



The Church Door

We are getting the fall season off to a great start. The 1st Annual Pastor's Bike Ride was a great success and enjoyed by all. The trip totaled about 11 miles from Ravenna to Conklin on the Musketawa Trail and all 24 participants made it round trip. The oldest par-

Word from Our Pastor



icipant was Gorden Eggleton who made the trip on his scooter. The oldest rider was Gene Broge. At Conklin we took a break for rest and refreshments before making the return trip. Next year we are talking about a bigger event with some sort of picnic incorporated into the ride. Thanks to all who participated and to Laurie and Russ Tilden for meeting us at Conklin with refreshments and their

offer to ferry anyone who couldn't make the return trip to Ravenna, also for these pictures.

Some of those who made the ride with us are those who were planning on joining DML on Sunday, September 26 at our New Member Reception. We are blessed by their presence and also by all the 14 new members who have recently joined us in mission.



The **Thursday Bible Study** will begin again in October with two offerings this year. The afternoon session at 2:00 P.M. and an evening session at 7:00 P.M. Some of the new members said that they would like to have an evening Bible study.

On a final note, I learned Thursday, September 23rd that my Mother passed away. The news came as a surprise since her condition did not indicate that she was near death. She had just moved to a new nursing home two weeks earlier and I was making plans to visit her in the Kansas City area in November. Thanks to all of you who sent her cards and all the prayers. As followers of Christ we take comfort in the promise made to us that death is but the gateway to eternal life. For my mother, the last few years of her life were racked with pain both physical and emotional but now all that has come to an end. The words from 1 Peter 1:3-9 are a comfort to me and I hope to any of you or a loved one who is coping with trials and pain. *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

In this we rejoice, even if now for a little while we have had to suffer various trials...

Grace, Mercy and Peace to all the Saints at DML,
Pastor Dennis

Welcome—New Members—September 26



Dorothy Anderson

Dorothy's father was one of founding members of Bethlehem. Bea Eggleton is one of three sisters who live in Muskegon. Dorothy was married for 62 years and has 3 children and 15 grandchildren.

Address:
655 Lake Forrest
Apt D2
Muskegon, MI
49441
231/780-1174



Beryl Connelly

Beryl came to Muskegon at age 18 from southern Missouri. She joined Bethlehem Lutheran some 50 years ago. She was married for 58 1/2 years and has 3 sons (2 of whom are deceased), 7 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. Beryl is one of DML's shut-ins having suffered a slight stroke a year ago last September.

Address:
2770 Sternberg
Fruitport, MI
49415
231/865-3507



Roger Anderson

Roger was born in Muskegon and attended Muskegon Heights High School where he enjoyed playing football and basketball. He retired as a mechanical engineer from the paper mill and has 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. Roger's mother is Dorothy Anderson.

Address:
695 Wendover Blvd
Muskegon, MI
49441
231/798-2593



Brian Doane

Brian has worked for Holland USA for 26 years in the maintenance department. He has been married to Alice for 14 years (as of September 29). They have two children, Kristina Carey and Andrew (Andy). Brian is active in the Muskegon Motor Cycle club and was the National Hill Climb Chairman this year. He is also a member of the Heights Eagles.

Address:
4685 Barney Lane
Muskegon, MI
49444
231/733-9856



Kristina Carey & Shane Garrow with Taylor (3 years & Emma (3 months)

Kristina is transferring from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and is a stay-at-home mom at present but plans in the very near future to attend Baker College to become a Medical Insurance Specialist. Shane, who works as a machinist, was recently Baptized at DML and completed the New Member Class. Kristina and Shane plan to be married at DML in June.

Address:
4085 Nicholl Ave
Muskegon, MI
49442
231/767-1663



Adriana Hellman

Adriana is married to Stephen Hellman having met him on the Internet. At that time she was living in Mexico where she taught English. She is trained as a bilingual secretary. Adriana and Stephen have two children (Melissa and Nicole). Adriana says she feels comfortable at DML and enjoys coming to worship because of the people who make her feel welcome.

Address:
2328 E. Columbia
Muskegon, MI
49444
231/773-8469



Address:
1920 E. Hile
Muskegon, MI
49444.
231/830-9962

Ron Heiss

Ron was a member of Central Lutheran Church where he was baptized in 1984. He works as a machinist and his passion is machining, hunting and fishing. He has two daughters and 1 granddaughter. He says God works in mysterious ways leading him to buy a house two doors away from DML.



