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THE ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Palm Sunday

Choose from three very different worship opportunities for Palm Sunday (April 5):

- 5:15 PM Saturday (April 4) at St. Paul's in Fabius, we will celebrate Palm Sunday with a Service of the Passion with drama by Appleseed Productions (and a visit from Jake and Rusty)
- 8:30 AM Sunday (April 5) in the Sanctuary we will hold a traditional Palm Sunday Service (and a visit from Jake and Rusty) – Pastor Gaetz Preaching.
- 10:45 AM Sunday (April 5) in the Sanctuary, join us for a Service of the Passion with drama by Appleseed Productions (and a visit from Jake and Rusty).

*Palms will be blessed and distributed at all services.*

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ATONEMENT



### APRIL 8: WEDNESDAY

11:30am & 7:00pm **Service of Healing and Renewal.**  
Vicar Aase preaching  
6:00pm **Dinner (all are welcome)**

### APRIL 9: MAUNDY THURSDAY

11:30am & 7:00pm **Services of the Last Supper.**  
Pastor Suarez preaching

### APRIL 10: GOOD FRIDAY

7:00pm **Tenebrae**  
The ancient and beautiful service of shadows and darkness. Pastor Gaetz preaching.  
6:00pm **Dinner (all are welcome)**

### APRIL 11: SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

5:15pm **Easter Vigil Services**  
Lighting of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptism Vows, Baptisms, Confirmations, and Eucharist.  
Vicar Aase preaching.

*Note special times for Wednesday, April 8. There will be no classes or recreation time this week. Regular activities resume on Wednesday, April 15.*



## INTRODUCING CHRISTINE WULFF - OUR NEW INTERN

Christine Wulff, a student at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia SC, has been appointed to serve Internship with us in the 2009-10 academic year. She will be visiting in Syracuse Palm Sunday weekend and you can meet her at the various worship hours.

Christine was born and raised on Long Island and received both a BS and PhD in Animal Science and Microbiology from Cornell in Ithaca—so coming to Syracuse is a bit of a homecoming for her. Before going to seminary Christine worked in research at the University of Kentucky. In her leisure time she reads, hikes, and rides a Ducati motorcycle.

We look forward to having her with us.

## IT TAKES A LOT OF FOOD!

We have approximately 17 families for whom we will be making Easter food baskets.

Your donations of food and money are vital for this ministry of care.

With the hams we will buy we need donations of: Boxed potatoes, Canned green beans and corn, Canned fruit and Jell-O, Funfetti Cakes, Funfetti Frosting, Easter Candy, and Coffee,

We also fill out our baskets with non perishable foods for the days when children are not getting meals at school.

We can also use canned meat and meat entrees like chili, stew, "Chunky" soups, tuna, cream soup, elbows or noodles, mayo, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, ramen noodles, pasta and sauce, canned or bottled juice. Your generosity will make the most important of Christian festivals special for families in need.

## DON'T FORGET!

Countryside Community Chorus presents  
**Once Upon a Tree**

Sunday April 5                      2:30pm  
St Paul's Fabius                      Free-Will Offering  
Community Church

Note: Our own Gary Stensland will be performing!

### BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Deuteronomy 16:1-8 Philippians 2:1-11	...Sunday continued Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]
F	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:1-9 Philippians 2:12-18	M    Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11
Sa	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:10-16 Mark 10:32-34, 46-52	Tu    Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Su	Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	W    Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32



## WORD [WURD] OF THE WEEK - contemplating the language of faith

**re•mem•ber [ri-mem-ber] – Hmmm, what was that again?**

I can still remember the first time I knew when my grandmother no longer remembered me. The look of panic on her face flashed before she could recover, trying to hide that she didn't recognize the three young ladies at her door. This is a heartbreaking kind of not remembering, for my grandma and for those who loved her.

As we get closer to the cross, to Good Friday, it is difficult, once again, to remember what is going to happen to Jesus. I almost shudder as I re-read familiar scripture passages of Jesus' trial, the beatings, the humiliation. It is heartbreaking. There is a large part of me that wants to forget this, to push it away, to get right to Easter.

Yet, we remember these events weekly if not daily in our lives of faith. When we splash water on our face in the morning, we remember the waters of our baptism and the promises that this water brings to us. We gather at the table and remember the night when Jesus was betrayed. We remember that we have new life through the bread and the wine.

We are not forgotten by the God who created us. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," utters one of the criminals on the cross next to Jesus. The criminal who sees Jesus as the one to bring about a new kingdom wants to be part of that kingdom, that promise. We believe in a God who forgives our sin and remembers the promise made to us through Jesus.

Have any suggestions of words your curious about? Contact Laura at 492-9065 or [laura.aase@gmail.com](mailto:laura.aase@gmail.com).

## Atonement Lutheran Youth

### Sunday, April 5

### Chocolate Cross Sale



**\$1.00 each**  
(make checks payable to  
Atonement Lutheran Church)

## EASTER PLANTS



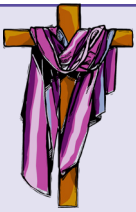
We will be accepting memorial donations for the plants that beautify our sanctuary on Easter and are then distributed to members of our congregation who are not able to join us for services. Easter plant memorials can be made through April 7. The entire memorial list will be printed in the Easter Bulletin and the Messenger. Thank you!

