

# The Church Door

## From Pastor Dennis

One May 19th the DML church council and I spent the morning contemplating a mission statement. Our constitution requires that a mission statement be adopted from time to time, but I don't believe anyone can remember the last time one was adopted. The morning proved to be fruitful and we developed the following mission statement:

*The mission of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:*

- *confess Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior,*
- *rejoice in worship and fellowship,*
- *grow in the Word, witness to our community,*
- *and serve others.*

We have condensed that

*We confess Jesus Christ is Lord, rejoice, grow, witness, and serve.*

into a short statement: which is easier to memorize. I am glad that we have a mission statement which indicates our discernment of

where our Lord is leading DML, but that is only a beginning. Next we will have to learn how to live out the mission statement. Mostly our mission statement says what we already do in that, focused on our Lord, we joyfully worship and fellowship together and we also serve others. But two areas that will require some special focus, however are "growing in the Word" and "witnessing to our community". These two go hand-in-hand because before one can witness to the community, one must have grown in the Word. So now that we have a focus we have some direction for the future. I pray that we will be faithful to our Lord's calling.

We look forward to welcoming our summer Slovak intern, Mihal Belanji, a third year student at the seminary in Bratislava. He is 22 years old and is from Pivnce, Serbia (Pivnce is a Slovak region). He will arrive June 25 and is scheduled to be picked up by Pastor Michnay at the Detroit airport. While in

Muskegon Mihal will be housed at Pr. Michnay's and Pr. Anderson's.

I will be taking a week of vacation after attending the Slovak Zion Synod Assembly at St. John's Slovak Lutheran Church in Lansford, PA which begins June 22. Pastor Michnay will fill in for me July 1st.

I hope that everyone enjoys their Summer and remember to keep the Sabbath day holy by not neglecting to meet together with other believers at home and as you travel.

God's blessings to all the saints at DML,  
Pastor Dennis



Mihal Belanji

## Worship Assistants — Lessons — Hymns

### June 3—Holy Trinity

#### Servants

Deacon Laurie Tilden  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acolyte Nate Johnson  
 Nursery Beulah Justian  
 Ushers Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden  
 Tellers Tom & Donna Whitehead  
 Gordon Eggleton

#### Lessons

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
 Psalm 8  
 Romans 5:1-5  
 John 16:12-15

#### Hymns

#522—Come, Thou Almighty King  
 #165—Holy, Holy, Holy  
 #501—He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!  
 #535—Holy God, We Praise Your Name

### June 10—Second Sunday after Pentecost

#### Servants

Deacon Andrew Kitchka  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acolyte Matthew Kitchka  
 Nursery Rose Justian  
 Ushers Brad Johnson & Ray VanderStelt  
 Tellers LaVern & Irene Borreson  
 Randy Borreson

#### Lessons

1 Kings 17:17-24  
 Psalm 30  
 Galatians 1:11-24  
 Luke 7:11-17

#### Hymns

#546—When Morning Gilds the Skies  
 #453—If You But Trust in God to Guide You  
 #212—Let Us Break Bread Together  
 #557—Let All Things Now Living

### June 17—Third Sunday after Pentecost

#### Servants

Deacon Rose Justian  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acolyte Becky Stroh  
 Nursery Betty Proksa  
 Ushers John Moore & Tom Proksa  
 Tellers Tom & Betty Proksa  
 John Moore

#### Lessons

2 Samuel 11:26--12:10, 13-15  
 Psalm 32  
 Galatians 2:15-21  
 Luke 7:36--8:3

#### Hymns

#734—Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling  
 #781—My Life Flows On in Endless Song  
 #766—We Come to the Hungry Feast  
 #705—As the Grains of Wheat  
 #780—What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

### June 24—John the Baptist

#### Servants

Leader Tom Whitehead  
 Preacher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acolyte Andy Doane  
 Nursery Jan Ward  
 Ushers Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf  
 Tellers Randy & Cindy Borreson

