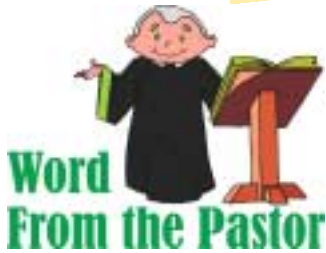


The Church Door



I don't know about you, but I am so thankful that spring is here. I enjoy seeing the earth coming to life again after a long winter's rest. We are still in the church season of Easter which is so very much a season of life, of Christ's rising from death to life and of securing for those who believe in him eternal life. Christ has done so much for us but sometimes we are prone to forget that. We can get so preoccupied with day to day life activities that we lose sight of what is really important.

Recently I watched a television program on asteroids with the focus of a large one hitting the earth causing catastrophic events, perhaps even extinction of all life. Apparently one such asteroid is heading our way and is due to reach earth in a little over 800 years. For many, that is a non-issue since it won't happen on

their watch. So they live their lives without regard to this catastrophic event which is in the too distant future to worry about. What causes some scientists to worry, however, is that there may be some asteroids that we don't know about that could slam into the earth without warning. There would be little chance to prepare a response. These scientists are spreading the word, and are becoming increasingly vigilant, searching the heavens for the unknown asteroid or comet.

That's the same thing we as Christians are called to do. We are to spread the word about the coming of our Lord and to be vigilant. Those of us who are followers of Christ, though aren't really concerned about asteroids because we are called to live as if Christ will return tomorrow. As we live each day, we do so calling upon the Lord with prayer, praise and thanksgiving. We busy ourselves with the task our Lord has given to us, that of spreading the word of Christ Jesus, and his life, death and resurrection.

Whether and when an asteroid will hit the earth

no one knows. As to Christ's return it is not a question of whether, but when, although no one knows when. We do know for certain that he will return because he said he would, just as he said he would rise from the grave and he did.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he promised to send the Holy Spirit to his followers to enable them to carry out the mission given to them. This happened on the Day of Pentecost which we will celebrate on May 15 this year. Again in our worship service we will hear several languages spoken during our prayers.

Another important thing that is going to happen on May 15 is the 2nd Annual Pastor's Bike Ride. The Holy Spirit came like the wind and we are going to ride like the wind, well, at least in spirit. Last year the Spirit was with us and I believe that everyone had a wonderful time. We are planning to make the ride a little bigger this year and include more people. Hopefully we will be able to arrange a picnic in the middle of the ride to enable some of our members who are not able to ride to

join us in fellowship. I look forward to seeing you on the bike trail.

By the way, I have a couple of extra girls bikes that could be made available for someone who needs a bicycle to ride.

Grace, mercy and peace to all the saints at DML,

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.

Congregation Council Minutes—April 11

President Gene Broge called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Gene Broge, Emogene Cotal, Brian Doane, Pastor Stroh, Russ Tilden, Tom Whitehead

ABSENT: Gordon Eggleton, Nancy Kitchka

DEVOTIONS: Pastor led devotions with a reading from Hebrews 13.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the March 14th Council meeting were presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2005 was presented in printed form. The summary of the fund balances are listed in the Financial Section.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor presented a written report and talked about some of the key points:

- Synod Assembly will be 6/10-6/12/05 in Binghamton, NY.
- Pastor will be on vacation 7/12-7/25/05. The Worship & Music Committee will need to address worship coverage for Sundays 7/17 & 7/24.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property:

- The committee proposed that a timer be installed for the parking lot lights. Consensus of the council was to have the lights on for the same hours as the church sign. The committee will therefore connect the parking lot lights to the timer for the sign.
- The committee is investigating costs for replacing the compressor on the boiler.
- Randy contacted Verdun about fixing the bells and is awaiting a callback. One bell is not ringing.

- Many of the pews are splitting. The committee will investigate options for fixing them

Evangelism:

- The committee has begun a new booklet about Evangelism.
- A new person was in church from Grand Haven recently. Randy was asked to call him.

Finance:

- Tom reviewed the report of year-to-date expenses vs. budget.
- Randy asked why we pay taxes on utilities, since we are a non-profit. Cindy will investigate.
- Gene asked whether we should have an organist for the Lenten services since they are so poorly attended. He was reminded that the Council will ask the congregation at the annual meeting in January about whether we should continue midweek services during Lent.

Parish Education: Russ submitted a written report.

- Tom suggested that thank-you notes be sent to Lauren Stroh and Theresa who made the costumes for the Easter play.

