

## E-News for the Week of Sunday, April 10

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

#### Readings

Acts 9:1-20

Psalms 30

Revelations 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

#### Worship Participants

**Celebrant:** Rev. Nancy Wright

**Altar Guild:** Lucy Beck

**Communion Assistant:** Marcia Gustafson

**Lector:** Lucy Beck

**Liturgical Assistant:**

**Greeters:** Karen & Peter Grant

**Ushers:** Sharon Sturm & Jake Hansen

**Coffee Hour:** The Lemley's

**Nursery:** Sarah Peake

#### Upcoming Week

##### **Wednesday, 4/6**

4:30-5:30 p.m. Tai Chi (RENTAL)

6:15 p.m. Choir

7:15 p.m. Bells

##### **Thursday, 4/7**

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Quilter's Group

##### **Sunday, 4/10**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Nursery

11:30 a.m. Worship and Music Committee Meeting

##### **Monday, 4/11**

3:00-6:00 p.m. Music Lessons (RENTAL)

##### **Tuesday, 4/12**

3:00-6:00 p.m. Music Lessons (RENTAL)

6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

6:00-9:00 p.m. Nunn's Men's Group (RENTAL)

Click [HERE](#) for a long-range calendar.

#### Upcoming Birthdays

4/6 Jo Oppenlander

4/7 Lydia Wisloski

4/11 Suzanne Furst

#### Pastor's Message

"...we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;..." (Ps. 126:1b-2a).

This beautiful Psalm passage expresses the warmth and joy of the biblical resurrection stories. They are strange and dream-like, and somehow more truthful than our normal waking life.

Last Sunday, we read John chapter 20, when Thomas proclaimed Jesus as "My Lord and my God" after Jesus' showed him his wounds. We reflected during worship on wounds (personal and societal) as leading us to truth, to Christ.

But as though we are dreaming, happily, another dream follows, another story is remembered and recounted, and John the Gospel writer begins a new chapter, 21, after telling us that he is finished writing and telling: "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe..." (John 20:30-31a). Read John 21:1-19 before Sunday worship. Pray, meditate, write your reflections. After the nightmare of Jesus' death, the disciples have returned fishing. And they encounter a stranger...

If you were a disciple in the boat and this happened to you...what would it mean for your life?

### **John 21:4-6 The Message (MSG)**

<sup>3-4</sup> They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?" They answered, "No."

<sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens."

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in.

You are a disciple right now. What is the "right side of the boat" to which Jesus invites you now, the different path, the road not taken, the dream not yet followed?

### **Sunday School News**

Full updates for Sunday School are available on our website now!

Children: <http://alcvt.org/education/children.html>

Adults: <http://alcvt.org/education/adults.html>

### **HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### **Church Council 2016**

Here's our new lineup for your reference...

#### **Officers:**

**President:** Kelli Tylenda (Outreach)

**Vice President:** Richard Butz (Care for Creation)

**Secretary:** Audrey Stone

**Financial Secretary:** Gene Heyerdahl (Property)

**Treasurer:** Bill Harrison

#### **Council Members:**

Alison Hampson (Social Action)

Jane A'Lee Heyerdahl (Mutual Ministry)

Mousa Ishaq (Financial Sustainability Task Force)

Vicki Lemley (Stewardship)

Johanna White (Worship & Music, Memorials & Celebrations)

Lydia Wisloski (Educational Ministry)

Basic contact information is available here (with more pictures coming soon): <http://alcvt.org/about/church-council.html>

More detailed contact information is available in the "member's only" section of the website, and in the Church Directory.

### **Thank you from the Social Action Committee**

The Social Action Committee reports that our small congregation generated 86 letters to our congressional delegation on behalf of Bread for the World last Sunday. Christian citizen action at its best! Thank you.

### **Church Service Childcare**

The Educational Ministry Committee is going to provide childcare during the regular worship time beginning Sunday, April 3rd. We need help from the congregation to fill this important need. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex now! We are looking for 2 adults to cover each Sunday service. This is a great chance to sign up with a friend and spend some time together while providing childcare so that parents and care givers can have a more focused worship experience.

### **Quilter's Group**

All are welcome to join with the quilters at Ascension in the assembling of mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are tied rather than quilted hence no sewing skills are required. The process is simple and moves along quickly when many hands are involved. The group meets the first and third Thursday of the month 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Next meeting is **Thursday, April 7!**

### **Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** at the church! The men will dine on fresh waffles. We hope you will join us!

### **Spring Ring**

Come see the Bells of Ascension preform at the 35th Annual Vermont Spring Ring, Marble Valley Rings, at West Rutland School, West Rutland, VT on **Saturday, April 23, 2016!**

More than 200 individual handbell ringers, representing 24 choirs or ensembles, will gather for a day of educational classes related to ringing and rehearsals under the direction of Michael Joh, from Philadelphia, PA. He will transform these individuals and groups into one massed choir, and the day culminate in a free concert at 4:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

### **Name Tags**

Dear Parishioners. Newcomers to Ascension would like us to wear our name tags. Please find them in the library, or ask the office to make you a new one.

### **Coffee Hour**

The 2016 coffee hour list has been posted. Please sign up!

## **Additional News and Opportunities**

### **Burlington Choral Society Concert**

The Burlington Choral Society's concert is "Hidden Haydn," on **Saturday, April 23, 2016, at 7:30 pm** in Elley-Long Music Center, Colchester. (Pr. Nancy sings in BCS.) A beautiful concert it will be. \$25 Gen. Admission; \$20 Students and Seniors. Go to [flyntix.org](http://flyntix.org) or [www.bcsvermont.org](http://www.bcsvermont.org).

### **Benefit Silent Auction**

Silent Auction benefiting Vermont Interfaith Action, Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP), and other social justice ministries. **April 29, 2016** at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2 Cherry St, Burlington.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the bidding begins (including light refreshments)! Bidding ends at 7:30 p.m. and the entertainment begins (including delicious desserts)!

Tickets are \$15 at St. Paul's online: [stpaulscathedralvt.org](http://stpaulscathedralvt.org) (through 4/26), \$20 at the door. Students 12-18 years old are \$2. Children under 12 are free! The first 50 ticket-buyers will be automatically entered into a special prize drawing!

Winners take home your treasures that evening. Come, bring friends, and have fun... all while helping our neighbors!

### **COTS Walk**

Ascension men: Consider the COTS Walk on **Sunday, May 1**. Many Ascension women will be traveling back from the Women's Retreat on May 1 and won't be able to participate. The walk is a great way to contribute to a critical community service, to get some exercise, and to have fun at the same time...kids can participate, too! Visit [www.cotsonline.org](http://www.cotsonline.org) for information. The walk begins at 2 pm with registration starting at 1 pm.

### **Northern Bronze Concert Series**

The Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble (directed by our own Jeri Bergdahl) presents Ringin' In the Rain An' Wadin' in the Water Concert Series: Music filled with water themes!

**7:00 p.m., Friday, May 13** at Waterbury Congregational UCC, Waterbury, VT

**7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 14** at South Hero Congregational Church, So. Hero, VT

**3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 15** at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Hinesburg, VT

**7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17** at Trinity Episcopal Church, Shelburne, VT

Visit [www.northernbronze.org](http://www.northernbronze.org) for more information!

### **Battery Recycling**

There have been a few newspaper articles recently announcing a new recycling program for batteries. Until now the advice has been to put alkaline batteries in the trash. Starting January 1, 2016, you can now give your single-use, alkaline batteries new life by recycling them through Call2Recycle at convenient locations across Vermont. For more information, click

here: <http://www.call2recycle.org/vermont/>