

# The Church Door

## From Our Pastor

I want to begin by thanking all who sent to me and my family cards and gifts for Christmas. We truly appreciate your love, generosity and thoughtfulness. And while I am at it, I also wish to thank all who give generously of their time and talents in helping DML to function. No gift of time or talent is too small. I also want to express thanks to our many members who make time to visit our sick and shut-ins. As you do so you carry Christ with you as you show your love for one another. But the real thanks goes to the Lord, who brings us together in the community of a church, equips us with time, talents and treasure for the building up of the church to carry out the mission the Lord has given us.

The Apostle Paul spoke of being thankful in his letter to the Ephesians when he advised them to: *"be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Ephesians 5:18b-20 (NRSV).

We begin a brand new year which will have its share of hopes and dreams as we begin to live out the days our Lord has given to us. What the future holds we do not know, but we do know that the Lord will guide our steps. So let us enter 2008 boldly, with a song in our hearts, and praise and thanksgiving on our lips.

I close with Paul's prayer in his letter to the Ephesians, *"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power."* Ephesians 1:17-19 (NRSV).

May the Lord bless our ministry together in 2008 and beyond.

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

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 20 following worship

The purpose of this meeting to:

- Accept Committee Reports
- Receive Financial Reports

As a member of DML it is your privilege and responsibility to attend this meeting. Please plan to be there.

## Annual Chili Cook-Off

Chili Cook-off after worship service at DML.

**Sunday, January 27, 2008**

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those planning to attend

Sponsored by the Men's Club

Freewill offering will be taken

Contact Russ Tilden or Tom Whitehead to enter a pot of Chili.

All members are welcome to enter.

Three winners will be eligible to represent DML in the Muskegon County Habitat for Humanity Chili Cook-off in cooperation with Thrivent Builds for 2008.

# Church Council Meeting—December 17, 2007

President Tom Whitehead called the meeting to order at 6:40 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, Jan Wolf.

**ABSENT:** Brian Doane

**GUESTS:** Dave Justian, Donna Whitehead

## Elections

President – Jeff Ward

A unanimous ballot was cast and approved.

Vice President – Randy Borreson

A unanimous ballot was cast and approved.

Secretary – Donna Whitehead.

A unanimous ballot was cast and approved.

Treasurer – Cindy Borreson.

A unanimous ballot was cast and approved.

## Committees

Property – Randy Borreson

Finance – Tom Whitehead, Donna Whitehead & Cindy Borreson

Parish Education – Tom Whitehead

Worship & Music – Jan Wolf & Cindy Borreson

Stewardship – Dave Justian

Evangelism – Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf

Social Ministry – Polly Eagle

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary's report for November was presented in printed form. Correction: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan Wolf (not Ward) under Treasurer's Report.

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

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

- Official Acts: Funerals; Clif Hellman, 12/7 and Ray Johnson 12/12
- Sick & Shut-in visits: Wally Roach, Dorothy Anderson, Wally Roach, Beryl Connelly, Clif Hellman, Maxine Pedersen, Nancy Johnson, Ray Johnson, Ann

Filka

- Pastoral Activities: Committee Meetings: Mutual Ministry, Worship & Music, and Property. Attended Dorcas, Eve, Men's Club
- Personal Activities: Habitat Board Meeting, Mediation
- Items Needing Attention/Informational Items:
  - Mission Sunday proceeds going to Slova Publication (Word).
  - Informational Items: Don Vokits re: Induction Loop System; Diane Hamil/Kirby Sparks Wedding 12/29

## Committee Reports

**Property:** Purchased light bulbs, fixed book holder in back pew. Perhaps after Mutual Ministry on Saturday, we can replace bulbs. Discussion on using fluorescent lights instead of "regular" lights followed; committee will look into.

Need to look at entryway light. Parking lot light is out (end of drive). Look at handle on door; it locks easily when we don't want it to; could we see if it could be tightened?

