



# The Church Door

## From Pastor Dennis

I want to bring you up to date on a few things happening around DML.

On a sad note, Diane Irwin informed us that she could no longer run her Creative Child preschool at DML due to a lack of enrollment coupled with the cost of the repairs and improvements needed in order to for her state license to be renewed. Creative Child Preschool had been housed at DML for the last 12 years and the decision to leave was a difficult one for Diane to make and it was received with regret when she informed Tom Whitehead and myself. I am sure that many others when they hear the news will have similar feelings. I for one will miss those little ones whom the Preschool brought into our building each week and the energy they brought with them..

On a happy note our congregation has been busy bringing some little ones into our building and on September 12th we will have the privilege and pleasure of baptizing Nicole Hellman, Emma Garrow and her father Shane Garrow.

On another happy note, God has blessed DML with several new members and we will be receiving them into membership on September 29th. After the

worship service we will have a welcoming potluck dinner in the fellowship hall. Many of these folks have blessed us with their presence in worship and have chosen to officially join us as members of DML. Here is a list of those who we will be welcoming as fellow members of DML:

### *Transfers from Bethlehem*

Dorothy Anderson  
Roger Anderson  
Jessie Larson  
Pricilla Pederson  
Lois Pennell  
Pat Connely

### *Transfer from Central*

Ron Heiss

### *Transfer from Our Redeemer*

Kristina Carey

### *New Member Class*

Brian Doane  
Shane Garrow  
Adrianna Hellman  
Blanche Vandersteldt

### *Baptism*

Emma Garrow  
Nicole Hellman

There is the possibility of one or two more and I hope that I have not omitted anyone from this list. If I have or you know of someone whose name should be on the list, please contact me immediately and let me know.

On another happy note, and a much more visible one is our new church sign, and a beautiful one it is! This is something that our Evangelism Committee has been working on for several months having started out as

sort of a dream or possibility and was able to come to fruition thanks to the Melissa Hellman family for authorizing memorial funds to be released for the sign and also from a generous gift from Cliff Hellman. Many thanks to the Evangelism Committee for their diligent, dedicated, and deliberate work!

Finally, I have set the date for my first annual Pastor's Bike Ride as Saturday, September 18 (the rain date is September 25). I have been pleasantly surprised by the number of people (young and old) who have shown interest in the ride. I am trying to plan it so that those who cannot ride could meet us for some fellowship time at the midpoint of our ride and possibly a barbecue, picnic lunch or something like that. Be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks.

We are beginning the Fall with some momentum. Let us continue with the push our Lord has blessed us with as we celebrate Christ's gift of redemption and as we endeavor to invite others to join with us in that celebration.

God's Grace, Mercy, Peace and Hope to all the witnesses of Christ at DML.  
Pastor Dennis

# Prayer List

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)

Evelyn Stroh  
(Pastor's Mother)

Paul Suchovsky

Lowell Tambling

**Patti McRoberts**, daughter of Paul and Ada Filka, passed away on Thursday, August 29th after a lingering illness.

Patti was a long-time member and a past organist of DML. Please remember Paul, Ada, and their family in your prayers during this time.

Lord, look upon me with the eyes of Your mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. *Amen*

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

# Worship Assistants

## September 5

*Deacon* Janet Wolf  
*Lector* Lauren Stroh  
*Acolyte* Matthew Kitchka  
*Nursery* Donna Whitehead  
*Ushers* Mike Sellon  
Russ Tilden  
*Tellers* Donna Whitehead  
Tom Whitehead  
Gordon Eggleton

## September 12

*Deacon* Rose Justian  
*Lector* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Acolyte* Becky Stroh  
*Nursery* Alice Doane  
*Ushers* Emily Kitchka  
Bill Kitchka  
*Tellers* Cindy Borreson  
Randy Borreson  
Polly Eagle

## September 19

*Deacon* Andrew Kitchka  
*Lector* Cindy Borreson  
*Acolyte* Eric Burke  
*Nursery* Polly Eagle  
*Ushers* Emogene Cotal  
Jan Wolf  
*Tellers* Irene Borreson  
LaVern Borreson  
Bill Kitchka

