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We are still learning how to use our website (www.dmlc.org). The main benefits of our website, as I see it is that of communication and information. There is information for our own members and also for persons interested in DML. For example, someone interested in DML can find our worship schedule and a map showing where we are located and even get driving directions. There are e-mail addresses for every person in a leadership position at DML that I could think of. If you need to get word to the Property Committee for example, you could go the administration page and send an e-mail note to the property committee chairperson at properties@dmlc.org.

The newsletter is published there each month along with the monthly calendar. I like to get my newsletter from the DML webpage because I know it means less work for our volunteers and besides, I can never misplace the

newsletter. Don't forget to let Cindy Borreson know if you are willing to get your newsletter from the DML website instead of the printed version.

There are also pages with DML news items, ELCA news articles, daily Bible readings and, a page with the names of people for whom we are praying. There's even a new religious cartoon each week. So there is a fair amount of content which will change on a regular basis.

I have tried to set up a page for each organization or small group at DML such as Men's Club, Circles, B.I.B.L.E Club, Youth Group. I hope that each group might want to put information about what they are doing that would be of interest to group members and others. If you are involved with a group and would like something added to your page, let me know. I would envision that some of the groups might want to manage

their own page, which could be arranged.

Summer vacations are upon us. Please have a safe and restful summer. Remember that our Lord never takes a vacation, and the Psalmist tells us that neither does he slumber nor sleep. This means two things. One, that you can always call upon the Lord in time of trouble and in prayer, praise and thanksgiving and you will be heard. It also means that even if you are away from your home church, not to forget the Sabbath. Find a church, as many of you do when you travel, and worship there. If you are camping, spend a few moments in reading the Bible (you do take a Bible with you when you travel, don't you.?) and prayer.

No matter where you go or even if you stay at home, may the Lord be with you.

Peace to all,
Pastor Dennis

The Church Door

The "Church Door" title is taken from the "Theses Door" of the Castle Church which has made Wittenberg so famous.

Just as the "Theses Door" was used as a bulletin board for notices in Luther's time, this newsletter can also be used by our members to communicate with each other and to our guests about church events. Published monthly it is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Cindy Borreson (616.846.2477 or cborreson@charter.net) to insert articles for next month's newsletter.

Worship Assistants

<u>June 4</u>	
<i>Deacon</i>	Bill Kitchka
<i>Lector</i>	_____
<i>Acolyte</i>	Emily Johnson
<i>Nursery</i>	Alice Doane
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Sellon Russ Tilden
<i>Tellers</i>	Donna Whitehead Tom Whitehead Gordon Eggleton

<u>July 11</u>	
<i>Deacon</i>	Janet Wolf
<i>Lector</i>	_____
<i>Acolyte</i>	Andrew Kitchka
<i>Nursery</i>	Polly Eagle
<i>Ushers</i>	Emily Kitchka Bill Kitchka
<i>Tellers</i>	Cindy Borreson Randy Borreson Polly Eagle

<u>July 18</u>	
<i>Deacon</i>	Tom Whitehead
<i>Lector</i>	_____
<i>Acolyte</i>	Matthew Kitchka
<i>Nursery</i>	Nancy Johnson
<i>Ushers</i>	Emogene Cotal Jan Wolf
<i>Tellers</i>	Irene Borreson LaVern Borreson Bill Kitchka

<u>July 25</u>	
<i>Leader</i>	Cindy Borreson
<i>Lector</i>	_____
<i>Acolyte</i>	Becky Stroh
<i>Nursery</i>	Lauren Johnson
<i>Ushers</i>	John Moore Tom Proksa
<i>Tellers</i>	Irene Borreson LaVern Borreson Bill Kitchka

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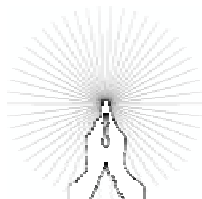
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Prayer List

Gene Broge
 Bea Eggleton
 Millie Fredrick
 Ann Hamil
 Ann Hulka
 Tillie Jandris
 Mille Lussy
 Patti McRoberts
 (Paul & Ada Filka's daughter &
 Previous member)
 Floyd Nickisch
 Mary Panozzo
 Jeannette Roach

Judy Slezak
 (Irene Borreson's sister &
 previous member)
 Evelyn Stroh
 (Pastor's Mother)
 Paul Suchovsky
 Lowell Tambling



For he will command his
 angels concerning you to
 guard you in all your ways.
 Psalm 91:11

Please contact
 Cindy Borreson at
 616-846-2477 or by email
 at cborreson@charter.net or
 Pastor Dennis to add a name
 to the Prayer List.

