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ADULT CONFIRMATION REVIEW *and* NEW MEMBER CLASS *begins Sunday, May 31*

- If you know someone who (or maybe you, yourself) would like to join All Saints, we extend an invitation to participate in this class. This class will explain the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective.
- Also, this class is open to all people to review their earlier years of Lutheran confirmation. [A note from Pastor Scott Schmidt: *In the congregation where I previously led this class, one life-long Lutheran, who was even a well versed Sunday School teacher, attended this class series on three different occasions. It was delightful.*]
- Each new member should also invite a current member of All Saints to be his/her sponsor. In the past here, sponsors have not attended the class with the new members, but sponsors would be welcomed and encouraged to also participate in the lessons. Tentatively, we will welcome new members on July 5 or 26 at worship.
- Please let Pastor Scott know by phone (815-234-5277) or e-mail (as5277@gmail.com) that you plan to attend, but someone simply arriving at the first session on May 31 would be welcome also. If childcare is a concern, let us know in advance. We will meet in the main conference room. Here is the schedule listed below:



May 31	6:30 pm to 7:15 pm	Introduction to the Bible and Class Format
June 7	6:30 pm to 7:45 pm	The Ten Commandments
June 14	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	The Apostles' Creed and The Lord's Prayer
June 21	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Baptism and Communion
June 28	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	New Member Dinner and Marks of the Church
July 5 or 26	8:00 am or 10:30 am	New Member Welcome at Sunday Worship

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 31

All Saints has eleven youth who will be confirmed on Sunday, May 31, which is Pentecost Sunday.

The families of the youth have the option of celebrating this faith mile stone at either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am service that day. Watch next month for a listing of those youth being confirmed.

A HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL OF CONFIRMATION CLASS?

In our outreach to and welcome of new families to All Saints, we realize that we will have households who have high school age youth who have not completed confirmation. This summer, Pastor Scott Schmidt would be willing to start a high school level confirmation class, which he has had the privilege to do in previous years of ministry. If you (or you know of someone) interested in this, please contact Pastor Scott by Sunday, May 17.



GRADUATES

This is a special time for many of our church family as they celebrate graduations occurring in May/June. May you prayerfully go forward into the future in confidence filled with courage and the knowledge that God is always with you. **Parents please note**— we wish to include the *names of our 8th grade, high school and college graduates in the June issue of the Spokesman*. Please drop a note or call the church office to fill us in on the exciting details.

A Note from Pastor Scott Schmidt

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. . . ." Matthew 18:6a

What wonderful news to share with others, that our Lord not only died for our forgiveness, but Jesus also rose from the grave to defeat death for us. It makes us want to sing "Alleluia!" That is what we did on Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord, and we did so in great numbers. That too makes us want to pray, "Thanks be to God!" Reflecting on attendance figures, including recent Christmas and Ash Wednesday numbers, several council members approached me about adding an additional service on Easter Sunday. We did. We also decided to rearrange seating and the altar space to allow for more people in the sanctuary. Both were wise moves. So, I sincerely thank all of the people for sharing ideas, planning details, moving chairs, leading us in music and worship, and especially for inviting and encouraging people to attend worship. It all came together for a glorious day of celebrating our Lord's Resurrection.

These were our 2009 attendance numbers for us to thank God: the new 6:00 am Sunrise Service was 59 (of which about 27 people also attended the 8:00 am or 10:30 am services.) Attendance at our 8:00 Traditional Service was 131 and at our 10:30 Blended Service was 145. So, our 2009 Easter Sunday attendance total was 335. If you take into account the 27 repeats from Sunrise Service, we still had 308.

Also, our new Wednesday Lenten Services were well attended, ranging in attendance from 55 to 86 for an average of 69 people for the five weeks. Thanks to all who came to any of these services. A special thanks to all who helped with worship leadership. For our Ash Wednesday service we had 101 in attendance, and on Maundy Thursday we had 133.

So, it is a celebration of the Gospel message to see these numbers climbing upwards again! Thank you to all who helped! Thanks be to God! We have much to celebrate in the name of Christ!

Proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified and risen,
Pastor Scott Schmidt

ATTENDANCE	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Easter Sunday	335	237	270	271	333	365	331	279	312	302	298
Maundy Thursday	133	33	35	--	37	45	--	--	36	57	28
Ash Wednesday	101	Cancelled Due to weather	54	79	81	110	112	77	66	67	60



NEW PRAYER REQUEST CARDS AT WORSHIP

To further help us in our congregational prayer life, we have new prayer request cards. Here's what is new:

- If you want the prayer request to go to our Prayer Chain, there is a box to mark. If you only mark that box, the prayer request will be given to the prayer chain but not included in the Sunday prayers.
- If you want the prayer request to be included in Sunday Prayers please mark that box.
- Then to help us know how long to include a person in prayers, you are able to mark 1-week, or 2-weeks, or "other time frame" like for a month, or until a certain date, or until further notice, or etc.
- Also, we ask that you hand the yellow prayer cards directly to the ushers so that your request does not become hidden in the offering plate, and then not included in the prayers.

GOOD SHEPHERD/LSSI SUNDAY IS MAY 3

On Sunday, May 3, you will have an opportunity to support the social ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. A brochure and a special offering envelope will be included in the bulletin. At the 2008 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, members voted to encourage every congregation in the synod to designate the "Fourth Sunday of Easter" as Good Shepherd/LSSI Sunday beginning in 2009.



**I am the Good Shepherd.
I know my sheep, and my
sheep know me.**



Vacation Bible School July 13-17

Are your kids ready to sink
their teeth into BIG fun?

That's what they'll do at Crocodile Dock where fearless kids shine God's light! Crocodile Dock is filled with incredible Bible-learning that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Crocodile Dock activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project called Operation Kid-to-kid that involves millions of other children across North America.

This dock rocks with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults. Everyone involved in this VBS will explore God's Word... and never be the same again. You can register your child to participate as part as a bayou crew member (Preschool – ages 3-5 or Elementary – grades 1st – 5th) in a couple of different ways.

1) go to www.AllSaintsChurchByron.org
(our church website) and find the VBS area

or

2) fill out a registration form (one for each child)
found in the church office or on a table in the
narthex

If you have an interest in volunteering to help the week of VBS (adults or students who are sixth grader or older) or in preparation for the week call Carolyn Niederer 234-3296 or Theresa Fitzsimmons 234-8363.

We also have a list of items we are looking to borrow, or hope to have donated to help with VBS. It is our hope that you will be able to help us out with your generosity. In the **month of May** we are looking for saw horses to borrow as we work on painting the set decorations. May 9, 16, 23. Please let us know if you have any we can borrow.

This summer see you at the Bayou! Join us at Crocodile Dock!

Thanks to all the confirmation class who helped at All Saints!

Thanks go out from Jan Sloan to the Confirmation class who helped to beautify the church grounds. The class members painted the flower box lids and cleared the church bank of old plant growth. This helps so much with preparing for the spring work of planting ahead. Melanie and Audrey thank those who worked inside in the nursery cleaning and organizing the toys. The newly donated toys and clean area will be enjoyed by our youngest members. You all can be proud of your efforts – we are!

May is Stroke Awareness Month

All Saints Lutheran Church

Monday, June 15th

Sponsored by: Heart Hospital at Swedish American

Appointments are necessary

Call 1-800-324-1815

Life Line Screening screens the carotid arteries in the neck to determine if you are at risk for **stroke**. Up to 75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage. Screenings of the arteries of the legs are offered to check for **peripheral artery disease**, which is linked to heart disease. A third test is performed for **aneurysms** in the aortic vessel of the abdomen.

These non-invasive, completely painless, ultrasound screenings take about 10 minutes each. Each of the 3 vascular tests is offered for \$ 45.00 each. Complete vascular screening (3 tests) for \$ 119 or vascular pkg + afib screening for \$139. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Please call 800-324-1851 for your appointment or for more information.**

Blood Drive update

The Northern Illinois Blood Bank was very pleased with the response for our first time blood drive. We had 39 donors show up and 35 pints of blood collected. As an effort to save lives, we obviously have been a help. As a community outreach, we were also successful since nearly half of the donors were not members of All Saints; some even found our location for their first time.

If there is any feedback, please address comments to Pastor, Marlene Roberts, Jim Wilcox, or me. There is an opportunity for us to schedule this as an activity each spring if people are willing to support it through both donations of blood and time. One lesson learned for any future drive is to check the date against the school schedule, several potential donors were on vacation during spring break.

Those who donated blood are too numerous to mention, but their donation is appreciated. Also appreciated is the help we had in making phone contacts to both church members and previous donors in the community; thanks to Millie Knodle, Brenda Schramm, and, especially, Jan Sloan and Carolyn Niederer. Their last minute efforts helped to make the whole event successful. --Bob Branson

YOUTH NEWS



Easter Breakfast A "BIG" Success!!!

