

# Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

April 2015

## ASHES TO GO

On Ash Wednesday morning Cindy Ranker & I were up early in the morning to meet the crowds of commuters taking the MARC train into the city. We set up a TV tray table with a big sign, "Ashes To Go" and our church logo and address right next to the walkway so that people would have to pass us by. On the table we had candles which we lit (it was still very dark outside!) and the ashes.

We weren't exactly sure of the response we would receive. The weather was bitterly cold, so we knew that people would not be standing around waiting for the train. Sure enough, at some pre-determined time, people came to board the train. Only a very few kept their heads down, pretending not to see us. Others nodded to our words of 'Good Morning' or remarked about the coldness of the weather. Still others stopped to receive the smudge of ash on their foreheads, 'Remember that you are dust...'



Cindy and I had planned out who would read and who would place the ashes. I was amazed at those who were willing to stop on that cold morning and be reminded of their mortality. One woman in fact actually requested/demanded, 'Give me a blessing!' Another almost skipped to our table, excited that she could receive the blessing as she wouldn't be able to worship that evening. The immediate connection with strangers was powerful as we pronounced a blessing and read a prayer. Here we were strangers touching each other's lives, brought together by the promise of life in the midst of death. It was a profound moment of surprising grace in the midst of an otherwise quite unforgiving environment. I guess that's how God often works...

Peace,  
Pastor Ginny



## Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

Our song of the month for April is an Easter hymn from Tanzania. The music for “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” is a traditional Tanzanian folk tune. Bernhard Kyamanywa, who wrote the Tanzanian words for the song, was orphaned as a young boy, adopted by a Lutheran mission, and raised by a German deaconess. He felt called to become a pastor and wrote this text (in Swahili, the most common native Tanzanian language) while he was a seminary student in 1966 in Tanzania. The verses tell the story of the Easter Gospel; they were intended to be sung by a leader, with a chorus to be sung by everyone (an especially good strategy when some people in the congregation don’t read very well). We’ll invite everyone to sing all the parts, but just singing the chorus is still an option while you’re learning the song!

Here is the link to the English version:

<https://anglicanprayer.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/1-04-christ-has-arisen-alleluia.mp3>

The second link is to a video with a Tanzanian choir singing the song in its original language. You’re welcome to try that on Sunday mornings, too – the Swahili words for the first verse and the chorus are printed in the hymnal (ELW 364).

Here is the link to the Tanzanian version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMHWA3vhIMY>

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear.

*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there.”

*Refrain*

*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death’s fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.”  
*Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
*Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922  
 Music: MFURAHINI, HALLELUYA, Tanzanian traditional  
 Text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress  
 Tr. © 1977 Howard S. Olson, admin. Augsburg Fortress

## LABYRINTH

On Monday (6-8 pm), Tuesday (11-2 am) and Wednesday (6-8 pm) of Holy Week (the 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> of March and the 1<sup>st</sup> of April) the sanctuary at New Hope will be equipped with a prayer labyrinth. A labyrinth is a spiritual tool to help a believer to focus on prayer by walking along the designated path. There are many patterns for labyrinths all with the same goal: to support the one praying. One of the most famous labyrinths is in the center of the cathedral in Chartres, France. By walking at your own pace along the circles and spirals and stopping along the way for prayer, the labyrinth can become a metaphor for one's own faith journey.



There will be suggested devotions available at church to aid you in your walk, especially if you have never experienced a labyrinth. Or you may walk the labyrinth on your own. Come alone, bring a friend or your child as you share this powerful opportunity for prayer.

### **Faith Matters Informal Faith Discussion Group**

Sundays, 10am, in the  
Multi-Purpose Room

Come as you are able; this is designed to be an informal gathering where we connect for fellowship and group discussion geared to energize and explore faith.

- Do you have a restless little one? Bring him/her along!
- Do you have some basic questions or doubts?
- Can you only join in for half the time? Come anyway!
- There's no preparation or sign up necessary.

# His is Risen! Indeed!

**Easter Vigil Service**  
Saturday, April 4  
7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday Services**  
Sunday, April 5  
8:30 & 10 & 11:30 am

Nursery available at all worship services



**Friday, May 29**

Come one, come all - families, friends, singles, couples! All are invited to join a group from New Hope.

