

MESSENGER

Newsletter for MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School

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This Sunday, May 8, 2011: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Message by Pastor Paul Ziese

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Christian Education Opportunities for ages 2–adult
- 10:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

MacArthur Park Lutheran Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a Christ centered community of faith,
inviting, equipping, and sending people to serve the
world from the neighborhood of MacArthur Park.

SENIOR PASTOR

PAUL ZIESE

Dear Friend of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church,

Later this fall, I will experience my third extended study leave or sabbatical as your pastor. I am now making plans for my September/October study leave and solicit your suggestions for what I should do. Since Pastor Tracey is on staff this year, it will not be necessary for the congregation to hire someone to fill in for me while I am gone. I encourage you to offer to help Pastor Tracey while I am gone since she will also be a graduate student.

As some of you may remember, I took my first study leave during the fall of 2001. I was in Berlin, Germany when I learned airplanes had crashed into some buildings on September 11. I completed that tour of Luther's Homeland and then went to Taize, France for a weeklong retreat. I later went on another trip to Israel/Palestine.

The high point of my 2006 sabbatical was a 30-day silent retreat with the Jesuits in Parma, Ohio. I also read nearly three dozen books.

This year I hope to continue my Spanish study in Tres Rios, Costa Rica where I studied last year. I also hope to participate in a study on Emotional Quotient (EQ) in Austin. Some of you will be asked to help me develop skills in adaptability, stress management, interpersonal relations, intrapersonal relations, and mood.

Finally, I plan to attend worship services of some other congregations in San Antonio. Is there a church you think MacArthur Park could learn from if I attended worship there? If so, let me know which church.

Are there other things you think I should do to benefit the congregation during my study leave? I am open to suggestions.

As we move from the school year into summer vacations, I hope God will refresh you for your journey.

In Christ,
Paul Ziese, Pastor

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

TRACEY BRESHEARS SCHULTZ

Keeping Easter

On Easter Monday, I bought an Easter tree for \$7. I found it at the Hallmark store near my house. It was on a sale table for 60% off, as were the ornaments to hang on it, the day after Easter Sunday. At the grocery store, the seasonal aisle was picked over and most everything still on the shelves was discounted. People were buying marshmallow Peeps and Easter grass for pennies.

Remember how wonderful it was to hear the brass on Easter Sunday? Wasn't it a joy to say "Alleluia" when we had buried the word for so long? Isn't it a delight to hear "He is risen! He is risen indeed!?" Don't you love the white and gold banners hanging in the sanctuary?

Don't be fooled, like the card shops and the grocery stores, into thinking Easter is behind us. Celebrate instead that the season has just begun! Following the liturgical calendar instead of the secular one means we have fifty days of alleluias, celebration, Easter stories, and white banners to enjoy. The season of Easter culminates on June 12 this year, which is the Sunday of Pentecost. (We get the name for this Sunday from the word for fifty, since Pentecost is the fiftieth day in the Easter season.)

So, go ahead and wish someone a Happy Easter. Dye some more Easter eggs and have an egg hunt. Shout Alleluia! Plant your lilies, sound a trumpet, and keep the Easter feast. The celebration has only just begun.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tracey



YOUTH NEWS

by Elizabeth Holschuh

The phrase “Live, Laugh, Love” is one of my favorite phrases because it speaks a message that is applicable to my everyday life. Each day there is at least one reason I can live for, at least one moment to engage laughter, and at least one person to love. As I begin to end my school year, I have begun to think of this phrase and what it means. I am extra busy now as the semester winds down, but I know that I will have some relaxation time awaiting me soon. I predict that many of you can relate as well as you take tests, complete projects, attend athletic competitions, and begin to wrap up your school year. Matthew 5:16 says “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” In both the busy and the quiet times we are called to “let [our] light shine before others.” I see my light shining when I live the meaning of “Live, Laugh, Love” toward others. I live to bring joy to the people I encounter daily, I make time for laughter with my friends, and I desire to bring love to the unloved. This everyday phrase may be more of a challenge than it looks at first glance, but it is one that I feel we are all called to seek live life, laughter, and love. So wherever you are, whether you are busy or in a quieter time, I hope you will take the time to consider what are you living for? Where are you laughing? and Who are you loving?