#### Lessons

Malachi 3:1-4  
 Psalm 141  
 Acts 13:13-26  
 Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]

#### Hymns

#29—Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
 #36—On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry  
 #262—Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

## Prayer Needs

Dorothy Anderson  
 Beryl Connelly  
 Clif Hellman  
 Stephen Hellman  
 Tom Hulka  
 Ray Johnson  
 Sandra Johnson  
*(friend of Donna VanderStelt)*  
 Beulah Justian  
 Carol Markiewicz  
*(friend of Kris Garrow)*  
 Maxine Pedersen  
*(Priscilla Pedersen's daughter)*

Vicki Majersky—Peterson  
 Kenneth Rewalt  
*(Kristina Garrow's uncle)*  
 Nancy Rizzo  
*(Ann Markgraf's daughter)*  
 Wally Roach  
 Jean Ryan  
*(friend of Lauren Stroh)*  
 Donna Stratton  
*(Cindy Borreson's aunt)*  
 Paul Suchovsky  
 Theresa Zhart  
*(Shelly Ward's Mom)*

## Remember those in the military

**Sgt. Kenneth Hawkins** *(Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew)*  
 United States Army—Serving in Iraq

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

**LCPL Corey Judson** *(Virginia Kolarik's grandson)*  
 United States Marine Corp—Serving in the US

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

**PO1 Russ Tilden, Jr.** *(Russ & Laurie Tilden's son)*  
 United States Navy—Stationed at Oceana Naval Base, Virginia Beach, Virginia

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

**Sgt. Matt Young** *(friend of Nancy and Jim Gibson)*  
 United States Army--Serving in Iraq

**SPC Robert Borreson** *(Randy and Cindy 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.



## Church Council Minutes—May 21, 2007

President Tom Whitehead called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Pastor led devotions from the *Living in God's Amazing Grace: Thanks Be To God!* Devotional Guide.

**Present:** Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Emogene Cotal, Polly Eagle, Pastor Stroh, Russ Tilden, Tom Whitehead, Jeff Ward. **EXCUSED:** Jan Wolf. **ABSENT:** Brian Doane

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's report for April was presented in printed form.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for April 2007 was presented in printed form.

Discussion on where we are with our \$1,200.00 goal for Thrivent Habitat. We have raised \$1172.43 as of yesterday. Doing very well with our work with Habitat.

The fund summarizes for the period ending April 30 can be found on page 6.

**Pastor's Report:** A written report was submitted.

- Hospital visits: 5/6 Beulah Justian, 5/20 Dorothy Anderson, 5/21 Beryl Connely
- Pastoral Activities: Worship Committee, Habitat Build (3 times), Finance Committee, Served at Mother/Child Dinner, Attended Love, INC dinner with Jan Wolf, Council Retreat – Mission Statement.
- Meditation & Meditation Training
- Information Items:
  1. Mission Statement: *The mission of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church is to confess Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, rejoice in worship and fellowship, grow in the Word, witness to our community, and serve others. The short version*

*is We confess Jesus is Lord, rejoice, grow, witness and serve.*

2. Pastor's Vacation: 6/25 – 7/1, 7/29 – 8/11 (Synod Assembly June 22 at St. John's in Lansford, PA – Pastor & Lauren will attend)
3. Pastor Michnay will supply – 7/1, 7/29, 8/5
4. Slovak Intern: Mihal Belanji, a third-year student at seminary, 22 years old from Pivnce, Serbia (Pivne is a Slovak region). He will arrive 6/25 and is scheduled to be picked up by Pastor Michnay and will be housed at Pr. Michnay's and Pr. Anderson.
5. Lutherfest planning at Lebanon Lutheran 5/23. I believe Lebanon will host the Lutherfest festivities this year.
6. Faith Comes by Hearing – will provide disc's for our congregation and ask us to try to raise \$1,000.00 to sponsor another language to be translated. Pastor will talk with them and indicate this is not a good time for us due to other outreach programs and see what they say.

