

The Church Door

APRIL

Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church



Last month Cindy Borreson asked to step down from editing and publishing our DML newsletter, The Church Door. She has

been serving in that position for many years now and deserves a well earned break. As many of you know, she also does our Sunday bulletin, serves on several committees and is our Church treasurer. She spends several hours a month serving the church in many capacities, for which we are most thankful. The problem with Cindy (not that there is an actual problem with her) and other people like her is that because they find it easy to say, "Yes," they make it too easy for others to say, "No." I am certain that there is more than one person who has the ability to help out in the production of our newsletter. With the aid of computers, desktop publishing programs and a copier that prints double sided, collated copies, the job is not the major work task it used to be in the days of typewriters and mimeograph machines and hand collation. It is not a job which requires a great time commitment, nor does it take a great deal of skill. It does require a commitment to see to it that the newsletter is published each month.

The apostle Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth gave us the wonderful illustration of the church being like a body. He wrote, ¹⁴ *Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.* ¹⁵ *If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.* ¹⁶ *And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.* ¹⁷ *If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?* ¹⁸ *But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.* ¹⁹ *If all were a single member, where would the body be?* ²⁰ *As it is, there are*

many members, yet one body. (1 Corinthians 12:14-20 (NRSV)). Paul's meaning is clear. The church functions because of the service of its many members and that there is no one in the church who does not have some service they can perform.

I am certain that the Lord has equipped DML with more than one person who can take on the ministry of publishing our newsletter. I would like each person to prayerfully consider how you can be involved in this matter to find someone to relieve Cindy. Perhaps if you cannot be the editor, you can encourage someone who can be. Perhaps if you cannot do the computer work, you can do the copying, stapling, and addressing part.

Even as I ask someone to step forward to take up this duty, I am very much aware of how many of our members are involved in the ministry of DML in some way and I am very thankful for that. We all belong to the same body, that of Christ Jesus, and we exist as a body to be in service to our Lord and our community.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Dennis

Bible Study
Following Fellowship Hour
Sunday mornings.
See Pastor for details.

The Church Door The 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.

Worship Servants

Hymns & Lessons

April 6—The 3rd Sunday of Easter

<i>Deacon</i>	Laurie Tilden	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Lector</i>	John Moore	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	#135—The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
<i>Acolyte</i>	Becky Stroh	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (13)	#148—Now the Green Blade Rises
<i>Nursery</i>	Donna Whitehead	1 Peter 1:17-23	#385—What Wondrous Love Is This**
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden	Luke 24:36b-48	#377—Lift High the Cross
<i>Tellers</i>	Tom & Donna Whitehead Gordon Eggleton		

April 13—The 4th Sunday of Easter

<i>Deacon</i>	Tom Whitehead	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Lector</i>	Jeff Ward	Acts 2:42-47	Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**
<i>Acolyte</i>	Ben Stroh	Psalms 23 (1)	#451—The Lord's My Shepherd**
<i>Nursery</i>	Alice Doane	1 Peter 2:19-25	#476—Have No Fear, Little Flock
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Johnson & Ray VanderStelt	John 10:1-10	#391—And Have the Bright Immensities
<i>Tellers</i>	Brad & Lauren Johnson Randy Borreson		

April 20—The 5th Sunday of Easter

<i>Deacon</i>	Jeff Ward	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Lector</i>	Emily Johnson	Acts 7:55-60	#777—In the Morning When I Rise
<i>Acolyte</i>	Emily Johnson	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 (5)	#799—When Long Before Time
<i>Nursery</i>	Polly Eagle	1 Peter 2:2-10	#784—You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
<i>Ushers</i>	John Moore & Tom Proksa	John 14:1-14	#721—Go My Children, with My Blessing
<i>Tellers</i>	Tom & Betty Proksa John Moore		

April 27—The 6th Sunday of Easter

<i>Deacon</i>	Cindy Borreson	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Lector</i>	Lauren Stroh	Acts 17:22-31	#158—Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
<i>Acolyte</i>	Nate Johnson	Psalms 66:8-20 (8)	#147—Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!
<i>Nursery</i>	Lauren Johnson	1 Peter 3:13-22	#501—He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!
<i>Ushers</i>	Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf	John 14:15-21	#549—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
<i>Tellers</i>	Randy & Cindy Borreson Polly Eagle		

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

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Lectors, Ushers	Janet Wolf	(231) 798-4049
Nursery	Jan Ward	(231) 799-0424

DORCAS CIRCLE

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

Working with the Eve Circle to plan the Mother-Child Banquet.