**Evangelism:** Collecting for Rescue Mission – men's section, beginning at first of year. Next meeting Jan 7. Currently, Pastor, Jan, and Emogene are on committee – looking for more members.

**Finance:** Did not meet in December.

**Parish Education:** Rotating teachers. Did not meet in December but will be meeting in January.

**Social Ministry:** We have funds for Christmas Baskets for area families; Polly and Pastor will be working together to get names.

**Stewardship:** Working to finalize.

**Worship & Music:** Met in November and will be meeting tomorrow night again.

**Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry:** Met in November, next meeting this Saturday.

## Special Committees

**Dorcas Circle/Eve Circle:** Dorcas had their annual luncheon and both groups (Dorcas and Eve) worked hard on funeral luncheons.

**Men's Club:** Next meeting Jan 5. Chili cook-off will be Sunday, January 27. Habitat/Thrivent Chili Cook-off on February 23 at First Lutheran. Russ will need a check for \$15 for trophies (Cindy will give it to him in January).

**Thrivent Habitat:** Chili cook-off.

## Petitions and Communications

Request by Darlene Boucher to use Fellowship Hall on Jan 18, 19, or 20 for get together for friend's son who is going into the Air Force. Approved.

## Unfinished Business

- T-Coil Loop system for sanctuary and fellowship hall. Hearing Wellness Center gave Tom a quote for \$1,200 each for Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Don Vokits was also here with other information. Property committee will look into this further and advise Council.
- Advent Dinner - \$8 each for Council members to cover cost. Went very well, thank you to Jeff for organizing and taking care of.
- DML as Red Cross Shelter. Need to schedule a visit.
- Will continue having Council Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30.
- Audit Committee, complete 2006 audit (this Saturday) and get 2007 audit scheduled

## New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Borreson

Secretary



# Financial Information November 30, 2007

## ASSETS

### Cash & Bank Accounts

#### **Funds for General Operations**

Checkbook	\$-76.82	
Savings – Reserve	\$3,051.54	
<b>Total Funds for General Operations</b>		<b>\$2,974.72</b>

#### **Funds for Special Purposes**

<b>Savings—Designated</b>		
Building Fund	\$5,797.33	
Evangelism	\$154.00	
Eve Circle	\$670.22	
Dorcas Circle	\$1,053.71	
Bazaar	\$2,371.13	
Kitchen Fund	\$620.87	
Men’s Club	\$319.62	
Youth Group	\$285.39	
Thrivent: 2 x 4	\$104.00	
Seminarian	\$140.00	
Gift from St John’s	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Savings—Designated</b>		<b>\$14,860.58</b>
Savings – Memorial	\$3,175.64	
Savings – Taxes	<u>\$858.60</u>	
<b>Total Funds for Special Purposes</b>		<b><u>\$17,550.51</u></b>
<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>		<b>\$20,525.23</b>

#### **Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance**

LB Money Market—Cash	\$1,849.97	
LB Fund	\$24,077.81	
LB Income Fund	<u>\$37,129.27</u>	
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b><u>\$63,057.05</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>\$83,582.28</u></b>

## LIABILITIES

WH—Federal Tax Liability	\$1,415.60	
WH—State Tax Liability	\$305.15	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>\$1,720.75</u></b>

### Summary Information for November

Average Attendance for October = 71	
Offering Needed to meet 2007 Budget	\$8,555.60
Amount Received toward Budget	\$8,935.06
<i>Note—in November \$1,200.00 was transferred from Reserve to help pay bills.</i>	

**Please note that we have created a new report to our financial status. We will explain it at the Annual Congregational Meeting and using it next month.**



# 2008 Congregation Council

## Officers

President—Jeff Ward  
Vice President—Randy Borreson  
Secretary—Donna Whitehead  
Treasurer—Cindy Borreson

## Committees

Evangelism—Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf  
Finance—Donna Whitehead,  
Tom Whitehead & Cindy Borreson  
Parish Education—Tom Whitehead  
Property—Randy Borreson  
Social Ministry—Polly Eagle  
Stewardship—Dave Justian  
Worship & Music—Jan Wolf &  
Cindy Borreson

It is important that we support our elected  
Council.

