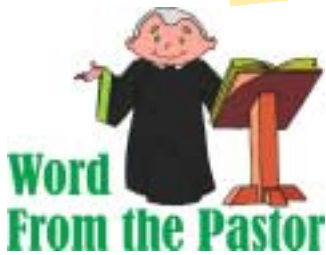


# The Church Door



A construction worker routinely complained about the contents of his lunch box. "I'm sick and tired of getting the same old thing!" he shouted one day. "Tonight I'll set my wife straight." The next day the men could hardly wait until lunchtime to hear what happened. "You bet I told her off," the bricklayer boasted. "I said, 'No more of the same old stuff. Be creative!' We had one heck of a fight, but I got my point across. He had indeed. In front of an admiring audience, he opened his lunch box to find that his wife had packed a coconut- and a hammer. Isn't it funny how we humans need change or things get boring, but at the same time we are desperately afraid of change. We are caught in the need for change to keep the

economy going. Just look at the new car models, new appliances, new clothes styles each year. Fashions, hair styles have always changed but they tend to be cyclical meaning that if you wait long enough, what was out of style will be back in style again. This was brought home to me just recently as my son Ben wanted some high top tennis shoes, because I remember wearing high top tennis shoes when I was about Ben's age. I was also amused recently to hear that some of the rapid growth "praise worship" only churches have begun to work old traditional worship hymns back into their worship service. To make this change more palatable they are not calling them traditional hymns but rather "classics" It seems that the only thing that is constant is change. An Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations. They presented him with the words: "And

this, too, shall pass away." One thing, however, that is not changeable is the Lord. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) Or in James 1:17 "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." As you see your children change as they grow up, as you see your spouse change as he or she ages, as you see gas prices change! know that there is at least one thing which remains constant. This one thing remains constant as friends and loved ones come and go, as employment comes and goes, as health comes and goes. This one thing is the Lord. The Lord's love for us can't change and neither can the Lord's promises of eternal life. Focus on the Lord and the Lord's promises as we live in a world of change.

God's Blessings,  
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@dmllc.org) to insert articles for next month's newsletter.

## Congregation Council Minutes—April 10

Secretary Gene Broge called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Gene Broge, Emogene Co-tal, Brian Doane, Russ Tilden, LaVern Borreson, Polly Eagle, Jan Wolf, Pastor Stroh

EXCUSED: Randy Borreson, Tom Whitehead

DEVOTIONS: Pastor led devotions with a reading from Romans 14

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the March 13, 2006 regular Council meeting was presented in printed form. Russ moved to accept the minutes. Jan seconded. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report was submitted

PASTOR'S REPORT: A written report was presented

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Property:** The committee reported that they are working on bids to replace the windows. Gene Broge suggested that they look into blocking off part of the windows as it would save on energy and it may be cheaper than replacing all of the windows.

**Evangelism:** Reported that a barrel has been placed at the rear of the Sanctuary for donations to Love INC. The benefiting charity will be changed from time to time.

**Finance:** No report given

**Parish Education:** The Easter Breakfast menu will be an egg casserole, with orange juice. Russ asked for some one to turn the oven on Easter morning. Members of the choir at the Council meeting stated that they will be in the building early and will turn on the oven.

**Social Ministry** No report

**Stewardship** April meeting has been canceled

**Worship & Music:** Meet and music has been selected

**Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry:** Did Not meet

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**Dorcas Circle:** Donated \$45 to help a released convict repair his car to get back to Kentucky.

**Eve Circle:** No report

**Men's Club:** Love INC had contacted Russ about building wheel chair ramps. He will get in touch with them to find out what is involved also DML will be working on a Habitat home again this year

### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## Easter Giving

Once again, Nancy Hamlin took charge and found three neighborhood families that we could support for Easter with pantry foods, and the things needed for a complete Easter Dinner. More than ever it is seen right here among us the affects of the economy. Two of these families are victims of recent job losses.

We need to feel good about helping those in need and giving not only financial support, but helping heal their faith.

Thanks to all who donated to help these families, it was greatly appreciated.

Read on for the thank you's from 2 of these families.

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

I cannot tell you how much my family appreciates the help you gave us this Easter. For the first time, we find ourselves in a financial position that makes it difficult to make ends meet. At first I felt a bit uncomfortable accepting food items delivered by your church member. However the woman who delivered them was wonderful and made me understand that you are doing God's work by reaching out to others in need. It was the first time in a while I was actually able to stock my shelves with extra food. It will be nice for the kids to feel normal again and have a choice of things to eat. We also had a wonderful Easter dinner of old. I think everyone felt thankful to you all.

We spoke briefly with the woman from your church, and it

was nice to reminded of all the good that comes from being together with those of faith. It is so easy to loose that faith when things get tough. We would like to visit your church soon and we were offered a ride if needed.

Thanks again to all of you and god bless.

Amanda

Thank you Church people for all the food. My Grandma got to eat with us. WE got lots of food now. Thanks you are nice.

