



LORÍCA

February 2008

priest's message

Lenten message

Easter takes a lot of understanding - a real desire to enter its mysteries. The crucifixion and resurrection are historical events that happened almost 2,000 years ago. Unlike most historical events, whose impact on their contemporary environment was the whole story, Good Friday and Easter also have a present day reality by continuing to direct and challenge the internal life of people today, as events of contemporary faith. Thus, Christ on the cross confronts me again today. The Resurrection is for me, the Christ let loose in the world, and with whom I and all who seek Him have dialogue. Thus, these are not just historical events, but events that continue to impact the present inner landscape of many who are engaged in the pursuit of an inner life as contemporary activity.

In preparation for Easter, it is traditional for us individually, and as a church, to enter a time of introspection, self-discipline, sorting through what is important or valuable and deciding what needs to go. I will be conducting a meditative series on Wednesday nights during Lent. Each will begin with a simple soup and bread supper starting at 6:30 p.m. The basis for these meditative events will be a series of Parables which Jesus introduced with the words, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like." These contain the essential teaching of Jesus about faith development; in fact they are like an instruction manual.

The temptation for earnest Christians, and the historical church, has been to use these parables as parables of judgment and interpret them as being about us and our actions. I believe they contain instruction about how God works within each one of us. They are about the Divine, and what He/She wants for us. They are a primer for the internal life.

What, though, is the tie-in between these Parables and the stories of the Crucifixion and Resurrection? Without these latter events I would have little desire or ability to enter the complex arena of the internal life. So what is the connection between these Parables and the events of Holy Week? Come and see.

- Fr. Peter Snow

The Lorica's mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ through communication, information, education, and wholesome entertainment.

We intend to make quality and substance a priority and to provide a safe forum for dialogue on the spiritual and social issues of the day in which divergent views are treated respectfully and without judgment.

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senior warden's message

In God's perfect timing, I've been asked, and I've accepted, to be Sr. Warden for St Hilda St Patrick in 2008.

My employment at Safeco Insurance ended on December 31st. My position there was as a manager of a process that crossed all IT department bounds. In addition to managing the process and improving it where necessary, I 'worked the process', which was to bring people together to identify and resolve the causes of failures in technology. These causes were sometimes technical in nature but often were breakdowns of communication, documentation, or procedures. The skills I developed and used for both the managing of and the executing of the process will be very appropriate for much of the Sr. Warden work.

It is a good time for me to take on the Sr. Warden role. If I were working full time, I would not be able to give as much time and energy as I can now. Unfortunately, I do expect to start employment again this spring, so I'll have to make an adjustment when that happens.

I would appreciate your prayerful support as I follow God's leading through this coming year.

Jane Tuttle



Choir Has New Robes

Have you noticed? The choir has new robes! The robes and scapulas are color coordinated with the colors in the sanctuary. And many thanks to Rose Ericson who sewed and serged and magically created our stunning new look!

Cookie Bake

WHAT? **Cookie Bake**

WHERE? **Church Kitchen**

WHEN? **March 1, 10 a.m.**

WHO? **Anyone & everyone**

WHY? **KAIROS #36 at
WCCW (Purdy)**

You are all invited to the cookie bake. If you prefer, you can make, bake, and bring cookies to the church. Using prepared cookie mix is perfectly acceptable. If you come to the cookie bake, bring your ingredients and cookie sheets.

The cookies should be 2 to 2 1/2 inches in diameter and no more than 1/2 inch thick. Sprinkles, nutmeg, and poppy seeds are no-no ingredients. Cookies should be packed (after thorough cooling) in gallon-size zip-lock bags. Favorite recipes include peanut butter cookies, oatmeal cookies, and rice krispie treats.

I am part of the ecumenical team that will be at Purdy from March 6 through March 9. Each member of the team is expected to provide 100 dozen cookies – yes, you did read that correctly – 100 dozen homemade cookies!!!! The cookies will be distributed throughout the weekend to all the residents and staff.

Not only do we need cookies – we need your prayers.

