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THE LIVING LAST SUPPER
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013
7 P.M.



March Worship Schedule

8:45 Emerging Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship
Pastor Jon Speck preaching

March 3 - 3rd Sunday in Lent Communion

Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:114-22
"Christian Idol"

March 10 - 4th Sunday in Lent Ordination and Installation

Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 15:11-32



March 17 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Micah 6:6-8; John 12:1-8
"The Gift of Service"

March 24 - Palm Sunday -
Zechariah 9:9-12; Luke 19:28-40
"Step Up to the Plate"



March 28 - Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.

"The Living Last Supper" dramatization and Holy
Communion service, 7 pm.
Special music by the Chancel Choir

March 29 - Good Friday, 7 p.m.

Service of Darkness
called the Tenebrae. 7:00 p.m.



March 31 - Easter Sunday, 8:45 a.m.,

11 a.m. Brass, Bells, Special Music
Romans 8:10-17; John 20:1-8
"Why Are You Crying?"

Pastor's Page

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors...has sent me to you'" Exodus 3:15

God is not only incomprehensible and wonderful, the Lord is also personal. God names Himself, and God gives us names for Himself. The God who created heaven and earth is a person, and we are persons. That's what makes it possible for us to have a personal relationship with God.

In fact, a personal relationship with God is inescapable. That relationship is established in creation between God and us. I can deny the existence of God, but all that does is put me in an estranged relationship with God. It is a relationship now of hostility and denial, but it is still a relationship.

So the question is not whether there is a personal relationship, but rather what is the "quality" of that relationship. Is it healthy or an unhealthy one? Is it a redeemed or an estranged one? Is it a relationship of love or hate?

Notice something else about this personal relationship. When God revealed Himself to Moses, He said, "I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham and Sarah, and the God of Isaac and Rebekah." God was personally known by the saints of Scripture, and the Lord spoke to them. In the New Testament the disciples and apostles were called by God into a personal relationship with Jesus. The God of the Old Testament is the same as the God of the New Testament.

Anyone can know about God, but it takes a personal relationship with the Lord to take life to a deeper level. Read the Bible daily and journey with those who found that living is more than just the here and now, more than just personal peace and affluence. God connects us to the great expanse of His redeeming love for people down through the ages, those who surround us now, and scores that will follow. With the Lord we are connected with God's eternal love as the kingdom of His children, guarded and guided into a personal relationship with the One who is the same, 'yesterday, today, and forever'. Praise God, I'm connected.

In Christ,

Pastor Jon

St Andrews Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC)

Regular Youth Group meetings: Sundays 4:30, Dinner 5:30
Some activities will take place at other days/times as noted.
See Master Schedule on board next to the Christian Ed/Youth office door!

Coming Up:

Mar 9 - Sat Free Noon Meal!!! Mark your calendars! Everyone can help!

Mar-Apr Outdoor activities as weather permits- all ages
Look for our popular "scooter rallies"
Hikes for all ages
Another "game show" lunch?
Wii Party

Mar 29 – Possible Good Friday Lock-In for Grades 8-12

Apr 13 – Pedals For Progress (P4P)

Come **hang out** with your friends and make PYC a place you want it to be!

Don't forget: SAPC PYC Liability Forms need to be completed for each youth for Sep 2012 - Aug 2013! Blank 2012-2013 forms are in the drop file on the Youth Office door.

Adults: we welcome you to join us for an hour once a month or two!
No preparation ahead of time is needed as activities will be planned for you.

If you have desire to share a talent or special activity, please let us know!

We do need *adult helpers* and *dinner makers* for meetings.

Sign-up sheets are on the board next to the Youth Office!

Call/Text/Email Mary Lynne at: (717) 304-1936 /

Likessleep@yahoo.com



Westminster
Bells 2/17/13

Left to Right:
Emma Heister,
Sarah Hamme,
Susie Heister,
Maggie Jones,
Brynna Lister,
Megan Fed-
der, Brennan
Mulligan,
Shelby Lister



On Saturday, February 16, Ann Ormond and Tom Shott represented St. Andrews at the Lebanon County Bicentennial Celebration at the Lebanon Expo. Thanks, Ann and Tom!

