



# *first Sunday* APRIL 2008

## *Community of the Cross*

### Liturgy Schedules

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

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

9:00 AM SUNDAY, Angola Crosswood at our new location at 3472 North Wayne Street

### Anna Baltzer, Author of "Witness in Palestine" to Speak Next Sunday

Thanks to Patty Pendleton, one of our Monday School participants, we have a guest speaker coming to Magdalene Chapel next Sunday, April 13th following brunch which follows our 10:00 Liturgy.

Anna Baltzer is an international photographer and author of Witness in Palestine and she will be in Fort Wayne this week with several presentations in this area and has agreed to come to our chapel in Auburn for a presentation on Palestine and the Middle East. "Witness in Palestine: A Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories" is 400+ pages full-color, with many new maps, stories, and photographs, as well as detailed appendices on Taking Organized Action, Myths & FAQs, and others. A few hundred early-delivery copies of "Witness in Palestine" should be at half the Barnes & Nobles in the country in the next couple of weeks. Alternatively, people can purchase the book via Anna's website: [www.AnnainTheMiddleEast.com](http://www.AnnainTheMiddleEast.com), in which case the proceeds go directly to Palestine.

Anna Baltzer is a Jewish American peacemaker who spends a great deal of time in Palestine documenting human rights abuses and supporting nonviolent direct action in the West Bank with the International Women's Peace Service.

I had an opportunity to visit her website, [www.annain-themiddleeast.com](http://www.annain-themiddleeast.com) and quite frankly I was amazed at the work she has been doing and her involvement in the peace movement in Palestine. I have several good friends in Israel and all have told me of the pain of this struggle. Anna seems to have captured much of it in her photos and in her writings. Come and join us for this great presentation.

If you can't join us next Sunday, perhaps you can join Anna in Wednesday April 9th at 5:30 in Fort Wayne at First Presbyterian Church or April 10th at 12:00 at IPFW or April 11th at North Manchester at the North Manchester Church of the Brethren or perhaps April 12th at 12:30 PM again at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. She's going to be busy this week!

John+



Photos from [AnnainTheMiddleEast.com](http://AnnainTheMiddleEast.com)



## New Series for Monday and Wednesday School

Fr. Skip started a new video series for Monday and Wednesday School in January. This series is a multi-video history of the Church from Apostolic Times to the Reformation. The series was produced with the cooperation of leading Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Reformation scholars. This is a wonderful way to learn from where the Church has come and how it has grown in different ways, met the challenges throughout its history, and continues to grow as a living organism that is the Body of Christ. So far we have been listening to Luke Timothy Johnson, author of "The Creed" which we just finished, lecture about the history around the time of Christ - a little bit before and a little bit after.

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.

JOIN US and BRING A FRIEND! This will truly be looking at the Church from many different angles.

## Leadership Team

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

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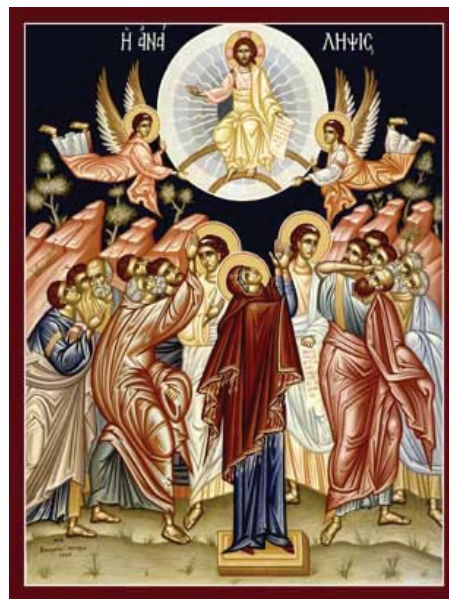
The leadership team met March 8th. Last minute details for Holy Week were discussed. The Spring Retreat was set for Saturday May 3. Fr. Ron Ashmore, a longtime friend of +Skip and of the Community of the Cross will lead our Spring Retreat. We will have dinner for the Community of the Cross following the retreat around 6:00 PM that Saturday evening. All are invited for the retreat and for dinner. Please join us for dinner even if you aren't able to make the whole day for the retreat. More info will follow but it will begin at 9:00 and end around 5:30 PM allowing us time to get ready for dinner.

We also discussed preparing a brochure for the Angola and Fort Wayne communities similar to the one we have for Auburn. Members of Angola and Fort Wayne Communities are to get some photos they would like to use and any ideas for text changes, etc. to John+ so that he can make some drafts of the brochures.

Maria+ Van Valkenburg sent some examples of cards that she has made that can be sent out to people who have asked that we remember them or their loved ones in our prayers. She is also organizing a pray-er group to pray for these people on a regular basis. Contact Maria if you would like to join her in this special ministry (385-3707) either as a pray-er or in making or distributing the cards. More info will follow on this.

We decided to meet every other month. Work continues on the chapel - or at least will resume full speed when Al gets back.

**NEXT TWO LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS ARE May 10 at 12:00 and July 19th at 12:00. Please plan to attend if you are on the leadership team. If you are not on the leadership team and want to join us, please do.**



### The Ascension Icon

The icon is divided into two parts, top and bottom, heaven and earth. The top is in order, the bottom, except for the Theotokos, is in confusion. The figures are set against the hilly landscape of the Mount of Olives, scattered with olive trees. It is painted with bright colors as a joyous icon.

