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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

ANOTHER CRISIS

Completely innocent people always get caught in the midst of major political conflicts. A case in point is what is happening in East Jerusalem. Augusta Victoria Hospital, a facility owned by The Lutheran World Federation, is located in East Jerusalem. For fifty years it has provided services to people on a non-discriminatory basis. Palestinians are the primary people served. Forty-five years ago I visited the hospital and was impressed with its work. This work has become vastly more difficult over the years.

The most recent crisis is directly related to the political victory of Hamas in the Palestinian Authority. Hamas is viewed by Israel, the European Union and the United States as a terrorist organization. The position it takes toward Israel is threatening. Whether this will change now that Hamas is the governing power in the Palestinian Authority is not clear.

In response to the victory of Hamas, which by most reports was a fair election, Israel, the European Union and the United States have proceeded to reduce or cut most aid to the Palestinian Authority. Israel has begun withholding tax money that rightfully belongs to the Palestinian Authority. The result is that the government has insufficient money to pay its workers. This is particularly serious since the Palestinian Authority provides the vast amount of education and social services for the people in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Augusta Victoria Hospital has a contract with the Palestinian Authority for the provision of health care. The contract can no longer be fully honored because of the lack of funds. The result is the endangerment of many people who would ordinarily receive care at the hospital. It is reported that the hospital provides 1,700 medical procedures every month for Palestinians. These procedures include kidney dialysis, chemotherapy, endoscopy and head and neck treatments. No one can deny that the issues between Hamas and Israel are substantial, yet it seems fundamentally wrong that basic medical services should be interrupted.

There is now an appeal in this country to collect funds to help Augusta Victoria Hospital. The amount requested is \$1.4 million for a six-month period. If at least this much money is not received, the hospital will have no alternative but to reduce its services. As always occurs, the most vulnerable people will suffer.

There seems to be a never-ending list of programs that need special help. I suppose this will continue until governments make peace with one another and distribute resources in a more just manner. Until that day, we shall be witnessing special appeals for help such as the one for Augusta Victoria Hospital. In my opinion, this is a request that deserves our positive response.

Ronald K. Johnson, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We sometimes get locked into despair because it seems that failure and defeat have won the day.

The lessons for Sunday witness to the remarkable change that occurred in the early community that followed Jesus.

The message is that Easter disrupts what is old and failed.



LESSONS

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

I John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-48

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

April 30 "The Latino Community in Our Neighborhood" Angeles Morales

The increase of Latino people in our community is obvious. What is not so obvious is their origin. From where do they come? What are the challenges they face? Is there sufficient work for them? Are basic social services adequate? It is important that we know and understand our neighbors.

May 7 "Immigration" Ellen Kennedy

"Immigration reform" is a major issue before the country. Understanding of what consists "reform" differs widely. This session is designed to provide clarity concerning such things as categories of immigrants, why they come, how they can become citizens and what feeds anti-immigrant debate.

THE DARFUR TRAGEDY

In the Darfur area of The Sudan, 400,000 people have died, 2.5 million have been displaced and rape has become an instrument of policy. To this point, the international community has been largely silent. It should be obvious from history that silence permits the expansion of evil and suffering.

There will be a rally on Sunday, April 30, 1:30-3:30 pm at the Minnesota State Capitol Mall. It will be designed to call attention to the situation in Darfur and call upon our leaders and the international community to take steps that will stop the violence.

PARISH INFORMATION

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

When the grounds of our two apartment buildings and the church are combined, the area is very substantial. These properties make up one large campus for which we are responsible. On Thursday, April 27, 9:00 am to 8:30 pm, we shall be working to prepare the grounds for Spring. We need many volunteers, at least 40. Volunteers may come for whatever portion of the day is feasible for them. Lunch and supper will be served for volunteer workers. Please register your intent to come by signing the list in the Community Room or calling the church office.

SHOWBOAT PERFORMANCE

You are invited to a performance of George M. Cohan's "Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway" on the Minnesota Centennial Showboat. A limited number of tickets have been secured for Tuesday, June 20. The ticket price is \$16. The performance time is 2:30 pm. Departure will be from church at 1:30 pm. When making your reservation, payment is due. Reservations are to be made in the church office.