Crop Walk – Thrivent is doing a matching fund again this year for the Crop Walkers – usually in October.

Emogene asked about Cliff Hellman. Pastor will be visiting him in the next couple of days. She asked about others visiting and Pastor indicated that is always a good thing (for members to visit members).

### Committee Reports

**Property:** Darlene sent information from A1 Lock Company regarding doors/locks. It looked like the quote had re-keying all the doors and that is not what we were interested in; only the janitor's room and the boiler room to be re-keyed. Want weather stripping installed. Will talk with Darlene again and get another quote. Tom & Donna have arranged for the mowing on the alternate weeks that Beulah was taking care of.

**Evangelism:** Did not meet in April but are continuing on with project.

**Finance:** Met and discussed sending letter. Have taken \$1,000 from investments each month this year.

**Parish Education:** See notes.

**Social Ministry:** No report.

**Stewardship:** Pastor, LaVern Borreson, Jeff Ward met. Discussed if stewardship is being taught as part of BIBLE Club lessons. Discussed Estimate of Giving and comparing 2006 pledges to 2007 (looking for a 1% increase). Pastor expressed desire to have more dramas of Temple Talks regarding stewardship. Pastor thought Mike Sellon has a stewardship story (Jeff will talk with Mike). Discussing adding bulletin snippets i.e. "Martin Luther said that everyone needs to experience conversions – of heart and mind and purse." Discussed Celebration Sunday and the different kits and programs on stewardship. The committee will look over different programs and will discuss at the next stewardship meeting.

**Worship & Music:** Met and set music for June & July. Scheduled Church Picnic for August 19.

**Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry:** Did not meet in April. Will meet on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at DML.

### Special Committees

**Dorcas Circle:** No report

**Eve Circle:** No report

**Men's Club:** Thank you to guys who served at the Mother-Child dinner. Next breakfast July 7. Cindy to put note meeting for June in bulletin.

**Thrivent Habitat:** Next Thrivent is 1472 Park. The last fundraiser will be signing the 2x4 for the Park house. The proceeds from that should help us meet our \$1,200 goal for both houses. The Noisy Offering was a big hit for the kids who worked as collectors. Contact for volunteering for Habitat is Stacy Rowe, 231/727-6020. If you use the [www.muskegonhabitat.org](http://www.muskegonhabitat.org) portal for shopping, a portion will go to our Habitat.

Russ thanked members of Dorcas and Eve for lunch at Habitat during install of siding.



## Petitions and Communications

Invitation to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan for June 14, 2007.

Meijer Rewards has made changes. Pastor has received information.

Frank from Lebanon Lutheran asked to borrow tables for Garage Sale at Moon School. Pastor suggested letting him use the wooden tables. Approved

Russ asked to borrow about 10 chairs for this weekend.

## Unfinished Business

Mission Statement – Cindy will add to the bulletin and newsletter.

## New Business

Adjourned at 8:13 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Borreson  
Council Secretary

