



## April 2010

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### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 01 ..... Maundy Thursday, 8 p.m.
- 02 . Good Friday Eucharist, 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- 03 ..... Labyrinth Walk, Noon
- 04 ..... The Great Vigil Of Easter, 6 a.m.
- 04 ..... Easter Eucharist, 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- 08 ..... Vestry, 7 p.m.
- 11 ..... Taizé, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 ..... Order of St. Luke, 7 p.m..
- 15 ..... Kids' Holy Communion, 6:30 p.m.
- 16-17 ..... Hesus House
- 20 ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m.
- 15 ..... Kids' Holy Communion, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 ..... Women's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 ..... FUNdraiser @ BeeHive
- 18 ..... Jr. Youth Group, 6 p.m.
- 21 ..... Soup Kitchen Precook, 7 p.m.
- 22 ..... Soup Kitchen, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 ..... Free Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m.
- 26 ..... Order of St. Luke, 7 p.m.

*Please submit articles to scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net  
 before April 15 for inclusion in May's newsletter.  
 Note that articles may be edited to fit.*

# APRIL 2010 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>01</b> 8 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	<b>02</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 9 a.m. Eucharist / Noon Stations of the Cross / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 7:30 p.m. Eucharist / 8 p.m. AA	<b>03</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service / Noon Labyrinth Walk
<b>04</b> <b>EASTER</b> 6 a.m. The Great Vigil of Easter, 9 & 10:30 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt	<b>05</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM	<b>06</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>07</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Morning Discussion	<b>08</b> 7 p.m. Vestry	<b>09</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>10</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
<b>11</b> 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 7:30 p.m. Taizé	<b>12</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	<b>13</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Morning Discussion / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>15</b> 6:30 p.m. Kids' Holy Communion / 7 p.m. Practice For "9 a.m. Band" 7:30 p.m. Women's Book Club	<b>16</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA / 11 p.m. Hessed House	<b>17</b> 3 a.m. Hessed House / 8 a.m. AA / 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Rummage Sale / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
<b>18</b> <b>BEEHIVE FUNDRAISER</b> 7:30, 9, & 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 6 p.m. Jr. Youth Group	<b>19</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM	<b>20</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Morning Discussion / 7 p.m. Precook / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen / 6:30 p.m. Kids' Holy Communion / 7 p.m. Practice For "9 a.m. Band"	<b>23</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	<b>24</b> 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
<b>25</b> 7:30, 9, & 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 5 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner	<b>26</b> 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	<b>27</b> 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	<b>28</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Morning Discussion / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>29</b> 7 p.m. Practice For "9 a.m. Band"	<b>30</b> 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	

Please Note:  
Service times  
for Easter are  
6 a.m., 9 a.m.,  
and 10:30 a.m.



# APRIL 2010 SERVER SCHEDULE

## Easter Server Schedule, April 04

### Eucharistic Ministers

6 a.m. Joe Ryan, Diana Brown  
10:30 a.m. Jim Bachman, Needed

### Lectors

6 a.m. Two Needed  
10:30 a.m. Jr. High

### Ushers

6 a.m. Doug Brown, Needed  
10:30 a.m. Jr. High

### Acolytes

6 a.m. Two Needed  
10:30 a.m. Eoin Cottrell, Needed

### Thurifer

6 a.m. Gary Meade  
10:30 a.m. Gary Meade

### Crucifer

6 a.m. Needed  
10:30 a.m. Needed

### Intercessor

6 a.m. Needed  
10:30 a.m. Jr. High

### Altar Bread

Kathy Heikkinen

### Greeter

6 a.m. Diana Brown  
9 a.m. Janet Craft  
10:30 a.m. Jr. High

### Coffee Hosts

Needed

### Home Eucharist

Carolyn Campbell (Rullman)

### Closing

Mike Custer

### Altar Guild

Jody Rullman, Ann Mora, Cynthia Victor

### Flower Guild

Liz Benning, Jody Rullman

### 9 a.m. Host Family

The Mugge Family

April 11

April 18

April 25

May 02

### Eucharistic Ministers

7:30 a.m.	Kathy Mertes Bill Johnson	Diana Brown Doug Brown	Jerry Mertes Kathy Merges	Michelle Moore Gib Moore
10:45 a.m.	Jim Bachman Holly Parks	Joe Ryan Beverly Nesbit	Gary Meade Katie Thomson	Joe Ryan Beverly Nesbit