Fundraising Update

The MPLC Youth would like to thank you for your generous donations toward their Senior High Trip. Their fundraisers have included a drink table at the chili cook-off, Giving Tree donations in February, and Wednesday evening Lenten meals. Thanks to your generosity, the youth have raised the funds needed to send them to Disciple Project. Any additional monies collected will go toward next year’s summer trip--the National Youth Gathering! The Easter breakfast and a Father’s Day Bake sale will help in these efforts. Again, thank you!

~Elizabeth Holschuh

MAC PARK SCHOOL NEWS

by Laura Brown

As May comes, we are amazed that our school year is almost over. Our children have grown so much and we can't believe all that has been accomplished this year. The staff and children at MacArthur Park Lutheran School would like to thank the congregation for their continuous support throughout this past academic year. We appreciate your help with our fundraisers and your prayers.

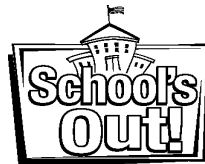
While our school year is drawing to a close, our school work continues. We are still taking applications for the 2011-2012 school year and please don't stop collecting "goodies" (toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, Box-Tops for Education, etc.).

Blessings for a relaxing summer, be watching for upcoming adventures.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 26 — closing chapel 6:00 p.m.

May 27 — last day of school



The Worship & Music Committee would like to recognize graduates in the bulletin and in the prayers on May 29. If you are (or a family member is) graduating from high school, college, or grad school this year, please take a moment to call or email the church office, or add the name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thanks to all, and congrats, grads!



—*Worship & Music Committee*

Adult Ed Opportunities – May 2011

Classes meet in the sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.

May 8 – ACTS D.Min in Preaching

Pastor Tracey was recently admitted to the ACTS D.Min in Preaching program through the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (LSTC). For this doctoral program, she will attend a three-week residency each summer for three years, taking three intensive classes each summer. Additionally, she will be doing preaching projects in the parish, integrating her class work with her ministry at MacPark. Come learn more about this program and about the positive and exciting impact this learning is sure to have on our congregation!

May 15 – Bible + Study = Bible Study!

Often, we rely on curriculum and published material for Bible study helps, but what happens when we open scripture, ask thought-provoking questions, and discuss what God is showing us? This is Bible study, in the best sense of the words! Come join the conversation. Class facilitated by Dale & Carla Lockett.

May 22 – Vision Task Force

Your vision task force has been working diligently to discern God's call for our congregation. In conversation with pastor and consultant Jon Lee, after careful Bible study, and combining the feedback received from two congregational retreats (March 19 & April 10), the task force has narrowed our focus and is ready to present possibilities for MPLC's purpose statement and guiding principles. Come join the conversation about the future into which God is leading us!

May 29 & June 5 – I Am a Christian: the Nun, the Devil, and Martin Luther

Carolyn Schneider is an ordained pastor of the ELCA and an associate professor of theology at Texas Lutheran University. She teaches theology and church history. Her two-week class, the title of which comes from her published book (Fortress Press, 2010), tells the story of a bold nun and her connection to the reformer. On nearly twenty occasions over the course of his ministry, Martin Luther invoked her way of warding off the devil and the temptation to despair. "I am a Christian," she would say to the Tempter, and Luther's admiration for her becomes an entrée to the whole religious world of the middle ages and Luther's time. Come explore Schneider's research, the nun's identity, and the whole role of the devil, guilt, sin, and temptation in the medieval worldview. Finally, consider the struggles of today and how Luther's battles illumine our own.

We walk together as Stewards in God's church.



