

# e**CHRONICLE**

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**TOGETHER WE** use our spiritual gifts to  
**WORSHIP** and praise God,  
**GROW** in Christ,  
**EQUIP** our members for ministry, and  
**REACH OUT** in the world to help others  
**KNOW JESUS.**

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**MAY 2010**

## DON'T MISS THESE MAY EVENTS

*The May 2010 Calendar of Events is sent along with the eChronicle as a separate .pdf file.*

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**LEARNING HOUR 9:00 A.M. (AGES 4 TO ADULT)      WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.**

- 5/9      PICNIC PLANNING MEETING (AFTER WORSHIP)**
- 5/16    FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**
- 5/23    YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE & USHERS'  
         MEETING (AFTER WORSHIP - ALL USHERS MUST ATTEND)**

## **FROM PASTOR'S DESK**

*"All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer..." Acts 1:14*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Based on the Natural Church Development survey that a representative group of congregation members took back in September of 2009, we discovered that, of the program's eight healthy church characteristics, our church needs to focus first on the area of "Passionate Spirituality." Our Health Team has met a couple times and has begun to discuss what "Passionate Spirituality" looks like for Christ Church and to come up with some ideas on how to address this concern.

Recently we began discussing our worship as a congregation, especially prayer during worship and prayer outside worship as well as the comfort level of people praying in the congregation. We have also discussed how prayer specifically for our church's needs has been a part of the Prayer and Needs Team and how we could extend some of the meditation experiences of the Lenten midweek services. In future meetings, we'll be discussing further how we could implement some of the ideas we've been coming up with.

As your pastor, I wanted you to know what we've been discussing but also to solicit any thoughts and ideas that you might have. Growing as a church in the area of "spirituality" is something that Lutherans are generally not as comfortable with as compared to other areas of ministry. But it's essential that we honestly talk about where we're at spiritually and what we could do about this weakness. I believe that all of God's

people ultimately want a deeper relationship with God but may not be sure how to do it or how to “get at this concern.” We don’t usually talk about our prayer life or are a little unsure where to begin.

To be honest I think that we’re all basically in the same boat. It is rare to find a professional in this area, but I do believe that we can find ways for all of us to deepen and grow spiritually and in our prayer life.

Please feel free to email me at [dthielo@hotmail.com](mailto:dthielo@hotmail.com) or give me a call or talk to me after worship. I’m especially interested in trying to figure out what aspects of spirituality we should focus on first. What is the biggest concern, and are there things that we could easily do that would help each other in this area? I have some ideas, but I look forward to your input and thoughts.

In Hope and Confidence,

Pastor Dave

## PASTOR DAVE ON THE GO...

- April 18: Lecture by Walter Brueggemann titled “God Is Still Speaking...Already Then”
- May 1-8: Spiritual Retreat Reunion with my friend Ron at Grace Institute; travel to Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin
- May 14: Synod Assembly in Akron
- May 15: Party in Ottawa, Ohio, for my nephew Tim Pollitz, who will be marrying in June
- May 22: Youth Car Wash
- May 26: Brian McLaren lecture on “Emerging Christianity: Reframing our Beliefs for the New Millennium”

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT THE CONGREGATION (AND BEYOND!)

### In Sympathy

We send our prayers to the **Dalton and Johnston families** on the death of Karol Dalton’s mother **Dorothy DuRand**. Dorothy was a former member of the congregation with many family ties here. Besides being Karol’s mother, she was the sister of the late **Fred Martin**, grandmother of **Don (and Wendy) Johnston**, and great-grandmother of **Bobby, Angela, and Alma Johnston**. We extend to all our sincere sympathy.

### Thank You!

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who worked so hard during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter to ensure that the services were special and ran smoothly:



- the acolytes, who often worked “double duty” or helped out at the last minute;
- the musicians, who spent extra time rehearsing;
- **Patti Pund, Ruth Thielo, Heather Vokic**, and all who decorated the sanctuary;
- the men who cooked and served the Easter breakfast;
- **Darlene Carroll**, who provided the eggs and candy for the Easter egg hunt;
- everyone who purchased lilies to help beautify the sanctuary;
- the Prayer and Needs Team, for providing the Easter bookmarks;
- **Pat Batich** and **Laura Johnson**, for helping to collate and fold the many bulletins during Holy Week;
- **Heather Vokic**, for leading the Easter craft with the children.

