



# The Church Door

This month we conclude the season of Easter which last for 7 Sundays before heading into the long season of Pentecost. You may recall that the Day of Pentecost (from a Greek word meaning fiftieth) is always seven weeks after Easter Sunday; that is to say, 50 days after Easter (inclusive of Easter Day). The Day of Pentecost is often thought of as the birthday of the Church.

During the season of Easter the Church is sort of prepared to carry out the mission Christ has given to it. As we finish out the Easter season, I thought it might be interesting to look at the Gospel acclamation for each Sunday which will point us to the focus for that Sunday.

On May 3 Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. *Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)* The Psalm refrain is *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1).*

For May 10 Jesus says he is the vine and we are the branches. We draw nourishment from him and bear fruit.

*Alleluia. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. Alleluia. (John 15:5).* The Psalm refrain is *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. (Psalm 22:27)*

On May 17 Jesus gives the command to love one another as he has loved us. *Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia. (John 14:23).* The Psalm refrain is *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. (Psalm 98:4).*

May 24 sees Jesus as he prepares to leave the world and prays that the Father will protect those whom he leaves behind. *Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)* The Psalm refrain: *for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (Psalm 1:6)*

May 31 is the Sunday of Pentecost. *Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of*

*your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.* The Psalm refrain: *When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. (Psalm 104:30).* With this Sunday we begin the season of Pentecost, the longest of the church seasons. There are 24 Sundays after Pentecost this year before we reach Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the year.

So Christ is our leader, our Shepherd who lays down his life for us. He is the vine which nourishes us so that we can bear fruit. He gives us the command to love one another so that we can stick together and also prays for our protection as we are in the world. Finally he sends his Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. This will be our focus as we come together to worship on the Sundays in May. I pray that the Spirit makes each of us healthy and willing to come together to worship the one who gave his life for ours. God's blessings to all,  
Pastor Dennis





## Congregation Council Minutes—March 16, 2009

President Jeff Ward called

the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Pastor led devotions from the Book of Faith assessment tool, followed by a prayer.

**PRESENT:** Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Emogene Cotal, Dave Justian, Pastor Stroh, Donna Whitehead, Tom Whitehead, Jeff Ward, Jan Wolf.

**EXCUSED:** Polly Eagle

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary's report created by Cindy Borreson for February 16, 2009 was presented in printed form. Treasurer's report was for January, not December as stated. Jeff Parkison is the spelling, not Parkinson. Thank you to Cindy for doing this in Donna's absence.

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

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

**Official Acts:**

- Sick & Shut-in visits: Beryl Connelly, Mary Panozzo
- Pastoral Activities: Worship Committee, Chili Cookoff at First Lutheran, Lenten Studies at First Lutheran, Dorcas, Stony Lake Conference, Pericope Study, met with Jeff Parkison re: plumbing repairs

• Personal Activities: Habitat Board Meeting  
**Informational Items:** Pleased to see nice turnout for 3/11 Wed. Lent

### Committee Reports

**Property:** Worked on speakers & lights. Arranged for work on the toilets and the fountains. The cost so far is \$315 against a quote of \$420. Jeff Parkison reported that the porcelain fountains cost more than the stainless steel with cooling units. Jeff P. quoted \$1200 to replace both with stainless steel (without hooking up the electrical to the cooling unit). Council wants to continue looking at other options. Tom called Nichols Paper again about the stripping of the nave, still no call back. Tom went to the Builder's Show to investigate on-demand water heaters, but no such vendors were there. Property needs to look striping the parking lot and perhaps look at paving the extra lot. Need to order receivers for the Loop system.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** We're collecting soup for Rescue Mission, Feinstein is going to match this. Free Methodist is beginning a food pantry. We'll look into helping them.

**Finance:** Did not meet. Letter to the congregation did not get written yet, but still needs to be done. Insurance and Board of Pensions will wipe out checking account.

**Parish Education:** Did not meet. Will set up a date to meet and plan an Easter program. Cindy will help children with the cooking for Easter Breakfast.

**Stewardship:** Dave presented Stories to Tell & Gifts to Share

stewardship materials. He'd like to start this program soon. Would like a Celebration Sunday (Commitment Sunday). He passed out bookmarks with discussion points to talk over at home. These will be passed out to the congregation.

**Worship & Music:** Will be meeting on Mar. 24 and planning Easter. Remember the favorite hymn list. Do we want to continue receiving the Lutheran Social Service newsletter "His Hand"? Council agreed that we would no longer receive it (we do nothing, and that will stop it).

**Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry:** Need to meet again. Jeff will arrange a date to meet.

### Special Committees

**Dorcas Circle/Eve Circle:** Oven needs repair. Temperature isn't right. May need a new thermostat. Mother/child banquet is coming up. They'll ask the men to cook. Jeff will help. Possible date is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will find out the date.

