

The Church Door

Welcome New Members *Jennifer Kitchka and Dustin Shunta!*

Jennifer Kitchka and Dustin Shunta were installed as new members of DML on Sunday, April 22. Both had been attending new membership classes with Pastor Mike for several weeks prior. The service was followed with cake and celebration in fellowship hall. Welcome Dustin and Jennifer! We're happy to have you as part of our church family!



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*THE SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE IS BACK IN JUNE! WATCH
FOR DETAILS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE CHURCH DOOR!*

PASTOR'S CORNER



Pastor's Mike and Katie and the congregation had the pleasure of celebrating Baby Boy Johnson after worship service on Sunday, April 29. A special thank you to the Dorcas Circle and to the B.I.B.L.E. Club for putting on the shower and thank you very much to all who attended. A wonderful time was had by all!



LESSONS & HYMNS

May 6— Sixth Sunday of Easter

Deacon Cindy Borreson
Accomp. John Deppe
Lector Jennifer Kitchka
Acolyte Braxton Ward
Ushers Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden
Safety
Nursery Rose Justian
Counters Cindy & Randy Borreson

Lessons

Acts 10:44—48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1—6
 John 15:9—17

Hymns

#385—Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
 #499—O Lord, We Praise You
 #595—Jesus Loves Me!
 #742—What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 #631—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

May 10— Ascension Evening Service

Deacon Janeen Pastoor (& Bookbearer)
Accomp. Jacqueline Fisher
Lector Lauren Johnson
Torchbrs. William Pastoor
Crucifer Makenzie Pastoor
Thurifer
Ushers Randy & Cindy Borreson
Safety
Nursery
Counters

Lessons

Acts 1:1—11
 Psalm 47
 Ephesians 1:15—23
 Luke 24:36-44—53

Hymns

#855—Crown Him with Many Crowns
 #393—A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!
 #838—Beautiful Savior
 #475—Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor
 #392—Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

May 13— Seventh Sunday of Easter

Deacon Andrew Kitchka
Accomp. John Bryson
Lector Olivia Ward
Acolyte Olivia Ward
Ushers Brad Johnson & Ray VanderStelt
Safety
Nursery Betty Proksa
Counters Brad & Lauren Johnson,
 Randy Borreson

Lessons

Acts 1:15—17,21—26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9—13
 John 17:6—19

Hymns

#380—Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!
 #645—Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
 #465—As the Grains of Wheat
 #488—Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
 #430—Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

May 20— Day of Pentecost

Deacon Janeen Pastoor (& Bookbearer)
Accomp. John Bryson
Lector
Acolyte William Pastoor
Crucifer Makenzie Pastoor
Torchbrs. William Pastoor & Hope Shunta
Ushers Randy Borreson & Dustin
 Shunta
Safety
Nursery Jan Ward
Counters Tom & Betty Proksa, John Moore
 Tom Whitehead

Lessons

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

Hymns

#627—O Day Full of Grace
 #578—Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove
 #395—Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
 #804—Come Down, O Love Divine
 #800—Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
 #400—God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

May 27— Holy Trinity

Deacon Jeff Ward (& Bookbearer)
Accomp. Ardy Bulthouse
Lector
Acolyte Braxton Ward
Crucifer Olivia Ward
Torchbrs. Braxton Ward & Hope Shunta
Ushers Michelle & Jeff Ward
Safety
Nursery Michelle Ward
Counters Tom & Donna Whitehead,
 Michelle Ward

Lessons

Isaiah 6:1—8
 Psalm 29
 Romans 8:12—17
 John 3:1—17

Hymns

#413—Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
 #424—Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
 #411—We All Believe in One True God
 #415—Father Most Holy
 #408—Come, Thou Almighty King
 #414—Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROUP NEWS

The Dorcas Circle meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. The next meeting is Thursday, May 3, at 10:00 am . For more information on the Dorcas Circle please contact Betty Proksa.

The Men's Club meets for breakfast the second Saturday of each month at 9:00am for a time of fellowship and to discuss or take care of miscellaneous things around church. The next meeting is Saturday, May 12, at 9:00am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant. Contact Tom Whitehead at 231-740-2144 for more information.

The B.I.B.L.E. Club meets immediately following the Children's Sermon during Sunday worship. The Children of B.I.B.L.E. Club recently held a Valentine's Cookie, Card and book mark fundraiser as well as a St. Patrick's Day Cookie Sale. All proceeds went to benefit the group's club project, Miro's Dream. Please contact Dawn Snider at 616 791-4413 for more information.



