



## May 2010

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### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

01 ..... Labyrinth Fellowship, noon  
 01 ..... Labyrinth Walk, 1 p.m.  
 06 ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7 p.m.  
 08 .... Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.  
 09 ..... Mother's Day  
 10 ..... Order of St. Luke, 7 p.m.  
 11 ..... Let's Get Real Prayer Group, 7:30 p.m.  
 13 ..... Ascension Day  
 16 ..... Bishop Scantlebury  
 16 Noodles & Company FUNdraiser, 4:30 p.m.  
 18 ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m.  
 20 ..... Women's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.  
 21-22 ..... Heses House  
 23 ..... Free Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m.  
 24 ..... Order of St. Luke, 7 p.m.  
 25 ..... Let's Get Real Prayer Group, 7:30 p.m.  
 26 ..... Soup Kitchen Precook, 7 p.m.  
 27 ..... Soup Kitchen, 9:30 a.m.

*Please submit articles to [scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net)  
 before May 15 for inclusion in June's newsletter.  
 Note that articles may be edited to fit.*

# MAY 2010 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation	<b>31</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY/OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM					<b>01</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service / Noon Labyrinth Fellowship, Discussion, Bring Your Own Picnic / 1 p.m. Labyrinth Walk
<b>02</b> 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation	<b>03</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM	<b>04</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>05</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 11:30 a.m. Women's Morning Discussion / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>06</b> 7 p.m. Practice For "9 a.m. Band," Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>07</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>08</b> 6:30 a.m. Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast / 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
<b>09</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation	<b>10</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	<b>11</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA / 7:30 p.m. Let's Get Real Prayer Group	<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 11:30 a.m. Women's Morning Discussion / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>13</b> <b>ASCENSION DAY</b> 7 p.m. Vestry, Practice For "9 a.m. Band"	<b>14</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>15</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
<b>16</b> <b>BISHOP SCANTLEBURY</b> 7:30, 9, & 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / Noon Vestry, Staff Luncheon With Bishop	<b>17</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM	<b>18</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 11:30 a.m. Women's Morning Discussion / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>20</b> 7 p.m. Practice For "9 a.m. Band" / 7:30 p.m. Women's Book Club	<b>21</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA / 11 p.m. Hessed House	<b>22</b> 3 a.m. Hessed House / 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
<b>23</b> 7:30, 9, & 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 5 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner	<b>24</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	<b>25</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA / 7:30 p.m. Let's Get Real Prayer Group	<b>26</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 11:30 a.m. Women's Morning Discussion / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 7 p.m. Precook Soup Kitchen / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>27</b> 10 a.m. Soup Kitchen / 7 p.m. Practice For "9 a.m. Band"	<b>28</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>29</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service

