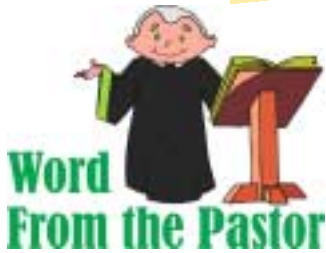


# The Church Door



I hope you are enjoying the spring weather we have been having lately as much as I am. I thought we would never get out of winter. I endure the winter and look forward to spring.

Meijer Community Rewards program has changed effective May 1st. The most striking change is that DML will receive 1% of all eligible purchases made with a Meijer Credit Card at a Meijer store and 0.5% of all purchases made with cash. MCR will no longer include purchases made with personal checks, debit cards or non-Meijer credit cards. However, this only applies if you have enrolled to participate in

the MCR program at Meijer. Even if you have previously enrolled, you must go online to [Meijer.com/MCRmember](http://Meijer.com/MCRmember) to re-enroll. DML's organization number is 731821. Several DML members have already enrolled in the program. If you shop at Meijer anyway, why not consider enrolling in the Community Rewards program. It could mean several hundred dollars to DML each year.

Mother's day is near and with that we remember the love of mothers for their children. Jesus said to his disciples (whom he sometimes called children) *"everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another"* (see John 13:31ff). He said this when he gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another. This is the ending

of the gospel text for the first Sunday in May this year.

The odd thing is that we have already been commanded in Leviticus 19:18 to love our neighbor as ourselves and in Matthew's gospel Jesus said that this is the second greatest commandment (Matthew 22:28). His new commandment I think takes into consideration that sometimes we do not love those closest to us as we ought. Jesus was speaking here not about loving neighbors but commanding that we should love our family members, both the church family and our home family I think since many of his disciples were related.

It seems strange that we should be commanded to love our family members but sometimes we either take for granted, or neglect, or even at times do not love our loved ones. Je-

sus' command is to let other people see you loving one another and in that others will see your love for Christ.

I think we do a pretty good job of loving one another at DML and I commend you for doing that which Jesus commanded at church. I hope that the love for one another extends to the home as well. Let other people see your love, just as mothers show their love for their children. They love even when it hurts. We thank God for giving us mothers who show us in practice how to keep Jesus' commandment to love one another.

God's blessings,  
Pastor Dennis



## Congregation Council Minutes—April 16

President Tom Whitehead called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

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

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

The Council reviewed the constitution's provisions about Council member absences, which state: "A member's place on the Congregational Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Congregational Council without cause."

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary's report was presented in printed form.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report for March 2007 was presented in printed form.

The fund summaries can be found on page 3 (of this newsletter).

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

- Official Acts: 3/29 Millie Fredrick funeral, 4/15 Shane Garrow baptism
- Hospital visits: 3/21 Millie Fredrick at Hospice and Clif Hellman, 4/15 Dorothy Anderson and Beryl Connelly
- Pastoral Activities: Worship Committee, Stony Lake Conference Meeting, Mutual Ministry, Chili Cook-off, Dorcas Circle, Evangelism Committee, Men's Club Break-

fast, Pre-Baptism Counseling, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class with Cameron McCarl.

Informational Items: Council Retreat May 19 from 9 am to noon to work on Mission Statement, Synod Assembly June 22 to 24 at St. John's, Lansford, PA, 1<sup>st</sup> Stony Lake Golf Scramble, June 2 at 8 am.

### Committee Reports

**Property:** Looking into door locks; will contact Darlene to get name of person she knows that repairs school and business locks.

**Evangelism:** Met on April 2 and discussed their next project. Sent goods to Rescue Mission from previous project.

**Finance:** Did not meet

**Parish Education:** Met and discussed the end of BIBLE Club. Kids to be involved Sunday, May 20 in the service. Easter Sunday went well with the Easter Drama.

**Social Ministry:** Provided muffins for Easter Breakfast.

**Stewardship:** Did not meet but sent Cindy information to be included in next newsletter. Will meet April 19.

**Worship & Music:** Met March 20 and set up services for April. Will meet tomorrow at 7 pm. Nancy to set-up hymns for her service on April 29 (will not be a Praise service).

**Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry:** Met but nothing that needs to be brought up. Evaluation to be included in May newsletter.

### Special Committees

**Dorcas Circle:** Met and planned

Mother-Child dinner with Eve Circle.

**Eve Circle:** No report

**Men's Club:** Thrivent Build discussed and have raised \$992.24. Will be attending the build on April 21 to assemble the flooring and April 28 to do the walls.

### Petitions and Communications

Received letter of appreciation from Community Shores Bank stating that the loan was paid off and that it was good doing business with us.