Address:
5921 Hts Ravenna
Fruitport, MI
49415
231/788-2231

Lois Pennell

Lois moved to Muskegon when she was one year old and became a member of Bethlehem Lutheran then. She has been married to Kenneth for 42 years and has three children (2 boys and 1 girl) and four grandchildren. In her spare time she enjoys going to antique shows.



Address:
2264 Chester
Muskegon, MI
49444
231/773-8863

Jessie Larson

Jessie was a long time member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, confirmed in 1930. While at Bethlehem she served on church council, taught Sunday school, was chairman of the Ladies Aid and was an officer in District Ladies Aid. She was also active in Girl Scouts. Jessie moved to Muskegon when she was 1-year old. Jessie has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.



Address:
1128 Walnut
Grove
Muskegon, MI
231/799-9629

Blanche Vanderstelt

Blanche joins DML from the New Member Class. She first came to DML in response to an invitation from Gene Broge. She worked for Gospel Films for 21 years and has 3 children (2 in Muskegon and 1 in Utica, MI), 3 grandchildren, and 1 step-grandchild



Address:
1102 E. Byron
Muskegon, MI
49441
231/798-1005

Priscilla Pedersen

Priscilla joined Bethlehem Lutheran in 1957. She was married to Alfred for 53 years before he passed away in 2002. She has 2 children, both girls, and 1 grandchild. She has a son-in-law who is an ELCA pastor in Michigan City, Indiana.

Worship Assistants

October 3

Deacon Tom Whitehead
Lector _____
Acolyte Bethany Eggleton
Nursery Lauren Johnson
Ushers Mike Sellon
Russ Tilden
Tellers Tom & Donna Whitehead
Gordon Eggleton

October 24

Deacon Cindy Borreson
Lector _____
Acolyte Matthew Kitchka
Nursery Lauren Stroh
Ushers John Moore
Tom Proksa
Tellers Tom & Betty Proksa
John Moore

October 10

Deacon Laurie Tilden
Lector _____
Acolyte Emily Johnson
Nursery Beulah Justian
Ushers Emily Kitchka
Bill Kitchka
Tellers Randy & Cindy Borreson
Polly Eagle

October 31

Deacon Rose Justian
Lector _____
Acolyte Becky Stroh
Nursery _____
Ushers Gene Broge
Brian Doane
Tellers Emogene Cotal
Jan Wolf

October 17

Deacon Janet Wolf
Lector _____
Acolyte Andrew Kitchka
Nursery Rose Justian
Ushers Emogene Cotal
Jan Wolf
Tellers LaVern & Irene Borreson
Bill Kitchka

Mission Exchange Sunday

October 17, 2004

Parris Ivon Harris will preach at DML on the 17th. He is from Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Pastor Dennis will be at Trinity Lutheran to preach that same Sunday.

An offering will be collected for Slovak Missionaries.



Hymns & Lessons



October 3
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-10 (Psalm 37:1-9 [NRSV])
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Hymns
#507 How Firm a Foundation
#675 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
#226 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
#500 Faith of Our Fathers

October 10
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Hymns
#777 In the Morning When I Rise
#627 My Lord, What a Morning
#212 Let Us Break Bread Together
#673 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

October 17
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-18

Hymns
#520 Give to Our God Immortal Praise!
#445 Unto the Hills
#205 Now the Silence
#557 Let All Things Now Living

October 24
21th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 *or* Sirach 35:12-17
Psalm 84:1-6 (Psalm 84:1-7 [NRSV])
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Hymns
#754 Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ
#651 Shine, Jesus, Shine
#752 I. The Lord of Sea and Sky
#795 Oh, Sing to the Lord

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact:

Deacons, Acolytes, & Tellers contact:
Cindy Borreson—616-846-2477

Lectors & Ushers contact:
Janet Wolf—(231) 739-7328

Nursery contact:
Jan Ward—(231) 739-7328

October 31
Reformation Sunday

Lessons
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Hymns
#229 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
#230 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
#200 For the Bread Which You Have Broken
#369 The Church's One Foundation

Congregation Council Minutes—September 13

Present: Cindy Borreson, Gene Broge, Emogene Cotal, Beulah Justian, Betty Proksa, Pastor Stroh, Tom Whitehead, Janet Wolf. Excused: Gordon Eggleton, Stephen Hellman

Jan Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: Pastor led devotions with a reading from Philippians 3

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the July 12, 2004 Council meeting were presented in written form. Gene moved to accept the minutes as presented, Beulah seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2004 and August 31, 2004 were presented in printed form. Cindy made the following comments about the Treasurer's reports:

- The August Cash Flow report shows a negative amount for the overall total cash flow. This was because she had inadvertently recorded a \$1600 deposit as \$2000. No overdrafts resulted from this mistake.
- She has taken \$6000 from the money market fund/investments over the past 3 months in order to cover current expenses. Withdrawals of \$2000 each were made on 7/7, 8/9, and 9/10/04. Money was taken from the money market fund rather than the Reserve Fund because this is money that was budgeted for housing allowance but had not been used because she had paid the housing allowance from Current Funds whenever possible. This had been agreed to by Council at an earlier meeting.