Lessons & Hymns



July 4
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9 NRSV
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Hymns

#463 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven
#755 We All Are One in Mission
#331 Jerusalem, My Happy Home**
#415 God of Grace and God of Glory**

July 11
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Hymns

#469 Lord of All Hopefulness**
#390 I Love to Tell the Story**
#765 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love
#346 When Peace Like a River**
#389 Stand Ups, Stand Up for Jesus**

July 18
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Hymns

#712 Listen, God is Calling Morning has Broken
#784 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore**
#759 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

July 25
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons

I Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 76:1-10
Acts 11:27-12:3a
Mark 10:35-45

Hymns

#253 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
#438 Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright
#223 In the Quiet Consecration
#145 Thine Is the Glory**



May you wake each day with His blessings and sleep each night in His keeping, and may you always walk in His tender care.

History of the Flag

The United States Flag is the third oldest of the National Standards of the world; older than the Union Jack of Britain or the Tricolor of France.

The flag was first authorized by Congress June 14, 1777. This date is now observed as Flag Day throughout America.

The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777. It was first under fire for three days later in the Battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

It was first decreed that there should be a star and a stripe for each state, making thirteen of both; for the states at the time had just been erected from the original thirteen colonies.

The colors of the Flag may be thus explained: The red is for valor, zeal and fervency; the white for hope purity, cleanliness of life, and rectitude of conduct; the blue, the color of heaven, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth.

The star (an ancient symbol of India, Persia and Egypt) symbolized dominion and sovereignty, as well as lofty aspirations. The constellation of the stars within the union, one star for each state, is emblematic of our Federal Constitution, which reserves to the States their individual sovereignty except as to rights delegated by them to the Federal Government.

The symbolism of the Flag was

thus interpreted by Washington: "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

In 1791, Vermont, and in 1792, Kentucky were admitted to the Union and the number of stars and stripes was raised to fifteen in correspondence. As other states came into the Union it became evident there would be too many stripes. So in 1818 Congress enacted that the number of stripes be reduced and restricted henceforth to thirteen representing the thirteen original states; while a star should be added for each succeeding state. That law is the law of today.

The name "Old Glory" was given to our National Flag August 10, 1831, by Captain William Driver of the brig Charles Doggett.

The Flag was first carried in battle at the Brandywine, September 11, 1777. It first flew over foreign territory January 28, 1778, at Nassau, Bahama Islands; Fort Nassau having been captured by the American in the course of the war for independence. The first foreign salute to the flag was rendered by the french admiral LaMotte Piquet, off Quiberon Bay, February 13, 1778.

The United States Flag is unique in the deep and noble significance of its message to the entire world, a message of national independ-

ence, of individual liberty, of idealism, of patriotism.

It symbolizes national independence and popular sovereignty. It is not the Flag of a reigning family or royal house, but of 205 million free people welded into a Nation, one and inseparable, united not only by community of interest, but by vital unity of sentiment and purpose; a Nation distinguished for the clear individual conception of its citizens alike of their duties and their privileges, their obligations and their rights.

It incarnates for all mankind the spirit of Liberty and the glorious ideal of human Freedom; not the freedom of unrestraint or the liberty of license, but an unique ideal of equal opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, safeguarded by the stern and lofty principles of duty, of righteousness and of justice, and attainable by obedience to self-imposed laws.

Floating from lofty pinnacle of American Idealism, it is a beacon of enduring hope, like the famous Bartholdi Statue of Liberty enlightening the World to the oppressed of all lands. It floats over a wondrous assemblage of people from every racial stock of the earth whose united hearts constitute an indivisible and invincible force for the defense and succor of the downtrodden.

