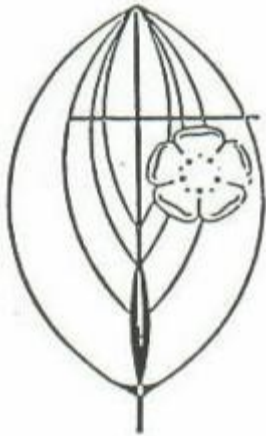


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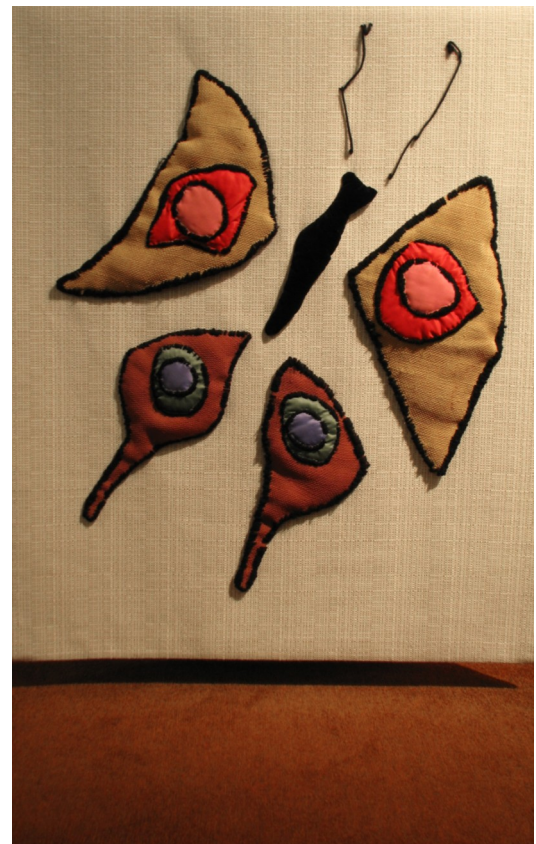
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In the Gospel Lesson for the second Sunday in Lent, Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34, NRSV) It is natural to think about self-denial during this season of Lent, when many of us choose to go without things we enjoy as a spiritual discipline.

It's also worth remembering what we were reminded of on Ash Wednesday: we abstain not to make ourselves miserable, but to prevent ourselves from becoming so attached to God's gifts that they, rather than God, begin to set our direction and determine our



priorities. As Jesus says in Matthew 6:21, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." With that in mind, consider what Jesus says shortly thereafter in Matthew 6:33: "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you." The goal isn't deprivation -- it's building up treasure in the right place so our hearts will follow. God wants us to seek and to have treasure, not to go without it. Through our Lenten discipline, we learn, remember, and concretely express what God would have us seek first.

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LETTER FROM PASTOR ERHARDT



On June 8, 1941, C. S. Lewis addressed the congregation assembled at the Oxford University Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Oxford, England. In his address, entitled "The Weight of Glory", from which I quoted on Ash Wednesday, Lewis said,

"The New Testament has lots to say about self-denial, but not about self-denial as an end in itself. We are told to deny ourselves and to take up our crosses in order that we may follow Christ; and nearly every description of what we shall ultimately find if we do so contains an appeal to desire. If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

During this season of Lent, let's not aim to deprive ourselves, but with God's help to increase our desire for that which is truly desirable.

Pastor Erhardt

**Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Pastor's Sunday Sermons.
<http://www.princetonlutheranchurch.org/services.html>**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
IN MARCH AT 6PM

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE
BEGINS AT 7PM



SCHEDULE of Hostesses

**March 7—Renate Giller—
Potato Soup**

March 14—Paula Hartman

**March 21— Carolyn Gishlick—
Vegetable Soup**

**March 29— Martha Peck—
Chili**



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THE MESSIAH STORY . . .