Gene moved to accept that Treasurer's reports, Beulah seconded.

Approved. The following summarizes the fund balances as of 8/31/04 can be found on page 5.

Pastor's Report

Pastor presented a written report: Pastor's report included a list of 14 people that he recommended be accepted as new members. Those people are:

Transfer from Bethlehem Lutheran

Dorothy Anderson
Roger Anderson
Jessie Larson
Priscilla Pedersen
Lois Pennell
Beryl Connelly

Transfer from Central

Ron Heiss

Transfer from Our Redeemer

Kristina Carey

New Member Class

Shane Garrow
Brian Doane
Blanche Vandersteldt
Adrianna Hellman

Baptism

Emma Garrow
Nicole Hellman

Cindy moved to accept these people into membership, Emogene seconded. Approved.

- Pastor reported that he had decided against having the Todd Bowen / Stephanie Ames wedding at DML. After discussions with the couple, he felt they were interested only in having the wedding at DML and not in establishing a continuing relationship with the congregation. They had also requested that Pastor Scott from First Reformed Church in New Era perform the ceremony. Pastor Stroh was willing to have Pastor Scott participate in the service with him but felt it was inappropriate for him to be elimi-

nated from the service in his own church. Jan Wolf read a letter from Stephanie to the Council requesting the use of the church for the wedding on December 18, 2004, rehearsal on Dec. 17th, and the use of the fellowship hall for a rehearsal dinner. After much discussion, Cindy moved to honor Pastor's recommendation not to have the wedding at DML. Gene seconded. Approved. Tom will write a letter to inform the couple of the Council's decision.

Committee Reports

Property:

- Paul Filka and Bill Kitchka have offered to work on a work-bee to scrape and paint the windows in the front entryway to the church. Cindy will call Paul and Bill to determine when they will do this and put a notice in the bulletin to get additional volunteers.
- Cindy will get a Menard's credit card for Pastor so that a credit card will be available if people working at the church need to get supplies from Menard's.
- Cindy will talk to her husband Randy to see if he is willing to head the Property Committee with Brian Doane. Steve Hellman has been doing this but has been unable to give it much time due to health problems.
- Gene moved to hire Louie Boucher to strip and wax the floors in the fellowship hall, hallways, and office, and to pay him \$10/hr for actual time worked, not to exceed 20 hours. Betty seconded. Approved.

Congregation Council Minutes—September 13 (continued...)

Evangelism:

- The new church sign is up and is generally well-liked. Mike Lynn of USA Sign is willing to meet with an electrician to determine how to connect power to it. Gene also mentioned that the vandal cover doesn't seem to fit properly. Also, the red letters that we were supposed to receive have not been ordered yet. We have paid USA Sign Co. but have not received an invoice or a receipt. Gene will pursue these issues with Mike Lynn.
- Shane Garrow and Kristina Carey will be married at DML on 6/8/05.
- Barb Zielinski, the mission developer at the new Lutheran church in Grand Haven, Extended Grace Church, has requested permission to have a shrub and perennials sale at DML to raise money for the church. Council approved.
- Diane Miller of Habitat for Humanity would like to come speak to the congregation about the Jimmy Carter home-building project scheduled for 2005. Emogene moved that we invite her to give a 10-minute temple talk. Cindy seconded. Approved.

Finance: No additional report. Everything was covered under the Treasurer's report.

Parish Education: BIBLE Club started on 9/12/04 and put in the first stepping stone of a planned labyrinth in the memorial garden. The BIBLE Club paid for the stone and also Fall flowers for the garden. Betty mentioned that ushers should pass out children's bulletins each Sunday. She also said that the BIBLE Club is having an adult from

the congregation play a learning game with the students each Sunday.

Social Ministry: Have made some calls and sent cards to the sick.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship & Music: Met on Saturday, 9/11/04. They have put a lot of emphasis on choosing singable music. They are also overseeing the Pot Luck on 9/26/04 for the new members.

Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry: Will meet on 9/25/04. Cindy moved to accept the committee reports. Betty seconded. Accepted.