It embodies the essence of patriotism. Its spirit is the spirit of the American nation. Its history is

History of the Flag (con't)

the history of the American people. Emblazoned upon its folds in letters of living light are the names and fame of our heroic dead, the Fathers of the Republic who devoted upon its altars their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Twice told tales of National honor and glory cluster thickly about it. Ever victorious, it has emerged triumphant from eight great National conflicts. It flew at Saratog, at Yorktown, at Palo Alto, at Gettysburg, at Minala bay, at Chateau-Thierry, at Iwo Jima. It bears witness to the immense expansion of our national boundaries, the development of our natural resources, and the splendid structure of our civilization. It prophesies the triumph of popular government, of civic and religious liberty and of national righteousness throughout the world.

The flag first rose over thirteen states along the Atlantic seaboard, with a population of some three million people. Today it flies over fifty states, extending across the continent, and over great islands of the two oceans; and two hundred and five million owe it allegiance. It has been brought to this proud position by love and sacrifice. Citizens have advanced it and heroes have died for it. It is the sign made visible of the strong spirit that has brought liberty and prosperity to the people of America. It is the flag of all us alike. Let us accord it honor and loyalty.

What's Happening at DML

Dorcas Circle

Meetings have stopped for the summer and will resume in September. Have a great summer!!!
See Irene Borreson or Ann Hamil for information.

EVE Circle

Eve Circle will be meeting Tuesday, July 13th at 6:30 pm.
Everyone is welcome—Please join us.
Contact Betty Proksa if you have any questions.

MEN'S CLUB

Saturday, July 10th Cookout at Russ Tilden's.
Be on the lookout for information on the
Wheelchair Ramp Project.
Contact Russ Tilden or Tom Whitehead with questions.

Youth Group

Meeting—July 11 following worship
Meeting to discuss what they would like to do and accomplish this summer.
See Stephen Hellman for more information

Spanish Class

Classes will meet Wednesday, July 14 and then break until the Fall to allow Adriana time for the new baby.
Good Luck Adriana and baby!

From our Members

The Middle Wife

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two kids myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own second-grade classroom a few years back.

When I was a kid, I loved show-and-tell. So I always have a few sessions with my students. It helps them get over shyness and usually, show-and-tell is pretty tame. Kids bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it to school and talk about it, they're welcome.

Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds up a snapshot of an infant. "This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday.

First, Mom and Dad made him as a symbol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mom's stomach, and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord."

She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me. The kids are watching her in amazement. "Then, about two Saturdays ago, my Mom starts saying and going, 'Oh, oh, oh!' Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans. "She walked around the house for, like an hour, 'Oh, oh, oh!

Now the kid's doing this hysterical duck walk, holding her back and groaning. "My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Domino's man."

"They got my Mom to lie down in bed like this." Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall. "And then, pop! My Mom had this bag of water she kept in there in case he

got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshheew!" This kid has her legs spread and with her little hands are miming water flowing away. It was too much!

"Then the middle wife starts saying 'push, push, and breathe, breathe.'" "They started counting, but never even got past ten." "Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff, they all said was from Mom's play-center, so there must be a lot of stuff inside there."

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest. Ever since then, if it's show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder, just in case another Erica comes along. Life is meant to be lived...enjoy! Laughing helps. It's like jogging on the inside.

An Anonymous 2nd grade teacher
Submitted by Darlene Boucher

Mosquito Remedy

Pass this on to anyone who likes sitting out in the evening or when they're having a cook out.

So you don't like those pesky mosquitoes, especially now that they have the potential to carry the West Nile Virus? Here's a tip that was given at a recent gardening forum.

Put some water in a white dinner plate and add a couple drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish detergent. Set the dish on your porch, patio, or other outdoor area. Not sure what attracts them, the lemon smell, the white plate color, or what, but mosquitoes flock to it, and drop dead shortly after drinking the Lemon Fresh Joy/water mixture, and usually within about

10 feet of the plate.

Check this out---it works just super! May seem trivial, but it may help control mosquitoes around your home, especially in the South and elsewhere where the West Nile virus is reaching epidemic proportions in mosquitoes, birds, and humans.

Submitted by Betty Proksa

Write on your heart
that every day is the
best day of the year.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Burglar Alarm



We will be setting the burglar alarm to automatically arm itself at 11:59 PM each night. The burglar alarm is normally always armed when the building is not occupied, and this step will insure that the alarm is armed in the event that someone forgets to arm it manually when they leave. Normally, this automatic arming will not cause any problems, however, a problem would could occur if someone was in the building at 11:59 PM when the alarm arms itself because they would set off the alarm. The church council did not think that it is likely that anyone would be in the building that late.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July



Annual Church Picnic

August 1st

Mark your calendar!