*The signing of the Declaration of Independence, a groundbreaking event in American history, blazes to vivid life in this most unconventional of Broadway hits.*

*1776 puts a human face on the pages of history as we see the men behind the national icons: proud, frightened, uncertain, irritable, charming, often petty, and ultimately noble figures determined to do the right thing for a fledgling nation. 1776 is a funny, insightful, and compelling drama with a wonderful musical score.*

The evening will begin with an all-you-can-eat buffet, with lots of choices to suit different tastes, served from **6:15 – 7:30 pm**. The show will start at 8:15 pm., allowing plenty of time to socialize. As a group, we qualify for a special price; adult tickets are **\$47.55** (15% less than the regular price), and children 12 and under pay \$37.05. The ticket price includes dinner (including coffee and iced tea), show, all taxes, and tip. (Other beverages are available for purchase.)

Make reservations by filling out a form from the bulletin board in the narthex (gathering area) near the sign-up board. Place your forms and checks in the box on the organ marked "Toby's". We have a limited number of seats available, so don't wait!

**Deadline for signup is Sunday, April 26!**

## GIFT RECIPE

From March's event

### Jacob's Lentil Stew

#### Ingredients:

- 3 carrots
- 3 celery stalks, including leaves
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2 cups dry red lentils
- 1/4 cup pearl barley
- 2 quarts vegetable stock
- 1 1/2 tsp cumin
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions:

1. Scrub the carrots, then cut them into chunks (do not peel).
2. Cut celery into chunks, including leaves. Reserve.
3. In a medium sized soup pot, heat olive oil over medium heat.
4. Add diced onion and sauté until translucent.
5. Add garlic, carrot chunks, and celery.
6. Continue to sauté until onion turns golden and ingredients begin to caramelize.
7. Cover mixture with 2 quarts broth and bring to a boil.
8. Add red lentils and barley to the pot, stir.
9. Reduce heat to a simmer. Add cumin to the pot.
10. Cover the pot and let the stew simmer slowly for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, stirring every 30 minutes, until barley is tender and the stew is thickened.



### GIFT - Friday, April 10 @ 6 pm

Everyone is invited: enjoy dinner, fellowship and learning!  
RSVP to Jim Rossi ([twolfe1456@gmail.com](mailto:twolfe1456@gmail.com) / 301-929-1456 or place a note in the Education / Faith Formation box in the Volunteer Room)

Next GIFT Event - Fri. 5/1, at 6 pm

# OUTREACH MINISTRY

## Baby It's Cold Outside. What's a Person to Do?

Finally, the temperature in Howard County is above freezing, and has been for several days. The latest snow is almost gone, with everyone hoping we have no more snow until next winter. Also ending in March are two special ministries: Grassroots Cold Weather Shelter, and Laurel's Winter Shelter. While you were in your home this winter watching the snow and ice, feeling the bone chilling cold, wondering when the kids were going to have a full week of school, did you ever wonder about those who live in tents or cars? Every November to March, Grassroots Crisis Intervention organizes Howard County faith communities to house the homeless for 1 to 2 weeks as the Cold Weather Shelter. A collection of faith communities in the Prince Georges County part of Laurel do the same thing. "Beds" are made available for those who want to "come in out of the cold" for the winter. Not everyone chooses to come in for that long a period of time, for many reasons, one being the fear of losing their possessions/tent.



So, what happens when the weather turns deadly cold and Code Blue is called? Howard County has one shelter, Grassroots; and one Cold Weather Shelter (CWS), which does not always have room for occasional stays. What is a person to do who wants to come in out of the bitter cold, or the threat of deep snow? During Code Blues, Grassroots was putting families with children in hotels. Singles or couples could call in to see if there was room at the CWS, and Grassroots opened their lobby for people to stay on the lobby chairs. The Laurel Winter Shelter was taking people in as long as they had room. Still, some people continued to stay in their cars or tents. The Route 1 Day Resource Center made sure that people who stayed outside had plenty of blankets to keep warm.



**God's Work  
Our Hands  
Service  
Weekend**

**September 2015**

Here are some ideas that have been tossed around are:

- partner with FIRN for an international dinner/fair,
- have a concert/music event with Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Baltimore,
- hold food drives,
- doing a stream clean up project.

If you are interested in helping brainstorm and organize activities, contact the Outreach team ([Outreach@NewHopeLutheran.org](mailto:Outreach@NewHopeLutheran.org)) or Team chair, Kathy Piet.



So, why talk about all this now? It's finally spring and warm outside! Well, it has been mentioned that people at New Hope would like to hear stories about what we are involved in. Also, it's good to think about what more can we do in the future. Next winter, could we be one of the faith communities that hosts the CWS? Could we be an emergency shelter during Code Blues? What would that entail? If you are interested in investigating our possible participation in the Cold Weather Shelter for next winter, please contact Kathy Piet.

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## Midweek Meditation Reflections

### Listening to God's Word

When Pastor Ginny asked me if I would like to be part of a Vesper Service and reflect on a passage topic, I accepted immediately. Normally, before taking on this type of assignment I would think about it. But, this time it was different.

Some time ago I had an awesome experience that I had not shared with others, and think that now it is time to talk about this event. Several weeks ago I was invited to contribute to our Lenten Devotional booklet and the passage that I was assigned to reflect on and write about reminded me about this awesome experience. These are all coincidences I know, but I believe it was Einstein that said "A coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous".

My topic is How Do We Listen to God's Voice?

For as long as I can remember I have communicated or talked to God regularly. In the morning I will pray and then throughout the day I may talk to God. I could be driving (particularly when it is snowing) or sitting in traffic or walking or have some type of problem that I am trying work through. Also, there are times when I just tell him "thank you" for all of my blessings.

There have been times when I have written in a journal. Typically I will write three to four pages and notice that toward the end of my writing for the day that I was praying. The words were somehow different. I have wondered at times, are these my words or is God whispering to me?

So I do regularly practice a couple of methods for communicating with God.

But, by far the most powerful experience I have ever had was when I was quiet and I listened. Yes, when I listened to God.

About 15 years ago we had a Parish Nurse, Joy Aker, at New Hope and she held a meeting at New Hope for people who were interested in walking a Labyrinth. The meeting was held in this room and there were approximately 20-25 people present. She had a lightweight rug and the Labyrinth template was imprinted on the rug. She gave us some instructions. When you walk the labyrinth you can recite a prayer of your choosing or pray about a specific intention. When my turn came I was walking the labyrinth and silently reciting the Lord's Prayer.

About halfway through my walk I started feeling strange. It's hard to describe, like I was not in a

room with others. I felt alone and this was coupled with an overpowering sense of peace and comfort.

Then, I heard the Lord speak to me. Yes, he spoke to me and he said, "Have no fear my child." He repeated this phrase several times until I finished my walk.

Was this real or just my wishes superimposed? Or was it because at that particular time I was really listening? It was indeed very real to me, and for a long time I lived in what I will call a "state of grace". I wish this same type of experience for all of you.

I would like to leave you with the following prayer.

Oh Lord, please help us to walk in your way, hold to your truth, live with your power and always remember to "Have No Fear." Amen.

- Sandra Payne, Reflection Presentation for Midweek Meditation Service (March 4, 2015)

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### Love Your Neighbor

When did it become trendy in our society to be mean to each other? Exchange compassion for bullying. And I'm not talking about youth bullying youth. We adults have become powerful role models for how to use words to annihilate another human being. Don't believe me? Read the comments below ANY article on the Internet. I don't know when or how this happened but I do know that reality TV feeds the evil wolf. We thrive on watching people verbally abuse each other. We don't like to admit that truth, but we must, because these are some of the most watched shows. Housewives of whatever city in America, American Idol, Bridzillas? and another one I've never watched but remains high in the ratings, The Bachelor...I can't think of a more demeaning display toward women on television.

The theme tonight is "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*" It's a straightforward little commandment - just 5 words--and - we pretty much understand what God is commanding us to do. And New Hope is amazing with following this rule. We are out there, serving the homeless, administering frozen ashes at the train station, traveling to Detroit to engage in service projects, performing to special needs groups with our puppets. We are simply awesome at serving others.

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But what about loving each other? Well there's plenty of room for improvement. How often do we grumble and criticize behind closed doors about our fellow New Hopians or think "My ministry is more important than your ministry," or "I volunteer more hours than anyone else." We go out of our way to serve the greater community, but the persons sitting next to us...not so much. And let me be clear. I'm not talking about participating in my puppet flash mob or attending a chili cook-off as a way to show your love. Consider this.

How many times have we glanced at the long list of prayer concerns in the bulletin and thought, "Oh look at that, so and so is on the list," but we don't bother to contact them to see why or if they need anything. Well, after all, we're pretty busy serving others and we can't be everything to everybody. Look around this room. Isn't it beautiful? It's set up to create an atmosphere of peace and discernment. Some people worked very hard to create this sacred space for us. And more people will work very hard to make sure when we walk through the doors on Easter morning, we are dazzled with lilies and white and gold banners and glorious music. And did you know that there are people already meeting and planning Vacation Bible School and will spend endless days and hours turning the entire church into an incredible fantasy Bible land for our kids? Sometimes we forget and take these things for granted. Want to love your New Hope neighbor? Move around a few hundred Easter lilies the day before Easter.

But is that what we need in order to attend worship? Beautiful landscapes and glorious music? At another church I attended, I asked the Pastor, "If the church building burned down tomorrow, how many would still show up in the parking lot on Sunday with our Bibles in hand to worship? I ask the same question of New Hope. And I also ask you, How many would roll up our sleeves to help rebuild our church to serve us? To fulfill us? To help us love one another, so we may feel replenished to go back out there and serve others? Powerful questions. And I have no answers or hidden agendas. Just something to ponder in the midst of BERT and ERNIE and whatever changes God has in store for us.

Here's a story I'd like to share because I've been thinking of Miss Lillian a lot this past week.

Miss Lillian was in her 70's, big and round in her flower print dresses, sweet and soft spoken - and was the perfect image of a grandmother. She was the music director and organist for the church I attended years ago. She also led the children's choir. That's where I got to know her, because I was a



Sunday School teacher. Every week, all of the Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday School students and teachers met in the music room for the first 10 minutes of Sunday School so the kids could learn and work on a new song. At this church, Sunday School was between services. Everyone loved watching the kids sing Jesus Loves Me or Away in a Manger in front of the congregation on special days. And just like our kids, they squirmed, fidgeted, forgot the words, waved at Mom - all that wonderful stuff which made it so memorable.

I was one of the first members to be welcomed by the new pastor, so both of us had not been at this church very long. One day he was telling me how the council called him to make changes - big changes in the church. And his first substantial change would be to fire Miss Lillian. After all, she was getting old, she couldn't keep the correct tempo during the hymns - played them like funeral dirges, he said. I remember he referred to her as "Dumb as a fox" meaning that she was going to be manipulative to keep her job. Miss Lillian? Manipulative? I couldn't believe those two things would be in the same sentence. He wanted council to hire a highly trained and professional musician with diplomas from Peabody and experienced as a professional opera singer. That was 25 years ago and I still remember the feeling I had during that conversation. It felt wrong. It just felt wrong, but I didn't speak up either.

They fired Miss Lillian and hired the young Opera Singer. Fortunately, for Miss Lillian, the termination was not a life-changing event for her financially (emotionally, yes, but not financially). She had family to help her and she had her retirement funds. But under different circumstances, she could easily have become a client of Route 1. And maybe we would have served her brunch on Christmas morning.

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**GOT BOOKS?**  
GET SOME • GIVE SOME

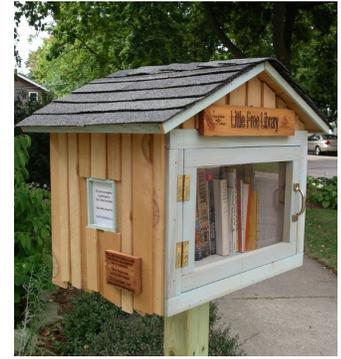


LITTLE FREE LIBRARY.ORG  
TAKE A BOOK • RETURN A BOOK

**Little Free Library at New Hope?**  
**The Outreach Ministry Team is considering installing a Little Free Library.**

**What is a Little Free Library?**

It's a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. You can, too!



If you are interested in this project and would like to help, please contact the Outreach Team ([Outreach@NewHopeLutheran.org](mailto:Outreach@NewHopeLutheran.org)) or the team chair, Kathy Piet ([kampers1@verizon.net](mailto:kampers1@verizon.net)). If you would like more information about Little Free Libraries, visit the Little Free Library website at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org). If you would like to visit a Little Free Library, visit the LFL at The Other Barn in the Oakland Mills Village Center. We already have one youth considering this as his Eagle Scout project.

**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 20 - 24**

Making Summer plans?  
Registration begins in May.  
Great ready for another awesome week.  
Contact Lois Bailey to get involved in the planning.  
([LoisBailey9598@gmail.com](mailto:LoisBailey9598@gmail.com))



**COOKIES TO GO**

Sr. High Youth

In March the Sr. High Youth met and made 'bunches' of cookies...dozens and dozens. We ate some with ice cream (creative ice cream cookie sandwich!) and ate a few of the 'too ugly to give away' cookies for good measure. The rest we boxed up and shared with our neighborhood Fire Department and with our friends at Grass Roots. We closed out the evening talking about war and peace and what is our role as 'peacemakers' in Christ's name.

We encourage 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to join us most Sunday evenings as we have fun, grow in love for one another and learn what it means to be the body of Christ. Want to learn more or be on our mailing list? Call the church office (410-381-4673) or send an email ([Ginny@NewHopeLutheran.org](mailto:Ginny@NewHopeLutheran.org)).

**Seeking**  
**Paid Nursery Attendant**  
**(Substitute)**

**NURSERY**



We are seeking an additional paid Nursery Attendant Substitute. Duties: care for infants and toddlers in our nursery; you may be called to substitute at the last minute. Substitute must be available Sunday mornings and during the week for special services and/or events.

If you are interested contact Cindy Ranker ([Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org](mailto:Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org) / 410-381-4673).

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Let’s face it, most of us are one paycheck or illness away from that scenario ourselves.

The new director also had in her contract to lead the children’s choir. But no one bothered to find out if she actually liked children. Turns out, she admitted, after she was hired, she was very uncomfortable being around children. But it was in her contract and in her PD, so she had to work with the kids whether she liked it or not. Maggie was 4 or 5 when the director held a rehearsal with the children to learn a new song for the Christmas Eve service. We weren’t allowed to videotape during the service so I always videotaped the rehearsals, which is why I remember this one so clearly. The director was trying to teach “In Excelsis Deo” to kids aged 3 to 8. And her anger and impatience and frustration grew more obvious throughout the rehearsal because the kids would not, could not roll their R’s while singing the word, *Gloria*. I’m 58 and I still can’t roll my R’s. Well, over time kids left and the children’s choir became defunct; adults also started dropping out of that choir, because the choir director was also fired and replaced by the fancy opera singer. It was one of the reasons I started church shopping and searched for a church that focused on youth and people who showed compassion toward one another. Oh, and the day we visited New Hope? The puppet ministry was performing.

Take away whatever lessons you find from the story. I thought it fit the theme.

Love your neighbor as yourself. I think it is much, much bigger than what we actually practice. How can you love someone if you can’t show compassion, respect, and tolerance for them?

Galatians 5:22 ...*the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

- Juanita Walker, Reflection Presentation for Mid-week Meditation Service (March 25, 2015)

like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked up” in prisons, living without rights even as they are released, because of their incarcerated status. In recent months racial tensions in the United States have been rising. Are there root causes that need to be addressed? What does it mean for us as Christians to be people of God’s justice? This book provides an opportunity for us to discuss these most pressing issues.

This book group will meet at New Hope for a total of 6 times on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 pm. April’s dates include: April 8, 15, and 22.

Any questions? Contact Pastor Ginny ([Ginny@NewHopeLutheran.org](mailto:Ginny@NewHopeLutheran.org)).



## Adult Bible Camp

May 11-15

9:30am-1:30pm

Look for some changes and a great program at Adult Bible Camp (ABC) this year. First, it will be held in May and the day is shortened. The program runs from 9:30am-1:30pm, including our great homemade lunch. We couldn’t eliminate everyone’s favorite part!

### Our theme this year is “Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith”

1 Peter 2: 17

“Honor all people. Love everyone.”

Each day features a speaker from a different religion; Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Judaism. On Friday Pr. Surekha Nelavala, a Lutheran pastor originally from India, will summarize the week discussing what our faith tells us about living with people of other faiths. Our devotions, Bible study and discussions will focus on these topics.

Cost is \$20/week or \$5/day, including lunch.

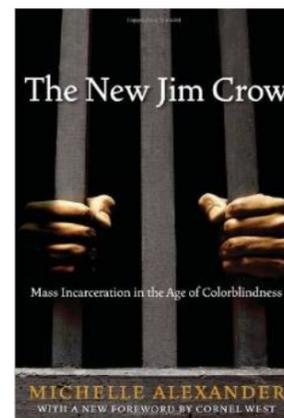
For any questions, contact Linda Yergey ([LcYergey@gmail.com](mailto:LcYergey@gmail.com)).

## New Book Group

beginning in April!

We will be reading The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander (available in the Howard Co. library).

This ground-breaking book by Alexander “is a stunning account of the rebirth of a caste-



## ***BIRTHDAYS***

1	14	23
Gary Schlueter	Helen Fleming	Grant Shepherd
Jacob Rettig	15	24
2	Ina O'Ryan	Andrew Jurik
Donna Adams	Zoey Tindall	Juliana Baglione
3	16	25
Justin Caporaletti	Danny O'Ryan	Jill Bussey
Ben Shepherd	Matt Henry	Melinda Petre
4	Travis Harrington	26
Liam Henry	17	Andrew Burns
6	Christine King	27
Marie Hughes	Anna Bartels	Charles McCabe
8	Caitlin Kelley	28
Matthew Burns	18	Sanna Foster
Palmer Burcham	Bailey Bernet	Tiffany Paul
9	19	
Robert Petre	Nell Kropf	
Ivan Ose	Meagan Lamothe	
10	20	
Kim Kroll	Scott Freel	
11	22	
Mark Lastova	Patrick Gardner	
Kevin Lentz	Brodie Taylor	

## ***WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES***

4	Bob & Amy Frekot (92)
6	Kevin & Bev Jordan (91)
10	Lynda & Tom Osterman (92)
19	Shelly & Douglas Walrath(97)
24	Scott & Angela Lores (04)
26	Michael & Michelle Harrington (96)
29	Chris & Sherry Phillips (78)
30	David Doty & Linda Howser (83)

## ***BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES***

5	14	24
Kate McFee	Noah O'Ryan	Zachary Delang
6	Alan Madden	<i>Additional Baptisms</i>
Lenny Moyer	16	Brigitte Wood
8	Larry Lassen	Marie Hughes
Noemie Janne D'Othee	18	Patricia Sekela
Justin Caporaletti	Kandace Kroll	Nicole Mazzei-Williams
9	20	Sylwia Krysiak-Delang
William Jordan	Belinda Baggett	Karen Severson
10	22	Anna Bartels
Andrew Zayac	Benjamin Burns	
12	Sangeetha Struck	
Kaylen Caporaletti		

# April 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Communion served and Nursery available at 8:30, 10, & 11:30am			<b>1</b> 6-8p Labyrinth 7p Young Adult Bib. St. 7:30p Choir	<b>2</b> 6:30p Maundy Thursday Service and Dinner	<b>3</b> 10a Bible Study 12p Good Friday Service and Lunch 7:30p Good Friday Service	<b>4</b> 6:30p AA 7:30p Easter Vigil
<b>5</b> EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 / 10 / 11:30am	<b>6</b> Easter Monday Church Office Closed  6p Single Again 7p Baltimore Lutheran Campus Min.	<b>7</b> 10a Staff Mtg 6:30p VBS Planning 7p ERNIE 7:30p Joyful Noise	<b>8</b> 9:30a MOMs Club 10a Bible Study 5:30p Confirmation 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Pack Comm 7:15p BS P. Brk	<b>9</b> 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir	<b>10</b> 6p GIFT	<b>11</b> 6:30p AA
<b>12</b> Blood Pressure Pie Sunday 10a Sunday School for Children & Adults 11:15a Witness Team 4:30p Mustard Seeds 6p Youth Group 6:30p GS 1009 7p BS PLC	<b>13</b> 10a Staff Mtg 5:30p GS 1214 7p Quilt/Craft 7:30p Cong Care Team 7:30p Property Team	<b>14</b> 9a Organ Move 7p BS Comm 7p Cong Council 7:30p Joyful Noise	<b>15</b> 10a Bible Study 5:30p Confirmation 6p Venture Crew 373 7p Stephen Ministers 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Den 6 7:15p BS P. Brk	<b>16</b> 6:30p Handbells 7p Den 5 7p Tigers 7:30p Choir	<b>17</b> 5:30p GS Event  Mustard Seeds at Laurel Puppet Festival	<b>18</b> 8a GS CPR 6:30p AA
<b>19</b> 6p Rise Up Bib. St Youth Group HS 6p Youth Group MS 6:30p GS 1009 7p Tr373 PLC	<b>20</b> 10a Hymn planning 5:30p GS 1214	<b>21</b> 10a Staff Mtg 7p BERT 7:30p Joyful Noise	<b>22</b> 10a Bible Study 5:30p Confirmation 6p Venture Crew 373 7p B Scout Tr 373 7:15p BS P. Brk	<b>23</b> 6:30p Handbells 7p Den 5 7:30p Choir	<b>24</b> 6:30p Pack 373	<b>25</b> 9:30a Meal at Rt. 1 Daycenter 9a 1st Lutheran Council Retreat 10a Jazz Jam 6:30p AA
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The Staff wish you all  
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