

## Chancel Choir Easter Cantata - "How Great is Our God"

The Easter story reminds us of the greatness of God. He loved us so much He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our salvation. So it is appropriate at this season that we stop to remember, but also to praise.

Take yourself to Jerusalem as Jesus rides into the city and crowds are shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!"

Imagine being at the Last Supper, with Jesus passing the bread and wine.

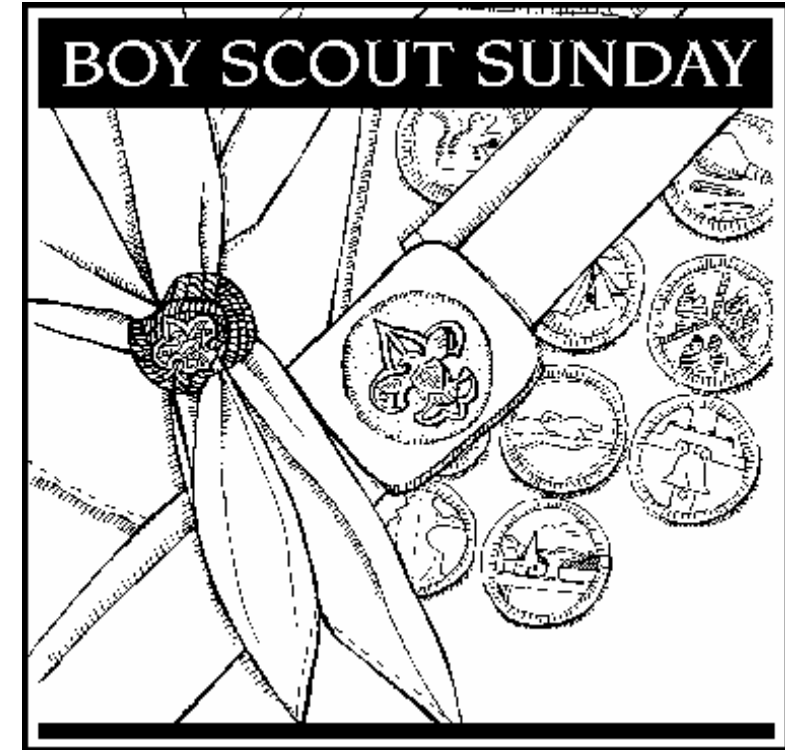
Go to the cross and see - from His head, His hands, His feet - sorrow and blood flow mingles down.

Realize that the Man who died for us lives again, and that through Him we might not only have life, but have it more abundantly.

Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to me." So let us lift up the wonderful, matchless, glorious name of Jesus - the one who is, and was and ever shall be our great God!

Calendar for the week of February 3, 2008		
Sunday, February 3	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
Sunday, February 3	10:10 AM	Congregational Hymn Sing
Sunday, February 3	10:15 AM	<b>Boy Scout Sunday/Nursery</b>
Sunday, February 3	11:15 AM	Youth Activities Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 3	1:00 PM	Visitation for Gerald Pearson
Sunday, February 3	2:00 PM	Memorial Service for Gerald Pearson
Monday, February 4	4:00 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting
Monday, February 4	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Tuesday, February 5		<b>Election Day</b>
Tuesday, February 5	6:00 PM	Membership Development Committee
Tuesday, February 5	6:30 PM	Education Committee
Tuesday, February 5	6:45 PM	Worship Committee
Tuesday, February 5	7:00 PM	Benevolence & Finance Committee
Tuesday, February 5	8:00 PM	<b>Session</b>
Wednesday, February 6		Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 6	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, February 6	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 9	2:00 PM	Valentine's Party
Sunday, February 10		Pantry Sunday/First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 10	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
Sunday, February 10	10:10 AM	Congregational Hymn Sing
Sunday, February 10	10:15 AM	<b>Worship/Nursery/Communion</b>
Sunday, February 10	Evening	Faith Builder's at the Leber's Home

February 3, 2008 10:15 AM



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The **CHURCH** at **WORSHIP**  
February 3, 2008  
10:15 AM  
Boy Scout Sunday

Lu Willsey, Organist  
Amy Kats, Chancel Choir Director

**GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD**

\*All who are able, please stand ----- Interlude for seating  
WELCOME and HYMN SING at 10:10. As you enter the sanctuary, you are invited to join us for five to seven minutes of singing.