There will be an outside worship service—Gospel Hymn Fest. A Picnic will follow the service. Invite family and friends.

A Pig-Roast will be provided. Please bring a side-dish (salad or dessert) to share and your own table service.

Rolls, beverages, games and good times will be supplied.

*God's peace is joy resting.
His joy is peace dancing.*

F.F. Bruce

Opt Out

Several DML members have already opted to receive the church newsletter from the DML website. If you have internet access and would like help the church save resources you can opt out of receiving the printed version of the newsletter. This will save on printing costs, volunteer time and postage. Simply send an email to newsletter@dmlc.org (or contact Cindy directly) saying you will use the online version of the newsletter.



4th of July Word Search

CONGRESS	P N A I N I G R I V D A M W
CONNECTICUT	W F R E E D O M L A T Y A V
DELAWARE	G G B S W T R I I U H A R X
ENGLAND	N P T E J V B U C Q K B Y U
FIREWORKS	E A P X E E K I N G F S L I
FLAG	W R L A R U T Z O I L T A D
FREEDOM	Y A W T S C L M R J T T N N
GEORGIA	O D Y H E S O E T N O E D A
JULY	R E V N Y D W T H Z W S D L
KING	K A N I L O R A C H T U O S
LIBERTY	C O N G R E S S A R W H G I
MARYLAND	C S A K L F T M R C G C E E
MASSACHUSETTS-BAY	E U S D B A P F O S O A O D
NEW HAMPSHIRE	A H Q J T S N C L W V S R O
NEW JERSEY	Q A D E H J M D I A K S G H
NEW YORK	N N S I Z U U Z N B G A I R
NORTH CAROLINA	Q L R D E L A W A R E M A J
PARADE	P E N N S Y L V A N I A N H
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STATES	
TAXES	
UNITED	
VIRGINIA	

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Thank you

To the **Dorcas Circle** for furnishing the stones under the Bell Tower and to **Ivan Zona** for spreading them around. Your continued dedication to beautifying our church is greatly appreciated.

To the **Doane family** for mowing the church yard. They all, Brian, Alice, and Andy, have very quietly mowed the lawn without most of realizing they work doing this for us. Thank you very much!

To **Adriana Hellman** for volunteering her time to teach our Spanish Class. We know this is a hectic time for you and appreciate your dedication.

To **Brad and Lauren Johnson** for taking time from their schedules to service as our Lay/Voting Members at the 2004 Annual Slovak Zion Synod Assembly. We look forward to hearing the news from this year's assembly.

Financial Information

May 31, 2004

ASSETS

Cash & Bank Accounts

Funds for General Operations	
Checkbook	\$(1,269.04)
Savings – Reserve	\$3,411.20
Deposit for May 31	<u>\$1,901.50</u>
Total Funds for General Operations	\$4,043.66

Funds for Special Purposes

Savings—Designated	
Roof Fund (Loan)	\$1,608.67
Evangelism	\$69.00
Eve Circle	\$2,196.50
Kitchen Fund	\$300.20
Men’s Club	\$314.31
Youth Group	<u>\$149.39</u>
Total Savings—Designated	\$4,638.07
Savings – Memorial	\$7,331.04
Savings – Social Security	<u>\$899.00</u>
Total Funds for Special Purposes	\$12,868.11

Total Cash and Bank Accounts **\$16,911.77**

Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance

LB Money Market—Cash	\$953.51
LB Fund	\$35,636.99
LB Income Fund	<u>\$44,878.67</u>