At its annual meeting in January Messiah Lutheran Church of Princeton, the Rev. Milton Nauss, Pastor, voted to no longer request subsidy of the English District and assume the status of a self-sustaining congregation. Thus, Messiah after seven years attains to the goal of every mission congregation—transfer from the status of a mission-congregation under the mission board to full independent status. The *Philadelphia Lutheran* congratulates Messiah, its pastor and its members.

Messiah Lutheran Church had its beginning when exploratory work was begun by Pastor O. T. McCree, presently Executive Secretary of the English District Mission Board, but then pastor of Bethany in Trenton. The first step was the calling of a pastor. The Rev. Milton Nauss, who was a missionary at large in the California area, was called and installed in the early part of 1947. On arrival in Princeton Pastor Nauss began work from scratch. The membership consisted of one family. There was no parsonage and no facilities for services.

After one ad in the local Princeton paper an apartment was found and Pastor and Mrs. Nauss moved in on March 15, 1947. The *Philadelphia Lutheran* has been informed that the landlord and landlady subsequently became members of the congregation.

American UN Officer Speaks at LAC

At the annual dinner meeting of the Lutheran Action Council, held at Martin Luther Chapel on Tuesday, February 23rd, the guest speaker was Mr. Paul Frillmann who is on the staff of the American Association for the United States at U N headquarters in New York City.

Mr. Paul Frillmann spoke on conditions in the Orient, past and present, and the part the Christian Church through its missionary efforts has played and still can play in the Far East. Mr. Frillmann is particularly qualified to speak on the Far East because of his varied activities and experiences in the Orient.

Mr. Frillmann went to China in 1935 as a missionary for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He supervised most of our synod's mission work in the Hankow area during the Japanese occupation before the U. S. became a partner to the conflict. He went through some trying experiences in his efforts to protect the Chinese from Japanese maltreatment. He re-

CASTOR GARDENS ISSUES CALL FOR TEACHER-ACTING PRINCIPAL

The area's newest Christian Day School, Castor Gardens, Philadelphia, last month issued a call for a graduate of one of Synod's normal schools to serve as teacher, acting principal and choir director for the church.

According to Synodical procedure, these graduates are assigned by the College of Presidents to congregations which have issued "blank" calls, that is, calls which do not specify a certain person.

Already the congregation has made plans for its first permanent teacher. The original chapel-parsonage will be renovated so that the second floor will be converted into an apartment.

The Castor Gardens School, begun in September, 1953, will have a Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 next term. Presently, the classrooms are in the Assembly Hall of the church, but a committee will be selected to consider the future physical needs of the school and recommend development.

Mr. John Ehringer is chairman of the Board of Education. Mr. Robert Reimold and Mr. Wm. Zimmermann, Jr., are the other members.

PARISH EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL ORGANIZED

On January 28th the newly called Secretary of Parish Education of the Eastern District, the Rev. H. G. Coiner, met with a group of representatives from local congregations to form a "Philadelphia Area Council on Parish Education." Present at the meeting were Pastors Berner and Griffin and Messrs. Hegemann, Anton, Witzke and Teacher Leinhos. At this meeting the Council was brought into being.

The Council is an advisory board serving the needs of the congregations in this area. It is not a policy making committee but a local council that will seek to implement synod's and the district's parish education program in the regional area.

At the first official meeting of the Council on February 15th the problem of extending the council's activities to include also the local congregations of the English District was discussed. Visitor H. Meyer, of the English District, had been invited to sit in on the meeting and discuss this possibility. The council voted unanimously to in-

UNUSUAL PUBLICITY

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ:

Pastor Nauss's landlord and landlady became members of Messiah. Who were they?

Bonus Question: Find the typo in *The Philadelphia Lutheran* above.

LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

OUR RECORD
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OUR POLICY
To provide the latest and most reliable news and information to the community, we are often necessary but seldom a constraint rather than a desire.

