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Hours:

M,W,Th, F 8:00 am– 12:00 pm

Church Office Hours

M-F 8:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School: 8:30 am

Worship: 9:30 am

THIS YEAR'S MIDWEEK SERIES IS
“WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION”

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That's because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life, the Resurrection and the Life, and the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Life in Jesus. That's God's gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as

Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship at 7:00pm each Wednesday as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL EPISTLE IS MARCH 20TH!!! Epistle articles, comments, ideas may be deposited in the epistle box in the Narthex mail slots or e-mailed to Eric Thornton at firemanet@yahoo.com. I appreciate all of your articles, ideas and comments!

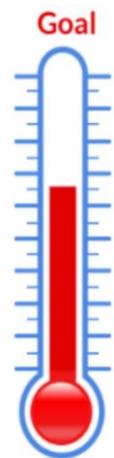
Board Briefs:

YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

Recent Events

To cap off National Lutheran Schools Week, the Youth Board hosted Pizza and Movie Night for our Youth in Grades 4-8. We had a great turnout and enjoyed watching "Yes Day". The Youth Board is actively planning more activities for the Spring as well.

National Youth Gathering (July 2022)



A tremendous "Thank You" to everyone who supported our Youth through the recent "Non-Sale Bake Sale" and the sub sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday. We made over 175 sandwiches, including those delivered throughout town and to some of our shut-ins who were grateful for the opportunity to participate. We even had some left over rolls and sandwich ingredients to pass along to the local Cardinal House – what a blessing.

As a result of your generous support, we collected approximately \$3,000 combined through free will offerings over these 2 events and are nearly 2/3 of the way to our financial goal of \$15,000 for the National Youth Gathering. To God be the glory!

We will communicate additional opportunities to further support our Youth in the weeks ahead.

If there are any questions related to the Youth Group, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.

Board of Parish Fellowship

Euchre Party is on March 18th from 7 to 9ish pm. Join us in the Bethany Room and bring a friend and a snack to share! Be prepared to have FUN!!!!

Men's Group – Basketball is on February 6th & 20th from 3 to 5pm.

Cookies or Cakes are needed for the Hope Ministries Meal on March 11th.

There is a sign-up list on the check it out board. Sorry for the short notice; any questions please call Pastor Wonnacott.

Midweek Lenten Dessert Sign-up list is on the “Check It Out” Board by the school secretary’s office. We need your help, please!!!

Board of Public Relations

Greeters are needed! There is a sign-up list on the check-it-out board. We ask the greeters to meet the people outside at the overhang, weather permitting.

Church Office Hours

The new hours for the church office are Monday through Friday from

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Our Midweek Lenten Series

“Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion.”

Midweek Lenten meals will be from 6 to 7pm

All Services begin at 7:00pm

March 2nd Ash Wednesday: John the Baptist

March 9th Midweek of Lent 2: Mary

March 16th Midweek of Lent 3: Malchus

March 23rd Midweek of Lent 4: Peter

March 30th Midweek of Lent 5: Barabbas

April 6th Midweek of Lent 6: Pontius Pilate NO MEAL

Holy Week

April 14th Holy Thursday: Judas Iscariot

April 15th Good Friday: John, the Gospel Writer

Easter

April 17th Easter Sonrise at **7am**

The Youth of our congregation reenact the Easter account

Easter Breakfast provided by our Youth at 8am

April 17th Easter Festival: Mary Magdalene at 9:30am

Ushers: It is very important that you find your own replacement if you are not going to be able to usher during your assigned time. Please take the time to do this so that we always have ushers available to assist our members and visitors. Thank you.

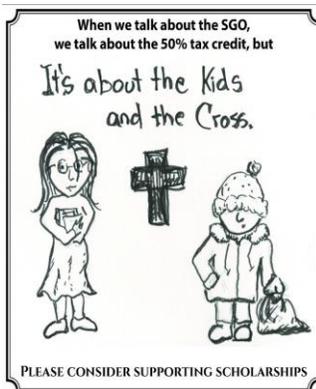
SGO Funds Needed!