Total Investments **\$81,469.17**

TOTAL ASSETS **\$98,380.94**

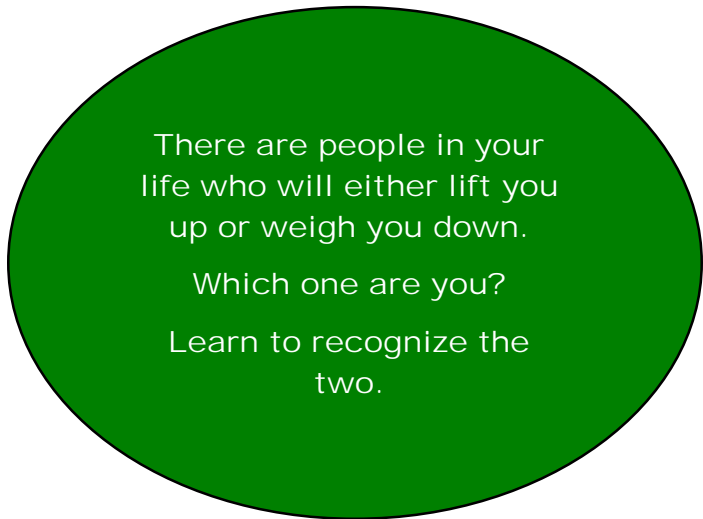
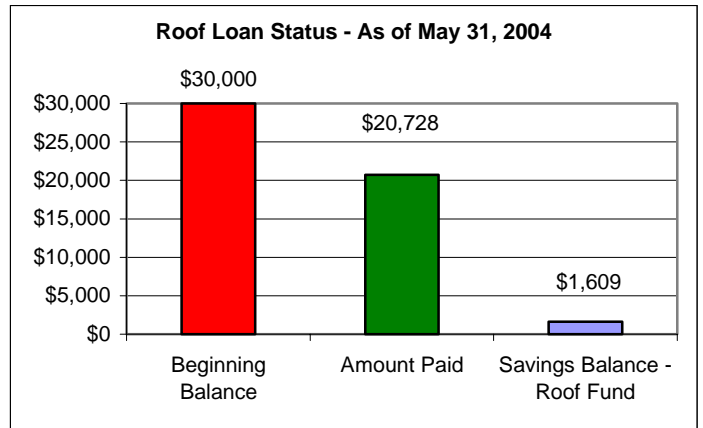
LIABILITIES

Roof Loan Liability	\$8,882.06
WH—Federal Tax Liability	\$1,944.00
WH—State Tax Liability	\$206.02

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$11,032.08**

Breakdown of Giving for Loan

October 2003.....	\$474.00
November 2003	\$1,645.50
December 2003.....	\$911.00
January 2004	\$302.00
February 2004	\$373.00
March 2004	\$419.00
April 2004	\$1,218.00
May 2004	717.00



Festivals & Commemorations for July

Thursday, July 1

Catherine Winkworth, 1878; John Mason Neale, 1866; hymnwriters
Neale was an English priest associated with the movement for church renewal at Cambridge. Winkworth lived most of her life in Manchester, where she was involved in promoting women's rights. These two hymnwriters translated many hymn texts into English. Catherine Winkworth devoted herself to the translation of German hymns, and John Mason Neale specialized in ancient Latin and Greek hymns. Winkworth has thirty hymns in *LBW*, and Neale has twenty-one. In addition, two texts by Neale are in *WOV*.

Tuesday, July 6

Jan Hus, martyr, 1415

Jan Hus was a Bohemian priest who spoke against abuses in the church of his day in many of the same ways Luther would a century later. He spoke against the withholding of the cup at the eucharist and because of this stance was excommunicated, not for heresy but for insubordination toward his archbishop. He preached against the selling of indulgences and was particularly mortified by the indulgence trade of two rival claimants to the papacy who were raising money for war against each other. He was found guilty of heresy by the Council of Constance and burned at the stake.

The followers of Jan Hus became known as the Czech Brethren and later became the Moravian Church.

Sunday, July 11

Benedict of Nursia, abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540

Benedict is known as the father of Western monasticism. He was educated in Rome but was appalled by the decline of life around him. He went to live as a hermit, and a community of monks came to gather around him. In

the prologue of his rule for monasteries he wrote that his intent in drawing up his regulations was "to set down nothing harsh, nothing burdensome." It is that moderate spirit that characterizes his rule and the monastic communities that are formed by it. Benedict encourages a generous spirit of hospitality in that visitors to Benedictine communities are to be welcomed as Christ himself.

