



# Herald of Peace

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The Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church  
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## Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

While I am feeling more settled than I have felt in a long time, I keep longing for even more of a sense of being settled or placed and at home. Some have an easier time adapting to new situations than others. I suppose that depends on the number of moves and changes we have experienced throughout life.

It seems as though each time the newsletter deadline looms, I find myself writing about transitions. Life is either one transition after another or one on-going transition. So then, next to God, is change the only constant in life? How do we find peace?

Generally speaking, we are such creatures of habit that we often find it difficult to adjust or find peace in the midst of change and transition. Anxiety levels rise. We want to do one of two things, go back to something that once was, or, we look for something that is not yet, something new and different that lies ahead.

The Intentional Interim Process is beginning to get old for some. Why can't we just be done with it and finally call a pastor? The good news is that so much has been accomplished in the year that you have been in this particular transition. The bad news is that some of the most difficult work still lies ahead as the information that has been gathered is reviewed and used to discern God's sense of purpose for this congregation. While you may say you already have a purpose, which is to put the peace of Christ to work in the world, or perhaps to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are challenged in the time ahead to be more specific about how we live out that purpose.

The Intentional Interim Process is a longer transition around which many other changes and challenges have occurred and will continue to occur. You have all experienced changes in the congregation and worship as well as in your own personal lives. As we move through life's transitions it is helpful for us to look to God as the one true constant in our lives. God will see us through all transitions. God walks with us as we journey through life making our way home.

Trusting in God will help us find peace in the midst of the chaos that is life. God helps us order our lives when we feel as though everything is spinning out of control and we feel powerless. Yes, God can ease the anxiety we feel and we can learn to live more fully in the present rather than longing for the past or looking for greener pastures elsewhere. May God's peace, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Hormann

## May Transitions:

1) We move from the Easter season to the Pentecost season. **(Don't forget to wear red on Pentecost Sunday which is May 11.)** 2) Eighth graders affirm their baptism on **May 18<sup>th</sup>** which is also Trinity Sunday. Confirmation classes wind down. 3) The school year winds down and schedules change. 4) We begin to anticipate summer's arrival.



## Rummage Sale—May 3<sup>rd</sup>

This time of the year usually means Spring-cleaning! So, as you clean closets and basement, pull out what you are not using and bring to Peace's Rummage Sale. Just stuff – **NO CLOTHING.**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> --10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

We will incorporate a bake sale with the rummage sale, so if you can contribute to both, it will be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the room across from the choir room as you have them ready. Sorting and marking of items will be done the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>: Evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For daytime hours, please check with a Mary Martha Guild member. It's really a lot of fun and great fellowship!! The church will be open from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive baked goods.

## Board of Christian Outreach

### 5-Wishes Presentation – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, May 4, 2008 the Board of Christian Outreach will be hosting a sandwich lunch at 12:00 and a wonderful "5 Wishes" presentation at 12:45. The program will be presented by Carol Crumpton, Community Development Officer of Arbor Hospice. Carol will have a 5 Wishes document for each person in attendance and she will go over the value of this document as well as what is contained in the document. She will also answer any questions you may have regarding this advance directive with a heart.

You still have time to get involved by either signing the sheet in the parlor or by calling Bev Helms at 734-379-4256. Please invite family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to come with you to this beneficial lunch and presentation. We will need reservations so that Carol will have sufficient documents and we can have lunch for each guest. Even if you feel that you have all your bases covered and you have family who knows what you want this document can make it easier for you and your loved ones.

## Notes from the Side

By Albert Le Blanc Jr., Seminarian

This month, I'd like to write to you about the things that my mother has taught me in my life and I hope that you, too, can recall some things that your mother, grandmother, aunt, or other women have taught you throughout your life.

So, things that my mother taught me: LOGIC..."If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me." MEDICAL ADVICE..."If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way." GENETICS..."You're just like your father." HUMOR..."when you fall out of that tree and break your legs, don't come *running* to me." And, of course, JUSTICE..."One day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you. Then you'll see what it's like! I can't wait!" (*I think this is the secret hope for every mother...that history will repeat itself.*)

Of course, the above was in jest...my mother has taught me lots. I look back with wonder and awe at the tasks my mother had with raising three children and working a full-time job. I also see the challenges that women today, including my wife, have with balancing both work and family. I am amazed that God has created a being that has so much strength and yet can be so gentle and loving.