# MAY 2010 SERVER SCHEDULE

	May 02	May 09	May 16	May 23	May 30
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>					
7:30 a.m.	Kathy Mertes Jerry Mertes	Diana Brown Jerry Mertes	Kathy Mertes Doug Brown	Jerry Mertes Kathy Mertes	Doug Brown Diana Brown
10:45 a.m.	Joe Ryan Beverly Nesbit	Dick Hattan Katie Thomson	Jim Bachman Holly Parks	Gary Meade Becky Kruse	Dick Hattan Katie Thomson
<b>Lector</b>					
7:30 a.m.	Bill Johnson	Alan Wolff	Henry Mora	Kathy Mertes	Jack Kerr
10:45 a.m. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sr. High	Joe Ryan	Jim Bachman	Dalia Bach	Mark Senn
10:45 a.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sr. High	Annie Hollis	Carolyn Campbell	Jan Bach	Bo Smith
<b>Ushers</b>					
7:30 a.m.	Wink Bangs Marina Morrow	Larry Engel Bill Johnson	Jack Benning	Fay Viverito Jack Viverito	Wink Bangs Marina Morrow
10:45 a.m.	Sr. High Sr. High	Tom Flood	Jan Bach John Hollis	Katie Thomson Jeff Burnett	Tom Flood Wink Bangs
<b>Acolyte</b>					
	Sr. High	Emily Thomson	Andrew Schuetz	Taushia Mugge	Eoin Cottrell
<b>Intercessor</b>					
	Sr. High	Dalia Bach	Bo Smith	Wendy Bangs	Kathy Heikkinen
<b>Altar Bread</b>					
	Beverly Nesbit	Kathy Heikkinen	Kerri Hildebrand	Gina Ingraham	Kathy Hari
<b>Greeter</b>					
7:30 a.m.	Dorothy Payleitner	Jody Rullman	Diana Brown	Dorothy Payleitner	Jody Rullman
9 a.m.	Janet Craft	Kathy Hari	Kerri Hildebrand	Janet Craft	Kathy Hari
10:45 a.m.	Sr. High	Wendy Bangs	Beverly Nesbit	Wendy Bangs	Beverly Nesbit
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>					
7:30 a.m.	The Kerr Family				Men's Cursillo
9 a.m.	The Kerr Family				Men's Cursillo
10:45 a.m.					Men's Cursillo
<b>Home Eucharist</b>					
	L. Graf (D. Brown)	Ca. Campbell (G. Meade)	J. Craft (C. Koch)	J. Rullman (K. Thomson)	L. Graf (G. Meade)
<b>Closing</b>					
	Kathy Heikkinen	Regan Jancauskas	Carol Townsend	Theresa Larson	Margo Churchwell
<b>Altar Guild</b>					
	Jody Rullman Ann Mora Cynthia Victor	Carol Paschal Sarah Travis Annie Hollis	Dorothy Payleitner Diana Brown Maria Owen	Bernice Ludtke Jeanne DeVore Barbara Haase Sandy Parsons	Jody Rullman Ann Mora Cynthia Victor
<b>Flower Guild</b>					
	Liz Benning Jody Rullman	Carol Paschal Sarah Travis	Carol Paschal Sarah Travis	Dottie Finatri	Liz Benning Jody Rullman
<b>Flower Dedication</b>					
	The Ryan Family				
<b>9 a.m. Hosts</b>					
	The Custer Family	The Ditch Family	The Ryan Family	The Zupke Family	The Travis Family

# Clergy Notes

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six-week class about prayer on **Tuesday evenings** in May and June. It will be an experiential class, as well as a safe small group. Sign up in Ludtke Hall or eMail me.

Enjoy the new thing God is doing in the world this Spring. Go out into your yards and give thanks! Barbeque and give thanks! Entertain those whom you love and give thanks!

Alleluia!

## Deacon Liz

# CPR-AED Training

**May 20, June 17, July 22, and August 19**

*Contact Kathy Heikkinen @ 630.879.3441 or kathy.h@comcast.net.*

When was the last time you had CPR training? Was it two or more years ago? If you would like to be trained in the most up-to-date CPR techniques, as well as in using the AED (Automated External Defibrillator), which is located in Ludtke Hall at SCEC, register at Delnor Hospital (630-208-4359).

Classes are being held on the following Thursdays: May 20, June 17, July 22, and August 19. Parents, teachers, staff, vestry members, and group leaders are encouraged to attend. For a few hours of your time and \$30, you can be trained to help save a life.

- *Contact Kathy Heikkinen @ 630.879.3441 or kathy.h@comcast.net.*
- Help sponsor a veteran with addiction treatment services and life-skills training at Higgins House.
- Tax deductible donations can be made through on-line giving at <http://www.firstgiving.com/>
- *Contact Kathy Heikkinen @ 630.879.3441 or kathy.h@comcast.net.*
- Donate unused frequent flyer miles to Haiti. If you have unused frequent flier miles you are able to donate, check out the websites of the following airlines: Delta, United & Continental.