Monday, July 12

Nathan Soderblom, archbishop of Uppsala, 1931

In 1930, this Swedish theologian, ecumenist, and social activist received the Nobel Prize for peace. He saw the value of the ancient worship of the church catholic and encouraged the liturgical movement. He also valued the work of liberal Protestant scholars and believed social action was a first step on the path toward a united Christianity. He organized the Universal Christian Council on Life and Work, which was one of the organizations that in 1948 came together to form the World Council of Churches.

Thursday, July 15

Vladimir, first Christian ruler of Russia, 1015; Olga, confessor, 969

Princess Olga became a Christian about the time she made a visit to Constantinople, center of the Byzantine church. She had no success persuading her son or her fellow citizens to receive the gospel. Vladimir was Olga's grandson, and he took the throne at a ruthless time and in a bloodthirsty manner: he killed his brother for the right to rule. After Vladimir became a Christian he set aside the reminders of his earlier life, including pagan idols and temples. He built churches, monasteries, and schools, brought in Greek missionaries to educate the people, and was generous to the poor. Together Vladimir and Olga are honored as the first Christian

rulers of Russia.

Saturday, July 17

Bartolome de las Casas, missionary to the Indies, 1566

Bartolome de las Casas was a Spanish priest and a missionary in the Western Hemisphere. He first came to the West while serving in the military, and he was granted a large estate that included a number of indigenous slaves. When he was ordained in 1513, he granted freedom to his servants. This act characterized much of the rest of de las Casas's ministry. Throughout the Caribbean and Central America he worked to stop the enslavement of native people, to halt the brutal treatment of women by military forces, and to promote laws that humanized the process of colonization.

Thursday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

The gospels report Mary Magdalene was one of the women of Galilee who followed Jesus. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial. When she went to the tomb on the first day of the week to anoint Jesus' body, she was the first person to whom the risen Lord appeared. She returned to the disciples with the news and has been called "the apostle to the apostles" for her proclamation of the resurrection. Because John's gospel describes Mary as weeping at the tomb, she is often portrayed in art with red eyes. Icons depict her standing by the tomb and holding a bright red egg.

This glimpse of Easter in the middle of summer invites us to keep our eyes open for the signs of Christ's resurrection and new life that are always around us.

Friday, July 23

Birgitta of Sweden, 1373

Birgitta was married at age thirteen and had four daughters with her husband.

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She was a woman of some standing who, in her early thirties, served as the chief lady-in-waiting to the Queen of Sweden. She was widowed at the age of thirty-eight, shortly after she and her husband had made a religious pilgrimage. Following the death of her husband the religious dreams and visions that had begun in her youth occurred more regularly. Her devotional commitments led her to give to the poor and needy all that she owned while she began to live a more ascetic life. She founded an order of monks and nuns, the Order of the Holy Savior (Birgittines), whose superior was a woman. Today the Society of St. Birgitta is a laypersons' society that continues her work of prayer and charity.

Sunday, July 25

St. James the Elder, apostle

James is one of the sons of Zebedee and is counted as one of the twelve disciples. He and his brother John had the nickname "sons of thunder." Their nickname appears to be well deserved. One of the stories in the New Testament tells of their request for Jesus to grant them places of honor in the kingdom. They are also reported to have asked Jesus for permission to send down fire on a Samaritan village that had not welcomed them. James was the first of the twelve to suffer martyrdom and is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in scripture.

James is frequently pictured with a scallop shell. It recalls his life as a fisherman, his call to fish for people, and the gift of our baptism into Christ.

Wednesday, July 28

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750; Heinrich Schuetz, 1672; George Frederick Handel, 1759; musicians
These three composers have done

much to enrich the worship life of the church. Johann Sebastian Bach drew on the Lutheran tradition of hymnody and wrote about two hundred cantatas, including at least two for each Sunday and festival day in the Lutheran calendar of his day. He has been called "the fifth evangelist" for the ways that he proclaimed the gospel through his music. George Frederick Handel was not primarily a church musician, but his great work, *Messiah*, is a musical proclamation of the scriptures. Heinrich Schuetz wrote choral settings of biblical texts and paid special attention to ways his composition would underscore the meaning of the words.

