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THE LION HAS
ROARED –
WHO WILL NOT
FEAR?
THE LORD GOD
HAS SPOKEN –
WHO CAN BUT
PROPHECY?
(AMOS 3:8)

The Lion's Roar

"I found a bird this morning down, down on a little bush at the foot of the garden and 'Wherefore sing,' I said, 'since nobody hears?'

One sob in the throat, one flutter of the bosom. 'My business is to sing,' and away she rose." ("TE DEUM, Seasons of Praise" by Rick Vale)

"My Business is to Sing"

What is life all about? It is a question that practically everyone confronts at one time or another in his life. When we are infants, life is about fulfilling basic needs, getting what we want when we want it. As we grow a little older life becomes about pleasing our parents and teachers. Eventually life becomes about succeeding at academics or sports or music and the natural progression is that life becomes about succeeding financially and professionally.

It is all quite a nice package until someone who has a lovely family, a good job and plenty of everything is miserable. Edwin Arlington Robinson wrote a poem entitled "Richard Cory."

Whenever Richard Cory went down town,
We people on the pavement looked at him:
He was a gentleman from sole to crown,
Clean favored, and imperially slim.

And he was always quietly arrayed,
And he was always human when he talked;
But still he fluttered pulses when he said,
"Good-morning," and he glittered when he walked.

And he was rich – yes, richer than a king –
And admirably schooled in every grace:
In fine, we thought that he was everything
To make us wish that we were in his place.

So on we worked, and waited for the light,
And went without meat, and cursed the bread;
And Richard Cory, one calm summer night,
Went home and put a bullet through his head.

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Rick Vale's "TE DEUM, Seasons of Praise" deals with this question of what life is all about. He begins with that little bird in the garden that sings whether or not anyone hears him because it is his business to sing. He is doing that for which he is created and that is enough. We too were created to sing.

We sing not just words that someone else has written down and set to music. We sing the text of our lives to the beat of the world in which we live. Sometimes that song is discordant and disharmonious. Sometimes that song is glorious – worthy of the angels. But whatever that song is, it is our song and it is our business to sing it.

If we sing to please those around us, our song is false – hypocritical. Anyone can sing a song to please people but it is not his song. We sing only to please God, for it is he who has given us our voice and our rhythm. He has created us to sing praise to him with our lives and when we are centered there, the answer to the meaning of our lives becomes simple – it is our business to sing. The particular melody will change as the score progresses. The instruments will vary. The tempo will alter. The dynamics will depend upon the text. But we sing. And when we are singing to God, we know most assuredly in the deepest place of our heart that we are fulfilling our meaning – our reason for being. It is at those times that all the holes are filled. All the longings are met. And we understand what it all means.

In His Service, 

A Daily Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries

But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 1 Peter 4:15-16

When I ask, "How low do you think someone can go?" I'm not talking about a person who is doing the limbo.

No, I'm speaking about the new moral lowness recently found in Bremerton, Washington. There are many good people in Bremerton, good policemen, too. I'm sure they're just as glad as anyone else that three thieves have been caught.

Understand, these were not ordinary thieves. These were thieves who were going around using counterfeit money to buy Girl Scout Cookies.

We're not talking about buying a car or a vacation home in the Bahamas. We're talking about three people who ripped off the Girl Scouts.

This takes me back to the text for today's devotion, the words of Peter: "Let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or a meddler." In Peter's time, as in our own, there are some very nasty people – people who prey upon the weak and defenseless.

One of the great strengths of Christianity is the fact that the vast majority of us do try to act in a moral, responsible, God-pleasing way. This we do not because we have to, but because we wish to give thanks to the Lord Jesus for having saved us.

By our lives, through the things we do, we are given opportunity to reflect His light of love to a world that is dark, very dark indeed.

As Peter said, that's the way we glorify the name of Jesus.

It's small consolation, but with people stealing from Girl Scouts, our reflected light ought to shine just a little bit brighter and a little further.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, with the things I read in the paper and hear on the news, I am amazed You came into this world to seek and save the lost. I stand in awe of Your love which reaches out to me and those who steal from Girl Scouts. In thanks, let me live my life uprightly so others may see the wonders of Your grace. In Your Name. Amen.

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**Something for Everyone
Rummage Sale**

Trinity Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 1st

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 2nd

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Clothing, Shoes, Toys, Books, Tools, Kitchen
Items, Furniture and Knick-Knacks.

