

THE PEACE POST

June 2006

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in in Christ Jesus, unto life everlasting.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MESSER

We Can Do It—Just Not Perfectly!

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-- this I keep on doing . . . What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God-- through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:15-19, 24-25a).

Lutherans often get accused of teaching that Christians lack the ability to do anything. I once had a conversation with a non-denominational pastor who said, "You Lutherans are so pessimistic! All you ever preach is that we're all sinners who can't do anything!" I tried to explain to her (yeah, that's right, "her") that nothing could be fur-

ther from the truth. We Lutherans believe that Christians can do all things through Christ; that we Christians, through the power of the New Man in us, can overcome and defeat sin and lead godly lives pleasing to God. In fact, as Christians, this is what we are to strive to do.

However, we Lutherans are realists. We know and believe, based on God's Word and personal experience, that we do not always live the godly lives we have the power to live. We daily fall short of the glory of God and fail to tap into the power we have within us to defeat and overcome sin. We can relate very well with St. Paul, who sounds like a crazed schizophrenic in the passage from Romans above.

You've been there, haven't you? After committing a sin you knew you shouldn't have, you wonder, "What's wrong with me? I know better than that! Why am I so weak?"

Why? Because even though you do have a perfect, regenerated spirit living in you—the New Man who always wants to please God in thought, word, and deed—you also still have a sinful nature—the Old Adam who always wants to please your sinful flesh in thought, word and deed. You are, as Luther put it, and as St. Paul describes above, *simul iustus et peccator* "at the same time saint and sinner." And, you will remain a sinner-saint as long as you live this side of heaven. That's the truth of the matter. And, that's why we Lutherans still insist on preaching the Law in full force, even to regenerated Christians.

It is only through hearing the Law that we continue to come to the realization, like St. Paul, that, no matter how hard we try, we are nothing but wretched sinners. And, it is only after coming to that realization that we will

learn to cling to the Gospel, giving thanks to God who sent His Son into the world to do what we cannot do and be our Savior.

Thus, we Lutherans do not preach the Law because we're pessimists who believe Christians can't do anything. We preach the Law because it is the only thing that leads us to the Gospel. The Gospel means nothing unless the Law has first done its work. Hearing about the Savior, Jesus Christ, is meaningless if you do not recognize your need to be saved. Those preachers, like the woman I spoke with, who exhort their hearers to stop thinking of themselves as sinners and believe in themselves preach a false, empty, and meaningless gospel.

In contrast, the Lutheran message is, and will always remain: We are all sinners and, it is true, we cannot do anything whatsoever to save ourselves. But, because we have heard the Gospel and know our Savior Jesus Christ, all things are possible for us. We do have the power within us to overcome sin and we are called to strive to do just that. However, like St. Paul, the self-proclaimed "chief of sinners," we are not able to do this perfectly in this life. But, the Good News is that when we fail, we are reminded of the One who never failed; the One who lived the perfect, sinless life in our place and died on the cross for our sins. Then, empowered by the Gospel, we go back into the world doing our very best to accomplish the service God has prepared for us, His children, to do. In other words, realizing we are sinners who will fail does not mean that we give up. No, with St. Paul, we "fight the good fight" of faith, striving to lead godly lives in service to God. And, by the way, we can do it—just not perfectly.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Messer

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PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY



New books in our library:

We would like to encourage people to use our Church Library more often. We will be encouraging people to read books and share a book review with the congregation via the monthly newsletter. If you have read a book from our library that you enjoyed, or that inspired you, and you would like to share it, please contact Beth Brostrom or Coaline Luplow.

THIS MONTH'S REVIEW:

No review was turned in this month.

(Next month a review from another member of our church)



TREASURE COVE: Discover the riches of Christ!

JULY 10-14, 2006



Vacation Bible School for ages 4 through 7th grade will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, July 10-14, 2006 from 9:00 am—12:00 pm. Come discover the riches of Christ through stories, songs, and activities. Invite your friends and relatives to join for this exciting week of Christian education.

