

The
Newsletter
of the
Saline
United
Methodist
Church



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Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:10 a.m.

Contemporary Worship 11:15 a.m.

Summer Worship Hours:

Right Start 8:04 a.m.

Summer Worship 9:30 a.m.

STEEPLE NEWS

May 14, 2006

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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Halfway Through Easter

One of the boys in our Lil’ Saints Preschool was greeting people this week saying, “Happy Easter!” The first time he said it, it seemed strange, especially for those of us who don’t tend to linger in one spot for very long, always grabbing the most out of each day, then quickly moving on to the next item on the agenda or the next event on the calendar. But that little guy was absolutely correct. Easter wasn’t just April 16th. Easter is this wonderful 50-day period that spans from Easter Sunday through Pentecost, which we’ll celebrate June 4th.

Because of our packed-to-the-brim lives, some of us felt that we had to leave Easter behind in order to get all of our tasks done that must be accomplished in May and early June. So as soon as we got the dishes washed from our Easter Sunday meal and the leftovers polished off, we immediately moved on, leaving Easter behind. However, it’s not too late to recapture the sense of Easter and to renew the adventure of living as Easter people. In these next 20+ days, are you up to a challenge? Between now and Pentecost start each day affirming,

“Today my God is alive, and I can live today fully alive.”

We are people who’ve not merely been informed about Easter; we are people who have been impacted by Easter – people in whom the risen Christ lives through his Spirit. We are people in whom God has released resurrection life; and that dynamic Spirit-infused life-force...that power for living is now within us and available to us.

Later today, tomorrow afternoon, the next evening, the following week struggles will come, situations will confront us, stumbling blocks will appear out of nowhere, and bothersome snags will threaten to mess up our well-ordered plans. But as “people of the third day,” they do not have to defeat us.

- When you come against what seems to be an unmovable barrier, remind yourself that if God could remove a stone for Jesus, God can make a way for me where there doesn’t seem to be a way.
- When discouraged in your faith and you wonder if this “believing thing” is worth holding on to, keep your eyes open, and like those early disciples on the way to Emmaus, Jesus might just show up.
- When you’ve shut yourself up in the confines of your room, cloistered in paralyzing fear like Jesus’ disciples did following that first Easter, don’t be surprised if our Lord shows up on the scene and in a strange way makes evident his life to you.
- When you’re tempted to throw in the towel, remember the disciples who were about to give up and go back to their old way of living, when one morning the risen Christ came along and turning their life and future around.
- When you’re tempted to stay put on a holy mountain top experience, don’t be surprised if a voice summons you to return to Jerusalem and to wait for the power of Pentecost to infuse your life fully.

Easter isn’t over; it isn’t half over. Go on to Pentecost and beyond, living as Easter People. – Jim Tuttle

GRADUATING SENIORS OF 2006

We will be honoring our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 21, 2006. We would like all graduating seniors to be a part of this special Sunday. We would like to receive a senior picture, childhood picture, and a baby picture of you by Wednesday, May 17th to be used in the recognition service. You can label your pictures and give them to Emily or place them in her mailbox. We would like to know that you are able to join us. Please contact Emily Krach or Lisa Marshall at our office (429-4730) to let us know whether you are able to attend. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating this important accomplishment!



SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE

Since our beginning in January, the shawl ministry has completed and given five shawls. Recipients are Lisa Johnson and Mae Staples, both of Ann Arbor, Kathy Salsburg of Syracuse, NY, Andrea of Wisconsin, and Rev. Ronda Hawkins of Brighton. Our numbers have increased from two to nine knitters and crocheters. We have a few shawls completed and ready to give away. If you know of anyone you'd like to give a shawl to, let us know by calling Bonnie Bender at 944-8646 or Marilyn Walline at 429-0026.



MISSIONS BAKE SALE MAY 14TH

We will be having a bake sale on May 14th to support our Missions programs. Fresh baked goodies will be available after each service in the church kitchen. Your support is very much appreciated!



DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is *Monday, May 22nd* at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter *Thursday, May 25th* in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL

Participants in the May 20th Talent Show may attend a rehearsal on Friday, May 19th beginning at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, participants should enter through the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. to avoid encountering a wedding crowd. Questions: Margo Perry 734-223-4216.



DESSERTS, DESSERTS & MORE DESSERTS!

During the intermission of the May 20th Talent Show, there will be desserts and some very special entertainment by Darcy Griebel & friends in the Fellowship Hall. A love offering to support Washtenaw Special Olympics will be encouraged at this time. If you can donate a dessert(s), please sign up at the Opportunity Wall.



TALENT SHOW BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY ON SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

ADULT GATHERING SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

10:15 AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Intrigued by the title? Good, come join us (Adult Ministry Team) and share with us your ideas for small groups and Sunday School studies. Some suggestions made are: Parenting, Young Adults, Seniors, Contemporary, Creation and Evolution and Follow-up on Sermons. Our Discipleship Classes will resume in the fall, along with the Ray Vander Laan series, and Dave Drenning and Bruce Moss Sunday School Class. We are flexible on time and will help with curriculum and facilitators, but we need your input! If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend, please see any of our committee: Lois Royal, Charlene Adkins, Kay Richmond, Shirley Padding, Dave Drenning, Bruce Moss or Tom Burns.



FAITH-SHARING

Pastor Tuttle began a new sermon series on April 30th entitled, "Faith-Sharing." To coordinate with the series, a class is being offered on both Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour, and Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. This will be a discussion class about the sermon series. Students are also invited to read the book, *Faith-Sharing*, by H. Eddie Fox and George E. Morris, which will be available for a suggested donation of \$11.00. Books are available in the church office. Laura Speiran will facilitate the class.

RE-IGNITE THE MISSION

If you plan on contributing to the Re-Ignite the Mission Campaign, we would appreciate receiving your pledge by Sunday, May 21st. Thank you for helping our church to meet our building fund obligations.



J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

Are you 55 or older? We want you to come join us at J.O.Y. Fellowship! We will be meeting again on Thursday, May 18, 2006. Our menu will be "build your own salad" (including chicken), rolls and fruit. Jennifer Fowler, RN will be sharing about stroke awareness with us. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity! This fellowship group for those 55 and older invites all who would like to join us for lunch, devotions, and Christian fellowship. Please R.S.V.P. with your name on the sign up sheet in the Narthex, or by calling the church office. Pay \$5.00 on the third Thursday at 12 noon when we meet. Contact Laura Speiran in the office with any questions.

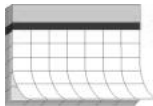


GARDENERS & WEED PULLERS WANTED!!!

If you love the feel of dirt, get enjoyment out of pulling weeds, and love to beautify the outdoors – we need you!! We have several gardens around the church that needs loving, tender care throughout the spring, summer and fall. Individuals, families or groups are welcome to sign up in the Narthex to help out. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Buckley or Lisa Marshall in the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS

The Community Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 at Assembly of God Church. This year's theme is "Fiesta". Please visit www.salineVBS.org to register or for more information call Mary Cameron (944-2904). Registration forms will be available soon in our Narthex.



HELP NEEDED

Special needs adult would like a recliner chair, so that he can get out of his wheel chair. Also family of this person needs a wheelchair van with tie down and lift to transport him. If you are able to help, please contact Marilyn Setzer 429-7342.



MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Sign up at the Opportunity Wall if you want to help! We need child locks on the nursery cabinets, covers put over computer wires in several rooms, old wooden kids chairs scrubbed and poly'd, couch legs fixed in Room E, and exterior doors painted; just to name a few. Every little bit helps!

UMW NEWS

Hannah

Hannah Circle will meet Monday, May 15th at 9:30 a.m. at the church entrance to plant flowers. Remember to bring your garden gloves, a spade and any other garden tools. Anyone who loves gardening and playing in the dirt is encouraged to join us. Many hands make light work! Join us as we add a touch of color!

Esther

On Monday, June 5, Esther Circle will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to carpool to the British Pantry for lunch at 11:45 a.m. in Tecumseh. Anyone who would like to join us can sign up at the Opportunity Wall or call Kay Richmond at 944-6234 by Thursday, June 1 to reserve a spot.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The UMW Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. in Room C. Please make every effort to attend as we have several summer activities to plan. This will be the last board meeting until fall.