Please call me with questions, advice, and promises of cookies!

*God's Peace,
Sue Shepherd*

Mother Cynthia Writes...



I carry maps in my car, and I use them. I have a strong, plastic coated map of the Edmonds/Lynnwood/Mukilteo area right behind the drivers seat of my Volvo wagon. I also use MapQuest and Google maps to find my way. But I can't seem to convince my daughter to use the maps that we carefully gave her when she received her driver's license. She prefers to just use MapQuest and follow the directions. The problem is MapQuest only works if you know exactly where you are starting from, where you are going, and that you can read the street signs when it is dark, raining and there are no streetlights. MapQuest directions are not helpful if you get lost and don't have a good understanding of the area. We have received more than one call from Madeline saying "Where am I and where do I turn?" as if we had a tracking system installed in her car and from home could instantly pinpoint where she was. Parents may have eyes in the backs of their heads – but we just aren't quite able to plug into the satellite system quite yet!

I don't know about you, but I have an affinity for things that provide for greater clarity and insight right now, especially when the way ahead is unknown. I like to use resources that let me see a bigger picture of where I am and where I am going. Over the next several months we will be discerning and listening to one another. We don't have a precise roadmap, but we do have the Gospel and the grace of God to let us see the bigger picture of where we are going, what we are to do, and how to travel together. The best way I know how to find clarity and insight is to

listen as we forge ahead with all these changes at St. Hilda St. Patrick. Listen to God, listen to each other and to check out our assumptions; clarifying what it is we hear from each other.

No doubt you have many questions of me, such as how do I like to organize things? Where am I willing to let go, and what do I cling to? What happens when I'm stressed? What are my idiosyncrasies that you will get used to? Am I always so full of energy?

Likewise, I have questions of you, such as what is your greatest hope for St. Hilda St. Patrick? How would you like to build the Kingdom of God starting within our community? What are those things that might hold us back from building the Kingdom of God? What things are you willing to let go and what do you cling to?

One goal that I have in these next 6 months is to be able to have time with every person who calls St. Hilda St. Patrick their church home. I hope that with the help of the discernment group we can set up dinners, lunches, teas and other small gatherings so that by June I have been able to listen to each of you, and you have been able to listen to me. I want my map of the Edmonds/Lynnwood/Mukilteo area to be well worn! By having these gatherings, you will get to know me better, and I will have a much better sense of this community.

I am excited about being with you! God has indeed done a marvelous and surprising thing by bringing us together. We may wander around as we discover new things about each other, but we won't get lost. I trust that God keeps us firmly on course.

Early Childhood Development Questions from Parishioners

At the annual meeting, you had the opportunity to hear a little bit about a potential ‘early childhood development’ program that may be established on the church property. The Bishop’s Committee has been in discussion about this for several months, and has been asking a lot of questions, and we knew you would have comments and questions about it. We wanted to have the presentation at the meeting so you would be up-to-date and involved. Due to available time, and due to the fact we are early in the process of discussing this so we don’t have a lot of answers, we requested your questions and comments in writing. We are reproducing them here so you can see what people have said and asked. You will be hearing more about the possible program and will have multiple opportunities to hear more and to ask more questions. And, you will get answers to these questions. Note that at this point we are discussing remodeling space in the class room area to be much more usable to us as a church, and so that it can be rented out to a ‘preschool’. We are also making sure that the program being presented to us is economically viable, will be well managed, and that we want them to be established on our premises. Feel free to contact Cynthia, Peter, Jane Tuttle, Don Stapleton or Carol Lewellen with any questions or suggestions you have.

Question #1

- Demographics – all well and good, but theoretical. Have you actually checked with local preschools to see how many have waiting lists? We know local preschools that have closed or cancelled classes because the population demographics in the area have resulted in fewer children in the area. Elementary schools are seeing declining enrollment as well.

- Outreach – our kids went to a very well run and funded church-run preschool. I’m talking to parents of kids in the program. Not one family joined that church as a result of the preschool. Outreach is fine, just don’t set an expectation of getting a lot of new members out of it.

