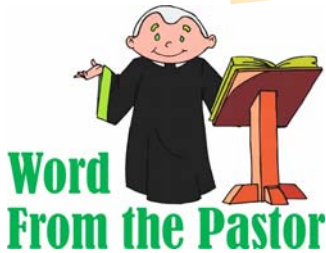


# THE CHURCH DOOR



I was thinking the other day about the technology contained in the iPod or other MP3 players and of the modern methods of recording and playing back music. Some of you are probably old enough to remember cassette tapes, 8 track tapes, reel to reel tapes, and for some of you who are truly well aged, wire recorders. Somewhere in between of course were 45 records, LP records and of course VHS and beta tapes. The devices needed to play these tapes or records or wire were truly huge compared to a modern digital player. All of these things were made possible because of the discovery of electricity. Modern portable devices run on batteries but it is electricity nonetheless. All of these devices, no matter how old or what their size is, when the electricity runs

out they are worthless. They cannot fulfill the purpose for which they were created.

In some ways the Lord is like electricity. Electricity can not be seen or touched or smelled or heard, but there is great power nonetheless. All we can do is experience the effects of electricity. In the same way the Lord cannot be seen or touched or smelled or heard, but there is great power nonetheless. All we can do is experience the effects of the Lord. But with electricity or the Lord one cannot experience the effects of the power unless there is a connection to the power source. Whether it is an older wire recorder, an 8-track player or a modern technologically advanced iPod or other MP3 player, it will not work unless it has an electrical power source. The device will not be able to perform in the matter for which it was created. It is the same way with people. It does not matter if we are as old recorder or middle-aged like a record player or young like a modern

MP3 player we must be connected to our power source, which is the Lord. Without being connected to the Lord we will not be able to perform in the manner for which we were created.

We connect to the Lord through the receiving of the sacraments, through prayer and worship, and through the Word proclaimed, and through the Bible. So if you are a little tired and rundown perhaps you need to check your connections to the Lord. How is your prayer life? How is your devotional life and the reading and studying of scripture? How is your worship life in coming to the Lord's house to hear the Word proclaimed and to receive the sacraments?

Just some food for thought as we watch the trees begin to leaf, the grass green, and colorful flowers push through the soil toward the sky as spring brings new life to the earth. In the same way, the Lord brings new life to each of us. God's blessing to 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@dmlle.org](mailto:cborreson@dmlle.org)) to insert articles for next month's newsletter.



# CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES—APRIL 16

President Jeff Ward called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.  
Pastor led devotions from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Colossians.

**PRESENT:** Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Emogene Cotal, Polly Eagle, Dave Justian, Pastor Stroh, Jeff Ward, Jan Wolf.

**EXCUSED:** Donna Whitehead, Tom Whitehead

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary's report for March 17, 2008 was presented in printed form.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for March was presented in printed form. Funds will be transferred from the Bazaar/Special Projects fund to cover the cost of replacing the lights in the parking lot. .

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** A written report was submitted.

- Sick & Shut-in visits: Stephen Hellman, Wally Roach, Beryl Connely, Ann Hamil
- Pastoral Activities: Stony Lake Conference, Worship Committee, Habitat, Episcopal Bible Study, Men's Club Breakfast, Evangelism Committee, Took Confirmands to Broge's to bake communion bread, Dorcas Circle
- Personal Activities: Mediator training, Habitat Board, Mediation
- Items Needing Attention: Samuel will not be involved in the summer intern program this year, Ann Hamil will be having surgery Wednesday, 4/23 around 3 pm at Mercy Hospital, Sherman Campus.

## Committee Reports

**Property:** Did not meet, Memorial Board was put up and dedicated in March. Need to schedule a work bee to rake lawn/spring cleaning. Can we shut the boiler off yet? Consensus of Council is to wait until May. Will be looking into lawn care and turning on the sprinkler system.

