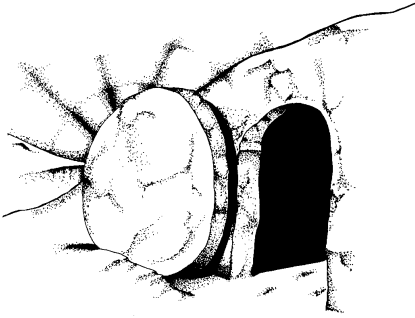


A Message From Our Pastor

God Makes All Things New



We are deep into the Easter season, 50 days of feasting, rejoicing and celebrating that will take us to the Day of Pentecost on May 31. Why do we rejoice? Because in the resurrection, in Christ bursting out of the tomb, God makes all things new. (See Revelation 21:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

In the resurrection, God gives us new words of forgiveness and life. A fresh start, a new day. A feast of joy in his presence. A new gift of peace and justice that the world cannot give. God renews our hearts, minds and lives with unbelievably good news: because Christ lives, we too will live a new life (Romans 6:5-11).

God is also at work making things new in our ministry at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. The Call Team has received names of pastor candidates from the bishop, and has begun the next step of interviewing these people. Please continue to hold the members of the Call Team in your prayers, as they discern the will of the Spirit guiding this congregation into a new chapter of ministry together.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, the Spirit making all things new, will bring a new pastor to St. Martin's. One thing is for sure: the person will be new. He or she will not be Pastor Tim or Pastor Peter or Pastor Rod. He or she will have different gifts, different strengths, different weaknesses—a different style. And this is something to celebrate! A new pastor will bring new energy and passion to equip St. Martin's in its mission and service as the body of Christ.

I know that "new" is sometimes hard. Change is not something we normally look forward to. One of my favorite jokes that I heard from Garrison Keillor is: "How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? Change???!!" Most of us do not like change; we may have fears of something unknown or different.

God makes all things new, not just because. God makes things new, so that we will draw closer to Christ, his love, and to one another as sisters and brothers in Christ. God will provide a new pastor to St. Martin's so that your ministry may thrive and grow and deepen.

I ask, dear friends, that you welcome your new pastor, just as you have welcomed me. Pray not only for the Call Team, but for the whole congregation, to be open to a new chapter at St. Martin's. Be open to the different gifts of the new pastor, the ways that he or she will bring God's Word in Christ to you and to the ministry here. Give the new pastor time to get to know you and the ministries that abound here at St. Martin's. Most of all, give thanks to God, who is present with you to make all things new in Christ Jesus.

I have some more things to say about welcoming a new pastor, but I will save those for next month. For now, rejoice in the resurrection! Christ has been raised; death no longer has the last word. The last word belongs to God, who proclaims through the resurrection: I am making a new heaven and a new earth, and you are part of it! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim

President's Message

We just came through Lent and Easter and it made me feel good to see all the people in attendance at most of those services. Last week we heard from the Finance Team and it appears that we are not on track with the budget, but not far behind. As I was driving into the church parking lot before the service, where we received a quarterly financial update from the Finance Team, the news story on the radio was how churches across the country are hurting for revenues in these economic times. I have faith that the money will take care of itself if attendance continues to grow. For me the bad news on that Sunday after Easter was not the financial report, but it was the small gathering of people for the church service on that day.



At our last council meeting, Ann Houck brought in a devotion which was a story from the Lutheran Hour Ministries. She gave me permission to share that story.

“Several centuries ago, in an Alpine village, a respected nobleman wondered what might be the legacy he would leave to his people. He eventually decided on the construction of a small chapel. As this was his gift, no one was allowed to see the interior of the chapel until it was completed. At its dedication the villagers were awed by its beauty, its elegance, and its completeness. Everything was there for worship, EXCEPT for lights. Why weren't there any lights? With a smile, the wise nobleman pointed to the brackets on the wall. As he did so, his servants passed out lamps to each family. He explained, “Each time you come to worship, the area where you are seated will be filled with light, and each time you are not here, the area will be dark.”