Thank You's
Thank You's

go out to all who helped with their time and food donations and it was a pleasure to share Easter morning breakfast with all who attended. We are very grateful for the enthusiasm shown from all youth and their parents who helped with the breakfast and set up. It is only with this attitude and the active participation and support from the congregation that makes this event such a success. We served around 120 people and raised \$575.00. Thanks again to all!!!

Movie night was postponed from April 17th due to other activities that were already going. The date is still being determined on when we can have our event.



May 9th (Saturday) Jim Wilcox has asked us to all get together (the youth) and collect can goods from peoples mail boxes. All we need to do is drive around town with a map and pick up can goods



people have left out by their mailbox. Then we will take all the food to People Helping People that afternoon.

Following our **service project** we will have pizza delivered to church for a pizza party. Please let Audrey know if you can make this event. Thanks!

May 16th (Saturday) is our Bowling night. Still working on times and place to go. Please keep this date open, especially those we helped out for the spaghetti dinner, this is your evening. More info. to come.

River Hawks game coming up on **May 31st**, they are playing at home. Anyone interested in going see Audrey or call 815-509-2682. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Please pick up a summer brochure for LOMC... Summer Camp starts **June 14th - August 7th** come out and enjoy Gods word in the world of God. Summer brochures on table in narthex.

- Audrey Adams, Youth Leader

FAMILY LIFE FORUM

MEETING PLACE: Small Conference Room
(the room next to the kitchenette)

Time: Sunday at 9:20am
(Pastor Scott Schmidt is our discussion leader.)

Living out our baptismal roles as

Sponsor, Parent and Congregation-

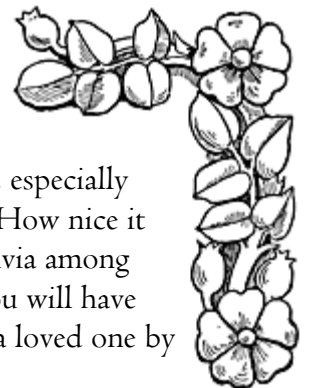
DATE SESSION

May 3 Our Busy Families: A Talk with the Experts (Final session of Busy Families)

May 10 Baptism: More than a Ceremony and Promises Made, Promises Kept

May 17 Baptism: A Talk with the Experts

PENTACOST FLOWERS



Let's add a little extra color to our church, especially red, for the Day of Pentecost, May 31st! How nice it would be to see white alyssum and red salvia among yellow marigolds and purple petunias. You will have the opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one by donating plants to enhance our church.

Plants will be selected that will be appropriate for our outdoor flowers boxes or courtyard. The plants will adorn the entrances to our church, the sign planter, or the courtyard, reminding us of God's continuing bounty, inspiration, and new life in Jesus Christ throughout the summer months. You can help in this project by making a donation using the insert in the church bulletins on **May 3rd and 10th.**

You may give any amount of money (i.e. \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00) which will be used to buy landscaping items. Thanks for your ongoing help to beautify All Saints!

Meals on Wheels Participants from All Saints

May 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	George Krebs
May 11, 12, 14, 15	Ken and Lois Lapp
May 13	Tom Raney
May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22	Dick Provencher and Jim Wilcox
May 26, 27, 28, 29	Al and Gloria Olsen

ALL SAINTS GROUPS

Quilters

THANK YOU! THANK YOU for all the donations of sheets that were asked for in the March newsletter. We have received over 30 sheets mostly from the church rummage sale.

A big THANK YOU to WELCA for designating the money from the chances sold at the rummage sale to the Quilters. There were two of our comforters, other gift items and a chance for an airplane ride with Bob Branson that brought in \$190. This will go a long way to pay for batting, thread and dye to make quilts for the needy.

The quilters will meet on May 7th from 9 to 11 a.m. Please join us whenever you can. The fellowship that we have during those two short hours is a blessing to each person that comes.

--Millie Knodle

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Tuesday Night Bible Study Group meets every week at 7:00pm. In May, we will continue to meet in the conference room.

(Please use the South entrance in respect for the AA group meeting in the Fellowship Hall.) The topics of discussion for May are as follows:

5-5-09 Theme: Connected to Christ

Text: John 15:1-8

The path of discipleship is not a solitary walk without Christ, but Christ is the path

5-12-09 Theme: Directed by Love

Text: John 15:9-17

The path of discipleship means bearing the fruit of love.

5-19-09 Theme: Rooted in Prayer

Text: John 17:6-19

The path of discipleship is rooted and blessed by prayer.