When asked to serve on a committee, please  
agree; your involvement makes it easier for ALL  
of us to carry the responsibility of fulfilling the  
Gospel and seeing to the care of DML.



The next project for the Evangelism  
Committee is the Muskegon Rescue  
Mission—focusing on the Men’s  
Group. Please watch the bulletin  
board or the barrel in the back of the  
Nave for more information.

# Worship Assistants

# Hymns & Lessons

## January 6—Epiphany of Our Lord

*Deacon* Laurie Tilden  
*Lector* Donna Whitehead  
*Acolyte* Matthew Kitchka  
*Nursery* See Nursery Door  
*Ushers* Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden  
*Tellers* Tom & Donna Whitehead  
Gordon Eggleton

### Lessons

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

### Hymns

#89—How Good, Lord, to Be Here!  
#84—Brightest and Best of the Stars of  
the Morning  
#410—We Give Thee but Thine Own  
#518—Beautiful Savior  
#56—The First Noel

## January 13—Baptism of Our Lord

*Deacon* Rose Justian  
*Lector* Nancy Hulka  
*Acolyte* Becky Stroh  
*Nursery* See Nursery Door  
*Ushers* Brad & Ray Johnson  
*Tellers* LaVern & Irene Borreson  
Randy Borreson

### Lessons

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29 (3)  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

### Hymns

88—Oh, Love, How Deep  
85—When Christ's Appearing Was Made  
Known  
410—We Give Thee but Thine Own  
486—Spirit of God, Descend upon My  
Heart  
189—We Know That Christ Is Raised

## January 20—2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

*Deacon* Tom Whitehead  
*Lector* John Moore  
*Acolyte* Ben Stroh  
*Nursery* See Nursery Door  
*Ushers* John Moore & Tom Proksa  
*Tellers* Tom & Betty Proksa  
John Moore & Tom Whitehead

### Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11 (8)  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

### Hymns

650—We Are Marching in the Light of  
God  
784—You Have Come Down to the  
Lakeshore  
649—I Want to Walk as a Child of the  
Light  
795—Oh, Sing to the Lord

## January 27—3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

*Deacon* Jeff Ward  
*Lector* Vietta Hippchen  
*Acolyte* Emily Johnson  
*Nursery* See Nursery Door  
*Ushers* Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf  
*Tellers* Randy & Cindy Borreson  
Polly Eagle

### Lessons

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (1)  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

### Hymns

690—Shall We Gather at the River  
734—Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Call-  
ing  
752—I, the Lord of Sea and Sky  
89—What a Fellowship, What a Joy Di-  
vine

## **DORCAS CIRCLE**

The Annual Christmas Luncheon was held on December 3rd at Red Lobster.

Gifts were given to Pastor Stroh and the Church.

Meetings continue on the 1st Monday of each month at 10:00 am.

See Ann Hamil or Tillie Jandris for information

## **MEN'S CLUB**

Breakfast Meeting  
Saturday, January 5,  
9:00 am at Mickey's.

Contact Russ Tilden  
at  
616-798-1032 with  
questions.

## **EVE Circle**

Eve Circle's meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

They hope to see some new faces joining them.  
Contact Betty Proksa if you have any questions.



A sign-up sheet for 2008 has been put on the bulletin board. Please select a special Sunday to honor or remember a loved one. The cost is \$25.00 and you will be billed directly by Muskegon Floral for the flowers.

