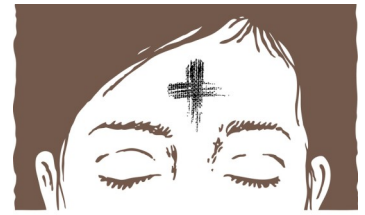




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HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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March 2011

Midweek Lenten Devotions

This year you'll have another choice for midweek worship during Lent. In addition to our usual Wednesday evening soup suppers and Evening Prayer, the Berlin Ministerium will sponsor "Thursday Mornings in Lent" at 10:00 with a continental breakfast and informal worship. Each week the venue will change:

- March 17 Berlin Baptist
- March 24 Faith United
- March 31 HCLC
- April 7 Mt. Carmel Church of God in Christ
- April 14 Centenary Methodist

This is a good opportunity to have fellowship and worship with our partners in ministry. We hope to draw a good number of people by offering this alternative to going out in the evening.

Get to Know Your Pastor

—*Mary E. Voegtlin*

As 2011 kicks in I wanted to say thank you to Pastor Cynthia for her service to Holy Communion. I meant to thank her at the Annual Meeting but I missed my opportunity. I am sure there are others who wished they had, too. I'd like to share some thoughts with you, my brothers and sisters of Holy Communion.

- Have you ever taken the time to talk to Pastor Cynthia?
- Do you walk through the line each Sunday morning to say hello and thank you for the service?
- Do you tell her when you like a sermon or not? Believe me, she always likes to know if her sermon has gotten through, clicked with you in some way whether positively or negatively because she is speaking about our Heavenly Father whom she loves beyond measure.
- Did you know that She left a successful management position with a Philadelphia publishing company to dedicate her life to serving the Lord and His people. She put herself through college and seminary. She had to wait for one year before she received her call to serve. Pastor was still paying seminary loans when she came to Holy Communion. She is definitely a self-made woman, of course, with God's help.
- Have you noticed that she is always in tune with world situations, good news and bad. She keeps us informed from the pulpit on Sunday mornings with prayers and topics mentioned within her sermons.
- She is careful about service preparation. She wants only the best for our Lord and Savior. She cares about you and me. She wants to know when we are hurting and when we are happy.

We do have to remember she is but one person. Whenever we ask for her help on one project we have to remember we probably are taking her away from a project she is working on for someone else. Interruption is a word to describe a pastor's normal work schedule. We have to honor her free time whenever possible.

She is a scholar, a intellectual with a overabundance of common sense. She is helpful in so many areas. She is called on all the time by members and non-members alike to discuss church-related topics and more. Did you ever hear her say no? If you have, there had to be a very good reason because after working in the office with her for the last 7 years I would be

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Communities

of Grace

22nd Annual
Conference on Congregational
Ministries

Saturday, March 19

Register online at
njsynod.org



Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund or the Endowment Fund by the following people and are gratefully acknowledged:

In memory of Phyllis Kline

Dolores Fauser
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Glenn & Judy Berryann
Fred & Sandy Shourds
Mary Voegtlin

*In memory of
Ruth McCormick
Margie & Gerry Hagquist*

Two Holy Men of March

March 17: Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, 5th c. At 16 Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He himself admitted that up to this point he cared little for God. He escaped after six years, returned to his family in southwest Britain, and began to prepare for ordained ministry. He later returned to Ireland, this time to serve as a bishop and missionary. He made his base in the north of Ireland and from there made many missionary journeys, with much success. In his autobiography he denounced the slave trade, perhaps from his own experience as a slave.

March 19: Joseph, guardian of Jesus The gospels are silent about much of Joseph's life. We know he was a carpenter or builder by trade. The Gospel of Luke shows him acting in accordance with both civil and religious law by returning to Bethlehem for the census and by presenting the child Jesus in the temple on the 40th day after his birth. The Gospel of Matthew tells of Joseph's trust in God, who led him through visionary dreams. Because Joseph is not mentioned after the story of the young Jesus teaching in the temple, it is assumed that he died before Jesus reached adulthood.