## September 26

*Deacon* Bill Kitchka  
*Lector* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Acolyte* Andrew Doane  
*Nursery* Nancy Johnson  
*Ushers* John Moore  
Tom Proksa  
*Tellers* Betty Proksa  
Tom Proksa  
John Moore



# Hymns & Lessons

September 5  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Lessons**  
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
 Psalm 1  
 Philemon 1-21  
 Luke 14:25-33

**Hymns**  
 #546 When Morning Gilds the Skies\*  
 #423 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service  
 #346 When Peace, Like a River\*\*  
 #554 This is My Father's World\*\*

September 12  
**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Lessons**  
 Exodus 32:7-14  
 Psalm 51:1-10  
 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
 Luke 15:1-10

**Hymns**  
 #499 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing\*\*  
 #192 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy  
 #451 The Lord's My Shepherd\*\*  
 #734 Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling\*\*

September 19  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Lessons**  
 Amos 8:4-7  
 Psalm 113  
 1 Timothy 2:1-7  
 Luke 16:1-13

**Hymns**  
 #783 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God  
 #763 Let Justice Flow like Streams  
 #766 We Come to the Hungry Feast  
 #684 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

September 26  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Lessons**  
 Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
 Psalm 146  
 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
 Luke 16:19-31

**Hymns**  
 #559 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing\*\*  
 #535 Holy God, We Praise Your Name  
 #565 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
 #212 Let Us Break Bread Together\*\*  
 #540 Praise the Lord! O Heavens

**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**



# What's Happening at DML

## Dorcas Circle

Meeting begin again on  
Monday, September 12—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 September. We will be making cards and making plans for the upcoming bazaar. Every one is welcome to join us. Lets have a good turn-out after a summer break.

Contact Betty Proksa if you have any questions.

## MEN'S CLUB

Saturday, September 11—Breakfast at Nino's.  
Contact Russ Tilden or Tom Whitehead with questions.

## Youth Group

See Stephen Hellman for more information

## Spanish Class

Plans are underway to resume classes this fall.  
More details in the October newsletter.

## B.I.B.L.E. CLUB

We are ordering the  
B I B L E club  
materials from  
Firelight Bible  
Learning Curriculum.

We are asking for  
volunteers to help two  
or three times during  
the year, with crafts,  
lessons, music etc. We  
do have a lot of talent  
in our congregation. So  
don't be shy.

**We need you!**

First B I B L E club  
meeting will be  
Sept 12th.  
Hope everyone marks  
this date.

Should be a fun Year!!!

## From our Members...

You may not realize it, but it's 100% true.

1. There are at least two people in this world that you would die for.
2. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.
3. The only reason anyone would ever hate you is because they want to be just like you.
4. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
5. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
6. You mean the world to someone.
7. You are special and unique.
8. Someone that you don't even know exists, loves you.
9. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good comes from it.
10. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look.
11. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.

Come to the garden alone,  
while the dew is still on the  
roses....



FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR  
DAILY LIVING,

Plant three rows of Peas:



1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of Squash:



1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of  
Lettuce:



1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No Garden is without Turnips:



1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we  
must have Thyme:



1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH  
PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE  
WITH LOVE.  
THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN  
YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU  
REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

Betty Proksa

# *Financial Information—July 31, 2004*

## ASSETS

### Cash & Bank Accounts

Funds for General Operations	
Checkbook	\$280.42
Savings – Reserve	<u>\$4,290.87</u>
Total Funds for General Operations	\$4,571.29

### Funds for Special Purposes

Savings—Designated	
Roof Fund (Loan)	\$1,956.69
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	\$4,912.48
Savings – Memorial	\$5,195.37
Savings – Social Security	<u>\$278.59</u>
Total Funds for Special Purposes	\$10,386.44

Total Cash and Bank Accounts \$14,957.73

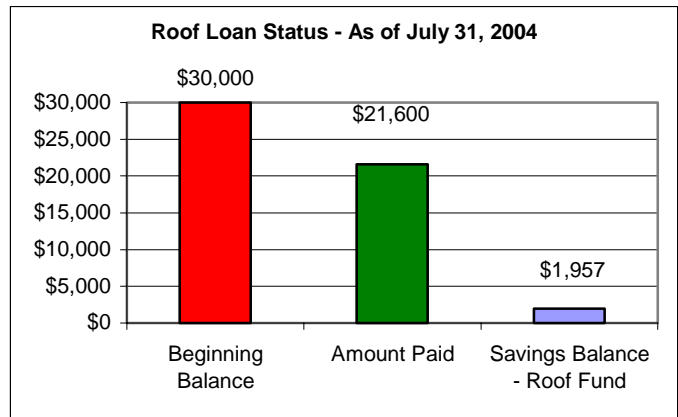
### Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance

LB Money Market—Cash	\$954.44
LB Fund	\$33,898.48
LB Income Fund	<u>\$43,713.16</u>
Total Investments	\$78,566.08

TOTAL ASSETS \$93,523.81

### 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



## LIABILITIES

Roof Loan Liability	\$7,984.49
WH—Federal Tax Liability	\$1,274.61
WH—State Tax Liability	\$15.45

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$9,274.55

## New DML Church Sign

### In Loving Memory of Melissa Hellman

Our beautiful new church sign was donated in loving memory of Melissa Hellman through the funds given in memory of Melissa with the balance donated by her Husband, Clif.

Thank you to the Hellman family for this generous gift that will be beneficial to our church and a lasting memorial to Melissa.



Our new sign is one item that the Evangelism Committee has worked on. If there is anything you would like to help them with, or any suggestions you would like to make, please attend their meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

**New committee members are always invited and welcomed!**

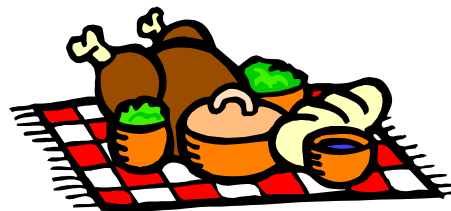
## Pot Luck Dinner—A Celebration of Welcome

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To celebrate and welcome our new members and friends, we are holding a celebration gathering following worship on Sunday, September 26.

Please bring a dish to pass (main dish, side dish, or dessert) and your own place setting. Rolls and beverages will be provided.

Please plan to say and welcome our new friends!



## Church Dinner

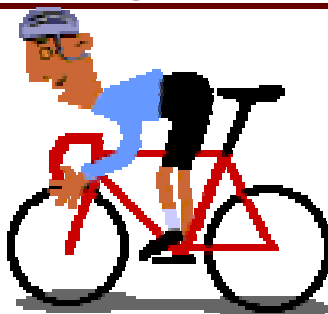
## Pastor's 1st Annual Bike Outing—Saturday, September 18

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Pastor's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bike Outing is being planned for Saturday, September 18 at 1:00-ish.

A bike route hasn't been finalized yet, but will be printed later in the bulletin.

Anyone who would like to ride their bike is welcome, along with



Rain date September 25

anyone who wish to share fellowship time but do not wish to or are unable, to ride.

A snack or lunch time is planned as part of the outing and we would certainly like as many people to participate as are able.

Hope to see you there!

# Festivals and Commemorations

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## **Thursday, September 9** **Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, 1654**

Peter Claver was born into Spanish nobility and was persuaded to become a Jesuit missionary. He served in Cartagena (in what is now Colombia) by teaching and caring for the slaves. The slaves arrived in ships, where they had been confined in dehumanizing conditions. Claver met and supplied them with medicine, food, clothing, and brandy. He learned their dialects and taught them Christianity. He called himself "the slave of the slaves forever." Claver also ministered to the locals of Cartagena who were in prison and facing death.

Claver's advocacy on behalf of the rights of slaves is a witness to a gospel that is for all people. Pray for contemporary ministries and for persons who offer care and compassion to people living in substandard living conditions.

## **Monday, September 13** **John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, 407**

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth") but it also got him into trouble. As bishop of Constantinople he preached against corruption among the royal court. The empress, who had been his supporter, sent him into exile. His preaching style emphasized the literal meaning of scripture and its practical application. This interpretation stood in contrast to the common style at the time, which emphasized the allegorical meaning of the text.

Chrysostom's skill in the

pulpit has led many to describe him as the patron of preachers. This week at gatherings of parish groups, include prayers for pastors and all who proclaim the gospel through preaching.

## **Tuesday, September 14** **Holy Cross Day**

Helena, the mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to Israel to look for Christian holy sites. She found what she believed were the sites of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, sites that modern archaeologists believe may be correct. Here Constantine built two churches. The celebration of Holy Cross Day commemorates the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in 335.

