

# The Church Door



Samuel Edward Johnson was baptized on Sunday, July 29, 2018. The service was officiated by the Reverend Wilma S. Kucharek. Samuel's sponsors were the Reverends Pari and Trevor Bailey, Pari Elizabeth Bailey, and the Reverend Thomas Drobeno. Thank you to all who attended. Welcome Samuel!



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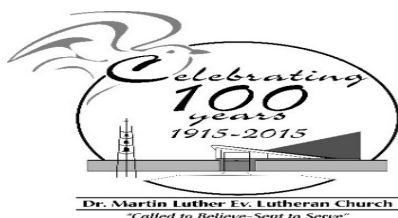
## DML is celebrating 103 years!



For those who remember, three years ago, at the end of July, the church celebrated its 100th year anniversary with a three day Open House and

worship celebration. Looking back at our church history can remind us of who we are and how far we have grown as a membership and as a presence in the community.

Happy Anniversary DML!





# PASTOR'S CORNER

# LESSONS & HYMNS

## August 5, 2018— Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon* Tom Whitehead  
*Accomp.* John Deppe  
*Lector* Barb Anderson  
*Acolyte* Olivia Ward  
*Ushers* Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden  
*Safety* Ray Vanderstelt & Jeff Ward  
*Nursery* Nancy Johnson  
*Counters* Tom & Donna Whitehead  
 Cindy Borreson

### Lessons

Exodus 16:2—4, 9—15  
 Psalm 78:23—29  
 Ephesians 4:1—16  
 John 6:24—35

### Hymns

#521—O Day of Rest and Gladness  
 #480—O Bread of Life from Heaven  
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
 #488—Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness  
 #618—Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

## August 12, 2018— Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon* Jeff Ward  
*Accomp.* Ardy Bulthouse  
*Lector* Marcia Kitchka  
*Acolyte* Makenzie Pastoor  
*Ushers* Brad Johnson & Ray Vanderstelt  
*Safety* Dave Justian & Russ Tilden  
*Nursery* Rose Justian  
*Counters* Brad & Lauren Johnson,  
 Randy Borreson

### Lessons

1 Kings 19:4—8  
 Psalm 34:1—8  
 Ephesians 4:25—5:2  
 Mark 6:30—34, 53—56

### Hymns

#522—As We Gather at Your Table  
 #542—O Living Bread from Heaven  
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
 #487—What Feast of Love  
 #547—Sent Forth by God's Blessing

## August 19, 2018— Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon*  
*Accomp.* Nancy Gibson & Barb Anderson  
*Lector*  
*Acolyte* Hope Shunta  
*Ushers* Randy Borreson & Dustin  
 Shunta  
*Safety* Tom Whitehead & Rich Wygant  
*Nursery* Betty Proksa  
*Counters* Tom & Betty Proksa, John  
 Moore, Tom Whitehead

### Lessons

Proverbs 9:1—6  
 Psalm 34:9—14  
 Ephesians 5:15—20  
 John 6:51—58

### Hymns

#876—Let the Whole Creation Cry  
 #485—I Am the Bread of Life  
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
 #689—Praise and Thanksgiving  
 #545—Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

## August 26, 2018— Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon* Janeen Pastoor  
*Accomp.* Ardy Bulthouse  
*Lector*  
*Acolyte* William Pastoor  
*Ushers* Michelle & Jeff Ward  
*Safety* Andrew Kitchka & Tom Proksa  
*Nursery* Jan Ward  
*Counters* Randy & Cindy Borreson,  
 Michelle Ward

### Lessons

Joshua 24:1—2a, 14—18  
 Psalm 34:15—22  
 Ephesians 6:10—20  
 John 6:56—69

### Hymns

#793—Be Thou My Vision  
 #517—Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word  
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
 #471—Let Us Break Bread Together  
 #810—O Jesus, I Have Promised

# GROUP NEWS

**The Dorcas Circle** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. The next meeting is Thursday, September 6, at 10:00 am. Watch for news on the Annual Book & Bake Sale as well as a Kolach making session. 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 last meeting was Saturday, August 11, at 9:00am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant. After the meeting the men and other volunteers assisted with removing the furniture from the Pastor's office and Sacristy in preparation for new carpet installation. The men's club will also be assisting with the Annual Book & Bake Sale.  
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. B.I.B.L.E. Club will begin meeting again in the fall. In August the children were invited to participate in the St. Gregory's VBS arts camp. The theme this year was "A Call to Love Our Neighbor." Fun was had by all. Watch for details on Rally Day coming up in September as well as special activities for all B.I.B.L.E. club members.  
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 Sergeant Lance  
Hughson**  
**United States Air Force**

## Council News

Council met at their regularly scheduled monthly time and discussed a lot of exciting things coming up at DML. Bells are scheduled to have a new controller installed, solenoid replaced in the top and all three bells will be cleaned and lubricated in September. The Pastor's office renovations are well underway! The walls have been painted, new blinds have been installed and the carpet is due to be replaced yet in August. Our office also has a new copier and we will be consulting with an office firm to further develop the area and enhance its functionality. There will also be a lot of exciting events and opportunities for congregational enrichment coming up in the next few months such as Adult Education, book clubs and quarterly congregational life activities and functions. Watch for updates on our facebook page, website and here in the monthly newsletter!