## Summary Information — April

Average Attendance = 81

Offering Needed to meet Budget \$8,804.33

Amount Received toward Budget \$7,817.00

## 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.

## ASSETS

### Cash & Bank Accounts

#### Funds for General Operations

Checkbook ..... -\$7.92

Cash Account..... \$0.00

Savings – Reserve..... \$3,938.17

Total Funds for General Operations ..... \$3,946.09

#### Funds for Special Purposes

##### Savings—Designated

Building Projects..... \$3,870.28

Evangelism..... \$69.00

Eve Circle..... \$439.72

Kitchen Fund..... \$620.87

Men's Club ..... \$319.62

Youth Group ..... \$285.39

Thrivent: 2 x 4 ..... \$0.00

Thrivent: Noisy Offering .... \$104.63

Thrivent: Dinner..... \$138.00

Thrivent: Banks ..... \$97.25

Total Savings—Designated ..... \$5,944.76

Savings – Memorial..... \$3,379.61

Savings – Social Security..... \$105.45

Total Funds for Special Purposes ..... \$9,429.82

Total Cash and Bank Accounts ..... \$13,375.91

#### Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance

LB Money Market—Cash . \$1,316.03

LB Fund..... \$27,167.13

LB Income Fund ..... \$37,045.78

Total Investments..... \$65,528.94

TOTAL ASSETS..... \$78,904.85

## LIABILITIES

WH—Federal Tax Liability ..... \$737.19

WH—State Tax Liability..... \$186.69

TOTAL LIABILITIES ..... \$923.88

## 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.

### MEN'S CLUB

The June Breakfast Meeting will be held on June 9 at 9:00 am at Mickey's. Please contact Russ Tilden (231-798-1032) or Tom Whitehead (231) 798-4454 with any questions.

### Bible Club

There will be no BIBLE Club or Christian Rock Study Group for the summer. There will be no June Parish Ed meeting. Thanks to all who participated in the 2006/2007 season.

### If I give my time, doesn't that count as a tithe?

I used to think the same way. Then one day it came to me that if I'm not giving a tenth of my time, it isn't a tithe. Now, I don't want to diminish all the hard work and countless hours spent in all aspects of ministry and service. It is a special calling and a blessing to all and we need all the helping hands we can get. Yet each Sunday at the offering we say these words: "we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions." We don't say we offer ourselves and/or our time and /or our possessions.

Let them who have ears to hear, hear.



### Thrivent Builds 2007

#### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat is working to complete 1921 Austin and two other homes, one of which is a Thrivent sponsored build by June 30th. If you haven't already completed a volunteer form, please consider coming out to help with the Thrivent builds. Thrivent members are needed.

We have collected donations of \$1,172.43 towards our goal of \$1,200.00 for both Thrivent homes..

We will have news on the second Thrivent Build soon. Watch for a new 2X4 to sign.



The cost of Easter Lilies this year was \$15.00.

If you purchased lilies for the Easter service and haven't paid for them yet, please pay your \$15 now in the offering plate. Be sure to mark your it "For Easter Lilies".

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Borreson.

## Evangelism Committee—Sponsored Program



The Evangelism Committee has identified the military, especially those from our congregation and the Michigan National Guard as their project. Please bring items in from the following list and place them in the barrel at the back of the church. They will be taken to the appropriate drop-off place on a regular basis. If you have any questions, please see a member of the committee.

### Military Care Packages Suggested Items

#### Clothing

Shoe Laces-gym shoes/boots      Socks-black/white long      T-shirts-brown  
Underwear

#### Food

Altoids      Little Debbie snacks `Beef jerkey      Microwave popcorn  
Cereal/granola bars-no chocolate      Mints      Coffee  
Nuts      Dried fruit      Ramen noodles  
Gym      Tuna/chicken salad ready to eat      Hot chocolate mix  
Soup mix      Jaw breakers      Sunflower seeds  
Jelly beans      Tic-tacs      Licorice-individually wrapped  
Trail mix-no chocolate

#### Entertainment

Board games      Books-paper backs      DVD'S  
Magazines      Travel games

#### Incidentals

Disposable camera      Envelopes      Inflatable seat cushions  
Ink Pens      Koozies to cool water bottles      Sewing kit  
Stamps      Stationery      Squeeze balls for stress  
Phone cards      Post cards

#### Personal Care

Bandages      Chap stick      Combs/brushes  
Icy/hot patches      Toothbrushes      Toothpaste  
Wet wipes/alcohol free

Please no aerosols or alcohol based products

Happy  
Father's  
Day



June 17

Flag  
Day

June 14

## Festivals & Commemorations

### Sunday, June 03

#### **The Martyrs of Uganda (d. 1886)**

Christianity had been introduced to Uganda after 1877, but was made available primarily to those in the court of King Mutesa. His successor, King Mwanga, was angered by these Christian members of the court whose first allegiance was not to him but to Christ. On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. Other martyrs followed. But many were impressed by the confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths, and the persecution led to a much stronger Christian presence in the country.

