

## A New CHURCH

The Bible says in Acts 2:44,

**“All who believed were together and had all things in common.”**

Easter means new life for the Church. In the season after Easter God’s people look back at the new community of the resurrection. That community arose first in Jerusalem and then began its outward spread. What gave the early Church its vitality? What powered its expansion? Nothing less than the certainty, born of their experience, that the living Jesus stood at the center of their fellowship.

The resurrection of Jesus created a new kind of community. His new people were marked by a concern for each other’s welfare. This was true both in matters of the Spirit and in concern for human needs. As these new Christians felt this caring fellowship among the believers, they shared their new life with others. So **“the Lord added to their numbers day by day those who were being saved”**. (Acts 2:47)

Dare we here at Macedonia expect God’s renewing presence among us, and through us for others? Yes, for His power remains undiminished. Hope to see you in worship this coming Sunday morning right here at your church home! God bless you and yours!!

In His Love & Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. [Name]". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Come to the



# Mother-Daughter Banquet

## Sunday, May 7

beginning with the program  
at 4:30 p.m. in Luther Hall.

Everyone should bring  
their favorite salad.

Program: "CLOWNING AROUND"

Carolyn Vincent does a clown ministry  
with magic tricks. She will teach a  
few magic tricks to the children.

Circle #1— will meet on Tuesday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m. at the Terrace at Twin Lakes. Program by Imogene Myers.

Circle #2— will meet on Sunday, May 7, at 4:30 p.m. at the church for the Mother/Daughter Banquet.

Circle #3— will meet on Wednesday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Margie LeBarron, 3926 Muhlenberg Court. Program by Ann Kreyling.

Circle #4— will meet on Monday, May 8, at 2:30 p.m.

Circle #5— will meet on Monday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m.

Circle #7— **Some changes are in the works!**  
For additional information call Gale McKee at 584-1412.



The **WELCA Bible study** will meet on Tuesday, May 16, at 9:00 a.m. in room 10. Everyone is invited to join this study sponsored by the WELCA of Macedonia.

The **WELCA Board's** next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m.



## TAKE NOTE

★ *Loaves and Fishes* - For the month of May, bring bagged rice and dried beans.

♂♂♂ The Men-in-Mission, Men of Macedonia's next meeting will be Thursday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant.

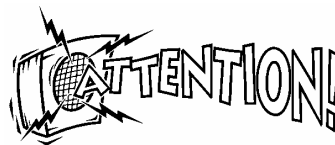
✂ The N&N's will meet on Wednesday, May 17, at 8:00 a.m. at Western Steak House for breakfast.

🕒 M&M's will meet on Thursday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the church.

🚗 Macedonia's turn for the Alamance County Meals-on-Wheels Week is May 15-19.



All Aboard! The Gospel Express is coming . . .  
Please make plans to attend  
**Macedonia's Vacation Bible School**  
July 24-28



## CALLING ALL MEN, WOMEN AND YOUTH!

Become a support person in the lives of our future church leaders by joining The Auxiliary of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Membership is simply obtained just by your donations. Gifts of \$1.00 up to \$100.00 or more will help continue the impact this group has made for over 50 years by enriching the entire Seminary community. The Auxiliary provides monies for some of the extras needed by students, faculty and staff. Items such as new books for the library, a dehumidifier for the archives, new furniture for the campus lounge and flowers for special services are provided. Funds will go directly to students and their families in various ways, like work aid, a group for spouses, camp scholarships for children and a reception at graduation. Join with Lutherans across the Southeast to support The Auxiliary through your contributions. Please contact Ruth Matkins at 584-9370 with any questions.

**MACEDONIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
GENERAL FUND  
March 31, 2006**

	Current Month	Year To Date	Annual Budget	(Over) Under Budget
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	(14,166.38)	\$ 160.98		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	23,008.83	63,546.13	-	(63,546.13)
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
<b>Benevolence</b>	2,390.77	6,910.62	42,000.00	35,089.38
<b>Total Staff Salaries</b>	15,837.88	49,430.53	191,554.00	142,123.47
<b>Total Property &amp; Managing</b>	7,064.78	24,454.64	93,375.00	68,920.36
<b>Total Serving</b>	98.25	123.60	600.00	476.40
<b>Total Worshipping</b>	762.87	2,957.37	17,700.00	14,742.63
<b>Total Nurturing</b>	26.75	1,901.51	14,200.00	12,298.49
<b>Total Proclaiming</b>	-	(12.31)	1,215.00	1,227.31
<b>Total Unbudgeted Disbursements</b>	(3,965.00)	(8,685.00)	(8,685.00)	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	22,216.30	77,080.96	351,959.00	274,878.04
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<u>(13,373.85)</u>	<u>(13,373.85)</u>		

**Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. Psalm 80:19**

We are resurrection people—restored to be light in the darkness that surrounds us. This plea for restoration comes after an awareness of brokenness, of repentance—knowledge of our sin. It is in our repentance that we are restored to fellowship with God.

Personalize Psalm 80:19 and repeat these words out loud: "Restore me, O Lord . . . When I am weary and stressed from the demands of life, the pace, the desire to please myself or others, trying to balance my multiple roles. Make your face shine upon me!"

Stress impairs our immune system's ability to fight off disease. When stress is managed, your energy level increases, your sleep and digestion improve, and you are calmer and more focused and positive.

Is it time to get a handle on the stress in your life? Manage your stress by increasing physical activity, eating nutritious food, taking one thing at a time, cutting down on criticism and calories, being realistic with goals, and shedding the perfectionist, super-person approach. The only Perfect One was crucified, and you are forgiven. Leave your brokenness and stress at the foot of the cross. Forgive yourself and others and live well emotionally, socially/interpersonally and spiritually.

As we live in the promise of new life, as a restored, resurrected people, let us begin anew. As Easter people, O Lord, make your face shine upon us! Live from the waters of your baptism, care for yourself emotionally, physically, vocationally, intellectually, socially and spiritually so that you live and love and shine.

## East Africa Drought



**April 2006.** Months of drought have plagued countries in East Africa (including Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti), causing crop failures and killing herds of cattle. For many Africans in these semi-arid, rural areas, a herd of cattle is a family's livelihood, bank account and retirement plan. The drought and resulting famine now threatens the lives of six to eight million East Africans. Your prayers and support are needed to continue and expand our church's faithful response of immediate relief and long-term recovery through this crisis. Your gifts will help distribute emergency food to remote areas, help families stay in their homes and keep children in school, help communities dig new wells, and, when the rains return, help to plant new crops and replace lost livestock. ELCA International Disaster Response has already allocated \$380,000 for food, water and animal vaccinations to be distributed immediately, but more help is needed as the crisis worsens. Our long-term, trusted partners in the region, including the Lutheran World Federation, the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Ethiopia Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and the Christian Council of Churches in Tanzania will reach families in need quickly and effectively. Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for East Africa Drought, will be used entirely—100 percent—for immediate relief and ongoing recovery from this disaster. Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. You can give through the church or directly to ELCA International Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. Note "East Africa Drought" or "International Disaster Response" on your check's memo line. Visit the website at [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster) and click on "How You Can Help."



- 5/01 **Karl Frederiksen  
Macon Jones**
- 5/02 **Stephanie Braxton  
Pat Murphy**
- 5/05 **Walker Gagnon  
Chris Johnson  
Ron Mills**
- 5/06 **Bronson Fuqua  
Jennifer Manning  
Aaron Page  
Sue Page**
- 5/07 **Laura Weant**
- 5/09 **Madison Gattis**
- 5/10 **Robert Apple  
Brett Bass  
David Huffman  
Kelly Owen**
- 5/11 **Ashley Pryer  
Artie Pryer**
- 5/12 **Tara Patton  
Danny Patton**
- 5/14 **Alex Peter**
- 5/15 **Polly Bolland  
Mary Catherine Dolphens**
- 5/17 **Marjorie LeBarron**
- 5/18 **Lea Blanton  
Susan Rhue**
- 5/19 **Lottie Murrie  
Sharon Walker**
- 5/22 **Zander Peter**
- 5/23 **Kim Riggs**
- 5/25 **Anna Bass**
- 5/27 **G.G. Christmas**
- 5/28 **Victor Harris  
Melissa Reeger**
- 5/30 **Chuck Braxton  
Pattie Graves**



## Memorial Gifts

Below are listed memorial gifts received since March 12, 2006.

