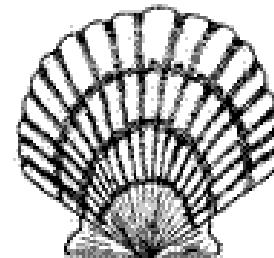


# **The Messenger**

*St. Anne's Episcopal Church*

**February 2008**



## **Forty Days—New Life**

*Dear friends in Christ,*

As someone said to me the other day, Easter is early this year. In fact, Easter is on March 23, which is the second earliest it can be. This means, of course, that Ash Wednesday is virtually upon us. February 6 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The service schedule is shown in the box to the right.

There are many traditions that have grown up around these 40 days of preparation for Easter. First, there is the tradition of ashes on Wednesday. Ashes are the sign of penitence and have been since the time of the prophets in the Old Testament. It has continued in the Christian Churches as signs of repentance. Think for a moment what the word "repent" means. It is actually two words placed together. "Re" means to do something again. "Pence" is derived from the Latin word for "to think." Thus, "repent" means to "rethink." Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, is a time to rethink our relationship with God and our neighbors. There are many ways in which to do this. Some will be offered by the church: extra services, extra study groups.

By the third century A.D., a period of preparation was set aside for persons who desired to become members of the church through baptism and persons who had excommunicated themselves due to their actions (usually denying Christ as Lord in the face of persecution). Both groups looked ahead to Easter as a new beginning in their lives.

Why "forty days"? Forty is a number that appears in the Bible in many places. The story of Noah includes rain for 40 days; the Hebrews under Moses wandered in the wilderness for 40 years; Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness after His baptism by John the Baptist; and, finally, Jesus appeared for 40 days after His resurrection.

Forty weeks is the time it takes for new life to be developed by women and men. The above references to 40 really refer to the creation of new life. Lent should remind us of the opportunity God gives to His people to have a new life with Him and our neighbors if we can truly repent.

I wish you a penitential Lent and a time for new life with new relationships. God bless you all.

*Peace,  
Father Karney*

### **February 6 Ash Wednesday**

#### **Liturgy of Ash Wednesday and Holy Eucharist**

7:00 a.m. Barr Chapel

10:30 a.m. Barr Chapel

7:00 p.m. Town Church

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#### **Wednesday Bible Study Lenten Adult Formation Lenten Suppers**



## **Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays**

Bible Study during Lent will begin Wednesday, February 13, following the 10:00 a.m. Healing Service. The Tree of Life Lutheran Church has been invited to join us and will share in the leadership. We will meet for Bible Study from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon then have a “bring your own sandwich” time of fellowship; coffee will be provided.

Please plan to join us. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## **Lenten Adult Formation on Sundays**

“Lord, teach us to pray....”

Come to the Parish Hall from 9:40 to 10:25 a.m. during Lent to share, learn, and experience different kinds of prayer. Chaplain Louise Howlett will lead the discussion.

- February 10: An introduction to prayer: What is it? Why is it good for us? What does the Bible teach us about prayer?
- February 17: Praying for yourself: petition and confession.
- February 24: Praying for others: intercession and action.
- March 2: Praying in praise: thanksgiving and adoration.
- March 9: Praying without words: contemplation, prayer beads, labyrinths, yoga....

## **Lenten Suppers**

Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6 and 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Father George Karney will be the speaker.

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## J2A (Journey to Adulthood) News

We have a great group of 13 youth who meet every Sunday. We find out a lot about ourselves as well as each other.

If you attend the 10:30 service, you may notice that once a month there have been some youth participants at worship. This is the newest installment of the J2A program. The youth said that they would like to see "how it is done up there," so they decided to take an active part in ushering, being acolytes, reading the Prayers of the People, reading the Lessons, and assisting Father Karney and Chaplin Howlett with the Eucharist. This has truly been a journey of faith, learning, and fun.



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 5, for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper held in the Great Hall. Detailed information will be forthcoming in the Announcements in the Bulletin. J2A will do the cooking, and YAC and Rite 13 will assist with setting up and cleaning up. Donations of supplies for the supper will be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the library door.

On February 9, J2A leaves bright and early for Camp Arrowhead for an overnight "camping" trip. We expect to be back in plenty of time to be the lay ministers at the 10:30 service.

On Friday, July 25, J2A will be packing their bags and heading off to Washington DC for their Urban Adventure! We will be meeting up with another J2A group on Friday morning and jumping right into a service project. What this will be exactly will be a great surprise! We will be returning on Sunday, July 27, with the feeling of great accomplishment mixed with exhaustion.

