



# The Church Door



## From Pastor Dennis

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Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord!

It has sure been a wet spring this year, the rain has foiled two different cleanup days at DML. Still, its good to see the spring rains bring growth to the soil. The Lord says, *For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.* (Isaiah 55:10-11)

We receive that word in several ways but mainly in the context of worship. That is our time to come together to be watered and fed and then be sent out to accomplish that which the is Lord purpose. Continue your good practice of meeting regularly at the Lord's place for worship, or resolve to worship more regularly if you live in those parched places.

Speaking of worship, the **annual outdoor worship** this year will feature a pig roast. We have always had a good time - even when we have been rained on, so mark August 1st on your calendar and plan to spend a rewarding and fun outdoor worship with us. Plan to bring someone with you because there will be lots of pig to go around.

The **DML website** is coming along nicely. There are several links there to other sites, like the ELCA news service. I view our site mainly as an information place where our members can stay informed about upcoming events and items of interest. There is a special page with the monthly calendar. We have also listed the names of those for whom we are praying. The communication can also go the other way as there are also several e-mail addresses so that you can communicate with those in leadership positions or those involved in the Sunday bulletins and the newsletter.

The Church Door, our

monthly newsletter, is posted there under "Newsletters". While you are there, click on the link to send an e-mail to the newsletter editor saying that you would like to opt out of receiving the printed version of the newsletter. By doing so you will save DML postage, printing costs, volunteer time and have a more colorful newsletter and always know where your newsletter is!

The **New Member Class** will meet for the first time June 13th after fellowship time following worship. Lauren and Carly Stroh have offered to provide lunch for us. Plan to meet probably until 3 PM. The longer meeting time seems to work better than several shorter meeting times.

The class is for all members considering membership at DML who are not transferring their membership from other Lutheran churches and for anyone who wants a refresher in what Lutherans believe.

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 6</u>	
<i>Deacon</i>	Janet Wolf
<i>Lector</i>	_____
<i>Crucifer</i>	Eric Burke
<i>Nursery</i>	Betty Proksa
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Sellon Russ Tilden
<i>Tellers</i>	Donna Whitehead Tom Whitehead Gordon Eggleton

<u>June 13</u>	
<i>Deacon</i>	Rose Justian
<i>Lector</i>	_____
<i>Acolyte</i>	Andy Doan
<i>Nursery</i>	Lauren Stroh
<i>Ushers</i>	Emily Kitchka Bill Kitchka
<i>Tellers</i>	Cindy Borreson Randy Borreson Polly Eagle

<u>June 20</u>	
<i>Deacon</i>	Andrew Kitchka
<i>Lector</i>	_____
<i>Acolyte</i>	Bethani Eggleton
<i>Nursery</i>	Jan Ward
<i>Ushers</i>	Emogene Cotal Jan Wolf
<i>Tellers</i>	Irene Borreson LaVern Borreson Bill Kitchka

<u>June 27</u>	
<i>Leader</i>	Cindy Borreson
<i>Lector</i>	_____
<i>Acolyte</i>	_____
<i>Nursery</i>	Donna Whitehead
<i>Ushers</i>	John Moore Tom Proksa
<i>Tellers</i>	Irene Borreson LaVern Borreson Bill Kitchka

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
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**Janet Wolf—(231) 739-7328**

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## *Prayer List*

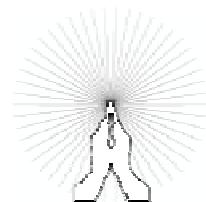
Gene Broge  
 Bea Eggleton  
 Millie Fredrick  
 Jim Gibson  
 Ann Hamil  
 Ann Hulka  
 Margaret Hulka  
 Mille Lussy  
 Patti McRoberts  
 (Paul & Ada Filka's daughter &  
 Previous member)  
 Floyd Nickisch  
 Mary Panozzo  
 Jeannette Roach

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

Also remember our friends who are grieving the passing of loved ones:

Laurie Tilden—her father, Earnie Hammond passed on May 2nd  
 Nancy Johnson—her mother, Phyllis Grams passed on May 17th.