# **PARTY**

## **Tom Hulka's 50th Birthday Party**

*On January 13, immediately following worship, his family invites you to stay and wish Tom a Happy Birthday and enjoy a light lunch and birthday cake.*

## **Mae Questar Salad**

(Cindy's Salad)



### **Salad Ingredients**

Romaine lettuce  
1/2 c dried cranberries  
1/2 c toasted almonds (I use Almond Accents)  
Crackers—broken up (I use Wheatables Seven Grain crackers)  
2—3 green onions—chopped (optional)  
Bacon bits (optional)

### **Dressing Ingredients**

4 T Sugar  
3 T Apple Cider Vinegar  
1 T Water

Dissolve and add:

1/2 c olive oil  
1 t seasoned salt  
1 t pepper

Many people have requested this recipe, so I thought I'd just put it in the newsletter. If you have any questions, just let me know.



## **New Year's Blessings**

# Festivals & Commemorations

**January 1, 2008**

## **Name of Jesus**

The observance of the octave (eighth day) of Christmas has roots in the sixth century. Until the recent past, Lutheran calendars called this day "The Circumcision and Name of Jesus." The emphasis on circumcision is the older emphasis. Every Jewish boy was circumcised and formally named on the eighth day of his life. Already in his youth, Jesus bears the mark of a covenant that he makes new through the shedding of his blood, now and on the cross. That covenant, like Jesus' name, is a gift that marks the children of God. Baptized into Christ, the church begins a new year in Jesus' name.

**Wednesday, January 2**

## **Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church (1808–1872)**

Loehe was a pastor in nineteenth-century Germany. From the small town of Neuendettelsau, he sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and the Ukraine. His work for a clear confessional basis within the Bavarian church sometimes led to conflict with the ecclesiastical bureaucracy. Loehe's chief concern was that a parish finds its life in the eucharist, and from that source evangelism and social ministries would flow. Many Lutheran congregations in Michigan, Ohio, and Iowa were either founded or influenced by missionaries sent by Loehe. The chapel at Wartburg Theological Seminary is named in his honor.

Loehe's vision to see the eucharist at the center of parish life can lead us on to think about ways that the incarnate presence of Christ in holy communion sends us out on a life of ministry and mission.

**Tuesday, January 15**

## **Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr (1929–1968)**

Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered as an American prophet of justice among races and nations, a Christian whose

faith undergirded his advocacy of vigorous yet nonviolent action for racial equality. A pastor of churches in Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, his witness was taken to the streets in such other places as Birmingham, Alabama, where he was arrested and jailed while protesting against segregation. He preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he was killed by an assassin on April 4, 1968. Though most commemorations are held on the date of the person's death, many churches hold commemorations near Dr. King's birth date of January 15, in conjunction with the American civil holiday honoring him. An alternate date for the commemoration would be his death date, April 4.

Congregations may choose to remember King by singing "We shall overcome" (TFF 213) or "Holy God, you raise up prophets" (TFF 299).

**Thursday, January 17**

## **Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church (251–356)**

Antony was born in Qemen-al-Arous, Upper Egypt, and was one of the earliest Egyptian desert fathers. Born to Christian parents from whom he inherited a large estate, he took personally Jesus' message to sell all that you have, give to the poor, and follow Christ. After making arrangements to provide for the care of his sister, he gave away his inheritance and became a hermit. Later, he became the head of a group of monks that lived in a cluster of huts and devoted themselves to communal prayer, worship, and manual labor under Antony's direction. The money they earned from their work was distributed as alms. Antony and his monks also preached and counseled those who sought them out.

Antony and the desert fathers serve as a reminder that certain times and circumstances call Christians to stand apart from the surrounding culture and renounce the world in service to Christ.

**Thursday, January 17**

## **Pachomius, renewer of the church (c. 290–346)**

Another of the desert fathers, Pachomius (puh-kome-ee-us) was born in Egypt about 290. He became a Christian during his service as a soldier. In 320 he went to live as a hermit in Upper Egypt, where other hermits lived nearby. Pachomius organized them into a religious community in which the members prayed together and held their goods in common. His rule for monasteries influenced both Eastern and Western monasticism through the Rule of Basil and the Rule of Benedict, respectively.