### Sunday, June 03—John XXIII, Bishop of Rome (1881-1963)

In his ministry as a bishop of Venice, John was loved by his people. He visited parishes and established new ones. He had warm affection for the working class—he himself was the child of Italian peasants—and he worked at developing social-action ministries. At age seventy-seven he was elected bishop of Rome. Despite the expectation that he would be a transitional pope, he had great energy and spirit. He convened the Second Vatican Council to open the windows of the church and "let in the fresh air of the modern world." The council brought about great changes in Roman Catholic worship, changes that have influenced Lutherans and many other Protestant churches as well.

### Tuesday, June 05

#### **Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr (c. 675-754)**

Boniface (his name means "good deeds") was born Wynfrith in Devonshire, England. He was a Benedictine monk who at the age of thirty was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes in Germany. His first missionary attempt was unsuccessful, but he returned two years later and was able to plant the gospel in an area filled with superstitious and violent practices. He led large numbers of Benedictine monks and nuns in establishing churches, schools,

and seminaries. Boniface was also a reformer. He persuaded two rulers to call synods to put an end to the practice of selling church offices to the highest bidder. Boniface was preparing a group for confirmation on the eve of Pentecost when he and they were killed by a band of pagans.

### Thursday, June 07—Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy (c. 1790-1866)

Noah Seattle was chief of the Suquamish tribe and later became chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, a tribal alliance. When the tribes were faced with an increasing number of white settlers, Seattle chose to live and work peacefully with them rather than engage in wars. After Seattle became a Roman Catholic, he began the practice of morning and evening prayer in the tribe, a practice that continued after his death. On the centennial of his birth, the city of Seattle—named for him against his wishes—erected a monument over his grave.

When parish groups gather today, remember Chief Seattle and his work as a peacemaker. Consider beginning or ending parish events with a simple form of morning or evening prayer, not only today, but also as a regular part of the parish life.

### Saturday, June 09—Columba (c. 521-597); Aidan (d. 651); Bede (c. 672-735); renewers of the church

These three monks from the British Isles were pillars among those who kept alive the light of learning and devotion during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries, including one on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. That monastery was left in ruins after the Reformation but today is home to an ecumenical religious community. Aidan, who helped bring Christianity to the Northumbria area of England, was known for his pastoral style and ability to stir people to charity and good works. Bede was a Bible translator and scripture scholar. He wrote a history of the English church and was the first historian to date events *anno Domini* (A.D.), "year of our Lord." Bede is also known for his hymns,

including "A hymn of glory let us sing!" (ELW 393).

### Monday, June 11 Barnabas, Apostle

The Eastern church commemorates Barnabas as one of the Seventy commissioned by Jesus. Though he was not among the Twelve mentioned in the gospels, the book of Acts gives him the title of apostle. His name means "son of encouragement." When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, Barnabas took him in over the fears of the other apostles, who doubted Paul's discipleship. Later, Paul and Barnabas traveled together on missions.

At the Council of Jerusalem, Barnabas defended the claims of Gentile Christians in relation to the Mosaic law. How can his work on behalf of others and his support of other Christians serve as a model for contemporary Christians and churches?

### Thursday, June 14—Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea (c. 329-379); Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (c. 335-c. 385); Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople (c. 330-c. 389); Macrina, theologian (c. 329-c. 379)

The three men in this group are known as the Cappadocian fathers; all three explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil was influenced by his sister Macrina to live a monastic life, and he settled near the family estate in Caesarea. Basil's Longer Rule and Shorter Rule for monastic life are the basis for Eastern monasticism to this day, and express a preference for communal monastic life over that of hermits. Gregory of Nazianzus (nah-zee-AN-zus) was sent to preach on behalf of the Orthodox faith against the Arians in Constantinople, though the Orthodox did not have a church there at the time. He defended Orthodox trinitarian and christological doctrine, and his preaching won over the city. Gregory of Nyssa (NISS-uh) was the younger brother of Basil the Great. He is remembered as a writer on spiritual life and the contemplation of God in worship and sacraments.

