

Good News From New Life

February 22, 2024



Lent 2

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22: 22-30

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Calendar of Coming Events

Feb 25 Holy Eucharist. Lent 2

Feb 28 11 am "The Last Week" study

Mar 3 Holy Eucharist. Lent 3.

Coffee Hour

Mar 5 Tuesday Group at Carlo's.

Amy Allen leads discussion of Paul.

Mar 6 11 am "The Last Week" study

Mar 10 Holy Eucharist. Lent 4.

Rose Sunday. Pete Iole preaches

Mar 13 11 am "The Last Week" study

Mar 17 Holy Eucharist, Lent 5

Mar 17 Taize 7 pm

Mar 20 11 am "The Last Week" study

March 24 Palm/Passion Sunday

Passion Readers: Amy Allen,

Bo Iole, Charlyn Bridges

Mar 27 11 am "The Last Week" study

March 28 Maundy Thursday:

Agape meal and service 7 pm

March 29 Good Friday. Liturgy 12:00

Stations of the Cross 11:30 am

March 31 Easter Sunday

Lenten Book Study

The Wednesday Morning Book Group invites anyone interested to join them for a Lenten book study, 11 am Wednesdays in the parlor. Rev. Barbara is presenting the book, The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. It is not essential to read the book to attend. Rev. Barbara provides summary sheets for each meeting. The book is subtitled "What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem." Each chapter relates a different day of the week, beginning with Palm Sunday. The study will conclude in Holy Week.

Tuesday Evening Group

Tuesday **March 5**, Amy Allen will lead a discussion on "The Prayers of St. Paul," and Tuesday, **April 2**, Charlyn Bridges will lead a discussion on 'your favorite part of our liturgy.' 6 pm at Carlo's Trattoria in Hartville.

Stand-Up Vestry Meeting

Vestry met Sunday, Feb. 18 for the specific purpose of approving the Parochial Report, which is due in the diocesan office by March 1. After some discussion, the report was approved.

Because of travel by the wardens, vestry will not meet in regular session this month.

Episcopal Minute: Polycarp

Polycarp of Smyrna has a feast day this week (Feb. 23), and whenever his day comes up, I always think of my beta fish, my silent pet during seminary, who I named Polycarp. Bishop Thornton of Idaho visited me at seminary and I introduced him to Polycarp. At my ordination three years later, he commented that he knew there was something different about me because I named my fish Polycarp.

Anyway, all that is trivial, when we consider the actual life of Polycarp the saint. We celebrated Polycarp at one of our Maundy Thursday agape meals (which mimic an early Christian gathering in the year 200 AD), as a saint the early Christians would have known about. He was martyred in 156, a gentle old man of 86, the bishop of Smyrna, burned at the stake.

One of the fascinating things about Polycarp is that he was a pupil of John the apostle. This is actually possible if you do the math. Polycarp was born in the year 69, and John was often called “the disciple whom Jesus loved” and was somewhat younger than the other apostles. Tradition says that John lived into old age, writing his Book of Revelation on the island of Patmos while exiled by Emperor Domitian (who ruled 81 to 96 AD). Our book of saints says of John, “Irenaeus, at the end of the second century, liked to recall how Polycarp, in his old age, had talked about the apostle (John) whom he had known while growing up at Ephesus.” It is fascinating to think about those we revere, chatting together.

DONATE BOOKS*

*Also CD's, DVD'S, Games, Puzzles, Audio Books, Vinyl Records

**For Friends of the Library Book Sale
Donation Drop Off Days at New Life's**

Parlor on or before:

March 1, 2024

April 5, 2024

May 3, 2024

Items not accepted: cassette tapes, textbooks, dictionaries, research materials or manuals, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, magazines, or damaged items.

Lenten Outreach Project

Stark County Domestic Violence Project. domesticviolenceproj.org helps women and children. There are many things that they need. Terri Mackey will have labeled containers in the parlor to collect these items and she will deliver the collected items to their location.

Feb 18 & Feb 25: Paper product (toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning product)
Personal care items

March 3 & 10 Nonperishable food items (please check best-used-by dates)
Used working cell phones (for 911 use)

March 17 & 24 Gently used spring and summer clothing for women/children, new twin-size bedding, new towels
Financial donations are always welcome. Address is on the website.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Barbara. RevBLBond@msn.com

FISH Items for 2024

Please bring items to church for the FISH pantry! Any of these items can be donated during any month, but the following schedule is suggested.

February	Peanut butter
March	Toothpaste
April	Cleaning products, dish soap
May	Cereal
June	Canned fruit
July	Shampoo
August	Fruit juice
September	Cleaning products
October	Cereal
November	Pasta and pasta sauce
December	Instant potatoes

CASHBACK

Continue saving your ACME grocery receipts. ACME CASHBACK is BACK! Please bring your receipts dated Aug. 1, 2023-Feb. 15, 2024 to church. There is a glass bowl in the parlor where you can place your receipts. This is a great way to give back to our community while doing your regular shopping!

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Many families who have loved ones who are patients at Childrens' Hospital have the need for housing. We can help support these families by bringing our recycled tabs from soda cans, fruit and vegetable cans, even pet food cans. In addition they accept old keys. Please consider saving these items and bring them to church. There is a container in the parlor on the big desk to deposit your metal item listed. This is an ongoing project so keep saving and bringing your items. Thank you.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

02/24 - 03/01 Rita

Readers

Feb 25 – Charlyn

Counters

Week of Feb 25 - Andrea & Julie

Week of March 3 - Jan & Andrea

Week of March 10 - Julie & Jan

Week of March 17 - Andrea & Julie

Week of March 24 - Jan & Julie

Week of March 31 - Julie & Jan

Vestry In Charge

Feb 25 – Larry

Healers

Feb 28 – Amy

March 3 – Julie

March 10 – Bo

March 17 – Charlyn

March 24 – Amy

March 31 – Lynn

Sunday Night Prayer Telecon

Join your New Life family in prayer for about 15 minutes each Sunday night at 8 pm and start your week off prayerfully! A few minutes before 8 pm call 720-843-2008. Enter the access code when prompted: 420030#. If you use a smart phone and would like a text reminder and texted prayers, contact MJ at 330-606-9904. Or pick up a flier in the parlor with the prayers. Rotating telecon leaders are Lynn Gorman, Julie Martin, MJ Maling, Bo Iole and Jo Schiffbauer. We pray for our church, our country, our world, and each other's concerns and thanksgivings. For more information contact any of the telecon leaders.

Wednesday services

Rev Barbara will continue to offer brief worship services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. Each service focuses on a saint.

Feb 28: Photini

Mar 6: Perpetua and Felicitas

Mar 13: Gregory the Great

Mar 20: Saint Joseph

Mar 27: Annunciation to Mary

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

No home, no job, and little money, Axel drove his old car where he shouldn't have. He was given a ticket. Aggrieved, Axel fought the ticket. I implored him, "Pay the ticket and move on!" No dice. Legal bills piled up, days were wasted in the courthouse. Then a memory came to me of Latin class 60 years ago, Miss Hoyle telling of Pyrrhus invading Italy. Pyrrhus defeated the Romans but sustained terrible losses ... this was a "pyrrhic victory." Considering this as a possibility, Axel paid the fine. As for me, I was pleased that Latin finally came in handy.

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Silas DeWalt enlivens our Sunday service. Here, he awaits communion.