I'm thankful for my mother and my grandmother who helped to teach me faith. I am reminded of II Timothy 1:5 when Paul writes to Timothy stating that he is reminded of Timothy's sincere faith which first lived in his grandmother and in his mother. Through my grandmother's and mother's teaching of faith, my life was shaped and set upon a path which today I still walk. I read somewhere that, "Mothers write on the hearts of their children what the rough hand of the world cannot erase." The teachings I received from my mother and grandmother still strengthen me today.

My mother was instrumental in teaching me the basics; setting the foundation onto which my faith life has been built. I remember how when we would go to bed at night, we would say our prayers out loud with my mother leading us. She would walk from room to room tucking us in and saying good night. I remember going to church with my grandmother and seeing how she 'worked' her bible during the service; turning pages and following along with the preacher. All of these things are part of my being; part of my every fiber...and I am blessed because of it.

From my mother, I also learned love. I see how she cared for us and tended to us with the utmost devotion and often without recognition. She did the usual 'mom things' like wearing the necklace made from dry noodles or hanging the crazy art work on the refrigerator or in the windows. But there is one event I recall clearly. One of my first jobs was working at Baskin Robbins in the mall.

One week, I had worked several hours and had received what I thought was a big check. It was Mother's Day weekend and I decided to spend pretty much my whole check on buying my mom a special ice cream cake that looked like a box of roses. Well, I took the cake home and placed it in the freezer in the basement not paying attention to the fact that the freezer had been turned off since it had nothing in it! Later that afternoon, when I went down to get the cake for my mom, it was nothing but mush...the candy roses were floating in the liquid. I was so upset. Seeing how much it meant to me, my mother placed the cake in the kitchen freezer and when it hardened she ate some of it and told me it was delicious. My mom was (and still is) always concerned about our feelings and would do whatever she could to make us feel good about ourselves.

I would be remiss to write about the love of mothers and not mention my wife, Angela, the mother of my children. As I have shared with all of you before, her dedication and support during my time of studies has been tremendous. She has in essence become a single mother working and taking care of the home and family on her own. She has done all of this without complaining about the situation that I placed us in due to my response to God's calling. I do realize that my first calling is to be a husband and father and I am doing my best to continue to live up to that calling. Lord knows I stumble but I am thankful that my wife remains with me to steady my walk. She is my companion, my friend, and partner.

I rejoice in the blessings that God has given man in the creation of woman. I recently read a poem which stated that if God had meant for man to lord it over woman, he would have taken a bone from his head; if God had meant for man to walk over woman, he would have taken a bone from his foot; if God had meant for man to walk in front of woman, he would have taken a bone from his back. Instead, God meant for man and woman to walk through life together, therefore, he took a bone from his side. I am blessed to have my wife by my side; I am blessed to have her be the mother of my children.

Sisters and brothers, although we set aside just one day a year to recognize the women in our lives that have influenced us, let us not wait until just this 'one time event' to do so. Cherish our mothers, our grandmothers, our aunts, and all those women who give us guidance, wisdom, and love. Let them know we are thankful they are part of our lives.

May our Lord in heaven who created all and loves all keep you in the comforting care of His hands. Be blessed!



## Special Mother's Day Pre-Service Worship Event Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM



A special pre-service event honoring women will be held at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. The service will end by 10:30 AM when we will begin our Pentecost Celebration.

Please plan on attending this service where we will honor those women who have been influential to us on our Christian journeys. Be sure to invite any special women in your life to come and join you for the service.

## Annual Ladies Night Out Dinner for all Peace Women and Friends

When: Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Where: Ground Round Grill  
22301 Allen Rd., Woodhaven  
(across from Meijer)

We will have a very nice private room. This will be a lovely event. The food is delicious, and you will have a large choice of menu items. This is a barrier free restaurant, and there is plenty of handicapped parking. Please pick up your reservation form at church starting April 29<sup>th</sup>. Make your dinner selection and send in your check!

Deadline for money and reservations is Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Checks may be made out to the Mary Martha Guild. For additional questions, call Dorothy Pushman at 734-285-6716.