**Men's Club:** Did not meet. Need to decide on time and place and let Cindy know.

**Thrivent Habitat:** Chili Cook-off at First Lutheran was a success. They may have made more than last year.

**Stony Lake Conference:** Golf outing is May 30 with rain date June 6. The forms will be posted on the bulletin board. Early registration cost is \$55 by May 1, otherwise \$60.

## Petitions and Communications

Letter was sent to the Fruitport Township that said we weren't interested in sewer.

## Unfinished Business

We still need to be a named insured on the policy by the dog training club. Tom will follow up with the club.

The Loop people (Terry and Peg from Hearing Wellness Center) will be meeting with the congregation on March 29.

## New Business

Tom: Important to have a security plan. Reference the shooting of the pastor in Illinois. Include natural disaster, child abduction, etc. for a comprehensive security plan. Recommends that we start thinking about this. Tom is willing to look at materials and get people together to discuss this.

Pastor: Conference talked about having the church used as a shelter for homeless families

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Whitehead  
Secretary

Report of Income and Expenses				
Current Operating Income & Expenses Only				
Summary Information - 2009				
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year-to-date
<b>Average Attendance</b>	44	61	48	
<b>Budget</b>	\$9,559.70	\$9,559.70	\$9,559.70	\$28,679.09
<b>Current Expenses</b>	\$7,749.42	\$6,751.05	\$7,232.90	\$21,733.37
<b>Income</b>				
Current	\$6,344.50	\$6,836.00	\$7,232.90	\$20,413.40
Reserve	\$402.50	\$388.00	\$501.00	\$1,291.50
<b>Total Income</b>	\$6,747.00	\$7,224.00	\$7,733.90	\$21,704.90
<b>Transfers</b>				
From Reserve	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,840.00
From Investments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Transfers</b>	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,840.00
<b>Net Income + Transfers - Expenses</b>	(\$162.42)	\$472.95	\$1,501.00	\$1,811.53
<b>Balances</b>				
<b>Investments</b>				
Money Market	\$910.04	\$910.04	\$910.04	
Large Cap Stock	\$14,595.74	\$14,595.74	\$14,595.74	
Income Fund	\$33,074.68	\$33,074.68	\$33,074.68	
<b>Total Investments</b>	\$48,580.46	\$48,580.46	\$48,580.46	
Reserve*	\$1,601.40	\$1,389.47	\$940.53	
Checking	(\$209.55)	\$617.90	\$14.99	

## Committee Meeting Schedules

- Evangelism/Social Ministry (Emogene Cotal & Polly Eagle)  
1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
- Parish Education (Tom Whitehead)  
2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Property (Randy Borreson)  
2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm
- Finance (Tom Whitehead)  
2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Worship & Music (Jan Wolf)  
3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Executive Committee/Mutual Ministry (Jeff Ward)  
4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 am
- Stewardship (Dave Justian)

# What's Happening at DML

## **DORCAS CIRCLE**

We are making plans for the  
Mother—Child Dinner.  
Meetings are held the 1st Monday  
of each month at 10:00 am.  
Please see a member of Dorcas  
Circle for more information.

## **MEN'S CLUB**

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

### **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 in-  
sert articles for next month's  
newsletter.

## *Mother—Child*

## *Banquet*

*Monday - May 11*

*Catered by Jeff Ward*

*Served by the Men's Club*

*Tickets:*

*Adult—\$6.00*

*Ages 6 to 12—\$5.00*

*Under 6 free*

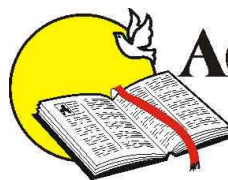
*There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex  
Tickets available from any Dorcas member*

*Ticket deadline May 3rd*

*Please invite your family and friends to join us*



*Celebrate  
Mother's Day*



## **Adult Bible Study**

**Every Tuesday—3:30 pm**

**Please see Pastor Dennis for more information.**

Thank  
You!

Thanks to:

- Dawn Snider for baking the communion bread each Sunday.
- Dave Justian for taking care of the church sign.
- To the members of Church Council for their work and dedication.
- To the members of the committees for their work.
- To the BIBLE Club for planning and serving the Easter Breakfast and for their Easter program.

Please contact Cindy Borreson to remember others who are not listed here.