The pastor, who shared the above story, had served parishes for 25 years. He said the Sundays after Easter and Christmas are some of the most poorly attended worship gatherings of the church year. That certainly seems to be true at St. Martins as well. I guess we are no different than the Christians who celebrated and threw palms into the path of Jesus as he entered the city of Jerusalem and in less than one week they abandoned him.

Christ is a light unto our feet and when you are in church His light is shining on you making it a brighter place for all of us. St. Martin's seems to be a brighter place when the pews are full. Christ is worthy of our praise and worship every Sunday, not just on Easter and Christmas. Lets make St. Martin's a bright place to worship by filling the pews every opportunity we can. We need to think about that as we approach the summer months as well.

Please consider putting your heart into the following prayer:

Dear Lord, for the grace you have showered on me through you death and resurrection, I give you thanks. Help me to sing praises to you not only at Easter and Christmas services, but also at weekly services throughout the year. Let the witness of myself, my family, my church, be a bright one as we reflect the love we have received from the risen Christ. In His Name I pray. Amen

Van Valaskey
Council President

Call Team Update - 4/22



On March 24, 2009 the Call Team held a mock interview with Pastor Fred Riling from Sauk City. The Purpose of this practice interview was to try out our interview questions and technique and make any changes that were needed. We learned a lot from this experience and now feel we are ready for the real interviews.

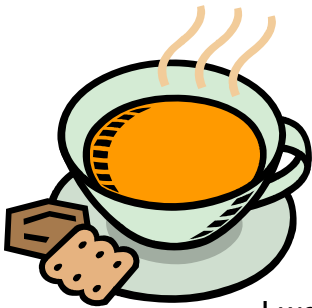
On Wednesday, April 22 Bishop Burnside came to St. Martin's and gave the Call Team "mobility papers" of five candidates for our permanent Pastor position. The mobility papers provide very detailed information about the candidates' backgrounds including education and previous pastoral experience. The Call Team will now review the

papers and interview the candidates that we feel would be a good match for St. Martin's. We will keep the congregation updated as the interviews progress. This is an exciting time for the Call Team and the congregation as we move forward toward finding a permanent Pastor!

The members of the Call Team are Kris Rhude, Ann Boehnen, Elaine Smiley, Lee Swanson, Jeannie Hering-Schuman, Ann Houck and Jeff Postle. Feel free to contact any of these members if you have comments or suggestion about finding a new Pastor.

Jeff Postle
Call Team Leader

Thanks for the soup



This year our Soup Suppers were a big success again, thanks to the many wonderful cooks who made soup week after week. A great big THANK-YOU to all the cooks. This year we also tried something new, we had cookies to end the meal, thank you to all who made cookies to share, especially Jeannie Herring-Schumann. Jeannie provided dozens of cookies each week.

I would also like to thank the confirmation students and their leaders who helped serve and clean up each week. Your enthusiasm was wonderful to experience. A big thank you to all who attended each week. We averaged about 70 to 90 each week. It was good to see so many faces and we look forward to next year.

I will include the recipe I used to make bread pudding, many requested the recipe. It is a great way to use bread that may have dried out a bit from setting out on the table.

Doris Fish

Butterscotch Bread Pudding

1/3 cup margarine or butter	1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup brown sugar	1 quart bread cubes, 1/2 inch (stale)
1/2 tsp. baking soda	1 quart whole milk
1 cup raisins (optional)	
4 eggs	

Melt butter in pan. Add brown sugar. Beat until well blended. Dissolve soda in milk. Add milk gradually to sugar mixture. Stir until well blended. Set aside to cool. Beat eggs lightly. Add salt, cooled milk and sugar mixture. Put bread cubes (& raisins) into greased baking pan. Pour custard over. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes.

St Martins Lutheran Church

First Quarter Financial Update - 4.19.09

Finance is offering the following selected results and comments regarding our financial performance for the first quarter of 2009. This information is through March 31, and includes 13 Sundays. Easter did not fall within this period in 2009. Numbers are rounded off for clarity.