### Lector

7:30 a.m.	Alan Wolff	Henry Mora	Kathy Mertes	Bill Johnson
10:45 a.m. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Ryan	Jim Bachman	Sharon Miller	Sr. High
10:45 a.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Annie Hollis	Dottie Finatri	Tom Miller	Sr. High

### Ushers

7:30 a.m.	Larry Engel Bill Johnson	Jack Benning <i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>	Fay Viverito Jack Viverito	Wink Bangs Marina Morrow
10:45 a.m.	Tom Flood Katie Thomson	Jan Bach John Hollis	Wink Bangs Jeff Burnett	Sr. High Sr. High

### Acolyte

Sam Nesbit	Carolyn Campbell	Dillon Mugge	Joe Ryan
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### Intercessor

Bo Smith	Wendy Bangs	Kathy Heikkinen	Dalia Bach
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### Altar Bread

Lisa-Ann Barnes	Katie Thomson	Jane Van Nortwick	Beverly Nesbit
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### Greeter

7:30 a.m.	Dorothy Payleitner	Jody Rullman	Diana Brown	Dorothy Payleitner
9 a.m.	Janet Craft	Kathy Hari	Kerri Hildebrand	Janet Craft
10:45 a.m.	Wendy Bangs	Beverly Nesbit	Wendy Bangs	Sr. High

### Coffee Hosts

7:30 a.m.	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>	Women's Cursillo	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>
9 a.m.	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>	Women's Cursillo	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>
10:45 a.m.	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>	Women's Cursillo	<i>Sign Up In Ludtke Hall</i>

### Home Eucharist

Wolff (Craft)	Rullman (Brown)	Graf (Meade)	TBD
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### Closing

Katie Ditch	Karen Flood	Maria Foran	Kathy Heikkinen
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### Altar Guild

Carol Paschal Sarah Travis Annie Hollis	Dorothy Payleitner Diana Brown Maria Owen	Bernice Ludtke Jeanne DeVore Barbara Haase Sandy Parsons	Jody Rullman Ann Mora Cynthia Victor
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### Flower Guild

Carol Paschal Sarah Travis	Carol Paschal Sarah Travis	Dottie Finatri	Liz Benning Jody Rullman
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### Flower Dedication

### 9 a.m. Hosts

The Blane Family	The Custer Family	The Churchwell Family	The Larson Family
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# Order Of Saint Luke The Physician Healing Mission

June 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact Fr. Bill Kruse @ 630-208-6405 or [bandbkruse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bandbkruse@sbcglobal.net) or Dick Hattan @ 630-208-1978 or [richardhattan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardhattan@sbcglobal.net).

With the approval of our Vestry, the Order of Saint Luke the Physician has started the wheels rolling towards a one-day Healing Mission to be held on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. right here at SCEC.

**This** practical teaching session and hands-on demonstration of healing prayer will be led by experienced healing missionary, Fr. Paul Feider. Fr. Feider is an Episcopal priest and rector of Saint John's Community Episcopal Church and Center for Inner Peace in New London, Wisconsin. He conducts a nationally recognized school of healing prayer and has taught healing prayer in Central and South America as well as in Africa.

Fr. Feider discovered healing prayer in 1972 while a student in Austria at the University of Innsbruck. He was visiting patients at a local hospital. One patient had been in a body cast for nine weeks, and he was healed through prayer in a very dramatic way. Fr. Feider indicates that he knew right then that he had to learn as much as he could about healing prayer. He began a serious study of scripture for five years in Seminary. He wanted answers to his questions regarding healing prayer: What did Jesus do? What did His Disciples do? What did the early church do?

*"Of course, the good news is that we don't have to understand the mystery of Christian healing in order to do healing prayer. But we do have to practice prayer," says Fr. Feider.*

If you would like to know more about Fr. Feider and his teachings, check out [www.centerforinnerpeace.com](http://www.centerforinnerpeace.com) and join us for the Healing Prayer Mission in June.

Keep watching this newsletter and *The Pulse* for more information regarding the upcoming mission and help support the mission by purchasing a plant from the current sale.



