



Crosswinds

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April D&G: *If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat*

D&G

Discovery & Growth is an adult education opportunity that meets most Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30 in the Gardenview Room.

The month of April will center on John Ortberg's book and DVD, *If You Want To Walk On Water You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat*. He focuses on events that took place during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee. Today, just as it was for Jesus' disciples, it is often easier to trust in things, people, or circumstances rather than God. As unlikely as it may seem, real security comes when we step out of the seemingly secure boat and learn that God can be trusted fully, even when the water seems dangerous. Jesus used that eventful night to teach his disciples that he could be trusted and that they needed to get out the boat and walk with him.

The group will view a segment of Ortberg's DVD each week, along with scripture readings, questions, and discussions.

April 6

What's Water-Walking?

Beth Grosen will lead participants in realizing that they, like Peter and the other disciples, face an important choice: to accept Jesus' invitation to step into the adventure and risk of life outside the boat or to cling to the safety of the boat and try to avoid fear and risk.

April 13

Find Your Calling and Get Your Feet Wet!

Julie Anderson-Simonson will guide participants in exploring the significance of Peter's actions on the water. Water-walking requires not only the courage to take a risk but the wisdom to discern God's call.

April 20

Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears

Paul Nicholson will share with members that when we see the wind after stepping out in faith, we can respond in fear. We can wimp out and run and hide. On the other hand, we can become more dependent on God and, through the faith God gives, learn to face our difficulties.

April 27

Good News for Cave Dwellers

Julie Anderson-Simonson will help participants explore what it's like to face life in the cave. When no human action can get us out, when we face something we can't fix or heal or escape, all we can do is trust God. The great gift of living in the cave is discovering that when we have only God, God is enough.

New Member Classes Begin April 6

St. Barnabas will next receive new members on May 4. In preparation for this, a 3-session *Starting* class for new members will be offered on Sunday mornings beginning April 6. The class meets in the Gardenview Room at 9:00 (during the first worship service.) For more information, contact Pastor Chris at 763-553-1239.



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- ◆ STARTING
- ◆ ASPIRING
- ◆ I'VE BEEN BLESSED
- ◆ LEADING THRU SERVICE

Ongoing groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Ross Patton** (763-544-3617) or **Dan Johnson** (763-537-9588).

"Barney's Boys"

Men's study and fellowship group meets every other Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m. at Panera, Hwy 55 & County Road 24. Next meeting is April 12. For more information contact **Bob Murphey** at 763-475-2397 or bjmurphey@comcast.net.

Pastor's Class

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. In April the group reads and discusses the recently released draft of the ELCA Sexuality Statement. New participants are welcome at any time. Contact Pastor Wayne for more information.

JustWomen

Pastor Chris leads these studies:

- "The Cost of Discipleship", Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00. Free child care available. Next meeting April 10.
- The Gospel of John the 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. Next meeting April 15.

Knitters & Crocheters

Work on your own project. All skill levels are welcome. They meet the 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting April 23. For more information, contact **Mary Pestel** 763-559-9138.

Quilters

First Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting April 4. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call **Audrey Johnson** 763-559-4459.

Soup N Bread

The 55 and Better group meets the third Friday of each month for a lunch at church. Next meeting is April 18.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion group gets together on the third Thursday evening of each month of the school year and once during the summer to discuss a novel. New participants (both women and men) are always welcome. One can come on a regular basis or just for a single time. Just contact the host for the evening to let her know you are coming.

April 17: *Water for Elephants* by Sarah Gruen. Host Eileen Rohland, 3851 Linden Dr. W., Medina, 763-557-9408.

May 15: *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Host TBD

Thursday *JustWomen* Study "The Cost of Discipleship"

The Thursday Morning *JustWomen* will begin a new study after a break for Easter. The group resumes Thursday, April 10, and will be reading "The Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Women are encouraged to purchase their own copy of the book. Used books are easy to obtain through Amazon.com or Half.com. Please read the first three chapters in Part I of the book prior to the April 10 gathering.

Thursday *JustWomen* meets every Thursday from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Free childcare is provided. All are welcome. Please contact Pastor Chris with questions.