1. Revenue was about \$65,000. This is \$6,000, or 8% less than the \$71,000 that is budgeted. It also equates to about a \$500/week shortfall. This is becoming a concern.
2. This budget number assumes that revenue is steady over the year, and thus ignores the normally positive effects of Christian Holy days, and also the negative effect of low attendance periods. However, the first quarter is the 'most average', so it is reasonable to view this as an indication of the trend for the year.
3. Expenses were about \$65,700. This is \$1,300, or 2% under the \$67,000 that was budgeted for the first quarter, and therefore is evidence that we continue to be frugal in our expenditures. But, expense patterns fluctuate over the year [think snowplowing, for instance] which makes this short-term variance less significant. Overall, however, we believe that actual expenses relative to budgeted expenses are tracking well.
4. Looking at this just from a cash perspective, the expenses of \$65,700 were only slightly greater than our receipts. This is a misleading way to view the situation, however, as it assumes that in any given period the revenue/expense equation can balance, and that is simply not true. Comparisons to budget are more meaningful.
5. At the end of 2008, we had \$12,000 drawn on our Line of Credit. Though there have been some fluctuations, the Line of Credit currently remains around \$12,000.
6. Our intent, however, was to decrease dependence on the Line of Credit during 2009, and especially early in the year, when pastoral expenses would be low. Had we achieved the planned \$71,000 in receipts for the First Quarter, we could have reduced our dependence on the Line of Credit by \$5,000 +/-.
7. Last fall we explained that due to internal events we were in a volatile time regarding church finances. The economy was not yet a factor. Though the end is in sight, we are still working through that period of internal volatility, and its affect on our fiscal picture. Specifically, we are currently underspending on pastoral salary and support due to Pastor Tim being a 'part-time – interim' person. We don't know how long this will continue, but eventually we will have to support the increased cost of a full-time Pastor.
8. Another fiscal anomaly was the 'parsonage'. By now you are probably aware that the home was sold as of March 30. However, until that time we had to cover the typical costs of home ownership, such as utilities and mortgage interest. This is now all behind us, and we are pleased to report that putting everything together; cost, utilities, financing, sales price, etc., we nearly 'broke even' on this whole thing. Thus, though difficult to monitor and predict, in the end it turned out to be a 'non-event' from a financial perspective.
9. We are becoming concerned regarding the extent that the current economy may impact the fiscal outlook for St Martin's. Lacking any clear direction on the economy [or does someone have that answer?] we suggest prudence and caution regarding our expectations of achieving our revenue targets.

For St Martin's Finance . . .
Lee Swanson
Rick Weiland

It's Diaconal Not Diagonal

I own a T-shirt that says "It's Diaconal Not Diagonal. I bought this shirt when I went to a two week formation event in Gettysburg, PA for those preparing to become diaconal ministers. A lot of people do not know what a diaconal minister is. The ELCA reinstated diaconal ministers about 12 years ago. Diaconal ministers are not ordained, as pastors are. They are consecrated. The consecration service states the role of a diaconal minister beautifully:

The Church calls diaconal ministers to speak God's Word, the gospel and the apostolic faith, to God's world. It also calls them to speak for the needs of God's world to the Church. This call is a call to public witness and service that exemplifies Christ-like self-giving and leads the Church and all its baptized members to witness to Christ in the world.

Diaconal ministry reflects the historic call of deacons to serve those most in need on behalf of the Church. You have been called to the diaconate to give leadership in the Church's mission to proclaim the gospel through word and deed. Therefore serve the needy, care for the sick, comfort the distressed, and through words and actions, witness to God's love for all people.

The word diakonos is a Greek word that literally means to serve, such as waiting on tables. A diaconal minister is called to Word and Service, and a pastor is called to Word and Sacrament. Diaconal ministers do not wear stoles, like pastors, they wear a towel. This is symbolic for the washing of feet, as Jesus did for the disciples at the Last Supper.

In order to become consecrated for service as a diaconal minister in the ELCA, you need a

masters degree 500 hours of field work, and complete a 200 hour project that is in your area of interest. Once you have completed the course work and field study, you need to be accepted by your synod as a diaconal ministry candidate. If you are accepted, you start looking for work that would result in a call. This may be in an institution, congregation, or other disciplines. Diaconal Ministers serve in many different types of capacities. I am about half way through my class work and my field work.



