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with Holy Communion

Sunday 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 AM
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Holy Week & The Civil War Holy Week Services

The Civil War started 150 years ago on April 12, 1861, with the bombardment of Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. Fort Sumter remained a topic in family stories, not because of any involvement or heroism, but because what my great-great grandfather, Michael Considine, did with axle grease on a large rock in Butler County. He'd heard the Sumter account in Cedar Falls, then connected to the world by telegraph. He decided to tell his neighbors by tracing the words "Fort Sumter" where everyone could see. Even after 150 years, when the words get weathered, someone repaints them. Now, I don't know if that story about Michael is true. Legends are bound to develop. But I do know this. Those two words painted on a big rock were living words in Michael's family. The inscription "Fort Sumter" inspired three of Michael's sons to volunteer for the Union Army, and one did not return home.

In Holy Week we are grabbed by another inscription, a living Word: "King of the Jews." As Holy Week unfolds, we step into a deeper grasp of who Jesus is and who we are as his followers. Holy Week invites us to relive the story from the King's parade on Palm Sunday to the King's royal banquet on Thursday. From there, we witness the King's battle on Good Friday. After all that, we then whisper the stirrings of the King's victory at the Easter Vigil on Saturday and greet him on Easter as our victorious King with loud shouts of alleluia.

—Pastor Curt Schneider

This year's Holy Week worship times are earlier in response to families with children.

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Sat 5:30 PM Processional worship
Sun 7:45 AM at all services on
Sun 9:00 AM Saturday and Sunday.
Sun 11:15 AM

Holy Thursday

Thurs 8:35 AM School Worship
Thurs 5:30 PM Congregational Worship

Good Friday

Fri 12:00 noon Veneration of the Cross
Fri 5:30 PM Scripture and Cross Drama

Holy Saturday

Sat 5:30 PM Easter Vigil

Easter

Sun 7:00 AM Easter Celebration
Sun 9:00 AM Please note that the seating
Sun 11:15 AM capacity of the Sanctuary is
often full at 9:00 and 11:15 AM.

Giving Thanks

THANK YOU! You are making a difference in your church vital ministries. Giving in 2011 is 4.06% higher at the end of March than at this point last year! Thanks be to God for your commitment, your Spirit-inspired generosity and your support of what God is doing in our midst.

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Elementary Retreat at Camp Ewalu

St. Paul's elementary youth enjoyed a weekend at Camp Ewalu recently. Twenty students and chaperones joined other youth at camp for the retreat hosted by Ewalu staff. Activities included exploring camp, hiking the trails, riding on the Zip Line, and a campfire program.

Logan McCullough, Sam Kepford, Anna SmolikHagen, and Eamon McCullough play guitar during the campfire at Ewalu.



The theme for the retreat, "What's Up With Supper," focused on the Lord's supper and the connection it has to the Jewish Passover. The students had fun preparing and participating in a special meal that resembled the Passover Seder. It was a fun and interactive way for the kids to learn the history of the Lord's Supper and how that applies to our lives of faith today.

The kids had a great time exploring camp, making new friends with other youth, and participating in all the activities, games, worship, and fun. Many good memories and photos came home with us, along with a bunch of very tired kids. All signs of a great trip to camp!



Above: Seth Abkemeier enjoys a fun ride on the Zip Line at Camp Ewalu.

Below: Marisa Schneider, Grace Garbes, Madison Potratz, Naomi Carpenter, and Anna SmolikHagen play the game "Ship to Shore" in Cedar Lodge.



Family & Youth News

Children's Easter: Drama

April 24

All are invited to a creative mime drama of the Gospel story presented by St. Paul's junior high youth on Easter morning at 10:10 AM. It's a fun interactive drama designed for children to be held in the Center For Ministry.

Easter Breakfast: April 24

The senior high youth will serve an Easter breakfast from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Easter morning. If you would like to donate food items, please sign up on the Easter breakfast sign-up sheet located on the Family and Youth bulletin board.

Ewalu Work Weekend: April 29 to May 1

It's a free weekend at Ewalu in exchange for help preparing the camp for the summer season. There will be work projects plus food, games, a cookout and campfire, and worship. See the Family and Youth bulletin board for more info.

SPARK logo embellished with color

Check out the SPARK logo on St. Paul's website and see how the green and blue colors accent the meaning behind this effort to help St. Paul's recover from the flood and create a verdant environment for our ministries to flourish.

SPARK's committees continues to work with AHTS Architects on refinements to a proposed building plan and with The James Company on preparations for a feasibility



study. The study will assess the readiness of the congregation for a capital campaign, determine the capital stewardship potential, identify leaders and volunteers, all while testing the initial case for support.