Social Ministry: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship & Music: Everything is going well. The committee will meet next on 4/16/05.

Mutual Ministry:

Tom will provide a summary of the performance evaluation results for the newsletter.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Dorcas Circle: No report.

Eve Circle: No report.

Men's Club: Russ provided a written report.

- Russ described his experience working one Saturday at Muskegon Habitat for Humanity's store.
- The Men's Club is tentatively scheduled to put the siding on the Habitat for Humanity house on Saturday, May 7. The house is located at 1434 Ducey St.

Youth Group: No report.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Randy will contact Stephen Hellman about getting the pictures and layout for the church pamphlet. Also, Pastor is getting some pictures from Rose of the Easter program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Russ indicated that he will arrange for Mother's Day flowers to be given to mothers. Men's Club will pay for them. He also indicated that he has six volunteers to help with the Mother-Child Banquet.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Whitehead
Council Secretary



Special Council Meeting with Bishop Kucharek—April 16, 2005

PRESENT: Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Gene Broge, Emogene Cotal, Brian Doane, Bishop Kucharek, Russ Tilden, Tom Whitehead. EXCUSED: Pastor Stroh
 ABSENT: Gordon Eggleton, Nancy Kitchka. VISITORS: Dave Justian, Rose Justian

President Gene Broge called the meeting to order in the church of fice at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss what the Council needs to do as we approach the end of Pastor Stroh's 3-year term call. The Bishop explained that we have three options:

1. Do nothing and the call will expire on 9/14/05.
2. Extend a term call for another three years or whatever term the congregation agrees upon.
3. Extend an open-ended call.

The Bishop indicated that it is important that the Council let the congregation know what is happening and solicit input from it. The following process was then agreed upon:

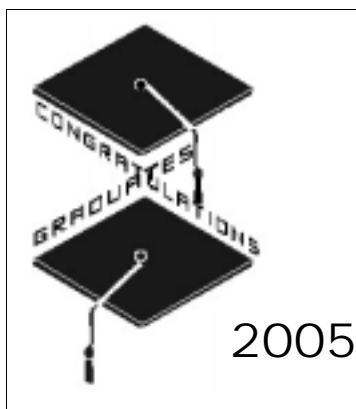
- The Mutual Ministry Committee will have its normal monthly meeting with Pastor Stroh on Saturday, 5/23/05, and explain the planned process and get his input.



- The Council will explain in the newsletter that we are considering Pastor's call and that we would like to hear their comments and suggestions.
- The Council will schedule a special meeting without the Pastor to develop a recommendation for the congregation. As provided in the DML Constitution, the Pastor must consent to be absent from this meeting and must approve of the agenda for the meeting.
- The Council will then call a special congregational meeting to act on the Council's recommendation. The Bishop or her designated representative will chair this meeting. The date for the meeting will be set in consultation with the Bishop.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Tom Whitehead
 Council Secretary



Tim Borreson - Grand Haven High School

Derek Eagle - Mona Shores High School

Andrew Kitchka - Fruitport High School

Financial Information—March 2005

ASSETS

Cash & Bank Accounts

Funds for General Operations	
Checkbook	\$1,740.49
Savings – Reserve	<u>\$5,095.97</u>
Total Funds for General Operations	\$6,836.46
Funds for Special Purposes	
Savings—Designated	
Roof Fund (Loan).....	\$1,472.46
Church Repairs	\$3,069.88
Evangelism	\$69.00
Eve Circle.....	\$1,522.77
Kitchen Fund.....	\$350.20
Men's Club	\$390.91
Youth Group	<u>\$149.39</u>
Total Savings—Designated.....	\$7,024.61
Savings – Memorial.....	\$6,507.37
Savings – Social Security.....	<u>\$1,295.03</u>
Total Funds for Special Purposes	<u>\$14,827.01</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$21,663.47
Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance	
LB Money Market—Cash.....	\$810.85
LB Fund	\$32,322.07
LB Income Fund.....	<u>\$40,650.65</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$73,783.57</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$95,447.04</u>