Question #2

- Years ago (before the new church), when Hal Mably set up the memorial fund, we had discussed the possibility of initiating a program that combines pre-school/daycare with senior day care. Any possibility of bringing seniors into regular interaction with children in this program?

Question #3

- The Edmonds area pre-schools are emptying and so do not have waiting lists and the school district is planning on declining enrollment. Not sure about Mukilteo School District.

Question #4

- Does our church insurance cover all aspects of sponsoring a child care facility on the premises?
- Have we contacted other churches currently providing space for child care to hear their experiences?
- Congregation/Leadership needs to be aware of the many liability issues involved.
- Would we have to remove any religious symbols from the classroom area during the week?
- We need to have a specific agreement covering the expectations of both the child care facility and the church.

Question #5

- How many children will be enrolled? How many teachers? What will be the adult-child ratio?
- How much will it cost per family?
- Are the classes divided by age?
- Who is paying for building improvements?
- What will the church get – financially – from the childhood center?
- What about heat, lights, water consumption?
- I am concerned with the separation of church and school budgets.

I worked at the preschool that is associated with the Harbour Pointe Lutheran Church. They developed some serious problems with the church using the preschool’s funds. Everything needs to be spelled out clearly before we proceed.

- Does the school pay the church a flat monthly fee or does the



February Birthdays

- 2 Richard Romero
- 4 Mary Magill
Melody Oxley
- 5 Dorothy Kiest
Janet Kowalski
- 6 Jay Skidmore
- 9 Nolan Callahan
Nora Cheek
- 14 John Heberling
- 20 Mollie Davis
- 21 Lesley Lofstrand
- 22 Jeff Harrison
- 28 Jennifer Mello-e-Souza

Events in Lent & Holy Week

Wednesday evenings during Lent, as is our custom, a **Soup and Bread Supper** will be held in the parish hall, followed by the Lenten program. These will be on February 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12. Supper begins at 6:30 p.m, with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please let the office know if you plan on attending so we can be sure there is enough soup and bread and you want to bring soup and/or bread, let the office know that, too.

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** on March 16th. Regular services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

A Seder Dinner is planned for **Maundy Thursday**, March 20th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a service of Holy Communion. If you would like to participate, please let the office know so the planners can contact you. There are a limited number of seats available for the Dinner.

We will have a **Good Friday** service March 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us in this solemn ceremony, remembering our Savior's death on the Cross.

The **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** service is March 22nd at 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service includes the lighting of the Paschal candle. This is a beautiful service, and we welcome you.

Easter Sunday is March 23rd. There will be ONE service at 9:30 a.m., followed by brunch.

Hey Diddle, Diddle Auction Results

The Hey Diddle, Diddle Auction was held on October 12, 2007.

95 attendees enjoyed wine, a gourmet buffet and music at \$15 each	\$1,425
Silent auction of 53 items	6,928
Raffle.....	380
Country store.....	141
Dessert auction - nine desserts.....	152
Additional revenue.....	230
	<u>\$9,256</u>
Less expenses	(793)
Total	<u>\$8,463</u>

Sans Souci Trio

Jeffrey Cohan - flute, Ronald Patterson - violin, George Shengrow - harpsicord. Trio Sonatas by Johann Sebastian Bach and CPE Bach plus spirited 20th Century trios for old instruments by Jacques Ibert and Bohuslav Martinu. Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 215 Mukilteo Boulevard in Everett. + free-will offering + youth 18 and under free

Schedules for Hospitality Teams, Greeters, Ushers and Altar Guild for February 2008

Ministry

Altar Guild

	Lent I February 10	Lent II February 17	Lent III February 24	Lent IV March 2	Lent V March 9
8:00	Rosemary Harris Team B	Rosemary Harris Team B	Rosemary Harris Team C	Rosemary Harris Team C	Rosemary Harris Team D
10:30	Maria Han Paige Seaborg		Debbie Lindhardt Nancy Smith Jill Johnson		Janet Kowalski Melody Oxley Rosemary Stapleton

Rite I - 8:00 a.m.

