



first Sunday

APRIL 2007

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS

Liturgy Schedules

10:00 SUNDAY, Crosswood Centre,
5355 Co. Rd. 35, Auburn, IN 46706-9717

10:00 AM SUNDAY, Fort Wayne at Red-
wood Chapel, 2425 Redwood Avenue,
Fort Wayne *thanks to Rose and Stan*

9:00 AM SUNDAY, Angola at the historic
Wedding Chapel of the First Congre-
gational Church, 314 W. Maumee St. in
Angola

*PLEASE NOTE: On the First Sunday of the
Month we follow with a pitch-in brunch
after worship with plenty of time for fel-
lowship, both North and South as a result,
we do not have liturgy in Angola or Fort
Wayne on the First Sundays of the month*

Holy Week Schedule

April 1, Passion Sunday 10:00 at
Crosswood Centre

April 5, Holy Thursday 7:00, Seder
Meal and Liturgy at Crosswood Centre

April 6, Good Friday - Crosswood Cen-
tre will begin at 12:00 with prayers and
meditation and Divine Liturgy will begin
at 3:00. Redwood Chapel also begins at
12:00

April 7, Holy Saturday 7:00 Divine Lit-
urgy at Crosswood Centre, with prayers
and meditation beginning at 3:00 and the
lighting of the Easter fire at 6:00.

April 8, Easter Sunday, 10:00 at Cross-
wood Centre.

EASTER JOY

Spring weather brings us Lent but it is Easter that brings us the most joy. Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen. What we have waited for is already here but not quite yet as a certain Archbishop likes to say at Monday School most weeks. For those who have kept the fast of Lent, you have undoubtedly learned that you are free from some things that you were tied to before. It may be that snack at night or perhaps cigarettes or some other vice or perhaps it is freedom from some busy-ness so that you found time to pray each day. It is freedom that we are called to in this paschal mystery, let us not forget that.

The liturgies of Holy Week, the Seder on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday liturgies all emphasize this freedom that is bought for us with such a great price. But truly we can sing a canticle of freedom for our God has brought us to a new life.

John+

In the morning sun:

Christ our Light.

In the shining stars:

Christ our Light.

In the burning bush:

Christ our Light.

In the pillar of fire:

Christ our Light

In the glistening temple:

Christ our Light.

In the tongues of flame:

Christ our Light.

Gail Ramshaw

Monday School & Wednesday School

Our discussion study groups continue to be held in Fort Wayne at Redwood Chapel on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 and in the Angola area on Wednesdays at Karen Ringler's home at 3420 Orland Rd. from 6:30 - 8 pm. Both groups are reading the same book and it is taking a long time as the discussions are rich. The book under study at this time is *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters* by Luke Timothy Johnson. Please join us if you have any interest. Don't feel you will be far behind as it is a *living* discussion and all join in.

Remember in Your Prayers

Bishop Vince is having some medical procedures done this weekend. Please keep him and Kris'ta in your prayers. Also, continue to remember Isabelle Carsten and Vickie Brewer in your prayers along with all the other members of our community who are recovering from an illness. Remember also those who have no one to pray for them.

Leadership Team

If you need to contact the Leadership Committee, here are their numbers:

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READINGS FOR LITURGY

Liturgy of the Palms

April 1, 2007

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)

April 5, 2007

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

April 6, 2007

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday

April 7, 2007

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24

Various Readings for the Vigil Service

Romans 6:3-11

Luke 24:1-12

Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Day)

April 8, 2007

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

I Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Second Sunday of Easter April 15, 2007

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter April 22, 2007

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2007

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2007

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM WILL BE APRIL 14, AND MAY 12, 2007.

Vincent House Sends Thanks

As you know, we have been collecting articles for the people at Vincent House and they have been in need of all kinds of warm items for the past few months. I met some staff from Vincent House at a meeting last week and mentioned that we had been collecting things for them. They were extremely grateful. I just wanted to pass this on to all of you. Their need continues. They have adults and children of all ages who need clothing, bedding and daily toiletry items. Bring your donations to church and Carolyn will collect them and take them to Vincent House. Anything you can help with would be great.

John+

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 17, 2007

Present: Joan and Tom North, Ken Ehrlenbaugh, Skip Carsten, John Francis Newbauer, Vincent Questas, Cliff Polubinsky, and Bob Zahrt.

1. The brochures promoting the Community of the Cross are at the printer, Overnightprint.com. The cost for 500 brochures was \$169.00.

2. COC labels for the mailing about the budget for the Community were passed around for amendments, corrections and deletions.

3. Discussion of having a shower in the chapel building was revisited. The value of a shower was recognized; a method of heating the water was discussed and decided upon a heater at the point of use. Later in the meeting the shower issue was raised again, discussed again, and a shower for the building was eliminated after a lengthy discussion.

4. Holy Week ceremonies were discussed.

a. Passion Sunday will include the blessing and procession with palms. Bob is presiding.

b. On Holy Thursday, a Seder Meal will be celebrated in the Residence. John is the organizer in chief and musician; Bob and Joan will preside. It will be a potluck. Reservations will be requested. It will start at 7:00 pm. Pastors Joan North and Cliff Polubinsky will announce the Seder to their congregations and try to determine who will attend.

c. At Auburn, Good Friday services will start at 12:00 with the Last Words of Jesus. This will continue until 3:00, when the Liturgy of the Presanctified will be celebrated. John is presiding. Fort Wayne will also have services starting at 12:00. The north community will not have services in Angola but are encouraged to come to Auburn for Good Friday.

d. Holy Saturday will see the use of the rite in the vinyl binders. We will start at 3:00 with readings and reflections, followed by the lighting of the fire at 6:00, and the candle about 7:00. John is presiding.

e. Easter Sunday Day at the Centre. Vincent will preside.

5. The question of stained glass for the chapel was discussed. Pidge Newbauer has been involved in the selection of designs and technique used. No decision has yet been made.

6. An interior-stair chair lift was proposed by Skip, instead of a chair lift in the exterior stair tower to be built as a second exit from the Loft. Given the more compact, flexible designs, an interior chair was seen as the better choice for the community.

7. The need for a good "spring cleaning" was discussed and Saturday morning March 31 was decided upon as a good day to invite anyone who can to join us for a cleaning of the chapel and house.

8. At the end of the meeting, a flood in the chapel building was identified, and the break found. Water service to the building was shut off and equipment brought in to remove the water.

April's Presiders

Angola:

April 15, Bob+
April 22, +Skip
April 29, Joan+

Fort Wayne

April 15, +Skip
April 22, +Vincent
April 29, Cliff+

Auburn:

April 15, John+
April 22, Bob+
April 29, +Vincent

HOLY WEEK:

April 1, Bob+
April 5, John+
April 6, John+
April 7, John+
April 8, +Vincent