Want something included in "The Peace Post" next month? Email Beth or Pastor Messer (addresses on back page) by June 21 with your item. Also, call or email them anytime with your feedback and/or ideas!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Megan Kuehnlein

Kimberly Penzien

We congratulate them on their accomplishments as they graduate from St. Louis High School and wish them God's richest blessings in all their future endeavors.

Meeting Minutes Summaries

Summary of Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting - May 8, 2006

Minutes of the April 10, 2006 were approved as read.

Pastor's Report:

1. Confirmation, May 21, 2006. Sarah Messer and Ariel Row will be confirmed. There will be a service of public questioning, Sat. May 20 at 3:00 p.m.
2. There are a few other perspective members who are thinking about joining. Pastor may start of new members' class soon.
3. Pastor has been asked to preach at the ordination service of a good friend. Ordination is on June 25 at 9:30 a.m.
4. Adult Bible Study will begin a study on *The Da Vinci Code* this Sunday, May 14. Adult Bible class will continue all summer.
5. Together in the Word continuing.
6. Board of Ed. and pastor decided not to have Sunday School during the summer. They will meet during the summer to revamp the Sunday School program and will then make it year round.
7. Ascension Day Service, May 25.
8. Outside service on June 4, Pentecost Sunday. Will have a Peace picnic after the service.

Elder's Report: None.

Bd. Of Christian Education Report: Planning for VBS. Sharyn Greening is working on getting people to work with the program. There will be advertising done.

Trustees Report: Clean up last Saturday. Weeded and fed the lawn and washed windows.

Have to pay \$1200 to have Consumers run the electrical line into the church. Will put the electrical line underground and will be able to take down the pole in the middle of the yard. The work should be done before Memorial Day.

Treasurer's Report: None

New Business:

1. Weight Watchers closed the Wednesday morning meeting that was being held at the church.
2. We have a few old Lutheran Hymnals that are in poor condition. Jon Greening asked what we should do with them. The new hymnals will probably be delivered in early November and can be used in Advent. We will order them in May. We will keep the older hymnals until we have the new ones.
3. Pastor had someone approach him who wants to make a \$500 donation towards a new processional cross.

Summary of Peace Lutheran Church Voters' Assembly - April 30, 2006

Pastor's Report: The Fire and the Staff is the best book he has read on Lutheran doctrine and practice. It is easy to read. We will get a special price of \$20 per copy from Concordia Publishing if our congregation buys 10 or more. There will be an Ascension Day service with Holy Communion on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor would like to have an outdoor Sunday service in June. June 4th was suggested as a possible date. We would have a potluck lunch after the service.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January 22, 2006 meeting were approved as read.

Elder's Report: None

S.A.L.T. Report: Easter Egg hunt went very well. There were about 300 children and a total of 500 people at the event.

Board of Education: Vacation Bible School will be July 10-14, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Volunteers are needed to help. Confirmands through high school age will be participating in the Adult Bible class. The Da Vinci code will be the topic, beginning May 14. We will have Adult Bible class year round. This summer the pastor and the Board of Education will get together to plan for year-round Sunday School. We will not have Sunday School this summer.

Trustees Report: Bill Brostrom asked that we let him know if something is not being cleaned properly in the church. Three bays of lighting have been installed in the sanctuary. A new electrical box is on order. When that is ready the air-conditioning can be installed.

Treasurer's Report: All bills are paid up-to-date.


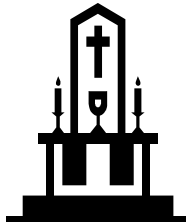
Youth Group Report: Burt Henry made a motion to authorize Jonathon Penzien and/or Elizabeth Brostrom to deposit and withdraw from the Peace Lutheran Church Youth Group checking and savings account. Terry Luplow seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business Omnibus Studios will make our new stained glass windows. Richard Handley is the designer. They have done many churches in Lansing. Mr. Handley will design the four windows. He will send us the designs for our approval. He will etch the memorial names into the glass.

New Business Relay for Life is August 11 and 12, 2006 at St. Louis High School. Don Reithel proposes that we participate and have our own team. He is willing to chair our team.