## Confirmation

On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Laura Campbell, Britnie Ford, Shelby Morse, Amanda Mulligan, and Connor Winton will be Confirmed. Congratulations to our new Confirmands!

## Roof Update



We still owe \$7,200 on the loan we secured to finish the new roof. Please consider making a donation to help retire this debt. Thank you to all who have contributed to or given memorials for this project.

## Choir Schedule for May

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: Jr. Choir, after service  
Wednesdays, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>: Teen Group, 6-6:30pm  
Wednesdays, May 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>: Teen Group, 6:30-7:15pm  
Thursdays, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>: Sr. Choir, 7:30-8:30pm

## Peace Phone Prayer Chain

Mary Jacobs will be on vacation May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>. Any additions to be made to the phone prayer chain please contact Barb Albert at 282-2954. Thank you!

## Thinking Green

Earth Day was April 22<sup>nd</sup> and so Church is trying to get the congregation to show Mother Nature a little love. This article will discuss a few ways in which to think green. One that everyone can follow is the simple rule of turning off the lights in a room when no one is in it. A family can save a large sum of money every year keeping in mind that they cut down on electricity usage. Unplugging VCRs and DVD players and cell phones after they are finished charging can also cut back on consumption of electricity, since the little lights on these devices draw energy night and day and that adds up over time. Another smart move for energy conservation is the change of normal incandescent bulbs to coiled fluorescent bulbs in household lamps and ceiling fixtures. The fluorescent bulbs cost a bit more but they convert more energy into light and consume less than the classic bulbs which convert most of the energy they draw into heat. Recycling is another way to be good to the Earth. Here's a website that provides some helpful information:

<http://www.obviously.com/recycle/guides/common.html>

Kevin Bogusz

## Notice: To all Peace Lutheran Seniors

There has been discussion at board meetings that we should start a Senior Group. This would be for anyone old enough to want to attend. The group would meet during the day.

### Here are some suggested ideas:

- \* Meetings at church on a scheduled basis – meeting & activities in parlor

### Activities for consideration:

- \* Counseling - Legal - Financial - Health
- \* Education - Computers - Digital Photos - Cooking - Arts
- \* Events - Lunches - Concerts - Day Trips - Movies – Cruises
- \* Fitness - Games - Cards - Bingo - Checkers - Chess – Monopoly
- \* Book Reviews

A meeting is planned for **Wednesday May 14th at 12:00 Noon**. If you are interested and want can attend, please call Don Pushman @ (734) 285-6716. There will be a lunch served,

## Voters' Assembly Meeting- March 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Silsbe at 12:25 p.m. An opening devotion about change was read by Don. Copies were made available to the congregation. A discussion of the article may follow in the weeks to come with those who express an interest. Parlor talks on Sundays will begin on April 20.

There was a correction to the minutes of the last meeting. On the second page, it should read that an anonymous donor gave \$1,000 specifically for the restoration of the back stairway. It was moved by Rob Montie and seconded by Jerry Gnadl that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

### **Reports:**

Pr. Hormann thanked everyone for the things they have been doing. "The Spirit is alive and well here." She said that there is no end to the work and that committees are still working and will continue to work until their respective objectives are reached. Pastor is trying to visit the homebound at least quarterly. Duplication is being experienced sometimes. She is looking forward to involving more people in this as we go along. She requested that the congregation keep her posted when someone is in the hospital or ill.

**Seminarian:** Don Silsbe reported that every year we are going to review our support for Albert and we will do so at the May voters' meeting

**Elders**—Rob Montie—We have started to call people to see if they still want to be considered members here—particularly those we haven't seen for awhile. Worship enhancement discussions are forthcoming.

Dorothy Pushman commented on the format for the Lenten Wednesday services. She said she felt it was a very nice way to worship.

There were no membership changes. We had a baptism.

**Trustees:** Dale LeBeau said that the report was given in the last newsletter as to progress on maintaining the building. Bob Fusina has been doing a lot of electrical work which is greatly appreciated. We have removed carpet and cleaned others. We would like to get the outside speaker fixed so that chimes could be played on Sunday mornings.