Without the help of all of these people (and all of the others whose names are forgotten but whose ministries are not) our ministry to the congregation would have been much more difficult.

-- Pastor Dave Thielo and Beth Christopherson

## First Communion

The following young members of the congregation received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1:

Garrett Belich

Hannah Belich

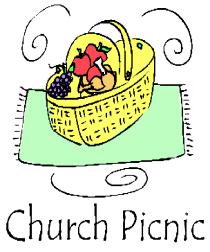
Alma Johnston

Colin McGreal

Ian McGreal

May our Lord continue to bless them on their faith journey.

## Church Picnic



Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 13, at Chagrin River Park, 3100 Reeves Road, Willoughby (just off Lost Nation Road). The day begins with a worship service, with music by our own Praise Team. Worship is followed by a potluck

picnic and some games. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Check out the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area at church to (1) let the committee know how many people are planning to attend; (2) sign up to bring side dishes and/or desserts; (3) be part of the committee planning the event. And remember to save the date!

**We need a group to plan this major church event.** There will be a meeting on May 9 after worship for anyone interested in being part of the planning.

## Pictorial Directory

We would like to have a new pictorial directory this year. It won't take a lot of time, and the photography company we decide to work with will do most of the work. **What we need now are a couple of people who would be committed to helping organize this project.** Sign up in the Gathering Area if you can help. There will be a meeting after worship on June 27 to plan our strategy.

## Medical Supplies for Christ, Inc.

Medical Supplies for Christ is always in need of gauze, tape, bandages, rubber gloves, up-to-date vitamins, antibiotic creams, over-the-counter cough and allergy medicines, Tylenol, Motrin, and Aleve. If you would like to make a contribution, contact **Judy Okorn** at (440) 975-9028 for more information or to arrange a pick-up.

# GROUP HAPPENINGS

## Education Committee

*submitted by Sue Krech, Sunday School Superintendent*

Thank you to **Darlene Carroll** for supplying the eggs for this year's Egg Hunt, and to the Sunday School teachers for their help in carrying out the Egg Hunt.

The Sunday School children were the recipients of \$40 from two members of the congregation. The children decided to be their

brother's keepers and give the money to those in need. The money was sent to the ELCA to be distributed evenly for mosquito nets, blankets, water, and baby chicks.

Summer is getting nearer, and our church picnic will be held on June 13. The Sunday School children will be doing a craft at the picnic in preparation for the following Sunday, Father's Day, when they will help recognize the men of the congregation.

# OTHER IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN MAY

## BIRTHDAYS

2 Emily Whittington  
 3 Nancy Sydenstricker  
 14 Cara Clemens  
 15 Ray Snyder  
 16 Lori Austin  
 Adam Clemens

19 Ray Batich  
 Wendy Whittington  
 21 Michael Carroll  
 29 Thomas Vokic



## BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

8 Anna Farrington  
 15 Alexander Hoover

17 Mark Butke  
 22 Peter Winkler

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



20 Dick and Beth Christopherson

30 Pastor Dave and Ruth Thielo

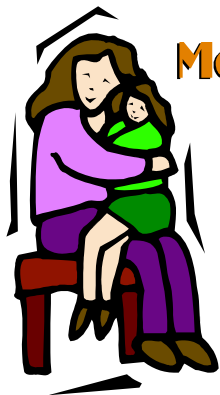
## ATTENDANCE

### THIS YEAR

Date	Sun. Sch.	Church	Communion
03-21-10	27	<b>93</b>	<b>75</b>
03-28-10	22	<b>88</b>	(Palm Sunday)
04-01-10		<b>78</b>	<b>72</b> (Maundy Th.)
04-02-10		26	(Good Friday)
04-04-10		141	<b>117</b> (Easter)
04-11-10	20	61	54
04-18-10	16	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>

