



Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

April 7, 2013

Congregational Meeting

We are planning to have our next Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, April 14th**, at 11:45 a.m. Come and be a part of shaping your church and our ministries.



Pastoral Support



Pastor Free will be out of town from April 10th - 17th. If you are in need of pastoral support during that time, please contact Pastor Philip Schupmann in Aurora - (630) 907-1333 or send e-mail: philipschupmann@msn.com.

LWMS Spring Retreat

Mark your calendars to come and support missions through Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). The annual Spring Retreat, *Hope Springs in the Heartland*, will be held **NEXT Saturday, April 13th** - 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. - at Lord & Savior Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake.

We can meet at church and carpool if anyone is interested. Please see Margaret Schubring or Caryn Grossman if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your support as we share our heart for missions.



Pregnancy Counseling Center



We are collecting baby items for distribution at the Pregnancy Counseling Center - Mundelein. There is a bassinet in the entryway for you to drop off a gift. Items needed: new or gently used baby & toddler clothing, baby wipes, & diapers - sizes 4 & 5. Thank you!

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Our congregation is also supporting the *Change for Life* program and the ministry of *New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers*. It is a place for single mothers to live with her child to learn how to care for the baby and, most importantly, to learn about God and the salvation he provides in Jesus.



You can pick up a baby bottle to fill with change - due back on Mother's Day, **May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Your donation can make a big difference in the lives of these mothers and children!

## *Mission Prayer*



*Prison Ministry* - Lord, sometimes it is easy to point fingers at people who are incarcerated and say, "Am I glad I am not like them!" But deep down we know the wrongs we have committed, and that if you would treat us as our sins deserve we would be destined for eternal punishment much worse than any prison here on earth. Thank you for living a perfect life in our place and dying a death we deserve. Your mercy, forgiveness, and grace move us to share your Word. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of prison ministry – to visit by letter, Bible, and Bible correspondence courses – all to your glory. Amen.

## *Birthday Greetings*

This week birthday greetings go to Caryn Grossman (April 7) and Doug Salzwedel (April 8) and Lois Smith (April 10). Happy birthday to all!



## *An Encouraging Word*

### **Vision for Christian Living - Acts 5:12, 17-32**

On this second Sunday of Easter, the resurrection of Jesus from death is fresh in our minds. We continue to rejoice,



sing, and give thanks to God for his unconditional love through the supreme sacrifice of his Son for our sins. The Easter season is about setting priorities – KEEPING CHRIST FIRST in our lives! “We must obey God rather than men!” In Acts 5:29, Peter and

the other apostles expressed this priority even under threatening circumstances as they appeared before the Sanhedrin (“the full assembly of the elders of Israel”). The apostles witnessed to these high officials that Christ died so that we could live eternally with him. As witnesses to the truth, we are caretakers of the gospel message. Managing the proclamation of that message is the work of the church and its people. Through good stewardship of the gifts God gives personally and to the church, the gospel message is proclaimed.

## *Lawn Mowing Needs*

If you are willing to help with lawn mowing and weeding this year (training is available if needed), please talk to Dale or sign up in the entryway.



## *Check Out Our Church Library*

We now have over 600 books in our church office so please stop by and browse! We have also increased our DVD collection. Just sign your choices out on the clipboard by the books. If you have any suggestions, let us know in the church office.



## *Service to Our Lord*

|                       | <b>April 1 - 7</b>                               | <b>April 8 - 14</b>                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Pianists</b>       | Dave Frick                                       | Becky Miller                                 |
| <b>Ushers - 8:00</b>  | Dale Manzel<br>Zac Bruemmer                      | Mark Kreklow<br>Dan Schoenbeck               |
| <b>Ushers - 10:30</b> | Geoff Grossman<br>Caryn Grossman<br>Ted Grossman | Mark Jones<br>Al Schubring<br>Earl McCormack |
| <b>Refreshments</b>   | Schoenbeck<br>Christiansen                       | Kalenowski<br>Bruemmer                       |
| <b>Cleaning</b>       | Bruemmer<br>Kammerer                             | Frick<br>Jones                               |

## *Give Thanks to the Lord!*

Worship Attendance: 110 (62 - 8:00, 48 - 10:30)  
Sunday Bible Study: n/a  
Sunday School Attendance: n/a