5-29-09 Theme: Spirit-filled or Spirit-emptied?

Text: Acts 2:1-21

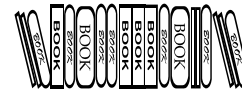
Reflect on the empowering role of the Holy Spirit to shape and guide choices in life.

Crafters!!

A big "thank you" to everyone who donated craft supplies to the rummage sale. At the Sainly Crafters April 14 session, the imaginative ladies put their creative magic to work. Mark your calendar now for the CRAFT BAZAAR to be held October 15, 16 and 17. You will be impressed by the extensive variety of gift items produced. Next craft session will be May 12, 9 AM in the fellowship hall.

--Linda Hank

Religious Book Club



In May, the book club will be reading The Shack by Wm. Paul Young. Join us in the fellowship area at church at **1:00 on Monday, May 18th** for fellowship and discussion. This will be our last gathering until we start up again in September. The Shack tells the story of Mack, a caring father, and loving husband, whose family experiences a tragedy. His faith is so greatly challenged that he feels that "the Great Sadness" as he refers to it, has enveloped him. Four years after the tragedy God calls him to the shack and Mack tries to learn the lesson that God – the I Am, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit want to share with him. "In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant The Shack wrestles with the timeless question: *Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?*"

--Carolyn Niederer

WASTE BUSTER MESSAGE

It's there for you to use! The Small Conference Room (the room next to the kitchenette) is available for meetings, etc. If comfortably seats about eight people, but here's the neat thing. You can control air conditioning and heat for that room individually, which is more ecological and economical than adjusting the temperature for the whole fellowship hall or other classrooms. If your group is smaller, you're invited to use the Small Conference Room.

Have you noticed! The wooden All Saints Lutheran Church sign near the stop sign at the corner of Luther Drive and Blackhawk Drive now has solar powered lights to help illuminate that sign at night.

Did you know! At the March 26 Waster Buster Working Party, we installed insulation around two water heaters and hot water pipes, along with replacing several spot lights above the altar with energy efficient CFL bulbs.

These are just a few of our on going Waste Buster projects. For details, see the chart of completed and pending projects. That chart is on the wall above the assortment of "green" brochures on the display table in the narthex.

People Helping People food drive

On May 9th Audrey Adams and youth group volunteers will be helping the People Helping People Food Pantry in their annual Postal Food drive. The youth group will be gathering donated food items during that day left at their mailbox by postal patrons to be donated to People Helping People's Food Pantry to assist our needy citizens in and around the Byron area.

Thank You,
Jim Wilcox



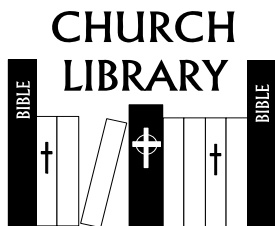
CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School News

The Sunday School year is winding down. Our last meeting before the summer break will be May 24. We'll meet at the regular time in the sanctuary. Parents are asked to attend too. We are planning a closing game to review what we have learned and refreshments will follow. The kids will also sing at the beginning of the second service. Please watch the bulletin board for announcements.

NEWS FROM THE

Four new books and three Books on Tape have been added to our library this month. You will find them on the cart during the month of May.



- *Where Angels Walk* by Joan Wester Anderson is donated by Gloria Olson. The author has compiled evidence of angels among us from letters of true stories sent to her. Read these amazing stories of how angels have come to guide those in need.
- Betty Klink donated *Mary Called Magdalene*, a novel written by Margaret George. Very little is known about Mary Magdalene and references to her in the Bible are few. But with testaments, letters and narratives, the author "captures Mary's voice as she grows from girlhood to womanhood". The story is based in biblical scholarship and secular research.

Anonymous donors have given us the following items:

- *Restless Hearts* is a Love Inspired Romance in larger print. Fiona Flanagan is looking for her roots in the Pennsylvania Dutch country where she meets the local police chief. Both are trying to find a place they belong, but are caught between the two worlds. As they become closer, can she trust Ted with her heart?
- *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult is a novel taking place in an ordinary town until an act of violence causes lines to be formed between teens and adults, and friendships and families are being destroyed. According to *The Washington Post*, "it's a thriller...but it also asks serious moral questions about the relationship between the weak and the strong."