The Egyptian (Coptic) church may be unfamiliar to many Western Christians. Use the commemoration of Pachomius to teach about the Egyptian church at parish gatherings this week.

**Friday, January 18**

## **Confession of Peter**

Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is framed by two commemorations, the Confession of Peter (a relatively recent addition to the calendar) and the older Conversion of Paul. Both are remembered together on June 29, but these two days give us an opportunity to focus on key events in each of their lives. Today we remember that Peter was led by God's grace to acknowledge Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16).

This confession is the common confession that unites us with Peter and with all Christians of every time and place. During these weeks of Epiphany, with their emphasis on mission, consider an ecumenical worship service with neighboring congregations to embody the unity we share in our confession of Christ, a unity granted us in our one baptism, a unity we yearn to embody more fully. The hymn "We all are one in mission" (WOV 755) could be sung at this service.

## Festivals & Commemorations (continued)

### Saturday, January 19

#### Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, 1156

Henry, an Englishman, became bishop of Uppsala, Sweden, in 1152 and is regarded as the patron of Finland. He traveled to Finland with the king of Sweden on a mission trip and remained there to organize the church. He was murdered in Finland by a man he had rebuked and who was disciplined by the church. Henry's burial place became a center of pilgrimage. His popularity as a saint is strong in both Sweden and Finland.

Today is an appropriate day to celebrate the Finnish presence in the Lutheran church. Consider singing "Lost in the night" (ELW 243), which uses a Finnish folk tune. During the Time after Epiphany we celebrate the light of Christ revealed to the nations, and martyrs such as Henry continue to reveal that light through their witness to faith.

### Monday, January 21

#### Agnes, martyr (c. 291–c. 304)

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome who had chosen a life of service to Christ as a virgin, despite the Roman emperor Diocletian's ruling that had outlawed all Christian activity. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. Since her death, the church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

### Friday, January 25

#### Conversion of Paul

#### *End of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

Today the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to an end. The church remembers how a man of Tarsus named Saul, a former persecutor of the early Christian church, was led by God's grace to become one of its chief preachers. The risen Christ appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus and called him to proclaim the gospel. The narratives describing Paul's conversion in the Acts of

the Apostles, Galatians, and 1 Corinthians inspire this commemoration, which was first celebrated among the Christians of Gaul.

The entire Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gives us a chance to consider our calling in light of Paul's words in Galatians that all are one in Christ. The hymn "Bind us together" (WOV 748) can be used to pray that Christ will continue to hold us in our baptismal unity.

### Saturday, January 26

#### Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

On the two days following the celebration of the Conversion of Paul, his companions are remembered. Timothy, Titus, and Silas were missionary co-workers with Paul. Timothy accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and was commissioned by Paul to go to Ephesus, where he served as bishop and overseer of the church. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, accompanied him on the trip to the council of Jerusalem, and became the first bishop of Crete. Silas traveled with Paul through Asia Minor and Greece and was imprisoned with him at Philippi, where they were delivered by an earthquake.

This festival invites the church to remember Christian leaders, bishops, pastors, and teachers--both men and women--who have been influential in the lives of individual members as gospel signs of the light of Epiphany.

### Sunday, January 27

#### Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

On this day the church remembers three women who were companions in Paul's ministry. Lydia was Paul's first convert at Philippi in Macedonia. She was a merchant of purple-dyed goods, and because purple dye was extremely expensive, it is likely that Lydia was a woman of some wealth. Lydia and her household were baptized by Paul and for a time her home was a base for Paul's missionary work. Dorcas is re-

membered for her charitable works, particularly making clothing for needy widows. Phoebe was a diakonos, a deaconess in the church at Cenchreae, near Corinth. Paul praises her as one who, through her service, looked after many people.

Today provides an opportunity for congregations to reflect on the ministry of women, ordained and lay, wealthy and poor, who have given of themselves in service to the church and to the ministry of the gospel in their congregations.