**Christian Education:** No report.

**Board of Christian Outreach**—Bev Helms reported on upcoming activities. Crop Walk is coming on April 27; Five Wishes program is coming on May 4; March to the Manger will be on July 27; Helping Hands is on September 27 through October 26, and the Giving Tree will be from November 23 through December 14. Announcements will be in the bulletins and newsletters as each of these activities draw near.

**Stewardship**—Kay Davies reported that the monthly birthday celebration and meet your neighbor is going well with the help of the ushers. We are continuing with the family focus. In the April newsletter we are focusing on going green—recycling. The third copy for the time, talent, and treasures will be available so you can see how you are doing to meet your commitment. We are looking for more people to help us.

**Finance:** Don Pushman reported that we ended the year well and answered any questions that people had regarding his report. The report is attached.

Don Silsbe reported that Al McNeil audited the books and found everything good.

**Interim Task Force:** Todd Pushman reported that the survey forms they will be sending out should be taken seriously. They are requesting that each member fill one out. The Task Force is continuing to meet and carefully looking over materials they have received as they work toward their goal.

**Unfinished business:** Ruth Schmidt reported that the Facility Use Agreement committee finalized the agreement after receiving input from the Church Council.

Don Silsbe stated that the Facility Use Agreement will be implemented. Copies will be made available as requested.

**New Business**—The Synod Assembly is being held on May 10. We need people who are interested in representing Peace as delegates to register. Tomorrow is the registration deadline. Dorothy Pushman volunteered.

We need to form a nominating committee for the May election. Open positions are the recording secretary and the co-chairs of the Board of Christian Outreach. Pastor Hormann has offered to work with the nominating committee.

Annual reports reflect the goals and objectives of the congregation. They show where you have been and where you are going. They tell what God is doing through you.

Alternative worship committee: We are looking for people who would be interested in being on this committee. They would look into music and format possibilities.

Affirmation of affiliation: The leadership has decided that if we decide to do it, it should be at the end of the task force's work. The fall voters' meeting would be a more appropriate time.

It was moved by Janet LeBeau and seconded by Betty Rehbein that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Pastor Hormann closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth E. Schmidt  
Recording Secretary



## I'd Rather Be Reading Group

**NOTE CHANGE:** We will be reading Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean for the May discussion at Dorothy Pushman's home, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Can't Wait To Get to Heaven by Fannie Flagg will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July. Refreshments will be served. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Pr. Hormann's Office Hours are Mondays - Thursdays, 10-12 and by appt.</b></p>	<p><b>Kris can be reached at 734-671-8726 (home) or 734-775-7886 (cell). Kris is in the office Wednesdays from 4-6pm</b></p>		<p>Worship will continue every Wednesday. All are invited. It is a more informal service. We have been worshipping "in the round" gathered around the baptismal font in the sanctuary.</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b></p> <p>10:00: Bible Study</p> <p>7:30: Sr. Choir</p>		<p><b>10AM-3PM: RUMMAGE SALE</b></p> 
<p><b>Baptism—Alyssa &amp; Melissa Simonson</b></p> <p>9:00: "No Experience Necessary" Study 9:00: Sunday School 10:30: COMMUNION Jr. Choir after Service <b>Noon: Lunch followed by "5 Wishes" Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p> <p>7:00pm: Elder Meeting</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p> <p>6-6:30: Teen Group Rehearsal 6:30: Confirmation 7:30: Worship</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b></p> <p>10:00: Bible Study <b>6:30: Finance Mtg.</b> 7:30: Sr. Choir</p>		<p>9:00: Dorothy Pushman, Don Silsbe and Pastor Hormann will attend the Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly as voting members.</p>
<p><b>WEAR RED! Pentecost Mother's Day Bring Geraniums!</b></p> <p>9:00: "No Experience Necessary" Study 9:00: Sunday School <b>10:00: Pre-Service Event to Honor Women</b> 10:30: COMMUNION</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p> <p><b>Planting of flowers-weather permitting</b></p> <p>7:00: Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p> <p>7:00: Interim Task Force Meeting</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p> <p><b>12 Noon: Senior Group Mtg.</b></p> <p>6-6:30: Teen Group Rehearsal 6:30: Confirmation 7:30: Worship</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b></p> <p>10:00: Bible Study</p> <p>7:30: Sr. Choir</p>		<p>9:00: Church Days Group meets with St. Paul Temperance</p>
<p><b>Confirmation</b></p> <p>9:00: "No Experience Necessary" Study 9:00: Sunday School 10:30: COMMUNION</p> <p><b>May 18-23 – Pastor away for continuing education</b></p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p> <p>7:00: Interim Task Force Meeting</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p> <p><b>7pm: "I'd Rather Be Reading" at Dorothy Pushman's</b></p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b></p> <p>6:30-7:15: Teen Group Rehearsal 7:30: Worship</p>	<p><b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b></p> <p>10:00: Bible Study</p>		
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## Those Who Serve...