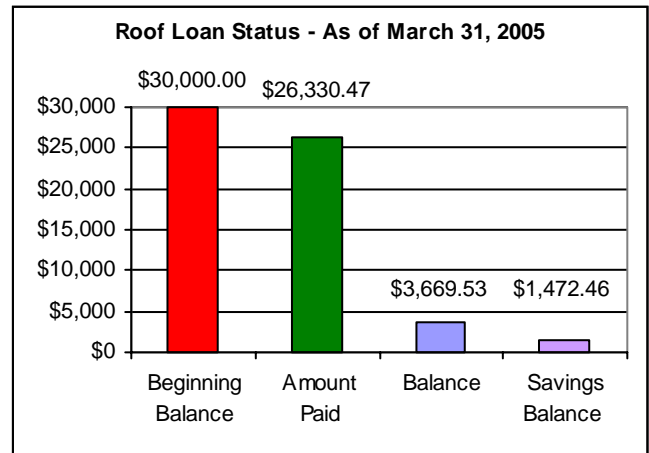
LIABILITIES

Roof Loan Liability	\$3,254.24
WH—Federal Tax Liability.....	\$2,023.50
WH—State Tax Liability.....	<u>\$310.31</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$5,588.05</u>

Breakdown of Giving for Loan

(Loan payment \$456.48)

April 2004	\$1,218.00
May 2004.....	\$717.00
June 2004.....	\$505.00
July 2004	\$764.00
August 2004	\$722.00
September 2004	\$438.50
October 2004	\$924.50
November 2004	\$298.50
December 2004.....	\$529.00
January 2005.....	\$559.50
February 2005.....	\$438.50
March 2005.....	\$660.50



Summary Information for February

Average Attendance =	<u>86</u>
Offering Needed to meet 2005 Budget	<u>\$7,008.65</u>
Amount Received toward Budget	<u>\$8,830.50</u>

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 re-

sponsibility 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, Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Gene Broge, and Tom Whitehead. Any of the committee members would be more than willing to receive your comments and communicate them to the committee.

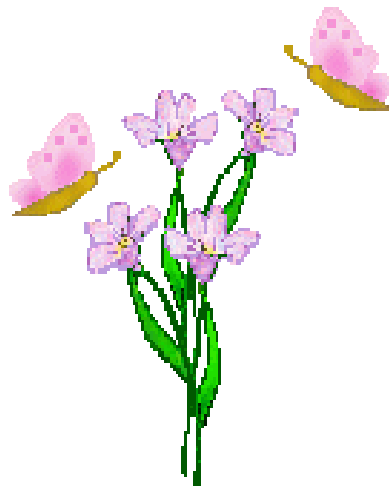
Dr. Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church
Performance Appraisal of Pastor, Council, & Congregation – Feb. 2005

The following summarizes the performance evaluation that the Mutual Ministry Committee prepared in February 2005. Anyone wishing to review the full evaluation should contact one of the following members of the committee: Pastor Stroh, Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Gene Broge, Tom Whitehead.

	Well done	Adequate	Needs improvement	For further conversation
1. Understanding of ministry				
<i>Pastor</i>	X			
<i>Council members</i>	Supportive of Pastor but previously no evaluation		No long-term planning or mission statement	
<i>The climate or culture of the congregation</i>		Encourages people to use their gifts		
2. Caring for the needs of the congregation				
<i>Pastor</i>	X			
<i>Council members</i>	Handles financial matters well		Need to get congregation more involved	Training each year, incl. review of constitution
<i>The climate or culture of the congregation</i>	Encourages members to assume responsibilities			
3. Taking Christ's mission into the world				
<i>Pastor</i>	Promotes the Kingdom of God	Distributing information about the ELCA and its ministry		
<i>Council members</i>			Encouraging partnership with the synod & ELCA	
<i>Members of the congregation</i>			Carries out work of Jesus in world but could be better	Friendship Sundays good but could be better supported by cong.
4. Mutual ministry				
<i>Pastor</i>	Communicates well with Council			
<i>Council members</i>	Communicates well with the pastor			
<i>The climate or culture of the congregation</i>	Encourages members to care for one another Creates positive climate.			
5. Overall ratings				
Overall, <i>the pastor</i> is functioning effectively.	X			
Overall, <i>the congregation council</i> is functioning effectively.		X		
Overall, <i>our congregation</i> is functioning effectively.		X For the general work of the church	X For evangelism	

Prayer Needs

- Robert Carey
(Kristina's grandfather)
- Brett Cavanaugh
(Clif Hellman's nephew)
- Beryl Connelly
- Millie Fredrick
- Stephen Hellman
- Ann Hulka
- Vic Kowalski
- Vicki Peterson
- Nancy Rizzo
(Ann Markgraf's daughter)
- Paul Suchovsky



As one whom his mother *comforteth*, so will I comfort you.
Isaiah 66:13

Jeannette Roach
Our dear friend, Jeannette, passed away Wednesday, April 13th following a lengthy illness.

