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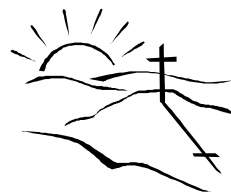
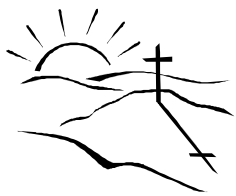


Morning Prayer in Lent

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
mornings during Lent.

8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

All are welcome.



Lenten Quiet Day led by Fr. Bruce

Saturday, March 20,

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Quiet Day is entitled *Find a Place Apart: Mountains, Deserts and Islands*. Meditations will focus on the places that have often been identified as places of retreat or solitude where we can encounter God. There will be time for quiet and reflection with a background of Celtic music. Our times of prayer will use prayers from the Iona Community. The labyrinth will also be available for walking during the times between the meditations. Come for all four hours of this quiet day, or join us for as much of the day as you can.

Bring your own sandwich for lunch.

Chips, beverages and dessert will be provided.



Join Us!!

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, Wednesday
& Friday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer



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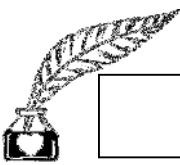
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Lent - A Time of Renewal and Growth

One of my favorite canticles in Morning Prayer is from the prophet Isaiah. This canticle is called *The Second Song of Isaiah* (Isaiah 55:6-11). I believe it is especially appropriate in Lent.

*Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will
have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have
purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.*

Book of Common Prayer, page 86

This canticle begins with one of the primary themes of Lent - a call to repentance. It also includes a reminder of God's forgiveness - for God "will richly pardon."

Then, the canticle gives us the image of rain and growth to remind us of the ways God works in our lives. God's word comes to us to bring growth in us - and to bring us closer to God. The canticle tells us that God's word will accomplish its purpose, and it will prosper in that for which it was sent - establishing our relationship with God.

This second part of the canticle gives us a different perspective for Lent. This is a perspective of Lent that we often do not think of - that LENT IS A TIME OF RENEWAL AND GROWTH. Lent is not just for "giving something up" or disciplining ourselves. No, Lent it is much more, for it is a time of growth in our relationship with God, and time for new life and renewal

We tend to think of Easter as the day and the season of new life. Yet, our new life - and so our experience of resurrection - must be nurtured prior to the day before, or even the week before, Easter. Jesus' resurrection did break forth suddenly on the first Easter Day. But, approximately three years of teaching and ministry came before his resurrection.

Throughout his life and ministry Jesus was moving towards his death and resurrection. He was preparing himself and his disciples for his passion and resurrection. For us, Lent can be a time of renewal as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

For me, the canticle provides a powerful image of God's word being planted in us and growing in us. As spring comes to the world around, seeds are planted and nurtured. They sprout hidden in the soil until finally they break through showing forth new life. In our spiritual lives, seeds can be planted and nurtured during Lent. They can sprout, take root and grow within us. Finally, they can break forth as renewed life - as resurrected life - a life made new by the grace of God.

Yes, Lent is a time of spiritual discipline. But, it should be a discipline that leads to renewal - of nurturing and growing the seeds of new life in us. We have forty days between Ash Wednesday and Easter (some of which have already past) to nurture and renew our spiritual lives. I encourage each of you to find a way of nurturing your spiritual life - to let God's word accomplish that which God has purposed in your life.

I pray you will have a holy Lent - a Lent filled with growth and renewal.

Peace,
Bruce +

Crosses for Palm Sunday



Virginia Boss will be leading a group of volunteers in making woven palm crosses for distribution on Palm Sunday.

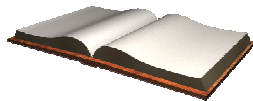
The crosses are made by weaving a palm strip into the shape of a cross. They are easy to

make - so almost anyone can volunteer to help - even those persons who claim to have two left thumbs. Volunteers will be making over 200 palm crosses so a number of volunteers are needed.

The "Palm Cross Making" will be on Saturday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m. No prior experience is necessary - so come and learn to weave a palm cross.

Nativity's Lenten Materials

If you did not receive a 2010 Lenten packet, please contact the church office, 849-3656. Additional copies of the devotional booklet are available at the church.



Lenten Lessons and Carols

This year our Lenten Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday, March 14. The special music and readings will be the Ministry of the Word at our 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. The service will feature Nativity's Bell Choir and Adult Choir.