I would like to ask you, my church community, for prayer on my behalf. I am trying to figure out more specifically what my call to ministry is. Please keep me and other seminary students in your prayers. I would also like to ask for your prayers for Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS). The down turn in the economy has been very hard for WTS. Much of their operating capital is from endowment funds. With the down turn in the stock market, they are hard pressed. WTS has had to make drastic changes in order to keep their doors open, including letting go of quite a bit of their staff. St Martin's has had a wonderful relationship with WTS. Laurie Veenendahl is a graduate, and now serving as a pastor in Madison. We had two interns from Wartburg (Nicole and Katie). Many people from St Martin's have also gone to WTS for retreats and certification programs. Please consider helping out WTS, or any of the ELCA seminaries. The address for Wartburg Theological Seminary is: 333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA 52004

Make it a Blessed Day,
Your sister in Christ,
Tammy Harder

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Please join me in praying for Tammy and offering her encouraging words, as she discerns the Spirit leading her into public ministry in the church. Also, if you would like to support Tammy financially while she studies at Wartburg Seminary, you may make a gift through St. Martin's. Please send your contribution to St. Martin's, with a note on the check, "Tammy Harder Seminary Studies." St. Martin's will then send any contributions directly to Tammy. Tammy did not request any financial help from St. Martin's, but I believe it is important for our congregation to offer its support as she responds to God's call to ministry. If you have any questions about this, please talk with me.

In the joy and new life of the resurrection,
Pastor Tim

Adult Education & Activities

Adult Member Event Night (AMEN)

– members sharing their talents and interests with other members



Saturday, May 16th at 7:00 pm.

“How safe are our bridges?”

Phil Fish will be sharing his experiences inspecting bridges including the I 35 W bridge failure in Minnesota and the Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee. Sign up in the narthax for an interesting evening of learning, sharing, fellowship and snacking.

Future AMEN Schedule (Put these dates on your calendar.)

- ❖ Sunday, June 21 Swanson’s Oak Savanna tour and picnic
- ❖ Tuesday, July 14 Garden Tours and Tail Gate (we need gardens to tour)
- ❖ Saturday, Sept. 19 Mystery Dinner (we need actors)
- ❖ Sunday, Dec. 6 Christmas Caroling and dinner

Future Friends Activities (Daytime activities for all adults, non-members welcome)

- ❖ Tuesday June 23 Railroad Museum and picnic in North Freedom
- ❖ Tuesday Aug. 18 Madison Boat Cruise and gyros

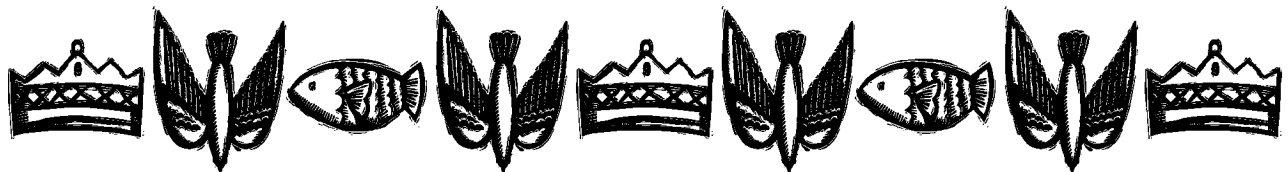
All adults are welcome to participate in these activities.

Adult Education – If you are interested in helping plan some education opportunities or if you have ideas or topics for the education team to consider, please let me know.

Small Groups – I am hoping to get some small groups organized for next fall. If you would like to help get this ministry started, let me know.

Hallie Wendorff,

Cluster Council – Adult Activities and Education



The 2008-09 Sunday School year draws to a close on May 17th. Thank you to the teachers and music leaders who served and especially all the children who attended.

A special note of gratitude to Kim Johnson who coordinated the program this year. Kim will be serving as a confirmation volunteer next year. **A Sunday School coordinator, or co-coordinators are sought for the 2009-10 year.** Kim would be happy to share additional information and answer your questions, please call her at 798-1972.

Could this be your calling?