DEACON DOINGS

D - Dedicated
E - Energetic
A - At your service
C - Caring
O - On Call
N - (a good) Neighbor
S - Supportive

We are all of the above, as well as anything else you need us to be. We'll pray with you, cook for you, visit you, take you where you need to go, and care for you in any number of ways. Please call your Deacon – we're there for YOU!

SESSION NOTES

The regular meeting of Session was held February 5, 2013 with all members present except Bob Hearson, Joy Eubanks and Bill Mulligan, who were excused. In addition Sue Mechura and Gary Strock were present as representatives from the Deacons and the Trustees respectively. Pastor Jon Speck acted as our moderator.

The meeting began with the reading of Psalm 107 and discussion by Pastor Jon Speck. Pastor Jon pointed to the message of the Psalmist that the steadfast love of God is with us and within us at all times, even when we feel our lives our in our own desert.. Jon then shared his own witness, a time when he felt to be in the desert, and through it all God had a new beginning and purpose for his life. God truly does *"lead us beside still waters."* Amen!

I write this having just come back from NYC where my wife and daughter have been for the past 18 months. My daughter, who many of you know was severely injured 6 years ago. She gave her final "graduation" speech, along with her fellow trainees in rehab at NYU, all to a loving audience of staff, family, friends and prior participants in the program. For Margaret and my family this is another example of where life moves from a desolate desert that transforms us to feeling awash with God's steadfast love and purpose. Amen Again!

The standing committee reports included many topics of discussion including a welcome and celebration of our new Praise and Youth Choir Leader, Steffan Bomberger, a praise for our continued vibrant Youth Program and upcoming overnight with 24 youth participants to date, an announcement of the upcoming Agape Dinner and Worship Service on Ash Wednesday, a plan to revitalize our mission in Honduras and the "Wright Family" as our mission representative with a plan to hold a "Honduras Event" at the church, the announcement that Souper Bowl Sunday at the church yielded 83 food items and \$338.00, and the request by the Worship Committee for the appointment of a Trustees representative to the Worship Committee.

The Session, following discussion from each committee, approved the following Motions:

Administration & Personnel – request and approval to a) update the Praise Team Leader & Director of Youth Choirs policy as to vacation time in order to comport with other music staff; b) to provide Rev John Barlow with a thankful honorarium for visitation services provided our congregation; c) to give Susan Wood a stipend to head up the church leadership retreat to be held February 8 and 9, 2013.

Nominating Committee – request and approval to commence developing a slate of candidates to head up the Pastor Nominating Committee to be comprised of Session Member, Deacon, Trustee and members at large from the

congregation; and, to solicit suggestions from the congregation for members of the search committee to select our next pastor.

Worship Committee – request and approval: a) for St. Andrews to hold a time of intentional prayer from 2/14 to 2/28/13 at the church, Monday-Friday from 7-8 PM; b) to conduct Communion Service at the Leader's Retreat on Friday February 8, 2013; and, c) to conduct new leaders training, ordination and installation of Robert Hearson (Elder); Ed Phillips (Deacon); and Jennie (Youth Deacon), reinstallation of Elders, Bill Mulligan, Stuart Juppenlatz, Paul Kilgore and Perry Latshaw, Deacons Connie Dowhower, Jane Juppenlatz, Dolores Shott, Bonnie Tenney and Marianne Kopp, and installation of new trustees, Ken Tice and Ken Peterson, re-installation of Trustees Doug Lister, Robert Lowrie and Jody DeWald, and finally, to re-install David Sensenig as President of Trustees.

In other business, Glenn Royer was reappointed as Clerk of Sessions and Marc Hamme was reappointed as St. Andrews Treasurer, each for a one (1) year term. Perry Latshaw and Tom Shott were appointed as commissioners to the next meeting of Presbytery to be held February 26, 2013.

