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Dear Friends in Christ,

This year, Easter is early, very early, almost as early as it can be. A number of people have asked me, "Why?" There is more to the answer than a simple, "This is what is printed on the calendar". Here is a brief answer:

The four gospels date the last supper, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus in relation to the Jewish celebration of Passover. The last supper at which Jesus instituted the Eucharist took place in the evening before he was betrayed and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane later that night. According to Exodus 12 and 13, the lambs for Passover were to be slaughtered at twilight on the 14th day of the month Nisan, which was also named Abib, and the lamb was to be eaten after dark which would have been the 15th Day of Nisan, since the Jewish 24 hour day began at sundown. Furthermore, the gospels clearly date the crucifixion on a Friday and the resurrection on the following Sunday.

The movement of Easter on our calendar—known as the Gregorian calendar—happens because the Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar based on the 365 1/4 days required for one revolution of the earth around the sun and the date of Passover is based on the ancient Jewish lunar calendar which was based on the 28 days required for the moon to revolve around the earth. The old Jewish calendar added a 'leap' month whenever their lunar calendar shifted too far away from the cycles of the sun. The addition of a whole month accounts for the variation of Easter from as early as March 22 to as late as April 25.

Easter was the first holiday that was celebrated annually by Christians. During the first two centuries of Christianity, some Christians celebrated Easter on the 14th day of Nisan no matter what day of the week it was. Other Christians celebrated Easter on a Sunday no matter what month. A few other Christians celebrated Easter according to a third rationale.

In order to unify the church, the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. decided—as a compromise—to celebrate Easter on a Sunday in relation to the 14th day of Nisan. The council's decision was to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the full moon following the spring equinox.

In 325 A.D., the Julian solar calendar was used in the Roman Empire. In 1582, the Julian calendar was revised by the Gregorian calendar which is the calendar we use today. Since 1582, however, the Eastern Orthodox churches continued to calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian calendar. Consequently, the Eastern Orthodox celebration of Easter is about two weeks after our celebration of Easter.

In any case, we all celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead. We all look forward to our own resurrection in Christ with the certain hope of eternal life.

And don't even ask me about the differences between the Julian calendar and the Gregorian calendar!

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Paul K. Schwartzkopf





## Council Highlights – February 12, 2008

Present at the February 12 meeting of the Council were: Stu Bell, Bruce Holderbaum, Darrell Kruse, Stuart Peters, Trish Santos, Pam Schuering, Pastor Schwartzkopf, David Tooke, and Barbara Wilkinson.

Excused: Bonnie Conover, Bonnie Scranton, and Kathy Wolters

Vice-President Stuart Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Opening devotion was given by Stuart Peters. Pastor Schwartzkopf will have the opening devotions for March.

Minutes of the January 8, 2008, meeting were approved.

**Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer** The reports were discussed. Barbara Wilkinson moved to accept the reports, seconded by Pastor Schwartzkopf.

**President's Report:** Stuart Peters thanked the members for serving on the Council.

**Pastor's Report:** Printed report on file. He reported that Virgene Gilkerson needs some help with transportation.

### **MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The roles of the teams were discussed. The following liaison members were named.

- a. **Stewardship:** Bonnie Scranton
- b. **Service:** Barbara Wilkinson
- c. **Property:** Stu Bell
- d. **Worship:** Bruce Holderbaum
- e. **Witness:** Darrell Kruse
- f. **Learning/Youth:** Trish Santos and Pam Schuering.
- g. **Fellowship:** David Tooke

**Worship:** Bruce Holderbaum reported that hymns have been selected through Palm Sunday.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bruce Holderbaum reported that the new church directories should be done by next week.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- We recommended that Dick Tabb, Jim Bailey, and Bill Wolters serve on the Audit Committee. Bruce Holderbaum moved to accept this committee and Stu Bell seconded the motion. Kathy Wolters will ask them to serve.
- We discussed the retreat dates and focus of the meeting. This was tabled for more discussion next month on specific date, place, and focus.
- Thanks to Bruce Holderbaum and Steve Cress for updating the church web site. All church members are encouraged to visit the website at [christlutheranquincy.org](http://christlutheranquincy.org). We were asked to think of upcoming events and photos to put on the site.
- Ideas were discussed for possible ways to reach our fundraising goal of \$3,500.00. They were having a barbecue stand at County Market, food stand at Blues Festival, food sold at Soapbox Derby and Riverfest, Christian speaker, Christian rock group, car wash, book sale, garage sale, bake sale, or a combination of sales, funnel cake stand, caramel apple stand, and a Peter Mayer benefit. Other ideas would be welcomed.
- The Dave Ramsey class will graduate on April 28, 2008, at 6:15 p.m. Stuart Peters encouraged Church Council members and the Congregation to attend. There may also be a potluck dinner.
- Holding a Sunday brunch between church services was discussed. The Fellowship team will pursue this opportunity for fellowship.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING — Tuesday, March 11, 2008 -- 6:30 pm**

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
CENTRAL / SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