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.  
Ephesians 1:16



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



June 6  
**Holy Trinity**

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**Lessons**  
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

**Hymns**  
#165 Holy, Holy, Holy  
#796 My Lord of Light\*\*  
#565 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
#475 Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove  
#534 Now Thank We All Our God\*\*

June 13  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Lessons**  
2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15  
Psalm 32  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3

**Hymns**  
#473 Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire\*\*  
#356 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts  
#439 What A Friend We Have in Jesus\*\*  
#320 O God, Our Help in Ages Past\*\*

June 20  
**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Lessons**  
Isaiah 65:1-9  
Psalm 22:18-27  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

**Hymns**  
#649 I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light\*\*  
#688 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life  
#701 What Feast of Love  
#710 One Bread, One Body  
#731 Precious Lord, Take My Hand\*\*

June 27  
**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Lessons**  
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

**Hymns**  
#545 When Morning Gilds the Skies\*\*  
#325 Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart  
#487 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus\*\*  
#501 He Leadeth Me, Oh, Blessed Thought\*\*



You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13 - 14

## The Story of Father's Day

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth

with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President



Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all be honored on Father's Day.

## Quotes About Dad

"A father is always making his baby into a little woman. And when she is a woman he turns her back again." - Enid Bagnold

"It no longer bothers me that I may be constantly searching for father figures; by this time, I have found several and dearly enjoyed knowing them all." -- Alice Walker

"None of you can ever be proud enough of being the child of SUCH a Father who has not his equal in this world-so great, so good, so faultless. Try, all of you, to follow in his footsteps and don't be discouraged, for to be really in everything like him none of you, I am sure, will ever be. Try, therefore, to be like him in some points, and you will have acquired a great deal." -- Victoria, Queen of England

"That is the thankless position of the father in the family-the provider for all, and the enemy of all." -- J. August Strindberg

"It is a wise father that knows his own child." -- William Shakespeare

"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was." -- Anne Sexton

"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." -- English Proverb

"To be a successful father . . . there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years." -- Ernest Hemingway

"A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father." -- Gabriel García Márquez

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection." -- Sigmund Freud

"I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from

the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example." -- Mario Cuomo

"Be kind to thy father, for when thou wert young,  
Who loved thee so fondly as he?  
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,  
And joined in thy innocent glee."  
-- Margaret Courtney

"If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right." - Bill Cosby

"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!" -- Lydia M. Child

# 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, June 8th at 6:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome— Please join us.

Contact Betty Proksa if you have any questions.

## MEN'S CLUB

Golf Outing Saturday, June 5th at 9:00 at West Wind Golf Course. All men and boys are invited.

Breakfast Meetings the 1st Saturday of each month.  
Contact Russ Tilden or Tom Whitehead with questions.

## Annual Church Picnic

Mark your calendar!

The Picnic is scheduled to be held on Sunday, August 1st.

There will be an outside service—  
Gospel Hymn Fest  
And  
Picnic to follow

More details to come in July, but plan to join us for fun, food and games!!!

## B.I.B.L.E. Club

The B.I.B.L.E. Club had their last session on Sunday, May 23rd.  
Thank you to everyone who stayed for Fellowship Hour to talk with the kids.

Have a great summer— see you in September!

*When we allow God the privilege of shaping our lives, we discover new depths of purpose and meaning.*

*Joni Eareckson Tada*

## From our Members

### You Are Beautiful...

It's a phrase that my mother uses a lot.

I used to wonder, "How in the world can Mother call them beautiful?"

I am a logical, statistical man. I call things as I see them. I didn't see beauty.

My mother would tell people this with an enthusiasm they could feel. She was genuine. She wasn't telling them they were beautiful to get something from them. Most of the time, they were trying to get something from her.

I wondered for years what was wrong with Mother's perception and vision. Couldn't she see that all of the people she called beautiful, weren't beautiful?

You were beautiful only if you had a certain figure and face that was classed as beautiful by the laws of the world and glamour. Yet when my mother spoke, people smiled as though Glamour magazine had listed them as one of the beautiful people of the year.