ROAD RALLY - Save the date for a fun filled evening. The "TLC Road Rally" has been set for Saturday, April 24th at 6:45 pm. Meet in the Trinity Center to be part of a team effort to solve clues and determine locations. After the puzzles have been solved, we will party at the "Smelter Shelter". Please sign up in the Church Narthex.....your cost is an appetizer. Any questions, please contact Carol Boettger at 630-832-2544. This is a Parrish Fellowship Event.

Newsletter Deadline

Please keep in mind that I need to receive all materials for the May Newsletter NO later than April 10th. Thankfully there are many ways you can submit articles; I can accept any WORD doc via email jennart64@comcast.net, on CD or you can just mail me any info you have, also you can put a note or letter in the "newsletter" mailbox by the church office. If you have questions I will be glad to help. -Jenn Ellsworth 630.941.1742.

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Joe Alessi

Given by: Marion Alessi

In Loving Memory of Nancy Behenna

Given by: Mr. Robert Behenna

Mr. & Mrs. John Serna

In Loving Memory of Esther Bruschuk

Given by: Elaine Bruschuk

In Loving Memory of Gerry Kaiser

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Mazurk

Mrs. Jeannette Michael

In Loving Memory of Mary Matthews

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Mazurk

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Sheridan

Mr. Jim Van Ewyk

In Loving Memory of David McFarland

Given by: Mr. Jim Van Ewyk

In Loving Memory of Dain Richard Pals

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Pals

LWML Corner.....Don't forget to bring your donations for the Health Kits and Eyeglass Clinics to Church by Sunday, April 18th. These items will be for the Heart-to-Heart ingathering at the LWML Convention hosted by the Detroit Zone, April 23-25, 2010.

Health Kits consist of the following items and will be put together as a servant event at the convention:

- Bar soap
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Men and Women's Deodorant
- Tissue packs
- Hand sanitizer lotion/wipes
- Q-tips
- Disposable Shavers/Shaving Lotion
- Sanitary Pads
- Wash Clothes/Hand Towels
- Adult Christian tracts
- Children Christian tracts/Arch books/Coloring books

Eyeglasses can be new or gently used single vision lens eyeglasses, over-the-counter reading glasses, and non-prescription sunglasses and/or eyeglass cases. (Bifocals, trifocals or broken glasses cannot be used).

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

In Memoriam...

The last few months have seen a generational shift in the world of church music. Four masters, all with strong ties to Chicago, have recently entered paradise. Two of them died on the very same day.

October 30, 2009

Although well known as a concert organist and church musician, **Paul Manz** (1919-2009) is best remembered for his hymn festivals which inspired congregational song around the world. He also composed the internationally acclaimed motet "E'en, So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come." Although his primary church for 37 years was Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Manz's ties with Chicago included attending high school and college at Concordia University in River Forest, and later teaching at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Thank you for the grace of singing with me across the years in good times and in bad, when our words have stuck in our throats and when our eyes have overflowed with joy. It has ever been a Song of Grace: 'Love to the loveless shown that we might lovely be.' I have just been the organist. Thank you for letting me play.

November 7, 2009

Called by many the "church's poet laureate," **Herbert Brokering** (1926-2009) contributed to the church in multiple ways, as a pastor, author, lyricist, speaker, composer, and hymn writer. Two of his are especially beloved: "Earth and All Stars" (LSB 817) and "Thine the Amen" (LSB 680). Brokering also contributed extensively as a peace emissary, making over 100 pilgrimages to Europe, the Middle East, China, and India. For sixteen years after his retirement, he also served Wheat Ridge Ministries in Itasca, Illinois, as a staff associate and writer.

February 18, 2010

Richard Proulx (1937-2010) worked for 14 years at the Cathedral of the Holy Name in Chicago, where he developed the music program to a very high level. He composed over 300 works and served as a consultant for numerous hymnals from several denominations. In 1991, Proulx founded the Cathedral Singers, who produced over twenty-five recordings under his direction.

Proulx excelled in multiple areas of music, as a composer, conductor, music editor, and organist.

February 18, 2010

Richard Hillert (1923-2010) is best known as a music composer and teacher of composition. After serving several congregations as a church musician, he spent most of his career as a music professor at Concordia University in River Forest. Hillert's best-known composition is "This is the Feast," written for the first communion setting of the Lutheran Book of Worship, but he also wrote hundreds of other works, both sacred and secular. His contributions to the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship, leading to the publication of Lutheran Book of Worship and Lutheran Worship, have heavily influenced the development of Lutheran hymnals to the present day.