Thursday, July 29

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality and refreshment they offered Jesus in their home. Following the characterization drawn by Luke, Martha represents the active life, and Mary, the contemplative. Mary is identified in the fourth gospel as the one who anointed Jesus before his passion and who was criticized for her act of devotion. Lazarus, Mary's and Martha's brother, was raised from the dead by Jesus as a sign of the eternal life offered to all believers. It was over Lazarus's

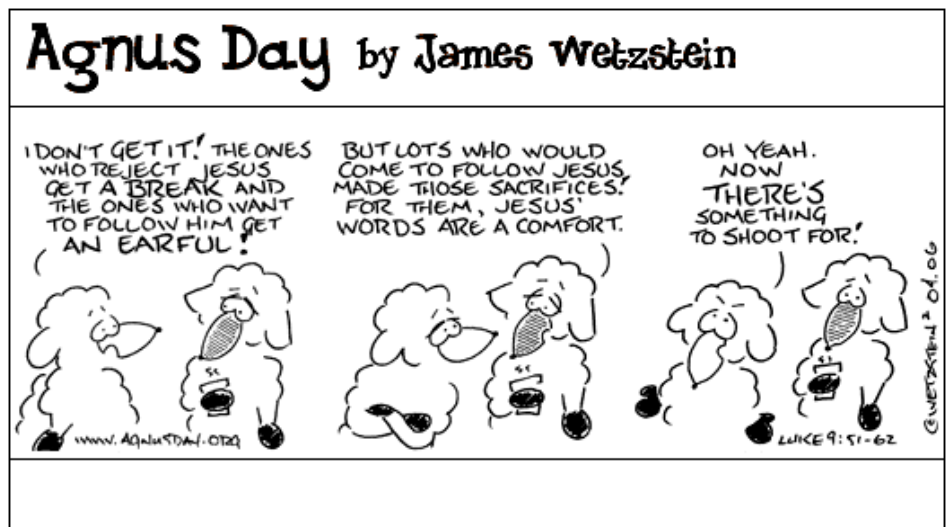
tomb that Jesus wept for love of his friend. Congregations might commemorate these three early witnesses to Christ by reflecting on the role of hospitality in both home and church and the blessing of friendship.

Thursday, July 29

Olaf, king of Norway, martyr, 1030

Olaf is considered the patron saint of Norway. In his early career he engaged in war and piracy in the Baltic and in Normandy. It was there he became a Christian. He returned to Norway, declared himself king, and from then on Christianity was the dominant religion of the realm. He revised the laws of the nation and enforced them with strict impartiality, eliminating the possibility of bribes. He thereby alienated much of the aristocracy. The harshness that he sometimes resorted to in order to establish Christianity and his own law led to a rebellion. After being driven from the country and into exile, he enlisted support from Sweden to try to regain his kingdom, but he died in battle.

Olaf reminds the church of the temptation to establish Christianity by waging war, whether military or social. How might the church bear witness to the one who calls us to pray for enemies and persecutors?



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Catherine Winkworth, 1878; John Mason Neale, 1866; Hymnwriters</i>	2	3
4 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 4TH OF JULY	5 7 pm Finance Committee	6 <i>Jan Hus, martyr, 1415</i>	7 7 pm Spanish Class	8	9	10
11 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Youth Group <i>Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540</i>	12 6:30 pm Congregation Council <i>Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1931</i>	13 6:30 pm Eve Circle	14 7 pm Spanish Class	15 <i>Vladimir, first Christian ruler of Russia, 1015 Olga, confessor, 969</i>	16	17 10 am Worship & Music Committee <i>Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, 1566</i>
18 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist	19	20	21	22 <i>ST. MARY MAGDALENE</i>	23 <i>Birgitta of Sweden, 1373</i>	24 9 am Mutual Ministry @ Nino's
25 8th Sunday after Pentecost <i>ST. JAMES THE ELDER, APOSTLE</i> 9am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist	26 6:30 pm Evangelism	27	28 <i>Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750; Heinrich Schütz, 1672; George Frederick Handel, 1759; musicians.</i>	29 <i>Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, 1030</i>	30	31
<p>Pastor Dennis at Great Lakes Theological Academy – Monday through Friday</p>						

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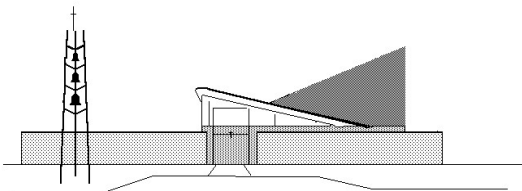


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