Casey



# Church Financial Report

## March 2006

### ASSETS

#### Cash & Bank Accounts

Funds for General Operations	
Checkbook .....	-\$358.74
Savings – Reserve .....	<u>\$3,003.29</u>
Total Funds for General Operations .....	\$2,644.55

#### Funds for Special Purposes

##### Savings—Designated

Building Projects .....	\$8,009.35
Bazaar/Special Projects .....	\$6,094.98
Evangelism .....	\$69.00
Eve Circle .....	\$766.77
Kitchen Fund .....	\$357.55
Men’s Club .....	\$380.91
Youth Group .....	<u>\$149.39</u>

Total Savings—Designated .....	\$15,827.95
Savings – Memorial .....	\$4,480.14
Savings – Social Security .....	<u>\$1,375.35</u>
Total Funds for Special Purposes .....	<u>\$21,683.44</u>

Total Cash and Bank Accounts .....\$24,327.99

#### Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance

LB Money Market—Cash .....	\$1,547.53
LB Fund .....	\$32,338.39
LB Income Fund .....	<u>\$39,400.73</u>

Total Investments .....\$73,286.65

### LIABILITIES

WH—Federal Tax Liability .....	\$2,390.06
WH—State Tax Liability .....	<u>\$253.56</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES .....\$2,643.62

### Summary Information for March

Average Attendance =	<b><u>63</u></b>
Offering Needed to meet Budget	<b><u>\$6,023.84</u></b>
Amount Received toward Budget	<b><u>\$8,555.60</u></b>

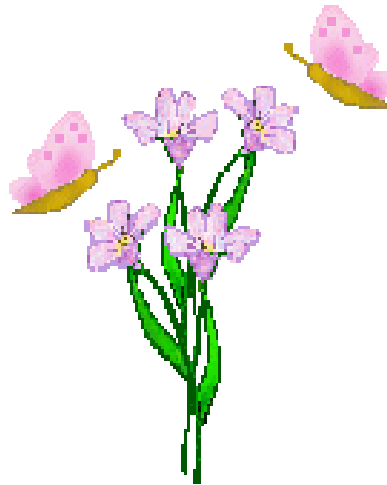
## Mutual Ministry Committee

The Mutual Ministry Committee is an active committee at DML and is designed to provide support and encouragement to the pastor and other program and support staff. In addition, members of this committee can be the liaison between the congregation and various program and support staff. Part of the responsibility of the MMC is to try to prevent and resolve misunderstandings and promote healthy communication among our staff and between staff members and the congregation or the Council. It is also important to acknowledge and celebrate our successes and affirm our staff. Please contact a member of the committee with any comments you would like acknowledged. Members are Pastor Stroh, Tom Whitehead, Randy Borreson, Gene Broge, and Cindy Borreson. Any of the committee members would be more than willing to receive your comments and communicate them to the committee.



# Prayer Needs

Ann Casperson  
 Beryl Connelly  
 Millie Fredrick  
 Stephen Hellman  
 Tom Hulka  
 Sandra Johnson  
 Beulah Justian  
 Andrew Lussky  
 Maxine Pedersen  
 Vicki Peterson  
 Nancy Rizzo  
 (Ann Markgraf's daughter)  
 Alberta Skodack  
 Steve Skodack  
 Paul Suchovsky  
 Lowell Tambling



As one whom his  
 mother *comforteth*, so  
 will I comfort you.

*Isaiah 66:13*

## Ann Hulka

Our dear friend, Ann Hulka,  
 passed away Monday,  
 April 24th following a  
 lengthy illness.

Please keep her friends and  
 family in your prayers  
 during this time.

Her Memorial Service will be  
 held Saturday, May 6th at  
 11:00 am..

Rest eternal, grant her O  
 Lord, and let perpetual light  
 shine upon her.

## Remember those in the military

**SSgt. Kevin Sellon** (*Mike and Carol Sellon's son*)  
 United States Army—Serving in Iraq

**Sgt. Kenneth Hawkins** (*Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew*)  
 United States Army—Stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington

**LCPL Corey Judson** (*Virginia Kolarik's grandson*)  
 Serving in Iraq.

**Private Lynzie Heiss** (*Ron Heiss's daughter*)  
 United States Army—Stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Do you have a loved one you would like included in the prayers or added to our prayer list? Please contact Cindy Borreson at 616-846-2477 or by email at cborreson@charter.net and she will see they are included.

# Worship Assistants      Lessons & Hymns

## May 7—4th Sunday of Easter

*Deacon*     Cindy Borreson  
*Lector*     Laurie Tilden  
*Acolyte*    Andy Doane  
*Nursery*    Shelly Ward  
*Ushers*     Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden  
*Tellers*     Tom & Donna Whitehead  
                 Gordon Eggleton

**Lessons**  
 Acts 4:5—12  
 Psalm 23  
 1 John 3:16—24  
 John 10:11—18

**Hymns**  
 #243—Lord, with Glowing Heart  
 #451—The Lord’s My Shepherd  
 #476—Have No Fear, Little Flock  
 #241—We Praise You, O God