Note: *These are just summaries. The complete versions of the minutes are available to any member of Peace in the Church Office at any time.*

LADIES & ALTAR GUILD INFO

- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** Guild will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 pm. Hostess: Sharyn Greening. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our guild meetings; if you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you can be a member of the guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the guild.
- **LADIES GUILD PRAYER CHAIN:** The Ladies Guild has a prayer chain in place. If you wish to be included in the prayer chain as a caller, see Marlene Wiltshire. If you wish to add yourself or someone else to the prayers, the chain starts with either Georgia Spindler (466-4352) or Marlene Wiltshire (463-4101). 
- **ALTAR GUILD DUTY:** June—Marilyn Oswald; July—Carol Zeile/Marlene Wiltshire; August—Carol Zeile
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is a flower calendar for 2006 posted on the fellowship bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar some time during the year, fill in your name and/or contact Marilyn Oswald. A bouquet usually lasts about one (1) month and the cost is about \$25. 

UPCOMING COFFEE HOSTESSES:

June 4 - Mary Jakolat
11 - Helen Meyers
18 - Arlene Hale/Janet Isom
25 - Joyce Kohler
30 - Coaline Luplow



Progressive Dinner Report

The Progressive Dinner was held Saturday, May 6. 23 people participated. We began with appetizers at the Elliotts followed by salad at Wendts. We then divided into two groups and had our main entrée at Luplows and Reithels. The Messers hosted the dessert course at the church. We finished the evening with a variety of fun games. All seemed to have a great time. We would have liked to have more of our fellow Lutherans with us. We hope more will join us another time. My thanks to hosts and hostess and all those who helped them. Jo Wendt.

LADIES GUILD MEETING ~ May 1, 2006

Secretary's Report: approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: \$2,054.19 in savings, \$354.64 in checking. A couple of outstanding bills need to be paid.

Committee Reports:

Altar Report: New altar cloth is on the altar.

Kitchen Report: Some new towels and dishcloths were purchased.

Library Report: New books will be ordered, with guild paying for a portion of them.

Special Events: Progressive dinner will be May 6. 22 people are signed up.

Comments by Pastor: Letter from pastor was read.

Old Business:

1. Project ideas and wish list items were discussed.
2. Election of Officers: New Officers are: President—Carol Zeile; Vice-president—Coaline Luplow; Secretary—Tammy Oswald; Treasurer—Sharyn Greening.

New Business:

1. Confirmation was discussed. Carol will order Thrivent crosses.
2. Coaline asked about updating the first-aid kit in the kitchen. Brief discussion and approval given for Coaline to make up a new kit for the church.

Misc.: Thanks to Carol Zeile for serving as hostess.

Next Meeting: September 5 (Tuesday): hostess: Sharyn Greening

Meeting Closed:

Respectfully Submitted: Tammy Oswald, Recording Secretary

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

Ordering Information and Costs

For Peace Lutheran Church

The release of our new Synodical hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is only months away! They will be available in September. As you all know, we were fortunate to receive an anonymous donation of \$3000.00 to go towards the purchase of the new *LSB* hymnals and its supporting resources for our congregation. On May 22, I placed a pre-order with CPH. Here is a breakdown of that order:

100 Pew Edition Hymnals @ \$18.50	=	<u>\$1850.00</u>
3 Liturgy Accompaniments @ \$40.00	=	<u>\$120.00</u>
3 Hymn Accompaniments @ \$55.00	=	<u>\$165.00</u>
2 Altar Books @ \$65.00	=	<u>\$130.00</u>
2 Series C Lectionaries @ \$35.00	=	<u>\$70.00</u>
2 Agendas @ \$50.00	=	<u>\$100.00</u>
1 LSB Personal Edition @ \$40.00	=	<u>\$40.00</u>
<i>Total</i>	=	<u>\$2475.00</u>
<i>Shipping (estimate)</i>	= +	<u>\$125.00</u>
<i>Grand Total</i>	=	<u>\$2600.00</u>