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Acolytes	Greeters	Ushers	Sound Tech	Trustee	Altar Guild	Reader(s)	Organist
5/4	<b>Celebrant:</b> Pr. Phyllis Hormann  <b>Assisting:</b> Don Silsbe	Nancy Yakowich	Kevin Mulligan, Amanda Mulligan, Stacy Catalano, John Catalano	Fred & Deb Harmon	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Tonya Cade	Robert Bernard	Mary Ziesmer	Terri Silsbe	Mary Tollefson
5/7	Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Janet LeBeau								
5/11 <b>Pentecost Mother's Day</b>	<b>Celebrant:</b> Pr. Phyllis Hormann <b>Assisting &amp; Preaching:</b> Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Rob Montie	Madison Brandt, C. Winton, L. Campbell, A. Campbell	Colin & Nancy Harvey	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Dorothy Pushman	Dale LeBeau	Lucille Hrivnak	Gwen Montie	Mary Tollefson
5/14	Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Janet LeBeau								
5/18 <b>Confirmation</b>	<b>Celebrant:</b> Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Nancy Yakowich	Alyssa Wayt, Alex Wayt, K. Bogusz, S. Andrews	Jan Scherbarth		Sean Morse	Peter Montie	Nancy Harvey	Jan Scherbarth	Jennifer Rosati
5/21	<b>Presiding:</b> Rob Montie	Rob Montie								
5/25	<b>Celebrant:</b> Pr. Phyllis Hormann <b>Assisting:</b> Albert LeBlanc, Jr. <b>Preaching:</b> Don Silsbe	Barb Pushman	C.J. Morse, Shelby Morse, B. Ford, M. Rowledge	Mike & Bev Helms	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Janet LeBeau	Robert Bernard	Jan Scherbarth	Ruth Schmidt	Jennifer Rosati
5/28	Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Nancy Yakowich								

**Bread Baker for May is DIANNE REICHEL**

## From Don's Desk

In my youth, teachers often used the saying "Winners never quit, and quitters never win". Back then, the saying seemed to be a little silly. As I grow older, I increasingly see the wisdom of it. Looking back on my life, I have more hard feelings and regrets over the things that I have quit, than the things in which I have persevered. I am most thankful for my long-lasting marriage. (We're coming up on 38 years!) I'm not saying that we are the perfect couple, or we are perfect people—far from it! But we are wise enough to look past each other's faults, and see the good. We recognize what we have together as a couple is far more valuable than what we would have apart.

Part of the Interim Process includes becoming more acquainted with the ELCA. Sometimes, what we find is pleasing and energizing. Other discoveries are not as pleasant. We have been putting several of these "warts" under the microscope lately, and devoting much time to discussing them. The ELCA, or any other large church denomination will never be perfect, any more than Peace Lutheran Church, Southgate will ever be perfect. There will always be differences of opinion in any organization consisting of two or more people. We at Peace have a long history of ignoring the faults of our denomination. We were one of the few Missouri Synod churches to have women voting members and officers. We allowed for dual membership, and have long had an open policy regarding who is welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. This is how we handled our differences in the past—by perseverance, rather than by quitting.

Have you ever missed a bus, because you were distracted by something else? The Number One Question to ask yourself is this: "How can we most effectively do the Lord's work in our community?" If we continue to focus on "warts", we will continue to miss opportunities to do what the Lord has commanded (Mt. 28:19). We are here to grow in faith and love, and share that faith and love with others. To me, it is more important to focus our energy in this direction, rather than to work at organizational purity.



