

May 2006
Easter at LCPC.

Dear Theophilus,

Easter was a glorious day. If you were there you would have seen a lot of old friends, family members back in town, many unfamiliar faces and a few neat hats, and practically every pew filled at some point during the morning. Nine of us saw the sunrise in a very meaningful service that led us on a pilgrimage outside the church. The choir and Wellspring singers sang beautifully, the liturgy spoke of new life and for all practical purposes this central theme of Christianity was once again unleashed upon humanity.

Only to see it subside, as expected, the next week at what is known throughout Christendom as "Low Sunday." We did not disappoint, except for an unusually energetic worship event in the Fellowship Room where the Wellspring Service was filled to capacity with people of all ages (even not yet two-weeks old Lillian Rose Anderson who visibly showed us how wonderful new life can be!). Many people in the crowd were decked out in pajamas as the Confirmation Class and other youth hosted the first (annual?) "Pancakes and Pajamas" breakfast. The theme was "community" and we were one that morning.

New life. Unexpected energy. Creative ways to express our faith. Easter isn't just one morning a year but, as the church calendar reminds us, the Easter season lasts for seven more weeks, all the way until we celebrate the birth of the church on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

The Easter season is busting out all over:

A new small group is starting called "Circle of Life." This is being used in mainline churches throughout the country as a way of helping people look at the many parts of their lives in constructive ways. Sharon Naylor and I are completing our certification to be facilitators of this program and are currently looking for a few people to be in the pilot group. We plan to start some groups in the Fall.

Our website is getting a much-needed overhaul and will be unveiled soon. A small group of dedicated people are working hard to develop a sharp, informative, and usable site that promises to enhance communication and introduce LCPC to the world.

We hope to send out a weekly e-mail (once we gather more addresses from the congregation) that will let you know what is happening in the church each week, furthering our attempts to keep you informed of the life at LCPC.

A "Pentecost Picnic" is being planned after church on June 4 in Lyndhurst City Park directly across the street from the church.

Twenty-four new, round tables for Bloomfield Hall, purchased through the generosity of a few anonymous church members, should arrive shortly.

Seven young people became the newest members of the church on April 30. It is a real cause for celebration as we welcome 8th graders Karli Amstadt, Joe Conley, Meagan Corr, Ryan Harkey, Michael Marabito, Jessica Rupp, and Mandy Swain.

Easter indeed.

Grace and peace,

Harry