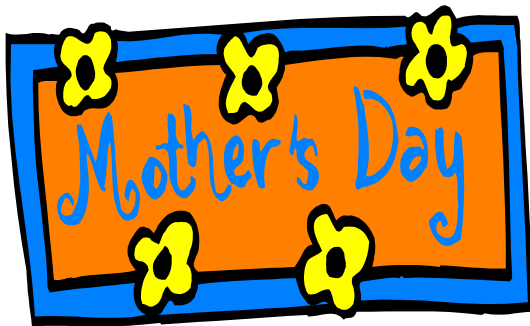
Do you have your Meijer rewards card yet? If not, it's easy to get one. When you shop at Meijer, simply present your reward card and .5% or 1% of your purchase will be donated to DML. There is no charge for the card and it is a great way to raise money for DML. Brochures are available in the hallway.

With a Meijer Credit Card, 1% of your purchases will be donated. If you pay cash, .5% will be donated. If you have any questions, please see Pastor or a member of council.



in  
CHRISTIAN  
MEMORY

**Memorial Day  
Monday, May 25**



**Sunday, May 10**

### Barrel Collection



The Evangelism Committee is requesting donations of non-perishable food items which will go to the Free Methodist Church on Hile. They are setting up a food-pantry to help the people in our area. Please bring in your items and place them in the barrel. They will be delivered to the Free Methodist Church by members of the Evangelism Committee. As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated.



We are looking for sponsors to help cover the cost of the lawn service for this summer. The projected cost for this summer is \$650. If you can contribute towards the cost (even the smallest contribution is needed), please place your donation or pledge in the offering plate and indicate "Lawn Service".

BIBLE Club will be ending for the summer sometime in May. More information will be available in the Bulletin or contact Pastor Dennis.

# Worship Assistants

# Lessons & Hymns

## May 3—4th Sunday of Sunday

Deacon Tom Whitehead  
Lector Donna Whitehead  
Acolyte Samantha McCarl  
Nursery Shelly Ward  
Usher Mike Sellon  
Usher Emily Johnson  
Tellers Tom & Donna Whitehead  
Gordon Eggleton

**Lessons**  
Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

**Hymns**  
#154—That Easter Day with Joy was Bright  
#451—The Lord's My Shepherd\*\*  
#325—Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart\*\*  
#456—The King of Love My Shepherd Is\*\*  
#128—Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!

## May 10—5th Sunday of Sunday

Deacon Cindy Borreson  
Lector Cindy Borreson  
Acolyte Nate Johnson  
Nursery Donna Whitehead  
Usher Brad Johnson  
Usher Ray Vanderstelt  
Tellers Brad & Lauren Johnson  
Randy Borreson

**Lessons**  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**Hymns**  
#748—Bind Us Together  
#731—Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
#713—Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil  
#699—Blessed Assurance\*\*  
#795—Oh, Sing to the Lord

## May 17—6th Sunday of Sunday

Deacon Andrew Kitchka  
Lector Jeff Ward  
Acolyte Becky Stroh  
Nursery Polly Eagle  
Usher John Moore  
Usher Tom Proksa  
Tellers Tom & Betty Proksa  
John Moore

**Lessons**  
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

**Hymns**  
#385—What Wondrous Love Is This\*\*  
#439—What a Friend We Have in Jesus\*\*  
#370—Blest Be the Tie that Binds\*\*  
#551—Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee\*\*

## May 24—4th Sunday of Sunday

Deacon Laurie Tilden  
Lector Janet Wolf  
Acolyte Ben Stroh  
Nursery Lauren Johnson  
Usher Emogene Cotal  
Usher Jan Wolf  
Tellers Randy & Cindy Borreson  
Polly Eagle

**Lessons**  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

**Hymns**  
#253—Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now\*\*  
#364—Son of God, Eternal Savior  
#518—Beautiful Savior\*\*  
#527—All Creatures of Our God and King\*\*

## May 31—Day of Pentecost

Deacon Jeff Ward  
Lector Tom Whitehead  
Acolyte Emily Johnson  
Nursery Nancy Johnson  
Usher \_\_\_\_\_  
Usher \_\_\_\_\_  
Tellers Emogene Cotal, Jan Wolf  
Donna Whitehead

**Lessons**  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**Hymns**  
#688—O Holy Spirit, Root of Life  
#684—Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
#706—Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup  
#687—Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



## About Prayer

Said the Holy One to Israel, "I have told you that when you pray, you should do so in the synagogue in your city. If you cannot pray in the synagogue, pray in your field. If you cannot pray in your field, pray in your house. If you cannot pray in your house, pray on your bed. If you cannot pray on your bed, meditate in your heart."  
— Midrash Psalms 4:9

Those in need of healing:

### Members:

Irene Borreson  
Beryl Connelly  
Ann Hamil  
Stephen Hellman  
Tom Hulka  
Mary Panozzo  
Wally Roach  
Paul Suchovsky

### Family & Friends:

Louise Ager (*Donna Whitehead, mother*)  
Doug Bosman (*Paul & Ada Filka, son-in-law*)  
Brenda Foester (*Katherine Kitchka, daughter*)  
Linda Hurtubise (*Vietta Hippchen, sister-in-law*)  
Maxine Pedersen (*Priscilla Pedersen, daughter*)  
Vicki Peterson (*Barb Majersky, daughter*)  
Nancy Rizzo (*Anne Markgraf, daughter*)  
Carol Wagenmaker (*Betty Proksa, sister*)

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.