### Unfinished Business

Noisy offering will continue through May 20 (end of BIBLE Club). Will add to bulletin and newsletter.

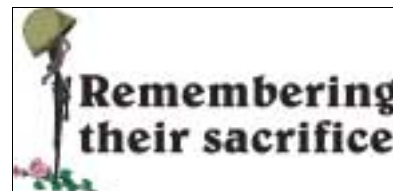
Mission Statement meeting will be on May 19 from 9 to noon.

### New Business

None

Adjourned at 7:53 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Borreson  
Council Secretary





March 2007

**ASSETS**

Cash & Bank Accounts

Funds for General Operations

Checkbook .....	\$491.84
Cash Account .....	\$45.00
Savings – Reserve .....	<u>\$1,185.38</u>
Total Funds for General Operations.....	\$1,722.22

Funds for Special Purposes

Savings—Designated

Building Projects .....	\$2,761.28
Evangelism .....	\$69.00
Eve Circle .....	\$809.72
Kitchen Fund .....	\$620.87
Men’s Club .....	\$319.62
Youth Group .....	\$285.39
Thrivent: 2 x 4 .....	\$164.00
Thrivent: Noisy Offering .....	\$50.56
Thrivent: Dinner .....	<u>\$242.00</u>
Total Savings—Designated.....	\$5,322.44
Savings – Memorial .....	\$1,754.61
Savings – Taxes.....	<u>\$1,384.79</u>
Total Funds for Special Purposes.....	<u>\$8,461.84</u>

Total Cash and Bank Accounts..... \$10,184.06

Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance  
(as of 12/31/06)

LB Money Market—Cash .....	\$1,250.78
LB Fund.....	\$24,154.79
LB Income Fund .....	<u>\$35,601.54</u>
Total Investments.....	<u>\$61,007.11</u>

**LIABILITIES**

WH—Federal Tax Liability.....	\$1,514.57
WH—State Tax Liability.....	<u>\$373.38</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	\$1,887.95

**Summary Information for March**

Average Attendance =	<u>63</u>
Offering Needed to meet Budget	<u>\$8,804.33</u>
Amount Received toward Budget	<u>\$7,190.00</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 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.

## 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.

# Prayer Needs

Dorothy Anderson  
 Beryl Connelly  
 Ann Hamil  
 Clif Hellman  
 Stephen Hellman  
 Tom Hulka  
 Ray Johnson  
 Sandra Johnson  
*(friend of Donna VanderStelt)*  
 Carol Markiewicz  
*(friend of Kris Garrow)*  
 Maxine Pedersen  
*(Priscilla Pedersen's daughter)*  
 Vicki Majersky—Peterson  
 Nancy Rizzo  
*(Ann Markgraf's daughter)*  
 Wally Roach  
 Paul Suchovsky  
 Theresa Zhart  
*(Shelly Ward's Mom)*



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

## Nancy Gibson Happy 30th Anniversary with DML

We were very pleased to celebrate the 30th anniversary (last Sunday, April 29) of our wonderful, dedicated, and much appreciated organist, Nancy Gibson.

Nancy began as our Organist on May 1, 1977

Flowers and cake were provided by the DML Choir and various gifts were presented to her.

Thanks to Nancy's family who attended the service and to her daughter Kate who played her flute.

Nancy, we look forward to many more years enjoying the beautiful music you play for us.

# Remember those in the military

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

**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.

# Worship Assistants      Lessons & Hymns

## May 6—5th Sunday of Easter

		<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<i>Deacon</i>	Rose Justian		
<i>Lector</i>	Paul Filka	Acts 11:1-18	
<i>Acolyte</i>	Matthew Kitchka	Psalm 148	Praise Service
<i>Nursery</i>	Alice Doane	Revelation 21:1-6	
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden	John 13:31-35	
<i>Tellers</i>	Tom & Donna Whitehead Gordon Eggleton		

## May 13—6th Sunday of Easter—Mother’s Day

		<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<i>Deacon</i>	Cindy Borreson		
<i>Lector</i>	Vietta Hippchen	Acts 16:9-15	#561—For the Beauty of the Earth**
<i>Acolyte</i>	Becky Stroh	Psalm 67	#337—Oh, What Their Joy!
<i>Nursery</i>	Polly Eagle	Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5	#346—When Peace Like a River**
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Johnson Ray VanderStelt	John 14:23-29 <i>or</i> John 5:1-9	#358—Glories of Your Name are Spoken**
<i>Tellers</i>	LaVern & Irene Borreson Randy Borreson		