### Designated for the Organ Fund:

*In memory of Edna Fuqua by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gee.*

### Designated for the General Fund:

*In memory of Edna Fuqua by Dr. Anna Bass.*



The Evangelism Committee asks Macedonia members to remember the following people and their care-givers in their prayers.

### **Home Bound Member:**

**Mary Barbara McClintock**

### **Nursing or Assisted Living Facilities:**

**Members:** Margaret Foster, 306B, Twin Lakes Health Care Center; Rev. Frank Ebert, room 304B, Twin Lakes Health Care; Charlotte Bivens, Apt. 106A, Twin Lakes; Elizabeth Pickard, room 227, The Homeplace; Sara Norcom, room 116, Britthaven of Guilford; Maurice Peace, room 258, Twin Lakes Health Care Center; Lena Fisher, room D3, Presbyterian Home of Hawfields.

### **Friends:** Beulah Stone, Twin Lakes Center.

Visits would be enjoyed by many of these, but please check before visiting.

If you know of those whose names should be added to this list, please call the church office at 227-5554. Your help would be appreciated.

## In the Hospital?

Please help us to care for your family by letting the church office know when a loved one has been hospitalized. HIPAA legislation prohibits the hospital from contacting us directly, so often times we do not find out until much later that someone from the Macedonia family was in the hospital.





**THANK YOU** to those of you who have made contributions to the **Youth's Yard Sale**, which will be held at Macedonia on **Saturday, April 29, from 7:00 a.m. until noon**. This is the youth's major fundraiser for the San Antonio youth gathering in July; they appreciate your help and support in contributing goods as well as coming to check out the sale. The youth will receive matching funds from the Northern Piedmont Chapter of Thrivent Financial to the proceeds from the yard sale. On Saturday there will also be breakfast and bake sale items to purchase. We thank you for your support—check the June newsletter for a complete report!

**Cruising to San Antonio . . .** The time is getting closer and closer! We have already done four Bible studies preparing for our journey to Texas. The next Bible Study is Sunday evening, May 7. Please be there!

Can you believe that May is here – the last month for our children's' choirs? We thank all of you for your support of this ministry. The families of the children have been loyal and faithful, for which we are very thankful! It is not too late to join us on Tuesdays to sing and/or ring God's praise!



## Sunday Night Meals

Thank you to the Owen family for providing a meal in April. We need two meals in May, May 7 and May 21. Please let Joy Rust or Greg Myers know if you can help us out! We will not meet on Mother's Day, May 14, or Memorial Day weekend, May 28.



## HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!!!



There are many reasons why people are unable to sing in a choir – we hear many excuses, such as . . .

- ♪ I can't make it to Wednesday night rehearsals.
- ♪ I want to sit with my family on Sunday morning.
- ♪ I don't want to wear a robe.
- ♪ It is too hot in the choir loft.
- ♪ I can't read music.
- ♪ I don't like the songs you sing.
- ♪ I need a babysitter.
- ♪ The music is too hard.
- ♪ I am not a trained musician.
- ♪ I might feel intimidated.

In March about 25 Macedonians attended an evangelism workshop led by one of Macedonia's previous Pastors, Pr. Graf. In the spirit of many things he said, the choir has decided to try something new the month of June. And **WE WANT YOU!!!**

We will have **FAMILY CHOIR** on June 4, 11, 18 and 25. We will **REHEARSE** on **SUNDAY MORNING**, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. (no Wednesday night rehearsal). We will provide child care for young children (or they may sing with us if they are able to read and sit appropriately during the rehearsal). You will have the option of wearing a choir robe and processing during the opening hymn and sitting in the choir loft, **OR** not wearing a robe, sitting with your family and joining us near the altar for the anthem. The only requirement is that you are able to read words (don't worry about the music reading – we will help you!). We are hoping that those of you who love to sing (we know there are many of you) will join us on Sunday mornings for this experiment. Try it – you just might like it! **YOU ARE WELCOME!!!**

