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# The Good News Letter

## Jesus is Lord!

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### **From Our Rector, Father Bill Myrick:**

As often happens, when a person dies, family members gather around to divide their belongings. One child might take a favorite chair, another, a photo album. Sometimes there is a set of silver or some tea cups. Usually the selections are made on the basis of which items stir the child, or adult, to memories of days gone by. There is a kind of “connectedness” that people experience when they have something once owned by a loved one, in their possession.

I still sit in a chair that was my father’s many years ago; it’s worn badly, but getting rid of that chair is like letting go of the presence of my father. I drink from my mother’s tea cups, and though she is in very good health, she is seven hours away, and sipping from one of her cups puts her at the table with me. It is a wonderful thing to be able to connect in that way.

Now there are many ways to connect with people we love; pictures, videos, stories, books, shared places - like favorite fishing spots, or camping sites. Family traditions are another way of connecting; summer picnics, Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas celebrations, deer hunting, etc. The list goes on and on and each family has their own way of carrying on and RE-MEMBERING their family and the ones they love.

A number of years ago a hit movie came out called,

“Pay It Forward.” The essence of the movie was to do something good or special for someone unexpectedly in response to a good deed done for you. The idea was so unique because you were to do this good deed for someone OTHER than the person who had blessed you.

So here is my thought. Of all the things that connect us to the people we love nothing can be more intimate, more loving, and more life giving than their faith. After all it is their faith that nurtured them through troubling times. It is their faith that saw them through “the war,” whichever war it was. It is their faith that

gave them the strength to meet their last days with courage and hope. Their faith is much more than a tea cup, or an old chair. Their faith is LIFE GIVING. So for those of us who are active in our faith, let’s pay it forward. Share your faith with someone in an inviting and gracious way.

And, for those of us who are less active, and view

faith as just another of the many demands on life; try embracing it as a gift from one who loves you. After all when the final day comes faith is all you can take with you. The tea cup, chair and traditions stay here.

Besides, I think the only drink in heaven is NEW WINE. Happy Easter!

~ Fr. Bill ~



Easter Sunday: Chalice bearer Dr. Clifford Poplar, Fr. Bill Myrick & Deacon Bill Pelnar



## Easter 2011

Right: Lighting the Paschal Candle at the Sat. Easter Vigil.

Left: Newly renovated altar space with Easter flower memorials.

Below right: St. John's Bible viewing during Maundy Thurs. Prayer Vigil.



Below: Chapel - Altar of Repose



Above: Sarah Jacobson performs liturgical dance to "Lord of the Dance".

Left: Andy Willett played the bagpipes prior to the processional.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5	Cynthia Carroll
7	Anne Oberto
9	Jean Fisher
10	Liz Episcopo
11	Dick Gustafson
12	Kenneth Pearce
16	Dr. Jon Jacobson
16	Marlyne Seymour
17	Jeanne Bliss
17	Bob Read
21	Thomas Dahle
23	Nicole Trunk
25	Jessica Nelson
26	TC McKinney
28	Robert Drefs
29	Mary Pascale
31	Daniel Carthey



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6	John G. & Janel Karstetter
10	Robert & Sue Drefs
15	Bill & Chellie Pelnar
22	Joe & Zane Walters
26	Joe & Jennifer Pelnar
29	Robert & Lynn Swenson



## **MOTHER'S DAY Pot-Luck Brunch & Basket Draw Sunday, May 8th 11:15 am.**

(after the late service)

### **Hosted, Served, Cleaned-up by the Men of the Parish in Honor of ALL Mothers!**

Please join us whether or not your mother can be with you, please come and enjoy the fellowship and good food prepared by the men.

**So, men, please bring your favorite dish to share - no dry cereal & milk allowed!**

### **Gift Basket Drawing following the Brunch**

We will have donated baskets which could include home-made dinners, pies, yard work certificates, free babysitting services, movie passes, certificates from hair or nail salons, plants, gifts & more!

Contact the Church for info, or if you'd like to donate a basket for the drawing.

## **Diocesan Altar Guild Adventure**

The Altar Guild Adventure returns to Milwaukee this year on Wed., May 11th, to discover the wonders on our own patch: St. Francis Catholic Seminary, Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse Chapel, St. Joseph's Center Motherhouse, the Unitarian Society, and St. Hyacinth's. Coquette's for lunch - an Altar Guild favorite! Tours of the churches, lunch, and luxury bus are all included in the registration fee of \$50.