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Holy Communion Lutheran

Church, Berlin, NJ

Congregational Council

President	Eunice Jacobi	783-0516
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Barbara Hollis(767-6150), Jeff Shepard (809-0240),
Sandy Shourds (753-7863), Patty Slim (768-8928)

Ministry Teams of Holy Communion

Ministers: All the baptized people of God

Caring Team

Facilitator	Dawn Jennings	767-1157
Baby Pantry	Gail MacDonald	609-704-1828
GIFT	Jon Hundertmark	768-1694
Health Ministry	<i>-open-</i>	
Kitchen	Joan Labbree	745-7283
Men in Mission	Jon Hundertmark	7681694
Quilting Hearts	Sandy Shourds & Barbara Redmond	753-7863 629-3988
Prayer Chain	Janice Parker	768-0111
2nd Cup of Coffee	Lorraine Bretz & Vivian Justice	767-8459 629-3988
Social Ministry	Evelyn Schulkins-Chaka	767-6238
Stephen Ministry	Lisa Huebner	609-270-7030
WELCA	Rita Batten	767-0738

Facilities

Facilitator	Fred Shourds	753-7863
Boy Scouts	Mary Voegtlin	767-0650
Sexton	George Pluck	768-6880

Finance Team

Facilitator	Jon Hundertmark	768-1694
Counters	Bud Howard	753-9379
Financial Secretary	Gerry Hagquist	768-0614

Growing Team

Facilitator	<i>-open-</i>	
Bulletin Boards	Valerie Adams	296-5669
Greeters	Gary Galbo	627-4029
Website	Janice Parker	768-0111

Learning Team

Facilitator	Janet Finnigan	753-1038
Cradle Roll	Janet Finnigan	753-1038
Sunday School	Chris Hylenski	309-3187
Vacation Bible Sch.	Valerie Ieraci	767-8776
Youth Group	Denise Levin & Janet Finnigan	566-1993 719-6614

Mutual Ministry

Facilitator	Fred Shourds	753-7863
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Sharing Team

Facilitators	Rick Swan & Eunice Jacobi	875-6340 783-0516
Annual Giving	Rick Swan & Eunice Jacobi	875-6340 783-0516
Endowment	Jon Hundertmark	7681694
Memorials	Mary Voegtlin	767-5575
Volunteers	Sandy Shourds	753-7863

Worship Team

Facilitator	Barbara Redmond	689-3988
Acolytes/Crucifers	Janice Parker	768-0111
Altar Guild	Toni Sleeter	740-2650
Assisting Ministers	Barb Redmond	689-3988
Flower Delivery	Connie Pluck	768-6880
Lectors	Glenn Berryann	767-7416
Nursery	Jeannie Brickman	782-3779
Music	Mark Dishong	235-139
Ushers	Joe Batten	767-0738

Around Holy Communion

NOISY OFFERING FOR MARCH

Community Vegetable Gardens

As part of the ELCA "Good Gifts at Work" program, our gifts will supply community vegetable gardens for sustaining life throughout the world. Because new gardens are easily started, it is the perfect solution to hunger for indigenous communities that are often forced to flee their land because of conflict and violence. Each garden costs \$200, and we hope to raise enough money for two. If we get the money in quickly, the community should be able to plant the garden this spring and will see the harvest this summer and fall.



The Baby Pantry team strives to meet the needs of the single moms and low-income families every month. This could not be possible without your help. Almost every time I walk into the Baby Pantry I am greeted with bags of clothes, handmade blankets, some toys/books, baby food and formula. Thank you

to the anonymous donors, but please feel free to leave a note with your name so I can thank you personally. Be assured that nothing goes to waste.

March 25 Set up for ABC Day

If you have an hour in the morning to help set up the spring/summer clothes, please let me know.

March 26 ABC Day 10am to 12pm

If you have any questions, feel free to call, 609-314-2139 or email Gail at babypantry@aol.com. We are looking forward to a good year!

—**Gail MacDonald & Judy Longo**

Lions Club Community Fair

The Community Fair and Craft Show sponsored by the Lions Club will be held on **April 9** at the Berlin Community School on Franklin Avenue. We need your help and support with setting up and closing, as well as staffing the tables and talking to folks about all that Holy Communion has to offer. The Quilting Hearts will have a table, and a second table will sell crafts made and contributed by our members. All proceeds will go to Holy Communion.