Our school year is off to a good start and eight families have received a SGO scholarship to assist with tuition costs. Another three families are anticipated to participate. That means that we are in need of donations in our SGO fund!

Donating to the SGO does not just benefit our school families! It benefits you, the donor! You may claim a 50% tax credit for your donation, and your donation is also tax-deductible, as the Lutheran SGO is a 501C- 3 charity. Our school account in the Lutheran SGO depends entirely on donations; it is not government subsidized.

Additional information can be found at LutheranSGO.org and from the school office.

Thank you for your donation!



Amazon Smile Reminder

Attention Amazon shoppers: Choose Amazon Smile and designate St. Paul's as the charitable recipient on your account. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to our church and school. Please note this doesn't cost you anything, but is a charitable donation made by Amazon. Thanks for supporting St. Paul's through this program.

Postings from Preschool

Our students had so much fun with Valentine's Day activities that they didn't want to get back to class work! They also enjoyed the Reading Buddies from the Day School who read books to them.

Our preschoolers learned about the miracles and ministry of Jesus leading up to the season of Lent. They're always eager to hear about His acts of mercy and of His love for all people. We'd love to share this with prospective preschool families at our Open House on March 15th from 5-7pm. Please tell friends and family to come meet with us!

Mission of the Month

In 2022 our Sunday school continues to send \$75.00 each month to a mission.

March Mission of the Month: Lutheran Child and Family Services, Indianapolis

Lutheran Child & Family Services of IN, Inc. assist vulnerable youth and families in crisis.

The LCFS is committed to providing compassionate care and counsel to enhance the dignity and quality of life of those in need. Agency programs and services include:

- Youth residential treatment center and education academy
- Family preservation
- Parenting education
- Emergency food and clothing assistance
- Mentoring
- Adoption and foster care services

For more information, go to www.lutheranfamily.org

**Right to Life of North Central Indiana
2022 Plymouth Legacy of Life Banquet
Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

The annual Plymouth Legacy of Life Banquet will be **Tuesday, April 12, 2022**. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 pm at **Christos Banquet Hall, 830 Lincolnway East, Plymouth, IN**.

Our emcee for the evening will be Pastor Steve Cox and the keynote speaker will be ex-abortion clinic worker, Myra Neyer.

Be a part of an event that will encourage and motivate as well as provide support for the pro-life movement in north central Indiana. For more information or questions see Jim or Linda Tinkey or visit the website nci4life.org. More information to follow.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

One of the changes brought about due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak was using an "offering box" in the narthex of the church in front of the water fountains instead of passing an offering plate during the worship service. Please remember to give back to the Lord from the many blessings He gives us by placing your offering in the offering box or "e-tithing" by having a weekly deposit to St Paul's from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.



**PITCH YOUR TENT
AT ST. PAUL'S!**

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool and Day School will hold a "camp" themed open house March 15th, 5:00- 7:00pm. Come and enjoy games and refreshments, meet our teachers, and see what a Christ-centered education can provide! We offer an affordable tuition, with scholarships available, for Preschool through 8th grade.

All current and prospective students are invited!

Planning for Giving

What keeps us from establishing an Estate Plan and how can we best provide for our families and favorite ministries/charities at our death? Come and join us on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at noon after worship for a "Lunch & Learn" how we as Christians are "Born for Blessing". Please send your RSVP to the Church office no later than Friday, March 25, 2022 so that we can plan food prep.

If you have questions, please speak with Jim Tinkey, Mel Schutz, Lori Haug or Brian Denk from the Board of Stewardship.

PTL Fundraiser

The school students are doing a Krispy Kreme Doughnut fundraiser. The students will be preselling boxes of the Original Glazed Doughnuts for \$12.00 a dozen. We will pick up the doughnuts and have them available to be picked up on either Friday March 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or on Sunday March 27 after church. You can contact Eric Thornton at (574) 248-5007 to place an order or to schedule a pick-up time as well.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

God's Providential Care

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves, that we could not exist without those who have gone before us and are alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know that God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers of all sorts so that we can eat. But more than that God created and gave us all the things that those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things, properties for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste and their nutritional value, we would not exist.

He gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments. Again, he gave us all things that go into making those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties that can be utilized for that purpose. Without God creating and instilling those healing properties into those things, and without God creating the ability within man to find this out and press it into service of our medical needs, we would not enjoy the kind of health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands: "Then Moses said to the people of Israel, 'See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.'" (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands. And attached to those hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds in order to make those arms and hands move to accomplish the work set before us. And He has given us reason and senses. That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes as well as the accomplishments of others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us. So that everything we have AND everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. That He sent His son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. That He delivers that justification through the Means of Grace (Baptism, preaching, the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those Means of Grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Again, this could be expanded and expounded upon. So that literally everything that we have and everything that we are – in this life and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about – giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts. It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church. "For all this is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him" (*Luther's Small Catechism*, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gift – for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not in word only but also in deed.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://www.lcms.org/stewardship)

March's Devotion – "Whispers"

*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28*

I was once invited to dinner at the house of a family who had a number of children. That's great; I like children.

But these children whispered to each other at the dinner table. They whispered a lot. They whispered so much I found myself getting upset and rather frustrated with them. I thought, "Why hasn't anyone taught these youngsters any manners? Don't they know it's impolite to whisper in front of others?"

That's what I thought, but it wasn't the real problem.

What really bothered me was the fact that I was being left out. These young folks, with their looks and quiet words, were excluding me from their conversation.

None of us like to be excluded, do we? Like Rudolph, it's easy to get upset if the other reindeer don't let us join in their reindeer games. It doesn't matter if the occasion is at a friend's house for dinner or when we were children and nobody picked us for one of the school games. We don't like to be on the outside looking in.

This is why I give thanks I have a God who keeps inviting me into His family of faith. His Son keeps inviting us to come with Him into heaven. He tells us most clearly that He has done all that is necessary for that to happen. Because of Jesus, we're not left out.

THE PRAYER: Jesus, for inviting me into Your family I give thanks. For making it so I am welcome, I give thanks. Now may I live that thanks by encouraging and welcoming others. In Your Name. Amen.

Taken from Lutheran Hour Ministries - this Daily Devotion was written by Pastor Ken Klaus

The Board of Christian Education would like every member to read the Bible in one year. Every month in the Epistle we will publish a daily reading. This reading schedule is in accordance with Martin Luther’s suggestion: “But let the entire Psalter, divided in parts, remain in use and the entire Scriptures, divided into lections, let this be preserved in the ears of the church.” We hope that you find this daily lectionary reading be inspirational to you.

Read the Bible in a Year – Readings for March

March

<p>1 Isaiah 64:1-9 Numbers 16-18</p> <p>3 Psalm 86 Numbers 22-24</p> <p>5 Psalm 88 Numbers 28-30</p> <p>7 Psalm 90 Numbers 34-36</p> <p>9 Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 4-6</p> <p>11 Psalm 94 Deuteronomy 10-12</p> <p>13 Psalm 96 Deuteronomy 16-18</p> <p>15 Psalm 98 Deuteronomy 22-24</p> <p>17 Psalm 100 Deuteronomy 38-30</p> <p>19 Psalm 102 Luke 1</p> <p>21 Psalm 104 Luke 4-5</p> <p>23 Psalm 106 Luke 8-9</p> <p>25 Psalm 108 Luke 12-13</p> <p>27 Psalm 110 Luke 16-17</p> <p>29 Psalm 112 Luke 20-21</p> <p>31 Isaiah 64:1-9 Luke 23-24</p>	<p>2 Psalm 85 Numbers 19-21</p> <p>4 Psalm 87 Numbers 25-27</p> <p>6 Psalm 89 Numbers 31-33</p> <p>8 Psalm 91 Deuteronomy 1-3</p> <p>10 Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 7-9</p> <p>12 Psalm 95 Deuteronomy 13-15</p> <p>14 Psalm 97 Deuteronomy 19-21</p> <p>16 Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 25-27</p> <p>18 Psalm 101 Deuteronomy 31-34</p> <p>20 Psalm 103 Luke 2-3</p> <p>22 Psalm 105 Luke 6-7</p> <p>24 Psalm 107 Luke 10-11</p> <p>26 Psalm 109 Luke 14-15</p> <p>28 Psalm 111 Luke 18-19</p> <p>30 Psalm 113 Luke 22</p>
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2022