It took me years to finally understand my mother's vision and the phrase, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

My mother had a spirit that

could see the beauty in a person.

Most only look on the outside and then compare what they see with the standards the world has given them.

That was what I was doing.

Today when you leave your house, carefully look at the first person whom you see and notice how beautiful they are.

They may be balding, fat, wrinkled, pimply, or any of the other things the world frowns upon as beauty.

Look at them closely and look for the beauty.

If you really look, you'll see it.

I didn't believe that at first until I tried it. Sure enough, as I stared and opened another set of eyes, I was able to see the beauty in every person. No matter how rough or worn a person looked, each pain etched line held a glimpse of beauty.

You just had to look for the beauty. It's there.

When you leave your home this morning, look hard at each person. You will start to see the beauty of every human who you didn't know existed.

Trust me and try this. If you sincerely look, you will see it.

When you get home after seeing the beauty in faces you see, look in the mirror.

You are beautiful.

Thank you mama for all of the beauty that you have not only seen, but added.

~A MountainWings Original~

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### KIDS IN CHURCH

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

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A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

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After the christening of his

baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."



I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.

Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail."



One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."



A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church.

Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop

me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door?"

They're hushers."



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

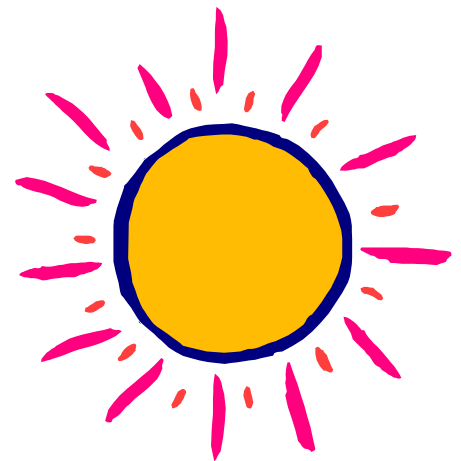
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"



A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"



**SUMMER  
ARRIVES**

June 20

## 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](mailto:newsletter@dmlc.org) (or contact Cindy directly) saying you will use the online version of the newsletter.

## *Father's Day Puzzle*

### Across

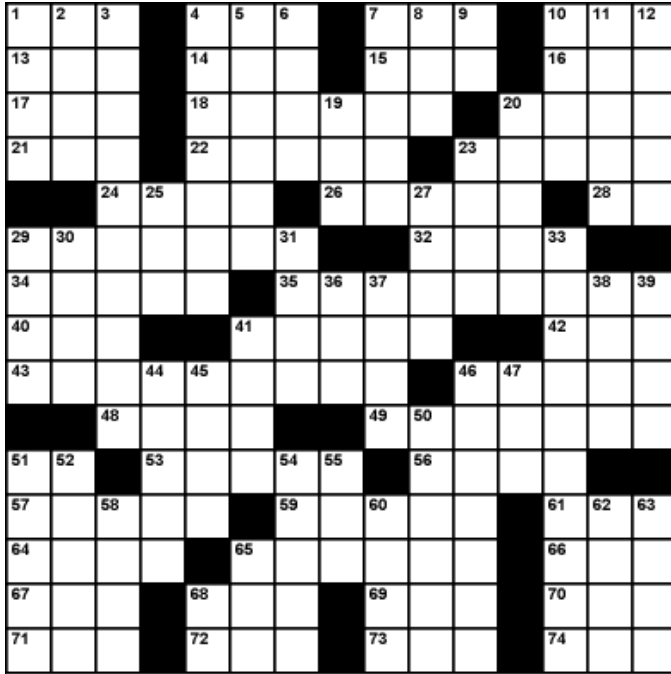
1. Biblical Father
4. Undercover agent
7. Pa on the Ponderosa
10. Pompeii's residue
13. Sense organ
14. Before
15. Rock Producer: Brian \_\_\_\_
16. Buck's Babe
17. To the \_\_\_\_ Degree
18. Walter's son Wayne once played amongst them
20. Repair by sewing
21. Egyptian God of the Air
22. Last name of the Father of Princess Grace
23. Bart's cartoon Father
24. For short, it commemorates the birth of Baby Jesus who was born to his Mom Mary and his Dad Joseph
26. Earth visitor
28. "Sister" Suffix
29. Easing of tensions between rivals
32. Harvest
34. Utilization
35. Famous television Father
40. Fairy Queen
41. Smokes
42. Ms. Carrere
43. Portrayer of #3D
46. It's a Great Lake
48. Tubelike fishies
49. Last name of Vicki's Father on "The Love Boat" (TV)
51. In the event that
53. Stroke in Billiards
56. Cetaceans
57. Heard at the Family Dinner Table: "\_\_\_\_, what would you like for Father's Day, this year?"
59. Tease
61. Section of Seats
64. After Awhile
65. Last name of the Father of Ritchie on "The Dick Van Dyke Show" (TV)
66. When doubled, it's a rhythmic ballroom dance
67. Fuss
68. Adore, wrongly
69. Certain European country, for short
70. It'll turn "sch" into actor Judd's last name
71. Automobile
72. Smallest whole number
73. Speech Stoppers
74. Hebrew alphabet letter

