



The Tidings

APRIL 2010

Ministerial Moments

I can't believe it's almost Easter. So far, this has been a good year; attendance is steady and we seem to be holding our own financially. Our church has given in the neighborhood of \$900 to relief in Haiti. All are signs of life within our church.

The Wurstmarkt served 450 meals which, if not a record, is probably a record for the spring Wurstmarkt. Many thanks to all who organized and worked on this feast. In addition, several of our Evangelical Daughters are working overtime to help prepare the meal for our Christian Seder, or Passover, to be held at 6:00PM Maundy Thursday, April 1. The menu will be roast chicken, potatoes, green vegetables, fruit compote, and macaroons. Many thanks to all who are cooking and setting up for this meal.

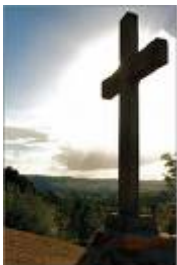
We are also hosting the Region 8 Easter Vigil at 7:00PM on April 3. Those of you, who attended when Rev. Jack Spratte was here, will know what to expect. For those of you who weren't, this is a very elaborate service, of which the first portion is in candle-light. The guest preacher for the evening is Rev. Jerry Bennett, the program coordinator of the Conference Office.

I don't know about you but I am enjoying the warmer air. My crocuses bloomed a couple of weeks ago and now the daffodils on the south side of the parsonage are in bloom. Ron has transplanted some daffodils along the driveway and they are about to bloom also. I saw my first wild turkey along the 4 near Mud Creek about a week ago. There was a rabbit in the church parking lot last night and yesterday I saw my first Cardinal (bird, not ball-player) of the spring.

Spring is that time of year when all things seem new again. It reminds me of Minnie Pearl who used to say that a young man told her she looked like a "fresh breath of spring", then she would pause a moment and say; "Actually that's not what he said. His exact words were I looked like the end of hard winter". Those of you who remember her will remember how she told this. Those who never saw or heard her must know it was better in the telling than the reading.

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Bad News but Good News

As most of you know our janitor Joe retired at the end of February. He kept good care of us while he was here, and still watching out for us.

Before he left Joe contacted Dale Reese about the position (Dale helped out in the past when Joe was on vacation.) Dale was interested. Joe contacted David

Schneidewind, Council President, David contacted council members and then to Dale and BROOM I mean BOOM we have a new janitor.

We wish Joe well and that he enjoys his well deserved retirement. We will miss him.

Dale, we welcome you as a pretty new member of the

church and now our very new janitor. Joe is a pretty tough act to follow - but we know you can do it.

Congratulations to Joe for his retirement and to Dale for his new position.

Church Council

Greeter and Ushers for April

April 4: Easter - Council Members

April 11: Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Janice Schmidt

April 28: Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Dale Sinn

April 25: Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Neal & Donna Galle

Goat Insurance

Dear Members,

Some of you, or friends of yours, may on April 1 receive a notification that you have been nominated for "Goat Insurance." This is a Chamber of Commerce Fund Raiser. Each member of the chamber was asked to nominate 20 people. My criteria for nominations were: 1. person must have a sense of humor. 2. person or family must be able to afford \$10.00

Please do not let whether you receive a nomination or not "get Your Goat". The Goat Insurance is to "insure" that you DO NOT receive a goat. I have been promised that you will NOT be "stuck" with a goat, but you may be named Marissa's "ScapeGoat." Drawing for the goat will be on Saturday April 24 after the Chamber gets done with the Main Street clean-up.

Sincerely, Pastor Gail



Comments from the Church Mouse

March was a busy month for our church, and I had to do a lot of hidey-hole time. Lenten services might bring in some great people, but many of them would be upset to see me.

From my favorite hiding place near Mabel's organ I enjoyed seeing Marlene and Lee Karstens and Carol Mercer as they were Biblical characters in the Lenten service skits. I think our services went well.

And on March 20th there was our very, very successful Wurstmarkt. Oh, the people, and all the feet, about 450 pairs. Wow! But their crumbs were much appreciated. Susan Oyler and her Funds and Fellowship committee members did a great job, but, as usual, they did too thorough a job of cleaning up. They could have kept a few left over morsels for me. But I was able to scurry about and get a decent stash during the event.

I did rather well at game day, too.