## April Birthdays

- 01 Mary Zupke
- 04 Jim Lyng
- 04 Andy Meade
- 08 Kevin Enberg
- 09 Lia Johnson
- 10 Joey Samuels
- 11 Larry Engel
- 13 Trann Kelly
- 14 Henry Zupke
- 15 Katie Thomson
- 16 Bremner Quinn Bangs
- 18 David Schuetz
- 20 Fay Viverito
- 20 Andrew Schuetz
- 21 Kathy Heikkinen
- 21 Terry Andrew
- 21 Tom McCracken
- 21 Katie Ditch
- 23 Grace Rhead
- 24 Lilianne Rose Engelhart
- 30 John Zupke

## April Anniversaries

- 10 Michael & Anna Wicks
- 12 Bob & Barbara Haase
- 16 David & Lark Schuetz
- 30 Jack & Mary Kerr
- 30 Rob & Lisa-Ann Barnes



Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

Summer is coming, and we're getting ready to walk back into Bibles times.



## Thanks So Much!

Wow! Once again, wonderful entertainment was performed at our annual YES St. Patty's Day Luncheon! A special thanks to our own very dancers Hannah Barnes, Naimh and Fionnuala Cottrell, and their friends as well as to the Foy School of Irish Dance in Batavia under the direction of Geraldine Foy. Thanks to Lisa-Ann Barnes and Michaela McDaid for organizing our entertainment.

A big thank you again goes to Matt Rhead and sous chefs Joe Ryan, Ed Manning, and Andrew McCullough for all their wonderful culinary skills as the corn beef and cabbage (and stuff) was excellent. Thanks to the many bakers of bread and desserts: Margo Churchwell, Kathy Hari, and Laura Peyton.

Thanks to all that helped to set-up and especially clean up: the Barnes Family, the Churchwell Family, the Ditch Family, the Rhead Family, and the Peyton Family.

As you can see, a great team of volunteers is needed to help make this an enjoyable afternoon for all. Mark your calendar next year, the Sunday before St. Patty's Day to come join the fun.

**-Kathy Hari**

## Help For Jobseekers

Contact Bo Smith @ 630-262-9512 or [bosmith99@aol.com](mailto:bosmith99@aol.com).

Unemployment in Kane County is at its highest point in 27 years: 12.3 percent, but SCEC has a Jobs Ministry that can help.

**First, if you're newly unemployed, let Father Bill or Deacon Liz know and ask them to add you to the church prayer list.** In addition to the importance of the power of prayer, letting them know is a valuable way to get the word to our Jobs Ministry. **The SCEC Jobs Ministry works primarily as a networking and referral service.** The Ministry also provides resources for those in need.

Check out the resources available on the bulletin board labeled "Our Jobs Ministry" in Ludtke Hall. This board displays a listing of local job fairs and clubs, as well as brochures, and articles with job hunting tips. You'll see, for example, that **a job fair is coming Thursday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Waubensee Community College's Academic and Professional Center in Sugar Grove.**

You'll also see information on job clubs like **The Tri-Cities Unemployment Group (TUG) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles ([www.tricityug.org/](http://www.tricityug.org/)).** TUG is a job club that works on the theory that attendees try to help each other find jobs, so you have dozens of people watching for a job for you.

You will also find details about other resources including the Lisle Township Job Club (which is open to anyone), Community Career Center, and LDS Employment Services.

The Jobs Ministry works. Several parishioners have found jobs through the Ministry, and we'd like to help you or your friends. The Ministry has recently received a generous donation, and we welcome your ideas on how to best use the money. If you'd like to become an active member of the Jobs Ministry, contact Bo Smith, but you can also be involved simply by praying for those who are unemployed or underemployed or letting us know of an open position that matches what we're looking for.

You'll find the names of some parishioners who are unemployed or underemployed on the prayer list in the back of *The Pulse*. There are others not listed. We are currently looking for positions for a priest/social worker, IT professional, music teacher, commercial furniture salesperson, photographer/cartoonist/graphic artist, administrative assistants, writer/reporters, and more. If you know of any of these positions available, or have a networking contact, please let us know.



Thanks to Tonya Foust for the photos.

## Walking The Labryinth

**April 3, Noon**

*Contact Carol Townsend @ [carol.townsend@gmail.com](mailto:carol.townsend@gmail.com) or 630-681-0311.*

On the first Saturday of every month, parishioners and friends gather at noon at St. Charles Episcopal Church to walk one of our labyrinths. We have a wonderful outdoor stone labyrinth, set among the trees with benches alongside. The outdoor labyrinth is available any time day or night, every day of the year.

For inside use, we have a new canvas labyrinth, dedicated this past May when we retired our old canvas labyrinth. For our March labyrinth walk, we cleared the carpeted space of Ludtke Hall and laid the labyrinth out there. Sunlight streamed through the windows, gentle music played, creating a relaxing, holy experience.