Please keep Wally and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Her Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 7th.

Rest eternal, grant her O Lord, and let perpetual light

Remember those in the military

- SSgt. Kevin William Sellon** (*Mike & Carol Sellon's son*)
United States Army—Stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma
- Sgt. Kenneth W. Hawkins** (*Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew*)
United States Army—Iraq
- AJ-3 Lisa Pepera** (*Virginia Kolarik's granddaughter*)
United States Navy—Serving on the USS Kitty Hawk
- E1 Lynzle Heiss** (*Ron Heiss's Daughter*)
United States Army—Fort Leonardwood, Missouri



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.



What Do ELCA Lutherans Believe Christianity and Lutheranism

What Do Lutherans Believe About Creation

Lutherans believe that God is Creator of the universe. Its dimensions of space and time are not something God made once and then left alone. God is, rather, continually creating, calling into being each moment of each day.

Human beings have a unique position in the order of creation. As males and females created in God's image, we are given the capacity and freedom to know and respond to our creator. Freedom implies that we can choose to respond to God either positively or negatively.

Do Lutherans Believe in Life After Death?

While there is much we do not and cannot know about life beyond the grave, Lutherans do believe that life with God persists even after death. Judgment is both a present and future reality, and history moves steadily towards God's ultimate fulfillment.

This of course is a great mystery, and no description of what life may be like in any dimension beyond history is possible. Anxiety for the future is not a mark of faith. Christians should go about their daily tasks, trusting in God's grace and living a life of service in his name.



What Do Lutherans Stand on the Question of Sin?

Lutherans believe that all people live in a condition which is the result of misused freedom. "Sin" describes not so much individual acts of wrongdoing as fractured relationships between the people of creation and God. Our every attempt to please God falls short of the mark. By the standard of the Law, of which the Ten Commandments are a classic summary, God expresses his just and loving expectations for creation, and our failure to live up to those expectations reveals only our need for God's mercy and forgiveness.



What Must a Person Do to Become a Christian?

Jesus said, "Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

What Sacraments Do Lutherans Accept?

Lutherans accept two Sacraments as God-given means for penetrating the lives of people with his grace. Although they are not the only means of God's self-revelation, Baptism and Holy Communion are visible acts of God's love.

In Baptism, and it can be seen more clearly in infant Baptism, God freely offers his grace and lovingly establishes a new community. It is in Baptism that people become members of Christ's Body on earth, the Church. In Holy Communion -- often called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist -- those who come to the table receive in bread and wine the body and blood of their Lord. This gift is itself the real presence of God's forgiveness and mercy, nourishing believers in union with their Lord and with each other.

What Must a Person Do to Become a Lutheran?

To become a Lutheran, only Baptism and instruction in the Christian faith is required. If you are already baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, it will be necessary only to attend a membership class in a Lutheran congregation and thus signify your desire to become a part of its community. Active members of other Lutheran congregations usually need only to transfer their membership.

Worship Assistants Lessons & Hymns

May 1—6th Sunday of Easter

		Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i>	Cindy Borreson		
<i>Lector</i>	Nancy Kitchka	Acts 17:22-31	#501—He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought
<i>Acolyte</i>	Matthew Kitchka	Psalms 66:8-20	#194—All Who Believe and Are Baptized
<i>Nursery</i>	Nancy Johnson	1 Peter 3:13-22	#474—Children of the Heavenly Father**
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden		#561—For the Beauty of the Earth

May 8—7th Sunday of Easter

		Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i>	Rose Justian		
<i>Lector</i>	Lauren Johnson	Acts 1:6-14	#369—The Church's One Foundation
<i>Acolyte</i>	Andy Doane	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	#755—We All Are One in Mission
<i>Nursery</i>	Beulah Justian	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	#198—Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

May 15—The Day of Pentecost

		Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i>	Andrew Kitchka		
<i>Lector</i>	John Moore	Acts 2:1-21	#684—Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
<i>Acolyte</i>	Bethani Eggleton	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	#687—Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
<i>Nursery</i>	Rose Justian	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	#709—Eat This Bread

May 22—Holy Trinity

		Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i>	Bill Kitchka		
<i>Lector</i>	Darlene Boucher	Genesis 1:1--2:4a	#165—Holy, Holy, Holy
<i>Acolyte</i>	Emily Johnson	Psalms 8	#522—Come, Thou Almighty King
<i>Nursery</i>	Betty Proksa	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	#214—Come, Let Us Eat