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As the date of the Mission approaches, Saturday, June 12, please take the following actions:

- Pre-Register : the ten dollar registration fee provides for lunch, coffee/tea/soda and the expenses of the Mission
- Invite a friend, neighbor, or relative who seeks healing or spiritual growth through prayer
- Pray for the Mission, Fr. Paul Feider, the members of the Order of Saint Luke, and all who participate

In His Service,

Fr. Bill Kruse, Chaplain for the Order of Saint Luke

## Missioner

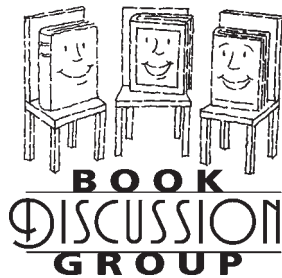
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to his teaching about healing prayer.

Fr. Paul is a long time member of the Association of Christian Therapists, an organization committed to the proclaiming of the healing message of Jesus among health care professionals. He is also on the National Board of Directors for Christian Healing Ministries led by Francis and Judith MacNutt in Jacksonville Florida.



Please update your Directory. Lawrence Nelson's new phone number is 630-768-0561.



**May 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Contact Wendy Bangs @ 630-377-1174 or [wsbangs@aol.com](mailto:wsbangs@aol.com).

Join the Women's Book Group on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. for a lively discussions of *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. For those planning ahead, the June book will be *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. All are welcome.

## Let's Get Real And Talk About Prayer!

**Tuesdays In May And June beginning May 11**

Contact Deacon Liz @ 630-584-2596 or [scecdiacon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecdiacon@sbcglobal.net).

What do we do when someone says, "Please pray for me?" Why do many of us feel "awkward" about talking to God? What might happen if we were faithful in our attempts to pray?

Join a group of honest souls as we explore new ways to pray and help each other develop a solid prayer life. This class will be held for six weeks starting Tuesday, May 11 and concluding Tuesday, June 22 (No class will be held on May or June 15.). We will meet in the parlor from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sign up in Ludtke Hall or eMail Deacon Liz.

C'mon—You know you want to!

## "Walk As One At 1"

**May 1, Noon (fellowship, discussion) and 1 p.m. (walk)**

Contact Carol Townsend @ [carol.townsend@gmail.com](mailto:carol.townsend@gmail.com) or 630-681-0311 or Cathy Koch @ 630-377-4343 or [c.n.koch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c.n.koch@sbcglobal.net).

May 1 is World Labyrinth Day—a day when people all over the world will walk a labyrinth at 1 p.m. local time. We normally walk our labyrinth at noon on the first Saturday of the month, so this fits in nicely.

Come join us at St. Charles Episcopal Church for a bring-your-own picnic and informal fellowship and discussion about labyrinths and labyrinth walking from noon to 1 p.m. Then, walk a labyrinth at 1 p.m. with the rest of the world; Both the indoor canvas labyrinth and the outdoor permanent labyrinth will be available for walking.

For more information about World Labyrinth Day, check out [www.labyrinthsociety.org/world-labyrinth-day](http://www.labyrinthsociety.org/world-labyrinth-day). For questions about the labyrinth, labyrinth walking, or renting our canvas labyrinth, please contact Cathy Koch or Carol Townsend.

Dear Friends,

Last week, I had an opportunity to speak to the clergy of the Aurora Deanery about the Healing Mission to be conducted at SCEC on June 12. One of the points I wanted to make is the kind of renewal that happens to Christians who attend.

Often, for the first time in their lives, people are enabled to experience and feel the love of God. I do not mean that they simply hear about God's love; Intellectually, they know the good news that God loves them, but, often, they have never had the heart knowledge, which ultimately is the only kind of knowledge that can change your life.

