

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

April 27, 2014

Second Sunday of Easter

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From Mary Anthony

Today's lessons from the Lectionary in church are Acts 2:14a,35-41, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, and the Gospel is John 20:19-31.

In our Godly Play class today our children will hear one of the Easter Enrichment stories of either The Crosses or The Easter Eggs. The lesson of The Crosses explores a sacred symbol. It challenges stereotypes and gets them thinking about what the cross really is about, and who they are in relationship with. The lesson of Easter Eggs though has little to do with the Easter that is celebrated in churches it does introduce children to these eggs as a way to reclaim a wonderful sign of new life. Linda Garman is our Storyteller today and Melinda Rucinski is Doorkeeper.

Our youth are busy finishing up their Homeless Awareness Sleep-out today. They will be performing during our 10 am service and would love to talk to you after the service about their experience. They will also be accepting donations for OPERATION:Homes, an organization in Medina County that helps the homeless get back on their feet.

The last Children's Service of this school year will be on Mother's Day, May 11, at 10 am. The children have been busy preparing the offertory anthem for that Sunday along with working on a special project for their Moms. Please make every effort to have your children here every Sunday so they can practice their song and participate in the project.

The Easter Egg Hunt is May 18. I am looking for donations of Easter candy to stuff the eggs. Please

leave candy donations in the box outside my office. Thank you.

Collect for Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



☪ Sunday Schedule ☪

9:00am - Nursery opens
9:45am - Godly Play Choir
10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5th grade)
6th - 12th grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm
10:00am - Holy Eucharist
*Children join their parents in
Church at the Peace*
11:45am - Youth Choir

Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the 10am service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in by watching **Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Primary – (Pre-k – 2nd Grade)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language – parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action – to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God’s presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts- Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and Melinda Rucinski** and **Doorkeepers Tracy French, Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Intermediate (3rd – 5th Grade)

The Intermediate class is meeting with the Primary class in Canterbury during construction. The curriculum for this age level is also Godly Play. Led by **Heather Coyle, Kim Hennigan, Tracy French, Roanne Lisi and Melinda Rucinski** on a rotating basis.

Middle School & High School (6th – 12th Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class will meet every Wednesday evening at the beginning of Youth Group starting at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The curriculum for this age level is Making It Real and Relevant, which is Lectionary based. Our teachers in this class are **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets at St. Paul’s on Wed. evenings starting with dinner at 6 pm. Led by **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Children’s Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

For Parents

THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS The Blessing Of Strange Fruit: Big Dreams, But Whose

Continuing from last week Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; “It is not your child’s job to live your dreams. When we demand that our children carry out the family’s ambitions, we are not just creating unhappy, pressured, self-defeating young adults. We are snubbing God’s wishes for our children. A cornerstone of Jewish thought is that God created each of us to fulfill a specific purpose during life in this world. Each person is responsible for discovering and carrying out their divinely intended purpose. As parents, we cannot determine what our children’s path toward holy service will look like. Nor can we determine the destination. But by encouraging them to understand their unique strengths, we help them take the first steps.

But...But...It’s College!

Our culture tells us that we face quickly diminishing resources of every kind – good enough colleges, jobs, ozone...a scarcity of future itself – and that only the hyperaccomplished will survive. At the same time technological progress has become the controlling metaphor for our lives; like the Web, everything we do seems transparent and permanent. One false move on the part of even a very young teen, and the child has mortgaged his future, will never get into college, never get a job, never recover. It’s harder than ever for parents to accept their teenagers because it feels as if there’s no more room for the trial and error of adolescence, for childishness or clumsiness or bad attitudes. The steady thrum of anxiety causes parents to focus on the appearance of success and stability; grades, popularity, skills, and looks. And the kids feel this stringency, this scarcity economy, too. One fifteen-year-old girl said to me, “I feel like every minute of every day my whole future is on the line.”

Nowhere does parents’ anxiety about their teen’s futures come into sharper relief than in that grand acceptance derby: college admissions. For many parents, the fierce competition for places at the top colleges is evidence that *all* the good things in life are scarce and growing scarcer. They believe that if their kids aren’t accepted at the right college, they’ll also miss out on meaningful work, quality health insurance, and the ability to provide for themselves and their families. College counselors have observed the way this fear interferes with good judgment in even the most thoughtful parents. Many believe that the ebb and flow of a child’s natural evolution do not make for good reading on a college transcript. They can barely tolerate slowing down, much less ebbing. Like the parents who disapproved of their daughter joining drama club, these parents commandeer their teen’s academic and personal life with an unblinking view toward impressing college admissions boards: *I have to do it for him or it won’t get done.*”

To be continued next week !!!

From “The Blessing of a B Minus” by Wendy Mogul, PhD.

Meditation

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O LORD, YOU are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
~Psalm 16

Happy Birthday...

None this week!!!



Planning Ahead

Sunday, April 27

- Nursery opens at 9 am
- Cherub Choir, 9:45 am
- Sunday School 10 am for Pre-k - 5th grades
- Homeless Awareness Sleep-out concludes at Noon
- Youth Choir, 11:45 am

Wednesday, April 30

- Youth Group 6 - 9 pm, Dinner provided by

Thursday, May 1

- Mission Trip Deposit and Registration extended to this date. Absolute DEADLINE for commitment!

Sunday, May 4

- Gentlemen's Cake Auction

Sunday, May 11

- Children's Service, 10 am, NO Sunday School

Saturday, May 17

- Scrapbooking CROP Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser here at St. Paul's 9 am to 9 pm

Sunday, May 18

- Easter Egg Hunt

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Acolyte Reminders!

April 27: Nicholas Coyle, Andrew Laub,
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May 4: Jessica Syme, Julia Syme,
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Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.