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Kevin & Kelly Lee	30	Eric & Kelly Thornton
21	Steve & Michelle Potoczky	31	Terry & Janet Miller

BIRTHDAYS

1	Jacob Miller	24	Chad Goze Steven Moran Khendra Shepherd
4	Allyson Lynch Abby Wildauer	25	Barbara Berg Michelle Pittman
6	Wyatt Napper Avery Wildauer	26	Debra Burcham Ellen Fox Paul Miller
7	Edward Coffel	27	Deana Miller Austin Nielsen
11	Scott Schmitt	28	Arick Cannon Taylor Lizzi Jack Wildauer
12	DeAnn Napper Sharon Sahlhoff	29	Beth Enders Thomas Slavey Melanie Venable
14	Luke Wonnacott Pastor Wonnacott	30	June Hamman Brandon Sahlhoff Danielle Ernsperger
15	Nicole Bailey	31	Madison Raskow Madison Youngman
17	Jason Bailey Colton Napper		
18	Edward Nielsen Jon Rettinger		
19	Avery Cannon		
20	Loretta Rohde		
21	Mark Matejka		
23	Jasmine Polson Carol Seegers Shirley Guse		

St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League

*As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions,
and equip women to honor God by serving others. Adopted 2021*

!!! ON THE CALENDER !!!

APRIL 11, 2022 MONDAY 7:00 P.M.

Program: Foods of the Passover Seder

There will be samples of the traditional foods to recall the Passover in Egypt, of the Angel of the Lord, and His deliverance of Israel from the bondage of sin. Their meaning will be contrasted with the fulfillment of those events in the atoning works of Jesus, and the institution of the Lord's Supper. **SEDER PROGRAM WILL BE OPEN TO ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS 8th GRADE AND UP**, and lasts approximately one hour. Other guests are also welcome. Be watching for a **SIGN_UP SHEET** in the March bulletins, so adequate food and seating can be prepared. **PS: this is NOT a full meal, but a "taste" of Passover foods.**

Eye-glass Ministry - MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term).

Adult & Children's Glasses; Non-prescription Sunglasses; Reading Glasses; Bifocals
(ANY STYLE FRAME, BUT IN GOOD CONDITION).

Wherever MOST teams distribute used eyeglasses, the Gospel is also shared.
The collection box – *for glasses you no longer need* – is located beneath the 'Bulletin Table.'

Psalm 100:2a "Serve the Lord with Gladness" LWML motto

St. Paul's 176th LITURGICAL YEAR † January 1, 2022 – January 31, 2022

Worship Opportunities To Bless Our Lives

**Communion is Celebrated*

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

MIDWEEK 7:00 P.M.

March	6	1 st Sunday in Lent	March	2	Ash Wednesday
March	13*	2 nd Sunday in Lent	March	9	2 nd Lenten Wednesday
March	20	3 rd Sunday in Lent	March	16	3 rd Lenten Wednesday
March	27*	4 th Sunday in Lent	March	23	4 th Lenten Wednesday
			March	30	5 th Lenten Wednesday

Let us walk with Jesus to Calvary

The Flower Chart for the 2022 Calender Year is Outside the Altar Guild Room

You may sign up on any OPEN LINE. If you cite the occasion, that is what will appear in the bulletin. If you prefer a special note for the bulletin, you must turn that in to the church office.

Thank you.