SUMMER PROGRAM MUSICAL

The final feature in the Summer Program will be a musical. Participants are envisioned primarily as youth in 7th - 12th grades and adults. The performance dates will be August 23 and 24. Weeknight rehearsals will begin the week of July 10. An information meeting will be held in May. For additional information, contact Peter Johnson or Ann Schrooten. Please indicate your interest in participating in this production by signing reservation list in the Community Room.

VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Please submit your indication to participate in the Visual Arts Festival. The showing will be from May 7-14. Works of art will be displayed in two rooms that will be secured. Registration to participate forms are available in the Community Room and church office.

REPORT ON THE SACRED VOICE CONCERT

The Sacred Voice concert on April 2 produced an offering of \$1,062. In accordance with an agreement with The Sacred Voice 10% went to the choral organization and 90% to the mental Health Resources program that relates to our apartment building - Trinity-on-Lake. This is very generous on the part of The Sacred Voice organization.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

On Sunday the following people participated in the Rite of Confirmation:

Geoffrey Gillmor	Audrey Pallmeyer
Allison Kohlhase	Carlye Proescholdt
Katherine McQuarter	Alisa Santa Ana -White

The following persons were received as new members:

Chelsea and Mark Tangen
Harvey Gustafson

PARISH EVENTS April 30 - May 6

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Church School
	9:45 am	Senior High Career Series
MONDAY	7:30 am	Church Council LSS Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Worship/Music, Social Issues, Outreach
TUESDAY	6:00 pm	1 st year Confirmation 7:00 pm Tutoring
WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm	Youth to Simpson Shelter
	6:30 pm	Children's choir 7:30 pm Choir
THURSDAY	5:45 pm	2 nd , 3 rd year Confirmation
FRIDAY	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Lock-in

GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER by Sheldon/Margery Torgerson, Peter/Barb Gillmor, David/Mary Lindell and in memory of

- **Loved ones** by Eleanor Ostrom

GIFT TO LATINO MINISTRY in memory of

- **an undocumented friend's 85-year-old mother who died in Mexico in February** by Ray Sanders

GIFTS TO NONVIOLENT PEACEFORCE by Lyle Steinfeldt, Bud/Sylvia Dixen

GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT by Paul/Lois Eid

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS April 30, 2006

Preacher	Ronald K. Johnson	
Celebrant	8:45 am	Ronald Johnson / 11:00 am John Buzza
Crucifer	8:45 am	Ronald Johnson / 11:00 am Brian Lenz
Liturgist	8:45 am	Carol Masters / 11:00 am Donald Lang
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Mary Engen, Chris Engen
	11:00 am	Dennis Nordholm, Lynda Nordholm
Cantor	Paul Ramsour	
Acolytes	8:45 am	Tyler Spratt / 11 am Meagan Fortier, Lucy Roberts
Greeters	8:45 am	Deb Sodt / 11:00 am Stella Townsend, Helen Cotton
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Sally Kohlstedt, Jim Schneiders, Al Mohr
	11:00 am	Rod Johnson, George Madich, Ron Peterson, Alan Libra
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer
	11:00 am	Pat Lundquist, Kathy Ohler
Nursery	8:40 am	Rachel Hefte 10:30 am Maelene Krig

MEALS ON WHEELS: Drivers are needed for Meals on Wheels the week of May 8-12. Please sign up in the Community Room.

CONCERNING PEOPLE: David Kohlstedt, professor in the Geology Department at the University of Minnesota made a presentation at Yale University... Matt Kretzmann is a member of a band that is receiving increased recognition. The band was recently mentioned in *Rolling Stone* magazine.

FINANCIAL REPORT April 23 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	185,398.08
Budget receipts	10,783.20	188,357.38
World Hunger	131.00	2,992.00
Capital Improvements	155.00	943.00
African Pastors Endowment	20.00	155.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	20.00	486.00
Urban Latino Ministry	25.00	1,320.00