EM	Mary Gates	Jane Tuttle	TBD	Nancy Smith	Valerie Kelley
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Hospitality

Team	Carol Lewellen <i>Light Breakfast</i>	Jane Tuttle <i>Full Breakfast</i>	Eileen Bernat <i>Light Breakfast</i>	John Herberling <i>Light Breakfast</i>	Martha Walker <i>Light Breakfast</i>
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Greeters

	April & Glenn Cooper	Debbie & Lars Lindhardt	Don Kelso Richard Lee	April & Glen Cooper	Pat & Jim Allendoerfer
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Ushers

	Janet Eaton Don Kelso	Gwynne Briggs Martha Walker	Rosemary & Don Stapleton	Melody Oxley Mary Helen Roberts	Debbie & Lars Lindhardt
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Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

Reader	Chris Kelley	Patricia Payne	Mary Ellen Gardiner	Charlotte Pratt	Valerie Higgins
Psalm	Bryn Kelley	Gwynne Briggs	Amy Adams-Squire	Marcos Valle	TBD
EM 1	Richard Lee	Mary Magill	Carol Lewellen	Nancy Smith	Mary Gates
EM 2	Valerie Kelley	Sam Magill	Sue Shephard	Ray Smith	Richard Lee

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite I 8 am • Breakfast & Education 9 am • Rite II 10 am • LDTOGICCC* 1 pm • <i>The Expedition, parish hall, 6 pm</i> 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm • Music Lessons 11:00 am • <i>Al-Anon 7 pm</i> 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer at Chateau Pacific 1:30 pm • Mardi Gras 7pm Sanctuary • <i>Scouts 7 pm</i> 	6 ASH WEDNESDAY services at 8am, noon, 7pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDTOGICCC* 6 pm • <i>Camp Fire Group 6:30pm</i> 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Lessons 4pm • Choir Practice 7:30 pm • <i>AA 7:30 pm</i> 	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Group, Marcos Restaurant, 8 am
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite I 8 am • Breakfast & Education 9 am • Rite II 10 am • LDTOGICCC* 1 pm • Youth Eucharist 5 pm • <i>The Expedition, parish hall, 6 pm</i> 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm • Music Lessons 11:00 am • <i>Al-Anon 7 pm</i> 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Scouts 7 pm</i> 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup & Bread Supper 6:30pm • Lenten Program 7pm • LDTOGICCC*, Sanctuary, 6 pm • <i>Camp Fire Group 6:30 pm</i> 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Lessons 4pm • Choir Practice 7:30 pm • <i>AA 7:30 pm</i> 	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Stitches 10 am
17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite I 8 am • Breakfast & Education 9 am • Rite II 10 am • BC Meeting • LDTOGICCC* 1 pm • <i>The Expedition, parish hall, 6 pm</i> 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm • Music Lessons 11:00 am • <i>Al-Anon 7 pm</i> 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Eucharist at Chateau Pacific 1:30 pm • <i>Scouts 7 pm</i> 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup & Bread Supper 6:30pm • Lenten Program 7pm • LDTOGICCC*, Sanctuary, 6 pm • <i>Camp Fire Group 6:30pm</i> 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Lessons 4pm • Choir Practice 7:30 pm • <i>AA 7:30 pm</i> 	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Group, Marcos Restaurant, 8 am
24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite II 9:30 am Annual Meeting to follow • LDTOGICCC* 1 pm • <i>The Expedition, parish hall, 6 pm</i> 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm • Music Lessons 11:00 am • <i>Al-Anon 7 pm</i> 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Scouts 7 pm</i> 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup & Bread Supper 6:30pm • Lenten Program 7pm • LDTOGICCC*, Sanctuary, 6 pm • <i>Camp Fire Group 6:30pm</i> 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Lessons 4pm • Choir Practice 7:30 pm • <i>AA 7:30 pm</i> 	29 LEAP DAY	



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