Sandberg Sabbatical

Pastor Sandberg begins a May-July sabbatical after the congregational meeting on May 1. Eight years ago her initial sabbatical included a solo drive along Route 66 and reading about the church and popular culture. This time her goals are: 1) Consider what needs to be done to stay fresh in her ministry between now and retirement; 2) study and apply the connections between physical health and spirituality; 3) develop ministry skills pertinent to working with younger genera-

tions; 4) rest, reflect and re-connect with family and friends.

Six pastors from the congregation will take her preaching duties during her absence. Pastor Schneider can call upon three others for help with calling and home communions. During her sabbatical, she will be absent from St. Paul's, since part of a sabbatical's benefit is gaining perspective on her ministry and our congregation.

A sabbatical agreement includes the pastor's pledge to return to the congregation for at least one year.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

Spotlight on Spanish class

The fifth grade Spanish class has been using technology this year to enrich their language and cultural learning. Our current unit is weather. After reviewing weather vocabulary in class, we went to the computer lab where students learned new weather-related terms and current local weather condi-



Above: Students learn vocabulary for the weather in the computer lab.

Below: Fifth grade students report el tiempo.



tions by visiting Spanish weather websites. They then used this information to present weather reports to their classmates.

Spotlight on Extended Preschool

The Extended Preschool class has been focusing on a different letter each week this year. To celebrate the letter W, they began the week with worship. They also enjoyed fun stories like Where the Wild Things Are. They really had fun experiencing worms and exercising in a workout center. They dressed up for Wacky Wednesday and for Western day. Finally, they ended the week by inviting Jim Meyer, a true cowboy, to visit on Friday to teach them about the Old West and cowboys. He even brought a saddle and his

Preschool class dresses up for "Western Day"



guitar so he could teach them some campfire songs!

Spotlight on Fourth Grade

Fourth graders study the United States during the second semester. The students completed a study packet for the Northeastern States and made a newspaper for the



Southeastern States. The newspaper included a feature story, an article on a famous person, three articles on tourist attractions, plus advertisements for their state. They are making a 1, 2, 3 booklet for the Great Lakes and Plains States. Mrs. Letsche extended their learning by having them make a collage of the landforms of their state. They wrote the names of the landforms in Spanish as well as English. Left are Adam Hein, with his newspaper on Tennessee, and Naomi Carpenter, with her collage of Arkansas.

"...Even when steeples are falling."

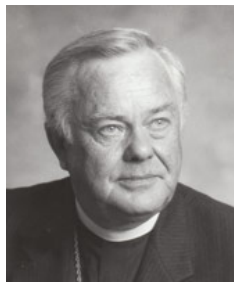
Watch for details in the next issue.



News & Notes

Rev. L. David Brown

Rev. Brown, former St. Paul's Pastor and Bishop, died in Littleton, CO on April 2. A memorial service will be held in Minneapolis, MN at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Ginny Brown, at 7474 South Alkire St., Apt. 105, Littleton, CO 80127.



Prayer shawls

Prayer shawls are intended to be a reminder of God's ever-present love. Any-

one is welcome to use one for themselves or give to others for sorrowful, worrisome or joyful times.

They are in the hall of the offices right around the corner in large plastic boxes. Just sign the sheet in the brown envelope by the boxes.

April Food Bank Needs:

Toilet Paper, Canned Meats, Canned Fruit, and Boxed Meals. Fill the baskets in the Narthex!

Saints' Café news

Correction: Matthias Circle sponsored the January meal.

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On March 28, 140 were served including carry-outs. Food prep. was done by Michele Fischer, Brenda Geuther, Arlene Mashek and Steve Foelske. Thank you to the Fun in the Sun Red Dinner Group for serving and baking: Audrey Lage, Audrey Leisinger, Donna Moats, Dot Bahlmann, Ramona Zelle, Carla Larson, Marldine Moeller, Kate Koob, Millie Dieter, Bert Ramker & Lois Blasberg. Thank you also to Jim Fischer, Ivan Ehrich, Sylvia Grote, Deloris Laube, Jerry Vallem, Mike Dotseth, Barb Anderson and Kirsten Hafermann.

The sponsors for the April meal are Roger and Barbara Bishop.

Volunteers for Recycling Center

The Wednesday afternoon small study group is volunteering at the Waverly Recycling Center on Saturday, April 30, from 8 AM until noon. All members of the congregation are cordially invited to participate. We will be working two-hour shifts (8-10 AM and 10AM-noon). If you are interested in joining in this service project, please contact Jean Byl at jvbyl@mchsi.com or contact the church office.

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