HYMN NO. 2151: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" (blue book)  
HYMN NO. 2066: "Praise the Name of Jesus" (blue book)  
HYMN NO. 2065: "More Precious Than Silver" (blue book)

SERVICE OF LIGHTS and SILENT MEDITATION

As the Call to Worship nears, you are encouraged to quiet your mind and heart as you listen to the music.

\*PLEDGE to the FLAGS: USA and Christian Flags  
I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe.

CALL to WORSHIP **Nathan Newton**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

**Congregation: He has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Congregation: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts. Let us worship you O God.**

PRAYER of INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER **Christopher Busker**

\*HYMN NO. 55: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)(red book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Joseph Leber**

Lord, we have been about the daily business of our lives, and have failed to notice the many ways in which you bless us. We have taken credit for the gifts you give us, as if they were by our own efforts. We have ignored the miracles in our midst. Help us, dear Lord, to be a people with eyes to see and ears to hear you at work, in our own hearts, and in your world. (Here let each worshipper offer up a silent prayer of confession.) Amen.

## Rev. Hanson's Lent Series

Lent is earlier than usual this year beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 6, and ending with the Easter worship services on March 23. The word Lent comes from the word "lengthen," referring to the lengthening of days as we near springtime.

I invite you all to join our church family as we journey through the Lenten season into Holy week (Palm Sunday, March 16 through Easter Sunday, March 23).

During Lent I will be sharing special Sunday morning messages that are meant to help each of us review and examine our faith, as well as consider some of life's difficult questions. Each week I'll offer suggested questions for you to take home and consider during your week or come to one of our Faith Builder small groups and talk about these topics with others.

Here's a brief outline of our Lenten Sunday themes:

February 10 – "What **Are** You Looking for in Life?"

February 17 – "The Only Way I'll get into Heaven is by the Grace of God!"

February 24 – "Do You Really **Want** to be Made Well?"

March 4 – "What Might Cause a Christian to Become a Drop Out?"

March 11 – "Are You **Really** Ready to Die for Me?"

March 16 – Palm Sunday Chancel Choir Cantata – "Great Is Our God"

March 23 – Easter Sunday: "Whom Do You Seek?"

### More about Next Week's Sermon...

February 10, 2008 "What **Are** You Looking for in Life?"

John 1:35-42

### Faith Builder Questions

1. If you get to where you're going, will you be where you want to be?
2. If you find what you're looking for, what else will you need to make you happy?
3. What did it mean to the disciples when John the Baptist referred to Jesus as the "Lamb of God?"
4. Do the realities of life ever live up to expectations?
5. I think about it often as I write my memories of someone's life for a funeral or memorial service: How do you remember some people you have known who are now gone – family, friends, people from our church family?
6. For years I thought of writing a book on the theme, "What will they say about me when I am gone?" What might people say about you when you are gone?



# Valentines Day Party

The Membership Development committee is hosting at the church, a

## Valentine's Day craft event

**February 9, 2008 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

This is a family event and everyone is invited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please come and make cards and enjoy each others company.

If there are any questions, please contact Lorie Bentley at 815-654-8948.



## Spring River Service Unit

### Girl Scouts

## Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, February 23, 2008**

**7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Third Presbyterian Church  
1221 Custer Avenue - Rockford

All you can eat pancakes  
with sausage, juice, milk and coffee

**\*\*\* Reservations are required\*\*\***

Tickets for this event will be given out in advance.

Return to Jeannette Sheehan by February 16, 2008

Proceeds to go to Camp McCormick

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 4.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (12 & Under)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 3.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Andrew Busker**

ANTHEM

“Lord of the Dance”

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S STORY

Arne Swanson

LEARNING TIME (ages 5-3rd grade)

Elana Schelling-Tufte

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SIGNATURE of FRIENDSHIP

CARE REPORT, CHIMES, PRAYER of INTERCESSION and CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION of our OFFERINGS

**Brandon Bloyer**

OFFERTORY

“Face to Face”

arr. Scott

\*DOXOLOGY (No. 572 red book) and PRAYER of DEDICATION

\*RESPONSIVE READING:

Psalm 46

**Taylor Leber**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Congregation: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shale in the heart of the sea.**

Leader: God is in the midst of us; we shall not be moved.

**Congregation: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Congregation: Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; God is our refuge and strength.

