

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR APRIL 2007

### LAYREADERS AND ACOLYTES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Order of Worship</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
1	Palm Sunday H.E.	Robert Schaefer Paul Latt	Carley Yanuck
2	Evening Prayer	Fred Taussig	
3	Evening Prayer	Jeane Jae	
4	Evening Prayer	Lynette Ballard	
5	Maundy Thurs. H.E. 7 pm	Paul Latt Robert Schaefer	
6	Good Friday – Noon	Lynette Ballard Robert Schaefer	
	Good Friday – 7 p.m.	Jeane Jae Paul Latt	Robert Westfall
8	Easter Sunday	Robert Schaefer Jeane Jae	Stephen Westfall
15	Holy Eucharist	Paul Latt Lynette Ballard	Carley Yanuck
22	Holy Eucharist	Jeane Jae Fred Taussig	Robert Westfall
29	Holy Eucharist	Lynette Ballard Paul Latt	Stephen Westfall

ALTAR GUILD Joan Norman and Audrey Moller

### USHERS AND PRESENTERS

1 – Doris Schaefer & Linda Vandivort      5 – (7 p.m.) Betty Shepherd & Terri Gilson  
6 – Good Friday (noon) Neil Buckles      6 – Good Friday (7 p.m.) Kent Wilton  
8 – Lester Crancer & Bob Moller      15 – Neil Buckles & Mike Iannelli  
22 – Doris Schaefer & Marlowe Meyers      29 – Joan Emmert & Terri Gilson

### GREETERS

1 – Linda Vandivort      5 – (7 p.m.) Terri Gilson  
6 – Good Friday (noon) Neil Buckles      6 – Good Friday (7 p.m.) Kent Wilton  
8 – Bob Moller      15 – Mike Iannelli  
22 – Marlowe Meyers      29 – Terri Gilson

**Home Communion:** If you want a home Communion after Easter please contact the office.

### **ALL IN THE FAMILY**

#### **April Birthdays**

15 – Yvonne Allen

19 – Michael Schaefer

17 – Audrey Moller

27 – Kit Kelley

**Anniversaries:** None this month.

**Parish Nurse:** Our Parish Nurse, Doris Schaefer, will be in the Office for Consultations and Blood Pressure checks on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### **Our Hunger Barrel's Ideas for April**

Suggestions include: Ramen noodles (all varieties), beef stew, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, fruit juices and graham crackers. Laundry detergent, bar soap, and paper products are always welcome.

**Memo from Penny Outreach:** Please continue to donate aluminum cans for Outreach. We use the money at Christmas time for community outreach.

**REBOS AWARD:** Kim Dressel and Kathy Arcese of REBOS have been selected to receive the National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse 2007 Community Service Award for the special work they have done for local area youth.

**Spring Reminder:** If you are planning to do some thinning, revisions or changes to flower beds in your yards, please do not throw out any “easy to grow/maintain perennials” (hostas, daylilies, daylilies, daisies, black-eyed Susans, ground covers, etc.). Once again, we’d be delighted to have them for St. Matthew’s. Kindly bag them and bring them in, making sure Pat or a Vestry member knows they are here and what plants are in the bags. Many thanks!

### **A Thousand Thanks**

**For all who helped with the dress-down Eucharist and church clean-up, many, many thanks. The effort put forth was amazing. At last count forty 30 gallon bags of limbs, sticks, pinecones, gumballs etc were filled as well as 6 large plastic dumpsters were filled. Earlier in the week a St. Matthew’s angel raked and filled many more as well. Thank you for all your hard and dedicated work.**

**Rest in Peace:** Word has been received of the death of Yvonne Brescia, one-time organist at St. Matthew's and of George Scheub, age 9, nephew of Shary Raske on 3/26/07. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

**The Wardens, Vestry, and Congregation  
of  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
in  
The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri  
cordially invite you to  
A Celebration of New Ministry  
for**

**The Reverend Doris Colby Westfall**

**Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Holy Eucharist at seven o'clock p.m.  
Reception immediately following  
1551 Bennett Avenue  
Warson Woods, Missouri**

**R.S.V.P. by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**314-966-8909**

**Clergy: White Stoles**

## The Rector's Ramblings

Dear Friends,

We are fast approaching the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. A time when we know, albeit only in part, the great heavenly banquet that has been prepared for us. It is a time to rejoice in the love that God has shown us in his Son and in Jesus' victory over sin and death. But we are not there quite yet. As I write this we still have to travel closer to Jerusalem and experience the watching and waiting, the betrayal and denial. We must stand at the cross and experience the horror of the crucifixion in order to fully participate in the joy of the resurrection. We are still fasting before we feast. Fasting and feasting—a very powerful dichotomy that symbolizes moving from death to life eternal! The following piece speaks to that dichotomy and power and would be a worthy discipline to follow, not only during Lent, but throughout our Christian life together.

### A Discipline

**Fast** from judging others; **Feast** on Christ dwelling in them.

**Fast** from fear of illness; **Feast** on the healing power of God.

**Fast** from words that pollute; **Feast** on speech that purifies.

**Fast** from discontent; **Feast** on gratitude.

**Fast** from anger; **Feast** on patience.

**Fast** on pessimism; **Feast** on optimism.

**Fast** from negatives; **Feast** on affirmations.

**Fast** from bitterness; **Feast** on compassion.

**Fast** from self-concern; **Feast** on charity.

**Fast** from suspicion; **Feast** on truth.

**Fast** from gossip; **Feast** on purposeful silence.

**Fast** from problems that overwhelm; **Feast** on prayer that sustains.

**Fast** from worry; **Feast** on faith.

May all of us experience the fullness of Christ's love for us made perfect in the cross.

May all of us experience nothing short of resurrection during this most holy of times.

I wish you a deepened Lenten experience as well as Easter joy!

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