



From the Pastor's Desk

"I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE LITTLE CHILDREN CAUGHT UP IN THE EXCITEMENT AND EMPOWERED TO BECOME PART OF THE PARADE BECAUSE OF JESUS' BLESSING OF THEM.

I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE MAN WITH THE WITHERED HAND WHO WAS NOW CUTTING DOWN THE BRANCHES AND PASSING THEM OUT TO OTHERS.

I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE ONE WHO IS DEAF AND MUTE WHO IS NOW LEADING THE SINGING. I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE LAME WHO WERE DANCING IN THE STREETS.

I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE OUTCAST WHO WAS NOW PART OF THE PARADE.

I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN BLEEDING FOR YEARS AND HAD ONCE TOUCHED THE HEM OF JESUS' GARMENT AND WHO NOW RAN ALONGSIDE THE DONKEY SINGING.

I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE BLIND MAN, WHO ONCE SAW PEOPLE AS TREES, WALKING AND WHO NOW CLEARLY SAW JESUS ENTERING THE CITY ON A DONKEY.

I WANT TO TELL YOU OF A LITTLE GIRL WHOM JESUS RAISED FROM HER DEATHBED AND WHO NOW BROUGHT HER PARENTS TO THE PARADE.

I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THOSE JESUS FED ON THE HILLSIDE WHO THIS TIME BROUGHT FOOD TO SHARE WITH OTHERS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. ...

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE PARADE AND ...

SPARE YOU THE PAIN OF WATCHING JUDAS BETRAY HIM FOR MONEY,
SPARE YOU THE DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN PETER DENIED EVER HAVING KNOWN HIM,

SPARE YOU THE SIGHT OF THE DISCIPLES FLEEING WHEN JESUS WAS ARRESTED,
SPARE YOU HEARING THE CROWDS JEERING HIM, CALLING FOR HIM TO BE CRUCIFIED,

SPARE YOU WINCING AS JESUS WAS STRIPPED AND NAILED TO THE CROSS,
SPARE YOU HAVING YOUR SOUL PIERCED BY THE ANGUISH OF HIS CRY TO GOD,
SPARE YOU THE GRIEF OF THE WOMEN WHO CONTINUED TO STAY WITH HIM AT THE CEMETERY.

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE PARADE BUT THE TRUTH IS JESUS DIES BEFORE THE PALM BRANCHES ARE CLEARED FROM THE ROADWAY.

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE PARADE AND PROTECT YOU FROM THE SHAME OF WHAT JESUS DID FOR US. I WANT TO CRY OUT, 'JESUS, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO THIS FOR US! WE KNOW YOU LOVE US.'

HOWEVER, SUCH A RESPONSE EXPOSES MY UTTER LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S LOVE, EXPRESSES MY ARROGANCE AT WANTING TO PROTECT EVEN GOD FROM THE VULNERABILITY OF LOVE."

—LAURA MENDENHALL, "THE VULNERABILITY OF LOVE," APRIL 16, 2000.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.

PASTOR V.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY
9A.M.- IN-PERSON W/SCS
10:45A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY APRIL 4 @ 5PM
VICKY WIENKE - ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY APRIL 5 @ 9AM
DAWN CORLESS- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY APRIL 5 @ 10:45AM
KAREN ROTHENBERGER- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY APRIL 5 @ 9AM
KRISTEN HOCHULSKI- USHER

SUNDAY APRIL 5 @ 10:45AM
LAURA LOEHR- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL:
CONNIE ARNOLD
CHARLIE ARNOLD



**ANNOUNCEMENTS &
UPCOMING EVENTS**

EASTER SERVICE

APRIL 4TH @5PM

APRIL 5TH

9AM @ 10:45AM

EASTER BREAKFAST APRIL 5TH

8:30AM- 10:30AM

BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM

APRIL 9TH, 16TH

UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES:

MAY 3RD

OFFICE CLOSED

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED STARTING FRIDAY APRIL 3RD AT 12PM

THROUGH MONDAY APRIL 13TH

I WILL BE BACK IN ON TUESDAY APRIL 14TH

BURRITO PROJECT

THIS PAST TUESDAY, THE BURRITO PROJECT TEAM WENT INTO DOWNTOWN TO DELIVER BURRITOS ALONG WITH PERSONAL HYGIENE AND COMFORT ITEMS TO THE HOMELESS. THIS REMARKABLE GROUP OF PEOPLE WAS PREPARED FOR A TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR. IT DID INDEED RAIN HARD AND FURIOUSLY BEFORE AND AFTER; BUT THE ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION HAD NO RAIN. WE DISTRIBUTED OVER A HUNDRED BURRITOS ALONG WITH OTHER ITEMS. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT HELPED TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING ALL THOSE IN THE CONGREGATION WHO CONTRIBUTED.

THE NEXT BURRITO PROJECT VENTURE WILL BE ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF JUNE. YOU WILL HEAR FROM US THEM.

THIS WEEK 4/5 - 4/11

TODAY:

8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. EASTER BREAKFAST
9 A.M. WORSHIP W/SCS
10:45 A.M. WORSHIP
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

10 A.M. SPROUTS
1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP
6 P.M. SPROUTS
6 P.M. KNITTING MINISTRY
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. TAI-CHI
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP
6 P.M. LABYRINTH GROUP
7 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. NA
5 P.M. ZUMBA
6 P.M. BIBLE STUDY
7 P.M. COUNCIL
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
10 A.M. SPROUTS
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

11 A.M. SOUP COOK OFF
5 P.M. WORSHIP



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWERS RETURN THIS WEEK. WE APPRECAITE YOUR SUPPORT BY USING THE ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FOYER

COLLECTION FOR BOOK AND JIGSAW PUZZLE SALE

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOOKS AND PUZZLES FOR THE SALE IN APRIL. LAST DAY TO DONATE WILL BE APRIL 5TH. THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE PEW IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. ALSO, NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, MAGAZINES OR MEDIA.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

GET READY FOR SPRING!

WE WILL BE HOSTING A PROVEN WINNERS® PLANT SALE (THE SAME BEAUTIFUL PLANTS FOUND AT OUR LOCAL NURSERIES!) SALE BEGINS APRIL 15TH AND ENDS APRIL 26TH! PLANTS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME!

- BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME, PORCH, OR GARDEN
- SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY
- PREMIUM PLANTS YOU KNOW AND LOVE

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION LATER THIS MONTH