May 29—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

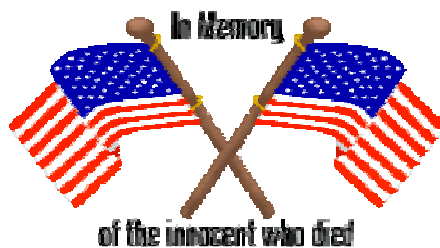
		Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i>	Laurie Tilden		
<i>Lector</i>	_____	Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28	#752—I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
<i>Acolyte</i>	Matthew Kitchka	Psalms 31:1-5, 19-24	#779—You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord
<i>Nursery</i>	Lauren Stroh	Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 [29-31]	#718—Here in This Place
<i>Ushers</i>	Gene Broge & Brian Doane		

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead". While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by

all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in



South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

There are a few notable exceptions. Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaria Program). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

What's Happening at DML

EVE Circle

Eve Circle is working with the Dorcas Circle to plan the Mother—Child Dinner.

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

Dorcas Circle is working with the Eve Circle to plan the Mother—Child Dinner.

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

The last day of B.I.B.L.E. Club will be Sunday, May 22.

More information on this special day will be coming in the bulletin.

Habitat for Humanity

The Men's Club will be working on the siding at the house on Dulcie on Saturday, May 14.

Work starts at 8 am and should be done by 4 pm.

Head's Up Men's Club Golf Outing In June

Watch for more information in your weekly bulletin and the June Church Door.

Mother—Child Dinner

Monday, May 2nd—Catered by Carlson's Catering

Cost: Adult: \$7.00

Children 5 to 11: \$3.50

Children 2 to 4: \$2.50 under 2: Free

Sponsored by the Eve and Dorcas Circles

Please see Betty Proksa or Ann Hamil for information

Or any member of the Eve and Dorcas Circles for tickets.

Deadline for ordering tickets will be April 27

Pastor's 2nd Annual Bike Ride



Mark your calendar.

Sunday, May 15th

3:00
pm

We'd like everyone to join us.

Even if you don't ride,

More details to be announced later



From Our Members...

The Mommy Test

I was out walking with my 4-year-old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that.

"Why?" my daughter asked.

"Because it's been laying outside, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied. At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Wow! How do you know all this stuff?"

"Uh,"I was thinking quickly, "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mommy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mommy."

We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.

"OH...I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy."

"Exactly" I replied back with a big smile on my face and joy in my heart.

Submitted by Darlene Boucher

If Jesus Had an Obituary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Ju-

das, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Submitted by Betty Proksa

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures.

Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me.... I know we've been friends for a long time....but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it.. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know."

There will be a Graduation Party for Bryan Eagle on Sunday, May 22nd, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 pm. It will be held at McGraft Park (in the building). Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of Derek's graduation from Mona Shores High School.



May 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6th Sunday in Easter 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	2 10 am Dorcas Circle 6 pm Mother – Child Dinner <i>St. Philip and St. James, Apostles (transferred)</i> <i>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373</i>	3 6:30 pm Parish Education Committee 7 pm Finance Committee	4 5:30 pm Property Committee <i>Monica, mother of Augustine, 387</i>	5 2 pm & 7 pm Bible Study	6	7 9 am Men's Club at Mickey's
8 7th Sunday in Easter 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club Mother's Day <i>Victor the Moor, martyr, 303</i>	9 6:30 pm Congregation Council	10 6:30 Eve Circle	11	12 2 pm & 7 pm Bible Study	13	14 8 am to 4 pm Work on Habitat for Humanity <i>Pachomius, renewer of the church, 346</i>
15 The Day of Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club 12 Noon – Derek Eagle Graduation Open House 2 pm – Pastor's 2nd Annual Bike Trip	16	17	18 <i>Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, 1160</i>	19 2 pm & 7 pm Bible Study <i>Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988</i>	20	21 10 am Worship & Music Committee <i>John Eliot, missionary to the American Indians, 1690</i>
22 Holy Trinity 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	23 6:30 pm Evangelism Committee <i>Ludwig Nommensen, missionary to Sumatra, 1918</i>	24 <i>Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Leonhard Euler, 1783; teachers</i>	25	26 2 pm & 7 pm Bible Study	27 <i>John Calvin, renewer of the church, 1564</i>	28 9 am Mutual Ministry Committee @ Mickey's
29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club <i>Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, 1637</i>	30 Memorial Day	31 <i>The Visitation</i>				

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