Snapshots of What the Wild Winds Left in Their Wake



This large bank of snow dropped around noon from the very top of Palmer's mountain and winded down the road to the town of Princeton. The snow was so deep that it was impossible to drive through it. The wind was so strong that it was impossible to stand in it. The snow was so white that it was impossible to see anything but white. The wind was so strong that it was impossible to hear anything but the sound of the wind. The snow was so deep that it was impossible to drive through it. The wind was so strong that it was impossible to stand in it. The snow was so white that it was impossible to see anything but white. The wind was so strong that it was impossible to hear anything but the sound of the wind.

Hurricane Winds and Driving Rain Bring Havoc To Borough, Township and Surrounding Area

Lutherans to Build New \$87,000 Church

Nassau Street During Saturday's 'Shower'



With hurricane wind and a driving rain, the storm drove down Nassau Street, blowing up the roofs of many houses and tearing down the trees. The wind was so strong that it was impossible to stand in it. The rain was so heavy that it was impossible to see anything but the sound of the rain. The wind was so strong that it was impossible to hear anything but the sound of the wind. The rain was so heavy that it was impossible to see anything but the sound of the rain.

Note the front page news of this November 30, 1950

Princeton Packet ! Lutherans to Build a New \$87,000 church on the corner of Nassau Street and Cedar Lane.....

Last month's quiz question: **The church was built to seat how many people?**

We don't have a winner yet. If you think you know, email or see Eva with your answer!

SOUP AND SALAD RECIPES

<http://thepioneerwoman.com/cooking/2011/01/chicken-tortilla-soup/>

Mexican Chicken Tortilla Soup Recipe

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 whole Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts• 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil• 1-½ teaspoon Cumin• 1 teaspoon Chili Powder• ½ teaspoons Garlic Powder• ½ teaspoons Salt• 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil• 1 cup Diced Onion• ¼ cups Diced Green Bell Pepper• ¼ cups Red Bell Pepper• 3 cloves Garlic, Minced• 1 can (10 Oz. Can) Rotel Tomatoes And Green Chilies• 32 ounces, fluid Low Sodium Chicken Stock• 3 Tablespoons Tomato Paste• 4 cups Hot Water• 2 cans (15 Oz. Can) Black Beans, Drained• 3 Tablespoons Cornmeal Or Masa• 5 whole Corn Tortillas, Cut Into Uniform Strips Around 2 To 3 Inches | <p>FOR THE GARNISHES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sour Cream• Diced Avocado• Diced Red Onion• Salsa Or Pico De Gallo• Grated Monterey Jack Cheese• Cilantro |
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PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix cumin, chili pepper, garlic powder, and salt. Drizzle 1 tablespoon olive oil on chicken breasts, then sprinkle a small amount of spice mix on both sides. Set aside the rest of the spice mix.

Place chicken breasts on a baking sheet. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until chicken is done. Use two forks to shred chicken. Set aside.

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a pot over medium high heat. Add onions, red pepper, green pepper, and minced garlic. Stir and begin cooking, then add the rest of the spice mix. Stir to combine, then add shredded chicken and stir.

Pour in Rotel, chicken stock, tomato paste, water, and black beans. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer for 45 minutes, uncovered.

Mix cornmeal with a small amount of water. Pour into the soup, then simmer for an additional 30 minutes. Check seasonings, adding more if needed—add more chili powder if it needs more spice, and be sure not to undersalt. Turn off heat and allow to sit for 15 to 20 minutes before serving. Five minutes before serving, gently stir in tortilla strips.

Ladle into bowls, then top with sour cream, diced red onion, diced avocado, pico de gallo, and grated cheese, if you have it! (The garnishes really make the soup delicious.)

