

Maricopa Lutheran Church

April Newsletter

HOLY WEEK And EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Week begins this Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, April 5. Service will be held at 10:00am.

Good Friday Service will be held at 7:00pm at the Mission House, April 10th.

Easter Sunday – April 12th – Service will be at 9:00am with a Continental Breakfast immediately following Worship. There is a sign up sheet at church to bring pastries, muffins, donuts, fruit plates or juice. Also, we are asking for flowering plants (NO lilies) to build an Easter Garden. If you would like to bring a flowering plant, please bring to the church on Saturday between 10am and noon. You may take home your plant after the Worship service on Easter Sunday.



Sunday School

Sunday School is held each Sunday at 9:00am – before Worship Service at 10am. (NO Sunday School Easter Sunday). Bring the kids – they'll have fun and you can relax for an hour.

We are always in need of teachers and supplies.

Can You Teach Your Kids to Share?

Explore new ways to teach your kids to share, save and spend. Discuss the importance of being responsible with money. An event sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be held April 24th at the Children's Museum in Phoenix, between 5 and 9pm. Space is limited! Cost is \$10 per family. Includes admission to Museum!

You and your family can look forward to:

- .. Participate in an interactive workshop
- .. Playing and learning through hands on activities
- .. Sharing dinner and fellowship
- .. Taking home educational materials to continue the fun.

To register, you can go online at www.thrivent.com/shareday or call 1-800-236-3736.



Money Goes to Church.....

A well-worn one dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the county. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church"

The twenty dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

VOLUNTEERS!! VOLUNTEERS!!


Have you volunteered to serve at Sunday Worship? We are always in need of volunteers to assist as:

- Ushers
- Greeters
- Communion Assistants
- Readers
- Cookie Provider
- Etc. etc. etc

Sign up sheets are located in the back of the church each Sunday morning. Pick a Sunday you would like to serve in any of the above positions.



We Need You!!

Thank You..... 

We want to **THANK** all of you who brought soup and bread to our Lenten Suppers. Those who participated in the "Silent Witness" homilies and to those who ushered at the Services.

Also, a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Christine Bergen, for the curtains at the church, for her hours spent cleaning at the Mission House and the church site, weeding the Mission House and many more things she has been volunteering her time for.

And, a **THANK YOU** to the Steering Committee who puts in many hours of volunteer time. That includes John Hancock, Jason Schalow, Sue Fletcher, and Jim Rosenow.

There are others who also deserve a special thank you for their dedication. You know who you are – thank you. We'll get your names next time!



Hunger Jar

Remember that canister we pass around each Sunday during the Offering? That money goes to feed starving children around the world through the ELCA World Hunger Program. 17 cents will feed a child for a day – we have been averaging about \$27 a week – that will feed 159 children – imagine. So be sure to bring your extra change (we take dollar bills also) to church on Sundays and drop in the Hunger Jar.

Bulletin Bloopers - - -

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

A song fest was hell at the Methodist church Wednesday.

Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.

On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD Dr. Hargreaves is better.

Potluck supper: Prayer and medication to follow.

Pastor is on vacation. Messages can be given to church secretary.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 9am each Sunday (except Easter) for Adult Bible Study, led by Pastor Cora. Come learn... fellowship... ask questions, etc.