Blood Drive - May 3

The Memorial Blood Center is bringing its Bloodmobile to St. Barnabas on **Saturday, May 3**, from 9-1:00. Sign up in the narthex or call **Connie Cook** (763-557-7064) or the church office (763-553-1239).

To make sure all our donors are well fed, a pancake breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon and is free to all donors.



St. Barnabas Project at Luther Park April 19

A few folks from St. Barnabas are going to install doors on two cabins at Luther Park near Danbury, Wis. on **Saturday, April 19**. Luther Park is about a 2-hour drive from Plymouth. If you would like to take part in this service project, call **Brian Harless** (763-478-3161) or **Tom Lindberg** (763-557-9547).

St. Barnabas Gets Involved with Thrivent/Habitat for Humanity Project in Ramsey

On Thursday, May 15 and Friday, May 16, St. Barnabas will take a turn with other community groups building a Habitat for Humanity home in Ramsey. 15-18 volunteers (both skilled and unskilled) are needed each of the two days, plus there is a need for people to prepare and serve lunch. There are many ways one can help...and they're not all swinging hammers.

Find out more about this opportunity by stopping by the display in the narthex, or by contacting St. Barnabas member, Adam Wolkenhauer (awolkenhauer@kpmg.com) or phone: 952-486-3263.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal is April “Gift of Love”

The World Hunger Program is the way the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) addresses chronic hunger and poverty around the world and here in the United States.

The World Hunger Appeal, the fund-raising part of the World Hunger Program, collects specially designated offerings and donations from ELCA members, congregations and friends to fund the work of the ELCA and its partners (including Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation) in poverty relief and development.

The ELCA established a World Hunger Program because...

- the Holy Spirit calls us to share in God’s continuing care for all people and for the entire creation;
- God asks us to love our neighbors as Christ loves us; and
- God places us in a global neighborhood, with neighbors near and far who suffer hunger & oppression.

How the World Hunger Program works

The World Hunger Program has four methods of carrying out its work:

- Providing immediate **relief** for people in need

- Providing the means for long-term, sustainable **development** for whole communities
- **Advocating** for justice
- **Educating** members of the ELCA in awareness of issues relating to hunger, poverty and justice

Responding to disasters

In addition to the ongoing work of fighting chronic hunger and poverty, part of the World Hunger (and Disaster) Appeal’s function is to raise funds for the **ELCA’s Disaster Response** program. Other, specially designated offerings and donations, separate from World Hunger funds, are collected to enable the ELCA to respond to short-term events. The ELCA responds to both domestic and international disasters. The ELCA responds to many major disasters each year, both natural and human-caused.

The monthly St. Barnabas “Gift of Love” supports important ministries not included in our regular budget. Your gift might be the change in your pocket or \$5 or \$50. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Thanks for your gifts!



Pastor Wayne Begins 3-Month Sabbatical in May

Pastor Wayne will receive a sabbatical leave during the months of May, June, and July. This will be his second sabbatical, the first taking place in the year 2000. In that year the congregation adopted a policy recommended by the Minneapolis Area Synod that congregations give pastors a 3-month sabbatical leave with pay after seven years of service. This sabbatical was delayed to the eighth year because the Peterson family had both a college graduation and high school graduation last June.

“Sabbatical” is a term people know best in the academic world, with colleges and universities regularly giving tenured faculty a sabbatical leave to continue their studies. In recent years, more and more churches have recognized the value of having pastors get away from the regular routine of the parish for study and renewal.

A sabbatical benefits the congregation as well as the pastor, for the pastor returns with new ideas and insights to help him or her enrich the congregation’s ministry. A couple of ideas that have taken root at St. Barnabas in recent years that are a direct result of Pastor Wayne’s 2000 sabbatical are the columbarium, the long-range landscaping plan, and the introduction of Taizé music to our worship services.

The staff and church council have been making plans for covering Pastor Wayne’s responsibilities during his absence.

In the next *Crosswinds* Pastor Wayne will describe how he plans to spend his sabbatical, a combination of travel, seminars, reading, and writing.