If you can contribute craft items, please speak to **Patty Slim**. For further information on the Fair itself, ask **Lorraine Evans**.

March Birthdays

Mar. 1	Eleanor Hollowell
Mar. 1	Leslie Auwarter
Mar. 2	Jill Hartmann
Mar. 3	Ruth Auwarter
Mar. 3	Jamie Humphrey
Mar. 8	Jane Walko
Mar. 13	Kristin Levin
Mar. 23	Tyler Labbree
Mar. 24	Karen Humphrey
Mar. 27	Ed Auwarter
Mar. 27	Eddie Rocco
Mar. 29	Harrison, Kendyll & Carys Schweiger
Mar. 30	John Cole
Mar. 30	Christina Gibbs
Mar. 30	Helen Nunnenkamp

Our parish birthday list is designed to encourage members to greet each other as we celebrate the gift of life.

Your name and date may be added or corrected by calling the church office.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

will be held on two Saturdays, March 26 and April 2, with the children receiving on Sunday, April 3. If you believe your child is ready to receive the Sacrament, please notify Pastor Fazzini.

Special Thanks...

...to the leaders of our Youth Group, **Denise Levin** and **Janet Finnigan**. They just returned from a weekend synod event with nine of our senior youth. They give tirelessly each Wednesday evening at the Youth Group meetings.

They have earned our sincere love and thanks for their super leadership!



PANCAKE SUPPER & MARDI GRAS
Tuesday, March 8
Begins at 5:45
Come have some fun!!!

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 worship



WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS
each week at 5:45 followed by
Devotions at 7:00

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

World peace and Armed Forces personnel around the world

Added this month

Ill: Barbara Hollis, Maddy Ferris (*great-niece of Melody Criss*),
 Elsie Taylor (*relative of Elaine Belay*), Laurie Hunt (*friend of*
Kathy Fleig), Jay Cee Park (*student of Barbara Libak-Fanz*)



Ginnie Auwarter, Michael Buonpastore, Kerri Byrne, Jeff Davis, Linda Eardley, Marcia Ems, James Fuhrmeister, Doris Harrison, Robbie Hartzell, Peggy Henry, Helen Hughes, Marilyn Kaiser, Gertrude Lawyer, Alison Lyon, Bob Martin, James Michael McGibbon, Doris Nicholls, Lee Olmstead, Elsie Pertschi, Tim Quast, Mary Roberts, Diane Sangree, Elizabeth Stinson, Joyce Thives, Monique Thomas, Carolyn Walko, Janis Wervev, Catherine Wood

Homebound: Ruth Auwarter, Brian Fuller,
 Doris Gray, Frank Ieraci, Bill Medlin,
 Catherine Wood



Please note: Names will be removed from this list after having been published in two issues unless the persons responsible for listing them have notified the office or **Dolores Fauser** (856-767-3321) of the "permanent" nature of the crisis. Also remember that we have a Prayer Chain for emergency situations. Please call **Janice Parker** at 856-768-0111.

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amazed if there weren't. She is always doing a project for someone, or meeting with someone, or helping someone. She is hard-working, compassionate and caring. She has a big heart.

Besides all of that she does for us she has commitments to the larger church, meetings, seminars and whatever else that is asked of her.

I always say to Pastor, "Remind me to never become a pastor." I know my head would be spinning if I had to talk to as many people as she does each day and on all different subjects. It's like being tossed around a circle like a beach ball.

I say a lot I guess, maybe more than I should. I feel being a woman pastor is more taxing than it is for a man because more is expected of a woman. Society still hasn't changed that much over the years: they still see a woman who is a pastor, not a pastor who happens to be a woman. And so they expect much more than a spiritual leader. I don't think parishioners would make the same requests of a male pastor. And they wouldn't be as bold. My opinion, of course! But because of a woman's chemical makeup they see her in a different light.

People sometimes accuse pastors of being too aloof or unreachable. I can understand how that might be necessary when it comes to serving God's people because we can be tough. I must say, Pastor Cynthia is neither aloof nor unreachable. In fact, she is more vulnerable because she wears her heart on her sleeve. She loves her congregation. She is so thankful to be here with us. We have touched her heart, each and every one of us

Of course you know how and why I know all this! I am her office manager, and because I care about our pastor and her well-being and I know you do too.