UPCOMING READINGS

Readings taken from website: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Second Sunday in Lent March 4, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38 or <i>Mark 9:2-9</i>
Third Sunday in Lent March 11, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 18, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 25, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12 or <i>Psalm 119:9-16</i>	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalm 45 or <i>Psalm 40:5-10</i>	Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
Liturgy of the Palms April 1, 2012 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29		Mark 11:1-11 or <i>John 12:12-16</i>
Liturgy of the Passion April 1, 2012 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47 or <i>Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)</i>

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK DINNER PHOTOS



Thank you to **Gail Sabatura** for sharing her knowledge of nutrition with all of us after the Mardi Gras Potluck supper on Saturday, Feb 18.

Gail spoke about "Honoring God with Our Bodies." and how feasting, fasting, and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 can shape(!) us.



UPCOMING READINGS

Maundy Thursday April 5, 2012	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 6, 2012	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalms 22	Hebrews 4:14-16	John 18:1-19:42
<u>Resurrection of the Lord</u> April 8, 2012 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	* Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
<u>Second Sunday of Easter</u> April 15, 2012	* Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u> April 22, 2012	* Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u> April 29, 2012	* Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 15: Messiah has a block of tickets reserved for *The Man of LaMancha*, a musical inspired by Miguel de Cervantes classic novel *Don Quixote*. Produced by the Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell, the musical will begin at 2:30pm, preceded by dessert at 1:30pm. Please contact Martha Peck (Tel. 609-924-9023) as soon as possible for tickets (\$25 - 30) or more information -- the more people we have, the less each person pays.

Dreading the rigors of Lent? Eager for reminders of God's grace?

Beginning today, February 12, the adult Bible class is reading excerpts from Good News for Anxious Christians: Ten Practical Things You Don't Have to Do to be Close to God. The author, Phillip Cary, is a philosophy professor at Eastern University in St. David's, PA, a resident scholar at the Center for Theological Inquiry on Stockton St., and a frequent attendee here at Messiah. If you'd like a preview of what we're discussing in Bible class, you can watch an interview with Dr. Cary at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPyGqNDqQnE>

KEEP AN EYE ON UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICE BULLETINS

We are learning Latin with Pastor Erhardt!

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (Invocavit)

Curious about the Latin on the dateline on the first page of the service folder? Latin was the primary liturgical language of Western Christianity until quite recently, and is still used today. Lutherans and other Christians in the Western tradition often begin Sunday worship services with an "introit," (entrance) Bible verse, usually from a psalm. Sundays were named for the first word of the introit. Today's word is "Invocavit", which begins Psalm 91:15 and means "He will call..."

KNEELERS If you'd like a cushion to kneel on during the service, please tell Eva Groves or Pastor Erhardt so we can get an idea of how many to order.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY is looking for an organist or pianist to play for Taize-style Evening Prayer at the Princeton University chapel on Tuesday evenings, April 10 – May 15. Compensation will be provided. Please contact Pastor Erhardt if you or someone you know could serve in this way.

FELLOWSHIP IDEAS? We'd like to schedule more opportunities for the congregation to get together outside of worship times. Please share your ideas with our social ministry/fellowship chair, Martha Peck.

CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to Hank and
Doris Gerwers who will
celebrate their
25th
Wedding
Anniversary

and Hank's **70th Birthday** by
traveling to China in April.

Doris Schubert and Hank Gerwers April 21, 1987 at their wedding in Princeton

CONGRATULATIONS!



Janice Hofreiter is a proud grandmother.

Granddaughter
Sofia Marie Hofre-
iter was born on
Saturday, February
25th to Paul and
Megan Hofreiter.

Congrats to all!
And welcome baby
Sofia.

Weight: 7lbs 5oz



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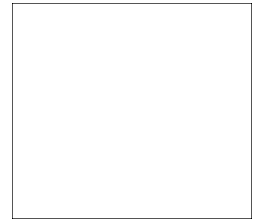
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Among those celebrating birthdays during
March 2012

March Birthdays

If we missed your birthday, we're sorry, but it means
it's not on file.

Help to update our data... Call 609-924-3642

April Birthdays