Missions

"They will know we are Christians by our love."

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The O'Connell Family

We are the O'Connell family. Our family began Sept. 19, 2003 when Jason and I got married at Festge Park in Cross Plains.

Our oldest, Jackson, is 8. He loves Star Wars, Pokeman and swimming and says he wants to be a Soldier and a Rock Star when he grows up!

Our next is Ashlynn; she is 4 and loves anything where "friends" are involved. She loves reading stories, coloring, painting, playing at the park, riding bikes, swimming and asking a lot of questions; and she wants to be a mommy among



many other things when she grows up.

And then there is Gabriel, our newest addition. Gabe is 3 months old and loves eating, talking, giggling and looking at our faces.

The rock of our family is Jason (Daddy). Jason works full time at CUNA Mutual, for *MPI* as a security officer. In his "spare time" he owns and operates Stone Works Landscape Specialists, LLC, which has been growing strong for three years. He also loves training in boxing to stay fit. Jason has survived with Type 1 diabetes for 35 years and has lived his life amazingly strong against the odds of the disease.

I am Rachel (Mommy). I stay home and take care of the kids and the house. I work from home, as well, for *Beyond Hello* editing mystery-shopping evaluations online. In my spare time I enjoy music and my friends. As a family we have been solid members of Point of Grace Community Church for the last six years, and our church family is our closest family in the Madison area. We also have family in the Milwaukee and Delafield areas. We participate and raise funds yearly for the Diabetes Walk at Henry Vilas Park and in the fall, we are glued to the TV as at-home Badger Football supporters!

As a family on a very small income, we truly appreciate the opportunity to give our children a "home". There would be no other way aside from Habitat for Humanity of Dane County that we could afford a home with the space we need for our family in this day and age, so this opportunity is truly a miracle and a huge, huge blessing for us. Our hope for our family is that in having the stability that a home provides, we will be able to concentrate on teaching our children what is most important to us as a family, to know God and our savior Jesus. We want to teach them, give them moral guidance and be the stable place for them here on earth. We are very much looking forward to moving for the last time, painting our rooms (this is where my Interior Design degree will come into play!), making memories of the first Christmas in our own home among many others, becoming part of a neighborhood, and living out our dreams as a family together in our new home. We can't wait to meet our neighbors and, most importantly, all of you volunteers who are so giving of your time and energy to help us with our dream, this house! Thank you from the bottom of all of our hearts for loving us, whom you don't even know, enough to lend such dedication and time to help us complete our dream.

God Bless,

Jason, Rachel, Jackson, Ashlynn and Gabriel

Prov. 1:1-2 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Missions (continued)

Habitat For Humanity

St. Martin volunteers are needed for the Mazomanie Thrivent Habitat Build. Please sign up for the May 30th Build. Workers are needed, no experience necessary (JWAC – Jesus was a carpenter). Volunteers are also needed to cook and/or serve lunch the workers. Other Build dates St. Martin's has committed to are: June 30, July 25, August 29, September 26 and October 31st – please check your calendars for availability. Members of St. Martin's Habitat Team are: Doris & Phil Fish, Artis Schullenberg and Carole Radtke. St. Martin's own Donna Blummer represents Thivent as co-ordinator of volunteers for the Build site. For more information, please call her at 798-0114.



Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM)

Food Drive: We collected 350 lbs of food from the food drive last month. Thanks to all of you who donated and thanks to Jim for taking it to the Pantry.

Volunteer Opportunities for Upcoming Events:

1. On May 9th help is needed at the pantry to unload and **sort food** collected by the postal workers. There are two shifts: 4-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-9 p.m. Strong hands and backs are the only requirement (must be over 12 years of age). Call Kim at 826-3407 if you can help.
2. There is a big need for volunteers for the **POP program**, clients have doubled in the last year. Especially needed are drivers and home helpers. Call Diane (826-3410) for more information.
3. Middleton's **Big Event, June 13**. Volunteers are needed to help with kids games, last year we had many youth from our churches helping with this event. Call Carole Klopp at 826-3409 if you can help.
4. **Good Neighbor Fest:** MOM needs volunteers for booth staffing, call Carole (826-3409).
5. Jack does a terrific job with St. Martin's **Plant a Row Garden** and MOM clients love the fresh produce. To provide even more produce, consider planting a row of vegetables for the food pantry in your own family garden. It's a great way to help your neighbors in need with not too much extra effort on your part. See the Plant a Row Poster on the Mission Board in the Narthex.