Macrina (muh-CREE-nuh) was the

older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa. She received an excellent education centered on the Bible, and when her fiancé died, she devoted herself to the pursuit of Christian perfection. She was a leader of a community, based at the family estate, dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer. Macrina's teaching was influential within the early church.

**Thursday, June 21—Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist (1855-1931)**

Onesimos (oh-NESS-ee-mus neh-SEEB) was born in Ethiopia. He was captured by slave traders and taken from his Galla homeland to Eritrea, where he was bought, freed, and educated by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into Galla and returned to his homeland to preach the gospel. His tombstone includes a verse from Jeremiah 22:29, "O land, land, land, hear the word of the LORD!"

Does your congregation support mission work through synod or church-wide offerings, or do you have a specific missionary whom you support? Let the commemoration of Onesimos Nesib be a way for congregations to focus on missions during the summer months.

**Sunday, June 24—John the Baptist**

The birth of John the Baptist is celebrated exactly six months before Christmas Eve. For Christians in the Northern Hemisphere, these two dates are deeply symbolic. John said that he must decrease as Jesus increased. John was born as the days are longest and then steadily decrease. Jesus was born as the days are shortest and then steadily increase. In many countries this day is celebrated with customs associated with the summer solstice. Midsummer is especially popular in northern European countries that experience few hours of darkness at this time of year.

**Monday, June 25—Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augs-

burg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time. In 1580 when the *Book of Concord* was drawn up, the unaltered Augsburg Confession was included as the principal Lutheran confession.

**Monday, June 25—Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church (1497-1560)**

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon (meh-LAHNK-ton) is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany." The University of Wittenberg hired him as its first professor of Greek, and there he became a friend of Luther. Melanchthon was a popular professor--even his classes at six in the morning had as many as six hundred students. As a reformer he was known for his conciliatory spirit and for finding areas of agreement with fellow Christians. He was never ordained.

In the spirit of Melanchthon's work, consider a summer ecumenical study group with a nearby Roman Catholic parish. Use the Augsburg Confession and the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification as study documents.

**Wednesday, June 27—Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, theologian (c. 376-444)**

Remembered as an outstanding theologian as well as a contentious personality, Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ against Nestorius, bishop of Constantinople. Nestorius taught that the divine and human natures of Christ were entirely distinct, and therefore Mary could not be referred to as the *theotokos*, or bearer of God. This conflict, which also had roots in a rivalry for preeminence between Alexandria and Constantinople, involved all of the major Christian leaders of the time, including the patriarchs of Rome, Antioch, and Jerusalem, and finally also the emperor. In the end it was decided that Cyril's interpreta-

tion, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

**Thursday, June 28—Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (c. 140-c. 202)**

Irenaeus (ee-ren-AY-us) believed that the way to remain steadfast to the truth was to hold fast to the faith handed down from the apostles. He believed that only Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were trustworthy gospels. Irenaeus was an opponent of gnosticism and its emphasis on dualism. As a result of his battles with the gnostics, he was one of the first to speak of the church as "catholic." By catholic he meant that local congregations did not exist by themselves but were linked to one another in the whole church. He also maintained that this church was not contained within any national boundaries. He argued that the church's message was for all people, in contrast to the gnostics and their emphasis on "secret knowledge."

What do we mean when we say that the church is catholic and apostolic? What are the ways that the apostolic faith is passed down through the generations?