There being no further business the meeting was closed in prayer.

Submitted by Paul Kilgore

LCCM News

In Review: 1. The Nov. 29, 2012 "The Voice of Christmas" program had over 500 people in attendance. With ticket sales, sponsorships, and free-will offering, the net proceeds for this first-time event was over \$6,000. Thank you for making this concert a success in the fight against hunger and homelessness in Lebanon County.

2. During the months of November and December LCCM received 103,535 pounds of food. We are deeply grateful to each individual and group who has supported LCCM through food and clothing donations.

3. LCCM received 24,780 pounds of food collected by Lebanon Co. Boy Scouts through their annual Scouting for Food Drive.

4. Thank you to all who attended LCCM's Hoss's Community Day on 12/09/12. We raised \$789.45!

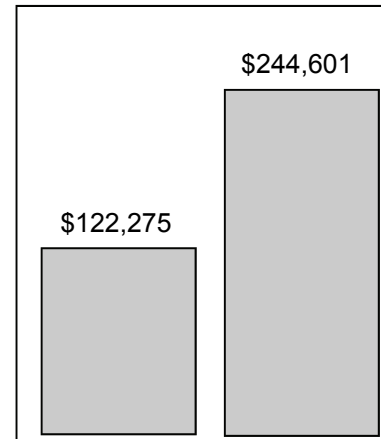
5. LCCM would like to thank the Francis J. Dixon Foundation for its \$10,000 gift to help the fight against hunger.

Upcoming Events: March 28—Open House, April 21—Hoss's Community Day, May 4—Duathlon, June 7—Golf Tournament, December 5—"Voice of Christmas 2013"

For more info on volunteering at LCCM, visit our website www.ldapm.us or email troy@ldapm.us
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More LCCM

This chart represents contributions from the community, which includes families, individuals, businesses, service clubs, and churches, just to name a few. Thirty-five percent of LCCM's annual income, comes from these sources. Through the first six months of this current fiscal year, LCCM has received \$122,275 in "general contributions." Although this number does represent 50% of our goal with six months remaining in the fiscal year, we did not see the "end of year giving boost" we typically have in Nov. and Dec. In fact, the "general contributions" received in Nov. and Dec. 2012 were down 27% from last year's total.



As of Dec, Need to Balance

In its 30th year, LCCM continues to meet the emergency needs of Lebanon County. Food, clothing, and shelter are the essential needs one requires for survival. With the help of our Lord and the Lebanon community, LCCM will continue to be able to meet the ever growing needs our neighbors face each day. As we are well into the new year, LCCM prays that God blesses you and your family and in turn, you are able to bless LCCM.

A REQUEST FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the February Session Meeting, the Church Nominating Committee (CNC) was authorized to seek the names of individuals interested in serving on the **Pastor Nominating Committee** (PNC).

Therefore, the CNC is asking all Church members for recommendations of persons to serve on the PNC. This can include your self.

Once these recommendations are received, the Nominating Committee will prayerfully consider all candidates and present a recommended 'slate' to the congregation for approval.

The CNC thanks you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

RECOMMENDATIONS: _____



PW Herald Article March 2013

Spring is just around the corner, the daffodil and tulips are poking through the soil! Don't let the winter snow and cold discourage your hopes, dreams and spirits. Join the Presbyterian Women with the March collections for Agape and Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI), World Day of Prayer and PW Sewing every Tuesday from 9:00am to Noon.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Blanket Sunday. A special thank you to Mary Lynne Mulligan and PYC for helping with our Minute for Mission.