UMW UNIT MEETING

The UMW will hold its monthly unit meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Room C. Annella Aurand and Carolyn Beal will be sharing their experiences as NOMADS workers over the winter. Hannah Circle will provide refreshments. UMW meetings are open to all women. Please join us for fellowship and sharing. Please contact Kay Richmond at 944-6234 for further information.

GOT A HEART FOR THE HUNGRY?



Perhaps you're a busy person who might like to head up one project, but not a long-standing commitment. FUMC is looking for next October's CROP Walk organizer. Meeting Tuesday, May 16th,

7:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Church is recommended, but not mandatory. Call Margo Perry if interested (734) 223-4216.

HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

We are collecting **socks** during **May** for the Homeless Shelter. These items can be placed in the "blue house" in the Narthex.

INFUSION YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

JUNIOR HIGH

There is **NO YOUTH GROUP MAY 14th**; enjoy the day with your Mother!

Movie and Pizza Night – Sunday, May 21st from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will be watching a movie on the big screen and enjoying pizza together! Bring a friend!

SENIOR HIGH

Graduation Sunday is May 21st – Make sure to **turn in your pictures to Emily by Wednesday, May 17th**.

Final LT Groups PARTY – Sunday, May 21st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It's a cookout at Emily's place. Bring a side dish, chips, dessert, or pop to share. We will chat about possibilities for next year while celebrating the awesome year we have had together!

ALIVE Christian Music Festival 2006 June 20-25.

Non-stop concerts, challenging seminars, awesome worship, authentic speakers, camping, swimming, and more! Over 70 Artists & 20,000 people! Casting Crowns, TobyMac, Relient K, Audio Adrenaline, David Crowder Band...and MANY, MANY more! Clay's Park, Canal Fulton, Ohio. Registration has passed BUT talk to Emily if you are still interested in going! Pick up a flyer and newspaper with info. from the youth room today!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CORNERSTONE

Happy spring! Now that the weather is so nice many of our ministries will be going outside to enjoy!! Please be extra careful in the parking lot and keep a watchful eye for little ones. Also, please remember that the portico just outside of the front doors of the church is for unloading and/or dropping off or picking up people at the door. It is not a drive thru; you are encouraged to drive in the parking lot vs. underneath the portico.



LIL' SAINTS PRESCHOOL

"A PLACE WHERE YOUR CHILD BELONGS AND A PLACE WHERE HE OR SHE CAN BECOME ALL THAT THEY WERE CREATED TO BE!" –Pastor Jim Tuttle

The staff and kids have been busy learning God's Ways and learning about each other as well! We have been very busy this last month!! April was the Month of the Young Child. During community week we picked up trash around the outside of the church. We also made a card for our wonderful staff of the church. We love doing art, the messier the better! On May 11th we will be having a Parent's Day Tea from 11:00-12:00. And on the 16th and 18th Rachel will be giving tours to potential parents who have expressed an interest in the preschool for the fall. If you would like a tour between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., please contact Rachel at 429-4528 and she'll be happy to guide you! She will also be conducting parent/teacher conferences on those days so scheduling is important. As always, we do have an open door policy and you are welcome to come anytime to see the happenings of Lil' SAINTS Preschool. The last day for the summer will end in a celebration on May 25th. We will resume classes on Monday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m. At this point and time, we will be operating M-F and according to the Saline Area School calendar. Watch for more details as we wind the year down! God has truly blessed us with this ministry and we pray that He will continue to lead and guide us as we prep thru the summer for fall.

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS

Another year of R.O.C.K. in LOGOS will be celebrated with a joyful carnival on Wednesday, May 24! A year filled with God's Word and many, many children learning His ways throughout the year. As the year comes to an end and we begin planning for the fall session, we are excited to see what God has in store for all of us as well as the entire congregation, as this is a ministry that God calls all ages into.