- *A Bend in the Road* by Nicholas Sparks is an audio book. It is on 7 cassettes and lasts approximately 10 hours. It is a tale of a woman, a man, and a secret keeping them apart.
- *All Through the Night* by Mary Higgins Clark is read by her daughter and is on 2 cassettes. It is a Christmas Mystery with Alvirah and husband Willy, amateur sleuths on the trail of a missing child, a desperate mother, and a missing Chalice.
- James Patterson's *The Beach House* is on 5 cassettes lasting 6.5 hours. Jack is a student of the law and his brother, Peter, works as a servant to the rich. When Peter drowns in the ocean in what the police call an accident, Jack doesn't believe it. He sets out to prove his gut feelings while running into many obstacles along the way; someone has bought the police and the judges. Jack is learning lessons he never got in law school and needs a plan to beat the billionaires at their own game.

Thank you to our contributors!
Anne Morgart

This and That

- Any group interested in applying for matching funds through Thrivent, please contact Bob Branson.
- Please use the contact information in the picture directory when making phone calls, sending emails, etc as this is the most up-to-date.
- ADDRESS WANTED: We would like to update our files on young adults who are in college, have been recently married, are serving in the military or are otherwise no longer living at home. Please notify the office so we can keep them up-to-date.
- IF YOU ENTER THE HOSPITAL: If a member of your household is admitted to a hospital or care/rehabilitation center, please let us know so that we can offer pastoral care, prayer concerns, etc. if you so desire. You can call All Saints (815-234-5277) or Pastor Scott Schmidt (cell phone - 779-537-4811). Both Pastor's and Council President Marlene Roberts' cell phone numbers are recorded on the answering machine at All Saints. Thank you for your assistance in keeping us informed. God be with you!

	Month of Year:	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
	3	General Fund	General Fund	Facilities Maintenance	Facilities Maintenance	Zoom Towards Zero	Zoom Towards Zero	Total	Total
Income	Pledged	\$7,045	\$21,135	\$2,864	\$8,592	\$1,691	\$5,073	\$11,600	\$34,800
	Received	\$12,286	\$33,600	\$3,789	\$9,879	\$1,600	\$4,809	\$17,675	\$48,288
	Status	\$5,241	\$12,465	\$925	\$1,287	-\$91	-\$264	\$6,075	\$13,488
Expend	Budgeted	\$12,321	\$36,963	\$2,562	\$7,686	\$2,785	\$8,355	\$17,668	\$53,004
	Expended	\$9,174	\$34,514	\$4,399	\$12,830	\$2,520	\$8,040	\$16,094	\$55,384
	Status	-\$3,147	-\$2,449	\$1,837	\$5,144	-\$265	-\$315	-\$1,574	\$2,380
Gap	Pledged - Budget	-\$5,276	-\$15,828	\$302	\$906	-\$1,094	-\$3,282	-\$6,068	-\$18,204
	Received -Expended	\$3,111	-\$913	-\$610	-\$2,951	-\$920	-\$3,231	\$1,581	-\$7,095

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- The mortgage balance on March 26th is \$362,366.07.
- There were 133 people worshipping on Maundy Thursday which includes 9 receiving their first communion.
- The blood drive was a success with 35 pints of blood donated.
- Discussion about the effectiveness of the Lenten “quarter envelopes” came to a conclusion, by common consent, that the costs involved with purchase and mailing compared to the amount of quarters received could not be justified. Since there are enough of the envelopes left over, it was recommended that next Lenten season they should be made available at the Sanctuary entrance for those wanting to use the envelopes.
- A revised funding request form was submitted to be used for any purchases between \$100 and \$250.
- A church voucher form was submitted which can be used to give credit for a non-cash donation to the church.

LUTHERAN NEWS

Turtle Search Sunday has been changed to **Previews of Summer2009**. Join us here at LOMC from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16th to meet the wonderful staff who will be caring for the needs of your campers this summer! Also, there will be a chance to experience a sampling of many of the fun and exciting activities our staff will use to connect the Word of God with the World of God. From ice cream making and camp songs to fishing and boating, there is something for everyone at Previews of Summer2009.

LOMC looking for volunteers for MDWW

LOMC is gearing up for summer and is looking for volunteers to help make the camp ready over **Memorial Day Work Weekend**, May 22-25. With more than 100 projects on the list this year, volunteers with varying skills are needed before campers start arriving. LOMC provides housing, meals and free time activities, all we ask for is your time and talents. Call George Davis with any questions at (815) 973-5272. To make reservations, please email Audrey Adams at registrations@lomc.org or call her at (815) 732-2220.