Please see a member of Dorcas Circle for more information.

MEN'S CLUB

Breakfast Meetings the 1st Saturday of each month at Mickey's Restaurant at 9:00 am with the next meeting being held on April 6.

Contact Russ Tilden (231-798-1032) or Tom Whitehead (231-798-4454) with questions.

EVE Circle

We meet the 2nd Tue of the Month.

We are trying to get the Mother-Child Banquet together. Any input or ideas are appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who gave donations towards the Easter Baskets that were given to the children at Muskegon Rescue Mission.

We are always looking for new members! Contact Betty Proksa (231-798-7485) with any questions.

Looking ahead:

Mother—Child dinner coming in May

Our Prayer Concerns

Those in need of healing:

Jane (Moore) Brown
 Beryl Connelly
 Ann Filka
 Stephen Hellman
 Tom Hulka
 Linda Hurtubise
 Beulah Justian
 Mary Panozzo
 Maxine Pedersen (Priscilla Pedersen's daughter)
 Vicki (Majersky) Peterson
 Nancy Rizzo (Ann Markgraf's daughter)
 Wally Roach
 Alexis Strasser
 Paul Suchovsky
 Marissa Tilden

Those in the military:

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

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

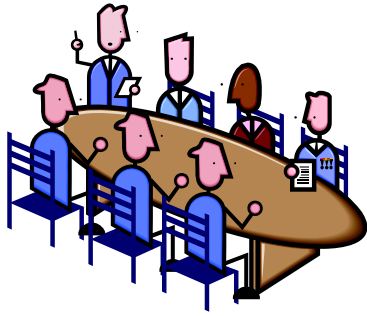
PO1 Russ Tilden, Jr. (Russ & Laurie Tilden's son)
 United States Navy—Serving in the Persian Gulf

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

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

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

If you have anyone to add to our Prayer List's, please contact Cindy Borreson at 616-846-2477 or cborreson@charter.net.



President Jeff Ward called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Dave Justian led with prayer (Pastor came in late).

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 February 18, 2008 was presented in printed form.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report for February was presented in printed form.

Pastor's Report: A written report was submitted.

- Official Acts: Baptism: Braxton Ward. Funeral: Dorothy Anderson
 - Sick & Shut-in visits: Dorothy Anderson, Mary Panozzo, Stephen Hellman
 - Pastoral Activities: Men's Club breakfast, Dorcas Circle, Pre-Baptism counseling, Worship Committee, Mutual Ministry, Chili Cook-off @ St. Mark's, Property Committee
 - Personal Activities: Mediation
- Items Needing Attention: Slovak Intern paperwork; need to sign and mail

Committee Reports

Property: Parking lot lights were installed.

Evangelism: Met 2 weeks ago; discussed ways to bring people into God and our church. Looking for bro-

Council Minutes—March 17, 2008

chures; cannot find them. Cups are on hold waiting for motif. Emogene asked Cindy for an active/inactive list.

Finance: Met last week. Did not have to transfer any funds during February – Good news!!!

Parish Education: Easter Breakfast this coming Sunday.

Social Ministry: Money has been replaced from the Christmas Gift cards.

Stewardship: Showed proposed program for 2008; *Stories to Tell & Gifts to Share*.

Worship & Music: Met February 19. Set up services for March & Easter services. Anyone welcome to join us.

Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry: Met in February, to meet this Saturday, March 22 at 9 a.m. at Mickey's. Cindy will be bringing proposal for closing church for review.

Special Committees

Dorcas Circle: Nothing to report

Eve Circle: Working on Easter Baskets for Rescue Mission.

Men's Club: Met; 3 people attended.

Thrivent Habitat: No report.

Stony Lake Steering Committee: No report.

Petitions and Communications

Nothing

Unfinished Business

Cindy: Ask again for copier buyout price. We don't have a budget for either buyout or rental in 2008. *Open*

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

Open

Tom, Randy, Pastor, & Donna:

Check out other Loop installations.

