one-hour time slots concluding at 11:00 am on Good Friday</i>) |
| 4/6 | Good Friday | 12:00 noon | Prayer and Meditation on the Cross |
| 4/6 | " " | 7:00 pm | Prayer and Meditation on the Cross (<i>The church remains open for private prayer</i>) |
| 4/7 | make hot cross buns for Easter | 1 pm | Eliot and Pamela Smith's house |
| 4/7 | The Great Vigil Of Easter | 8:00 pm | Candlelit Readings, Easter Communion |
| 4/8 | Easter Sunday | 9:30 am | "The Feast of the Resurrection" ~Festival Eucharist |
| 4/15 | EASTER VESPERS - A Service of Easter Lessons & Carols 7pm | | |
| 5/20 | Submission deadline for Pentecost newsletter | | |