The additional supporting resources are being purchased so that our pastor and organists can have their own copies to work from as they plan our services. In addition to the items listed above, there are a few other items that we will purchase which are not available to pre-order at this time. These include: 1) *Lutheran Service Builder*, which is an electronic version of the new hymnal. The cost for this software and its copyright licenses will total **\$374.00**; 2) Two copies each of the Series A and B Lectionaries when they become available, which will cost a total of **\$140.00**; 3) Three copies of "*Worshipping with Angels and Archangels*" which will cost \$6.99 each, bringing our total cost to **\$20.97**; 4) Three copies of "*Hymn of the Day and Other Hymn Suggestions*" which will cost \$24.95 each, bringing our total cost to **\$74.85**. When you add the cost of these additional items to the Grand Total of the items we have already pre-ordered, the new Grand Total comes to **\$3209.82**, which, after subtracting the \$3000.00 donation we have already received, leaves us with a balance of **\$209.82** (of course, as noted above, the shipping charge is only an estimate, so our remaining balance may be a little more or a little less).

I wanted to include this report in the newsletter to keep all of you informed and updated as to where we stand as we prepare to purchase the new hymnals and its supporting resources. I have shared my excitement about the new hymnal with you on several occasions. I believe it is going to be a tremendous blessing to our congregation and I am anxiously anticipating the day when we will be able to begin using it in Divine Service here at Peace.

Give a Hymnal

I also wanted to include this report to make you aware of the fact that we need your help to purchase more hymnals. While we could probably make do with the 100 new hymnals included in the order above, we would love to have between 125 and 150 new hymnals on site (some for the Adult Bible Study/Library area, some for each of our classrooms, some for our Church offices, and some extras to have available when needed in our sanctuary). Rather than having an individual step forward and make a donation to purchase these additional hymnals, we would like to give all members an opportunity to purchase one (or more) hymnals for the congregation until we reach our goal. Some of you have indicated your desire to do this already, so now you have your chance. Throughout the summer months (June-August), we will have a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those of you who would like to purchase one or more hymnals for the congregation. Included on the sign-up sheet will be a space for you to indicate whether or not you would like to give the hymnal(s) in memory of someone or something. CPH is making available for free a computer template to prepare labels that can be pasted on the inside front cover of those hymnals members donate in memoriam. We will use these labels to place in the hymnals you purchase in memoriam here at Peace. The cost of a hymnal, as indicated above, is \$18.50. Please consider helping us purchase the additional hymnals we need. If you have any questions about anything in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,
Pastor Messer

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2006 CONFIRMANDS



On Saturday, May 20, our 2006 confirmands, *Sarah Elaine Messer* and *Ariel Ottorra Row*, successfully answered the Scriptural and Catechetical questions asked of them in the presence of family, friends, and members of Peace during a Service of Public Questioning. The next day, they were confirmed during Divine Service, thus joining our fellowship as official members (non-voting) of our congregation. We congratulate them and proudly welcome them into our fellowship.

Sarah's confirmation text is Hebrews 12:2 - *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

Ariel's confirmation text is Ephesians 2:8-9 - *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."*

As a requirement for confirmation, Sarah and Ariel were assigned the task of writing an essay on one of the six chief parts of the Small Catechism (*The Ten Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession/Office of the Keys, and The Sacrament of the Altar*) and reading it aloud before the congregation during the Service of Public Questioning. Below are the fine essays they wrote and read.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sarah Messer

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is a very important part of any Christian's life. Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined in God's Word. Scripture teaches us that whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

God Himself instituted Baptism, for our Lord Jesus Christ commanded His Church to baptize all people. He gave the Church the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything He has commanded," as we hear in Matthew 28:19-20. Normally, the called and ordained ministers of Christ are to baptize, but in emergency situations, when no pastor is available, any Christian may baptize. They simply take water, call the person by name, and apply the water, saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." If there is time, Baptism may be preceded by the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.



Baptism works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this. Christ has already won forgiveness and salvation for us with His perfect life, suffering, death, and resurrection, but He distributes this same forgiveness in Baptism.

