

# THE HERALD

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### **"A Devotional Time - A Devotional Practice"**

During the season of Lent, most of us have made an effort to increase our devotional practices because it is the tradition of our church and because we know how valuable any and all time is that we spend in the presence of God through worship, prayer and scriptural reading. I hope and pray this Lenten season has been a time when you have found yourself being renewed in your faith and energized in your devotion. With Lent being a church season lasting forty days, it seems long as we begin it, but by the time it concludes we usually wish for many more days of intentional and prayerful devotion.

Now we enter April, and our Lenten journey is almost over. We are only weeks from Holy Week, and the "Three Days" comprising Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil and Day. Entering Holy Week, the focus of our devotional life could very well change as the activities surrounding our Lord become more intense as he enters Jerusalem. In light of the movement of our Lord from triumphal entry to crucifixion, death, and burial, I would like to offer you a formula for your Holy Week Devotions. I believe that if you will practice this daily devotion, you will find yourself prepared to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. This devotion will call upon the Seven Last Words of Our Lord from the Cross.

Begin your devotion by finding a quiet space for your moments of reflection. Then pray the Lord's Prayer. Now open your Bible to the appointed phrase for that day, and read the phrase and perhaps the verses immediately preceding and following the verse. Be still. Close your eyes and picture that moment in the life of our Lord, knowing that he goes to the cross for our sins. Then pray the Lord's Prayer again. I believe if we can do this, a difference will be made in us and in our preparation to celebrate Easter. Here is the list - God's blessings:

Palm Sunday, April 13 "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34

Monday in Holy Week, April 14 "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15 "Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother." John 19:26-27

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16 "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

Maundy Thursday, April 17 "I thirst." John 19:28

Good Friday, April 18 "It is finished." John 19:30

Saturday, April 19 "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46

Then, on Easter Sunday, wake up and join all Christians throughout the world as we proclaim the Resurrection of Our Lord. Join with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. John's as together we proclaim, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

*Pastor Butler +*

## Lee-Freyschmidt Circle

Lee-Freyschmidt Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 9th, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Elaine Ehmann (18 Boyce's Wharf, Charleston).

## Tovey Circle

The Tovey Circle will meet at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 10th, at the home of Joye Shuler (644 Cain Drive, Mt. Pleasant).



## *The Ladies Sewing Society*

Organized 1825



**April 13, 2014**

3:45 p.m. — Fellowship with refreshments provided by Sara Jane Foltz

4:00 p.m.— Program presented by Sara Jane Foltz

Parish Hall ( Second Floor)  
We warmly welcome guests.

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## Spring Sale LSS Items

On Sundays, April 27th and May 4th, The Ladies Sewing Society will be offering our traditional LSS items for sale. These include St. John's note cards, prints, plates, and cookbooks. In addition, we are selling hand-stitched items! Please visit our sale table on the portico following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on both Sundays. The proceeds from these sales will help fund LSS Grants for seminary students at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

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## Silent Auction

The Ladies Sewing Society is holding a Silent Auction for a framed, signed, and numbered print of Mary Ingalls Cote's "Sunday Morning" donated by Mrs. Cele West. Opening bid is \$100.00 and bids are in increments of \$10.00. You may view and bid on this art work through Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. It will be on display in the Parish Hall with the bid sheet. Proceeds support the Ladies Sewing Society's mission of providing grants to LTSS Seminary Students. Please print contact information clearly so the winning bidder can be notified. Thank you!

## 2014 Lenten Services

Please join us for a light Lenten supper and worship each week as we continue to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

### Worship and Opportunities at St. John's

**April 2 Wednesday** Lenten Supper **6:15 PM** Lenten Worship **7:00 PM**  
**April 9 Wednesday** Lenten Supper **6:15 PM** Lenten Worship **7:00 PM**

### Ecumenical Mid-Day Worship Opportunities

**April 2 Wednesday @ St. John's** Reverend Bryant preaching **12:30 PM**  
**April 9 Wednesday @ First Scots** Reverend Blalock preaching **12:30 PM**  
**April 18 Good Friday @ Battery Gazebo** Stations of the Cross **12:00 PM**