**Evangelism:** Met 2 weeks ago; are extending the collection for the men of the Rescue Mission. Looked at logo

for mugs, picked a couple that we are interested in.

**Finance:** Met last week. Will be receiving gift (approximately \$9,800) from Clif Hellman's estate. Stephen was at the meeting and we discussed a number of different projects to use the funds for, such as *Ceiling in the Fellowship Hall, Replace the acoustical tile in the ceiling of the sanctuary, Repainting the interior of the church, Put part of the money into a CD and holding it for some future need, Parking lot/Landscaping, A/C in the Nave, LCD Projector, Hymnals*. Did not have to transfer any funds during March – Good news!!!

**Parish Education:** May 18 last day of BIBLE Club; kids Sunday – prayer petitions, ushers, etc. Will provide a lunch following worship that day

**Social Ministry:** Nothing to report will begin working with Evangelism.

**Stewardship:** *Stories to Tell & Gifts to Share* program. Will be ordering and starting to prepare.

**Worship & Music:** Met last week scheduled services for May.

**Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry:** Did not meet. Will be working to reschedule the meetings for the Sunday to evening.

## Special Committees

**Dorcas Circle/Eve Circle:** Planning to have Mother – Child dinner. They are looking into caterers and will be scheduling the date soon.

**Men's Club:** Met and had breakfast.

**Thrivent Habitat:** New director, will be building 4 homes this year – 1 from Thrivent.

**Stony Lake Steering Committee:** No report – golf outing during Synod Assembly.

## Petitions and Communications

Polly Eagle asked for use of Fellowship Hall for 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of parents – June 29.

## Unfinished Business

Cindy: Ask again for copier buyout price. We don't have a budget for

either buyout or rental in 2008.

**Waiting for confirmation of price.**

Pastor and/or Tom: Get more information on joint Lutheran/Episcopal ad proposed by Stony Lake Conference.

Tom, Randy, Pastor, & Donna: Check out other Loop installations. **Open**

Tom and Cindy: Work on a format for the memorial plaque. Post this on the bulletin board and in the newsletter. List the names in the newsletter. **Done**

Tom and Pastor: Visit Ann Filka to discuss her petition re: membership. **Open**

Mutual Ministry: Establish church cancellation protocol. Cindy bring proposal to meeting this Saturday. **Close, use own discretion.**

Cindy to give Emogene active/inactive list. **Done**

## New Business

Louie told Jan about a program with Meijer where they give canvas shopping bags to the church and the church sells them and keeps the profit.

## Action Items

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Property Committee looking into lawn care and turning on the sprinkler system

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.



**Church  
Financial  
Report**

<b>Report of Income and Expenses</b>				
<b>Current Operating Income &amp; Expenses Only</b>				
<b>Summary Information - 2008</b>				
	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
<b>Average Attendance</b>	62	58	65	62
<b>Budget</b>	\$9,003.35	\$9,003.35	\$9,003.35	\$27,010.05
<b>Current Expenses</b>	\$8,586.77	\$7,602.81	\$9,766.04	\$25,955.62
<b>Income</b>				
Current	\$6,815.33	\$7,094.50	\$9,721.69	\$23,631.52
Reserve	\$331.50	\$335.00	\$492.00	\$1,158.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,146.83</b>	<b>\$7,429.50</b>	<b>\$10,213.69</b>	<b>\$24,790.02</b>
<b>Transfers</b>				
From Reserve	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
From Investments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Net Income + Transfers - Expenses</b>	<b>(\$739.94)</b>	<b>(\$173.31)</b>	<b>\$447.65</b>	<b>(\$465.60)</b>
<b>Balances</b>				
<b>Investments</b>				
Money Market	\$1,872.83	\$1,872.83	\$1,872.83	
Large Cap Stock	\$23,545.17	\$23,545.17	\$23,545.17	
Income Fund	\$37,431.63	\$37,431.63	\$37,431.63	
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$62,849.63</b>	<b>\$62,849.63</b>	<b>\$62,849.63</b>	
Reserve*	\$2,931.70	\$3,268.20	\$3,756.20	
Checking	\$169.84	(\$86.49)	\$136.32	

**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, Russ Tilden, Randy Borreson, and Cindy Borreson. Any of the committee members would be more than willing to receive your comments and communicate them to the committee.