## A Note To Our Church Gardeners

It's time to check on and clear our church gardens of any winter debris. May 11th, is Pentecost Sunday and Mother's Day. Everyone is invited to bring RED geraniums to celebrate Pentecost and honor our mothers. At least 125 plants will be needed to fill our circle and corner beds. **Planting will be on the following Monday (weather permitting).** We're looking forward to many helpers coming on this day. Let's keep our church looking loved and inviting! Any questions call Elinor Durand at 734-284-0520.

## Task Force Updates

We are entering the final task!

First of all, thank you to everyone who took time to complete your congregational survey. The information you provided will be taken to heart and studied very carefully. With the completion of the surveys, we are ready for our final phase, Identity & Mission. We've collected much information along our nearly year long journey. We've looked into our history, studied what we do today, studied our community and collected thoughts from the congregation at large. Now it's time to do something with this information. We'll be asking ourselves, who are we, why are we like this, what are we good at, what do we need to do better, and most importantly, given our gifts and talents, how can we, individually and congregationally, best be Disciples of God. Included in these discussions will be a few people from the Task Force, a few from the Church Days Group and a few others from the congregational at large. Along the way we'll also be looking to host parlor talks and discussion at Town Hall on items of particular interest. Once we have a proposed mission and vision, we'll be sharing with the Congregation in a variety of formats. It is very important to the long-term future that everyone is on board. Once we agree, we'll be ready to start our Call Process to find a new pastor. Look for us to start the Call Process come fall of 2008!

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## "Prayer changes things"

This is an area made for you to "tear out" Keep it near to you, even in your devotional book, or Bible, or wallet.

These are the people from our church and their friends and acquaintances that are experiencing a crisis in their lives and need our prayers.

**Dave Taylor, Fran Gerhardy, Terry & Jean Koons  
Julie Rettke, Bonnie Schippling, Marilyn Andrews  
June & Jeff Thomas, Al Varga, Loramae Welch, Colin  
Harvey, Sr., Shirley Balger, Mary Ann & Charles  
Buchau, Barb Albert, Adele Devlin, Norman Porath,  
Delores Singstock, Jennifer Stroehmann, , John &  
Nancy Demyon, Jerry Gnatd, Bev Brewer, Laraine  
Hustler, Ron Davis, Mike Ziesmer, Lainey Miller,  
Ruth Tonks, Gail Garner, Barb Byrd, Norman &  
Dolores Kaminski, Elnora Ebendick, Rosa Fox,  
Wilma Looker, John Balger, Blessed Hope and  
Peace Lutheran Church.**

Tony, Mike, Katie, Sue, Annette, Phyllis, and Marianne Houck.

**Please pray for the family of Ruth Taylor who entered into eternal rest on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Pray that the Taylor & Wilson families find peace and consolation during time of grief.**

Members are in **Bold**

Telephone Prayer Chain Contact:  
Mary Jacobs, 734-283-7792

E-prayer chain: Todd Pushman at [tpushman@yahoo.com](mailto:tpushman@yahoo.com)

## Attention: Youth Interested In Going to Bass Lake

If there are any high school aged youth interested in going to Bass Lake, call Bonnie Schipling on her cell phone at (313) 573-0022.

## Cake Anyone??

If you would like to donate a cake for our June birthday celebration or July or August, please see Gwen Montie or Kaye Davies.



### May Birthdays

5/1	Marguerite Tomlinson, Diane Setser Blake Menzel	5/18	Lucille Hrivnak, Elaine Roth, Nancy Demyon
5/4	Dale LeBeau, Jeffery Click, Katelin Bernard John Brandt	5/21	Ruth Schmidt, Kari Fusina
5/6	Emma Bain	5/22	Cole Mitchell
5/8	Sonya Simonson	5/23	Anne Click, Deborah Foster, Dale Davis
5/9	Rebecca Zdanowski	5/25	Carrie Vallade
5/10	Norman Bush	5/27	Hanna Rose
5/13	Kathy Monear, Shirley Anderson	5/28	Jessica Koons, Jessica Martin, Brenda Martin
5/14	Candice Oliver, Warren Martin	5/29	Jamie Harvey
		5/30	Barbra Pushman



### Special Anniversaries

5/3	JASON & SHERRENA YAKOWICH	5 yrs.
5/22	JOHN & KRISTIN KISH	15 yrs.

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