



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
PASTOR P. KEMPTON SEGERHAMMAR

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA
ELCA

WHERE FOLLOWING CHRIST MEANS ■ TO WELCOME AND AFFIRM ■ TO QUESTION AND LEARN ■ TO CARE AND SERVE

Sundays in Lent

WORSHIP

8:30 and 10:30 am
Staffed childcare

EDUCATION

9:15 a.m.
for children, youth & adults



Serving Today

8:30 Informal Service

Presiding Minister
P. Kempton Segerhammar
Assisting Minister
Nancy Schmit
Usher
Victor Varney

10:30 Holy Communion

Presiding Minister
P. Kempton Segerhammar
Assisting Minister
Martha Stillman
Lector
Karl Hillesland
Crucifer
Jordan King
Choir Director
Katherine McKee
Organist
Gwen Adams
Verger
Stephanie Leong
Altar Guild
Chris Willrich
Ushers
The Larsens
Coffee Hour
The Yules

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship Notes – March 7, 2010



to First Lutheran! We are glad that you are here to join us in this time of praise and empowerment through word, sacrament and music. See the **Guide to Worship** at First Lutheran in the back of the red hymnal. This is an open and affirming congregation in which all are invited to fully participate no matter their race, culture, gender or sexual orientation. Please join us for refreshments and conversation after worship in the parish hall, immediately to the east of the sanctuary.

Following the lead of Jesus, we also welcome children to full participation in our worship and the Holy Communion. During pastor's homily children may quietly enjoy the children's bulletin with their parents in the pew. There is also childcare available downstairs in the care of Karri Haddeland.

For the Lenten season, the Stations of the Cross in the church are photographs of crosses from the Hill of Crosses in Lithuania. The El Salvador cross (on the back wall near the cry room) was carried by Susan Scott to the Hill of Crosses; it has the signatures of a number of members of FLC on the back of the cross. **The photos were taken by Susan Scott and the matting was done by Jill Knuth.**

Thursday morning Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Under the leadership of Pastor Segerhammar, we look at the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday, using the Lectio Divina method. This method uses a prayerful approach, letting the text speak to each of us, rather than dissecting it intellectually. We also discuss context and history. Read, ponder, share, and pray. Lectio Divina yields new revelations.



meets every Sunday, 9:15 –10:15 a.m. in the library. If you are interested and willing to lead a Forum discussion, please contact Ken Schreiber at 853-1049 or krsplan@mindspring.com. **Today:** Jill Knuth will lead a discussion of the history of the English translations of the Bible (did you know that in the 1500s, people were burned at the stake in England after being found with an English language Bible?). **Next Sunday:** Joe Haletky, drawing on both work and volunteer activities, will lead a discussion on Cultural Competence -- How to Become Truly Multicultural

Palm/Passion Sunday - Sunday, March 28 – 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 1 – 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - Friday, April 2 – Noon - The Stations of the Cross
Good Friday - Friday, April 2 – 7p.m.– The Procession of the Cross
Holy Saturday - Saturday, April 3 – 8:30 p.m.
Easter - Resurrection of Our Lord - Sunday, April 4 – 10:30 a.m.

News & Notes



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Assisting Minister
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Usher
Rev. Ginny Wagener

10:30 Holy Communion

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Crucifer
Heather Bogott
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Verger
Stephanie Leong
Altar Guild
Marylin Morton
Usher
FLY
Coffee Hour
Joyce Rice
The Schriebers



Lessons for next Week

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Lenten Offerings are designated half to ELCA/Disaster Response and half to Ecumenical Hunger Program.

Thursday Evenings in Lent - Thursday, February 25 – March 25, 6 p.m. – Come for a delicious soup supper and table conversation in the Parish Hall. 7-7:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary, using Vespers from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Reflections from: "Renewed For Life" by Henri J. M. Nouwen, prayers and gentle chant is a nice way to end the day. Sign-ups to bring soup are available in the Parish Hall on the table by the exit. Please sign up to bring a pot of soup to one or more supper. Make this one of your Lenten disciplines.



Throughout Lent, in lieu of Challenge Sundays, the Neighbors in Need Program encourages members to donate cans of soup when attending Sunday services and / or Lenten Soup Suppers and Services. Hearty soups such as Bean, Pea, Lentil, Chili, and / or Meat and Potato soups are particularly welcome. Donations other than soup also remain welcome during our Lenten Soup theme period.



Additional childcare hours

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 from **5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.**
Maundy Thursday, April 1 from **6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
Good Friday, April 2 from **6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 3 from **7:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.**



Coming up for the FLC Book Group: **Muslims in America: A Short History** by Edward Curtis, to be discussed on Monday evening, March 8, at 7pm, upstairs at the church. This book unearths the history of Muslims from colonial times to the present, illustrating the way the Islamic faith has been imagined and practiced in the everyday life of individuals. This book "fills a huge gap and provides invaluable background on one of the most poorly understood groups in America" (Google Books). In paperback, 144 pages.



Flower Tending - green thumb, not required. People sign up to bring flowers and usually a their own. If no one signs up, there are no flowers that week. Needed are volunteers to dispose flowers and plants that are past their prime; occasionally water and groom the plants we have for Christmas and Easter. This is the minimum, but if you're inspired to do more, great! If you would like to help preserve the flowers/plants contact Susan Scott, revslscott@sbcglobal.net, or Jill Knuth, jillknuth@gmail.com.



The March Ladies' Night Out will be on Wednesday, March 17. Join us for the wearing of the green (or orange!). Where: Indochine - 2710 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA, 94306. <http://www.indochinethai.com/>. When: 6:45 for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, 7 pm for dinner. Why: Because an actual Irish pub would be too crazy on St. Patrick's Day! (And the food at Indochine is great and reasonable). There isn't a lot of parking in their little lot, so if anyone wants to carpool from FLC (meeting there at 6:30), let me know! RSVP to Robin/reh@stanford.edu



Remember to mark you calendars for Daylight Savings Time on **March 14**.

Day	Mar	Time	THIS WEEK Activity	Place
Today	7		<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	
		8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion, informal and brief	Sanctuary
		9: 15 a.m.	Adult Forum	Library
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
		12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Parish Hall
Tues	9	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Parish Hall
Thurs	11	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study - Lectio Divina	Library
		6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper	Parish Hall
		6:30 p.m.	Kids Choir rehearsal	Children's Center
		7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Sanctuary
		7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat	13		Confirmation Class Retreat	
Sun	14		<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	
		8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion, informal and brief	Sanctuary
		9: 15 a.m.	Adult Forum	Library
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
		11:45 a.m.	Refreshments	Parish Hall