**Memorial Day  
Monday, May 26**



**Newsletter Volunteer???**  
 We are looking for someone to take over the monthly newsletter. If you would be willing to do this, please contact Cindy Borreson—  
 cborreson@charter.net or  
 616-846-2477.

# PRAYER NEEDS

Beryl Connelly  
 Ann Filka  
 Ann Hamil  
 Stephen Hellman  
 Linda Hurtubise  
*(Vietta Hippchen's sister-in-law)*  
 Tom Hulka  
 Beulah Justian  
 Mary Panozzo  
 Maxine Pedersen  
*(Priscilla Pedersen's daughter)*  
 Vicki Majersky—Peterson  
 Nancy Rizzo  
*(Ann Markgraf's daughter)*  
 Wally Roach  
 Jean Ryan  
*(Lauren Stroh's friend)*  
 Paul Suchovsky  
 Alexis Strasser  
*(Gene Broge's friend)*



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

## REMEMBER THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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

**LCPL Corey Judson** *(Virginia Kolarik's grandson)*  
 United States Marine Corp—Stationed in California

**SSgt. Kevin Sellon** *(Mike and Carol Sellon's son)*  
 United States Army—Serving in the US—You may write to Kevin at:  
 SSG Kevin Sellon  
 3 BCT/3 ID  
 B-2/4 FAR FOB Hammer  
 APO AE 09308

**PO1 Russ Tilden, Jr.** *(Russ & Laurie Tilden's son)*  
 United States Navy—Serving in the Persian Gulf

**TSgt. Harvey Wagenmaker** *(Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew)*  
 United States Air Force—Stationed at Fort Campbell, KY

**SPC Robert Borreson** *(Randy and Cindy's Borreson's son)*  
 United States Army Reserves



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. 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 4—7th Sunday of Easter

*Deacon* Rose Justian  
*Lector* Dave Justian  
*Acolyte* Matthew Kitchka  
*Nursery* Nancy Johnson  
*Ushers* Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden  
*Tellers* Tom & Donna Whitehead  
 Gordon Eggleton

**Lessons**  
 Acts 1:6-14  
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-25 (4)  
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
 John 17:1-11

**Hymns**  
 #546—When Morning Gilds the Skies  
 #370—Blest Be the Tie that Binds  
 #565—Praise God, from Whom All Blessings  
 Flow  
 \$214—Come, Let Us Eat  
 #70—Go Tell it on the Mountain\*\*

## May 11—Day of Pentecost—Mother’s Day

*Deacon* Andrew Kitchka  
*Lector* Laurie Tilden  
*Acolyte* Samantha McCarl  
*Nursery* Rose Justian  
*Ushers* Emogene Cotal  
 Jan Wolf  
*Tellers* Brad & Lauren Johnson  
 Randy Borreson

**Lessons**  
 Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30)  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or  
 Acts 2:1-21  
 John 20:19-23

**Hymns**  
 #688—Holy Spirit, Root of Lie  
 #681—Come, O Holy Spirit, Come  
 #687—Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading  
 #759—Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring  
 #684—Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
 #795—Oh, Sing to the Lord

## May 18—The Holy Trinity—1st Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon* Laurie Tilden  
*Lector* Jeff Ward  
*Acolyte* Becky Stroh  
*Nursery* Betty Proksa  
*Ushers* John Moore & Tom Proksa  
*Tellers* Tom & Betty Proksa  
 John Moore

**Lessons**  
 Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
 Psalm 8 (1)  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
 Matthew 28:16-20