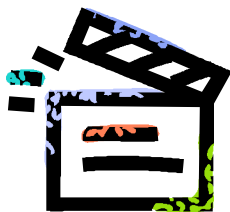


Friday Night Movie

March 19, 7:00 p.m.

Taken from a novel by the same name, the movie is *I heard the Owl Call My Name*.

Unaware that he's dying, a young Anglican priest is sent to live among the proud Indians of the northwest. It's a story of life, love, courage and dignity. Bring a snack to share and join in the discussion following the movie.



A Visit to the Churches of Scotland and Wales

Saturday, March 6
10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

You are invited as Father Bruce and Virginia share another part of their experience in his Clergy Renewal Leave in 2008.

This presentation will focus on some of the historic churches they visited while in Scotland and Wales - and a few in England. Some of these are common tourist sites, and others are small, isolated churches.

New Parish Directory

available early in March.

2010
Directory



Look for the dark blue cover that says
"2010 Directory"

Copies will be on the table in the narthex
(between the coat closet and the kitchen).

We encourage you to pick-up a copy!!!

Please notify Barb Waldo
in the church office
of any corrections that
need to be made in the
directory.



FINANCE REPORT

January 2010 Financials

Income: \$11,423

Expenses: \$17,575

Net Income: (\$6,152)

Budgeted (\$4,020)

Balance Sheet. Current Assets: \$ 103,235

*A complete financial report
is posted on the bulletin board.*



EASTER MEMORIALS

Music and flower memorials and thanksgivings are a meaningful way to remember loved ones, special events, or to acknowledge blessings. Your donations will assist in decorating our church for Easter and support the instrumental music at special services. The suggested donation is \$10 per plant or \$25 or more per musical memorial.

Donations must be received by March 28.

If you would like your donation to be a gift in thanksgiving, memory or honor of someone or of a special occasion, please complete the information below and return it to the church office. Please make your check payable to the Church of the Nativity and designate "Easter Memorial."

My donation is given as a music memorial

or plant memorial

(Please check appropriate box)

My donation is given:

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In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

(as you would like your name to appear in the bulletin)

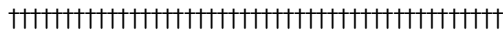
Please indicate your relationship to the person(s) listed above if you wish this information to be included in the Easter bulletin.

Parish Family News



We extend our sympathies to Joyce Cortis upon the death of her sister-in-law, Leslie Mears; to Judi Taflinger upon the death of her cousin, Lorraine Gallas; and to Jim McConnell upon the death of his sister-in-law, Jean Greenburg.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



Congratulations to Ryan Kee
for achieving the rank of **Eagle Scout**.

Thanks to Ryan's Eagle project we have a wonderful, Meditation path. Start from the sign in the northeast corner of the parking lot through the woods and come out by the swing set in the rear of the Church. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of life and enjoy the March breeze!



Outreach Food Collection for Forest Glen Elementary

As part of our relationship with Forest Glen Elementary, we will be starting a food pantry at the school. During Lent, the Outreach committee will collect non-perishable food items to begin stocking the food pantry. You can place your donations in the box located in the Narthex.

Together we can make a difference!!!



March Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries:

Tevis & Linda Crofts	3/26
Jerry & Anne Byerly	3/31

Birthdays:

Gabrielle Whitman	3/2
Marcella Dean	3/5
Lincoln Shepard	3/8
Michael Spears	3/8
Mary Walton	3/9
Sherri Judd	3/11
Jeff Brentlinger	3/12
Sara Hooper	3/14
Beth Chamberlain	3/17
Connie Adney	3/18
Laura Flandermeyer	3/18
Ann Kingston	3/19
John Ridder	3/19
Lori Wyman	3/22
Bob Withington	3/24
John Klotz	3/26
Barry McMaster	3/30
Michael Wright	3/30
Robin Byers	3/31