Stewardship Committee

Simple Living

Stewardship – Principle #5

Share Abundantly

as we have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all.

“...and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” **2 Corinthians 9:8**

Simple Living – Less is More ~ by *Barbara Ott*

Simple living, or *voluntary simplicity*, is a lifestyle choice that embraces the belief that “less is more.” However we live in a culture where consumerism-is what drives this entire country’s economy, so it can be extremely difficult to avoid all of the temptation that we are exposed to on a daily basis to keep adding to our responsibilities. Realistically we all have needs, but it’s the wants that we tend to over emphasize as what’s important. Our world is dependent on the fostering of your desire to purchase goods and services in great amounts, however the benefits of simple living are significant and should be considered when it comes to your overall health and well being. Simple Living is a choice that brings freedom and a quality of life that you may not know was even possible.

Ask yourself...*my life would be simpler if...* and start there. You don’t have to do a complete *Simple Living Makeover*. Your answers will show you what you feel is important to you, and then - find out what you can live without. It may not be easy, but it will *en-light-en* your life. Give yourself the gift of managing your life and not let it manage you. What you will find is that you will have more time for what you really want to do with your time and more resources for living and giving. When life gets too busy and is full of stress, it’s impossible to be generous, nurturing or hopeful; and a hectic lifestyle makes it difficult to connect to family, friends or even God. Simple Living is a choice that God encourages all of us to make. Simplify your life by living simple and enjoy the beauty and blessings of simple living.

The only question about “giving your life away” is “How will I do it?” **Matthew 16:24-25**

CONGREGATION COUNCIL REPORT

April 19, 2011

By: Ellen Bridges

Dan Bierstedt presented a written report, noting that MPLC was \$5,158.75 below budget in operating receipts for the month, but was able to control expenses and only realized a \$3,579.28 loss. For the fiscal year we are still ahead \$13,405.97. He is hopeful that the report he placed in this week's bulletin will keep the congregation mindful of our financial position.

Information about pledges received for the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year will be presented at services on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Paul plans to take his sabbatical during the months of September and October. He plans to spend some more time in Costa Rica, among other projects. He also requests input from congregation members regarding other ideas for his sabbatical.

Leaders from various religious groups will be meeting the week after Easter in San Antonio to discuss a controversial play about Jesus to be performed in town. Pastor Paul will meet with the group as a representative for the Lutheran church. He notes a need, and requests prayer for, high profile church leaders who are willing to work for San Antonio, and not just with their own congregations.

Pastor Tracey notes that she will be present at Texas Lutheran University as Elizabeth Holschuh presents her thesis in May. Elizabeth credits MPLC with being a part of her journey from her start as an education major, to majoring in theology with a plan to serve as a youth minister, and now to planning to attend a Lutheran seminary.

School Board chair Matt Halder noted that the school board welcomed Jon Freiger and Beverly Frank to the school board. "They are excellent additions". Matt also stated that an email was sent out regarding the retirement celebration for Betty Pomykal, and that Abe Levy of the Express News will make a note of the celebration on the religion calendar of the newspaper. He reported that enrollment at MPLS is about where it normally is at this time of the year.

Matt then presented an update from the Mission/vision task force. Twenty three members attended the second session of the congregation retreat, and three more purpose statements
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SOCIAL JUSTICE

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me! Matt 25:35-40.

When I first believed that I was following this command, I was picturing the poor children of Africa that I saw on a trip there in 1980, or the people of Haiti, parents with gaunt faces, children with the swollen bellies that indicated malnutrition. I was not thinking of the hungry just beyond my door step.

But, that perception has changed. Last month, I visited the San Antonio Food Bank, as a representative of Mac Park at the annual Interfaith Conference. My eyes were opened to the situation in our own country, state and city. Five percent of Texas' population experiences hunger on a regular basis. The rate of children living in poverty in Texas is 24.3%, the second worst state in the U.S. The clients of the Food Bank range from the unemployed, people who have lost their jobs due to layoffs; the underemployed, not making enough in wages to pay for nutritious food; the elderly, living on a restricted income while coping with the increased cost of living; children, the innocent victims of poverty.