**Hymns**  
 #165—Holy, Holy, Holy  
 #522—Come, Thou Almighty King  
 #535—Holy God, We Praise Your Name  
 #166—All Glory Be to God on High

## May 25—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon* Tom Whitehead  
*Lector* Becky Stroh  
*Acolyte* Ben Stroh  
*Nursery* Jan Ward  
*Ushers* Brad Johnson  
 Ray VanderStelt  
*Tellers* Randy & Cindy Borreson  
 Polly Eagle

**Lessons**  
 Isaiah 49:8-16a  
 Psalm 131 (2)  
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
 Matthew 6:24-34

**Hymns**  
 #543—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
 #474—Children of the Heavenly Father  
 #212—Let Us Break Bread Together  
 #567—God of Our Fathers

**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

## FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

### Thursday, May 01

#### Philip and James, Apostles

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, who after following Jesus invited Nathanael to "come and see." According to tradition, Philip preached in Asia Minor and died as a martyr in Phrygia. James, the son of Alphaeus, is called "the Less" (meaning "short" or "younger") to distinguish him from another apostle named James, commemorated July 25. Philip and James are commemorated together because the remains of these two saints were placed in the Church of the Apostles in Rome on this day in 561.

Their invitation to "come and see" is at the heart of the catechumenate. During these fifty days of Easter, how can your community invite others to come and see the new life of Christ?

### Friday, May 02—Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria (d. 373)

Athanasius (ath-an-AY-shus) attended the Council of Nicea in 325 as a deacon and secretary to the bishop of Alexandria. At the council, and when he himself served as bishop of Alexandria, he defended the full divinity of Christ against the Arian position held by emperors, magistrates, and theologians. Because of his defense of the divinity of Christ, he was considered a troublemaker and was banished from Alexandria on five occasions. As bishop, one of his paschal letters to surrounding bishops gives a list for books that should be considered canonical scripture. He lists the twenty-seven New Testament books that are recognized today.

Athanasius is an appropriate saint for Easter. His name means "deathless one," though he himself lived in threat of death because of his theological stand. We are made in God's likeness, Athanasius affirmed. By the resurrection we are remade in the likeness of the Son who conquered death.

### Sunday, May 04 — Monica, mother of Augustine (c. 322-387)

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful. She rejoiced greatly when both her husband and his mother became Christian. But it is because she is the mother of Augustine that she is best known. Monica had been a

disciple of Ambrose, and eventually Augustine came under his influence. Almost everything we know about Monica comes from Augustine's Confessions, his autobiography. She died far from her home but said to her son, "Do not fret because I am buried far from our home in Africa. Nothing is far from God, and I have no fear that God will not know where to find me, when Christ comes to raise me to life at the end of the world." Her dying wish was that her son remember her at the altar of the Lord, wherever he was.

Monica's life bore witness to the vital role that parents play in the faith formation of their children. Consider how the church supports parents in that task.

### Thursday, May 08—Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church (1342-c. 1416)

Julian (or Juliana) was most likely a Benedictine nun living in an isolated cell attached to the Carrow Priory in Norwich (NOR-rich), England. Definite facts about her life are sparse. However, when she was about thirty years old, she reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

### Friday, May 09—Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter (1700-1760)

Count Zinzendorf was born into an aristocratic family and after the death of his father was raised by his Pietistic grandmother. This influence was a lasting one, and he moved away from what he felt was an overly intellectual Lutheranism. When he was twenty-two, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on his lands. He agreed, and they established a settlement they called Herrnhut, or "the Lord's watch." Eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

### Wednesday, May 14—Matthias, Apostle

After Christ's ascension, the apostles met in Jerusalem to choose a replacement for Judas. Matthias was chosen over Joseph Justus by the casting of lots. Little is known about Matthias, and little is reported about him in the account of his election in Acts 1:15-26. Matthias traveled among the disciples from the time of Jesus' baptism until his ascension. His task, after he was enrolled among the eleven remaining disciples, was to bear witness to the resurrection.