Please send checks for \$50.00 made out to Diocese of Milwaukee Altar Guild to: Jane Henning, 2006 Chadbourne Ave., Madison WI 53726 Please include a note with your choice of lunch entrée. Questions: Jane Henning: 608-238-4089 or shennin2@facstaff.wisc.edu

**Deadline: May 2, 2011. Sorry, no refunds after May 2**

Lunch choices: 1. Croque Monsieur - Open-Faced Country Ham Sandwich with Dijon and Melted Gruyere, side of fresh fruit. 2. Leg of Lamb Sandwich with Aioli, Roasted Red Pepper, Black Olive Tapenade & Butter Lettuce, side fresh fruit. 3. Salade Nicoise - Green Beans, Nicoise Olives, Hard Boiled Egg, Tomato, White Wine Potatoes and Flageolet on Greens with Grainy Mustard Dressing.



## **You are Invited to be... Women of Joy Standing on the Promises of God**

**Saturday, May 7th  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**and also Wednesday, May 11th (Part I)  
And May 18th (Part II)\* 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

(Wed. evenings for those who can't attend Saturday, and also an extension of Saturday if you wish to come back for more.)

Come, enjoy rest & relaxation with other women as we share, listen, praise & give thanks for God's promises - available to ALL!

**"Jesus, You are my Strength, my Hope, my Song..."**

A workshop led by Susanne Nelson, sharing God's blessings through her talents in music & also in encouraging ways that God wants to bless YOU with too!

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Gathering with coffee, juice & muffins

9:30 - 10:30 Song Journal - Susanne shares some original song compositions & insights that will bless YOU in your journey.

10:30 - 11:30 Responding - quiet time of journaling, prayer ministry, scripture reading and being in the Presence of God.

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch (provided), with informal discussions.

**RSVP by Wed., May 3rd by calling Christ Church to register at 262-728-5292.**



## Walworth County Emergency Overnight Homeless Shelter

May 1st - May 8th: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Columbus Hall, 107 W. Walworth, Elkhorn.

May 8th - May 15th: Delavan United Methodist Church, 213 S. 2nd St., Delavan.

May 15th - May 22nd: St. Benedict's Catholic Church, 137 Dewey Avenue, Fontana.

May 22nd - May 29th (Memorial Day Weekend): **Christ Episcopal Church hosts at the UMC site.**

**The Delavan United Methodist Church has offered to let us finish out this shelter period by hosting again at their facility.** We will still be moving around, and getting our newly renovated spaces at Christ Church arranged, so we thank the people of the UMC for their generosity in the use of their space, not only this week, but for the last year!

**Special Thanks to Linda Lane who for the last year or so has so diligently & faithfully been our Christ Church coordinator for the Shelter when we hosted.** With Phil's new job an hour away, Linda and Phil aren't able to be with us, and Linda is stepping down from that role. **We appreciate the work Linda did in that ministry and will miss both Phil and Linda, and wish them blessings.**

**We are thankful to Ben Hawley (262-208-6371), who has agreed to help with our coordinating efforts for our final time before the Shelter breaks for the warmer, summer months.** The sign up sheets are out for volunteers to provide security overnight and meals. Find the clipboard in the Christ the King room. Thank you!

## Walworth County Emergency Homeless Shelter Golf Outing Monday, June 13 (rain date 6/20)

**11:00am - 8:00pm**

**Prairie Woods Golf Course  
County Hwy A, Avalon, WI**

Registration & Lunch: 11am  
Shot Gun Start: Noon  
Dinner: 6pm

Cash Bar Cost: \$100 18-holes of golf (4 person best ball scramble), cart, lunch and dinner! Raffle prizes & awards. Not a golfer? Come and enjoy the dinner, raffle and support the cause! Dinner Guest Only @ \$30 each

To register call: (262) 215-3451 or (262) 275-3869 OR  
E-MAIL: shelter903warm@yahoo.com by May 23rd.

## Emergency Pantry Back in Service!



The Christ Church Food Pantry is up and running again and has a new location in the Church building. Barb Gifford, coordinator for the Pantry, has been stocking shelves and has the Pantry freezer conveniently located in the same closet too. Thank you to the Delavan United Methodist Church for allowing us to share the space at their church

during the last year for our food donations.

**And THANK YOU United Methodist Church Members for the Pantry Food "Shower" they held at UMC to gift us with many bags of food to restock our own shelves again! We are most grateful!**

If you have a food emergency need, please contact Barb Gifford (728-9210), or the Church office for times when the Pantry at Christ Church is available.