This day gives the church a chance to celebrate the victory of the cross with a festivity that would be out of place on Good Friday. Today alleluias are sung in thanksgiving for the tree of the cross, which Andrew of Crete described as "the trophy of God's victory." This week sing the hymn "Lift high the cross" (LBW 377).

## **Thursday, September 16** **Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, martyr, c. 258**

Cyprian worked for the unity of the church and cared for his flock in North Africa during a time of great persecution. During Cyprian's time as bishop many people had denied the faith under duress. In contrast to some who held the belief that the church should not receive these people back, Cyprian believed they ought to be welcomed into full communion after a period of penance. Cyprian insisted on the need for compassion in order to preserve the unity of the church. His essay *On the Unity of the Catholic Church* stressed the role of bishops in guaranteeing the visible, concrete

unity of the church. Cyprian was also concerned for the physical well-being of the people under his care. He organized a program of medical care during a severe epidemic in Carthage.

## **Saturday, September 18** **Dag Hammarskjold, peacemaker, 1961**

Dag Hammarskjold was a Swedish diplomat and humanitarian who served as Secretary General of the United Nations. He was killed in a plane crash on this day in 1961 in what is now Zambia while he was on his way to negotiate a cease-fire between the United Nations and the Katanga forces. For years Hammarskjold had kept a private journal, and it was not until that journal was published as *Markings* that the depth of his Christian faith was known. The book revealed that his life was a combination of diplomatic service and personal spirituality, a combination of contemplation on the meaning of Christ in his life and action in the world.

To commemorate Hammarskjold, pray for the work of the United Nations and for all peacemakers. Here is an example of a person whose quiet contemplation led to visible action in the world.

## **Tuesday, September 21** **St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist**

Matthew was a tax collector for the Roman government in Capernaum. Tax collectors were distrusted because they were dishonest and worked as agents for a foreign ruler, the occupying Romans. In the gospels, tax collectors are mentioned as sinful and despised outcasts, but it was these outcasts to whom Jesus showed his love. Matthew's

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name means "gift of the Lord."

In the gospels Jesus tells his disciples to treat notorious sinners as Gentiles and tax collectors. That has often been taken as a mandate for the church to avoid such people. But Jesus brought his ministry to these very people. In what ways might the church not shun "tax collectors" and sinners but extend its ministry to them and see them as gifts of the Lord?

### **Saturday, September 25 Sergius of Radonezh, abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392**

The people of Russia honor Sergius as the most beloved of all their saints and a model of Russian spiritual life at its best. At the age of twenty he began to live as a hermit, and others joined him. From their monastery in the forest, Sergius led the renewal of Russian monastic life. His monastery, the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, was a center for pilgrimage where people came to worship and receive spiritual support. Sergius was also a peacemaker whose influence stopped four civil wars between Russian princes. Sergius left no writings, but his disciples founded seventy-five monasteries and spread his teachings.

The commemoration of Sergius is an opportunity to consider the traditions of Russian Orthodoxy.

### **Tuesday, September 28 Jehu Jones, missionary, 1852**

A native of Charleston, South Carolina, Jones was ordained by the New York Ministerium in 1832, and was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor. Upon returning to South Carolina he was arrested under a law prohibiting free blacks

from reentering the state, so was unable to join the group of Charlestonians he had been commissioned to accompany to Liberia. For nearly twenty years Jones carried out missionary work in Philadelphia in the face of many difficulties. There he led the formation of the first African American Lutheran congregation, St. Paul's, and the construction of its church building.

### **Wednesday, September 29 St. Michael and All Angels**

On this festival day we ponder the richness and variety of God's created order and the limits of our knowledge of it. The scriptures speak of angels who worship God in heaven, and in both testaments angels are God's messengers on earth. They are remembered most vividly as they appear to the shepherds and announce the birth of the savior. Michael is an angel whose name appears in Daniel as the heavenly being who leads the faithful dead to God's throne on the day of resurrection. In Revelation, Michael fights in a cosmic battle against Satan.

The hymn "Ye watchers and

ye holy ones" (LBW 175) is appropriate for today. The hymn delights in the presence of the whole heavenly host of seraphs, cherubim, thrones, archangels, virtues, and angel choirs all led in praise of God by Mary, the "bearer of the eternal Word."