Special Committees

Dorcas Circle: The bazaar is scheduled for 10/30/04. This will be a combined Dorcas Circle and Eve Circle event.

Eve Circle: Will meet Tuesday, 9/14/04 to plan for the bazaar. Betty also took down some of the curtains in the fellowship hall that had paint on them and washed them. All the paint came out and the curtains look much better. Pastor pointed out that in order for the ladies to get a Thrivent grant for the bazaar, they need to have a goal, such as replacing windows in the church, perhaps starting with the windows in the nave. Betty is the congregation coordinator for Thrivent Financial and will call them to see what types of projects they will approve.

Men's Club: Met on Saturday, 9/11/04. Tom explained that the wheelchair ramp did not work out. The couple decided it wasn't what they needed. Tom let Love Inc know that the men are still willing to work on a ramp project but they have not heard anything yet. Also, nothing has been lined up for work-

ing on Habitat for Humanity this year.

Youth Group: No report.

Petitions and Communications
None.

Unfinished Business

- Tom mentioned that at the last meeting he and Pastor had with Diane Irwin about the pre-school, she asked if she owed the church any additional rent. She had paid \$901.25 in May for half a year. Gene moved that Diane is paid up and does not owe the church any additional money. Beulah seconded. Approved.
- Tom recommended getting new rectangular tables for the fellowship hall from Sam's Club with the money in the Memorial Fund that had been donated in memory of his mother. Gene recommended that the remaining money in his wife's memorials also be used for that purpose. Tom moved to get 2 4-foot tables and as many 8-foot tables as possible with the money in these memorials. Beulah seconded. Approved. Pastor mentioned that he has a Sam's Club card that will permit us to get these as non-taxable items for the church.

New Business

None.

Gene moved to adjourn the meeting and Cindy seconded. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Whitehead
Church Secretary

Financial Information—August 31, 2004

ASSETS

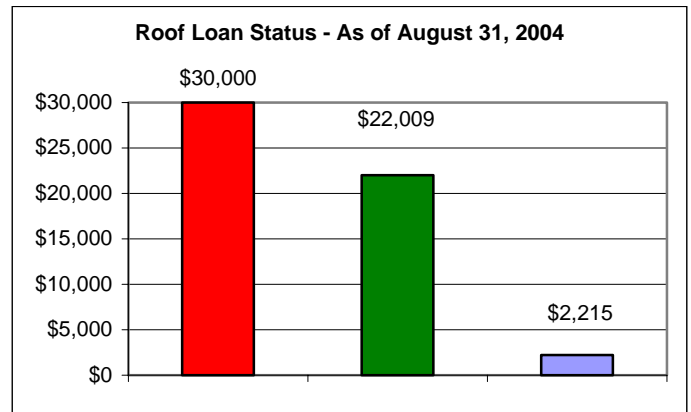
<u>Cash & Bank Accounts</u>	
Funds for General Operations	
Checkbook	\$-192.76
Savings – Reserve	<u>\$4,761.07</u>
Total Funds for General Operations	\$4,568.31
Funds for Special Purposes	
Savings—Designated	
Roof Fund (Loan)	\$2,214.54
Evangelism	\$69.00
Eve Circle	\$2,072.89
Kitchen Fund	\$350.20
Men’s Club	\$314.31
Youth Group	<u>\$149.39</u>
Total Savings—Designated	\$5,170.33
Savings – Memorial	\$3,517.04
Savings – Social Security	<u>\$925.72</u>
Total Funds for Special Purposes	\$9,613.09
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$14,181.40
Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance	
LB Money Market—Cash	\$1,354.44
LB Fund	\$31,898.48
LB Income Fund	<u>\$43,713.16</u>
Total Investments	\$76,966.08
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$91,147.48</u>

LIABILITIES

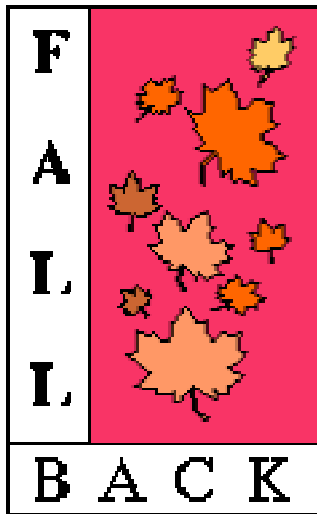
Roof Loan Liability	\$7,575.94
WH—Federal Tax Liability	\$1,756.69
WH—State Tax Liability	\$155.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$9,488.23</u>

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
June 2004	\$505.00
July 2004	\$764.00
August 2004	\$722.00



to Betty Proksa for cleaning the drapes in the Fellowship Hall.
to the Dorcas Circle for providing the Ham for the Gala Celebration Dinner.
To everyone who attended the dinner, brought a dish to pass, or helped organize and clean-up after the dinner.