**The Christ Church Food Pantry is for EMERGENCY needs for food only. It is intended to help those who are in need of food when the Community (Human Concerns) Food Pantry at St. Andrew's Church is not open. The Community Food Pantry at St. Andrew's is open on Saturday mornings, where more food can be obtained.**

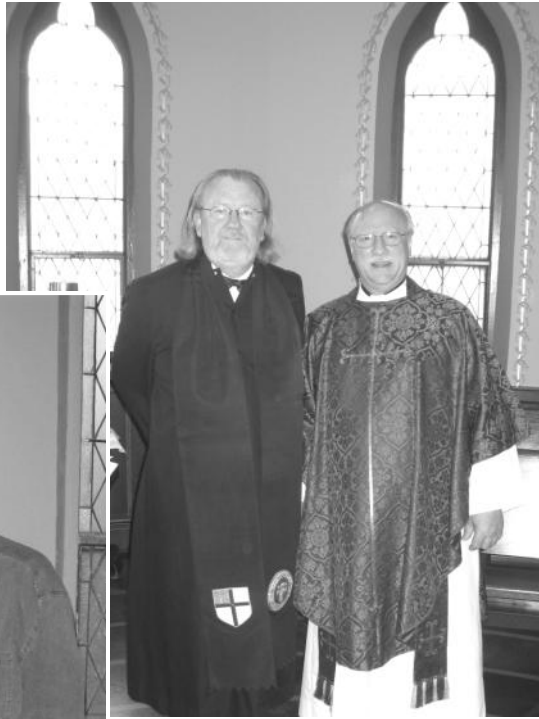


No Schedule Meeting as of the Newsletter deadline.

However, we are hoping that **members of the ECW, and all interested women of the parish would organize a work party day or night to get our new kitchen and Parish Hall organized and set up.** Especially SOON, since the men will be hosting the Mother's Day Brunch in our honor on May 8th!

**Contact ECW President, Bev Wassam, or the Church Office if you can help! Thank you!**

## April 9th & 10th - Our 1st Weekend Back!!



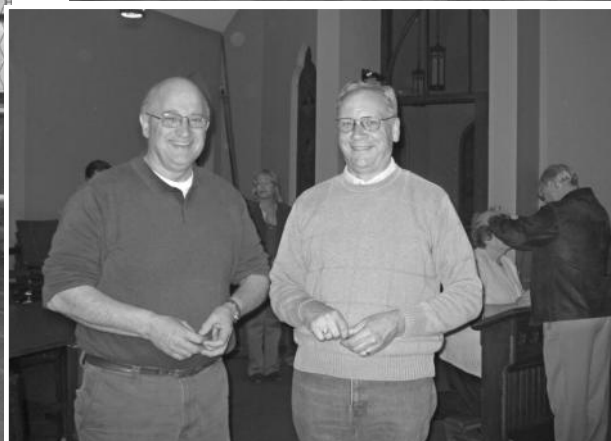
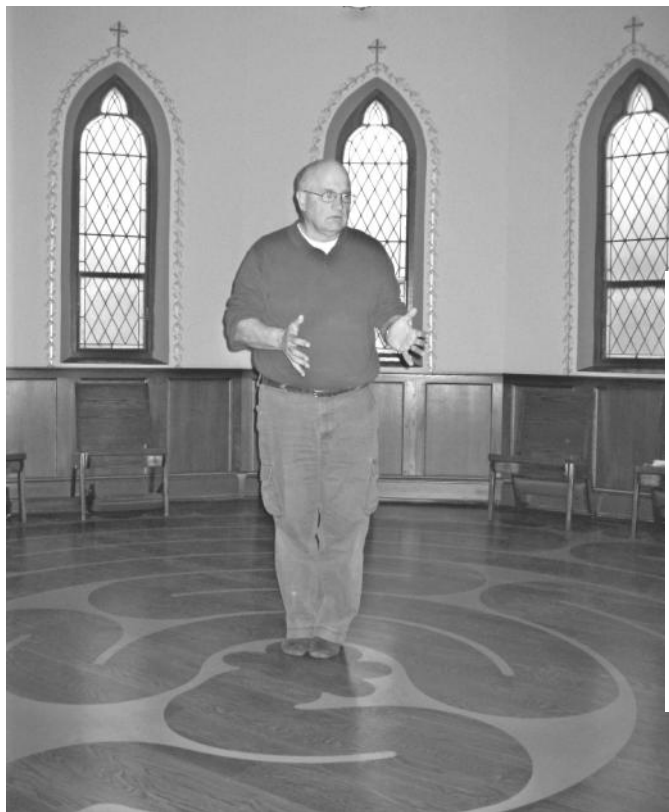
On April 9th the Church Book Club met with Author R.W. "Obie" Holmen on his book "A Wretched Man". On our 1st Sunday Obie was the sermon guest speaker. Left: Obie, Fr. Bill & Chip, Book Club facilitator. & Obie with Fr. Bill.

