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FROM THE PASTOR

I was excited when I saw the first day of spring noted on the calendar this year, especially after the long and hard winter that we endured (I see more snow is forecast for Monday of Holy Week). Alas, Michigan does not give up easily from winter into spring and I am still waiting for some spring weather.

Recently the confirmation class was studying the Old testament lesson of King David and Bathsheba. I am always struck by that passage which reads, "In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem." (2 Samuel 11:1 (NRSV)).

It is that part, "In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle" that I notice. Spring is a time for new life and growth but the warmer

weather also makes it a time to wage war. Maybe it is no coincidence that Jesus waged war against the forces of evil in the spring. We mark his victory over sin, death, and the devil on Easter Sunday as he was raised from the dead. It is such an important event that the early church decided that it would be fitting and proper if we celebrated that event weekly and that is why we worship on Sunday instead of Saturday, the Sabbath day. Sunday's are "little Easters".

On another note, we have not yet heard about our Slovak summer trainee. However, it is time to start thinking about whether you would be willing to house the trainee. Would you please let me know if you are willing? Samuel Lutheran is still without a pastor so it looks like we will be going it alone, but I plan to share the trainee with churches in the Stony Lake Conference and possibly the Episcopal churches in order to give the



trainee a broader experience. As I get more details about if and when, I will pass that information along to you.

Happy Spring to you — whenever it really gets here.

I pray that everyone has a blessed and glorious Easter.

Pastor Dennis



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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. PAGE 2 THE CHURCH DOOR



Council Minutes—February 16, 2009

President Jeff Ward called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Pastor led devotions from "Where

Shall We Begin".

PRESENT: Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Emogene Cotal, Polly Eagle, Dave Justian, Pastor Stroh, Jeff Ward, Jan Wolf.

EXCUSED: Donna Whitehead, Tom Whitehead. Absent: Dave Justian

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary's report for January 19, 2009 was presented in printed form.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report for December was presented in printed form. Cindy had to take our Reserve account down to \$1,453 in order to meet yesterday's payroll. She had emailed the council for permission to do this

Pastor's Report: A written report was submitted. Official Acts:

- Sick & Shut-in visits: Beryl Connelly
- Pastoral Activities: Worship Committee, DML Chili Cookoff, Dorcas, Evangelism, Stony Lake Conference, Pastor Pericope Study, Men's Club Breakfast, Finance Committee, Mutual Ministry.
- Personal Activities: Attended Habitat Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, Thrivent/Habitat Kickoff in Lansing, Habitat Executive Committee, Habitat Board Meeting, Mediation. Informational Items: Ash Wednesday, Lenten Series, Since Jan 2006 Meijer Community Rewards has generated \$409 with only 7 active participants, Joint Episcopal/ELCA Lenten Study Series.

Committee Reports

Property: Repaired toilet in women's bathroom; lot of leaks and problems with plumbing. Property Committee motion to spend \$1,100.00 to complete the plumbing project as quoted by Jeff Parkinson. Money to be taken from the Building Fund. 2nd by Emogene Cotal. Approved. Tom spoke with Nichols Paper regarding stripping and resealing the Nave. Waiting for a call back.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: Have asked for a list of inactive members. Barrel for soup for Muskegon Rescue Mission for February and March in back of church.

Finance: Met on Feb 19. Discussed options on meeting shortfall of funds needed to pay current bills and decided to use money from Reserve Fund. Note, we do not want to use money from investments at this time because the market is so low. Also plan to send a letter to the congregation explaining the situation.

All CD's have come due and determined we would renew them for another 3-months.

Cindy recommended we use Boersma's Greenhouse in Newaygo for lilies this year. Cost is \$6.80 with a minimum order of \$50 which includes free delivery.

Noisy offering will go towards Thrivent/Habitat in June and through the summer then return to Seminarian fund

Cindy asked to provide information on how much we were authorized to take from investments in 2009. She will provide next month.

Parish Education: Did not meet

Stewardship: No report.

Worship & Music: Met and planned Ash Wednesday and Lenten services. Meeting again tomorrow night. Favorite Hymn list is on bulletin board (Nancy). Ash Wednesday will be in the Sanctuary, the Lenten services will be in the Lounge.

Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry: We met at Sar-

Special Committees

Dorcas Circle: Planning the Transfiguration Dinner.