# Special Events

**MARCH 8, 2008**

Hosted by Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria  
**Style Show, Luncheon & Silent Auction**  
Saturday, 12:00—3:00 p.m.  
Hotel Pere Marquette  
501 Main  
Peoria, IL

**APRIL 12, 2008**

**Sharing Hope Fashion Show**  
Saturday, 12:00—2:00 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
2477 W. Washington Street  
Springfield, IL

For more information about LSSI or the events,  
Contact Becky Moore at 217/522-4296; e-mail [Becky.Moore@LSSI.org](mailto:Becky.Moore@LSSI.org);  
Or visit [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org)

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## ***EASTER LILIES***

We will decorate our chancel with lilies this Easter season. The Altar Guild will purchase the plants. We invite you to donate a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Your order and check need to be received in the church office by March 9. If lilies are purchased at a more reasonable cost, the remainder of the money received will be deposited in the flower fund, to reduce costs for future flower purchases.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Lilies at \$10.00 each

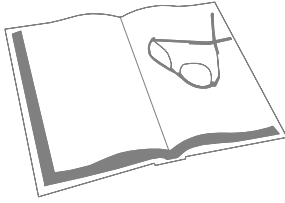
\_\_\_ Given to the Glory of God

\_\_\_ Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Given in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_



**Please make check payable to *Christ Lutheran Church Altar Guild* and return to the church office or place in Sunday offering by Sunday, March 9. Thank you.**



## BOOKS 'N BREW

March's selection is *Inside Myside* by Eleanor Green. Books are available in the church office. Please join us in discussing this poetry by Trish Santos's mom. We'll meet March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Panera Bread. See you there!

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### THANK YOU

A big thank you to all you good people for the visits and cards and for the transportation while I am unable to drive.

*Virgene Gilkerson*



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### FROM BAR CODES TO FLOWERS

The bar codes that are on Hy-Vee products are very important to the Altar Guild. For each bar code that the Altar Guild turns in, Hy-Vee will pay five cents. This money is then used to purchase flowers for the altar during the year, and for other special projects that Altar Guild may have. If you use a Hy-Vee product, Altar Guild is asking that you remove the bar code from the label and bring it to Church when it is convenient, leaving the bar codes in a basket on the serving counter in the kitchen. The flowers that you will observe on the altar will be a direct result of your efforts.

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### EASTER PARTY



**Easter  
Egg Hunt**

Our Annual Easter Party will be Saturday, March 22, 10:00 —11:00 a.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt, crafts, dying of eggs, and a snack.

Participants should bring a dozen filled plastic eggs. If anyone would like to bring a dozen boiled eggs (for dying) it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Patty Kruse (223-4339), Trish Santos (593-3154), Ann Schwartzkopf (223-2989), or Pam Schuering (223-3703) with any questions.

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Lerner Sue McLennan	Sue Reeder Joan Lerner	Bonnie Scranton Bonnie Scranton	Pat Bell Barb Wilkinson	Ann Schwartzkopf Sue McLennan
<b>USHER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron Lerner Wayne McLennan	Dick Tabb Samantha Stollberg	Bill Wolters Butch Kuras	Jeff Van Camp Natalie Meadows	Virgene Gilkerson Wendy Maas
<b>READER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sue Reeder Bonnie Clark	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Jeff Van Camp Kim Glasgow	Ron Lerner Peggy Bailey	Dick Tabb Ashley Stollberg
<b>NURSERY</b>	Emily Stollberg	Ashley Van Camp	Elisabeth Jones	Ashley Stollberg	Summer Santos
<b>ACOLYTE</b> 10:30 AM	Katie Bigley	Austin Rettenmeier	Savannah Santos	Nick Kruse	Erika Stollberg
<b>GREETERS</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joanne Brubaker David & Wendy Maas	Virgene Gilkerson Nelson & Bernice Colgrove	Bill & Kathy Wolters Kim & Keith Glasgow	Bonnie Scranton Randy & Ruth Osterbur	Stu & Pat Bell Norma Tofall
<b>DEACON</b> 10:30AM	Pat Bell	Reth Stollberg	Missy Kuras	Jim Bailey	Barb Rhinberger
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ann Schwartzkopf Olin Shuler	Bill Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Ann Schwartzkopf Olin Shuler	Bonnie Scranton Bonnie Scranton
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Group 7	Group 8	Group 1		Group 2

*If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and make a change on the appropriate sheet on the office bulletin board. Many Thanks!*



If you have a birthday in March and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.

March 6 Melvin Dillman 12 Joe Brinkman Scott Kimber 15 Ashley Stollberg Phil Roth 16 Evan Conover David Reeder 17 Konner Glasgow 19 Bonnie Scranton	20 Madelyn Kimber 21 Kristen McEwen 22 Virgene Gilkerson 25 Rachel Zimmerman 26 Samantha Conover 29 Delaney Dillman 31 Paul Hesse Pat Bueltmann
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If you have a wedding anniversary in March and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

March            4 Wayne and Sue McLennan