### LAST YEAR

Date	Church	Communion
03-22-09	72	60
03-29-09	75	
04-05-09	74	63 (Palm Sunday)
04-09-09	50 (est.)	46 (Maundy Th.)
04-10-09	<b>29</b>	(Good Friday)
04-12-09	<b>145</b>	114 (Easter)
04-19-09	69	60



**Mother's Day**



**MEMORIAL DAY**

# THOSE SERVING US IN MAY

## ACOLYTES

- 2 Zach Hoover, Evan Conell
- 9 Bob Johnston
- 16 Tori Segler, Lisa Butke
- 23 Larry Vokic, Alec Belich
- 30 Caley Bodjiak, Brittany Carroll

## ALTAR GUILD

Darlene Carroll and Carol Soos

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 2 Mark DeLaney
- 9 Beth Farrington
- 16 Brock Hoover
- 23 Sue Krech
- 30 Wendy Johnston

## COMMUNION BREAD

Becky Fricke

## COUNTERS

Roger and Erma Heston

## GREETERS

- 2 Ray and Pat Batich
- 9 Dave Dodaro and Caley Bodjiak
- 16 Kevin and Maggie Gibson
- 23 Jeff and Roger Heston
- 30 Brock and Zach Hoover

## NURSERY

- 2 Maggie Gibson
  - 9 Becky Fricke
  - 16 Cheryl Hoover
  - 23 Barb Conell
  - 30 Linda Hazen
- snacks provided by the Gibsons

## PRAYER LEADERS

- 2 Sue Krech
- 9 John Roeland
- 16 Pat Batich
- 23 Beth Christopherson
- 30 Beth Farrington

## READERS

- 2 Keith Fricke
- 9 Brock Hoover
- 16 Laura Johnson
- 23 John Pund
- 30 Pat Batich

## OPEN/CLOSE

- 2 Hestons
- 9 Thielos
- 16 Punds
- 23 Seglers open, Gibsons close
- 30 Krechs open, Soos' close

## USHERS

Darlene Carroll and Ted Whittington  
back-up: Jeff and Roger Heston

## FLOWERS

- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_

## COFFEE HOUR / FELLOWSHIP TIME

- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Nancy Sydenstricker, for her birthday
- 16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_

*If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to arrange for a substitute and let the church office know. If you would like to serve, sign up at the table in the Gathering Area or speak to Beth Christopherson and she'll put you in touch with the person in charge of that ministry.*

# A LOOK AHEAD: THOSE SERVING US IN JUNE

## ACOLYTES

6 Tim Carroll  
13 worship and picnic in the park  
20 Anna Farrington  
27 Lindsey Dodaro

## ALTAR GUILD

Ruth Thielo

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6 John Pund  
13 worship and picnic in the park  
20 Barb Conell  
27 Mark DeLaney

## COMMUNION BREAD

Cheryl Hoover

## COUNTERS

Art and Evan Conell

## GREETERS

6 Mario and Ann Picciano  
13 worship and picnic in the park  
20 John and Patti Pund  
27 Mike and Lois Sbrocco

## NURSERY

6 Heather Vokic  
13 worship and picnic in the park  
20 Becky Fricke  
27 Cheryl Hoover  
snacks provided by the Hoovers

## OPEN/CLOSE

6 Whittingtons  
13 worship and picnic in the park  
20 Thielos  
27 Punds

## PRAYER LEADERS

6 Brock Hoover  
13 Sue Krech  
20 John Roeland  
27 Pat Batich

## READERS

6 Betsy Butke  
13 Darlene Carroll  
20 Beth Christopherson  
27 Barb Conell and Caley Bodjiak

## USHERS

Dave Dodaro and John Pund  
back-up: Maggie Gibson

## FLOWERS

6 \_\_\_\_\_  
13 worship and picnic in the park  
20 Lauri and Alma Johnston, in memory of  
Dorothy DuRand  
27 \_\_\_\_\_

## COFFEE HOUR / FELLOWSHIP TIME

6 \_\_\_\_\_  
13 worship and picnic in the park  
20 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 \_\_\_\_\_

*Need to look further ahead? Check out the schedules posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and the sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Area.*