The first Saturday in April is Holy Saturday—the day between Good Friday and Easter. The labyrinth is a tailor-made tool for meditation on this day. As you walk into the labyrinth, consider Christ’s journey to the cross. As you reach the center, join Him in his tomb. As you walk out, rejoice that He rose again.

Come and walk the labyrinth with us at noon on Saturday, April 3. Take the time to reflect on Christ’s sacrifice for us and anticipate the joy of the resurrection.

## How To Walk A Labyrinth

The Labyrinth is an archetype, a divine imprint, found in all religious traditions in various forms around the world. By walking a labyrinth, we are rediscovering a long-forgotten mystical tradition of meditation and prayer.

So how **do** you walk a labyrinth? What if you do it wrong? There is no wrong way to walk a labyrinth. Really. However, the following are some practices that many people have found helpful.

Quiet your mind. Pause at the entryway to allow yourself to be fully conscience of the act of stepping into the labyrinth.

Follow your own pace. Feel free to pass a person who is walking slower. If you meet another person coming toward you on the path, step to the side. Silently greet them or avoid eye contact if you want to keep in a meditative state. When you reach the center, pause to reflect before you begin your journey out.

Walk the labyrinth with an open heart and mind. Each time you walk the labyrinth you become more empowered to find and do what your soul is seeking.

Just walk and listen.



## Clergy Notes

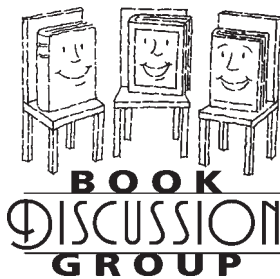
Writing this month's article is always difficult because you will be reading it in Easter, and I am writing it in Lent. Wrapping your mind around these two very different realities is tough. Here at St. Charles we are an Easter people. We live out the new life of the Resurrection every day. Adapting to the rigors and austerity of Lent is hard for us. After much practice and four weeks of hard work, we are finally getting the hang of it. The changes in liturgy and music are beginning to settle in. Our prayers are a bit more sedate and self-reflective. We are looking inward.

One of the prayers that we pray during the beginning of Lent goes like this:

*"By [God's] grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again."*

With this prayer, we remember how much there is that separates us from God, and how God reaches across that gulf. As Lent continues, however, and the Passion of Jesus draws closer, that prayer changes to:

*"You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you."*



## Women's Book Group

**April 15, 7:30 p.m.**

Contact Wendy Bangs @ 630-377-1174 or [wsbangs@aol.com](mailto:wsbangs@aol.com).

In April, we are reading the old classic by Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The book is available in libraries, at book stores, and downloadable online.

Why was Stowe a prophet? Why was this book controversial? What does it have to say to us in America today? Join us on Tax Day to share your thoughts.

With this prayer, we begin the turn outward. The grace we have been given is not for us alone but is to be used for the Kingdom of God. Through this activity the grace we have been given comes to its fullness. In the blast of hope and joy that comes with the Easter remembrance of Christ's resurrection, we again enter the world as a potent sign of God's grace and love. We can hold it in no longer!

This year, we have moved the Great Vigil of Easter from Saturday night to Sunday morning at 6 a.m., celebrating it as a sunrise service. Beginning in the pre-dawn glow we will kindle the new fire of Easter and hear again the grand story of God's continual story of salvation. As the sun returns to the sky, we will celebrate the Son's return from death, his victory over death, with song and music and prayer. All wickedness will be put to flight and all sin washed away, as heaven and earth are joined, and humanity is reconciled again to God. This is the day we wait for all year. It is the day we celebrate every Sunday. It is the first of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, a non-stop celebration of Resurrection.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

See you in Church,



# FELLOWSHIP

## Food & Fundraiser

**April 18, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

*Contact Christy Becker @ 630-377-4369 or knitterchristy@sbcglobal.net.*

Join us at The Beehive Tavern & Grille at 204 West Main Street (Route 64) in St. Charles from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 18 for food and fellowship while raising money for SCEC. The Daily Herald says, "The Beehive could easily take the sting out of a tough or dreary day." The Beehive offers good food and a warm welcoming atmosphere. Check out a menu at [www.thebeehivestcharles.com](http://www.thebeehivestcharles.com).

## High School Mission Update

*Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or sccecyouth@sbcglobal.net.*

**Thanks to** your generous donations, the High Schoolers will once again participate in their annual mission this summer.