At the Conference, we engaged in a role playing exercise. My role was a young mother with a two year old, who had lost her job and was working part-time at a fast food restaurant, earning minimum wages. Neither she, nor I playing the role, knew how to obtain assistance. I learned that the Food Bank and its partner agencies provide help filling out the complicated form for state and federal benefits, as well as providing food and other necessary supplies. Also, I learned that applicants, or persons helping them, can call **211** for information on assistance locations.

Over 2.5 million children eat the free breakfast and lunch during the school year. But during last summer, only 9% of those children participated in a summer meal program. We know that Congress and our state legislature is considering legislation that may severely cut economic help to the poor. It becomes more urgent that additional help is needed from churches and other private organizations. At Mac Park, we must continue to support providers such as the Food Bank, CAM, Bread for the World and the Crop Walk to make up the the loss of government support.

Loving our neighbor and practicing social justice is what Jesus has called on us to do.

In Christ, Joan Smith-Lawrence, Social Concerns Chair

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were added. The process is still under review. Congregation forums during the Sunday School hour are planned, input from council will be needed, and finally the congregation will vote on the proposals. The council will then use the Purpose and guiding principals to make decisions. Matt plans to put an update in the Messenger.

Bill Sweda reported that he has received a recommendation for an attorney who may be of assistance in addressing Clyde Lorenz's will, and bequests to the church in general. Bill and Jim Price plan to meet with the attorney on May 16.

There was discussion about Sunday School, and a Youth and Family Ministry person. It was noted that we may need to "reinvent" Sunday School at MPLC.

Executive/personnel committee will meet on May 9, and council will meet again on May 17.

Women's group held bunco fellowship in April

Christmas ornament project begins in May

The 2011 Christmas ornaments traditionally made by the women's group of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church will be started at the May 12 meeting at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

The ornaments will be given as mementos of the 50th anniversary of the church.

All women are invited to attend the meeting and help with this project. Even those who cannot attend are encouraged to participate in making the Luther Rose ornaments. Call Suzette Price at 655-3833 if you are interested in assisting with this service project.

Sherill Whiteman and Sara Milam will provide the refreshments and the devotion.

Meanwhile, at the April meeting the group played prizes-only bunco as its fellowship activity. Pastor Paul Ziese joined the activity to give the group an even number of participants.

Mary Ann Anderson and Rhea Clouse provided the refreshments and Fiesta decorations.—Suzette Price, facilitator

2011 Stewardship Program — Stewards for all Seasons



I believe that we all learned a lot about what it is to be a Steward of all God has given us through this year's program and that we can practice being good Stewards throughout the four seasons of the year in many different ways. I want to thank everyone for volunteering their time and sharing their gifts with all of us each week and especially during the entire Stewardship program this year. You are a blessing to Mac Park and I thank you for participating in Stewards for all Seasons. A very special "Thank You" to Pastor Tracey Breashears Schultz for creating this year's program. She did a tremendous job and I think she deserves all of our thanks and praise.

Pastor Tracey Breashears Schultz
Pastor Paul Ziese
Debbie Kennedy
Leigh Anne Seitter
Chris Schultz
Bill Sweda
Dan Bierstedt
Beverly Buchhorn
Dale Lockett
Paul Halvorson
Heather Hansen
Kevin Ott
Dale Couffer
Carol Couffer

Peggy Loomis
Norma Case
James Vlasak
Dale & Carla Lockett & Family
Melissa French-Stephenson & Family
Denise Bilderback
Ellen Bridges
Bjorn Dybdahl
Southwestern Texas Synod —
Evelyn Tenayuca & Barbara Beale
for purchasing and loaning us the
video series by Dr. Mark Allen
Powell - Our Duty & Delight