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Many fire departments encourage people to change the battery in the smoke detector when they change their clocks, because it can be so easy to forget otherwise. "A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire," says William McNabb of the Troy Fire Department in Michigan. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries.

Remember our friends and family members in the Military



Our Sick and Shut-Ins

Brett Cavanaugh
 Tim Debard
 (Margaret Hulka's nephew)
 Bea Eggleton
 Millie Fredrick
 Ann Hamil
 Ann Hulka
 Virginia Martin
 Floyd Nickisch
 Jeannette Roach
 Judy Slezak
 (Irene Borreson's sister & previous member)
 Paul Suhovsky
 Lowell Tambling

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

God of Compassion, we pray for military personnel offered for the sake of others and separated from family and loved ones. Care for them; meet their needs. Grant them courage, compassion, strength, and all they need for the living of these days. Sustain them through their every trial. Remind them of the humanity they share Even with those who are called "the enemy"; Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

Sgt. Kevin William Sellon (*Mike & Carol Sellon's son*)
 United States Army
 Stationed at Camp Stanley, Korea

SSgt. Jeffrey Richard Sellon (*Mike & Carol Sellon's son*)
 United States Air Force
 Stationed at Travis Air Force Base, CA

Sgt. Kenneth W. Hawkins (*Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew*)
 United States Army—Camp Casey, Korea

AJ-3 Lisa Pepera (*Virginia Kolarik's granddaughter*)
 United States Navy—Serving on the USS Kitty Hawk

Corporal Matthew A. Miner (*Laurie Tilden's son*)
 United States Marine Corps
 Stationed in Rimadi, Iraq

AT-2 Russ Tilden, Jr. (*Russ Tilden's son*)
 United States Navy—Serving on the USS Washington

If you'd like to add a name to this list, please contact Cindy Borreson.

What's Happening at DML

Dorcas Circle

Meetings are on held on the 1st Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, October 4—
10:00 am in the Lounge.

See Irene Borreson or Ann Hamil for information.

EVE Circle

Eve Circle will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They are making cards
and plans for the upcoming bazaar. Every one is welcome to join.

Contact Betty Proksa if you have any questions.

MEN'S CLUB

Saturday, October 2 — Breakfast at Nino's.

Contact Russ Tilden or Tom Whitehead with questions.

Bible Study

Classes are held on Thursdays in the Lounge starting in October. Please join us, classes
are much more enjoyable when shared with others.

2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Spanish Class

Plans are underway to resume classes this fall. More details later.

BIBLE CLUB

The B.I.B.L.E Club recently set a stone at the foot of the cross in the DML Memorial Garden. This stone incorporates the handprints of those present, along with a prayer of blessing from the B.I.B.L.E. club members, as the stone was dedicated. This is the first of many stones that the Eve Circle is planning on laying in the garden. This stone was purchased by funds raised by the kids themselves.



This 'n That

Columbus Day



ATLANTIC	INDIES	SANTA MARIA
CLAIM	ISABELLA	SCURVY
DISCOVERY	NEW WORLD	SHIPS
FERDINAND	NINA	SPAIN
GOLD	PINTA	SPICES
HARDTACK	SAILORS	VOYAGE

Monday, October 11, 2004

Chili Lunch

Baked Goods

Crafts



Saturday, October 30

Greeting Cards

White Elephant

Recycle Your Tired Sneakers

We've found a good use for your crummy old sneakers. Unlikely as it may seem, Nike wants them. **The company's Reuse-A-Shoe program collects worn-out athletic shoes, grinds them up, and ships them off to be used in surfacing athletic courts and playgrounds in undeserved communities.** It takes about 2,500 pairs of shoes to build a tennis or basketball court, and 15 times that number for a running track or soccer pitch. If every *Organic Style* reader recycled just one pair, we

would keep 300 garbage trucks of sneakers out of the landfill and provide the raw materials for 300 basketball courts. Check out Nike's Web site for a list of shoe stores that accept donations (nikereuseashoe.com). All brands of footwear are welcome. Or ship your cast-offs to: Nike Recycling Center, c/o Reuse-A-Shoe, 26755 S.W. 95th Avenue, Wilsonville, OR 97070. Talk about fancy footwork.

