



# The Beacon

## St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

*Seeking and Worshipping God. Reaching Out to Others*

April, 2017 (our 159th year)

## New life... Resurrection...

...themes of the Easter season in which we will find ourselves this month. A time to ask ourselves, are we living evidence of the resurrection? Do our lives as individuals and as a faith community reflect the new life that we profess? If you can't answer right away, no worries. As an Easter people we need to be continually asking ourselves those questions, reflecting on where it is that new life is emerging and how we can participate in God's Kingdom constantly being revealed.

Easter provides us with 50 days of not just celebration – it also provides a framework for continuing to discern where new life is emerging in our midst; it provides a time for reflection on how we are doing with living a resurrection life in word and in deed. May our reflections help us to more clearly see the Kingdom of God at work in our lives and in the life of the world.

As we move through the remainder of our Lenten journey and as we take those first steps into Holy Week and Easter, may the many opportunities that St. Jude's offers help us all to see resurrection in our daily lives.

Where are you seeing signs of new life? Why not head over to the blog and share your story of how you are seeing new life emerging...

**Blessings,**

*Tracie* +

## Holy Week at St. Jude's

Our Holy Week begins with our **Palm Sunday, April 9th** service.

At our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services we will join with Jesus and the disciples as they triumphantly entered Jerusalem.



**Monday, April 10th**, at 7:00 p.m. we will continue our journey as we gather to share in a Taize service.



**On Tuesday, April 11th** at 7:00 p.m. we will encounter all of the symbols of Easter through a series of reflections. This will be an opportunity to see the symbols that we are familiar with in a new way. Having traversed this journey of encounter, when the symbols appear during the Paschal Triduum (The Great Three Days of Easter), they will come alive in a new way.



**Wednesday, April 12th** at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for our Tenebrae service. Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." During the service candles are gradually extinguished while a series of readings and psalms are read.



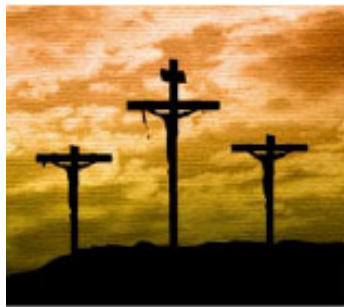
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**Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour follows 10:30 service**

# We Are Family

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**Maundy Thursday, April 13th** – the Liturgy begins at 7:00 p.m. for Holy Eucharist with the Footwashing Ceremony. Following the service we ask that when you leave you do so in silence as the church will remain open for all those wishing to remain to spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection. A prayer vigil will take place throughout the night.



**Good Friday, April 14th** – we continue our three-day celebration at 7:00 p.m. for our Celebration of the Lord's Passion, including the Solemn Intercessions and Veneration of the Cross. Once again we ask that when you leave you do so in silence. The

church will remain open for all those wishing to remain and spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection following the 7 pm Liturgy.

## **Great Vigil of Easter, Sunday, April 16th –**

This is our "Night of nights" when we will gather at 7:00 am to kindle the Easter fire, light the Paschal torch, proclaim the great stories of salvation, renew our baptismal promises, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Following the Liturgy we will share in our annual Easter reception. A pot-luck breakfast will be served between the Vigil and the 10:30am service.



## **Easter Morning, April 16th –**

The First Sunday of Easter brings the Paschal Triduum to a close and launches us upon the great fifty-day season of Easter. Come to Eucharist at 10:30 am.



## April Birthdays

- 1st – Erica Freeman
- 2nd – Jacob Freeman
- 4th – Patrick Hibbard
  - Laura Koch
- 6th – James Melchor
- 8th – Shane Chambers
- 9th – Mark Hamel
- 10th – Aiden Green
- 15th – Michelle Gangwer
- 20th – Scott Smith
- 24th – Lynn Freeman
- 26th – Gay Adams
- 29th – Teresa Maynard



## April Anniversaries

- 5th – Fred & Lynell Wright (42nd)
- 14th – David & Carol Chambers (44th)



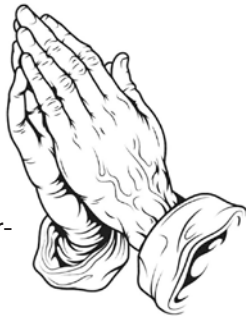
If you do not see your name and you have a birthday or anniversary this month, please let the office know. We would love to celebrate with you, but we need to know when your birthday/anniversary is (including the year for database purposes only)!