Blessings,

Barbara Ott
Mac Park Stewardship Chair

Vision Mission Task Force Update

The Mission and Vision Task Force has been asked to help the congregation form a purpose statement and supporting guiding principles that will serve to focus and renew God's purpose for us at MPLC. We have had tremendous participation and support by many of the members as we work to bring together a scripture based vision of how we can serve God, our congregation and the world. As many of you know, we have been seeking input from the congregation to help us in this process. We recently held 2 sessions of a Bible study based exercise to help us understand what God called his early followers to do and what lessons we can learn about what we should do as today's followers. The sessions were very effective and powerful – and we all learned a lot about what God has in mind for his followers that come together to be His Church – then and now.

So where are we now? We have the collective thoughts and lessons of the sessions and the Task Force is studying those outcomes to understand what the many small groups discovered in their efforts. From these many voices, we look to hear what God has placed on the hearts and minds of our congregation and bring together a purpose statement and short list of guiding principles that confirm our core values yet challenge us to help bring about God's Kingdom on earth. We plan to present a recommended purpose statement- a vision oriented short sentence that reminds us why we exist and its supporting guiding principles – to the congregation on 22 May for discussion and conversation. Your feedback on our working purpose statement and particularly its supporting guiding principles is very important to us - the guiding principles direct our congregation's future actions.

After we refine a final purpose statement and guiding principles this summer, the Task Force will present our recommendations to the Council for review. After consideration by Council, the new purpose statement and guiding principles will be presented at a congregational meeting for a formal vote. Once approved, the hard part begins. The council will use the purpose and principles to guide decisions that seek to achieve MPLC's purpose. Committees will also use the same vision and principles as they develop programs to achieve our purpose. The changes may be subtle or profound as all come to understand what we are called to do to achieve God's purpose for MacArthur Park Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your participation, support and prayers in this exciting process!

Yours in Christ,
Matt Halder, TF Chair



*To all the women
who have loved,
nurtured and cared for
us . . .*

Happy Mother's Day!



By: Suzette Price

Jeanette Pierce and three co-authors have had a book published titled "Our Voices Our Lives: Twenty Holocaust Survivors Remember." The work which was four years in the making is intended for use by educators, to make the stories of the Holocaust and the history more memorable and personal for students. The authors wrote the book as a volunteer effort.

Jacqueline Paredes was the spelling bee winner at Krueger Middle School and placed seventeenth of 170 in the San Antonio Express-News' 58th annual Regional Spelling Bee at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium on Saturday, March 12.

Debbie Seitter received an award from the Baylor School of Music honoring her as a student showing "Outstanding Potential in the Field of Music Education". Congratulations Debbie!

NEWS

Notes

- Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Betty Ballew who passed away April 7. Our Christian sympathy is also extended to Denise Bilderback on the April 9th death of her father Billy Giles; David Wulf on the recent death of his father George Wulf; and to Rodney Frantzen, Lou Anne Blankenship, and Andy Blankenship Frantzen on the death of Rodney's mother Lilly Pearl Frantzen.
- **This summer MacArthur Park Lutheran and Christ Lutheran Church are partnering together to host three amazing programs for your children August 1-5!** Vacation Bible School for ages 2-5 years old, Day Camp for Kinder-5th grades, and Servant Life Camp for 6th-8th grades. Check out the colorful posters around campus for more information. Registration forms are available on the table in the back of the church.
- **Shepherd King Lutheran Church**, 303 West Ramsey Road, is offering a Congregational Day Camp for elementary school age children during the week of July 3-8. They are limited to 30 campers at a cost of \$35 for the week. Discounts will be provided for families. Counselors with Cross Trails Ministry will provide the program for the week. Please contact them at 344-5881 for more info.
- **50th Anniversary Cookbooks** are still available through the church office for the incredible price of \$12 each. They make wonderful gifts, so be sure and purchase yours soon!
- **Grace Lutheran Church invites** you to the Martin Davis Memorial Fish Fry and Silent Auction on Sunday, May 15 in their Fetter Hall from 11:30 am—2:00 pm. Serving: lots of catfish, hush puppies, french fries, onion rings, cole-slaw, and dessert. Tickets are: \$8/adults and \$4/children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit a special project in Martin's honor. For more info contact: John Tezel at 508-1624, Kenneth Albert at 341-4867 or Cheryl in their church office at 226-9131. Grace Lutheran is located at 504 Avenue E at McCullough.