Below: Altar Guild Nancy, Marlyne & Mary organize the new sacristy. Tanya & Ron get used to the new Music Ministry space and below left the entrance processional.



## The Labyrinth Experience

Tony Walter joined us at one of our Wednesday Nite Lenten Events to explain and walk us through the use of our new labyrinth. He gave us some great insights into how we can use our new prayer & meditation feature. Right: Participants walk the labyrinth. Below right: Tony with Deacon Bill Pelnar following prayer anointing.



We also used our labyrinth at the Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose over Maundy Thursday evening with soothing nature sounds & soft music.



Participants were invited to make the walk their pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Making pilgrimage to a sacred place is part of an ancient and ongoing tradition of spiritual commitment. When long distance traveling became too dangerous during the upheavals of the Middle Ages, cathedral labyrinths were installed as alternative destinations for pilgrimage. Walking the labyrinth with others reminds us that we are all on the path together, each in our own unique way.

**We welcome all to come, experience this meditative journey & prayer experience, which have long been used in many spiritual traditions around the world.**

We believe God calls all creation to reconciliation. The labyrinth walk can be just one way to experience inner reflection that allows us to begin that reconciliation with God, with God's Church (the body of believers), with family, friends, with our own being, and with creation & resources on this planet, our earthly home.

### What is a Labyrinth?

It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. It is a symbol that creates a sacred space and place that takes us out of our ego to "that which is within". It is NOT a maze. Labyrinths and mazes have often been confused. A maze is like a puzzle to be solved, it has twists, turns and blind alleys. It is a left brain task that requires logical, sequential, analytical activity to find the correct path into the maze, and back out. A labyrinth has only ONE path. The way in is the way out. The path leads you on a circuitous path to the center and out again. It is a right brain task that involves intuition, creativity and imagery. With a maze many choices must be made and an active mind is needed to solve the problem of finding the center. With a labyrinth, the choice is merely to enter, or not enter. A more passive, receptive mindset is needed.

At it's basic level, the labyrinth is a metaphor for the journey to the center of your deepest self & back into the world with a broadened understanding of who you are.

## More Opportunities Coming Soon to Experience the Labyrinth:

### Introduction to Labyrinth & Healing Prayer

Come and learn more about the Labyrinth Experience. How to experience the walk in a variety of ways, and if you desire, healing prayers can be offered prior to, or after your labyrinth walk, for yourself or for loved ones.

### Labyrinth Peace Walks

A time to reflect, pray & meditate on peace, within yourself, your family, your community, the global family & the world.

### Taize Worship Service followed by Labyrinth Walk

Taize (pronounced Teh-Zay) worship is an ecumenical, peaceful way to pray using easy to learn, musical chants, silent meditation, and scripture readings. Our service includes candlelight, prayers, readings, silence, soft music with repetitive words. It offers an opportunity to center on the Lord and prepares you to continue the experience with a labyrinth walk if you wish to stay following the service.

### Christian Yoga on the Labyrinth

"...your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit." 1Corin. 6:19 Although yoga was developed in ancient India, people of all faiths have found this body-centered meditation a great way to improve health, open the heart, and deepen your spirituality. You don't have to be flexible or have prior experience with yoga to benefit. People of all ages and abilities are welcome and invited to attend this gentle and nurturing yoga practice. All that is required is a desire to quiet the mind and balance the body. Following yoga, you are invited to walk the labyrinth as well.

**(Dates & times of the above to be announced soon.)**

## General Info in Walking the Labyrinth

You may wish to remove your shoes and go in stocking feet, this allows you and others, a more quiet experience, but it is not required to remove your shoes.

Take some time for quiet reflection or reading of scripture or a devotion prior to the walk.

Quiet your mind, become aware of your breathing.