Open

Cindy: Check to see whether contributions came in for the Windows project that were not memorials. *Done*

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. *In Process*

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

Open

Mutual Ministry: Establish church cancellation protocol. *In Process*

New Business

Nothing

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Borreson
Treasurer

Next Council Meeting

**Monday, April 21
at 6:30 pm**

Report of Income and Expenses			
Current Operating Income & Expenses Only			
Summary Information - 2008			
	Jan	Feb	Year-to-date
Average Attendance	62	58	60
Budget	\$9,003.35	\$9,003.35	\$18,006.70
Current Expenses	\$8,586.77	\$7,602.81	\$16,189.58
Income			
Current	\$6,815.33	\$7,094.50	\$13,909.83
Reserve	\$331.50	\$335.00	\$666.50
Total Income	\$7,146.83	\$7,429.50	\$14,576.33
Transfers			
From Reserve	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
From Investments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Transfers	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Net Income + Transfers - Expenses	(\$739.94)	(\$173.31)	(\$913.25)
Balances			
Investments			
Money Market	\$1,872.83	\$1,872.83	
Large Cap Stock	\$23,545.17	\$23,545.17	
Income Fund	\$37,431.63	\$37,431.63	
Total Investments	\$62,849.63	\$62,849.63	
Reserve*	\$2,931.70	\$3,268.20	
Checking	\$169.84	(\$86.49)	

the Painter" (Mathis der Maler); the name -Grünewald was applied to him after his death. His paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Several religious works are included in his small -surviving corpus, the most famous being the Isenheim Altarpiece.

Lucas Cranach (krah-nakh) the Elder was born in southern Germany and studied in Vienna, but then moved to Wittenberg, where he spent most of his career as a court painter to the Saxon electors. His work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther, although he also painted secular subjects. Besides being one of the greatest German painters of his time, Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts, some of which illustrated the first German printing of the New Testament.

With Good Friday just over a week away, give some consideration to the ways in which the art of these three people might highlight the church's celebration of the mystery of Christ's passion.

Wednesday, April 9—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1906–1945)

Bonhoeffer (bon-heh-fer) was a German theologian who, at the age of 25, became a lecturer in systematic theology at the University of Berlin. In 1933, and with Hitler's rise to power, Bonhoeffer became a leading spokesman for the Confessing Church, a resistance movement against the Nazis. He was arrested in 1943. He was linked to a failed attempt on Hitler's life and sent to Buchenwald, then later to Schönberg prison. After leading a worship service on April 8, 1945, at Schönberg prison, he was taken away to be hanged the next day. His last words as he left were, "This is the end, but for me the beginning of life."

A hymn written by Bonhoeffer shortly before his death includes the line "By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting come what may, we know that God is with us night and morning, and never fails to greet us each new day" (WOV 736). Bonhoeffer's courage is a bold witness to the paschal mystery of Christ's dying and rising of the upcoming Three Days.

Festivals & Commemorations

Friday, April 4—Benedict the African, confessor (1526–1589)

Born a slave on the island of Sicily, Benedict first lived as a hermit and labored as a plowman after he was freed. When the bishop of Rome ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a religious community, Benedict joined the Franciscans, where he served as a cook. Although he was illiterate, his fame as a confessor brought many visitors to the humble and holy cook, and he was eventually named superior of the community. A patron saint of African Americans, Benedict is remembered for his patience and understanding when confronted with racial prejudice and taunts.

Use the story of Benedict's ministry as a confessor to revisit Martin Luther's notion of the spiritual importance of mu-

tual consolation.

Sunday, April 6—Albrecht Dürer (1471–1528); Matthias Grünewald (c. 1480–1529); Lucas Cranach (1472–1553); artists

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's (dyoo-rer) work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time, when famine, plague, and social and religious upheaval were common. He was sympathetic to the reform work of Luther but remained Roman Catholic. At his death, Luther wrote to a friend, "Affection bids us mourn for one who was the best."

Grünewald (gree-neh-vahld) was born Mathis -Neithardt, and is sometimes referred to as "Master Mathis" or "Mathis

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Thursday, April 10—Mikael Agricola, bishop of Turku (c. 1508–1557)

Agricola was consecrated as the bishop of Turku in 1554 without papal approval. As a result, he began a reform of the Finnish church along Lutheran lines. He translated the New Testament, the prayerbook, hymns, and the mass into Finnish, and through this work set the rules of orthography that are the basis of modern Finnish spelling. His thoroughgoing work is particularly remarkable in that he accomplished it in only three years. He died suddenly on a return trip from negotiating a treaty with the Russians.

During these final days of the Lenten journey, the Finnish hymn "Lord, as a pilgrim" (LBW 485) can be sung at parish gatherings. Its emphasis on God's faithful presence through the offenses and suffering of life can lead us to the foot of the cross.