Finally, we all owe a **BIG THANK YOU TO THE MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS**, they donated \$11,000.00 to MOM! What a wonderful, generous gesture by the kids who live in our community and in our families. Did you see Sean Jackson on channel 15 on April 16? He is a co-president of the senior class and was interviewed at the pantry. Way to go Sean and all of the seniors from St. Martin's!

Give me a call if you have questions about any of these or any other MOM events, I love to talk about MOM!

Judy Valaskey – 798-2752
St. Martin's Liaison to MOM



Lutheran Social Services

*Motivated by the compassion of Christ,
we help people improve the quality of their
lives.*

Driven by a shared passion to serve, LSS offers a variety of community and residential services – providing a healing and helping hand or place to call home. Today, the community serves over 100,000 individuals of all faiths in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan in

the following areas: Addictions & Corrections; Adoption & Foster Care; Behavioral Health; Children, Youth & Family; Housing; Older Adults; Persons with Disabilities; Prison Ministries and Urban Ministries.

St. Martin's is proud to be a part of the over 800 ELCA churches who support the ministry of LSS. If you are interested in volunteering for LSS, or would like more information, please contact Maureen Berghoefer at 798-4820.



Concert For Africa Thanks

MANY THANKS!!! To all the 2009 VISION TEAM concert performers, their families and ALL behind-the-scene workers, who promoted and built our annual **Concert For Africa**. You all have offered your time, talents and donations to make this year's annual event a success; and, especially to all concert attendees for your passion and compassion in reaching out to orphaned children in Malawi, Africa!

Tracy and Jerre Hills, Co-Founders and their "extended family" at McKallie's Home of Future and Hope, send their warmest heartfelt "thanks" to: Meri DeGarmo; Revelation (Will Brosius, Ali Dodsworth, Rick Haller, Tanner Hirth, Jon Maasch) Soul Purpose (Paula Elver, Brian Graedel, Rick Haller, Bernie Harrington, Mary Kay Knipfer, Ed Neumueller, Guest Drummer: Tanner Hirth, Guest Keyboardist: Kris Rhude); Collier McNair & Madison Community Gospel Choir (and MCGC Extended Family of Gospel soloists); Reverend Charles "Gospel Champ" McNair.

Special thanks to: Tom Johnson (advertising/promotions) James Hartung, Randy Hunt, Jeff Postle, Jim Doyle, Rick Haller, Brian Graedel, Ed Neumueller, Bernie Harrington (A/V Sound & Set Crew); Jon Roll, David DeGarmo (photography); Tim Knipfer & 30 Hour Famine Youth; Pastor Tim; Maureen Berghoefer; Donna Blumer, Virginia Diebold, Mary Vassalotti and Jeff Brown.



Confirmation Class



The following senior youth completed their confirmation studies and confirmed their baptism through affirmation of faith on May 3 at the 10:30 service. Lizzy Britt, Cody Dean, Mikala Durham, Travis Flannery, Jordan Foster, Sara Frye, Blake Hartung, Dylan Hormig, Marilyn Houck, Mikayayla Johnson, Rolland Johnson-Schunk, Kendra Kalvin, Emily Roll, Kade Schultz, Shannon McCauley. Carly Vig, Jacob Weber and Michael Wiebe.

New Members

The following new members were received into the fellowship of St. Martin's on April 26 at the 10:30 service following completion of membership classes conducted by Pastor Tim: Teri Ott and daughter Bethany, Ian & Mindy Eislie and daughter Ellie, Frank & DeAnn Schenk, Geri Schumann and Rick Weiland.

Sponsors of the new members are Van Valaskey and Kathy Gradel.