Here is why Divine Love is a palpable reality at a Healing Mission. The Missioner teaches and demonstrates in a hands-on, experiential workshop the biblical principles of healing prayer. Then all participants divide up into ministry-teams of three or four persons. Since we all need either inner healing for past hurts, or physical healing for physical hurts or illness, everyone gets to pray for other team members and everyone receives hands-on prayer for his/her own need. Since prayer is the medium for healing love, and in Christ giving is the same as receiving, as the day progresses everyone is immersed in healing love; Everyone is baptized in the same love that flowed through Christ Jesus. Divine Love becomes a palpable reality.

We read in the gospels that Jesus loves us so much that he wants us well and healthy and able to enjoy an abundant and fruitful life. In the power of Divine Love, Jesus healed everyone who came to him, and expected his disciples would do the same works he did.

Does the last paragraph promise that everyone who needs healing will receive it? I wish we could promise that. We do not know why some are not healed, although some are healed completely and others receive a partial healing. Jesus urges us to seek first the Kingdom of God, seek the reign or rule of God in your life and everything else will be given you. The experience of the church is that when we first pray for His Rule, and then for healing, almost everyone experiences at least a partial healing or improvement.

For the first 300 years of the Church's history, it was known as a healing fellowship, but by the fourth century the church was torn by bitter theological debate, schism, and even open warfare, and the healing ministry was a memory of days gone-by. The church has lived so long in skepticism and disbelief that the faithful have difficulty in believing in the healing ministry.

Yet, we believe that Christ is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever. He said to His disciples, "Very truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will do the same works I do, and in fact will do greater works than these, because I am going to the father." (John 14)

PARADE magazine reported that "Hundreds of scientific investigations into faith and healing represent a new frontier for medical research. Prayer and faith has speeded recovery in illnesses ranging from depression to stroke to heart attack." A prominent doctor said he believes that many "spontaneous remissions" are due to prayer.

Two thousand years after the resurrection of Jesus, prayer is still good medicine. The purpose of the Healing Mission is to teach Christians how to pray for healing and to launch an ecumenical chapter of the Order of Saint Luke the Physician.

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## About The Missioner: Rev. Paul Feider

Rev. Paul Feider, an Episcopal priest and rector of Saint John’s Community Episcopal Church and Center for Inner Peace in New London, Wisconsin. With over 36 years experience in healing ministry, Fr. Paul has pastored several communities and traveled nationally and internationally speaking and leading retreats on the power of healing prayer.

When studying about the one consistent element in every healing story in the Gospels, Fr. Paul thought at first that it was the faith of the sick person, but that is often not present. He thought further that it might be a gesture or some word that was spoken, but each story was different. Finally, he recognized that it was the unconditional love of Jesus for the sick person that provided consistency throughout the healing accounts. Jesus loved with the same depth of love that the Father had for him. It is this background that Fr. Paul brings

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## Order Of St. Luke Healing Mission Registration Form

**Experiencing The Healing Love Of God Through Prayer And Sacrament**

**June 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Workshop)**

**June 13, 10:45 a.m. Healing Service And Installation Of The St. Charles Episcopal Chapter Of The Order Of St. Luke By Don Cary, Chaplain Of The Order Of St. Luke**

*Contact Dick Hattan @ 630-251-7981 or richardhattan@sbcglobal.net.*

**Location:** St. Charles Episcopal Church, 994 N. Fifth Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174

Deepen your spirituality while learning how prayer and unwavering faith in Jesus can bring about inner healing. Fr. Paul Feider, Director of the Center for Inner Peace in New London, Wisconsin, will conduct the healing mission. Sponsored by St. Charles Episcopal Church in St. Charles, IL, this hands-on experience will involve teachings on healing prayer for inner peace and forgiveness along with healing prayer practice, labyrinth walking, and a healing service.

**The fee for this mission is \$10. Lunch will be served.**

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Please return completed registration form and a check for \$10 (payable to: St. Charles Episcopal Church) to St. Charles Episcopal Church, 994 N. Fifth Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174. (Please write “Order of St. Luke” in the memo line.)