## May 20—7th Sunday of Easter—BIBLE Club Recognition Sunday

		<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<i>Deacon</i>	Andrew Kitchka		
<i>Lector</i>	Emily Johnson	Acts 16:16-34	#752—I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**
<i>Acolyte</i>	Andy Doane	Psalm 97	#755—We All Are One in Mission
<i>Nursery</i>	Lauren Johnson	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-	#765—Jesu, Jesu
<i>Ushers</i>	John Moore & Tom Proksa	17, 20-21	#721—Go, My Children, with My Blessing
<i>Tellers</i>	Tom & Betty Proksa John Moore	John 17:20-26	

## May 27—Day of Pentecost

		<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<i>Deacon</i>	Jeff Ward		
<i>Lector</i>	John Moore	Acts 2:1-21 <i>or</i> Genesis	#486—Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart
<i>Acolyte</i>	Emily Johnson	11:1-9	#459—O Holy Spirit, Enter In
<i>Nursery</i>	Nancy Johnson	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	#448—Amazing Grace
<i>Ushers</i>	Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf	Romans 8:14-17 <i>or</i> Acts	#475—Come, Gracious Spirit
<i>Tellers</i>	Randy & Cindy Borreson Polly Eagle	2:1-21 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	

**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

**Tuesday, 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?

**Wednesday, 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.

**Friday, 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.

**Tuesday, 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.

**Wednesday, 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.

**Monday, 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.

**Friday, 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.

**Monday, 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.

**Thursday, 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.

**Sunday, May 27—John Calvin, renewer 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.

**Tuesday, May 29—Jir'i 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.

**Thursday, 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.

## MEN'S CLUB

Regular Breakfast Meetings are the 1st Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Please contact Russ Tilden (231-798-1032) or Tom Whitehead (231) 798-4454 with any questions.

## Bible Club

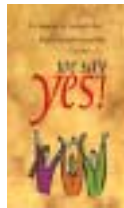
Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Breakfast. \$136.00 was raised and will be used for Thrivent Builds.

The last Sunday for BIBLE Club and Christian Music Study is May 20th. The children will take part in the service and a light lunch will be provided sponsored by Parish Ed. A sign up sheet will be put on the bulletin board for those who know they will attend the luncheon.

Many thanks to all DML members who helped out in any way with Parish Ed activities this year.

## Mother—Child Dinner

Sponsored by the Dorcas & Eve Circles Monday, May 6th — dinner at 6:30 pm  
Please see any member of the Eve Circle for tickets. We hope to have a great turn out again this year!



## Do I tithe on the gross or the net?

This is an often asked question. I must admit I have mixed feelings about this. On one hand, I don't think God wants us to be debtors. How can we give what we don't have? On the other hand, it all belongs to God. And we need to trust God to take care of our needs. I know in my own struggles the knowledge that I was created by a God who loved and cared for me was a great consolation. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We must examine ourselves and ask why can't I give from the gross?

We have been speaking about stewardship as it pertains to giving, but it also applies to proper management of our own finances. I constantly ask myself: "Am I buying things I don't need?" The bottom line is "Search the Scriptures," and listen for the Holy Spirit to speak to your hearts.

## 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 list on the bulletin board 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.

# May 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  <b>5:30 pm Property Committee</b>  <i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>	2  <i>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria (d. 373)</i>	3  <b>2 pm Bible Study</b>	4  <i>Monica, mother of Augustine (c. 322-387)</i>	5  <b>9 am Men's Club @ Mickey's Restaurant</b>  <b>Cinco de Mayo</b>
6 <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	7  <b>10 am Dorcas Circle</b>  <b>6:30 Mother – Child Dinner</b>  <b>7 pm Evangelism Committee</b>	8  <b>6:30 pm Eve Circle</b>  <i>Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church (1342-c. 1416)</i>	9  <b>7 pm Finance Committee</b>  <i>Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter (1700-1760)</i>	10  <b>2 pm Bible Study</b>	11	12
13 <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club  <b>Mother's Day</b>	14  <b>7 pm Parish Education Committee</b>  <i>Matthias, Apostle</i>	15  <b>7 pm Worship &amp; Music Committee</b>	16	17  <b>2 pm Bible Study</b>	18  <i>Erik, King of Sweden, martyr (d. 1160)</i>	19 Council – Mission Meeting 9 – 12
20 <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club – Last Day! Light Luncheon  <b>Armed Forces Day</b>	21  <b>6:30 pm Congregation Council</b>  <i>Helena, mother of Constantine (c. 250-330)</i>	22	23	24  <b>2 pm Bible Study</b>  <i>Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543); Leonhard Euler (1707-1783): scientists</i>	25	26  <b>9 am Mutual Ministry</b>
27 <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist <i>John Calvin, renewer of the church (1509-1564)</i>	28  <b>Memorial Day</b>	29  <i>Jiří Tranovský, hymnwriter (1591-1637)</i>	30	31  <b>2 pm Bible Study</b>  <i>Visit of Mary to Elizabeth</i>		

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