March 2010 — Church of the Nativity



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 AM MP 7:00 PM BS Troop 157	2 7:00 PM Bible Study	3 8:00 AM MP 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM HE	4 6:00 PM Bell Choir	5 8:00 AM MP 7:00 PM Euchre Group	6 10:00 AM A Visit to the Churches of Scotland and Wales 10:00 AM Nativity Choir
7 8:00 AM HE 9:15 AM SS & AF 10:30 AM HE & Nursery	8 8:00 AM MP 7:00 PM BS Troop 157	9 Fr. Boss on Retreat	10 8:00 AM MP 6:00 PM HE	11 6:00 PM Bell Choir	12 8:00 AM MP Vestry Retreat at Waycross	13 10:00 AM Nativity Choir
14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 8:00 AM HE 9:15 AM SS & AF 10:30 AM Lenten Lessons & Carols - HE & Nursery 1:30 PM Inquirers' Class	15 8:00 AM MP 7:00 PM Vestry 7:00 PM BS Troop 157	16 7:00 PM Bible Study	17 8:00 AM MP 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM HE	18 6:00 PM Bell Choir	19 8:00 AM MP 7:00 PM Friday at the Movie - I Heard the Owl Call My Name	20 10:00 AM —2:00 PM LENTEN QUIET DAY & Labyrinth 10:00 AM Nativity Choir
21 8:00 AM HE 9:15 AM SS & AF 1:30 PM Inquirers' Class	22 8:00 AM MP 7:00 PM BS Troop 157	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PM Bible Study	24 8:00 AM MP 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM HE	25 6:00 PM Bell Choir	26 8:00 AM MP	27 10:00 AM PALM CROSS MAKING 10:00 AM Nativity Choir
28 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM Liturgy of Palms And HE 9:15 AM AF 10:30 AM Liturgy of Palms HE & Nursery 1:30 PM Inquirers' Class	29 8:00 AM MP	30 8:00 AM MP	31 8:00 AM MP 6:00 PM HE			HE - Holy Eucharist MP Morning Prayer SS - Sunday School AF - Adult Forum

Date	7-March	14-March	21-March	28-March
8:00 AM				
Greeters & Ushers	Dave Maggard & Laura Reynolds	Jim & Barbara Boyle	Don & Teresa Curtis	Andie Beiswenger & Peggy Ray
Administrator	Bob Withington	Terry Kee	Elizabeth Mattice	Dick Andersen
Reader	John Ridder	Lee Ann Kee	Dave Maggard	Connie Adney
Prayers	Don Curtis	Ryan Kee	Bob Withington	Dave Adney
2nd Chalice	John Ridder	Dick Andersen	Bob Withington	John Ridder
10:30 AM				
Ushers	Mike Rian & Kristi Harrison	John & Jane Klotz	Bob Dale & Pat Thomas	Peter & Janet Fischer
Greeters	Clay & Wendy Gough	Bob & Margaret Elliott		Gwen Betor
Crucifer	Emily Swank	Rebecca Weber	Arnold Obungu	Isaac Weber
Torch Bearer 1		Isaac Weber		John Brentlinger
Torch Bearer 2		Cameron Rostron		Kyle Lockhart
Server	Sarah Swank	Rebecca Weber	Arnold Obungu	Isaac Weber
Administrator	Bob Dale	Bob Dale	Bill Smith	Betty Riggs Meyer
Reader	Carolyn Wright	John Kahlenberg	Morrie Wyman	Jim McConnell
Prayers	Lee Ann Kee	Elizabeth Mattice	Sally Pedersen	Steve Kozey
2nd Chalice	Terry Kee	Priscilla McGraw	Maria Weber	Bill Smith

Contributions to Nativity News

Please continue to submit your articles for Nativity News. If you have a timely, pertinent digital photograph, it can be included in Nativity News. Nativity News is published monthly by the Church of the Nativity, Indianapolis, Indiana. E-mailed articles are preferred; however, the editor will accept handwritten articles if placed in the Newsletter box in the hallway next to the office, or submitted by hard copy to Barb in the church office. Please send April articles to Peggy Newcome at pnewcome57@att.net. Our type-face is Trebuchet, and the size is 11 point.

Deadline for the next Nativity News Is March 23

Weekly Activities & Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Child care available at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:00 a.m.



OUTREACH BASKET

Thanks to everyone who donated items for our February outreach basket. As of February 21 we've collected 20 jars peanut butter; 2 cans green beans, 1 can tuna; 1 jar grape jam; 7 boxes macaroni & cheese; 1 small bag dental supplies.

March Food Basket Item: Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Bring your donation any Sunday in March. Our filled basket is presented at the altar on the last Sunday of the month.



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OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a faith community where everyone is welcome and there is inspiration to grow in spirit, learning, worship, and outreach.

OUR MISSION

To help people develop their relationship with God and each other in Christ.
To serve our growing congregation and the community.
To reach out to those in need.

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Give to Barb Waldo in the office.
The Font will be Trebuchet MS size 11.
Thank You!!*