### **Thursday, September 30 Jerome, translator, teacher, 420**

Jerome is remembered as a biblical scholar and translator. Rather than choosing classical Latin as the basis of his work, he translated the scriptures into the Latin that was spoken and written by the majority of people in his day. His translation is known as the Vulgate, which comes from the Latin word for "common." While Jerome is remembered as a saint, he could be anything but saintly. He was well known for his short temper and his arrogance, although he was also quick to admit to his personal faults.

Thanks to the work of Jerome, many people received the word in their own language and lived a life of faith and service to those in need.



**Monday, September 6, 2004**

## Remember our friends and family members in the Military

God of Compassion,  
We pray for military personnel  
Offered for the sake of other  
And seperated 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

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

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

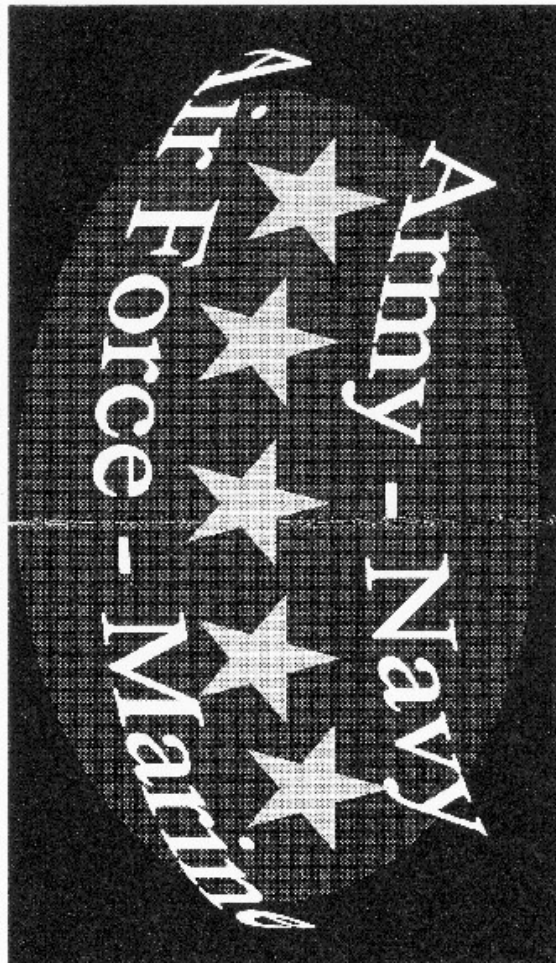
AJ-3 Lisa Pepera (*Virginia Kolarik's granddaughter*)  
United States Navy—Serving on the USS Kitty Hawk

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  
**Russ Jr. has returned safely home from the Persian Gulf. Thanks be to God!**

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

The American Red Cross invites you to attend  
**LAKESHORE MILITARY  
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**



All military family members and friends are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTER**  
Located at 313 West Webster Avenue in Muskegon

This group is intended to help our troops, share thoughts and concerns, as well as support for each other as our family members serve our country. For more information call:

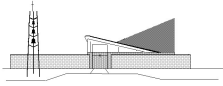
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 <b>Finance Com. 7 pm</b>	3	4
5 <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	7	8	9 <i>Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, 1654</i>	10	11 Men's Club 9 am
12 <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	13 <b>Congregation Council 6:30 pm</b>  <i>John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, 407</i>	14 <b>Parish Ed Committee 6:30 Eve Circle 7 pm</b>  <b>Holy Cross Day</b>	15	16	17	18 <b>W&amp;M Com 10 am</b>  Bike Outing 1 pm  <i>Dag Hammarskjold,</i>
19 <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	20	21  <i>St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist</i>	22	23	24	25  <i>Sergius of Radonezh, abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392</i>
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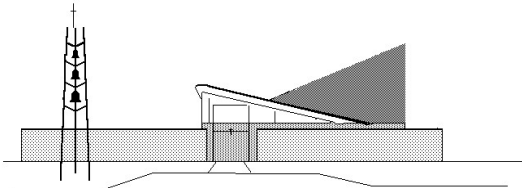
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The Season of Pentecost