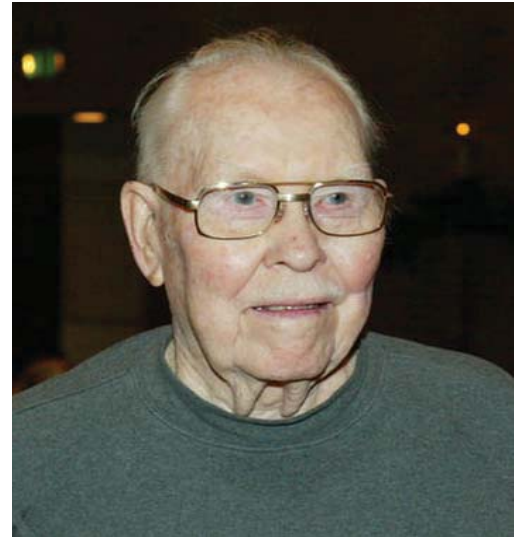
# Earl John Carsten Passes Over to Eternal Life

On the morning of April 1, Earl John Carsten died with +Skip and Isabelle at his side. We have all been aware that Earl was weakening and he was longing for his rest. Earl was an amazing man in many ways. He was kind and gentle and always had a kind word for those he met. We certainly will miss his encouraging presence.

Earl's funeral was Thursday evening at 7:00 in Angola. Visitation preceded the funeral at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Many friends of the Carstens were present along with clergy and members of the Community of the Cross. It was a wonderful celebration of his life.

Earl worked his entire career in the dairy industry, serving as past president of the Indiana Dairy Producers Association. He served many community projects and was named the 1991 Older Hoosier of the year. He was a member of the Clear Lakes Lions Club and several community organizations.

Burial will be held at a later date in the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene at Crosswood Centre.



*The following was written by Earl and was included on the back of the funeral booklet:*

## **I THANK YOU, LORD**

- For Isabelle, the love of my life for seventy years. For the children you gave me, especially Skip.
- For the cool late autumn evening in a farm house on the edge of the Great Prairie where I first came to life. For my father who taught me, my mother who spoiled me and my sister who went ahead of me into eternity.
- For all the family and folks and friends whom I have loved and who have loved me over so many years. I'm having a reunion with so many people.
- For the fertile fields of Lake County, the hills of Brown County and the lakes in Steuben County. For the gift of living in so many places for so many years.
- For the physicians who kept my diverticulitis at bay nearly fifty years, who taught me to watch and wait with my prostate cancer for twenty years, who kept my heart ticking regularly well beyond it's time. And for the folks at Cameron Hospice who helped me be as comfortable as I could be in those last weeks.
- For that Angus bull calf and all the animals in my life, especially for those Brown Swiss who kept giving milk so I could make really good ice cream. For Joey and Shauna and for that cat, Angel who loved my currying.
- For Lowell High School basketball, Cincinnati Reds baseball and the way I gripped a golf club like a ball bat and played a good game until my knees gave out. For the Boilermakers in all of their seasons.
- Most of all, for the gift of a simple faith lived out in a complicated world. Your love and your grace are enough for me.

Earl John

## When you pray...

Remember Earl John Carsten in your prayers who passed over last Tuesday, April 1, and Isabelle and +Skip and all those who were close to Earl during his life, especially Stella and Jamie and those who were so helpful with him in his last days. Please remember Sr. Margaret Hoffelder in your prayers, Margaret is one of the founders of Sophia's Portico and has recently been diagnosed with a form of cancer. Continue to remember also in your prayers, Paul and Vicki Groves, Brother Richard, Fr. Larry Ort, Archbishop Al Lenkenau, all members of our community who may need prayers at this time in their lives. Pray for our enemies and those who have no one to pray for them. Remember always our benefactors also! We could not do what we do without them.

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## READINGS FOR APRIL

Date	Com of Cross Angola	Magdaline Chapel Auburn	Redwood Chapel Ft. Wayne	Open Door Chapel Ft. Wayne	Readings
April 6 3rd Sunday of Easter	Joan+	Maria+	John+	Ruth	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 I Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
April 13* 4th Sunday of Easter	+Skip	+Vincent		Roland+	Acts 2:42-47 I Peter 2:19-25 Psalm 23 John 10:1-10
April 20 5th Sunday of Easter	Bob+	John+	+Skip	Maria+ John+	Acts 7:55-60 I Peter 2:2-10 Psalm 31:1-16 John 14:1-14
April 27 6th Sunday of Easter	John+	+Vincent	Cliff+	Roland+	Acts 17:22-31 I Peter 3:13-22 Psalm 66:8-20 John 14:15-21
May 1, Thursday** Feast of the Ascension		John+ 7:00 PM			Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23 Psalm 47 or 93 Luke 24:44-53
May 4 7th Sunday of Easter	Joan+	John+	+Vincent	Roland+	Acts 1:6-14 I Peter 4:12-5:11 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 John 17:1-11

\*April 13th there will be a special presentation at Magdaline Chapel in Auburn following the 10:30 Liturgy. There will be a pot luck brunch and then Anna Baltzer, a photographer and author who worked with the International Peace Service, will be speaking about Palestine and Israel. The Community at Redwood Chapel in Fort Wayne are planning on attending in Auburn that Sunday for this special presentation. The Angola Community will also be joining us for brunch and the presentation after their 9:00 Liturgy. All from Open Door Chapel and any friends are welcome to join for brunch and the presentation.

\*\*May 1st is Ascension Thursday. There will be a liturgy at Magdaline Chapel at 7:00 PM and all are welcome. The celebration of the Ascension may also be celebrated on the following Sunday (May 4).