## FELLOWSHIP

### Food & Fundraiser

**May 16, 4:30 to 9 p.m.**

*Contact Bo Smith @ 630-262-9512 or bosmith99@aol.com.*

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be at **Noodles & Company** in Geneva Commons, Sunday, May 16 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Meals are delicious and prices are reasonable; A small entree is less than \$5 (Check out a menu at [Noodles.com](http://Noodles.com).)! Noodles & Company is generously donating 25 percent of the proceeds to SCEC. Watch for flyers in Ludtke Hall. Come on out and enjoy a fun time while you support the church and its ministries.

## Bibletimes Marketplace

**August 9 to 13**

*Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or sccecyouth@sbcglobal.net.*

Listen to the slap of sandals on the dusty ground. Sit in the temple and tents. See the Rabbis and children. Be part of the singing, praying, and trades-working. Give your child a chance to step back into history and walk a path of ancient knowledge and have **FUN** while they there!

The ever-popular **Bibletimes Marketplace** will return to our south lawn this year for the week of August 9 to 13. Now is the time to enroll your children ages four- to 11-years-old. Forms are on the sign, on the easel, in Ludtke Hall. Please fill out one per child and return them to Liz Ryan. The Marketplace is “open” from 9 a.m. to noon and is truly an enjoyable time for everyone involved.

Lots of adult and youth (seventh through twelfth grade) volunteers are needed to run this week-long program. Have you got a talent to share or patience to spare? You may be the one we are waiting to hear from! You can even be trained in a “trade.” Volunteer trainings will be Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m. for Artisans (craft leaders) and Tuesday, August 3 at 7 p.m. for the whole staff. Please sign up on the sheet, on the easel, in Ludtke Hall.



## Harmonies From Heaven

**May 23, 3:30 p.m., May 25, 7:30 p.m.**

*Contact Phyllis Andrew @ 630-377-7218 or proda3@yahoo.com.*

Elgin Choral Union Presents *Rachmaninoff's All-Night Vigil Op. 37*. Combining unaccompanied sacred texts with stirring melodies and rich bass line, this choral symphony draws on ancient chant and liturgy. At times haunting and serene, this work relies on a living, breathing instrument—the choir—to captivate listeners with glorious expressions of spiritual awe.

Two performances will be held:

Sunday, May 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the Visual & Performing Arts Center's Blizzard Theatre at Elgin Community College and

Tuesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Baker Memorial United Methodist Church

Ticket prices are \$23 for adults, \$18 for seniors, \$15 for full-time students, and \$5 for children with paid adult. Special pricing (\$15 per ticket) for the concert at Baker Church is available through Phyllis Andrew.



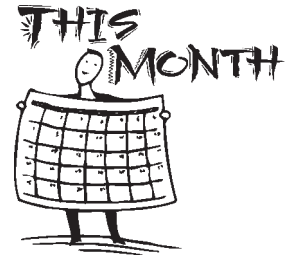
# What's Up In Kids Formation?

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

**Spring has sprung! And, the classes are having a great time.**

The **Purple Atrium** (preschoolers) is finishing up the year with Bible stories about healing. The **Green Atrium** (kindergarten and first graders) is learning about the hymns and the Sacraments: why we do the things we do. The **Blue Atrium** (second to fourth graders) is continuing to learn about the Patriarchs of the Old Testament.

The **Middlers** (fifth and sixth graders) are learning about living positively in a media era! The **Jr. Highers** (seventh and eighth graders) are continuing their Bible study from the perspective of a teen. The **Sr. Highers** are starting the month as servers for the 10:45 a.m. service on Youth Sunday, May 2 and then preparing for their Mission Trip.