The church council, led by president David Schneidewind, doesn't have snacks (so no crumbs there for me), but they do have some dedicated members. They usually meet the second Tuesday of the month.

Listening from one of my hidey-holes, I heard Pastor Gail talk about Sonshine Corner and something called "change-over". Ruby Lehman seems to be the Corner's main mouse, er ... manager. I know she's really a worker. Now she's made sure the mission is ready for spring.

Friedens is a happening place, and we are going to play host for the Community Vacation Bible School from June 28 to July 2. I overheard Susie Stewart say that we need more help. I'd volunteer because kids usually like me, but I hear that the theme will be focused on bees, and bees don't like me. So I'll just look forward to seeing Marlene Karstens and Peggy Dierks at VBS snack time.

I also look forward to Easter egg hunts ... candy, candy, candy... and being able to venture outside when it's not so cold. (Of course, avoiding Ozzie, the minister's dog.)

Have a bountiful spring!



Ministerial Moments Continued

Maybe the fact that all things seem new in spring is part of why we celebrate Easter now, along with the fact that three of the gospels put the crucifixion at Passover which is in the spring. It is in the spring, that the cycle of life begins all over again. That which was dead comes back to life. Trees bud, flowers bloom, animals are born, and the grass turns green. With spring we all look forward to longer and warmer days. We feel more alive and spend more time outdoors enjoying God's creation. So, not only does spring symbolize the resurrection of Christ, but it is the resurrection of God's earth, and a reminder to us of all God has given us.

OTHER THINGS

I am aware that many of you do not agree with the health plan which will probably pass Senate before you get this. Before you jump to conclusions, be aware that there will probably be many portions of the bill which will be challenged by the courts for a long time. Parts of the bill you are afraid of may never be enacted.

Personally, I do not watch Glen Beck, or listen to Rush Limbaugh or Keith Obermann because I do not like anyone on television or radio who is constantly yelling at me. I do watch the View once a week. There's a lot of yelling on that also, but at least I feel it's at each other and not me, the viewer.

Since last June, there have been a group of people who have gone to town hall meetings and displayed inappropriate behavior, disrespectful toward both the other constituents who wanted to listen and learn what was going on and towards their elected representatives.

Last Saturday, March 20, on the capitol steps in Washington D.C., a black congressman was called a racial epithet, and spit at as he entered Congress. At other times there has been name-calling and things have been thrown. For the record, I do not believe that everyone who considers themselves part of the "Tea Party" behaves this way and I am well aware that not all "liberals" or people on the "left" side behave all that well either; one only has to read the opinion pages of the Belleville News-Democrat to know that name-calling occurs on both sides. What I want to get down to is this: there is NEVER an excuse for name calling, using racial epithets, throwing things or spitting on some one, no matter how much you disagree with them, or how angry or frustrated you may be. Language of violence leads to acts of violence, whether it is a single act of assault, mass-murder by a gunman in a populous place, or someone like the guy who flew his airplane into a government building because of an argument with the IRS. If we are going to end violence, we need to set an example for our young people and end it in ourselves.

Blessings,
Pastor Gail

Some people are kind, polite, and
sweet-spirited
Until you try to sit in their pews

Chamber and Village News

As most of you have heard the village has received a grant to help with the replacement of the water mains. 85% of our water pipes are scheduled to be replaced starting in May. Because most of the pipes run down the center of our streets, the streets will not be more than temporarily fixed until after the water system is repaired.

Marissa is getting 1st responders and a new truck for them. The truck will op-

erate out of the police station.

There will be a circus at the village park on April 25 with performances at 2PM and 4:30PM. Tickets can be bought at Regions Bank, or at Wal-Mart on April 10. Adults \$9.

Children (2-12) \$6.00.

Village-wide yard sale is May 1. The deadline to get your yard sale on the map

is April 23. Cost is \$5. There will be a BBQ at the Firehouse the same day and a bake sale that day to help the senior center.

The Senior Center needs more people to keep going. Hopefully, I will soon be getting copies of the menus to post. You do not have to go everyday, but they do request that reservations be made by 9:30AM.

Vacation Bible School Help Needed

Susie and Carol are in need of help during Vacation Bible School. Date of VBS is June 28 to July 2.

Help needed is: Class Helpers, Snack Helpers
Keep a look out in the May Tidings for a list of items that we will need for art projects etc. for VBS.