On Monday June 7, many of the High Schoolers and their leaders will leave for Prestonsburg, Kentucky, where they will lend their skills and energy to the "Mission in the Mountains." This program helps those in the community who have difficulty caring for themselves. For four days, the group will work on making St. James more mission group friendly by building showers. They will also make home repairs and improvements for the low income and elderly of St. James' parish and community.

The High School group has gone to Kentucky before. In June of 2004, the group went to do the same sort of work. Unbeknownst to them, Eastern Kentucky had terrible floods a week before their arrival. The mission became a flood-relief project as they helped five families struggle to recover from the disaster, giving the youth an opportunity to find Christ in a totally different environment. Since then, they have returned several times, each time taking on new tasks and giving their all in the name of Christ.

Thank you for your financial support, as it has enabled these important missions to continue. This is another way the family of SCEC has responded to Christ's call to "tend my sheep" from John 21:16. May we continue to serve the Lord with willing hands and loving hearts, supporting one another in prayer.



## Free Concert!

**April 24, 7:30 p.m. & April 25, 7 p.m.**

As a gift to the community, Heartland Voices presents this FREE! concert featuring the music of English composers George Frederic Handel and John Rutter. This concert also features a newly commissioned work by American composer Eric Whitacre. Beverly Nesbit will be a soloist in the Saturday concert. Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Elgin and Sunday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at St. Marcelline Catholic Church in Schaumburg.



**Please add:**

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# What's Up In Kids Formation?

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

**Easter is almost here; We can't wait to say "A-----a" again!**

April in the classrooms is full of fun and activity. The **Purple Atrium** (preschool) is busy learning about Jesus and the stories He told. The **Green Atrium** is learning more about our church. The **Blue Atrium** is learning about the disciples.

Meanwhile, the **Middlers** are working on lessons that will teach them the importance of stewardship and charity, the **Jr. High Class** is getting to know the Bible better, and the **Sr. High Class** is preparing for their Mission Trip. The location will be Prestonsburg, KY in the Appalachian Mountains.



**April 4, 10:10 a.m.**

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

Children 3- to 10-years-old can come hunt eggs. Older children can find the more difficult to locate eggs.

Easter egg stuffers are needed. Please contact Liz R. at the church for more information.



**April 16 to 18**

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

Kids from seventh through twelfth grade are invited to participate in the upcoming Jr. / Sr. High Retreat to be held April 16 to 18 at Camp Algonquin (where Camp Chicago is held). See Liz Ryan for more information.



**May 16**

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or [scecyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scecyouth@sbcglobal.net).

Bishop Scantlebury **will receive or confirm anyone who is interested during his visit to SCEC on Sunday, May 16.** Those interested should contact Liz Ryan by **April 15**, so that meetings with Fr. Bill can be set-up and arrangements with the Diocese made.



**April 4**

The Great Vigil of Easter will be held at 6 a.m. on Easter morning (April 4), in lieu of a Saturday evening service. Eucharists will also be held at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on April 4.

# SCEC At Hesed House

Contact Wink Bangs 630-377-1174 or [wdbangsjr@aol.com](mailto:wdbangsjr@aol.com).

SCEC has been helping Hesed House since 1985, when a parishioner spent a weekend with his business service group cleaning out the no-longer-ecologically-correct Aurora city incinerator building that was to become a permanent overnight shelter. Prior to this community effort, the “pads” had been moved from church basement to church basement to provide shelter for those in need. Like the Soup Kitchen Ministry, Hesed House may have been an SCEC Lenten Project that has sustained itself for 25 years.

We now serve 120 to 150 men, women, and, unfortunately, an increasing number of children at **PADS** on the third Friday night, through Saturday morning, of each month. Four to six volunteers cover the 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift supervising the sleeping areas (Bring a good book.), making 160 sandwiches for 80 sack lunches for those guests who are working on Saturday, and enjoying some lively, but quiet, conversation. Six to eight volunteers enjoy a great deal of lively conversation from 3 to 7 a.m. during the preparation and serving of breakfast for 100 to 120 men, women, and children.

A monthly labor pool of 10 to 15 persons (not all of whom come from SCEC) cover these two shifts. Our labor pool is faithful, with almost the same people volunteering each month. If you would like to join us—even for

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• **HESED.** A movement of  
• those concerned for the  
• dignity, survival, and  
• reclamation of homeless,  
• hungry, and hopeless  
• people.