Stitches from the Quilters



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

Quilter “Dude” of the Month: (A)(Part V) Al and Kay and the 1st son, Allen who was born in Penn. stayed in El Paso until 1964 when Al completed his active duty tour. Then they came to San Antonio and he worked as a mechanical/aerospace engineer at Kelly AFB until 2000, when he retired the first time.

After retiring from Kelly AFB he went to work for a defense contractor for about 2 ½ years and retired again.

Al has always been a Lutheran. He and Kay were married in the church where both were baptized and confirmed. When they first moved here to San Antonio, they went to Shepherd King Lutheran and lived on Beacon Street. That’s where their 2nd son, Brian was born. Later when they bought the home they live in now, they changed to Mac Park Lutheran Church.

Al used to be an avid fisherman and hunter until his “joints” talked louder than the fishing boat motor and the deer blind. He spends his time in his favorite hobby now. He is an enthusiastic woodcrafter. In other words, 5 or 6 days a week he “makes sawdust” and drags it into the house!!!!!!!!!!!! (Just ask Kay!!!!) (Tune in next month for Part VI)

“Old-fashioned Nine-Patch” (B) Here we see Shirley Schafer giving Lorraine Moyer a check for \$100.00 for the George and Gloria Schwanenberg Scholarship Fund.

“Victorian Double-Wedding Ring” (C) Lorraine Moyer and Pat Richmond are discussing the proper shade of marking chalk to use on the interior design of 4 hearts which are going to be quilted in the center of each double-ring. This quilt was put on the frame at the end of March and is the newest project. Come see the beautiful colors. This is a special order for Nelda Greer (the lady who won the tree-skirt at Christmas time.) This quilt plus the two matching pillow shams will be earning \$800.00 for the Schwanenberg Scholarship Fund.

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“Double Wedding Ring” (D) - Lorraine and Martiza are reminding you that the tickets are still available for this wedding ring (hanging in the church). They are available for 7 tickets for \$5.00 donation or \$1 donation per ticket. All monies go to the Schwanenberg Scholarship Fund and the ticket will be drawn some time at the end of June.

World Relief Quilts – 2012 - Pat Richmond tells me that the World Relief Team has 30% of all the quilts for 2012 ready to go. The quilts for 2011 left the church on April 27, 2011. Keep up the good work folks!!!!

Yours in Christ, Mary Alice Rupard

“POST”-INGS FROM THE STAMP CLUB

- May 6: 6:15—Juniors
7:00—Board of Governors meeting
7:30—“Show and Tell”
- May 7: 9 a.m.—Saturday Boursette (Bldg. # 6- Senior Center)
- May 13: 7:00—Auction – come get some great deals
- May 20 : 6:15—Juniors
7:30—“Europa” by Richard Barnes
- May 17: 7:30—Bourse – come sell, buy, trade for great philatelic items.

Program Notes — May 20, 2011 ***“Europa” by Richard Barnes***

Richard will give a brief history and overview of “Europa Stamps.” They are special stamps issued by European Postal Administrations under the aegis of the PostEurop Association which have Europe as their central theme. It is an annual joint issue of stamps with a common design or theme by postal administration members.