A rite of Blessing and Godspeed for Pastor Wayne will take place at worship services on May 3-4.

Music Notes

Jeff Whitmill



Over the next three Sundays the Senior Choir will be singing anthems based on old hymn tunes, two by London organists and one from an unknown composer in southern Appalachia.

On Sunday, April 6, the 9:00 service will hear *King of Heaven*, a setting by Craig Courtney which incorporates both original music and a setting of the hymn tune *Lauda Anima*, better known to us as #865 in ELW, *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*. *Lauda Anima* was composed by Sir John Goss, who was organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London 1838-1880. He's considered one of the great composers of Anglican music.

The 10:30 service on April 13 will hear one of my favorite hymn anthems: Douglas Wagner's setting of *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*. A corrupted - okay, *edited* - version of the original Isaac Watts text is found in ELW at #782. Why anyone would feel the need to tinker with the words of the first (and arguably, greatest) English hymnist eludes me, but I'm demonstrably no theologian.

The tune, *Resignation*, is one of the most beautiful and haunting melodies in any hymnal - and we've no idea who wrote it. It first appeared in the 1835 hymnbook *Southern Harmony* with no attribution. Whoever wrote it, it's perfect for this version of Psalm 23.

And on April 20 the 9:00 service will hear Carl Schalk's setting of *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*. Schalk, who has provided churches with a wealth of compositions and settings, teaches graduate courses in music at Concordia University in River Forest, IL.

The text is nearly 1400 years old. The hymn *Angularis fundamentum lapis Christus missus est* (translated by John Mason Neale in 1851) was the original hymn for *Lauds*, a Roman Liturgy service consisting of Psalms and canticles (sacred songs).

The tune, *Westminster Abbey*, comes to us from the great English composer Henry Purcell, who served for a time as organ tuner, then, beginning in 1679, organist at Westminster.

Three Sundays, three great hymn anthems - we'll see you there!

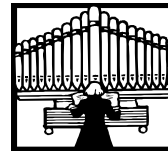


Lunchtime Organ Recital Series Thursday, April 10, 12:30 p.m.

The St. Barnabas Center for the Arts Organ Recital Series offers lunch time concerts on the second Thursday of each month, from 12:30-1:00.

This month's recital features Laura Edman, from Stillwater, MN. Ms. Edman is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Organ Performance at the University of Minnesota; she received her Master's from the Eastman School of Music and is currently instructor of organ at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

A simple lunch is served prior to each recital from 11:30-12:15. Please RSVP for the lunch, 763-553-1239.



Jazz@StBarney's

Café Accordion

Saturday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

We may have to put in a dance floor for this one. An eclectic mix of vintage Swing, Latin, American, and French Café Music, their high level of musicianship and passion for performance makes them an entertaining concert act as well as a great dance band.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for members of the Twin Cities Jazz Society (TCJS), \$5 for students. Free popcorn, coffee and lemonade will be provided; soft drinks will be available for 50 cents.

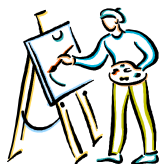


Poetry Smackdown III

Saturday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.,

SBCA's Literature Division will present its last Page-to-Stage program for the season: **POETRY SMACKDOWN III: A Desperate Lunge for Respectability.**

Fresh from their rollicking Evening with Mark Twain, readers **Jane Blake** and **Jeff Whitmill** will offer renderings of works by such contemporary poets as Taylor Mali, Tony Hoagland, Naomi Shihab Nye and Billy Collins. If you like poetry, you'll love the evening. If you think you don't like poetry, Jane and Jeff are pretty sure they can change your mind. Admission is a freewill offering (\$5 is recommended and includes dessert after the program).



April Art Exhibit

From April 2-30, the Gardenview Gallery at St. Barnabas will be displaying "Portals," a solo exhibition of works by Marshall, MN photographer/computer artist **Kim Eliot Henspeter.**

“The Creative Spirit II” Celebrates the Visual Arts, May 3-4

Arts, crafts and hobbies of St. Barnabas members will be featured at “The Creative Spirit II” which will be held at St. Barnabas Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4.