Class of 2009

The following students, who were confirmed at St. Martin's, will receive their high school diplomas in 2009: Jenna Archer, Dillon Barmore, Teryn Buchanan, Adam Carlson, Alison Dodsworth, Austin Durham, Jacob Foster, Tate Fuhrman, Katie Hank, Sean Jackson, Taylor Leverentz, Ashley Lorbecki, Jon Maasch, Tyler Papierniak, Jake Schuppe, John Theis, Stephen Vassalotti, Kayla Vig and Thad Zimmerman.

They will be recognized at the 9 a.m. service on May 31st.



SHARE

Order your May package by May 12th

MAY SPECIALS

10 lbs Oscar Mayer Jumbo beef Franks \$13.50

May Grill Bonanza containing lean beef patties, chicken breasts and drumsticks, smoked sausage with cheddar, hot dogs and twice baked potatoes for \$15.00

Other items are a 1lb corned beef roast, apple pie, hot chocolate, New York strip steaks, pork chops and pork sausage patties



Other monthly items
10 lbs of an Organic Produce Assortment of fruits and vegetables is offered monthly

When God Created Mothers...

When the good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? -- **She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; Have 180 moveable parts . . . all replaceable; Run on black coffee and leftovers; Have a lap that disappears when she stands up; A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair; And six pairs of hands...**

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands . . . no way." "It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have." "That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow . . ." "I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick . . . can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger . . . and can get a nine year-old to stand under a shower." The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed. "But tough!" said The Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure." The angel asked, "Can it think?" "Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said The Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you you were trying to put too much into this model." "It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear." "What's it for?" asked the angel. "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride," The Lord replied. "You are a genius," said the angel. The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there," he said.
Erma Bombeck

Happy Mothers Day



Volunteers In Worship



Lectors (8:00 lectors also Communion Assistants)

5-3	8:00	Deb Goplin
	10:30	Maureen Berghoefer
5-10	8:00	Deb Wipperfurth
	10:30	Cathy Kittle
5-17	8:00	Tom Smiley
	10:30	Kay Calvin
5-24	9:00	Cheryl Hartung
5-31	9:00	Senior Youth

Communion Assistants:

5-3	8:00	Deb Goplin
	10:30	Julia Weaver
5-10	8:00	Jennifer Niesen & Mary Kay Knipfer
5-17	8:00	Tom Smiley
	10:30	Tamra Harder &
5-24	9:00	John Hagman
5-31	9:00	Senior Youth

Accompanist

5-3	Jan Doyle
5-10	Jan Doyle
5-17	Jan Doyle
5-24	Mary Vassalotti
5-31	Mary Vassalotti

Song Leaders

5-3	8:00	Deb Lohr-Foster
	10:30	Paula Elver
5-10		
5-17	8:00	Deb Lohr-Foster
	10:30	Paula Elver
5-24		
5-31	9:00	Mary Kay Knipfer

Altar Guild

5-3	8:00	Patty Hillebrand
	10:30	Ann Houck
5-10	8:00	Jan Doyle
	10:30	Darlene Schulenberg
5-17	8:00	Deb Wipperfurth
	10:30	Julie Schultz
5-24	9:00	Deb Goplin
5-31	9:00	Deb Goplin

Acolytes

5-3	8:00	Lauren Calvin
	10:30	Garret Knudtson
5-10	8:00	Elling Mann
	10:30	Conner Mickelson
5-17	8:00	Julia Tibbets
	10:30	Travis Zander
5-24	9:00	Max Boehnen or Bryce Bonk
5-31	9:00	Senior Youth

Ushers

5-3	8:00	Blumer Team
	10:30	Kathy Graedel or Bill Wendorff
5-10	8:00	Blumer Team
	10:30	Jeff Postle
5-17	8:00	Blumer Team
	10:30	Linda Knudtson
5-24	9:00	Kim Johnson
5-31	9:00	Senior Youth

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5-3	8:00	James Hartung
	10:30	Jeff Postle
5-10	8:00	Bill Wendorff
	10:30	Randy Hunt
5-17	8:00	James Hartung
	10:30	Patty Neumeller
5-24	9:00	Phil Fish
5-31	9:00	Open



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Ditto for volunteers.*



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