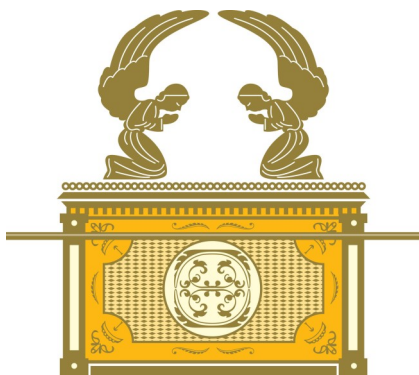
Pastor Cynthia is my spiritual leader, my boss and my sister in Christ. Am I lucky or what?! I pray and hope she means as much to you. Always keep her in your prayers as you are always in hers. You truly are. Take it from one who knows.

Your sister in Christ, Mary



Ark of the Covenant

The ark was at the center of worship for the Israelites. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna, and Aaron's rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God's throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with Moses and the high priests.



A Great Fit

A caller to Christian radio station KLOVE spoke of the amazing way God restored her struggling marriage. On the weekend that she and her husband separated, they each attended different services on different days at their large, multi-campus church.

For an object lesson, the pastor had purchased three 1,500-piece puzzles and given one piece to each worshiper that weekend. The woman took hers home and placed it on her dresser.

That Sunday, the husband stopped by the house to do yard work. When the woman walked by her dresser, she noticed that another puzzle piece was attached to hers – and it fit. It was the piece her husband had received at church.

The woman said that was a loud sign from God that she and her husband “fit” together and would be okay. Life and marriage aren't always perfect, but she framed the puzzle pieces “as a constant reminder to our covenant to each other” and to God's promises.



Just before the Last Supper (John 13), Jesus took off his outer robe, poured water into a basin and began washing his disciples' feet. One disciple, however, protested having the Lord wash his feet. Jesus told the reluctant man that unless he allowed Jesus to wash his feet, he really had no share in Christ's leadership. The disciple then relented. He said Jesus could wash not only his feet but his hands and head, as well.

Choose the name of this disciple from the list below:

- A. Peter
- B. John
- C. Andrew
- D. Judas

Why Bother?

—recycled by Janet Oberle

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work.. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



Church Office Hours

With the new Spending Plan in effect, **Mary Voegtlin** will be in the church office 15 hours each week: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 8:30 to 1:30. For obvious reasons, Sunday morning is the worst time to ask Pastor for extended time for talking, so please try to make an appointment with her. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call her at home (856-809-0363)



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Forgiveness BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write “Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.

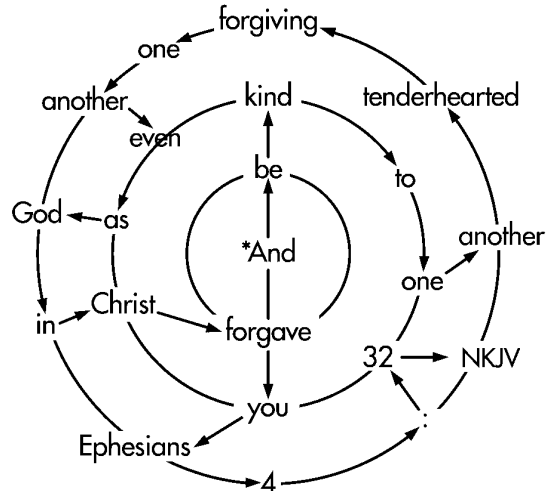


WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others – and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



“And _____ ,
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____ .”
 _____ , _____

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

We'll Take Your "Trash"

- Inkjet and toner cartridges
- Campbell soup, Swanson, Prego labels
- “Boxtops for Education”
- Tabs from aluminum cans
- Old cell phones
- Hard plastic caps



God's Interfaith Food Table

GIFT is collecting bath soap for distribution. Please be generous as times are difficult right now.