Allow yourself to find the pace your body wants to go, some may go much slower than others, it is entirely alright to pass another who may be stopped for meditation. The path is two ways, those going in, will meet those coming out. You may pass people or let others step around you.

Do what feels natural, and maintain a quiet atmosphere. If you are sitting in the chairs on the outside of the labyrinth, please be mindful of where your feet are so as to not trip a person on the walk.

## Rummage Sale, Packing & Vacating Our Temporary Storefront Site



**THANK YOU to ALL who helped with our transition back to our Church building.**

And thanks to all who donated items to our Rummage Sale held April 14-16 at the downtown storefront. Shown left are Barb, Carol & Shirley, just a few of the people who helped with the Rummage Sale and packing.

Thank you to so many - the many ministry leaders who moved packed and moved their items, to those who donated the use of their vehicles, trailers, dollies, gathered boxes for us to use, ran the rummage sale, re-packed unsold rummage, helped with the unpacking (still underway and on going) at the new remodeled Church site, and those who cleaned up the temporary site after we left.



**There are so many people to mention and SO MUCH THANKS TO GIVE! We appreciate you ALL!**

**There are still many boxes to unpack & organize, and the red storage pods on the lawn to unload & much more. If you can help, please call the Church Office. Thank you!**



## Vestry Snippets

The Vestry met on Tuesday, April 19th, starting with a meditation led by Jean McKinney and some sharing. The Minutes and Treasurer's Reports from last month were discussed and approved. The Building Expense Reports from Roberta and CPA Fr. Parks were discussed. The extra \$60,000.00 over the \$2,000,000.00 has been used up. After much discussion the Vestry approved authorizing up to another \$40,000.00 to finish the project - IF needed. Special thanks will be given to Fr. Parks for his continued help coordinating with Treasurer Roberta a proof report on the report that she provides. Since we haven't been in the building long, there is still much to do, and ongoing construction also taking place. The organ won't be installed until after Easter, the doors to the garden area in the new narthex are yet to be installed. Other items and lists of things we've found need to be addressed as well as how to use the various controls, locks, appliances, phone systems, fire alarms system, elevator and more.

The Vestry authorized the serving of champagne at the Mother's Day Brunch that the men host for all.

Father Bill's sabbatical time is coming up (May 15 - June 11th) and the Vestry authorized a special offering to be taken, with envelopes in the Sunday bulletins for the next two weeks. If the amount of parishioner offerings do not reach \$1,000 then additional funds will be given from outreach continuing education to present to Fr. Bill prior to his leaving.

Last month the Vestry discussed a possible purchase of the Kiemans house on 5th St., next to the Church. A committee of Vestry members had toured the home and found it to be in excellent shape. The Vestry authorized an appraisal on the home. The appraisal came in at \$190,000.00. Much discussion was held, concerning selling the old rectory, the things that would need to be done to do that, what kind of price to ask for it, and the time we might need to sell it. Also what kind of price would be offered to the Kiemans as well as the time frame they had in mind. The Vestry approved a motion to proceed with the possible purchase of the Kiemans property after Jean McKinney looked into some legal questions we had. There would probably be either a telephone poll meeting or a special Vestry meeting held to discuss it more before making an offer to the Kiemans.

More Vestry news can be obtained from any Vestry member. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th, starting at 7 p.m. and is open to all.

## Prayers for our Priest, Fr. Bill Myrick, as he prepares for his Sabbatical Time.

*God of peace, we ask that you furnish Father Bill with all that is good, that he may do Your will. May You carry out in him what is pleasing to You through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.* (Based on Hebrews 13:20-21)

Father Bill has scheduled his long overdue Sabbatical for **May 15th - June 11th**, part of it will be spent at a mission to plains people in Navajoland, Arizona. The Vestry has approved a special offering to go toward the traveling expenses of this sabbatical. **If you would like to give a donation please use the envelope in the Sunday bulletins and put it in the offering plate by Sunday, May 8th. Checks can be made out to Christ Church, memo: Sabbatical Offering.**

Our Sunday Supply Priests during Fr. Bill's time away will be The Rev. Anita Braden (May 15 & 29) who will also be doing a teaching between services on the Chapel Labyrinth. The Rev. Robert Bramlett (May 22) and The Rev. Dan Caballero (June 5).

If you need a clergy person during Fr. Bill's sabbatical, you can call Deacon Bill Pelnar at 262-728-9572, or call the Church Office and we will have access to other clergy who will be "on call" for us.