If you would like to be a part of the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS ministry and be a part of a child's life in a huge way, please prayerfully consider the training we will be offering in August. It is with your God given gifts and talents that He uses to make this ministry grow and flourish.

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS TRAINING
AUGUST 11-13TH (Friday-Sunday)
TROY, MICHIGAN
CONTACT LEANNE RIMNAC FOR DETAILS

CAMP 2006

A \$75 deposit will hold your place for camp! Register now for a memorable camp experience. All additional fees must be paid by May 15th. See the camp bulletin board for camp catalogs or umccamps.org.



Sponsors Needed: Help a camper get to camp so they may experience a growth in self-esteem, leadership, social skills and spirituality! Any amount is greatly appreciated. Please contact Anne Kowalczyk at akowal@aol.com

EMERGENCY HELP NEEDED FOR SALINE FAMILY

A local family needs your help as they try to recover from a devastating fire in their McKay St. home last week. Besides looking for temporary housing, the family of six also needs clothes, toiletries, a stroller and diapers (size 5/6) for their toddler. Gas and gift cards to local stores would be very helpful as the family begins to reassemble their lives. Please direct all questions and/or donations to Pat Everett at Union School, 200 N. Ann Arbor St. or call 429-8022 or email everettp@saline.k12.mi.us. See our community bulletin board for more details.



MISSIONARY TO VISIT SALINE FUMC

Beatrice Gbanga from Ganta, Liberia will be joining our Mission Group meeting on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. We are a connectional church that supports Beatrice's salary. If you would like to learn more about her missionary work, please join us on Thursday, May 18th.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the use of your facility for our volunteer appreciation lunch. The staff at FUMC Saline is always so friendly and accommodating. We appreciate your generosity and wanted to let you know that the volunteers truly appreciate the event. Thank you! -Heather Reilly, Saline Hospital

Gordon and I wish to thank the Youth Group Volunteers of April 19-23 for a splendid spring yard clean up job of raking, trimming and planting at 868 Willis Road. Come by and see how nice we look. Thanks to Roger Heffelbower, Margo Perry, John Zemba, Bonnie & Sam Bender, Carol Osterling,

Nathan & Nicole Lampman and sons Alex and Ryan. Thanks again to this marvelous group.

-Florrie & Gordie Belt

The Mountain T.O.P. Youth would like to say a HUGE thank you to all those who gave items to support the Youth Missions Silent Auction. Thank you for making the Auction possible! We would also like to say thank you to all who purchased items and joined us for the meal. Your support raised around \$2,500 towards our Mountain T.O.P. Mission Trip this July. Thank You!

Thank you to Matt Fillingner for coming to our rescue and moving a piece of furniture.

Doris & Stan Sekerka

PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Kay & Art Angaran's friend, Kui;



Amy Acree's cousins; Janet & John Anderson; Megan; Zella Polliey's daughter, Virginia; the families of Matt Tuttle & Chief Sumner; Ryan Grill; Corbin Grabb and his parents; Don Force; Mary Beimer; Laurie Champion; Eleanor Fugate; Norm Cherveno, Jr; Judy Bateman's mother, Eva;

Steve Thompson & family; Nathan Thompson; Sharon Abel's cousin, Jim; Frank Riggs; James Olsen; Doug Mull, Jim Beal; Pam Bebbler; Ronda Hawkins; Frank Whitley; Kristen Spangler; Brynda Bechtold; Bryan & Rachel Wislocki's friend, Jeanette; Caryn Datson's friend, Virginia; Anna Reese; Art Angaran; Keith Held; David Mullens; the family and friends of Robert Hornbeck; Carole Smith; Suzanne BeDell's friend; John Lockwood; George Hares; Leilani Latson; Dean Klepaczyk; Devon Moser; Lynn Hopkins; the students in the traffic accident in Traverse City & their families. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Bill Paul's safe return home; the birth of Dyane & Jeff Townley's baby, Carolina Grace.