## Holy Week at St. John's



**Sunday, April 13**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**11:00 a.m.**



MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Thursday, April 17**  
**7:00 PM**



**Friday, April 18**  
**7:00 PM**



## Easter Services at St. John's

**Sunday, April 20**

**Lumen Christi Service** **8:00 AM**  
**Festival Service of the Resurrection** **11:00 AM**



# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

St. John's Lutheran Church Vestry met on March 20, 2014 to discuss the ongoing ministry of our congregation and to conduct our regular business. The following represents the highlights of that meeting.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dr. Dan Lackland and opened with prayer offered by Pastor Butler.
- 2) The February Vestry Minutes were approved with one correction, and the Treasurer's Report was received as information.
- 3) Pastor Butler reported that average attendance for February, 2014, was 183. Charlie and Lisa Hill were granted a letter of transfer to St. Matthias Lutheran Church in Easley and removed from the rolls of St. John's Lutheran Church. Pastor Butler recommended the following persons for membership: John Gnann, Helen Gnann, Jennifer Gnann, Steve Trayte, Sheila Trayte, Jaclyn Trayte, Mike Johnson, and Lynn Johnson. All were approved for membership and will be officially received in the near future. Pastor Butler reported on his activity as chair of the SC Synod Candidacy Committee, President of the Board of Directors for Charleston Port and Seafarers Society, and his Navy Reserve duties.
- 4) Sheila Sines Thomasson reported on the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and other children's activities. The search continues for a Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministries.
- 5) Bryan Counts shared information about the Evangelism Committee and several advertisements for our Easter Services that are being placed in local publications. Additional conversation was held regarding the current sale of t-shirts and how we might streamline that process while also allowing every member who wants a St. John's t-shirt to purchase one. It was approved that Bryan have them available for order at the Easter Sunday morning breakfast.
- 6) Chris Antley recommended that we purchase a new computer for our church Treasurer. Approved.
- 7) Tommy Harken presented the Property Committee report and mentioned there are several projects that the committee is looking at undertaking. One is the repair of the wrought iron in the cemetery, and the other is the clean-up of the area behind the parish building.
- 8) Pastor Butler noted that Madeline Anne Pickard will be baptized at our March 23 service. Additionally, Lynn Springer and Randy Lesemann were recommended to serve as Lay Readers and Worship Assistants. Approved
- 9) Pastor Butler then led the Vestry in a discussion and review of the goals established at the Vestry Retreat, noting which Vestry members would serve as 'champions' for each goal and the time-line involved for reporting back and implementing the goals.
- 10) There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## “The Passion of Our Lord” Bible Study

On Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion) the gospel reading is lengthy and covers an awful lot of ground. This year join Pastor Butler for a Bible study and reading of the Passion narrative. The study will meet on Tuesdays, April 8 and 15, at 11:00 AM in the Vestry Room located upstairs in the Parish Building. As we read through the narrative, we will highlight and discuss portions that intrigue us. We will end our class at noon both days. See you there.

## St. John's Easter Egg Hunt and Party

Saturday, April 19th — 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, April 19th, children of all ages and their friends are invited to join in the fun at our Easter Egg Hunt. We will meet in the Parish Hall for egg decorating, crafts and refreshments. Each child is asked to bring six hard boiled eggs to be dyed and a basket for the egg hunt.



## Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 20th — 9:15 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for the Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and fellowship at our Easter morning breakfast being served between the two services. Come share a delicious breakfast in our fellowship hall beginning at 9:15 a.m. on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Children are asked to bring flowers for the Flowering of the Cross.

## St. John's T-Shirts for Sale

The Evangelism Committee will be taking orders for St. John's t-shirts in the Parish Hall auditorium during the Easter celebration breakfast and festivities on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Shirts are available in gray or white, short sleeve or long sleeve, with or without a pocket and adult or youth sizes. It is requested that church members pay for the shirts by check at the time of placing an order.

### Committee Meetings

April 7	Worship and Music Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
April 10	Vestry Officers' Meeting	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Vestry Meeting	6:30 p.m.
April 14	Social Ministry Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
April 21	Evangelism Committee Meeting	5:00 a.m.