Men's Club: Met at Golden Corral.

Thrivent Habitat: Have not selected family yet for Lutheran Build. Habitat is having trouble getting applicants for the builds.

Stony Lake Conference: Lenten Series (mentioned in

Pastor's Report).

Petitions and Communications

Amanda Shunta requested the use of the church in the afternoon on March 29 for Baby Shower.

Jan Ward requested the use of the church on April 25th for Baby Shower.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Notice from Fruitport regarding sewer project. We are going to return the form with a response that we do not want sewer.

Action Items

<u>Tom</u>: Work with Dawn Snider to ensure that our church is named as co-insured on the policy of the Muskegon Lakeshore Obedience Training Club. – Cindy checking with Church Mutual to make sure wording is correct.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Borreson Treasurer

	Jan	Feb	Year-to-date
Average Attendance			
Budget	\$9,559.70	\$9,559.70	\$114,716.36
Current Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,500.47
<u>Income</u>			
Current	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$790.50
Total Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,971.00
<u>Transfers</u>			
From Reserve	\$840.00		\$840.00
From Investments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Transfers	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$840.00
Net Income + Transfers - Expenses	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$310.53
Balances	_		_
Investments			
Money Market	\$910.04	\$910.04	
Large Cap Stock	\$14,595.74	\$14,595.74	
Income Fund	\$33,074.68	\$33,074.68	
Total Investments	\$48,580.46	\$48,580.46	
Reserve*	\$1,601.40	\$1,389.47	
Checking	(\$209.55)	\$617.90	

DORGAS GIRGLE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Basket Fund. We will make up the based at the April 6 meeting and they will be delivered to the Muskegon Rescue Mission during Holy Week.

Plans are underway for the Mother-Child Dinner on May 4.

Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 10:00 am. Please see a member of Dorcas Circle for more information.

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Every Tuesday—3:30 pm

Please see Pastor Dennis 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.



Please plan ahead to attend these Holy Week services/events.

*Combined Stony Lake Conference cooperative worship service.

Sunday, April 5—10:00 am
Palm/Passion Sunday at DML
Procession with Palms
Gospel Narrative

Thursday, April 9—7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship at DML

Friday, April 10-7:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae* at 1st Lutheran

Sunday, April 12

9:00 am Easter Breakfast at DML 10:00 am Easter Worship at DML PAGE 4 THE CHURCH DOOR

Worship Servants

Hymns & Lessons

April 5—Palm Sunday

Deacon Cindy Borreson Lessons **Hymns**

Andrew Kitchka Lector Mark 1:1-11 #108—All Glory, Laud, and Honor Isaiah 50:4-9a Crossbearer Matthew Kitchka #117—O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Psalm 31:9-16 Becky Stroh Bookbearer Philippians 2:5-11 #102—On My Heart Imprint Your Image Torchbearer Ben Stroh Mark 14:1-15:47 #98—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Torchbearer Nate Johnson Nursery Nancy Johnson Usher Mike Sellon Usher **Emily Johnson**

Deacon

April 12—The Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Sunday

Deacon Andrew Kitchka Lessons **Hymns**

Lauren Johnson Lector Acts 10:34-43 #151—Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Crossbearer Emily Johnson Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 #145—Thine Is the Glory 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Bookbearer Samantha McCarl

Mark 16:1-8 #613—Celtic Alleluia Torchbearer Nate Johnson #138—He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!

Torchbearer Ben Stroh #136—Christ Is Arisen Nursery Rose Justian

#131-Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! Ushers Brad Johnson & Ray Vanderstelt

April 19—The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Hymns Lessons Lector Acts 4:32-35

#718—Here in This Place** Acolyte Matthew Kitchka Psalm 133 #675—We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight 1 John 1:1-2:2

Nursery Betty Proksa John 20:19-31 #710—One Bread, One Body

Ushers Tom Proksa #671—Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the John Moore

April 26—The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Deacon Jeff Ward Lessons **Hymns** Lector

Acts 3:12-19 Praise Service—Hymns to be determined

Psalm 4 Acolyte **Emily Johnson** 1 John 3:1-7 Jan Ward Nursery Luke 24:36b-48

Ushers Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf

Laurie Tilden

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





May the Light shine on all your days. It is there, despite illness, defeat, and tears. It is eternal.

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.

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)

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.