### Down

1. Male side descendants
2. Swear Word
3. Famous TV Father
4. The first Father's Day was celebrated here, on June 19th, 1910: \_\_\_\_, Washington
5. Religious Father
6. Shout!
7. Type of Mineral
8. They follow Ems
9. Negative reply
10. Father of Cain and Abel
11. She was the mistress of Charles VII (b.1403 - d.1461) of France: Agnès \_\_\_\_ (b.1422 - d.1450)
12. First name of the Father of Jane and Peter (See #52D for a Related Clue!)
19. Guido's note
20. Blood Benefactor
23. Seasoning
25. Ms. Ryan
27. Frosts
29. Part of a Jim Carrey movie title
30. Actor Morales
31. Large flightless birds of Australia
33. The Father is the head of this form of social structure
36. It'll turn "alance" into a state of disequilibrium
37. Lock Unlockers
38. Singer of "The Power of Love": Celine \_\_\_\_
39. Counterpart of Yin
41. Composer - Conductor: Lukas \_\_\_\_
44. A sweetheart
45. Clothed
46. Occupations of Fathers in Prehistoric Times
47. Where: Latin
50. More Minute
51. Abraham, his Father, offered him as a sacrifice to #1A
52. Last name of the Father of Jane and Peter
54. Father to Chip, Ernie and Robbie
55. Chow down
58. Enter a house through one
60. Strongly recommend
62. The Buckeye State
63. Beaver's Father
65. Play on Words
68. Take Notice: \_\_\_\_ and Behold!

**God loves and  
cares for us, even  
to the least event  
and smallest need  
of life.**

Henry Maning



## *Financial Information* *April 30, 2004*

### ASSETS

#### Cash & Bank Accounts

Funds for General Operations	
Checkbook	\$82.98
Savings – Reserve	<u>\$3,018.85</u>
<b>Total Funds for General Operations</b>	<b>\$3,101.83</b>

#### Funds for Special Purposes

##### Savings—Designated

Roof Fund (Loan)	\$2,586.53
Evangelism	\$69.00
Eve Circle	\$2,196.50
Kitchen Fund	\$300.20
Men’s Club	\$314.31
Youth Group	<u>\$149.39</u>

<b>Total Savings—Designated</b>	<b>\$5,615.93</b>
Savings – Memorial	\$7,329.00
Savings – Social Security	<u>\$378.38</u>

<b>Total Funds for Special Purposes</b>	<b>\$13,323.31</b>
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<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$16,425.14</b>
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#### Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance

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

<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$81,469.17</b>
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<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$97,894.31</u></b>
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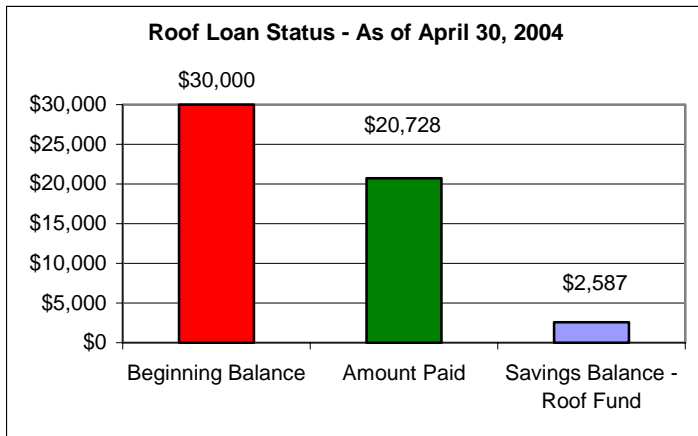
### LIABILITIES

Roof Loan Liability	\$10,412.37
WH—Federal Tax Liability	\$1,448.87
WH—State Tax Liability	\$76.62

<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,937.86</u></b>
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#### 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



## *Festivals & Commemorations for June*

### **Monday, June 7**

#### **Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866**

Noah Seattle was chief of the Suquamish tribe and later became chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, a tribal alliance. When the tribes were faced with an increase in white settlers, Seattle chose to live and work peacefully with them rather than engage in wars. After Seattle became a Roman Catholic, he began the practice of morning and evening prayer in the tribe, a practice that continued after his death. On the centennial of his birth, the city of Seattle--named for him against his wishes--erected a monument over his grave.

When parish groups gather today, remember Chief Seattle and his work as a peacemaker. Consider beginning or ending parish events with a simple form of morning or evening prayer, not only today, but as a regular part of the parish life.

### **Wednesday, June 9**

#### **Columba, 597; Aidan, 651; Bede, 735; confessors**

Today we commemorate three monks from the British Isles who kept alive the light of learning and devotion during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries, including one on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. That monastery was left in ruins after the Reformation but today is home to an ecumenical religious community. Aidan was known for his pastoral style and ability to stir people to charity and good works. Bede was a Bible translator and scripture scholar. He wrote a history of the English church and was the first historian to date events *anno domini* (A.D.). Bede is also known for his hymns, including "A hymn of glory let us sing!" (*LBW* 157).

### **Friday, June 11**

#### **St. Barnabas, apostle**

The Eastern church commemorates Barnabas as one of the seventy commissioned by Jesus. Though he was not among the twelve mentioned in the gospels, the book of Acts gives him the title of apostle. His name means "son of encouragement." When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, Barnabas took him in over the fears of the other apostles, who doubted Paul's discipleship. Later, Paul and Barnabas traveled together on missions.

At the Council of Jerusalem, Barnabas defended the claims of Gentile Christians regarding the Mosaic law. How can his work on behalf of others and his support of other Christians serve as a model for contemporary Christians and churches?

### **Monday, June 14**

#### **Basil the Great, bishop of Caesarea, 379;**

#### **Gregory of Nazianzus, bishop of Constantinople, c. 389;**

#### **Gregory, bishop of Nyssa, c. 385**

These three are known as the Cappadocian fathers, and all three of them explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil was influenced by his sister Macrina to live a monastic life, and he settled near his home. Basil's Longer Rule and Shorter Rule for monastic life are the basis for Eastern monasticism to this day. In his rule, he establishes a preference for communal, rather than eremitical monastic life, by making the case that Christian love and service are by nature communal. Gregory of Nazianzus was sent to preach on behalf of the orthodox faith against the Arians in Constantinople, though the orthodox did not have a church there at the time. He defended orthodox trinitarian and christological doctrine, and his preaching won over the city. Gregory of Nyssa was the younger brother of Basil the Great. He is remembered as a writer on spiritual life and the contemplation of God in

worship and sacraments.

### **Monday, June 21**

#### **Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, 1931**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. He was captured by slave traders and taken from his Galla homeland to Eritrea, where he was bought, freed, and educated by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into Galla and returned to his homeland to preach the gospel there. His tombstone includes a verse from Jeremiah 22:29, "O land, land, land, hear the word of the Lord!"