## Remember our friends and family members in the Military

Please continue to pray for the safety of those who are in the service, especially:

**SSgt. Kevin Sellon** (Mike and Carol Sellon's son)  
United States Army—Kevin has returned safely back to the United States.

**SPC Robert Borreson** (Randy and Cindy Borreson's son)  
United States Army—Serving in Iraq. You may write to Rob at:  
Borreson, Robert, SPC  
342nd MP Co  
FOB Paliwoda  
APO AE 09391

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

**PO1 Russ Tilden, Jr.** (Russ & Laurie Tilden's son)  
United States Navy—Stationed on the USS Harry S. Truman, Norfolk, VA

**TSgt. Harvey Wagenmaker** (Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew)  
United States Air Force—Serving in Afghanistan

**Sgt. Kenneth Hawkins** (Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew)  
United States Army—Stationed at Fort Lewis, WA  
If you have anyone to add to this list, please contact Cindy Borreson.



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.  
I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## Congratulations



Andrew Kitchka, who had a leading role as "Jimmy Smith" in Civic Opera's production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie"!

This humorous and romantic musical played at the Frauenthal Theater on April 23rd through 26th. Many of our church members attended the production and enjoyed it immensely.

Good work, Andrew!

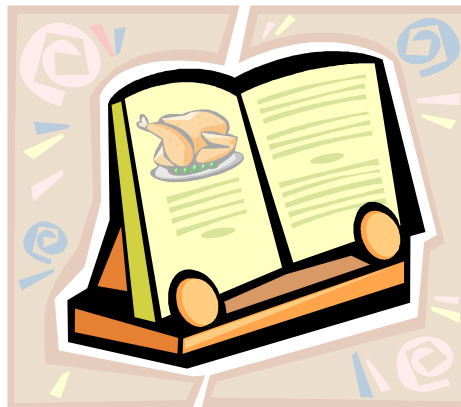
At the Easter Breakfast, a couple of the recipes were requested. Here is the first one. The delicious cereal bars that were provided by Polly Eagle.

### Breakfast-on-the-Go Herman's Health Bars

#### Ingredients:

- 8 oz. lowfat yogurt
- 1/2 C brown sugar
- 1/2 C sugar
- 1 T cinnamon
- 2 eggs (whites)
- Vanilla
- 2 T skim milk
- 2 T oil
- 2 t baking soda
- 2 C flour
- 2 C oats

Optional—cherries, blueberries, cranberries, raisins

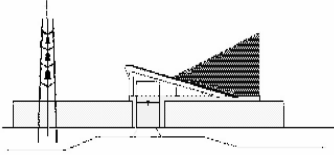


Mix wet ingredients, then add sugar. Add remaining ingredients. Mix. Add fruit, spread in greased 10 x 15 x 1 pan. Bake 20–25 minutes in a 325° oven.



# May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>	2 Men's Club at Mr. B's <i>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373</i>
<b>3 – 4th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Bible Club	4 10:00 am Dorcas Circle 6:30 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Committee <i>Monica, mother of Augustine, 387</i>	5 3:30 pm Adult Bible Study	6	7	8 <i>Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, c. 1416</i>	9 9:00 am Mutual Ministry Committee at The Sardine Room <i>Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, 1760</i>
<b>10 – 5th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Bible Club	11 Mother – Child Dinner 7:00 pm Parish Education Committee	12 3:30 pm Adult Bible Study 5:30 pm Property Committee	13 6:00 pm Finance Committee <i>Matthias, Apostle</i>	14	15 <i>International Day of Families</i>	16
<b>17 – 6th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Bible Club	18 6:30 pm Congregation Council <i>Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, 1160</i>	19 3:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	20	21 <i>Ascension of Our Lord Helena, mother of Constantine, 330</i>	22 <i>International Day for Biological Diversity</i>	23
<b>24 – 7th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Bible Club <i>Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Leonhard Euler, 1783; scientists</i>	25 <b>Memorial Day</b>	26 3:30 pm Adult Bible Study	27 <i>John Calvin, renewer of the church, 1564</i>	28	29 <i>Jiří Tranovský, hymnwriter, 1637 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers</i>	30 Stony Lake Golf Outing
<b>31 – Day of Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Bible Club						



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