“MAKE IT SIMPLE”

We have exciting news! Mr. Bob Sitze, one of the authors of the new ELCA stewardship resource, "Make It Simple," has agreed to lead workshops throughout our Northern Illinois Synod introduce this new resource. A group from All Saints plans to attend the **May 6** workshop at **Zion Lutheran Church, Belvidere**, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. If you'd like join this group contact Marlene Roberts or Pastor Scott Schmidt. (Other workshops are also offered May 5 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Princeton; May 26 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Freeport; and May 28 at Joyful Spirit Lutheran Church, Bolingbrook. Details are posted in the narthex.) Come, hear about, and learn how to use this exciting new stewardship resource that will help us grow as stewards of God's rich blessings and abundant grace in Jesus Christ.

Worship Attendance						
	April	6:00a	8:00a	10:30a	Total	9:15 SS
Palm	5		100	95	195	70
Easter	12	59	131	145	335	NA
			67	75	142	55
			76	104	180	62
Total			374	419	852	187
Average			94	105	213	63
Wed, April 1 Lenten Service, 7:00 pm						74
Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm						133

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 140: **Sunday, May 3** from 8:00 am to Noon at the American Legion Hall. Tickets: Adults \$5.00, Age 5-14 \$4.00, under 5 Free.

ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST Sunday May 10, 7 – 11 am at the Byron Masonic Lodge (Ashelford Drive off Rte 2 North) Adults \$5; children under 10 \$3. Proceeds support community programs.

PRAYER CONCERNS for

Kathleen Combs and friends who were injured in a car wreck, **Mary Eakle, Nancy Shepard** and her mother Elnora Gustafson, Katlyn Palmer and her unborn son, Alaina Haas, Norman Cozart, Nick Smith, Francine Reibel, Jim Otts, Barry Glaudel & family, Jeanette Chamberlain, Eric Rodberg, Spencer Jensen, Doug Raney, Celeste Reif, Patrick Clinton, Tim O'Hare, Bonnie Stoll, Joel Boomer, Charles Rodberg, Edward Jones, Francis Goreth, Trevor Penn, Marilyn Schroeder, Bill Berglund, Roger Reimer, Pat Pederson, Kathleen Kuss and Julie Flesner and we pray for the grieving families of Sharon Fanucce and of Rob Tate and of Betty Niehaus,. We also say a prayer of thanksgiving for the recovery of **Mollie Krecklow, Deb Curtis** and Janet Gear.

For those serving in the military, especially **Steve Huber, Alex Schmidt,** Nick Petke, Jacob Houston, Jayme Wilcox, Matt Schumacher, Gregory Peterson, Matt Cowan, Rob Irving and Corey Coffman.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms: April 5: Crystal Ciara Lowtharp
Ashley Danae Lowtharp
Austin David Lowtharp

April 26: Ryley Scott Kloster

STUDENTS OF THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS received Holy Communion at the Maundy Thursday service: **Monica Barracks, Rebecca Brown, Samantha Foss, Caleigh Huber, Mallory Lameyer, Crystal Lowtharp, Ashley Lowtharp, Austin Lowtharp and Lauryn Schrader.** **Ashley Camling** received her first communion April 19 due to other commitments.

Reminders: Deadline for articles for the June Spokesman is Tuesday, May 19th.

Please email articles to Carolyn Niederer at rjn2cjin@comcast.net. Thanks!

Lawn Mowing Help

We are looking for volunteers to **mow** the church yard. If you can spare about 3 – 4 hours in a day a few times over the summer and are able to run a riding lawn mower, we are looking for you! The mowing is done in pairs, so find a partner and volunteer. Or let us know you want to help, and we will find another person to mow with you. You can mow on either Thursday, Friday, or Saturday at a time that works for you. The more pairs of volunteers we get, the fewer times each pair will mow. The church has riding mowers – you do not need to trim. Put on a hat and some sun screen and get mowing!
Contact Jim Wilcox to volunteer or ask questions at 815-234-2365.

Flower Watering Help

We are also looking for volunteers to water the outside flowers that beautify the church grounds summer and fall. The hanging baskets need to be watered everyday, and the other flowers planted in the ground should be watered every other day (depending on rain). Please call Jan Sloan at 815-234-2610 to volunteer.

Office Hours: **Monday through Thursday** with *Usual Core* Hours of 10:00 am – 3:00 pm except for the second Wednesday. Carol, Marlene and Pastor each will cover various days allowing for expanded office coverage. At times the office may be staffed beyond these hours. Call first. Pastor will still post his typical hours in the *Spokesman* calendar.

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Assembly Team: Martha Cupp, Mel Knodle, Anne Morgart, Al & Gloria Olsen

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