In Hillert's funeral bulletin, one of his students wrote, *"The first time I ever sang the words of the liturgy, a liturgy that was essential to the development of my understanding of the faith, it was Hillert's music that I sang . . . This is the goal of all church musicians: to help the people of God find their voice so that they may 'join in the hymn of all creation.'"*

Youth Group News

Journeys

Our journey to the National Youth Gathering began months ago. In the beginning many brilliant fundraisers were enthusiastically planned. Some would make crafts to sell, "Santa" offered his lap for kids and pups, and there would be singing Valentines. Others were designated to make phone calls, attend meetings, cook, shop, wash dishes, or carry the garbage. The youth would have to be reminded to work, sometimes repeatedly called back to the task. Raising money isn't easy, but is necessary.

My recent journey back to Chicago began with a poorly managed security line at the L.A. airport. In the beginning people made the best of the inconvenience, passing the time by chatting with each other about travel plans, etc. This necessary but unpleasant part of the trip had to be completed before anyone was able to move on to their destinations.

We've been at this fundraising thing for a long time now with only a little over 4 months left. How this large group will be able to afford to get to New Orleans is on the minds of a lot of people involved with youth ministry. Parents and committee members are getting worn out from the planning and working.

As the clock ticked and the security line crawled anxiety grew at the possibility of not only losing the opportunity for food, drink, or washroom stops before departing, but actually missing flights. Standing in the human traffic jam for more than an hour was causing the weary travelers to become indignant.

Some youth are fortunate to have parents whose gifts include skills and resources to work behind the scenes while other families just have time to show up and lend a hand. A few are not even successful at being able to attend every event. It can become difficult for each person to stay focused on their own hard work without becoming distracted by watching others who don't appear to do enough.

We watched the priority passengers pass us by, and then a group who had flights leaving shortly was allowed to cut ahead of us. People used many tactics to get a better place in line than those of us who had waited patiently for the turn we deserved. Casual conversations came to a halt as travelers saw others getting special attention. It's hard to be friendly with someone who just got preferred treatment.

At this point I'd like to remember that our goal isn't to raise more than \$30,000, it is to get 32 young people to New Orleans to celebrate their relationship with God. With each cup of coffee we pour or phone call that is made we are serving GOD. In our weariness it is difficult to keep our eyes focused on Him rather than ourselves or others and to remember everyone is working for the same goal.

Everyone had a common goal – get on a plane and reach a desired destination. It would have been nice to get to the gate before those who arrived after us, but it didn't really affect the goal. It was a challenge, but the airport employees worked together to take care of ALL the travelers. Fortunately for me a compassionate FTA agent was able to pull some strings so that I got to my gate on time. Barely. However, even if I had missed my scheduled flight I would have eventually made it back to Chicago.

How will the youth afford this trip to New Orleans? I don't know – but God does. Life's journeys are ours to enjoy with God providing for our needs and giving us rest and reassurance as needed. On July 15 an excited group of youth and leaders will board a bus to begin the second leg of this journey started so long ago. The theme for the 2010 National Youth Gathering is "We Believe". I know I do.

Judy Bruschk

February 2010 Financial Comparison

Income	2010	2009	Diff.
Basket	930	486	+444
Unified Envelope	45,395	*48,105	-2,709
Special Envelopes	3,043	1,165	+1,878
Debt Retirement	7,127	6,766	+361
Budget Income	56,495	56,522	-26
Non-Budget Income	779	1,394	-615
Income	57,274	57,916	-641
<u>Expenses</u>			
Budgeted Expenses	64,678	65,649	-971
Non-budgeted Expenses	243	136	+107
Total Expenses	64,921	65,785	-864
General Operating Fund	-7,647	-8,141	-494

Our Income/Contributions are down \$641 though we do have an extra weekend in 2010 vs. 2009. Our expenses are down \$864.

Our General Operating Fund is in the negative \$7,647. We have spent \$849 more each week that we took in.

Should you have any questions regarding this report please contact Warren Sheridan, Treasurer.