Thanks be to God!

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 We're so excited! Rob will be home on leave beginning sometime the week of April 6.

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

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.

Community Events

Concert will honor Gilana Alpert

A concert will be presented **April 7** in honor of the late Gilana Alpert, daughter of Rabbi Alan and Anna Alpert.

The Shir Shalom Chorus of Grand Rapids will be singing the half hour program as a part of the Feeding the Soul of the City concert series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1006 Third Street.

Concert time is **12:15—12:45 pm.** An offering will be taken during the program to benefit the Gilana Shira Alpert Fund at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.

The Feeding the Soul of the City concert series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church began in 2001. It offers free monthly concerts during the noon hour. The audience is invited toy bring a lunch to eat during the program, or box lunches and soup are available at the door.

Call 231/722-2112 for further information.

See the bulletin board for more information.

Muskegon Rescue Mission Events

Thursday April 16

Christian music superstar
Nicole C. Mullen will bring her
soulful, uplifting message of
praise to Muskegon's Frauenthal
Center for the Performing Arts.
Proceeds from the concert will go
to the Muskegon Rescue Mission.

Advance tickets are \$20 and \$15 or \$23.50 and \$17.50 on the day of the concert. Tickets can be purchased at the Frauenthal Box office or Hage's Christian Supplies.

See the bulletin board for more information.

Muskegon Rescue Mission presents a night of Christian Comedy featuring **Anita Renfoe** on **April 16 at 7:30** pm at the Frauenthal Center in downtown Muskegon.

Tickets are \$15 and \$20 and are on sale now at all Startickets-PLUS locations, including Meijer.

See the bulletin board for more information.

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

The other day is tomorrow, with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

That leave only one day — today.

Anyone can fight the battle of just one day

It is only when we add the burden of those two awful eternities; yesterday and tomorrow, that contentment will escape us. You cannot pray the Lord's prayer and even once say "I".

You cannot pray the Lord's prayer and even once say "My".

Nor can you pray the Lord's prayer and not pray for one another,

And when you ask for daily break, you must include your brother.

For others are included... in each and every plea,

From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say "Me".

38 Years of Win-Som Women Christian Retreats

Three Spring Retreats at
The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island
Tuesday & Wednesday, May 12 & 13
Wednesday & Thursday, May 13 & 14
Thursday & Friday, May 14 & 15
THEME: Sing to the Lord
"Sing and make music in your heart to
the Lord." Ephesians 5:19b

The flyer for this event is on the bulletin board. Jan Ward has attended this in the past and has only praise for the retreat. If you have any questions, please see her.

For the Garden of Your Daily Living... Unknown

PLANT THREE ROSWS OF PEAS:

- 1. Peace of mind
- 2. Peace of heart
- 3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

- 1. Squash gossip
- 2. Squash indifference
- 3. Squash grumbling
- 4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

- 1. Lettuce be faithful
- 2. Lettuce be kind
- 3. Lettuce be patient
- 4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN WITHOUT TURNIPS:

- 1. Turnip for meetings
- 2. Turnip for service
- 3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

- 1. thyme for each other
- 2. Thyme for family
- 3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate

With love there is much frit in your garden because you reap who you sow...

Submitted by Ann Hamil

The Ward Family— Spotlight on Members

The White House may have Barack, Michelle, Sasha and Malia but DML has Jeff, Michelle, Olivia and Braxton. Our very own first family as Jeff Ward is DML council president.

Unlike Barack, Jeff also has another job in addition to being president. He is in charge of Food Services for Grandville Public Schools. Michelle is employed as a Certified Athletic Trainer for Hackley/Mercy and also is an athletic trainer for West Michigan Christian Schools, which means she attends many sporting events.

Olivia, 4 and Braxton 1½ are keeping their parents busy and engaged in fun family activities such as playing in the snow and visiting playgrounds. Furthermore Olivia is a successful pre-school student.

Jeff's grew up attending DML with his mother Jan Ward, who is also an active church member.

Jeff states, like many he wandered away from the church, but felt God's stretched arms pulling him back to worship. The Wards like the caring and close knit family feel of DML. DML is the sort of place "where everybody knows your name." Jeff also believes that the sermons offer information that can be related to every day life.

We are very fortunate to have this dynamic family making DML their church home. All are sure to agree we are blessed by the presence of the Ward's warmth, outgoingness and humor.