Throughout the month of March, SAPC will be collecting the following items for the Agape Family Shelter and DVI:

Handsanitizers	Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Lysol Wipes	Prepaid Cell Phones
Tylenol/Motrin	Children's Tylenol & Motrin
Pine Sol	Clorox Wipes
Laundry Detergent	Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
Bleach	Toilet paper
Paper towels	Tissues
Grocery Store Gift Cards(Giant/Weis/Walmart)	
Rag mop refill heads	
O'Cedar Pro Scrub Roller Mop refill heads	
Batteries — 9 volt, AAA, AA, C and D	
Sheet Sets (twin/double size)	
Bath Towels (all sizes)	

Please drop off donations in the containers located outside the church office door or feel free to contact Barb Shreve at 949-2972 with any questions.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. It is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions the first Friday in March. WDP brings together women of various races, cultures, and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding, and action throughout the year.

Through **World Day of Prayer**, people around the world affirm their faith in Jesus Christ, share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs. Through World Day of Prayer, God's children affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Please join us for World Day of Prayer in Lebanon County on Friday, March 1

7:00 pm St. Mark Lutheran Church, Annville. All are welcome!



March Birthdays:

3	Mardon Fedder	14	David Overholt
	Bob Capobianco	15	Maggie Jones
	Erin Reinhart	16	Martha Gelgot
4	Charles Letcher	17	Connie Dowhower
	Jean Reinhart		Donna Kuntz
	Ken Peterson	22	Jacquelyn Halsell
5	Jeanne Bennett		Robin Gries
	Patrick Lutz	23	Juliet Albert
	Gwen Yordy		Rose Mary Birt
6	Rev. Tom Jackman	24	Julia Murphy
7	Caroline Gelgot	25	Kristen Jones
	Bruce Kurtz	26	Will Gelgot
	Ann Ormond	27	Jessica Heister
9	Beckie Dreibelbis		Lee Samuelson
	Louise Koons	28	Margaret Thomson
10	Perry Latshaw	30	Samantha Strock
11	Ty Bechtold	31	Jamie Yocum
12	Mark Tedford		Fred Grun
	Amanda Gries		
13	Thomas Becker		



*... bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things. Love never ends.*

I Corinthians 13:7-8

What a truckload of responsibility and potential for pain we take on when we love another human being: all the dangers of misunderstanding, of betrayal, of indifference, and ultimately, of loss.

To more than balance those dangers, we feel the possibility of life made rich through sharing experiences with another – of physical and spiritual warmth and communion, of enriched understanding and common achievement, of a stay against loneliness and isolation.

Most of us have no trouble opting for love.

But then, to have invested so much of our life's energy in the life of a loved one – and then to find that loved one gone! Is it any wonder we are, for a time, laid low?

This is where the St. Andrews Grief Support Group can be of help. The people who come to these meetings all have loved and all have lost, some more than once, and have experienced these feelings of extreme sadness and loneliness. Yes, we have been “laid low” by our intense grieving for a period of time. We help each other work through these feelings by sharing our stories and experiences, by offering ideas and suggestions, and expressions of hope to those who are feeling especially low. We learn through sharing that these feelings are “normal” – whatever “normal” is! – and that we are not alone with what we are experiencing. We often say that during this time we will find a “new normal”.

No matter how recent or how long ago the loss occurred, if you or someone you know could benefit from meeting with our group, please do not hesitate to join us. We are always very welcoming to new members.

Our meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel, unless we plan something special. The meeting for March will be on March 14, and in April, on April 11. Please feel free to come join us – to share, to learn, to listen, to cry, to laugh – we will be happy to have you there! In January we welcomed our new Advisor, Diane Pomeroy, to our group. Diane and her husband moved to Cornwall Manor last summer and have been attending St. Andrews regularly ever since. They are both retired ministers. We had a good meeting with her then and are looking forward to sharing this special ministry with her in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Juppenlatz at 272-0218; Pat Yates at 273-9297; or the church office at 272-9933.

The love we have shared helps form the strength to deal with loss. The hope and joy we have known helps us believe in the possibility of hope and joy again. And the intensity of grief (which *will* moderate, though we may find that hard to believe) mirrors the intensity of shared love, which will continue to beam through our life, to illuminate and nourish all that we do and are.

Love never ends. Never.

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