## Prayer List



Roger Anderson

Pari Bailey

Tom Fortenbacher

Gene Fortune

Ada Filka

Sue Galekovich

Ann Hamil

Tom Hulka

Tillie Jandris

Katie & Samuel Johnson

Clarissa Jones

Jan Kerekrety

Charlie Majersky

Danny Moore

Christine Praskac

Stanley Swiatek



# CALENDAR OBSERVANCES-AUGUST 2018

## **Wednesday, August 8**

### **Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who preached against the Albigensians, a heretical sect that held gnostic and dualistic beliefs. Dominic believed that a stumbling block to restoring heretics to the church was the wealth of clergy, so he formed an itinerant religious order, the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), who lived in poverty, studied philosophy and theology, and preached against heresy. The method of this order was to use kindness and gentle argument, rather than harsh judgment, to bring unorthodox Christians back to the fold. Dominic was opposed to burning Christians at the stake. Three times Dominic was offered the office of bishop, which he refused so that he could continue in his work of preaching.

## **Friday, August 10**

### **Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258**

Lawrence was one of seven deacons of the congregation at Rome and, like the deacons appointed in Acts, was responsible for financial matters in the church and for the care of the poor. Lawrence lived during a time of persecution under the emperor Valerian. The emperor demanded that Lawrence surrender the treasures of the church. Lawrence gathered lepers, orphans, the blind and lame. He brought them to the emperor and said, "Here is the treasure of the church." This act enraged the emperor, and Lawrence was sentenced to death. Lawrence's martyrdom was one of the first to be observed by the church.

## **Saturday, August 11**

### **Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253**

At age eighteen, Clare of Assisi heard Francis preach a sermon in a church in town. From that time, she determined to follow in his example of Christian living. With Francis's help (and against the wishes of her father) she and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She became a confidante and advisor to Francis, and in standing up against the wishes of popes for the sake of maintaining complete poverty, she helped inspire other women to pursue spiritual goals.

## **Monday, August 13**

### **Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society**

When Florence Nightingale decided she would be a nurse, her family was horrified. In the early 1800s nursing was done by people with no training and no other way to earn a living. Florence trained at Kaiserswerth, Germany, with a Lutheran order of deaconesses. She returned home and worked to reform hospitals in England. Nightingale led a group of thirty-eight nurses to serve in the Crimean War, where they worked in appalling conditions. She returned to London as a hero and resumed her work there for hospital reform.

Clara Maass was born in New Jersey and served as a nurse in the Spanish-American War, where she encountered the horrors of yellow fever. She later responded to a call for subjects in research on yellow fever. During the experiments, which included receiving bites from mosquitoes, she contracted the disease and died. The commemoration of these women invites the church to give thanks for all who practice the arts of healing.

## **Tuesday, August 14**

### **Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs**

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest, born Raymond Kolbe. After spending some time working in Asia, he returned in 1936 to his native Poland, where he supervised a friary that came to house thousands of Polish war refugees, mostly Jews. The Nazis were watching, however, and he was arrested. Confined in Auschwitz, Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man who was a husband and father. After two weeks, he was executed by a lethal injection.

Kaj (pronounced KYE) Munk, a Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, was an outspoken critic of the Nazis, who occupied Denmark during

the Second World War. His plays frequently highlighted the eventual victory of the Christian faith despite the church's weak and ineffective witness. The Nazis feared Munk because his sermons and articles helped to strengthen the Danish resistance movement. He was executed by the Gestapo on January 5, 1944.

## **Wednesday, August 15**

### **Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

The church honors Mary with the Greek title *theotokos*, meaning God-bearer. Origen first used this title in the early church, and the councils of Ephesus and Chalcedon upheld it. Luther upheld this same title in his writings. The honor paid to Mary as *theotokos* and mother of our Lord goes back to biblical times, when Mary herself sang, "from now on all generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:48). Mary's life revealed the presence of God incarnate, and it revealed God's presence among the humble and poor. Mary's song, the Magnificat, speaks of reversals in the reign of God: the mighty are cast down, the lowly are lifted up, the hungry are fed, and the rich are sent away empty-handed.