Festivals and Commemorations—October

Monday, October 4

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the Church, 1226

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being "wedded to Lady Poverty." Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they understood literally Jesus' words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to "use words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. A prayer attributed to St. Francis is included in *LBW* (p. 48).

Monday, October 4

Theodore Fliedner, renewer of society, 1864

Fliedner's work was instrumental in the revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. While a pastor in Kaiserswerth, Germany, he also ministered to prisoners in Düsseldorf. Through his ministry to prisoners he came in contact with Moravian deaconesses, and it was through this Moravian influence that he was convinced that the ministry of deaconesses had a place among Lutherans. His work and writing encouraged women to care for those who were sick, poor, or imprisoned. Fliedner's deaconess motherhouse in Kaiserswerth inspired Lutherans all over the world to commission

deaconesses to serve in parishes, schools, prisons, and hospitals. At this motherhouse in Kaiserswerth, Florence Nightingale received her training as a nurse (see August 13).

Wednesday, October 6

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536

William Tyndale was ordained in 1521, and his life's desire was to translate the scriptures into English. When his plan met opposition from Henry VIII, Tyndale fled to Germany, where he traveled from city to city and lived in poverty and constant danger. He was able to produce a New Testament in 1525. Nine years later he revised it and began work on the Old Testament, which he was unable to complete. He was tried for heresy and burned at the stake. Miles Coverdale completed Tyndale's work, and the Tyndale-Coverdale version was published as the "Matthew Bible" in 1537. The style of this translation has influenced English versions of the Bible such as the King James (Authorized Version) and the New Revised Standard Version for four centuries.

Thursday, October 7

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, missionary to North America, 1787

Muhlenberg was prominent in setting the course for Lutheranism in this country. He helped Lutheran churches make the transition from the state churches of Europe to independent churches of America. Among other things, he established the first Lutheran synod in America and developed an American Lutheran liturgy. His liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888, used in many North American service books for a majority of the

past century.

Friday, October 15

Teresa de Jesus, teacher, renewer of the church, 1582

Teresa de Jesus is also known as Teresa of Avila. She may be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Teresa chose the life of a Carmelite nun after reading the letters of Jerome. She was frequently sick during her early years as a nun and found that when she was sick her prayer life flowered, but when she was well it withered. Steadily her life of faith and prayer deepened, and she grew to have a lively sense of God's presence with her. She worked to reform her monastic community in Avila, which she believed had strayed from its original purpose. Her reforms asked nuns to maintain life in the monastic enclosure without leaving it and also to identify with those who are poor by not wearing shoes. Teresa's writings on devotional life are widely read by members of various denominations.

Sunday, October 17

Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, martyr, c. 115

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria. It was there that the name "Christian" was first used to describe the followers of Jesus. Ignatius is known to us through his letters. In them he encouraged Christians to live in unity sustained with love while standing firm on sound doctrine. Ignatius believed Christian martyrdom was a privilege. When his own martyrdom approached, he wrote in one of his letters, "I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. . . . [D]o not stand in the way of my

Festivals and Commemorations (con't)

birth to real life."

Ignatius and all martyrs are a reminder that even today "standing firm in the Lord" (Philippians 4:1) may lead to persecution and death.

Monday, October 18 St. Luke, evangelist

Luke is identified as the author of both Luke and Acts. Luke is careful to place the events of Jesus' life in both their social and religious contexts. Some of the most loved parables, including the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, are found only in this gospel. Luke's gospel has also given the church some of its most beautiful songs: the Benedictus sung at morning prayer, the Magnificat sung at evening prayer, and the Nunc dimittis sung at the close of the day. These songs are powerful witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ.

Paul calls Luke the "beloved physician," and some congregations use the day of St. Luke to remember and pray for those in healing professions.

Saturday, October 23

James of Jerusalem, martyr
James became an early leader of the church in Jerusalem. He is described in the New Testament as the brother of Jesus, and secular historian Josephus calls James, the brother of Jesus, "the so-called Christ." Little is known about him, but Josephus reported that the Pharisees respected James for his piety and observance of the law. His enemies had him put to death.

Was James a blood brother of the Lord? It is difficult to answer that question because the Aramaic word for brother can also mean cousin. Jesus also

said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." The commemoration of James and his connection to Jesus as "brother" can spark further discussion about how we all share Christ as our brother through baptism into his death and resurrection.