It is not just the water that does all these things, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith, which trusts this Word of God. Without God's Word the water is just plain water and no Baptism. But, with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the New Birth in the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and eternal salvation are all put into Baptism by God's Word of institution. In Baptism, the Holy Spirit works faith and so creates in us new spiritual life with the power to overcome sin.

"All nations" are to be baptized, that is, all people, young and old, since all people are sinful and need to be washed clean. Of course infants are included in "all nations" because Scripture tells us that all human beings are conceived in sin (Psalm 51:5), and Jesus says, "Let the little children come to Me" (Matthew 19:4).

It is possible for an unbaptized person to go to heaven if they have faith in Christ, for it is only unbelief that condemns. However, faith cannot exist in a person who despises and rejects Baptism. In other words, a Christian will desire Baptism and will get baptized as soon as possible.

As Christians, we regularly remember our Baptism with the words, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." By repeating these words, in church or by ourselves, we recall, claim, and confess before heaven, earth, and hell all that God the Holy Trinity has given us in our Baptism. Christians also recall their Baptism when they follow the ancient custom of making the sign of the cross.

Baptism is important to all Christians and to me because it brings the person being baptized into the Kingdom of God. It tells me that I am a child of God, and that I am saved through the faith given to me at Baptism. Throughout my life, whenever I am attacked by sin, death, and the devil, I need only to remember the blessings given to me at Baptism and rejoice in the forgiveness, life, and salvation which are mine as a baptized child of God. There is no greater blessing than this! In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Altar

Ariel Row

The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. We are told this by the holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul, who wrote:

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, 'Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.' In the same also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it all of you, this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

The reason our Lord instituted this sacrament for us was for the forgiveness of our sins. This is the chief blessing in the sacrament. And, with the forgiveness of sins, we also receive life and salvation, for wherever there is forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation.

The Sacrament of the Altar is known by many different names – The Lord's Supper, The Lord's Table, Holy Communion, The Breaking of the Bread, and the Eucharist. No matter which name we use, it is important that Christians understand that in this sacrament, they are receiving the very body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The bread and wine do not merely symbolize Christ's body and blood, for Jesus said, "This is My body . . . This is My blood," not, "This symbolizes My body and blood."

It is important that Christians believe this, because St. Paul warns us, "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord . . . For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11:27, 29).

Therefore, only those who believe that Christ gives us His true body and blood receive the benefits of the sacrament. Those who don't believe this are unworthy and drink judgment upon themselves. That is why we only allow people who confess faith in the true presence of Christ's body and blood to commune at our altar. Pastors have the primary responsibility in determining who should be admitted to the sacrament, since they are called to be stewards of "the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1). Besides those who do not believe in the true presence of Christ's body and blood, others who are not to be admitted include those who are openly ungodly and unrepentant, those who are unforgiving, refusing to be reconciled, and those who are unable to examine themselves, such as infants, people who have not been instructed, and the unconscious.

I believe the Sacrament of the Altar is a matter that should be taken very seriously. People need to be properly instructed so that they understand the meaning and purpose of the sacrament before receiving it. When people truly understand what the sacrament is and believe in it, it is the greatest blessing they can receive this side of heaven. They will approach the altar with a sense of awe and in a reverent fashion since they know that they will be receiving Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins.

I am thankful that the Lord has given me the faith to believe His words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," for it is faith in these words that allows me to receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation through the eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood. All Christians should rejoice over the wonderful blessings that our Lord gives in this sacrament. I pray that the Lord will always instill in me a desire to receive His true body and blood in the sacrament, for I know that when I receive the sacrament my faith is strengthened and preserved. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School has been discontinued for the summer and will re-convene in September.
- Adult Bible Class is offered **every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.** for all confirmed members of Peace and adult guests. On May 14, we began a study called, *The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction?* When that study concludes, we will begin a detailed study of the book of *Revelation*.

Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class will re-convene in September.

Adult Confirmation/Information Class

- Five prospective members are currently meeting with pastor for catechesis.