Matthias was formerly commemorated on February 24, though the reason for that date is not known. More recently the Roman Catholic Church moved the celebration to May 14, so that it falls after the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, when Matthias was chosen as an apostle.

### Sunday, May 18—Erik, King of Sweden, martyr (d. 1160)

Erik, long considered the patron saint of Sweden, ruled from 1150 to 1160. He is honored for efforts to bring peace to the nearby pagan kingdoms and for his crusades to spread the Christian faith in Scandinavia. He established a protected Christian mission in Finland that was led by Henry of Uppsala. As king, Erik was noted for his desire to establish fair laws and courts and for his concern for the poor and sick. Erik was killed by a Danish army that approached him at worship on the day after the Ascension. He is reported to have said, "Let us at least finish the sacrifice. The rest of the feast I shall keep elsewhere." As he left worship he was killed.

The commemoration of Erik could be the beginning of a discussion on the relationship between civil rule and the place of faith in the public sphere.

### Wednesday, May 21—Helena, mother of Constantine (c. 250-330)

Wife of the co-regent of the West, Helena (or Helen) was mother of Constantine, who later became Roman emperor. After he was converted to Christianity, he influenced her also to become Christian. From that point she lived an exemplary life of faith, particularly through

acts of generosity toward the poor. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine and building churches on the sites she believed to be where Jesus was born, where he was buried, and from which he ascended.

**Saturday, May 24—Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543); Leonhard Euler (1707-1783); scientists**

Remembering scientists such as Copernicus and Euler offers an opportunity to ponder the mysteries of the universe and the grandeur of God's creation. Copernicus is an example of a renaissance person. He formally studied astronomy, mathematics, Greek, Plato, law, medicine, and canon law. He also had interests in theology, poetry, and the natural and social sciences. Copernicus is chiefly remembered for his work as an astronomer and his idea that the sun, not the earth, is the center of the solar system.

Euler (OY-ler) is regarded as one of the founders of the science of pure mathematics and made important contributions to mechanics, hydrodynamics, astronomy, optics, and acoustics.

Include Psalm 8 as a devotion for parish meetings today. It praises God for the wonder of creation and at the same time ponders the mystery of God's care for all people and is a fitting commemoration for the work of Copernicus and Euler.

**Tuesday, May 27—John Calvin, reformer of the church (1509-1564)**

John Calvin began his studies in theology at the University of Paris when he was fourteen. In his mid-twenties he experienced a conversion that led him to embrace the views of the Reformation. His theological ideas are systematically laid out in his Institutes of the Christian Religion. He is also well known for his commentaries on scripture. He was a preacher in Geneva, was banished once, and then later returned to reform the city with a rigid, theocratic discipline.

Calvin is considered the father of the Reformed churches. Hold up the ecumenical agreement the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shares with churches of the Reformed tradition as an example of the unity we share in Christ.

**Thursday, May 29—Jiri Tranovsky', hymnwriter (1591-1637)**

Jir'i Tranovsky' (YEAR-zhee truh-NOF-skee) is considered the "Luther of the Slavs" and the father of Slovak hymnody. Trained at the University of Wittenberg in the early seventeenth century, Tranovsky' was ordained in 1616 and spent his life preaching and teaching in Prague, Silesia, and finally Slovakia. He produced a translation of the Augsburg Confession and published his hymn collection *Cithara Sanctorum* (Lyre of the Saints), the foundation of Slovak Lutheran hymnody.

Use the commemoration to pray for the Slovak church and to give thanks for the gifts of church musicians. Use Tranovsky's "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved" (ELW 602) as a sung confession and forgiveness at parish gatherings today.