Thank you!

# We Are Family

## Please hold in your prayers

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Todd, our Bishop; Tracie, our Priest; for the Wardens and Vestry.



### ***For those in particular need***

**of prayer:** Craig Adams; Jack Bretzke; D'Jair Cominotti; Marie Doyon; Steven G.; Stan Haddock; Judy Hogan; Collin & Yasuko James; Eveline Karnowski; Carl Koch; Janel Koop; Jim Kortge; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Theresa Maynard; Jordon Michael; Sidney Nihill; Richard; Paul Riley; Mike Ryan; Marilyn Safa; Spencer Sands; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Larry Smith; Stan Spicer; Louis Sternello; Jennifer Ubil; Sandy West; Ron Winters

***And those in continuing need of prayer:*** Herb Aldrich; John Babcock; David Barrows; Brett Beal; Margot Brummett; Marie Church; Rachel & Don Conway; Betsy Davies; Erica and Gail Delaney; Gail Engdahl; Bunny Gladfelter; Ralph Gladfelter; Judy Godsell; Brian Henderson; Connie Koch; Mary Lou Jenkins; Ruth Krebs; Ev Koller; Angela Koresh; Mary Kurtz; Don Kurtz; Leona; Paul Otto; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Elijah Unkefer

### ***Pray for our ministers:***

**April 2** – Lynn, Kathy & Kelly Hopper; Bob & Terri Hutchins; Freya Hutchinson

**April 9** – Mark, Beth & Nicole Jagos; Dave & Debbie James; Charlie & Francine Johnston

**April 16** – Lester & Nancy Jones; Evelin Karnowski; Mike & Peggy Kearns; Carl & Connie Koch

**April 23** – Doug Koch; Jeff, Jennifer & Madeline Koch; Steve, Laura, Ella & Evan Koch

**April 30** – Evelyn Koller; Jim & Kathy Kortge; Keith & Lorie Krebs; Don & Mary Kurtz

## Lifetouch Church Directory

Over the next couple of months, we will be working with Lifetouch to provide a new church directory. The directory will be provided at no cost to our church.

### **Photography dates and times:**

**Wednesday, April 19th, Thursday, April 20th**

**and Friday, April 21st from 2 - 8:30 pm**

**Saturday, April 22nd from 9:30 am - 4 pm**

We are encouraging everyone to participate. Please sign up at the table in the library on Sunday. Please plan on ONE HOUR for your appointment. If you have 5 or more family members, please sign up for 2 times slots in a row. One pose will be selected for the directory and additional portraits will be available for purchase. Plus, every family who comes in to be photographed will receive a directory and a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait! You are encouraged to bring family members and pets or other meaningful items can be incorporated! If you donate cereal during our drive, you will receive a \$5 coupon from Lifetouch to purchase additional portraits. We are looking forward to seeing everyone participate and be included in our new directory!

## Ceiling Fans

There are two ceiling fans in the storage space behind Tracie's office. We had our fans fixed along with electrical work and no longer need these fans. If they are yours, please let the office know. Otherwise, we will be auctioning them at the Silent Auction. Thank you!

## With Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who came in March 9th and 13th to fold, stuff, and stamp the letters going out to families at Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden schools for the School Lunch Program (Saturday, April 1): Martha Applebee, Rex & Judi Harris, Connie Hibbard, Dave & Denise Rayner, and Lynne Ronthi.

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during March: the Cronks, Social Committee (Potato Bar), the Mills, the Johnston's and the DuPei's.



*Every day they continued to meet together...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. ~Acts 2:46-47*

## Just an FYI

Tracie will be taking March 29 - 30 and April 4 - 5 as retreat days during which she will be working from home on Holy Week sermons and liturgies. She can be reached on her cell phone (810-300-9177).