**May 23, Last Regular Formation Class**

**May 30, No Regular Classes (Memorial Day Weekend)**



## Formation Sunday

**June 6, 10 a.m.**

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

**All children and youth** are invited to be part of a formal blessing at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 6, which will be held at Delnor Woods Park (just down the street from SCEC). Students should plan to be at the park no later than 9:45 a.m. Members of the Sr. High who will be leaving the next day for their mission trip will receive a "special blessing" at this service. There is no fee for parking, and there are two parking areas: one off of Fifth Avenue and one off of Wing Avenue. A picnic celebration will be held after the service.

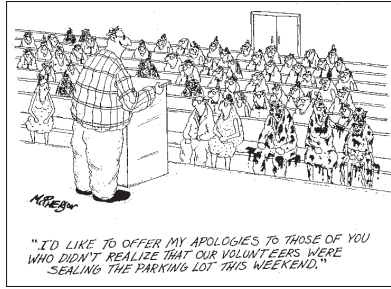
## Mission in the Mountains

**June 7 to 12**

The Sr. High group will be in Prestonsburg, KY. Please keep them in your prayers.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Increasing the number of parking spaces, 2) Providing a safe way for people to walk from the lower lot to the upper lot, 3) Lighting the areas for early morning and evening use, 4) Allowing safe movement of vehicles by providing a turn around, and 5) Creating a safe, appealing place for visitors and newcomers to park their vehicles.

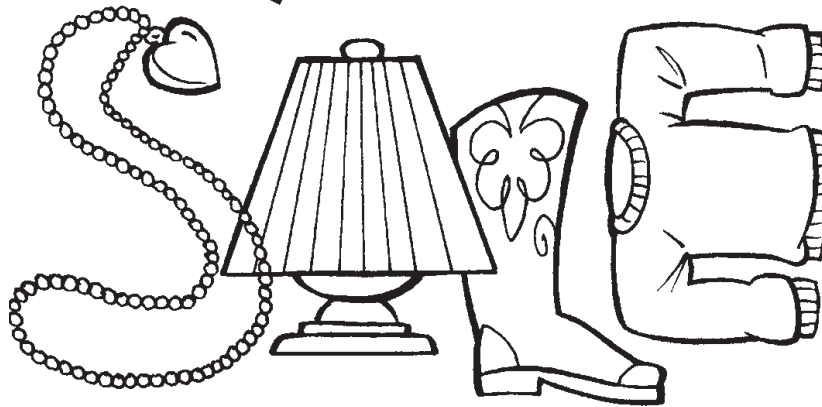


Once we get financial information to you, I encourage you to talk with your wardens. Talk with your rector. Chat with the committee and vestry members. We will need your thoughts and prayers as we proceed.



**Kathy H.  
Senior Warden**

# RUMMAGE



Thanks to Marina Morrow, Wendy Bangs, and all those involved in making the Rummage Sale in April a giant success. Thanks also to all those who provided donations.

## May Birthdays

- 02 John Haase
- 05 Elise Parks
- 05 Glorianne Campbell
- 06 Timothy Bachman
- 09 Kevin Thomson
- 11 Katherine McCleary
- 11 Sarah Miles
- 12 Erika Englehart
- 13 Joe Ryan
- 14 Dick Hattan
- 15 Barbara Haase
- 15 Susannah Haase
- 15 Annie Hollis
- 16 Karen Hattan
- 18 Marge Mejia
- 19 Eoin Cottrell
- 21 Thomas Van Nortwick
- 22 Kyle Ingraham
- 24 Liz Benning
- 24 Alan Wolff
- 26 Patrick Haase
- 28 Christopher Wicks
- 28 James Wolff
- 30 Orrin Nelson
- 31 Tom Flood
- 31 Jane Wolff

## May Anniversaries

- 12 Jim & Barbara Bachman
- 16 Gary & Liz Meade
- 17 Bill & Kristen Bangs
- 18 John & Kai Godina
- 20 Jim & Chris Lyng
- 27 William & Darlene Gillis
- 27 Jack & Liz Benning
- 29 Tom & Sharon Miller