**Saturday, May 31  
Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

Sometime after the Annunciation, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words "Blessed are you among women," and Mary responded with her famous song, the Magnificat. Luke's gospel tells that even John the Baptist rejoiced and leapt in his mother's womb when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting. On this festival two women are seen: one, too old to have a child, bears the last prophet of the old covenant, and the other, still quite young, bears the incarnate Word and the new covenant.

In what ways does the church bear the good news of Christ to others and remain faithful to God's call?

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## Memorial Day

Originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 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, honor-

ing 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.

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.

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](#)."

But what may be needed to return the solemn, and even sacred, spirit back to Memorial Day is for a return to its traditional day of observance. Many feel that when Congress made the day into a three-day weekend in with the National Holiday Act of 1971, it made it all the easier for people to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day.

On January 19, 1999 Senator Inouye introduced bill [S 189 to the Senate](#) which proposes to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day back to May 30th instead of "the last Monday in May". On April 19, 1999 Representative Gibbons introduced the bill to the House (H.R. 1474). The bills were referred the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Government Reform.

To date, there has been no further developments on the bill.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DML

## EVE Circle

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.

## Thank you

To the Dorcas Circle for their generous contribution of \$500 to the Church. Your continued generosity to DML is greatly appreciated.

## 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-

## Bible Club

The last Sunday for BIBLE Club and Christian Music Study is May 19th. The children will take part in the service and a light lunch will be provided sponsored by Parish Ed. Many thanks to all DML members who helped out in any way with Parish Ed activities this year.

*A retirement celebration of  
50 years of Ministry*

*Honoring Doris Blanchette  
for her faithful service to others through  
the Muskegon Rescue Mission  
on Sunday, the eighteenth of May  
Two thousand eight  
From two to five in the afternoon  
Held in the Great Lakes Room at  
Maranatha Conference Grounds  
4759 Lake Harbor Road  
Muskegon, Michigan*

*Given by the family of Wayne and Doris*

## Habitat for Humanity

- Coin Banks and Activity Calendars are available at DML.
  - A sign will be placed next week on the property; 1586 Sanford Street
  - Volunteer Forms must be completed and turned in so they can be at Habitat by May 15. This includes anyone providing meals, too.
  - The Blessing of the project is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 in the afternoon, time to be announced later.
- Contact Russ Tilden at 231-798-1032 for details.

## Evangelism Outreach Program

*Collecting for the Men of The Muskegon Rescue Mission*

Please bring in any of the following items and place them in the barrel at the back of the Nave.

**Men's Hygiene Products, including (but not limited to):**

Thank you very much for your support.

Razors/Shaving Cream

Toothbrushes/Paste

Deodorant

Aftershave

Soap

Shampoo

Hair brushes/Combs

Nail clippers

Small Kleenex packets

Socks

Underwear

Wallets



## Stony Lake Conference

- Many of the Muskegon area ELCA and Episcopal churches, including DML, will be participating in their first Pastor Swap on July 20th. Each participating pastor will be assigned to a church other than his/her own to lead services on that Sunday. This will give both pastors and congregations to have a slightly different worship experience than they are accustomed to. It will be very similar to the Pulpit Exchanges that Slovak Zion Synod has had for many years.
- The Habitat for Humanity / Thrivent Build for 2008 will sponsor one house on Sanford St. About half of the 26 Lutheran churches in the area (ELCA, Missouri Synod, Wisconsin Synod) participated last year and are expected to do the same this year. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is donating 70% of the cost, the Muskegon Habitat for Humanity chapter will contribute 20% and the Lutheran churches 10%. The churches' portion amounts to \$7600, and they have already raised \$1000 through the Chili Cook-off in March and \$1500 through an in-kind donation for the excavating. Any extra money above the amount needed will go directly to Habitat for their other houses.
- Your Relay for Life will be held on June 6-7 at the Mona Shores High School track. First Lutheran Church has put together a team and is encouraging other churches to participate. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight it all right here in your community. For more information, please email your American Cancer Society Community Representative, Sarah Laster, at [sarah.laster@cancer.org](mailto:sarah.laster@cancer.org) or call 616-396-5576.
- On Sunday, June 8th, First Lutheran and Lebanon Lutheran will sponsor a joint family bike ride. It will start with a potluck lunch at Lebanon in Whitehall and then go on a bike ride on the Whitehall - Montague bike trail.