HYMN NO. 553:

“Morning Has Broken”

(seated)(red book)

SERMON:

“Transfiguration”

Dr. Murray Hanson

\*HYMN NO. 484:

“It Only Takes a Spark”

(red book)

\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 2173:

“Shine Jesus Shine” (refrain only)

(blue book)

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the God of Our Salvation”

Hughes

The Chancel flowers presented this morning by **Carl & Betty Brown** in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

GREETERS: Irene Chalman, Margaret Anderson

USHERS: Boy Scouts

EXIT GREETER: Jeanne Fauerbach, Board of Deacons

NURSERY: Rikk & Chris Lingelbach

- \* **Chancel Flowers:** We are in need of people to sign up to sponsor Sunday Morning Chancel Flowers for 2008. If you would be interested, please sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room.
- \* **2008 Per Capita** received to date: \$3,567.72. If you need more pink envelopes, they are in the pew pockets.
- \* **2008 Birthday Calendars are ready to be picked up!** They are in the Fellowship Room.
- \* **Our church has approved our participation in the E-Scrip Program** for those who shop at area Logli - Schnucks Food stores. When you show your E-Scrip card at the check out a percentage of what you have spent will be transferred to Third Presbyterian. Periodically our Education Committee will determine which of our youth groups or programs to distribute the money to give them some extra help. It is easy to sign up...and it costs you nothing...and you do not have to reveal any confidential information. Cards will be available after worship today...you need to only sign up at church with your name and address and email address if you have one.
- \* **We welcome Rev. Eric Keller and his wife, Jen.** Eric begins today as Senior Pastor at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Loves Park.

#### Care Report

- \* **Lucille Rozman** is now at Springwood after a stay at Rockford Memorial Hospital.
- \* **Dr. Larry Clark** is now at Wesley Willows after a stay at Rockford Memorial Hospital.
- \* **Leslie Clark** is having outpatient eye surgery on Thursday, February 7.
- \* **Howard McIntosh** is now back at Wesley Willows after a stay at Swedish American Hospital.
- \* **Gayle LaPier** is home after another visit at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison.
- \* **Steven Willms** is at Swedish American Hospital.
- \* **Our sympathies to Amy & Jason Cohan (also Grandparents Robert & Heather Genrich, Aunt Pam & Uncle Brad Genrich, Great Aunt Cindy & Great Uncle Jerry Genrich and Great Grandmother Faith Emma Genrich)** on the death of their baby girl, **Emma Genrich Cohan**, who died on January 28, 2008. The beautiful rose bud is in memory of her.
- \* **Our sympathies to family and friends of long time member Gerald Pearson** who died on Thursday morning. Family includes **his wife Janette, and his daughter Dr. Andrea Pearson and son Dr. Charles Pearson.** A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary today at 2 pm with a visitation at 1 pm in the Fellowship Room.

## **TROOP 23 BOY SCOUTS Third Presbyterian Church Rockford, IL**

Kevin & Thelma Busker - Scouting Coordinators  
 Peter Flemming - Committee Chairman  
 Brian Berridge - Scoutmaster  
 Charles Jansen - Venture Crew Leader  
 Asst. Scoutmasters: Robert Jansen - Brian Preston - Anne Preston - Mike Gentry  
 Carter Siegfried - Jerry Kauchak - Emil Mosny - George Michelini - Kevin Busker  
 Jeff Schladweiler - John Sutherland - Charles Jeffery - Joseph Von Arx

Troop 23 has 28 active Scouts  
 Seven received the Scout Award  
 Six earned the Tenderfoot Award  
 Three earned the Second Class Award  
 Four earned the First Class Award  
 Four earned the Star Award  
 Three earned the Life Award  
 Two earned Eagle  
 Two earned Eagle Palms

Scouts earned 55 Merit Badges

The troop participated in several activities this year:

Camp Indian Trails in January  
 Continuous Fire and Scout Sunday in February  
 Food Pick up and First Aid Meet in March  
 Galena Grant Pilgrimage in April  
 Car Wash in May  
 Camp at Lake Le-Aqua-Na in May  
 Camped at Rotary Camp in June  
 Flag Retirement Ceremony in July  
 Lowden Summer Camp in July.  
 Three road pickups on Sugar River Forest Preserve Road  
 Camp-o-ree in October  
 Camped at Lowden Camp in November

The troop performed 1,200 hours of service.

The Venture Crew for older scouts did a fly in fishing trip to Canada.

With our wreath sales we were able to send our Scouts to summer camp for \$105.00 instead of \$185.00

The Troop picked up trash and mowed the lawn at Third Pres. north parking lot this year.