GIFT is sponsored by:
 Holy Communion Lutheran,
 Berlin Baptist,
 Centenary United Methodist,
 and Good Shepherd Episcopal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 2011 Bath Soap for GIFT Bibs, Teethers & Pacifiers for Baby Pantry		1 7:00 New Council members	2 11:00 GIFT 6:15 Youth Group 6:30 God's Kids 7:30 Adult Choir	3	4 Pastor's day off	5 7:30 NA
		6 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 8:30 Holy Communion 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Crossroads Holy Communion 12:30 Coffee & Fellowship TRANSFIGURATION	7 6:00 Baby Pantry 8:15 AA	8 1:00 WELCA 5:45 Mardi Gras 7:30 AA 	9 ASH WEDNESDAY 11:00 GIFT 6:15 Youth Group 6:30 God's Kids 7:30 Matt Talbot 7:30 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 	10 6:00 Council
13 8:30 Holy Communion 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Crossroads Holy Communion 12:30 Coffee & Fellowship LENT 1	14 6:00 Confirmation 8:15 AA 	15 1:00 2nd Cup Coffee 7:30 AA	16 5:45 Soup Supper 6:15 Youth Group 6:30 SS Teachers 6:30 God's Kids 7:00 Lent Worship 7:30 Adult Choir 	17 10:00 Lent Devotions at Berlin Baptist 7:00 GIFT	18 Pastor's day off	19 Conference on Congregational Ministries 7:30 NA
20 8:30 Holy Communion 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Crossroads Holy Communion 12:30 Coffee & Fellowship LENT 2	21 6:00 Baby Pantry 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Stephen Min. 8:15 AA	22 7:30 AA	23 5:45 Soup Supper 6:15 Youth Group 6:30 God's Kids 7:00 Lent Worship 7:30 Adult Choir 	24 10:00 Lent Devotions at Faith United 7:00 GIFT	25 Pastor's day off 9-1 Set-up for ABC Day 7:00 Brownies	26 10-12 ABC Day 11:00 Class for First Communion 7:30 NA
27 8:30 Holy Communion 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Crossroads Holy Communion 12:30 Coffee & Fellowship LENT 3	28 6:00 Baby Pantry 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Quilting Hearts 8:15 AA	29 7:30 AA	30 5:45 Soup Supper 6:15 Youth Group 6:30 God's Kids 7:00 Lent Worship 7:30 Adult Choir 	31 10:00 Lent Devotions at HCLC	UPCOMING APRIL 3 FIRST COMMUNION APRIL 9 LIONS COMMUNITY FAIR APRIL 10 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY APRIL 17 PALM SUNDAY APRIL 24 EASTER	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS				
	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Acolytes	8:30 11:00	8:30 11:00 Lena Richards	8:30 11:00 Evan Maloney	8:30 11:00 Katie Parker
Crucifers	8:30 11:00 Nick LoBosco	8:30 11:00 Michelle Wisnewski	8:30 11:00 Nick LoBosco	8:30 11:00 Katie Maloney
Flower Delivery	Connie Pluck			
Altar Guild	Evelyn Schulkins-Chaka, Toni Sleeter			
Assisting Ministers	8:30 Mary Voegtlin 11:00 Glenn Berryann	8:30 Mike Belay 11:00 Joan Labbree	8:30 Gerry Hagquist 11:00 Sandy Shourds	8:30 Mary Voegtlin 11:00 Glenn Berryann
Lectors	8:30 Melody Criss 11:00 Glenn Berryann	8:30 Mark Dishong 11:00 Joan Labbree	8:30 Mary Voegtlin 11:00 Chris Hylenski	8:30 Mark Dishong 11:00 Glenn Berryann
Counters	Bud & Janet Howard, Margie Hagquist, Mary Voegtlin	Amy LoBosco, Janice Parker, Barb Watkins	Scott Howard, Chris Hylenski, Rick Swan, Judith Wisner	Jon Hundertmark, Dolores Fauser, Joan Labbree, Karen Humphrey
Greeters	8:30 Barb Redmond 11:00 the Maloney Family			
Coffee Hour	Stephen Ministry			
Ushers	8:30 Eunice Jacobi, Melody Criss 11:00 Janet Howard, Ron Longo			

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Return Service Requested

Nourished by Word and Sacrament we
Welcome
 all to share God's love
Proclaim
 the Good News of Jesus Christ
Serve
 all people sent to us by the Holy Spirit