## **Monday, August 20**

### **Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153**

Bernard was a Cistercian monk who became an abbot of great spiritual depth. He was a mystical writer deeply devoted to the humanity of Christ and consequently to the affective dimension of spirituality. He was critical of one of the foremost theologians of the day, Peter Abelard, because he believed Abelard's approach to faith was too rational and did not provide sufficient room for mystery. Bernard's devotional writings are still read today. His sermon on the Song of Solomon treats that Old Testament book as an allegory of Christ's love for humanity. Bernard wrote several hymns that are still sung today in translation, including "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" (ELW 754).

## **Friday, August 24**

### **Bartholomew, Apostle**

Bartholomew is mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The list in John does not include him but rather Nathanael. These two are often assumed to be the same person. Except for his name on these lists of the Twelve, little is known. Some traditions say Bartholomew preached in India or Armenia following the resurrection. In art, Bartholomew is pictured holding a flaying knife to indicate the manner in which he was killed.

## **Tuesday, August 28**

### **Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430**

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. Born in North Africa, he was a philosophy student in Carthage, where he later became a teacher of rhetoric. Much of his young life was a debauched one. As an adult he came under the influence of Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, and through him came to see Christianity as a religion appropriate for a philosopher. Augustine was baptized by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387. He was ordained four years later and made bishop of Hippo in 396. Augustine was a defender of the Christian faith and argued, against the Donatists, that the holiness of the church did not depend on the holiness of its members, particularly the clergy, but that holiness comes from Christ, the head of the church. Augustine's autobiography, *Confessions*, tells of his slow move toward faith and includes the line "Late have I loved thee."

## **Monday, August 28**

### **Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400**

A man of great strength and rough character, Moses the Black was converted to Christian faith toward the close of the fourth century. Prior to his conversion he had been a thief and a leader of a gang of robbers. The story of his conversion is unknown, but eventually he became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native Ethiopia. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

# AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Dorcas Circle 10:00am	3	4
5 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	6 Congregational Life 7:00pm	7 Church Council 6:30pm	8	9	10	11 Men's Club @ Whitlows 9:00am Pastor's office Clean out 10:00am
12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	13 Parish Education 7:00pm	14 Finance Committee 6:30pm	15	16	17 New Carpet Installation in Pastor's office	18 Pastor's office furniture move back 10:00am
19 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	20 Property Committee 5:30pm	21 Worship & Music 6:30pm	22	23	24	25
26 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	27	28	29	30	31	



Kids from DML enjoyed another year at VBS Arts Camp at St Gregory's Episcopal Church. The camp ran from July 30 to August 2. Thanks to all who attended and helped out!



Andrew Kitchka and Hope Shunta pose together after another successful performance of Central Park Player's Shrek Jr. Andrew was Assistant Director and Hope played the roles of four different characters! Great job both of you and thank you to all who attended!



## Geraniums



Chris & Barb Anderson (2)	In loving memory of loved ones
Emogene Cotal	In loving memory of her parents, Henry & Marie Schmidt, and her sister, Helen Margaret
Nancy Gibson	In honor of Danny Moore
Ann Hamil & family	In loving memory of Thomas & Anna Hornak
Ann Hamil, Dawn Snider, Diane Sparks	Richard Hamil
Brad & Lauren Johnson	In loving memory of Steve Skodack
Nancy Johnson	In loving memory of her husband Ray and her parents Joe & Phyllis Grams
David & Rose Justian	In loving memory of Beulah Justian
Marcia Kitchka	In honor of her new great-nephew, William Lee Kitchka!
Phil & Jean Kowalski	In loving memory of Nelson & Anna Thurman
	In loving memory of Victor & Susan Kowalski
Alice, Carolyn, & Kenneth Michnay	Their parents John & Olga Michnay and their brother Glenn
Tom & Betty Proksa	In loving memory of John & Christine Proksa
	In loving memory of Ed & Jeanette Wagenmaker
Mike & Carol Sellon	In loving memory of Paul & Suzie Sukup
	In loving memory of William Galekovich
	In loving memory of Richard & Carol Sellon
	In Honor of Sue Galekovich
Russ & Laurie Tilden	In loving memory of Lois Pennell
Ray & Donna VanderStelt	In loving memory of Paul & Anna Sukup & Mildred
Tom & Donna Whitehead	In loving memory of loved ones
Jan Ward	In loving memory of Paul & Nila Sukup
Janet Wolf	In loving memory of her husband, Ray
	In loving memory of her brother, Gerald Zeilinger

## Mission Statement

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

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](mailto:ai.dmlc@outlook.com)) if you'd like to add an article or event to next month's newsletter!

## Upcoming Events

*September 5, 2018*

*Adult Education Resumes  
Studying of the Augsburg Confession*

*September 9, 2018*

*B.I.B.L.E. Club Rally Day*

*September 16, 2018*

*Baptism of William Lee Kitchka*

*Thursday, October 4, 2018*

*Blessing of the Animals/St. Francis' Day*

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