Saturday, April 19—Olavus Petri, priest (1493–1552); Laurentius Petri, bishop of Uppsala (1499–1573); renewers of the church

These two brothers are commemorated for their introduction of the Lutheran movement to the Church of Sweden after studying at the University of Wittenberg. They returned home and, through the support of King Gustavus Vasa, began their work. Olavus published a catechism, hymnal, and a Swedish version of the mass. He resisted attempts by the king to gain royal control of the church. Laurentius was a professor at the university in Uppsala. When the king wanted to abolish the ministry of bishops, Laurentius persuaded him otherwise and the historic episcopate continues in Sweden to this day. Together the brothers published a complete Bible in Swedish and a revised liturgy in 1541.

This week the Church of Sweden can be remembered in prayer. The Easter hymn "Praise the Savior, now and ever" (LBW 155) uses a Swedish folk tune and can be sung to commemorate the contributions of the Petris and the Swedish church to our worship life.

Monday, April 21—Anselm, bishop of Canterbury (1033–1109)

This eleventh-century Benedictine monk stands out as one of the greatest theologians between Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. He is counted among the medieval mystics who emphasized the maternal aspects of God. Of Jesus Anselm says, "In sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us." Anselm is perhaps best known for his theory of atonement, the "satisfaction" theory. In this theory he argued that human rebellion against God demands a payment but because humanity is fallen, it is incapable of making that satisfaction. Therefore God takes on human nature in Jesus Christ in order to make the perfect payment for sin.

Tuesday, April 22—Day of the Creation (Earth Day)

This day calls us to attend to the glories of creation that surround us. Especially in the Northern Hemisphere, creation springs green again after the death of winter, and we are mindful of our stewardship of the earth as our God-given home. The great hymn of Francis of Assisi, "Canticle of the Sun" (see LBW 527 or RW1 8), might be sung today both for its Easter alleluias and its rejoicing in the gift of creation.

Wednesday, April 23—Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society (1888–1960)

Toyohiko Kagawa (toy-oh-hee-koh kaga-wa) was born in 1888 in Kobe, Japan. Orphaned early, he was disowned by his remaining extended family when he became a Christian. Kagawa wrote, spoke, and worked at length on ways to employ Christian principles in the ordering of society. His vocation to help the poor led him to live among them. He established schools, hospitals, and churches. He also worked for peace and established the Anti-War League. He was arrested for his efforts to reconcile Japan and China after the Japanese attack of 1940.

In celebration of his witness, recognize those people in your parish who work on behalf of the poor and oppressed

and who, through their work, reveal the peace of Christ that is a gift of the resurrection.

Friday, April 25—Mark, evangelist

Though Mark himself was not an apostle, it is likely that he was a member of one of the early Christian communities. It is possible that he is the John Mark of Acts 12 whose mother owned the house where the apostles gathered. The gospel attributed to him is brief and direct. It is considered by many to be the earliest gospel. Tradition has it that Mark went to preach in Alexandria, Egypt, became the first bishop there, and was subsequently martyred.

Mark's story of the resurrection ends with women at the tomb who say nothing to anyone because of their fear. Though their witness faltered, the good news of the -resurrection, the good news of these fifty days, reaches out to include us.

Saturday, April 29—Catherine of Siena, theologian (1347–1380)

Catherine of Siena was a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and among Roman Catholics she was the first woman to receive the title Doctor of the Church. She was a contemplative and is known for her mystical visions of Jesus. This gift of mysticism apparently extended back into her childhood, much to the dismay of her parents, who wanted her to be like other children. Catherine was a humanitarian who worked to alleviate the suffering of the poor and imprisoned. She was also a renewer of church and society and advised both popes and any uncertain persons who told her their problems.

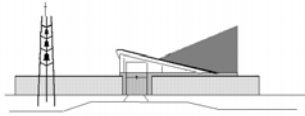
Catherine's contemplative life was linked to her concern for the poor and suffering. She is a reminder that prayer and activism belong together.

April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 PM Property Committee 6:30 PM Eve Circle April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5 9:00 AM Men's Club (at Mickey's)
6 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Bible Study (following Fellowship Hour)	7 10:00 AM Dorcas Circle 6:30 PM Evangelism Committee	8 7:00 PM Finance Committee	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	14 7:00 PM Parish Ed Committee	15 7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee	16	17 6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting	18	19
20 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	21 6:30 PM Congregation Council	22	23	24	25 Saint Mark, Evangelist	26 9:00 AM Mutual Ministry Committee
27 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	28	29	30			

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