# GETTING TO KNOW . . .

**DAVID REID HUFFMAN, JR.** is a tenth grader at Walter Williams High School where his most favorite thing is watching girls (does this surprise us?), and his least favorite aspect of high school is the teachers. He is a lifelong member of Macedonia, and likes the friendly faces and happy places at his church home. If he could change one thing about Macedonia, he would add more music! Some of the interesting places he has visited include Canada and Boston, and he hopes to visit Uranus someday! (Can't you see him as an astronaut traveling in space?) Reid loves music, and "Onward Christian Soldiers" is one of his favorite hymns. Easy Mac is a favorite food, and the beach is his favorite place to visit. The color green is at the top of Reid's list, and Requiem 4 a Dream one of his favorite movies. He likes to watch "House" on TV, and his best friend is "Carl," an invisible ostrich. He is happiest when he is eating, and doesn't like to be in the dark. Reid brings a spirit of adventure and much talent to our youth group and church.

**SPENCER DENNIS VOELKERT** is a tenth grader at Cummings High School where he likes band the most, and biology the least. He has attended Macedonia for 15 years, and likes being part of the youth group. If he could change something about Macedonia, it would be to have more people. He likes to read mystery books, and liked traveling to Europe at Christmastime. He enjoys all kinds of music, and "The Church's One Foundation" is his favorite hymn. His favorite Bible verse is Revelation 22:2: "Then it flowed down the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river are trees that grow a different kind of fruit each month of the year. The fruit gives life, and the leaves are used as medicine to heal the nations." Blue is Spencer's favorite color, and mac & cheese a favorite food. Lord of the Rings is his favorite movie, and CSI his favorite TV show. Marcus Gibson is his favorite friend, and Jessica Alba his favorite celebrity. He is happiest when he is in band, and saddest when his team loses. We love Spencer for his solid strength, smile and spirit, and give thanks for his commitment to Jesus!

# Confirmation Affirmation

On Sunday, May 21, 2006, 10:30 a.m. at Macedonia Lutheran Church, we will celebrate and remember The Gift of the Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of sin and Life in Christ, given to five individuals at their Holy Baptisms. We call this the Confirmation of Faith.

No, Confirmation is not a day of graduation from Sunday School, or from The Church, or from responsibility. Confirmation is not the end. Confirmation is the beginning, just as each of our Holy Baptisms is a beginning for each of us. Confirmation is the beginning for these five individuals in their Christian education, in their activity in The Church and in their responsibilities.

The five individuals to whom I am referring are:

**Peter James Gunyan**  
**Grey Whittaker Hunley**  
**Meghan Kathleen McDermott**  
**Melissa Lynn Reeger**  
**Megan Lindsay Turner**

Just as these five will be beginning anew, so should we all begin anew. Within our celebration of their Holy Baptisms, we should remember our own baptisms publicly affirming the gifts given to each of us.

A part of the Confirmation Service (or better referred to as The Affirmation of Holy Baptism Service, Lutheran Book of Worship, LBW, page 198) is a beautiful prayer prayed near the close of the service.

“Gracious Lord, through water and The Spirit You have made these young people Your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with The Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them Your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of joy in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.” (LBW, page 201)

Let each of us remember, affirm and celebrate in the words of this prayer, our Holy Baptisms and The Gift given to us everyday.

Let us celebrate The Gift of The Holy Spirit given to The Church!

Let us celebrate The Gift of The Holy Spirit given to each of these five individuals and their affirmation of The Gift!

Let us celebrate The Gift of The Holy Spirit given to each of us!

The Grace and Peace of The Spirit be with you always!

In His Love & Peace,



# Finding the Balance Between Work and Home

Gaye Hill, MA, Director of Donor Communications  
Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas



Finding a healthy balance between home and work can be a challenge for all adults, but it can be particularly difficult for mothers who work outside the home. Many moms find themselves stretched between trying to do a good job in both places and finding neither gets enough time or attention.

New studies have found that people who fill multiple roles (such as employee, spouse, and parent) report greater physical health, relationship satisfaction and well-being. The trick is finding the right balance for you so that you can enjoy each role. What balance looks like for you is unique and may vary greatly from what your friends or family consider ideal. Here are some steps to help you achieve greater balance:

- **Prioritize.** Think about what you value most. Is it time with your children, achieving success at your job, completing your education? Only you know what is most important for you. For instance, many articles recommend letting housework go, but if you value a neat house, living in a mess will only add to your stress.
- **Ask for help.** It's okay if you can't do it all. