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Cathlynn Law, Pastor

Lenten & Easter Services

Palm Sunday

April 17th, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 21st, 6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

Good Friday Service

April 22nd, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 24th, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Pancake breakfast to be served Easter Sunday
from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Lehmann Hall



Mission Centered Ministry Workshop

Wednesday, May 11

Blaine Memorial UMC, Seattle

Led by Rev. Doug Anderson (Exec. Dir. of Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development), this inter-active workshop is geared at helping churches to be on purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ. There will be two sessions: Part 1 (1 to 5 p.m.) will focus on the importance of developing spiritual leaders, which will help your church stay focused on the mission. Part 2 (7 to 8:30 p.m.) will help you build confidence and competency in sharing your faith in Jesus Christ with those who are outside the church. Early registration through April 18th is \$10 per person/\$50 per congregation. Late registration is \$15 per person/\$75 congregation. Contact Pastor Cathy if you are interested.

Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

Communication has been on my mind a lot recently. Our SANDPOINTER is a means of communicating about our shared ministry together, including this article you are presently reading. There is increased interest about how we communicate with our website, and what we can do to make it a more effective outreach and communication tool. A new speaker has been installed in the library/nursery to allow parents or caregivers to be a part of worship while tending young children. It will also be an effective communication tool for Memorial Reception hosts, so they can listen to the service and know when it is drawing to a close. In our sanctuary, did you notice that we have new microphones? A sleek new pulpit microphone, and a cool new lapel that attaches to the ear. Look out Joel Osteen!!! Already I can tell that these communication tools will be good additions to our worship life together. Please let me know if you still have difficulty hearing during worship. These additions are the result of our endowment funds being put to good work. Many thanks to the Saints of the past.

These are practical communication tools. What about spiritual communication? How do we communicate with one another? How do we communicate with God? How does God communicate with us? During our Confirmation session Sunday evening, we practiced being blindfolded while receiving instructions/communication to a particular destination. The blindfolded individual had to carefully tune in to the voice giving the instructions. We talked about the parallel of how we tune in to the voice of God in our lives.

The lectionary cycle during Lent this year has focused on the relational stories from the Gospel of John: Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the Man born Blind, and coming up next Sunday - the Raising of Lazarus. In each relationship, Jesus finds a way of communicating on a deeper level, and bringing about the transformation of each individual. I believe this kind of transformation is still available to us - part of it depends on God of course, but the remaining part of the equation is up to us and our spiritual practice.

May the eyes and the ears of your heart continue to be open to receive the spiritual communication God has in store for you.

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday (Apr. 6)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Apr. 7)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Friday (Apr. 8)

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (Apr. 9)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Apr. 10)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

Monday (Apr. 11)

SANDPOINTER (*newsletter*) deadline, 12:00 noon

Children's Bell Choir —4:45 p.m., Choir Room

Staff Parish Relations Comm.—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Tuesday (Apr. 12)

AA—7:30 p.m., Lehmann Hall (*aka Boys & Girls Club*)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday (Apr. 13)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Apr. 14)

Harmony Circle—12:00 noon, Fireside Room

Friday (Apr. 15)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Movie Night—6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

Saturday (Apr. 16)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month —Tent City Dinner

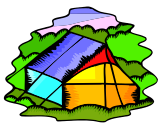
Maundy Thursday Service—April 21st, 6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

Good Friday Service—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

SANDPOINTER deadlines:

Mondays— April 11 &, April 25—12:00 noon

April Melodies of Compassion will be donated to UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief. The monies collected will be designated for earthquake relief in Christchurch New Zealand, Japan, and Myanmar (which just occurred last week). 100% of all donations to UMCOR are used for disaster relief as specified by the donors. Please remember these countries and all those who need help desperately -- in your prayers and in any donations you're able to provide for Melodies during April.



An Easter Feast for Homeless

Living outside in a tent for multiple months is tough, especially with all the rain we've had. Even more challenging is figuring out where, if not when, the next meal will be available. Thanks to the generous donations and gracious volunteers, Sand Point has been making one meal available a month to the temporary residents of Tent City 3 for nearly 3 years as they work to achieve a solid roof over their head!

Our April TC3 meal is on Easter this year (4th Sun). We are looking for anyone (or a whole/multiple family together) that would be willing to spend a few hours of their Easter helping provide a meal that evening. This can be a cooked meal, or a deliciously pre-made meal (i.e. Costco) heated up and delivered to the very appreciative TC3 residents. Please contact Jeff Ricco (206-459-0313, riccoj@zgi.com) to volunteer or ask questions.

Rummage Sale!

May 13 & 14

Set-up will begin on Saturday, May 7th and will continue through the week of May 9th.

Donated items may be brought to the church until May 9th. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, price, cashier and generally be available to assist shoppers during the sale. Contact Ngaire Taylor at Ngaire@aol.com or (206)522-6683 *****Note: Items we cannot take: computers, printers, fax machines, exercise equipment, and adult clothing.*****



Open House at Brettler Family Place

(newly completed housing at Solid Ground / Sand Point.)

April 7th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Call 694-6852 to RSVP.

Our Church has been part of the Interfaith group which has supported Sand Point Family Housing since it opened in 1999. Brettler Family Place is Phase II of the Sand Point Housing plan and will provide permanent housing (in contrast to transitional housing in Phase I) to families who are placed there by service providers and who will be supported by professional services in making their transition out of homelessness. You have all been a tremendous help in past years in donating household goods to the Resource Room and helping with food baskets and welcome baskets. We expect there will be even more need in the future with this increase in new families so please watch for more information from The Missions Ministry Team. Thanks!

Finance Information

Pledge Income	Annual Budget	\$205,800
	Received to Date	\$ 50,154
	Remaining Balance	\$155,646
Contribution Income	Annual budget	\$ 23,500
	Received to Date	\$ 3,965
	Remaining Balance	\$ 19,535



Nate's Notes

Quote of the Week: After reading about nine different plagues on Sunday, one youth chimed in with a modern day plague: *"Math Plague!"*

Quote 2: As the confirmation class began talking about deeply personal responses to several questions, Pastor Cathy reminded the group to be sensitive and not say the first thing that came to our minds. Olivia helped with some imagery: *"Use your mental diaper!"*

Movie Night: April 15th, 6:30 p.m.—"Horton Hears a Who"
Come and enjoy a great re-telling of the classic Dr. Seuss children's story. We will supply the popcorn! Friends are welcome!

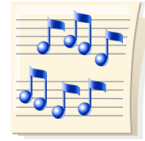
Pancake Breakfast: April 24th, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Come join us in Lehmann Hall on Easter morning, April 24th, from 8:00 to 9:30. Stop on by any time to enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, orange juice and milk. Donations optional.

Easter Egg Hunt: April 24th
Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt following church service. All families are invited to partake. There will be separate hunts for the varied ages and abilities.

Parents' Night Out: April 30th, 5:00 to 8 p.m.
Kid's Club is a great chance for the children and youth to connect and have fun time together. This time we will be making bread for Communion and treats for coffee hour. The children will enjoy fun faith-filled games and great food. **Deadline for sign up is April 27th!** Cost will be \$10 per child (scholarships available).

Video Game Day: May 1st, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Come join the fun today after church down in the youth room. We will have multiple game systems, tournaments, prizes, snacks, and lots of fun! All ages and skills invited!

Vacation Bible Camp: July 11-15
All Students and friends (4th grade and under) are invited to this year's Vacation Bible Camp: "Shake it Up". Registration materials will be available online and at church shortly.



Jeremy's Musical Notes

Journey Through the Darkness

As our theme through Lent has been journey, we continue in this mindset towards the cross. We journey together, noticing the cairns left by others along the way. These piles of rock will be our guide through the darkest times of our life. Admittedly we don't like to think about the dark, and all it entails but the darkness makes the glory and light of Easter all that more thrilling and meaningful! The darkness is not a place to dwell or abide but rather a necessary step in the journey. As Pastor Cathy has said, "You can't get from here (Palm Sunday) to there (Easter) without journeying alongside of Christ." This includes the darkness of betrayal, trial, mockery, beating and crucifixion. Alas, we journey home, **together!**

The choir will lead Sand Point in Good Friday Worship with a Tenebrae Service on Friday, April 22nd, 7:30 p.m., focusing on the journey we must all make: the journey through life, eventually leading us to our eternal home with Christ. While the darkness will never overcome us, it is a necessary part of the Christian journey. Come, journey with us, together, as we travel alongside the One who showed us the way.

Spiritual Growth in Small Study Groups

Many members of our community are joining in small study groups and finding great joy, wonderful fellowship, and deeper understanding of our faith. Rev. Steven Manskar wrote in a recent Methodist magazine article: "John Wesley understood that Christianity is a social religion. Participating in a community that promises to watch over one another in love is necessary for Christians. Wesley knew from scripture, tradition, reason and experience that holiness is both a gift and a process of character formation that requires participation in relationships of love and trust in small groups." The ideas of Marcus Borg, the Book of John, and "Difficult Issues in the Bible" are a few of the current subjects our small study groups are discussing. Join the Men's or Women's Bible Study, or attend Enrichment Hour, to share love and spiritual growth.

Jan Shapiro, Membership, Fellowship, and Outreach Chair