**Friday, June 29—Peter and Paul, Apostles**

These two are an odd couple of biblical witnesses to be brought together in one commemoration. It appears that Peter would have gladly served as the editor of Paul's letters: in a letter attributed to him, Peter says that some things in Paul's letters are hard to understand. Paul's criticism of Peter is more blunt. In Galatians he points out ways that Peter was wrong. One of the things that unites Peter and Paul is the tradition that says they were martyred together on this date in 67 or 68. What unites them more closely is their common confession of Jesus Christ. In the gospel reading appointed for this day, Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ through whom the foundation of the church is established. In the second reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that they are the temple of Christ. Together Peter and Paul lay a foundation and build the framework for our lives of faith through their proclamation of Jesus Christ.

## From Our Members...

### Handy Little Chart

God has a positive answer: You Say – God Says Bible Verses  
Submitted by Darlene Boucher

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible (*Luke 18:27*)

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you (*John 3:16 & John 3:34*)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient (*II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15*)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things (*Philippians 4:13*)

You say: "I'm not able"

God says: I am able (*II Corinthians 9:8*)

You say: "It's not worth it"

God says: It will be worth it (*Roman 8:28*)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: I Forgive you (*I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1*)

You say: "I can't manage"

God says: I will supply all your needs (*Philippians 4:19*)

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (*II Timothy 1:7*)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says: Cast all your cares on ME (*I Peter 5:7*)

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

God says: I give you wisdom (*I Corinthians 1:30*)

You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (*Hebrews 3:5*)

# June 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p><b>3 The Holy Trinity</b>            NO Choir Practice            10 am Holy Eucharist            NO BIBLE Club  <i>The Martyrs of Uganda (d. 1886)</i>  <i>John XXIII, Bishop of Rome (1881-1963)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4  <b>10 am Dorcas Circle</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5  <b>5:30 pm Property Committee</b>  <b>7 pm Finance Committee</b>  <i>Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr (c. 675-754)</i></p>	6	<p style="text-align: center;">7  <b>NO Bible Study</b> <i>Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy (c. 1790-1866)</i></p>	8	<p style="text-align: center;">9  <b>9 am Men's Club @ Mickey's Restaurant</b>  <i>Columba (c. 521-597); Aidan (d. 651); Bede (c. 672-735); renews of the church</i></p>
<p><b>10 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun day After Pentecost</b>            NO Choir Practice            10 am Holy Eucharist            NO BIBLE Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11  <b>NO Parish Education Committee</b>  <i>Barnabas, Apostle</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12  <b>6:30 pm Eve Circle</b></p>	13	<p style="text-align: center;">14  <b>Flag Day</b>  <i>Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea (c. 329-379); Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (c. 335-c. 385); Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople (c. 330-c. 389); Macrina, theologian (c. 329-c. 379)</i></p>	15	16
<p><b>17 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>            NO Choir Practice            10 am Holy Eucharist            NO BIBLE Club  <b>Father's Day</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18  <b>6:30 pm Congregation Council</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19  <b>NO Worship &amp; Music Committee</b></p>	20	<p style="text-align: center;">21  <i>Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist (1855-1931)</i></p>	22 <b>Slovak Zion Synod Assembly Begins</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">23  <b>NO Mutual Ministry</b>  <b>Slovak Zion Synod Assembly</b></p>
<p><b>24 John the Baptist</b>            NO Choir Practice            10 am Holy Eucharist            NO BIBLE Club  <b>Slovak Zion Synod Assembly Ends</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25  <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530</i>  <i>Philipp Melancthon, renewer of the church (1497-1560)</i></p>	26	<p style="text-align: center;">27  <i>Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, theologian (c. 376-444)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28  <i>Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (c. 140-c. 202)</i></p>	29 <b>Peter and Paul, Apostles</b>	30

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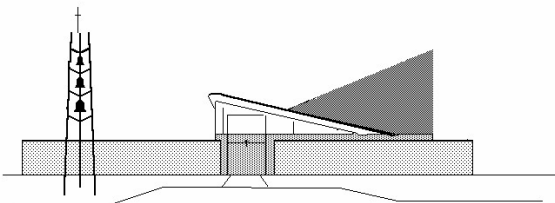
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