Wurstmarkt News !!!

WOW - What a turn out. Luckily the weather held off and it was a great day for the Wurstmarkt. Over 450 people were served.

It is fair to say that over \$2,500 was made on the event.

Funds and Fellowship would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to the great help and **FANTASTIC** desserts. Everyone out did themselves.

APRIL School Events

Only High School Softball and Baseball going on. SB-V: Softball Varsity ; BB-V: Baseball Varsity

All Games 4:30 pm unless noted.

- 1: SB/BB-V @ Home vs. Mater Dei
- 2: NO SCHOOL
- 5: NO SCHOOL; SB/BB-V @ Red Bud
- 6: SB/BB-V @ Home vs. Lebanon
- 7: SB-V @ Waterloo ; Band Festival
- 8: SB/BB-V @ Dupo ; Spring Pictures ; Chorus Festival ; PTT Meeting 6:00 pm
- 9:
- 10: SB/BB-V @ Hamilton County (DH) 11:00 ; FFA State Awards at U of I
- 11:
- 12: BB-V @ Evansville-COS
- 13: SB/BB-V @ Home vs. Steeleville ; FFA Ag Mechanics Contest @ Rend Lake
- 14: BB-V @ Roxanna (DH) 4:00 pm
- 15: SB/BB-V @ Valmeyer
- 16: SB/BB-V @ Home vs. Freeburg ; Senior High Band Trip to Branson ; FFA Dairy/

- Livestock Contest @ SIUC
- 17: SB-V @ Chester Tournament TBA
- 18:
- 19: SB/BB-V @ Trico ; School Board Meeting
- 20: SB/BB-V @ Home vs. New Athens
- 21: FFA Banquet 6:00 pm
- 22: SB/BB-V @ Lebanon ; Chalk Walk @ Steeleville
- 23: Early Dismissal 11:35 Elem/11:45 HS
- 24: 2010 Prom 7:30 pm
- 25:
- 26:
- 27: SB/BB-V @ Home vs. Dupo ; National Honor Society Reception 7:30 pm
- 28: BB-V @ Home vs. Nashville ; SB-V @ Oakville
- 29: SB/BB-V @ @ Steeleville
- 30: SB-V @ Home vs. Woodlawn

Friedens Giving Year-to-Date 2010

Envelope Offering.....	\$ 16,858.16	
Local Use	\$ 200.00	
Lenten Envelope Offering.....	\$ 166.00	
Easter Services Offerings	\$ 110.00	
DuBois Camp Oak Lodge Project	\$ 50.00	(Daughters)
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 4.50	(Recycling)
Building Fund	\$ 322.00	
Memorial Fund	\$ 75.00	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 37.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing.....	\$ 1,269.00	
(which \$900 was earmarked for Haiti)		
Bequest by Will.....	\$ 1,000.00	
ING Direct Transfer back to Checking.....	\$ 2315.36	
TOTAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ <u>22,407.52</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 20,213.35	
DIFFERENCE.....	\$ 2,194.17	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FYI:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No SCHOOL on April 1, 2 & 5 Pastor Gail @ Spring Convocation 5,6 & 7 call 618-443-7532 or 314-631-3872 if she is needed. 					
4 Easter 7 am @ Methodist 10 am Friedens	5 Pastor Gail @ Conference Daughters Mtg @ 7 pm	6 Pastor Gail @ Conference	7 Choir Practice Pastor Gail @ Conference	8	9	10
11 Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Re- membrance	12	13 Council Mtg @ 7:00 pm	14 Choir Practice	15	16	17 DuBois Dinner Theater
18 Integrity of Creation Sunday , Church Earth Day	19	20	21 Choir Practice Admin. Professionals Day	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Choir Practice	29	30	



April Birthdays

Ken Fitch	2
Savanah Sinn	5
Kay Trotter	7
Betty Bollmeier	8
Sandy Trifenbach	11
Jeremy Dressel	15
Karen Bearley	17
Danielle Dressel	18
Joyce Fitch	26
Melinda Schneidewind	30



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“Through the Spirit we are a Church on the Move: Welcoming, Caring, Sharing.”

April Anniversary's

Dean & Kathleen Robert	4
Irving & Mabel Schickedanz	23
Milton & Blanche Schmierbach	29



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