Tuesday, October 26 Philipp Nicolai, 1608; Johann Heermann, 1647; Paul Gerhardt, 1676; hymnwriters

These three outstanding hymnwriters all worked in Germany in the seventeenth century during times of war and plague. When Philipp Nicolai was a pastor in Westphalia, the plague killed thirteen hundred of his parishioners. One hundred seventy people died in one week. His hymns "Wake, awake, for night is flying" (LBW 31) and "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" (LBW 76) were included in a series of meditations he wrote to comfort his parishioners during the plague. The style of Johann Heermann's hymns moved away from the more objective style of Reformation hymnody toward expressing the emotions of faith. Three of his hymns are in *LBW*, including his plaintive text, "Ah, holy Jesus" (123). Paul Gerhardt lost a preaching position at St. Nicholas's Church in Berlin because he refused to sign a document stating he would not make theological arguments in his sermons. Some have called him the greatest of Lutheran hymnwriters.

Thursday, October 28 St. Simon and St. Jude, apostles

We know little about Simon and Jude. In New Testament lists of

the apostles, Simon the "zealot" or Cananean is mentioned, but he is never mentioned apart from these lists. Jude, sometimes called Thaddeus, is also mentioned in lists of the twelve. At the last supper Jude asked Jesus why he had chosen to reveal himself to the disciples but not to the world. A traditional story about Simon and Jude says that they traveled together on a missionary journey to Persia and were both martyred there.

The prayer of the day for this lesser festival asks that as Simon and Jude "were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

October 31

Reformation Day

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

As we observe the Reformation today the church prays for renewal and reconciliation among all Christians, that we may more faithfully witness to the world. This commemoration is not a victory day for Lutherans, but an opportunity to be reminded of the reformers' belief that the church would always stand in need of reformation.



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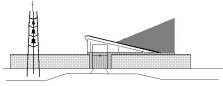
- 1 Give thanks for the sharing of the witness that is strengthened through the companion relationship between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Pare and Southern dioceses, and the ELCA Southeastern Iowa and Western Iowa Synods, respectively.
- 2 Praise God for the commitment and ministry of ELCA volunteer missionaries. Give thanks for the gifts of the many new English-speaking teachers serving at the Lutheran schools in Bratislava, Košice, Liptovsky Mikulas and Tisovec, Slovakia.
- 3 **Pentecost 18**
O God, in the midst of health, economic, political, and social challenges in the African nations of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger, we pray that your abounding grace may bring strength and hope to the people.
- 4 Pray for Pastor John Williams as he shepherds the emerging faith community of Living Springs Lutheran Church. Living Springs is located in Spring Mountain Ranch, a growing community in northwest suburban Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 5 Pray for Bette McCrandell who serves with the Lutheran Church in Liberia, which continues to witness to God's love and faithfulness as its country seeks healing from civil conflict. Bette supports church administration and the education ministries of the Lutheran church.
- 6 Give thanks for Carol and James Sack, serving with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. Pray for James as he teaches and counsels at the Japan Lutheran Theological College and Seminary in Tokyo. Pray for Carol as she reaches out with a ministry of Music Thanatology within the church and the greater Tokyo community.
- 7 Pray for Pastor David Jones and Holy Trinity, East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the congregation seeks to extend its ministry to at-risk youth through developing the gifts and discipleship of members.
- 8 Pray for the companion relationship between the Indonesian Protestant Christian Batak Church (HKBP) Toba District and the ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod.
- 9 Pray for Pastor Keith Prekker and Rejoice Lutheran Church in Erie, Colorado, which organized on Palm Sunday, April 4, 2004.
- 10 **Pentecost 19**
We pray, O God, together with the people of Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea: "grant that we might sleep in peace in this home; and that at the break of day we may find ourselves in safety."
- 11 Pray for Julie Boutwell-Peterson and Robert Peterson, who are serving the ELCA mission in Senegal. Pray that their ministries of administration and community education may be strengthened as they continue to grow in relationships with those with whom they live and serve.
- 12 Thank God for the witness and vitality brought to the church through the companion relationship between the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic and the ELCA Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod.
- 13 Keep For Spirit Alive, Kenosha, Wisconsin, in your prayers as they purchase land for eventual construction of their first building and continue to reach new followers of Jesus.
- 14 Pray for ELCA seminarians doing their internships in international settings. Pray especially for Lars Olson, who will spend this year serving a congregation in Mexico.
- 15 Pray for New Life Lutheran Church, Socastee, South Carolina, and Pastor Norton Rosebrock. The high cost of rental space is hampering their growth and outreach ministry. Pray for aid and insight in overcoming this hurdle that they might continue with their faithful ministry in the Myrtle Beach area.