Last but not least, we will be having the Annual Auction some time this spring. If you have new or gently used items to donate, please seek out any J2A member or leader:

Ryan Cook	Courtney Masterson	Dan Bennett
Rachel Davis	Bryan Schlosser	Lea Hutchins
Jacqui Dessin	Kaci Schmeck	Tom Vail
Riley Foster	Michael Sterrett	Elizabeth Walker
Kelley Halverson	Matt Stevens	
Rachel Machulski	Gavin Willey	
Greg Masso	Alec Wolinski	



*Thank you for your support and prayers.*

*Lea Hutchins*



*January 27, 2008*

**Baptized**

Alexandra Grace Branner  
Quinn Campbell Ellis

**Confirmed**

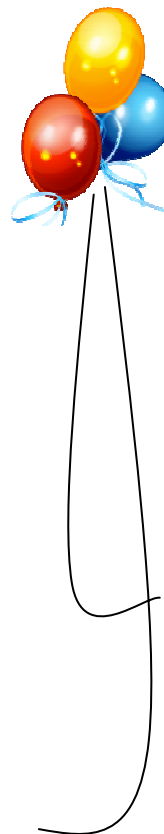
Leah Catherine Lamborn  
Annastasia Katherine Masso  
Brian Donald Smith  
Andrew Thomas Vail  
Brody Ford Widener

**Received**

Susan and Shane Breakie  
Lisa and Bill Detwiler  
Kathleen Rokosz  
Peter John Thedinga  
Susan and Mark Tudor

*February Birthdays*

Michelle Calder 1  
Sam Casalvera 2  
Taylor George 2  
Drew Vaughn 2  
Jonah Tuohy 3  
Evan Adams 4  
Rachel Mandes 4  
Katherine Lawrence 5  
Charlie Wolf 6  
Dave Hipp 8  
Brianna Wade 8  
Dave Blaasch 10  
Kristina Davis 11  
Pamela Schlosser 11  
Kimberly Schlosser 12  
Julie Vail 12  
Pam Brownlee 14  
Bill Hickman 14  
Brian Sands 14



Lauren Barczak 16  
Joseph Sardo 16  
Aidan Ellis 17  
Lindsay Brownlee 18  
Gladys Gardner 18  
Earl Ball 19  
Matthew Blaasch 19  
Wendy L'Heureux 19  
Todd Owens 19  
Christa Pederson 20  
Kimberley Kline 21  
Edward Malcom 21  
Tyler Needham 21  
Diane Lapierre 23  
Samuel Cochran 25  
Hunter Kreshock 25  
Abigail DeFino 26  
Kyler Kreshock 26  
William Rehrig 26

## SNAC Has Become FACTS!

The SNAC Committee has evolved into the present FACTS Committee as we continue on our journey to establish a new house of worship for St. Anne's Episcopal Church. The FACTS Committee will be coordinating the following teams: Financial Feasibility, Architectural Design, Communications, Town Church, and Site Selection. These teams are led by the following individuals: Ron Taylor- Financial; Chris Garrod-Architectural; Sue Norfleet-Communications; Matt George-Town Church; Rachel Mandes-Site.

These teams will be meeting and will share their progress via the bulletin board next to the Cox St. entrance of the Town Church. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time for further information or if you have ideas to share. We look forward to this exciting time in the life of our church!

*Lea Hutchins and Diane J. Dudderar-Foster*



### Notes from the Choir

Our pipe organ has been retired. It has been dying a slow death, and just before Christmas, it gasped out its last note. We have moved the organ from Old St. Anne's to replace the pipe organ so that we may continue to hear the beautiful music the old masters wrote to the glory of God.

The New Year brings a renewed search for a Music Director. Sandra Mather has agreed to continue to lead the choir and play the organ through Easter, and we are extremely grateful to her. One important part of the search is to show that we have a committed choir already and that the parish is interested in a music program.

Our parish membership has doubled in size over the last 5 years, but the adult choir membership has dropped from 20 to 7, and today we do not have an active Treble Choir. Currently, the choir provides traditional liturgical accompaniment every Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service and is called on especially for seasonal services of Christmas and Easter. This past Christmas was a real challenge to the four voices in the choir—two sopranos, one alto, and one bass—and for Sandra to select music for such limited voice parts.

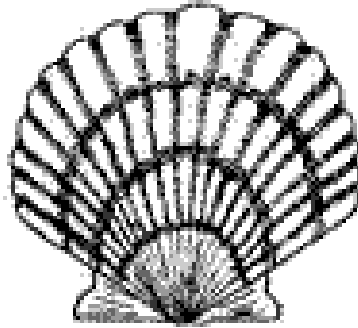
The choir did not think they would be able to produce any kind of music worthy of a Christmas Eve prelude and asked Father Karney if he really wanted them to sing. After all, Sandra was at the ready with organ music as a substitute for choral voices, but Father Karney wanted them to sing. So with the fine music selected by Sandra for the limited voices and with the dedication of the singers, the little choir of four did quite well with the sopranos keeping the group together; the alto singing the soprano, alto, and tenor parts at various times; and the bass singing both tenor and bass parts—not to mention the inclusion of hand bells. (The choir is just so versatile!)

It would be so wonderful to fill the church with enthusiastic voices for Palm Sunday and the Easter services. **If you are even remotely musically inclined and know the joy of balancing the harmony and "making a joyful noise," we invite you to join us, even if it's just for Easter.** Those of you who attend services other than the 10:30 a.m. service are asked to consider singing in the choir for the Easter services. **Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15**, with those attending the 9 a.m. service arriving when the service has ended. This would permit you to attend the service of your choice and yet be a part of the celebratory services of the Easter season.

If you have any questions, please call Paula at 388-0115 or just show up on Sunday downstairs in the choir room (at the foot of the steps going down to the Sunday School rooms).

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We would like to make the Easter season a musically joyous event. Please join us.

## *Discovering the Holy*



*in Ourselves, in our Community, and in the Stranger*