• **HESED HOUSE.** A place for  
• ministries: to feed the  
• hungry; to clothe the naked;  
• to shelter the homeless; and  
• to give people the chance to  
• hope again.

• **HESED HOUSE, INC.** A  
• not-for-profit coalition of  
• ministries serving the very  
• poor in the Fox Valley area.

• **PADS (Public Assistance  
• Delivering Shelter).** One of  
• the largest shelters in  
• Illinois, serving 150+  
• homeless men, women, and  
• children each night.

just one time—let Wink Bangs, Ed Manning, or Joe Ryan know of your interest, and a slot will be arranged for whichever shift better matches your sleep cycle.

Our lunch and breakfast **supplies** cost about \$150 a month and, historically, have been covered by the church’s annual budget. **Unfortunately, our \$1800 annual supplies budget was reduced to \$500 for 2010.** We now hope to fund the Hesed House Ministry as successfully as the Soup Kitchen has for 25 years with parishioners signing up to **(1)** buy and bring in the

supplies we need, **(2)** provide the funds for specific supplies (and we’ll buy them), or **(3)** provide the funds for individual meals (We provide about 200 meals a month at a cost of \$150 or 75¢ per meal.). March was almost fully subscribed.

A **fourth** giving option was offered after one parish family responded generously following the annual meeting by “**going all in**” with support for an entire month. After hearing this option, Vernetta and Ed Cohen responded by providing support for an entire month as well in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Seven more families have generously followed in their footsteps. We are definitely a little church with a big heart.

We will continue the Hesed House Supplies Sign-up Sheet. If our abundance exceeds the \$1,800 required to fund out ministry, any excess will be directed to restoring our \$500 annual contribution to the general mission of Hesed House—a cash donation that had been made for more than 20 years but has not been made since 2007 due to budget constraints.

Thank you to all who are keeping our Hesed House ministry vibrant with their time, their talent, and their treasure! If you would like more information about our ministry at Hesed House, please do not hesitate to contact Wink Bangs.



## From The Warden

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Hi folks! I am taking the opportunity to write the Warden article this month; I guess it is about time you heard from me. By now, I have attended one “get-to-know-you” meeting with Kathy H., two Vestry meetings, one Vestry retreat, and one Executive Committee meeting. I will be participating in ministries under the Outreach umbrella including

Assimilation ■ Communications  
■ Evangelism ■ Companion Relationships ■ Labyrinth ■ Every Member a Minister ■ Social Justice

Besides a data dump of my activities, there is something I wanted to share; Something I learned. Kathy and I are polar opposites in many areas. She is a Democrat; I am Republican. She is short; I am tall. She has a son; I have a daughter. She is quiet and reserved; I am—not! Despite these differences, we are finding lots of common ground on our views of the church and where we can help move our parish forward. We have similar styles in running meetings. We are both crazy busy in our lives but will make any amount of time available for any needs you may have.

As I get more knowledgeable about current projects and/or issues, I will report them to you in this newsletter. Until then, have a wonderful Lenten season and enjoy the coming of Spring.

Peace,

**Margo Churchwell  
Jr. Warden**



## Time To Renew PaySimple

Contact Mark Mugge @ 630-513-6641 or mugge1617@comcast.net.

PaySimple does not automatically renew; **Please remember to renew your subscription before it expires.** Contact Mark Mugge with questions or if you have trouble logging in.



## Come Garden!

April 3

Contact Wendy Bangs @ 630-377-1174 or wsbangs@aol.com.

“Lay Weeders” plant the outdoor flower pots and tend the gardens around the church. If you would like to assist with the stewardship of our beautiful grounds, please sign-up in Ludtke Hall or call Wendy Bangs. The first planting of the flower pots will be Easter Saturday, April 3. Summer weeding training is available to interested novices. All ages welcome.

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## April 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Donations Needed

*Drop-off begins after church on April 11.*

### No Large Appliances Please

clothing ■ sports equipment ■ books ■ records ■ housewares  
holiday decorations ■ baby items ■ home decor

### Chairs/Volunteers Needed

*Contact Marina Morrow at 630-587-8335 or mmorrow@elgin.edu  
or Wendy Bangs @ 630-377-1174 or wsbangs@aol.com.*

Two more co-chairs are needed to assist in organizing the sale. Volunteers are needed to set-up after church on April 11, to sort and price things during the week, work the sale, and clean up the sale.

**Join in the fellowship and fun. Please sign-up in Ludtke Hall.**