## May 14—5th Sunday of Easter

*Deacon*     Rose Justian  
*Lector*     \_\_\_\_\_  
*Acolyte*    Nathaniel Johnson  
*Nursery*    Donna Whitehead  
*Ushers*     Emily & Bill Kitchka  
*Tellers*     Randy & Cindy Borreson  
                 Polly Eagle

**Lessons**  
 Acts 8:26—40  
 Psalm 22:25—31  
 1 John 4:7—21  
 John 15:1—8

**Hymns**  
 #535—Holy God, We Praise Your Name  
 #674—Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen  
 #315—Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling  
 #557—Let All Things Now Living

## May 21—6th Sunday of Easter—HUG Sunday

*Deacon*     Laurie Tilden  
*Lector*     \_\_\_\_\_  
*Acolyte*    Matthew Kitchka  
*Nursery*    Alice Doane  
*Ushers*     Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf  
*Tellers*     LaVern & Irene Borreson  
                 Bill Kitchka

**Lessons**  
 Acts 10:44—48  
 Psalm 98  
 1 John 5:1—6  
 John 15:9—17

**Hymns**  
 #718—Here In This Place  
 #748—Bind Us Together  
 #765—Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love  
 #779—You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

## May 28—7th Sunday of Easter

*Deacon*     Andrew Kitchka  
*Lector*     \_\_\_\_\_  
*Acolyte*    Becky Stroh  
*Nursery*    Polly Eagle  
*Ushers*     John Moore & Tom Proksa  
*Tellers*     Tom & Betty Proksa  
                 John Moore

**Lessons**  
 Acts 1:15—17, 21—26  
 Psalm 1  
 1 John 5:9—13  
 John 17:6—19

**Hymns**  
 #245—All People That on Earth Do Dwell  
 #157—A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!  
                 (v 1—4 & 7)  
 #409—Praise and Thanksgiving  
 #415—God of Grace and God of Glory

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

Deacons, Acolytes, Tellers	Cindy Borreson	(616) 846-2477
Lectors, Ushers	Janet Wolf	(231) 798-4049
Nursery	Jan Ward	(231) 799-0424

## What's Happening at DML

### EVE Circle

We want to thank all that contributed toward the Easter Baskets. We made 22 of them in all. They were very much appreciated at the mission.

Eve Circle meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Everyone is invited to join in. Contact Betty Proksa if you have any questions.

### Dorcas Circle

Meetings are held in the Lounge the 1st Monday of each month at 10:00 am.

Contact Irene Borreson or Ann Hamil if you have any questions.

### MEN'S CLUB

Regular Breakfast Meetings are the 1st Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.

Please contact Russ Tilden (231-798-1032) or Tom Whitehead (231) 798-4454 with any questions.

### Bible Club

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Breakfast. \$136.00 was raised and will be used for B.I.B.L.E. Club activities.

The last day of B.I.B.L.E. Club will be Sunday, May 21.

### Mother—Child Dinner

Sponsored by the Eve Circle

Monday, May 15th—Punch served at 6 pm—  
dinner at 6:30 pm

Catered by Bobbi Poley (from Ravenna)

Cost: Adult: \$7.50

Children 7 to 12: \$6.00

Children 6 and under: Free

We will have entertainment with a "telephone conversation with God" and some vocals from our congregation.

Please see any member of the Eve Circle for tickets.

### Rock the Coast

Ride all day, Rock all night. May 20-21, 2006

Featuring: The Afters, Natalie Grant, Kutless at Michigan Adventure

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Starticketsplus 1.800.585.3737 [www.starticketsplus.com](http://www.starticketsplus.com)

Day Of Ticket = \$40, does not include Saturday lunch.

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# May 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>10 am Dorcas Circle</b> <i>Philip and James, apostles</i>	2 <b>7 pm Finance Committee</b> <i>Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria</i>	3	4 2 pm Bible Study <i>Monica, mother of Augustine (c. 322–387)</i>	5	6 <b>9 am Men's Club Breakfast @ Mickey's</b>
7 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter</b> 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	8 <b>6:30 pm Congregation Council</b> <i>Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church (1342–c. 1416)</i>	9 <b>5:30 pm Property Committee</b> <i>Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter (1700–1760)</i>	10	11 2 pm Bible Study	12	13
14 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	15 <b>Mother – Child Dinner</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> <i>Matthias, apostle (transferred)</i>	16	17	18 2 pm Bible Study <b>6:30 pm Stewardship Committee</b> <i>Erik, king of Sweden, martyr (d. 1160)</i>	19	20 <b>9 am Worship &amp; Music Committee</b>
21 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter</b> <b>HUG Sunday</b> 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club <i>Helena, mother of Constantine (c. 250–330)</i>	22 <b>6:30 pm Evangelism Committee</b>	23	24 <i>Nicolaus Copernicus (1473–1543); Leonhard Euler (1707–1783); scientists</i>	25 2 pm Bible Study	26	27 <b>9 am Mutual Ministry Committee @ Mickey's</b> <i>John Calvin, renewer of the church (1509–1564)</i>
28 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter</b> 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist	29 <b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Jir'i Tranovsky, hymnwriter (1591–1637)</i>	30	31 <i>Visit of Mary to Elizabeth</i>			

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