The next time you see Olivia ask her about the alphabet and the next time you see Jeff thank him for his dedication as council president.

Thanks Jeff!

Submitted Nancy Hulka

All Things Are Full of God

By: John Stuart Blackie (1809-1895)

ALL things are full of God. Thus spoke
Wise thales in the days
When subtle Greece to thought awoke
And soared in lofty ways.
And now what wisdom have we more?
No sage divining-rod
Hath taught than this a deeper lore,
ALL THINGS ARE FULL OF GOD.

The light that gloweth in the sky
And shimmers in the sea,
That quivers in the painted fly
And gems the picture lea,
The million hues of Heaven above
And Earth below are one
And every lightful eye doth love
The primal light, the Sun.

Even so, all vital virtue flows
From life's first fountain, God;
And he who feels, and he who knows,
Doth feel and know from God.
As fishes swim in briny sea,
As fowl do float in air,
From thy embrace we cannot flee;
We breathe, and Thou art there.

Go, take thy glass, astronomer,
And all the firth survey
OOf sphere harmonious linked to sphere,
In endless bright array.
All that far-reaching Science there
Can measure with her rod,
All powers, all laws, are but the fair
Embodied thoughts of God.
Submitted by Ann Hamil

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Thanks to:

- The Acolytes; Emily Johnson, Nate Johnson, Matthew Kitchka, Samantha McCarl, Becky Stroh, Ben Stroh
- The Deacons; Cindy Borreson, Rose Justian, Andrew Kitchka, Laurie Tilden, Tom Whitehead, Jeff Ward
- The Ushers, Mike Sellon & Emily Johnson, Brad Johnson & Ray VanderStelt, Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf, John Moore & Tom Proksa
- All the Lectors
- The Nursery "Mom's; Polly Eagle, Lauren Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Rose Justian, Betty Proksa, Jan Ward, Shelly Ward, Donna Whitehead
- The Counters; Tom & Donna Whitehead, Gordon Eggleton, Brad & Lauren Johnson, Tom & Betty Proksa, John Moore, Randy & Cindy Borreson, Polly Eagle, Emogene Cotal, Jan Wolf
- Emily Kitchka for setting up Fellowship Hour each week and for those who provide treats
- Emily Kitchka for setting up the altar each week and taking care of everything following worship.
- Louie & Darlene Boucher for all the work they do around the church; cleaning, setting up, putting away and the other million and one things we don't even realize they do.
- Nancy Gibson for all the hours she puts into planning the musical portion of our worship and all her work with the choir.
- For those that send cards to our sick and shut-ins or visit them personally.

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

Meijer Community Rewards

Do you have your Meijer rewards card yet? If not, it is 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 purchased will be donated. If you pay cash, .5% will be donated.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor or a member of council.

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Virginia Kolarik's great-grandson, Easton Benjamin Judson, passed away Sunday, March 25, he was 2-years old. Please remember Virginia and her family during this time. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	9:00 am Men's Club at Mr.B's (North Muskegon) Benedict the African, confessor, 1589
5– Palm Sunday 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BIBLE Club	6 10:00 am Dorcas Circle 6:30 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Committee Albrecht Dürer, 1528; Matthias Grünewald, 1529; Lucas Cranach, 1553; artists	7 12:15 pm Concert for Gilana Alpert Foundation 3:30 pm Adult Bible Study 5:30 pm Property Committee 5:30–6:30 pmThrivent Builds-Lumberjack Visit World Health Day	8 6:00 pm Finance Committee	9 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, 1945	Good Friday 7:00 pm Worship at First Lutheran Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557	11 10:00 am–BIBLE Club Work Bee
12 –Easter Sunday 9:00 am Easter Breakfast 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	13 6:30 pm Parish Education Committee	14 3:30 pm Adult Bible Study	15	16 Muskegon Rescue Mission Concert– Nicole C. Mullen	17	18
19—2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Bible Club Olavus Petri, priest, 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, 1573; renewers of the church	6:30 pm Congregation Council	21 3:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, 1109	22	23 Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, 1960	24	25 9:00 am Mutual Ministry Committee Mark, Evangelist
26– 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Bible Club	27	28 3:30 pm Adult Bible Study	29 Catherine of Siena, theologian, 1380	30		

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