Military personnel and families to keep in our prayers

~ Billy Kirkland, son of Kathy & Bill Kirkland; J.T. St. Denis, nephew of Kathy & Bill Kirkland; Robert Rodriguez, grandson of Florence Belt; Bennett Phipps, brother of Rachel Wislocki; Bill Paul, nephew of Bonnie & Tom Riggs; Roman Kisz, grandson of Lil Vaughan & nephew of Karen Sipos; Timothy Frisbee, grandson of Florence & Ernie Busch; Nick Gilveli, grandson of Martha Gilveli; Kevin Raymond, son of Susan Raymond; Abby Suchy, daughter of Paulette & Mike Suchy; Bobby Singh, Abby Suchy's fiancé. Tim Jones, son of Penny & Doug Jones; Dan Erlwein, friend of Dave & Susan Hares; Sam Spicer, grandson of Lois Royal; Erik Maddock, son of Don & Andrea Maddock; Doug W. Beard, son of Doug & Wanda Beard; Mark & Brad Nadig, sons of Carroll & Sandy Nadig.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ David & Karen Ping on the loss of their unborn child; Gene & Oneta Bull on the passing of her aunt, Mary Bennett. Grace Sundling on the passing of her husband, Fred (a service will be held at our church on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m.).

Calendar for May 14 - May 27, 2006

14 Sunday INTERNATIONAL MISSION BAKE SALE 9:00a - Traditional Service 10:10a - Adult Gathering 10:10a - Faith Sharing 10:10a - Cancer Support Group 10:10a - Sunday School 11:15a - Contemporary Service 12:30p - Tuttle Family Dinner	15 Monday 10:00a - Shawl Ministry 6:00p - Adult Ministries 6:30p - Girl Scouts 7:00p - Community Care 7:00p - Finance	16 Tuesday 9:00a - Lil' Saints 9:15a - WISE 4:30p - Music Together 4:37p - Golf League 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7:00p - Planned Recognition 7:00p - UMW Unit <i>9:00-12:00 Lil' Saints Open House</i>	17 Wednesday 8:30a - Music Together 9:00a - Bible Study 12:30p - Quilting 3:00p - R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 6:30p - Cub Scouts 6:30p - Praise Team 7:30p - Faith Sharing 8:00p - WWW	18 Thursday 8:30a - Music Together 9:00a - Lil' Saints 11:00a - Prayer Ministry 12:00p - J.O.Y. Fellowship 6:15p - Orchestra 6:30p - Missions Mtg. 7:00p - Grief Support 7:30p - Chancel Choir 7:30p - Bells <i>9:00-12:00 Lil' Saints Open House</i>	19 Friday 10:00a - Playgroup 6:00p - Wedding Rehearsal 7:30p - Talent Show Rehearsal Annual Conference	20 Saturday 4:00p - Wedding 6:30p - All Church Talent Show Annual Conference
21 Sunday GRADUATE SUNDAY 9:00a - Traditional Service 10:10a - Faith Sharing 10:10a - Sunday School 10:10a - Cancer Support Group 11:15a - Contemporary Service 4:00p - LT Groups 6:30p - Jr. High Youth Annual Conference	22 Monday 10:00a - Shawl Ministry 6:30p - Girl Scouts 7:00p - Church Council	23 Tuesday 9:00a - Lil' Saints 9:15a - WISE 4:30p - Music Together 4:37p - Golf League 6:30p - Friendship Offsite Ride 4 Fun 6:30p - HOMMIES	24 Wednesday 8:30a - Music Together 9:00a - Bible Study 10:00a - UMW Executive Board 12:30p - Quilting 3:00p - R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 6:30p - Praise Team 7:30p - Faith Sharing 8:00p - WWW	25 Thursday 9:00a - Lil' Saints 8:30 a - Music Together 10:00a - Brecon Service 11:00a - Prayer Ministry 6:15p - Orchestra 7:00p - Grief Support 7:30p - Chancel Choir 7:30p - Hand Bells	26 Friday	27 Saturday

Greeters & Welcome Center Host First Service:

Brian and Nicole Milkey
Keith and Patsy Held

May Head Ushers:

Rick Tyler, Carlos Melendez
Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

Greeters & Welcome Center Host Second Service 5/14:

Senior High Youth

Worship Attendance:

April 30 677 May 7 629

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