Together in the Word

- Our *Together in the Word* Bible Study takes place **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** All men and women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Guests are always welcome, too. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of the **Gospel of John**. Please plan on joining us soon.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

5—Marlene Miller	14—Richard Palmer	20—Vivian Strom
8—Karla Greening	16—Zachary Quinn	21—Lois Ramsey
8—Justin Acosta-Arellano	17—Georgia Spindler	24—Andrea Elliott
8—Larry Elliott	17—Jo Wendt	24—Jeff Kuehnlein
9—Miguel Ortiz	18—Beth Brostrom	29—Sue Ortiz
12—Gary Miller	18—Alex Henry	30—Bruce Bebow
13—Janet Isom	20—Helen Meyers	30—Terry Luplow
		30—Janice Sager

Happy Anniversary to:

2—Ken & Phyllis Hill
11—Curt & Tammy Oswald
12—Bill & Beth Brostrom
18—Gordon & Lucille Slick
24—Terry & Coaline Luplow



EUCHRE NIGHT!

Euchre has been discontinued for the summer. Thank you to all who came and played this past winter. We will resume again in the fall. Watch for postings when we re-convene.



TABLE TALK BY THE FIRE

Table Talk will not be held in June. In July and August (dates still to be determined), we will have *Table Talk* at Pastor Messer's home around the campfire. We hope you will consider joining us for these nights of fellowship and discussion. Look for details concerning these in the near future.

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(As of May 21)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 180

Confirmed - 140

Official Acts

2 Confirmations (5/21/06): Sarah Messer, Ariel Row

Membership gains: 2

Ariel Row (Confirmation)

Dorothy Trgina (Affirmation of Faith)

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report

YTD Receipts (1/1/06 - 5/21/06): \$37,640.86

Budgeted YTD (1/1/06 - 5/21/06): \$43,050.00

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June 2006

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

May 28 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	May 29	May 30	May 31	1	2	3
		9:30 am—Together in the Word <i>1-3 pm—Pastor in Office</i>	6:00 pm—S.A.L.T. mtg	5:00 pm—WW <i>1-3 pm—Pastor in Office</i>		
4 <i>The Day of Pentecost</i> NOTE: TIME CHANGE! 10:30—Outside Div. Serv. 12:00—Peace Picnic	5	6 <i>NO Together in the Word</i> <i>Pastor at monthly Winkel</i>	7	8 5:00 pm—WW <i>1-3 pm—Pastor in Office</i>	9	10 12:00 pm—HGP Meeting
11 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC	12	13 9:30 am—Together in the Word <i>1-3 pm—Pastor in Office</i>	14	15 5:00 pm—WW <i>1-3 pm—Pastor in Office</i>	16	17 7:00 pm—Euchre Night
18 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fell.; 11:00—BC 3:00—Installation of Jon Bakker (Zion, Mt. Pleasant)	19	20 <i>NO Together in the Word</i>	21	22 5:00 pm—WW	23	24
25 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC	26	27 9:30 am—Together in the Word <i>1-3 pm—Pastor in Office</i>	28	29 5:00 pm—WW <i>1-3 pm—Pastor in Office</i>	30	July 1

As indicated on the calendar, Pastor Messer will be available in his office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Of course, he is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. These hours are being posted so that you will have available times to see and speak with him without making an appointment if you desire.

SERVING IN JUNE

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
JUNE					
4—10:30 am	Jared Kuehnlein CJ Oswald	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Miguel Ortiz Jon Penzien	Curt & Tammy Oswald
11—9:30 am	Jordan Henry Tyrel Harwager	Mary Jakolat	Bill Hendrick	Don Reithel Curt Oswald	Leland & Marilyn Oswald
18—9:30 am	Sarah Messer Alex Henry	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Bill Brostrom James Sager	Richard & Darlene Palmer
25—9:30 am	Samantha Messer Kim Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Chris Brown Jon Greening	Helen Meyers/Lois Ramsey
JULY					
2—9:30 am	Jessica Oswald Kelsey Gensler	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Leland Oswald Burt Henry	Jeannette Bigelow/Lois Miller

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men” (Eph. 6:7)

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