If this program is as interesting as his program he gave last time, it should be very informative. We are looking forward to it, Richard

Yours in philately, Pat Richmond

“Needle” Notes



(A)

Crochet (A): Daisy Davenport is concentrating so hard on her new pattern in crochet, we almost hate to disturb her. She has taken to crocheting like the proverbial “duck” to water. Keep up the good work, Daisy.



(B)

Christmas in April (B): Leave it to Carolyn Virta to get the jump on everyone else. She is redoing an antique tablecloth she inherited from an aunt into table runners for her girls. The “ornaments” have beautiful handwork with sequins and beads. It's a wonderful way to preserve a family heirloom.



(C)

“Log Cabin Afghan” (C): It seems that Mary has designed a “carry-over” from quilting. She is using her newly acquired crocheting skills to design a first ever afghan in a “Log Cabin” quilting pattern. Eventually, this quilt-afghan will be donated to the church for a donation for the Mac Park Senior Center Utilities Fund. Leave it to Mary to think of that!!!!

Yours in Christ, Pat Richmond

Save the date! Join us at the Glocal Mission Gathering sponsored by the Global Mission Committee of the Southwestern Texas Synod ELCA on Sept. 23-24 at Zion Lutheran Church of San Antonio, 9944 Leslie Road. Visit www.elca.org/glocal to register or get more information.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Service	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	4 Week Total
8:30 am	94	82	104	165	555
10:45 am	94	101	111	173	490
Offering	\$9,678.00	\$7,885.65	\$5,502.92	\$7,289.52	29,479.10
Sunday School	56	50	43	No S.S. on Easter	231

Lenten Service, March 30: attendance = 68; offering = \$655.60 (*\$650.60 designated for Synod Assembly Malaria Campaign Offering*)

Lenten Service, April 6: attendance = 64; offering = \$138.00

Lenten Service, April 13: attendance = 70; offering = \$321.00

Maundy Thurs., April 17: attendance = 85; offering = \$637.05

Good Friday, April 18: attendance = 183; offering = 220.00

PASTORAL ACTS

4/7/11 Prayer Service for Betty Ballew

4/9/11 Funeral Service for Billy Giles

MEMORIALS

HELMUTH KOEPP, JR.—Shannon Armke

Please pray for the following: Karoline & Jim Aulds; Nancy Beaver; Michelle Briscoe; Sandra Couffer; Lauren Dollarhide; Evelyn Garza; Kenneth Goggio; Steve Hammonds' sister Sharon; Evelyn Hicks & Lloyd Sellers; Josephine Huizar; Dorothy Imig; Dewey Johnson; Felicia Johnson; Virgil Kirk; Robin & Barbara Kunkle; Jerelene Lopez; Doris McDougall; Bonnie McKisson; Mike Milliman; Ronnie Nunn; James Peters; Jonathan Petrutsas; Phyllis Ray; Mims Reid; Dot Rust; Nancy Stevens; David VanLydegraf; Jeannie White

Military stationed overseas: Matthew Guevara, Philip Ott, and all the other troops

Welcome to MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School

† MacArthur Park invites you for Sunday worship. †

Our Worship Schedule

8:30 ~ 9:30 am 1st Service with Holy Communion

10:45 ~ 11:45 am 2nd Service with Holy Communion

† Nursery available Sunday mornings

from 8:00 am–12:00 noon for infants thru age 3. †

† Christian Education opportunities for ages 2 - adult and nursery at 9:45 a.m. †

† Our School has a Christian environment for students ages 2 years-Kinder †

2010 – 2011 Congregation Council

Bill Sweda, President

Susan Rath, Equipping Chair

Mark Hansen, Vice President

Brenda Krueger, Sending Chair

Ellen Bridges, Secretary

Matt Halder, School Chair

Dan Bierstedt, Treasurer

Dale Couffer, Support Chair

Denise Bilderback, Inviting Chair

Deadline for our next *Messenger* is Thursday, May 19, 2011.

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See You
Next Month!