March Festivals: **2** Ash Wednesday • **25** The Annunciation Of Our Lord •
Commemorations: **7** Perpetua & Felicitas, Martyrs • **17** Patrick, Missionary
to Ireland • **19** St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus • **31** Joseph, Patriarch (son of
Jacob) •

Ash Wednesday, March 2: The name comes from The Imposition Of Ashes, which began in medieval times: as a person entered the church, the pastor made *the sign of the cross in ash* on the forehead, as he spoke the Bible verse concerning man's mortality. Primarily a Catholic tradition, it is being revived by some Protestant churches. The ashes are made from burnt processional palms of the previous year. The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove (a.k.a. Fat) Tuesday (in French, Mardi Gras). In the Middle Ages, this was the day to put off (in Old English: shrive) earthly excesses and begin the season of penitential devotion, including prayer and fasting. *"Turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.*

Joel 2:12-13 • Shrove Tuesday concludes the Season of Epiphany and The Time of Christmas. • Beginning, technically at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, Ash Wednesday begins the Church Year calendar's central Section – The Time of Easter, which has 2 seasons: Lententide, a forty-day period (the Sundays IN Lent are not included in the 40 days); and Easter, 7 weeks long, includes the Festival of the Ascension, and concludes with the Pentecost Festival. • The 40-days stem from Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, before His temptation by Satan. Matthew 4:2 • Originally, a time used to instruct baptismal candidates, as the Rite of Baptism was once performed *only* on Easter or Pentecost Sundays, except in emergencies. As infant baptism became the norm, Lent focused on Christ's Passion, a term referring only to Jesus' suffering in the last week of His life, especially the crucifixion. Lententide concludes with Good Friday, the 'anniversary' of our Lord's death; and Holy Saturday, the time He spent in the tomb. • To set Lent's solemn tone, the Church Proper is emptied of adornments; no flowers are permitted for midweek services; all crosses can be veiled or removed. St. Paul's only veils her cross on Good Friday. Alleluias and the Gloria Excelsis are omitted for this season of sorrow and repentance, awaiting the joy of Easter Sunday. • A Lenten tradition: fasting, as defined by the Church: time of strengthening of the spiritual life through discipline and devotion by abstaining from *sensible pleasures*, so that time can be spent in prayer or meditation. • Before 'anniversary celebrations' of the Lord's

resurrection, the Apostolic Church observed 2-3 days of fasting. The 40-day fast began in the 4th century. Once strictly observed: only 1 meal a day, no eggs, sugar, milk or meat of any kind. The Catholic Church has relaxed the *Obligation* only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. • In Lutheran tradition, fasting is not a requirement. When practiced, it should meet its defined purpose. In other words, it is not about ‘giving up’ something, but in spending time in spiritual enrichment. • Symbols of the *violet* paraments. Altar cloth: combines a Latin Cross, Vine, Pomegranate. The Latin Cross (shorter horizontal than vertical arm), is the most common form of cross used in the western Christendom (Roman Catholic/Protestant). Our altar cross, with its 3 ”steps,” is called a Calvary Cross. All crosses signify Jesus’ sacrificial death. When the corpus (the represented “body” of Christ) is on the cross, it is properly termed a *crucifix*. • Vine, from John 15:1, Jesus declares “*I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.*” • The Pomegranate bursts open when mature. It symbolizes the resurrection, the power of the Lord, who “bursts forth” from the tomb. With a cross rising above, it refers to the Jesus’ resurrection; and not the general resurrection of the dead. • Pulpit fall: Latin Cross w/ Grapes & Wheat. Wine (Grapes) and Bread (wheat), the visible elements of Communion, are combined with the cross, recalling Jesus poured out His blood and gave His body, to effect our salvation. In Communion, we partake of the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine, as we “*proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.*” 1 Cor. 11:26 • Lectern: monograms of Christ, Alpha & Omega, XP. Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, signifying Jesus is the One, Eternal, True God. “*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, ‘says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’*” Rev. 1:8 XP, our English word Christ begins with these two Greek letters. • Stoles, worn by ordained pastors as a symbol of their office: Cross and Crown, signifying Jesus, our Savior and King. • Banner: Given For You, shows Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. The lilies foreshadow Easter. The cross connected to Christ’s cross and the lilies represents the repentant thief and all who inherit the kingdom by faith. “*Today you shall be with me in paradise.*” Luke 23:43 The cross cut off from Christ’s cross represents the unrepentant thief and those who will not inherit the kingdom because of unbelief. The Church remains in violet until Maundy Thursday. • “*Repent in dust and ashes.*” Job 42:6b “*...all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.*” “*And you are witnesses of these things.*” Luke 24:44b, 48