Adopt-a-Student Financial Report – 2/28/10

Income	\$931.00
Pending Payment	-566.00
Sent to St. Louis	-365.00
Fund Balance	\$20.00

**New Computer/Phone System Fund (\$29,000 approved by 11/07 Voter's Meeting)
(\$2,500 approved by 11/08 Voter's Meeting)**

Expenses-Computer	
Dell Marketing L. P.	8,346.23
CDW	9,689.67
Chris Saunders - Software	139.30
M.R. Keith & Associates	5,972.57
Expenses-Phone	
Phone	4,964.00
Total Expenses	29,111.77

Income	
Donation by Members	1,000.00
Net Amount Spent	28,111.77

Beginning Balance	\$31,500.00
Total Expenses	28,111.77
Fund Balance (2/28/09)	\$3,388.23

Calendar

April Events

- 1- 6:30 p.m. Boxing
7:00 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
8:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir
- Easter Sunday the 4th -**
9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour
EASTER BREAKFAST
- 5- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Boxing
6:15 p.m. ESL Class
- 6- 6:00 p.m. Boxing
8:00 p.m. AA & Darts
- 7- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
Big House
- 8- 8:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir
- Easter, Sunday the 11th -**
9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour
Dart Tournament
- 12- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Boxing
6:15 p.m. ESL Class
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 13- 6:00 p.m. Boxing
7:00 p.m. Teachings of Christ
8:00 p.m. AA
- 14- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
Big House
- 15- 6:30 p.m. Boxing
7:00 p.m. Bells
8:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir
- 16- 7:00 p.m. Scouts-FH
- Sunday the 18th -**
9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour
- 19- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Boxing
6:15 p.m. ESL Class

- 20- 6:00 p.m. Boxing
8:00 p.m. AA
- 21- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
Seniors - Opera in Focus
Big House
- 22- 6:30 p.m. Boxing
7:00 p.m. Bells
8:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir
- 24- Road Rally
- Sunday the 25th -**
9:15 a.m. Christian Ed. Hour
- 26- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Boxing
6:15 p.m. ESL Class
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 27- 6:00 p.m. Boxing
7:00 p.m. Teachings of Christ
8:00 p.m. AA
- 28- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
Big House
- 29- 6:30 p.m. Boxing
7:00 p.m. Bells
8:00 p.m. Jubilate Choir

April Birthdays

- 1- Howard Ehlers
Debra Musa
- 2- Nicole Cook
Aidan Weiner
- 5- Debra Furlong
Kady Tyree
- 6- Courtney Grote
- 7- Bert Denner
Karen Matthews
Paul Nystedt
- 9- John Cox
Danny Johnson
Annalisa Kunde
- 10- Paul Esposito Jr.
- 12- Gary Johnson
Lee Seeger
- 13- Andrew Apuzzo
Anthony Apuzzo
Grace Finke
Katelin Magnuson
Connor Speers
Jack Speers

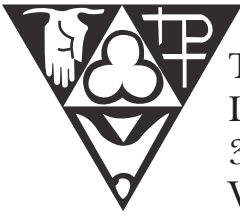
- 14- April Carroll
Connie Graham
Kristi Macholl
Monica Matthews
Sarah Stahlke
- 15- Kim Campagna
Bryan Dale
Lowell Pals
- 16- Bill Peiler
- 17- Grace Cox
Shirley Reese
- 18- John Johnson
Casey Tessler
- 19- Zac Cochran
Pam Jaras
Matt Pansera
- 20- Gary Buehre
Gregory Bukowski
Carol Salas
- 21- Kelli Wysolglad
- 23- Ron Boettger
Derek Bruschuk
Julie Cochran
- 24- Brian Swane
Mike Torrence
- 25- Nicole Pennacchio
- 26- Bonnie Kleinfall
Elizabeth Klewitz
- 27- Mike Meissner
- 28- Gregory Buenrostro
- 30- Sylvia Rabe
Katherine Wysoglad

April Anniversaries

- 3- Wm. & Debra Furlong
- 5- Michael & Cathy Oswald
- 9- Joe & Michelle Korman
- 10- Dave & Debbie Barry
- 14- Dave & Judy Bruschuk
- 16- Rich & Diane Lussow
- 19- Mike & Bonnie Nguyen
- 21- David & Jamie Jones
- 22- Bill & Chris Bennin
Erwin & Grace Finke
- 27- John & Bonnie Cox
Robert & Sylvia Rabe



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A Special Thank You To...

Cooks and Volunteers who donated the delicious food for the Soup Suppers who helped make it happen.

Divine Services – April 2010

<i>Saturday, April 3–</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. Chapel</i>
<i>Easter Sunday, April 4–</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, April 10–</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, March 11–</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, April 17–</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, April 18–</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, April 24–</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, April 25–</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>

Please note that Holy Communion will be served at all of the April Services.