Thanks be to God and to ALL who helped with and donated items for the 2nd Wed. Devotions & Soup Lunch we were in charge of on April 6th at UMC. Thanks to Fr. Bill Myrick who made the potato soup and to Roberta Karstetter who made the chicken noodle/vegetable soup. Thank you set-up, clean-up and servers too!!

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## More Photos from Holy Week & Easter



Left: Altar of Repose in the Chapel on Maundy Thurs.

Right: Easter Vigil, Lighting the new fire - Fr. Bill, Clint & Deacon Bill.

Below: Columbarium Chapel used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Below left: Fr. Bill celebrates Easter Sunday.

**THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!**



The cross hanging in the Chapel was once on the old steeple.

The Stewart Family at Easter together, Marian (center) is one of our most senior parishioners.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Two refrigerators in the shed (originally in our kitchen). Church pews from the old Chapel. Two air conditioners. Also a handicap scooter in excellent condition.

**If you are interested in any of these items, contact Fr. Bill or the Church office for more information.**





## Attention Youth (ages 3 yrs. - 5th grade) SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES!

Sunday School is from 9:50 - 10:40 a.m. (approx.) on the dates listed. Starting just before the 10 a.m. service and runs during the service. The adult teachers

& youth join the service at the "passing of the peace", to sit with their families for the rest of the worship service.

**Please bear with us as we move back into the regular Church building , not all our rooms are organized, but we will be resuming our classes in May.**

**Sun., May 1st:** 9:50 a.m. Sunday School, upstairs classroom.

**Sun., May 8th:** No Sunday School - Bring your Mom to the Mother's Day Brunch & Basket Draw at 11:15!

**Sun., May 15th:** 9:50 a.m. Sunday School, upstairs classroom.

**Sun., May 22nd:** 9:50 a.m. Sunday School, upstairs classroom.



## NURSERY CARE

We are still unpacking the boxes and things for our nursery. A couple of people have offered to help in organizing the room again, and we are hoping to be able to get that done the week of May 2nd - 5th sometime. If you have some time to spare and can come to help let Roberta know by calling the office (728-5292).

We also need to know if those who have gone through the required Safe Guarding God's Children course would like to be put on the roster to offer child care in the nursery during the 10 a.m. service. **Please call the Church office to let us know that you can babysit.** Thank you. If you would like to help with nursery care and have not gone thru the required 3 hr. video workshop, contact Roberta for more info.

**Thank you for your help and patience as we get our ministries back up and running!**



## YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED!

Even though we are back in our Church building, there are still things that are being completed. There are also items that we may

need to attend to yet. There are new controls and devices, appliances, etc. There are alarm systems for fire and the elevator that, if accidentally set off, will need attention, and could result in fines for the Church if it occurs often.

**Please be sure to let your children know to NOT pull or play with the new things, but if by accident an alarm is set off,** for example, in the elevator, a voice will come on the speaker inside and ask if it is an emergency, please do not leave the elevator without answering that it was hit by accident or whatever the problem was. Also, we've found that we have gotten a telemarketer message come across the speaker inside the elevator too, we are looking into having those "calls" to the elevator line stop, but IF you should hear one, please do NOT push the phone button.

The **handicap bathroom door lock** has been giving us some trouble. It appears that the button gets pushed in too far and when a person leaves the room, and if the door shuts again all the way, it then locks the door so others can not get into it. The lock will appear to not be locked from the inside, but it does lock when the button is pushed halfway in. Please bear with us while we get more keys made for that door incase it continues to happen, and for other doors as well.

There are also many rooms that have **auto sensor lighting**, that will turn on when a room is entered, and turn off if no activity is in the room after 15 minutes or so. Sometimes people flip the switches on those rooms, like the bathrooms for example, please leave the switches on, and the lights will automatically work.

Please work with us too as we find more details and things we have yet to finish, and learn how to use our new building and devices. **If you should see items that may need to be done, or fine tuned, please let us know!**

**Thanks for your help and patience!**

## Prayer For Young Persons (Book of Common Prayer)

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



**We're Back in our Newly Renovated Church Building!**

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

**Sunday Services**  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service in the Chapel.  
 A smaller service in an intimate setting.  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Holy Communion in the Church. Signed service the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. \* Nursery also welcomed to stay in during the service. \* Contemporary, traditional, hymns & praise.

**Weekday Services held in the Chapel**  
 (enter through the 5th St. doors)  
 Tuesdays 7:30 a.m.  
 Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. followed by Bible Study for those who wish to stay.



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