### *Mother – Child Dinner*

Due to the rising cost of caterer prices this year, we have canceled the  
Mother – Child Banquet.

We hope to have a banquet next year and will try to start planning for it early.

Any suggestions for a caterer or entertainment would be appreciated.

Please get in touch with anyone from Eve or Dorcas Circle.

As a young minister, I was asked by a funeral director to hold a grave-side service for a homeless man, with no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there. As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost; and being a typical man did not stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew, who were eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave, where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, but holding a service was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I poured out my heart and soul. As I preached the workers began to say 'Amen,' and 'Praise the Lord,' and 'Glory'!

I preached and I preached, like I'd never preached before; from Genesis all the way to Revelation. I closed the lengthy service with a prayer and walked to my car. As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, 'I ain't never seen anything like that before in my life and I've been putting in septic tanks for thirty-two years.'

AMEN!

Submitted by Darlene Boucher

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stony Lake Conference Golf Scramble**  
**(4 person scramble with shotgun start)**

**Saturday, June 28, 2008**  
 (rain date, July 12)

**Old Channel Trail Golf Course**  
 8325 N. Old Channel Trail, Montague  
 Check-in: 8:00 am — T-time 9:00 am  
**Continental Breakfast**

**Cost:**

**Early Registration, prior to June 1, 2008**  
**\$55<sup>00</sup> per player/\$200<sup>00</sup> per foursome**

**Open Registration, After June 1**  
**\$60<sup>00</sup> per player/\$220<sup>00</sup> per foursome**

**Registration fee includes:**  
 Continental breakfast, 18 holes/w cart, lunch, trophies and  
 more!

**Hole-in-One Prize**

**New Chrysler vehicle generously donated by:**



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**Registration Form**  
 (please print all information)

Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please list individual team members:

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or Team Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee:

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Players @ \$55<sup>00</sup> (by 6/1) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Players @ \$60<sup>00</sup> (after 6/1) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4 person team @ \$200<sup>00</sup> (by 6/1) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4 person team @ \$225<sup>00</sup> (after 6/1) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee Must Accompany This Form

Mail Registration form and check to:  
 Sylvia Koski  
 1640 Hansen Street  
 Muskegon, MI 49445

# May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Ascension Day National Day of Prayer <i>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria (d. 373)</i> May Fellowship Day	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Men's Club (at Mickey's)
<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>  <i>Monica, mother of Augustine (c. 322-387)</i>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Dorcas Circle 6:30 PM Evangelism Committee	<b>6</b> 5:30 PM Property Committee 6:30 PM Eve Circle	<b>7</b> C.D.W. Walther, Doctor	<b>8</b> <i>Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church (1342-c. 1416)</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter (1700-1760)</i>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>  Day of Pentecost Mother's Day Rural Life Sunday	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Parish Ed Committee	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Finance Committee	<b>14</b> <i>Matthias, Apostle</i>	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Armed Forces Day
<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>  <i>Erik, King of Sweden, martyr (d. 1160)</i>	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Congregation Council	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee	<b>21</b> <i>Helena, mother of Constantine (c. 250-330)</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Mutual Ministry Committee  <i>Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543); Leonhard Euler (1707-1783); scientists</i>
<b>25</b> 9:00 AM Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>26</b> Memorial Day (Observed)	<b>27</b> <i>John Calvin, renewer of the church (1509-1564)</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Jiri Tranovsky', hymnwriter (1591-1637)</i>	<b>30</b> Holy Trinity	<b>31</b> The Visitation

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**Memorial Day**

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