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Joys & Concerns

Recently hospitalized or under special care... Katie Brown, Kay Dings

Congratulations to... Ruth Hummer who will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 3. We will celebrate with her on March 29 — birthday cake will be served after the 10:30 service.

Calendar**March 24**

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room

March 25

9:00 am Men's Bible Study – Heywood Room

6:15 pm Tower Bells Rehearsal – rm. 5

6:30 pm Cherub Choir – rm. 204

Troubadour Choir – rm. 217

Youth Choir – Wesley Hall

Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Wesley Hall

March 26

9:00 am Women's Spiritual Enrichment – Heywood Room

7:00 pm Three Simple Rules Lenten Study – Wesley Hall

March 27

10:00 am Three Simple Rules Lenten Study – Heywood Room

March 28

5:30 pm K'n'K – Fellowship Hall

March 29

9:15 am "The Last Week" class – rm. 4

Holy Week Schedule**Palm Sunday - April 5**

Children will gather in the parlor before the 9:00 and 10:30 am worship services to receive palm branches for the palm processional down the center aisle as the choirs and congregation sing. At both services the Troubadour Choir will sing Hosanna! Hosanna! accompanied by the Youth Choir on hand bells. We will be welcoming and receiving new members during all three services, 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30 am.

Maundy Thursday - April 9**7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Our Holy Thursday service will center on a dramatic presentation entitled *Voices from the Crowd* from the Iona Community. The six monologues form the basis of a Holy Week reflection on Christ on the Cross. We will hear from Larry, the owner of the upper room; Rachel, a servant girl; Barabbas, the criminal; Simon, the cross carrier; Cato, a soldier; and Mary, mother of Jesus. As each character speaks, the cross moves down the center aisle until it rests at the table. Those gathered are asked to reflect on these biblical characters who saw Jesus on the way to the cross, and what, if anything, you would want to say to Jesus as he passed by. At the conclusion of each monologue, a short biblical response is read followed by a verse of *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* As you enter the sanctuary, you will be given a small stone to hold during the service. At the end of the service you will be invited to the table to lay your stone down at the foot of the cross and receive Holy Communion. Plan to enter and leave the sanctuary in silence.

Good Friday - April 10**12:30 pm in the Chapel**

The cross will be draped in black as we remember Jesus' crucifixion. Scripture readings will be taken from Psalm 22 and Mark 15: 21-39. Pastor Sue's sermon will be entitled, "The Blame Game?"

Easter Sunday - April 12

Join in celebrating the Risen Christ on Easter morning with the Chancel Choir, organ and brass. A Jubilant Song by Allen Pote will announce the opening of both the 9:00 and 10:30 am services with alleluias and praise. The morning's anthem "Crown Him, the Risen King!" by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin will bring in familiar hymn texts and melodies to this new work including "All Creatures of our God and King," and "Crown Him with Many Crowns." Come, join in the singing.

[Desperate Need for Teachers and Shepherds for Final Rotation!](#)

Our 2008-2009 Sunday School year is almost over! We are looking for teachers for our art, cooking, and video stations. We are looking for shepherds for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes. Our final rotation theme is Pentecost. It will run from April 5th to May 10th with a final "End of the Year" gathering on May 17th. There will no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. All children, teachers, and shepherds are encouraged to spend this special Sunday with their families. Contact Kristin Weber at 414-453-0700 or kristinsasse@sbcglobal.net if you are able to help. Please help us finish out our year strong!

[Family Camp 2009](#)

Family camp is scheduled for **July 5-11**. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. Dave and Tess Vollmers are the host family for 2008/09. We are looking to add several new families this year and would love to have your family join us. Registration forms will be available in March or April. 2009 prices are available now and any questions you have will be answered eagerly. Talk with Tess or Dave in person or e mail us at dvollmers@earthlink.net with your questions. We are saving a spot for your family.

[Earth Hour](#)

On Saturday, **March 28**, at 8:30 pm, you can take part in Earth Hour, a global event in which millions of people will turn out their lights to make a statement of concern about our planet and climate change. Sponsored by World Wildlife Fund, Earth Hour got started just two years ago and is now the largest event of its kind in the world. Last year, more than 50 million participated and the lights went out at the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Sydney Opera House and the Coliseum in Rome, just to name a few. Even Google's homepage went black for the day! This year, Earth Hour will be even bigger — already over 1,508 cities in over 80 countries have agreed to take part including Atlanta, Chicago, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami and Nashville with more signing up every day. Around the world cities like Moscow, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Shanghai and Mexico City will turn out their lights.

But Earth Hour isn't just for big cities — anyone can participate. To get a better sense of the event, check out this video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjWD8pbK5t8>.

Participating in Earth Hour is easy, fun and free. To sign up, visit <http://www.earthhourUS.org> where you'll learn more including ways you can spread the word about Earth Hour, plus creative things to do when the lights go out in case you need inspiration!

[Time for Spring Cleaning!](#)

It's time to clean out your closets, attics, basements and garages. Our huge annual church rummage sale will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **April 25**, from 9am to 1pm. We are accepting donations now. Please leave items on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Items will be sorted and priced by the Treasure Team during the week before the sale. The annual rummage sale is a huge effort that takes many hours, but especially **MANY PEOPLE**, in order to be successful. There is always a dedicated core of volunteers whose help is priceless! Please join us! We need to expand that team and make this a whole-church effort at raising money for missions. If you have any interest in joining the team, please contact Marie Rider at 414-258-6773. If you need someone to pick up items from your home, please call Marie. Look for a sign-up sheet in the church bulletin.

Employment Workshop

Join fellow job seekers to learn how to tackle a job search during tough times at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee, on Saturday, **April 4**, from 9 - 11am. This workshop will begin the process to help you clarify your career goal, identify your skills, communicate your skills and experiences effectively and master networking. Attendees should come prepared with a resume and a career goal. Event is free of charge. Presented by Laura Kestner, Director of Career Services at Marquette University and member of Mount Carmel. Diane Roznowski, Special Ministries Coordinator, 414-771-1270 x17.

United Methodist Camps 2009

Camp season is almost here! There are many opportunities to participate in camps hosted by the four Wisconsin United Methodist Camps during the summer of 2009. Camps are available for all ages including children, youth, young and older adults, as well as families. If you would like a camp brochure, please contact Kristin at 414-453-0700 or via email at kristinsasse@sbcglobal.net. You can also go online to access the camping information at www.wiumcamps.org/.