## MUSIC NOTES



Spring has sprung!

We have been enjoying our Wednesday night Lenten services in the Parish Hall. If you have not yet joined us for one of these services, why not try one? We begin with a delicious supper at 6:15 and begin our service of the word (with piano and hymns) at 7PM. Hope to see you there on the 2nd or the 9th!

I hope you and your family will make plans to join us at St. John's during Holy Week. The Chorale will be lending its voices to our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and of course, Easter Sunday services, with the Handbell Choir also playing Sunday.

Our 11AM Easter Sunday service will feature a string quartet playing joyous music in honor of Christ's Resurrection, and the Chorale will give its annual performance of "Hallelujah" Chorus, accompanied by keyboard and strings, in addition to other works. It should be a wonderful and joyful morning of praise and celebration!

Look for information about this summer's "Summer at St. John's" concert series in next month's article!

In music,

*Todd*

Music quotation of the month:

"Who hears music feels his solitude peopled at once." -Robert Browning

## St. John's Parking Lot

During Sunday worship hours, our parking lot is available for parking as you attend worship at St. John's and Sunday School. Parking is also available in the parking garage behind Forever 21 (formerly Sak's Fifth Avenue) during our worship hours. If you present your Sunday worship bulletin upon exiting, The City of Charleston has graciously agreed not to charge you for parking in the garage. .

**Please note** — During the week, many days find people volunteering at the church, and/or committee meetings, Bible Study groups, etc., are taking place in the Parish Hall, so our parking is limited. We ask that if you would like to park along the east wall of our lot while shopping or for a brief meeting downtown, please call the church office and let us know that you are parking in one of the spaces along the brick wall. As parking in downtown Charleston is limited, we have an arrangement with a towing company and do not want you towed! All other parking spaces in the parking lot are rented from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday — Friday. Thank you for your help with the parking at St. John's!

# Financial Update

The Finance Committee provides each month an update of the contributions received in the current year as compared to the amount in the budget adopted by the congregation. The following is the budget to actual comparison through February 28, 2014.

Contributions received	\$ 52,022
Contributions per budget	<u>48,352</u>
Receipts over (under) budget	\$ 3,670



- April 2                      Julian Monsell
- April 4                      Christy Smith
- April 5                      Kenneth Nelson  
                                    Aline Smith
- April 6                      Rick Fisher  
                                    Brooks Harken  
                                    Denny McKeever
- April 7                      Ryan Tolley
- April 9                      Alexander Edwards  
                                    Jim Martin
- April 10                     Peg McDowell  
                                    Capers Poulnot
- April 12                     Mary Muller
- April 15                     Tiffany Hoffman  
                                    Joel Lake  
                                    Railey Leathers  
                                    Lee Plate
- April 21                     Chris Meany
- April 23                     Ellis Moore
- April 24                     Merrie Southgate
- April 25                     Parker Caldwell  
                                    Josh Littlejohn  
                                    Sheila Sines Thomasson
- April 29                     Tom Lackland

## Congregational Concerns and Prayers

We remember in our prayers: Ed Andersen, Bobby Babson, Kristie Benton, Ed Damon, Judy Greer, Bob Hart, Roger Hawkins, Nell Jones, Geneva Kahrs, Betty Lemacks, Mary Lore, Eleanor Luden, Ed Rugheimer, Susan Spoon, Margaret Stephens, Chris Tant, Cele West, all those who are infirm and recovering from illnesses and our members who have experienced losses of loved ones.

### Our Loved Ones Away From Home

We have a prayer list of those members of St. John's and our extended family who are in the military and/or involved in this current military situation. When filling out your blue attendance card, please add the names to it and indicate "military," and we will include your loved ones on our prayer list. Presently included are: Derek Bean, Alex Bedenbaugh, Lt. Joseph Gibbons Clark, Mark Evans, Captain Justin Golden, Ryan Hanson, LTC Jeffery A. Jones, John Lesemann, and Christopher Osgood.