Does your congregation support mission work through synod or churchwide offerings, or do you support a specific missionary? Let the commemoration of Onesimos Nesib be a way for your congregations to focus on missions during the summer months.

### **Thursday, June 24**

#### **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist is celebrated exactly six months before Christmas Eve. For Christians in the Northern Hemisphere, these two dates are deeply symbolic. John said that he must decrease as Jesus increased. John was born as the days are longest and then steadily decrease. Jesus was born as the days are shortest and then steadily increase. In many countries this day is celebrated with customs associated with the summer solstice. Midsummer is especially popular in northern European countries that experience few hours of darkness at this time of year.

Parishes could consider having a summer festival shaped by the pattern of the liturgical year. Consider a church picnic on or near this date, and use John's traditional symbols of fire and water in decorations and games.

## *Festivals & Commemorations for June (con't)*

**Friday, June 25**

**Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530;**

**Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the Church, 1560**

The University of Wittenberg hired Melanchthon as its first professor of Greek, and there he became a friend of Martin Luther. Melanchthon was a popular professor--even his classes at six in the morning had as many as six hundred students. As a reformer he was known for his conciliatory spirit and for finding areas of agreement with fellow Christians. He was never ordained. On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Melanchthon and endorsed by Luther. In 1580 when the Book of Concord was drawn up, the unaltered Augsburg Confession was included as the principal Lutheran confession.

In the spirit of Melanchthon's work, consider a summer ecumenical study group with a nearby Roman Catholic parish. Use the Augsburg Confession and the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification as study documents.

**Monday, June 28**

**Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons, c. 202**

Irenaeus believed that the way to remain steadfast to the truth was to hold fast to the faith handed down from the apostles. He believed that only Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were trustworthy gospels. Irenaeus was an opponent of gnosticism and its emphasis on dualism. As a result of his battles with the gnostics he was one of the first to speak of the church as "catholic." By "catholic" he meant that congregations did not exist by themselves, but were linked to one another throughout the whole church. He also maintained that this church was not contained within any

national boundaries. He argued that the church's message was for all people, in contrast to the gnostics who emphasized "secret knowledge."

What do we mean when we say that the church is catholic and apostolic? How is the apostolic faith passed down through the generations?

**Tuesday, June 29**

**St. Peter and St. Paul, apostles**

These two are an odd couple of biblical witnesses to be brought together in one commemoration. It appears that Peter would have gladly served as the editor of Paul's letters: in a letter attributed to Peter, he says that some things in Paul's letters are hard to understand. Paul's criticism of Peter is more blunt. In Galatians he points out ways that Peter was wrong. One of the things that unites Peter and Paul is the tradition that says they were martyred together on this date in A.D. 67 or 68. What unites them more closely is their common confession of Jesus Christ. In the gospel reading Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ through whom the foundation of the church is established. In the second reading Paul tells the Corinthians that they are the temple of Christ. Together Peter and Paul lay a foundation and build the framework for our lives of faith through their proclamation of Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, June 30**

**Johan Olof Wallin, archbishop of Uppsala, hymnwriter, 1839**

Wallin was consecrated archbishop of Uppsala and primate of the Church of Sweden two years before his death. He was considered the leading churchman of his day in Sweden, yet his lasting fame rests upon his poetry and his hymns. Of the five hundred hymns in the Swedish hymnbook of 1819, 130 were written by Wallin, and approximately two hundred were revised or translated by him. For more

than a century the Church of Sweden made no change in the 1819 hymnbook.

*Lutheran Book of Worship* contains three Wallin hymns: "All hail to you, O blessed morn!" (73), "We worship you, O God of might" (432), and "Christians, while on earth abiding" (440).



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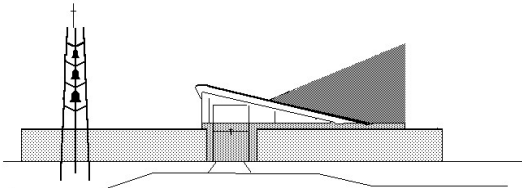
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