### Monday, January 28

#### Thomas Aquinas, teacher (c. 1225–1274)

Thomas Aquinas was a brilliant and creative theologian of the thirteenth century. He was first and foremost a student of the Bible and profoundly concerned with the theological formation of the church's ordained ministers. As a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he worked to correlate scripture with the philosophy of Aristotle, which was having a renaissance in Aquinas's day. Some students of Aristotle's philosophy found in it an alternative to Christianity. But Aquinas immersed himself in the thought of Aristotle and worked to explain Christian beliefs in the philosophical culture of the day. The contemporary worship cultural studies done by the Lutheran World Federation resonate with Aquinas's method.

### **The Church Door**

The "Church Door" title is taken from the "Theses Door" of the Castle Church which has made Wittenberg so famous.

Just as the "Theses Door" was used as a bulletin board for notices in Luther's time, this newsletter can also be used by our members to communicate with each other and to our guests about church events. Published monthly it is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Cindy Borreson (616.846.2477 or cborreson@charter.net) to insert articles for next month's newsletter.



What does it matter how I pray,  
so long as my prayers are  
answered?

Sitting Bull

## Remember our friends and family members in the Military

God of Compassion, we pray for military  
personnel offered for the sake of others  
and separated from family and loved ones.

Care for them; meet their needs.

Grant them courage, compassion, strength,  
and all they need for the living of these days.

Sustain them through their every trial.

Remind them of the humanity they share

Even with those who are called "the enemy";  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

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

**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

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

If you'd like to add a name to this list, please contact  
Cindy Borreson.

## Those in need of healing:

Dorothy Anderson

Beryl Connelly

Ann Filka

Ann Hamil

Stephen Hellman

Linda Hurtubise

Tom Hulka

Cheryl Jimenez

Beulah Justian

Maxine Pedersen

Vicki Peterson

Nancy Rizzo

Wally Roach

Jean Ryan

Paul Suchovsky

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 cbor-  
reson@charter.net and she will see they are  
included.



## Hope has Arrived!!!

On Monday, December 17 Hope Victoria Shunta was  
born to Dustin & Amanda (Whitehead) Shunta (a bit  
early). She weighed 4 lbs 3 oz., is 18 inches and is doing  
very well. Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Grandpa are all  
fine too. Congratulations to everyone!

# January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 5:30 PM Property Committee 6:30 PM Eve Circle <i>Name of Jesus</i> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> <i>Johan Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, pastor</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Men's Club (at Mickey's) <i>Kaj Munk, martyr</i>
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> Epiphany of Our Lord	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Dorcas Circle 6:30 PM Evangelism Committee	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Finance Committee	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> <b>11:30 AM 50th Birthday Party for Tom Hulka</b> Baptism of Our Lord <i>George Fox, renewer of society</i>	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Parish Ed Committee <i>Elvind Josef Berggrav, Bishop of Oslo</i>	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee <i>Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Stewardship <i>Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church</i> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday observed</i> <i>Pachomius, renewer of the church</i>	<b>18</b> The Confession of Saint Peter	<b>19</b> <i>Henry, bishop, missionary martyr</i>
<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> 11:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Congregation Council <i>Agnes, martyr</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Saint Timothy, Pastor and Confessor	<b>25</b> The Conversion of Saint Paul	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Mutual Ministry Committee <i>Timothy, Titus, and Silas, Missionaries</i>
<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> <b>11:30 AM Annual Chili Cook-Off</b> <b>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Thomas Aquinas, teacher</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

Dr. Martin Luther  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

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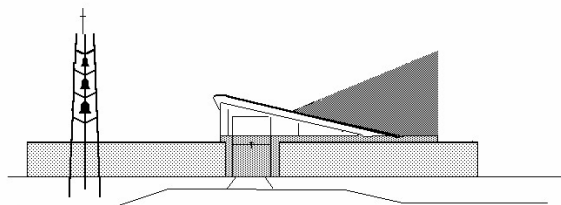


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