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5, 2009

5:15 PM (Saturday)	Service of the Passion with drama by Applesseed Productions at Fabius
8:30 AM (Sunday)	Palm Sunday Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching
10:45 AM (Sunday)	Service of the Passion with drama by Applesseed Productions

### ASSISTING AT WORSHIP - PALM SUNDAY

ASSISTING	8:30am	Linda Owens
MINISTER	10:45am	Gary Stensland
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	Vicar Laura Aase
	10:45am	Janet Holmgren
USHERS	8:30am	Joanne & Paul Claeys
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Susan Scharoun & Casey Draper
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Abigail Wood & Sydney Woods
	10:45am	Austin Draper & Desi Pecore
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Carole Barr
	10:45am	June Quackenbush
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	John Owens & Karen Douglass
	10:45am	Janet Holmgren & Austin Draper
READERS	8:30am	Betty Suarez
	10:45am	Applesseed
GREETERS	8:30am	Roberta Mettler
FLOWER DELIVERY		Deacon Karen Douglass

### ASSISTING AT WORSHIP - HOLY WEEK

#### April 8 - 7:00pm

ACOLYTE	Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	Deacon Karen Douglass

#### April 9 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Missy Wilber
USHERS	Steve Strumlok & David Rodgers
ACOLYTES	Stacie & Austin Draper
ALTAR CARE	Deacon Karen Douglass
GIFT BEARERS	Missy Wilber & Karen Douglass
READERS	Deacon Jay Berry

#### April 10 - Good Friday - 7:00pm

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Deacon Jay Berry
USHERS	Karen Douglass & David Rodgers
ACOLYTES	Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	Deacon Karen Douglass

#### April 11 - Easter Vigil - 5:15pm

ASSISTING MINISTER	Deacon Jay Berry
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Vicar Laura Aase
USHERS	Austin Draper & David Rodgers
ACOLYTES	Casey Draper
READER	Jay Berry
ALTAR CARE	Missy Wilber
GIFT BEARERS	Missy Wilber & Stacie Draper
READERS	Jay Berry

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

#### Crouse Hospital

Lillian Harper (John Harper's mother)

#### University Hospital

Maynard Jones

#### Leesburg Regional Hospital

Linus Ressler

#### At Home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Josie Billingsley (Lynn Strumlok's mother), Mary Branch (Joslyn Court I resident), Richard Boynton, Rose Camerata (Eleanora Ott's neighbor), Joseph Christopherson (Vicar Laura's friend), Lou DePalma, Sharon Hothem, Bette Keil, Tanya (Gebman) McGinn (Bill Kemp's daughter-in-law's sister), Ruth McKinney (Merikay Harper's mother), Dan Murphy (Willie and Sharon Monds' friend), Beverly Oliver (Beth Arthur's friend), Ceil Piotrowski (Jackie Koslowsky's grandmother), Louise Thurlow (Janet Holmgren's friend), Tammy Treanor, Ethel Ulrich, Nancy Welch (Bax Simmons' daughter), Joshua Woods (Kathy and Peter Woods' nephew)

#### Those in the Armed Services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes, IL), Scot Carpenter (Ft. Eustis, VA), Travis Carpenter (Florida Reserve Unit), James Ferguson III (Iraq), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Trevor Martineau (29 Palms, CA), Kevin Monds (Army Reserves, Oswego, NY), Chris Millhouse (Korea), Justin Randall (Quantico, VA), Jeff Rodgers (Iraq), Daniel Strumlok (Quantico, VA), Melissa Young (National Guard, Syracuse, NY)

*Congratulations to Dustin and Heather Czarny on the birth of Grant Jerome Czarny on March 25th.*

*Sympathy is extended to Solomon Williams on the death of his brother Thomas Rogers who died March 24.*

*Congratulations to Bill Kemp on his promotion to a coordinator position at St. Joe's Hospital.*

## WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY (4/5)

8:30 AM	Palm Sunday Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:30 AM	Sunday Church School (Classrooms)
10:45 AM	Service of the Passion (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM	Confirmation Class (Coffee Shop)
2:30 PM	Once Upon a Tree Performance (Fabius)
7:00 PM	Rich Aunt Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

### MONDAY (4/6)

11:00 AM	Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
5:30 PM	Applesseed Personnel Committee (Coffee Shop)
7:00 PM	Rich Aunt Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

### TUESDAY (4/7)

8:00 AM	Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
7:00 PM	Rich Aunt Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

### WEDNESDAY (4/8)

10:00 AM	Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
11:30 AM	Service of Healing & Renewal, followed by lunch (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	CDA Classes (Chapel)
7:00 PM	Service of Healing & Renewal (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY (4/9)

11:30 AM	Service of the Last Supper (Chapel)
7:00 PM	Service of the Last Supper (Sanctuary)

### FRIDAY (4/10)

7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)
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### SATURDAY (4/11)

5:15 PM	Easter Vigil Service (Sanctuary)
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