MILITARY FAMILY

Please remember those serving

**Master Chief Russ Tilden, Jr.
 United States Navy**

**Staff Sargent Lance Hughson
 United States Airforce**

Mission Statement

We are a people of God in Christ,
 called to believe and sent to serve.



Prayer List



Craig Anderson	Roger Anderson	Pari Bailey	Christine Praskac
Ryder & Tyler Chartrand	Gene Fortune	Ada Filka	Sue Galekovich
Ann Hamil	Tom Hulka	Tillie Jandris	Nancy Johnson
Tom Fortenbacher	Jan Kerekrety	Charlie Majersky	Danny Moore
Gary VanderStelt	Jackson Chartrand	The Sevrey Family	Kim & Sarah Stonex & Family

CALENDAR OBSERVANCES—MAY 2018

Tuesday, May 1

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.

Wednesday, May 2

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 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.

Friday, May 4

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 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.

Tuesday, May 8

Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 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. A prayer and hymn attributed to Julian are included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (p. 87, #735).

Wednesday, May 9

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 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, including "Jesus, Still Lead On" (ELW 624).

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.

Friday, May 18

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 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.

Monday, May 21

Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 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, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 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.

Sunday, May 27

John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 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 under a theocratic constitution.

Tuesday, May 29

Jiří Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637

Jiří Tranovský (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, Tranovský 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.

Thursday, May 31

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Sometime after the Annunciation, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. This occasion is sometimes referred to simply as "The Visitation." 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, seemingly too old to have a child, bears the last prophet of the old covenant, and the other, quite young, bears the incarnate Word and the new covenant.

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Church Council 6:30pm	2 Bible Study 6:00pm	3 Dorcas Circle 10:00am	4	5
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00am	7 Congregational Life 7:00pm	8 Finance Committee 6:30pm	9 Bible Study 6:00pm	10 Ascension of Our Lord Potluck 6:00pm Worship 7:00pm	11	12 Men's Club 9:00am @ Whitlows
13 Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:00am Mother's Day	14 Parish Education 7:00pm	15 Worship & Music 6:30pm	16 Bible Study 6:00pm	17	18	19
20 Pentecost Sunday 10:00am	21 Property Committee 5:30pm	22	23 Bible Study 6:00pm	24	25	26
27 Holy Trinity 10:00am	28 Memorial Day	29	30 Bible Study 6:00pm	31		

DML would like to congratulate member Ed Todd on next year's opening of the
Edward J. Todd Innovation Center
at St. Joseph High School!

This 7,000 square foot robotics center will be used primarily as a training facility for the district's 12 sponsored robotics teams in which students from grades 2—12 participate.

The St. Joseph High School robotics team has progressed to the FIRST Robotics World Finals the last four years.

Ed Todd is the project's lead donor and graduated from St. Joseph in 1954.

Please see additional information about the project and full article on the bulletin board.

Ascension Day Potluck and Worship

Thursday, May 10 at 6:00pm

Potluck at 6:00pm and Worship at 7:00pm

Please bring a main dish
as well as a salad or desert.

Rolls and beverages will be provided.

To our DML family,

Thank you very much for the Baby Shower Sunday, April 29. It was wonderful to have you all there, and we are overwhelmed by your generosity and love. Thank you especially to the ladies of the Dorcas Circle, to the BIBLE Club, and to everyone who helped plan, set up, and decorate. We are very grateful, and we are glad that our baby will get to call this congregation his home.

B.I.B.L.E. Club will be hosting a taco salad bar lunch on May 20th following worship for the congregation. This will be the last day of B.I.B.L.E. Club before summer break.

Please join us!

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Following worship

Purpose of meeting

To vote on approving funds for repairs to the bells. It is your privilege and responsibility to attend this very important meeting. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Council or Property Committee.

Please Join some of DML's own

Friday June 1, 2018,

beginning at 2:00pm for

Muskegon County Relay for

Life

at

Mona Shores High School

1121 Seminole Rd

For more information please

see Amanda Shunta, Donna

Whitehead or Andrea Iams

The "Church Door" title is taken from the "Theses Door" of the Castle Church which has made Wittenburg 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 our guests about church life and events. Published monthly, The Church Door is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Andrea Iams (231-730-3584 or ai.dmlc@outlook.com) if you'd like to add an article or event to next month's newsletter!

Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday in May

Bible Study 6:00pm

Join us for the Acts of the Apostles

Thursday, May 10

Ascension of Our Lord

Potluck 6:00pm

Worship 7:00pm

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Sunday 10:00am

Don't forget to wear red!

Sunday, May 27

Holy Trinity Sunday 10:00am

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