- 16 On this World Food Day, give thanks for the witness of Anne and Willie Langdji, who work with women and men in the rural area of Linguere, Senegal, to support village-based development programs. Anne's work focuses on community health care: health promotion and education as well as primary health care. Willie works with the Linguere Cultural Center and Herders Cooperative, which provides a milk processing cooperative and supports cattle producers with veterinary care and technical assistance to improve dry-season production.
- Pentecost 20**
- 17 **Merciful God, we thank you for the power of the Bible that speaks to the people of Sao Tomé and Principe, the Republic of Congo, and Gabon. May they find strength and wisdom in you to witness amidst the social challenges of today.**
- 18 Pray for Christ Lutheran Church in Madisonville, Kentucky, as they begin the National Church Development process and mission and vision planning. Pray that they are open to hear and respond to God's will and that they experience new joy and transformation.
- 19 Give praise for the companion synod relationship between the Diocese in Arusha Region of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the ELCA Northern Illinois Synod.
- 20 Thank God for Elissa Rolf as she begins teaching English at a small teachers' college in China under the auspices of the Amity Foundation. Give thanks for all Amity teachers in China who share their gift of presence and education.
- 21 As the construction season draws to a close in many states, pray that construction workers are guided by skill and care as they build places for mission outreach.
- 22 Pray for the family advocacy program of Iglesia Luterana de la Resurrección in Garden City, Kansas.
- 23 Pray for Pastor Gregory Brown as he works as mission developer for a Fresh Start ministry known as Miracles of Faith, in Oakland, California—a multicultural community comprised of African Americans, Latinos, Asians, and Whites.
- Pentecost 21**
- 24 **We bless you, O God, for sending your Spirit into the hearts of the people of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. Even as challenges continue, including discord, we ask your grace to abound. And on this United Nations Day, we pray for all nations of the world, that peace and justice, even in the midst of diversity and differences, may prevail.**
- 25 Pray for Jill and Pastor Steven Rheingans as they serve the Protestant Church of Oman, an expatriate congregation in this country located on the Arabian Peninsula.
- 26 Praise God for the sharing of gifts that is realized in the companion relationship between the ELCA Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Löbau-Zittau District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony (Germany), the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia, and the South-Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.
- 27 Thank God for the companion synod relationship between Ansbach and Augsburg districts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (Germany), and the ELCA Upper Susquehanna and Southeastern Synods, respectively
- 28 Pray for peace and security in the Holy Land, that the witness of the church may lead to reconciliation and justice for all.
- 29 Give thanks to God for Candice and Royan Yuen as Royan teaches Old Testament at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. Pray for all whose vocation is teaching, especially in international ministries in seminaries and church-related colleges and universities.
- 30 Pray for Pastor Stephen Quill and Sienna Plantation Mission, a satellite ministry from New Hope Lutheran Church, Missouri City, Texas.
- Reformation Sunday**
- 31 **We give you thanks, O God, for signs of your presence and activity among the people of Germany. Continue to bring vitality, we pray, to the churches, that the awakening that happened with the Reformation may live on in ongoing renewal.**

Pastor's 1st Annual Bike Outing—Saturday, September 18

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9 am Men's Club at Nino's
3 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	4 Dorcas Circle 10 am <i>Francis of Assisi, renewer of the Church, 1226</i>	5 7 pm Finance Committee	6 <i>William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536</i>	7 2 pm Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study <i>Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, missionary to North America, 1787</i>	8	9
10 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	11 COLUMBUS DAY 7 pm Congregation Council	12 Parish Ed 6 pm Eve Circle 6:30 pm	13	14 2 pm Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study	15 <i>Teresa de Jesus, teacher, renewer of the church, 1582</i>	16 <i>(17th) Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, martyr, c. 115</i>
17 20th Sunday after Pentecost Mission Exchange 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	18 <i>ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST</i>	19	20	21 2 pm Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study	22	23 11 am Worship & Music Committee <i>James of Jerusalem, martyr</i>
24 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	25 6:30 pm Evangelism Committee	26 <i>Philipp Nicolai, 1608; Johann Heermann, 1647; Paul Gerhardt, 1676; hymnwriters</i>	27	28 2 pm Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study <i>St. Simon and St. Jude, apostles</i>	29	30 9 am Mutual Ministry Church Bazaar Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday 2 am.
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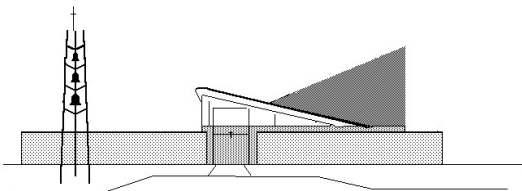
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