## April Worship Participants

<b>Sunday, April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>			
8:30 a.m.		11:00 a.m.	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ella Grace Sines Thomasson	Parker Hoffman	
<b>Crucifer</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Gracie Lesemann	
<b>Lector</b>	Deborah Bussey	Judy Butler	
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Barbara Allen   Deborah Bussey	Judy Butler	Don Courtney
<b>Communion</b>	Carole Jordan	Mary Lou Coombs	
<b>Greeter</b>	Dolores Nelson	Mary Lou Coombs	
<b>Manager</b>	Sheila Sines Thomasson	Bryan Counts	
<b>Usher</b>	Eddie Kunkle, Frickie Martschink	David Sikes, John Coville, Dan Lackland, Tom Lackland, Richard Luden	
<b>Evangelism Calls – Nancy Prickett</b>			

<b>Sunday, April 13 - Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday</b>			
8:30 a.m.		11:00 a.m.	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ella Grace Sines Thomasson	Cille Fancher	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Ellis Moore	Henry Siegling	
<b>Lector</b>	Sheila Sines Thomasson	Mark Palasek	
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Jane Pelland   Sheila Sines Thomasson	Dan Marchant	Mark Palasek
<b>Communion</b>	Cheryl Kostanesky	Martha Clark	
<b>Greeter</b>	Dolores Nelson	Evelyn Dolven	
<b>Manager</b>	Deborah Bussey	William Dowd	
<b>Usher</b>	Eddie Kunkle, Frickie Martschink	David Sikes, John Coville, Dan Lackland, Tom Lackland, Richard Luden	
<b>Evangelism Calls – Henry Siegling</b>			

<b>Maundy Thursday - April 17 – 7:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Acolyte – Ally McDonough</b>	<b>Crucifer - Gracie Lesemann</b>
<b>Lector/ Lay Assistant - Barbara Allen</b>	<b>Lay Assistant – Christi Kunkle</b>
<b>Communion set-up</b> Carole Jordan	<b>Communion clean-up</b> Martha Clark
<b>Stripping of the Altar</b> Barbara Allen, Judy Butler, Barbara Lawton, Norma Luden, Penny McKeever	
<b>Greeter - Barbara Lawton</b>	<b>Manager – David Sikes</b>
<b>Ushers - Henry Siegling, David Sikes</b>	



## April Worship Participants

### Good Friday - April 18 — 7:00 p.m.

<b>Acolyte</b> — Jaden Andersen	<b>Greeter</b> — Kathryn Tolley	<b>Manager</b> - Dan Lackland
<b>Ushers</b> — Dan Lackland, Henry Siegling		

### Sunday, April 20 - Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

8:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Deborah Bussey	Jared Snell	
<b>Crucifer</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Owen Antley	
<b>Biblebearer</b>	Ellis Moore	Gracie Lesemann	
<b>Lector</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Chris Antley	
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Deborah Bussey   Christi Kunkle	Mike Andersen	Chris Antley
<b>Communion</b>	Dolores Nelson	Sandra Poulnot	
<b>Greeter</b>	Barbara Lawton	Henry and Jane Siegling	
<b>Manager</b>	Tommy Harken	Dan Lackland	
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Joy Cornwell	Sandra Poulnot
<b>Usher</b>	Eddie Kunkle, Frickie Martschink	David Sikes, John Coville, Dan Lackland, Tom Lackland, Richard Luden	
<b>Evangelism Calls</b> – David Sikes			

### Sunday, April 27- Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.		11:00 a.m.	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Claire Moore	Ally McDonough	
<b>Crucifer</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Gracie Lesemann	
<b>Lector</b>	Christi Kunkle	Nancy Prickett	
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Carl Beckmann   Christi Kunkle	Chris Antley	Nancy Prickett
<b>Communion</b>	Deborah Bussey	Gayle Hilton	
<b>Greeter</b>	Frickie Martschink	Mary Lou Coombs	
<b>Manager</b>	Frickie Martschink	George Galante	
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Claudia Morton	Dolores Nelson
<b>Usher</b>	Eddie Kunkle, Frickie Martschink	David Sikes, John Coville, Dan Lackland, Tom Lackland, Richard Luden	
<b>Evangelism Calls</b> – Marianne Albrecht			