# News and Happenings

## Vestry Notes

1. After a lot of work getting bids for the new roof that is needed over VandenBergh hall, the Vestry mad a decision to go with Weathervane, a local company. The cost will be roughly \$15,000.00. We are applying to the Diocese for an emergency grant of \$5,000.00, and will also apply to the Diocese for a loan to cover the remainder. We will appeal to the congregation, and to groups that use our building to raise funds to cover the loan. We thank Francine Johnston for a lot of hard work in this endeavor, and also to Kathy Kortge and Ron Trimmer for assisting her.

2. It's in the works to try a new way of holding the Silent Auction. Information will be forthcoming as plans are made for this fun and fundraising event.

3. The vestry will meet for retreat on April 8th.

4. We are looking for a person or persons who are interested in continuing the work that Lynelle Wright began in the Memorial Garden. Her design has been implemented, but we need somebody dedicated to seeing that the garden gets the care that it needs.

## APRIL SCRIP NEWS



If you are considering outdoor or indoor projects, or perhaps you are really ambitious and are in the planning stages of a home improvement

or decorating project. Home Depot and Menards are great scrip cards to have on hand. Mother's Day is not too far off. We have great scrip restaurant cards for the perfect place to take your Mother/Wife out to dinner!

Check out [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to get the complete list of merchants. We order the first and third Sunday of each month. Your check or cash need to accompany your order. Let's continue to increase this fundraising income for St. Jude's!



## Music Notes

This April is a liturgically rich month of contrasts. The readings for April 2, the fifth Sunday of Lent, include the story of God bringing the valley of dry bones back to life from Ezekiel and the raising of Lazarus by Jesus. The glory of these forty days and Hail, thou once despised Jesus! close these Sundays of Lent.

April 9, Palm Sunday, is a joyous celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The mood changes dramatically as our services for Holy Week begin on Monday. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services offer further opportunities for musical expression.

Easter, April 16, begins with Easter Vigil. The readings review the path of salvation through the scriptures that reaches finality with the resurrection of our Lord. The musical selections further illustrate these themes. Easter joys continue with Jesus Christ is risen today, and Hail thee, festival day!

April 23 is known as Thomas Sunday because we review the story of him seeing and believing in the resurrected Lord. We walk by faith, and not by sight illustrates this truth.

May we all have a blessed month as we partake in as many of these worship experiences as possible.

*Marlene Weston*



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# The St. Jude's Endowment Funds – “Pay It Forward”

The Eternal Pledge Fund: Helping St. Jude's to continue “Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others” into the future.”

St. Jude's is a faithful and vibrant community of worshippers. We enjoy and support one another, and compassionately reach out to our community and to the world. In today's increasingly secular world where so many religious communities struggle to survive, St. Jude's continues to thrive. After more than 150 years we still have a beautiful historic building to worship in, full time staff to lead us in our faith journey, and a kind and loving congregation. How blessed we are!

Over these many years, we have also been fortunate enough to have the financial resources to sustain these blessings. Some year's finances have been a challenge and recently we have had to dip into our savings to make ends meet, but we have never wavered in our commitment to one another or to St. Jude's. We now have an opportunity to assure that St. Jude's continues to thrive well into the future. The Eternal Pledge Endowment Fund was created to serve that purpose. Once the fund grows to an adequate level, earnings from the fund will be used to supplement the annual budget. This will allow us to reduce and/or eliminate deficits in years when finances are challenging, and provide additional program funding during the good years. Individual donations are not spent, but instead will be invested so they can produce income for the future. The Eternal Pledge Fund is a new way of donating gifts and/or bequests that will help St. Jude's meet the needs of the future.

Would you like to help sustain St. Jude's long into the future? If so, contact the church office or Rev. Tracie Little for more information on how you can “pay it forward”. To learn more, you can attend one of the educational programs being organized by the Endowment Committee. The first will be held between the services on Sunday, May 21st.



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