**Mark your calendars  
for the Order of St.  
Luke Healing Mission  
to be held June 12  
at SCEC. See pages  
6-7 for more info!**



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Easter still lingers in my mind—it is 50 days long, after all. For the first time ever, I attended each of the services that were offered during Holy Week. Granted, I was given a little push by a voice in my head that was telling me, “You’re the warden. Set a good example.” But, attending every service is not a thought foreign to my thinking; In a way, being warden was a good “excuse” to act on a desire that I’ve had for years. Tenebrae was new for me. I found the service to be a very thoughtful time and look forward to attending it again next year. I also really enjoyed the sunrise service; It was well worth the early rising!

Now, our thoughts turn to the next season: construction.

Our parking lot is, quite obviously, in need of attention. By the time you read this, the band-aid will have been applied. A contractor was consulted. Then, with the help of some experienced congregation members, the large potholes have been filled, so we can safely walk and drive behind the church again—for awhile. Patching is not a permanent solution.

Seven years ago, our vestry investigated the possibility of reconstruction of our back parking lot. An initial drawing was created to put our ideas on paper, but this was put on hold when we found the project lower on the priority list than other projects. Last month, the vestry gave a new parking lot committee the go ahead to investigate the cost and funding of a complete parking lot reconstruction. Wink

Bangs, Jack Benning, Ed Manning, Stan Hildebrand, and Terry Larson will price an architectural plan, get bids for construction, and explore funding options to create a parking lot that is safe and inviting—and will last beyond the temporary filling of holes. I am very thankful to these people for their hard work on this project.

However, this does not mean we will definitely be moving ahead with a project that, admittedly, is quite expensive. Once we get the figures in, the vestry will need to vote on whether to proceed with this big project. Your wardens and rector all feel that we need to move forward with this investigation. We have many feet and many cars that use our facilities. In addition to Sunday services, we have groups that meet at our church regularly: Boy Scouts, AA, and Fox Valley Knitters. We have an agreement with our neighbors that they can use our parking lot during the week. All these people need to be taken into account when we consider the safety of our parking areas. The alternative to reconstruction is telling outside groups that our facilities are not available.

Couldn’t we do something less expensive than total reconstruction? No, not if we’re going to do something permanent. Patching and seal coating need to be done on a solid foundation, which is something that we no longer have. We have waited too long to do superficial work.

What are we looking at? 1)

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We are still in the Great 50 days of Easter, a time of rebirth and hope, a time of new life and new possibilities. If we simply look out the window, we're assured of seeing the birthing of a beautiful spring: birds building their nests, tulips and redbud trees budding their flowers and leaves, and the world, in general, "greening up." This is a time of hopefulness and joy. Alleluia!

I have just returned from a three-day conference with The Alban Institute called "The Sacred Practice of Prayer." The first question the conference leaders asked was:

### **If someone asks you to pray for them or for a situation they are facing, how do you handle that?**

As a group, we discussed that question a lot, and, in doing so, we discovered two points. First, that prayer is essential to our life in Christ. Second, that many people do not really know what to "do" with requests for prayer. So, how do you "do" it when someone asks you to keep them in your prayers? Do you keep a list? Do you pray while driving? Do you just kind of tuck the request away, kind of embarrassed that you don't really know what to say to God? At the conference, I was very surprised that many people, clergy included, feel awkward about praying. Many admitted saying a short "mental prayer" and, then, setting the issue aside. What a waste! Think of the change if we were all seriously invested in our prayers! Why are we feeling awkward or insecure about talking with our gracious and loving God?

To consider these issues, we at St. Charles have two new opportunities. First, put **Saturday June 12** on your calendar. A national speaker, Fr. Paul Feider, is coming to St. Charles to teach us about prayer and healing. We will see and learn from an expert and witness our own healing prayer team at work. Secondly, I will offer a

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