Any type of original art produced by members of St. Barnabas is welcome in the show.

If you have something to exhibit, please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact a committee member to let her know what you would like to exhibit. Call or email:

Val Cook, 763-557-1507
valcookagain@hotmail.com

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clindberg@gmail.com

Lois Troemel, 763-473-4989
bobloist@comcast.net

News & Notes

- **Jessica & Jeremy Malchow** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Paige Nicole, on March 31. Paige weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. and is 20” long. Paige won’t have any trouble getting attention at St. Barnabas as her grandparents (**Chris & Marv Erickson**), great-grandparents (**Karen & Dean Lillie**), and aunt & uncle (**Jennifer & Derek Nelson**) are all part of the congregation. Jeremy’s National Guard unit is preparing to go to Iraq again soon, but he will have a four-day leave at the end of April so he can be home for Paige’s baptism.
- When **Bobby Severtson’s** family joined St. Barnabas two years ago, the timing caused him to miss being confirmed in his previous congregation. This past year Bobby has been receiving confirmation instruction one-on-one with Dennis Manson, Pastor Chris, and Pastor Wayne and at the Saturday worship service on April 12, Bobby will affirm his baptismal covenant in the Rite of Confirmation. Congratulations, Bobby!
- **Julie Hoyme’s** brother, Dave Drawert, is being treated for leukemia, but those efforts have been complicated because a staph infection has taken residence around the pacemaker leads implanted in his heart. Surgery on April 1 successfully removed those leads, but Dave will now continue treatments at higher risk because he no longer has a pacemaker. Please remember Dave and Julie’s family in your prayers.

Education Schedule

Following Easter and
School Spring Breaks,
Lighthouse & Navigator
Confirmation begin again on
Wednesday, April 9
and Good Shepherd School
begins again on
Saturday, April 12.

Service of Prayer for Healing Sunday, April 13

St. Barnabas offers a monthly *Service of Prayer for Healing*. The service is generally on the second Sunday of each month from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

The service is simple: gathering, listening, praying, and (for those who desire it) laying on of hands. Everyone is welcome. Come seeking prayers for yourself or to intercede on behalf of a family member or friend.



Earthkeeping Tip



Remove yourself from unwanted junk mail lists.

Junk mail is one of the leading contributors to our over consumption of paper. It would take 340,000 garbage trucks to haul all of the un-recycled junk mail to US landfills and incinerators every year.

Visit <http://www.newdream.org/junkmail/index.php> to fill out a form to take you off the general junk mail lists.

St. Barnabas' Starfish Ministry

Remember the parable of the starfish? In the parable, a little boy is throwing starfish back into the ocean to save them, one at a time. An observer mocks him for thinking he can help all the hundreds of starfish stranded on the beach.

"What difference can you possibly make?" taunts the observer.

The boy looks down at the starfish in his hand and then flings it out into the ocean. He responds to the observer, "Made a difference for that one, didn't it!"

The "Starfish" ministry at St. Barnabas provides assistance to individuals and families in need. We are again experiencing a time with many pleas for help. Last week, St. Barnabas gave assistance to six households, helping with rent, gas, food, and clothing.

If you would like to make a gift specifically for helping the "starfish" who come to our door, or would like to be contacted when we have a special need, please speak to Pastor Wayne or send him an e-mail at wpeterson@stbarnabaslutheran.org. You may also include your gift in your regular offering envelope, marking it as "Starfish Fund".



PRAYER CHAIN

David Helgen 612-238-5738

Carol Dennis 763-559-7852

Or click on "Prayer Request" on the

St. Barnabas homepage:

www.stbarnabaslutheran.org

Barney's Blarney

Johnny asked his grandmother how old she was.

Grandma answered, "39 and holding."

Johnny thought for a moment then asked, "How old would you be if you let go?"

When the 3-year-old boy opened his birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink.

His mother was not so pleased. She turned to her mother and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?"

Her mother smiled and replied, "Yes, I remember!"

Worship Schedule

Saturdays - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer – Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.

**Service of Prayer for Healing
2nd Sundays, 7:00 p.m.**



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