

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>EARTH SUNDAY</i> 8:30am Worship/Communion 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Confirmation 10am High School Bible Study 11am Worship/Communion 12:30pm Simply in Season Families 1:30pm Taiwan Lutheran Church</p>	<p>2 6pm The Waters Rehearsal 7pm CYFM Team Mtg</p>	<p>3 7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7am Women's Sunrise Spirituality Exploration 10am Meals on Wheels/Loaves & Fishes 7pm IT Meeting 7pm Simply in Season Facilitator Mtg</p>	<p>4 11am Team Ministry Mtg 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 9:30am Bible Study 5pm Leadership Mtg 6pm M&M Mtg 7pm Executive Mtg 7pm Lutheran Health Kit Assembly</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9am Nifty Notters</p>
<p>8 <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i> 8:30am Worship/Communion 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Confirmation 10am High School Bible Study 11am Worship/Communion 1:30pm Taiwan Lutheran Church Holden Youth Weekend</p>	<p>9 1pm Lydia Circle</p>	<p>10 7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7am Women's Sunrise Spirituality Exploration 2pm Grief Gathering 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm Simply in Season Small Group 7pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p>11 11am Team Ministry Mtg 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Healing Worship Service</p>	<p>13 Holden Youth Weekend Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>14 Holden Youth Weekend Confirmation Camp</p>
<p>15 8:30am Worship/Communion 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Confirmation 10am High School Bible Study 11am Worship/Communion 12:30pm Simply in Season Families 1:30pm Taiwan Lutheran Church 3pm Spirituality Book Group 3pm Creekside Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7am Women's Sunrise Spirituality Exploration 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle</p>	<p>18 11am Team Ministry Mtg 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 9:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9am Nifty Notters 9am Seasonal Worship Planning-Pentecost</p>
<p>22 8:30am Worship/Communion 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Confirmation 10am High School Bible Study 11am Worship/Communion 1:30pm Taiwan Lutheran Church 4pm Health Ministry Visioning</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7am Women's Sunrise Spirituality Exploration 7pm Simply in Season Small Group</p>	<p>25 10am Silver Saints 11am Team Ministry Mtg 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Bras, Bibles & Brews 7pm Table Talk</p>	<p>27 Synod Assembly</p>	<p>28 Synod Assembly</p>
<p>29 8:30am Worship/Communion 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Confirmation 10am High School Bible Study 11am Worship/Communion 1:30pm Taiwan Lutheran Church Synod Assembly</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7am Women's Sunrise Spirituality Exploration</p>				

Worship Notes

The Triduum ended on Easter Sunday evening and we are now on the seven-week Easter Season journey to Pentecost. This is a season full of life; in the northern hemisphere, it is springtime. Rivers and streams are coming alive with mountain snow melt, trees are sprouting new leaves; flowers are blossoming, and birds are chirping at the dawn. Our neighborhood is marveling at the mother duck brooding over her laid eggs – eggs she laid in a neighbor's flower pot at the front door. We are awaiting the chicks' hatching and their waddle down the street to the nearby pond.

The Church seems to take its cue from the beauty of nature and says to us: "This is the perfect time of the year to celebrate life – a life that lasts forever. Enjoy these next weeks – let there be a 50-day festival. Let the Paschal Candle, lit from Easter, burn brightly. Catch the spirit of life and renewal in the air and let it remind you of the Holy Spirit within you."

We also take time to thank all those who lead the Mid-Week Lenten Service Series "Let My Prayer Rise Before You." These services focused on the Prayer Book of the Bible – The Psalms. Worshippers were touched each week by the meditative words, the music and the time for reflection and individual prayer. And, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the participation of so many during the Holy Week services and Easter. A complete list of worship leaders would far exceed the space in this publication. However, we thank our musicians, including Joanne Zenger, Jeannine Douglas, Tom Carawan and the Sanctuary Choir as well as cellist Nathan Garnon and flutist Teresa Reiser. We also thank Libby Calhoun who directed the Maundy Thursday Chancel Drama. The creative talents of so many bless our worship with a message of God's eternal love through the gift of his son, Christ Jesus.

*Thank you all,
Worship, Music and Arts Committee*

Around the Belfry

The voice of God will not soon be heard again beautifully booming from the back of the church. TY MACK has "gone home", as PASTOR DAVID FARLEY put it so well in his sermon for Ty's memorial April 15, 2011. Three rows of family were headed by Ty's sisters, brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, while his three surviving sons spoke eloquently of their father. Ty was a gentle man with a wonderful voice. As his wife FRAN mentioned, the people at his assisted living facility said he was "courtly". Yes, that was Ty.

In yet another reminder of the sweetness of life, CHRIS WEISS had gone back to Minnesota to be with his father MIKE. Finally, he made the sad phone call to his wife JENNIFER TROM that his dad had died. As she gathered daughters ABBY and KIMBERLY to her on the couch to tell them of Grandpa's passing, another mourner placed himself on all three laps. HUNTER, CHRISTINE CORE'S lovely yellow Labrador dog, was being babysat by the Weiss family. He seemed to know they needed him, as they did. His soft fur absorbed the tears as they cried over their loss.

On a lighter note, let us examine St. Andrew South, or rather Apache Junction, Mesa, and points nearby toward Tucson. BOB and NAN THOMPSON hosted a dinner attended by IDA TRULLINGER and JIM DUNCAN, and also by HALL and BETTIE SIMONS. Queried as to Bettie's condition after her massive auto accident, they agreed she looked 'PRETTY GOOD!' The Simons still go dancing, reportedly with daughter SHERRY and friends who live in the area. Others down South and/or returning included DAVE and JANYCE LUNDSTEDT, LARRY and PHYLLIS VACHAL and ERIC and JAN LUTTRELL. (We may have missed a few – let the Mouse know.) All were of course thrilled to return to the record rain and cold we have had this year in Portland.

Especially to be noted was the return of JANYCE "the Jock" LUNDSTEDT. Her exercise of choice being the swimming pool (she once swam in meets back in Lowell, Mass.) she was peacefully doing her laps when she found herself the object of heavy recruitment for the Tucson Senior Olympics swim team. This in spite of the fact that she wears prescription goggles to swim which are rumored to be actually orthopedic. Sadly, a return to the North was required or perhaps Janyce would be on the sports page today.

JOHN GIDDENS was a definite hit at the organ, playing Faure's "The Palms" on Palm Sunday. Little did the 8:30 assembly know that when John went to get his music right before the offering, somebody had mistakenly moved it! Quickly, very quickly, he copied the organist's music on the – blessedly prompt for once – copy machine and he made his debut on time, hardly flustered. What a pro!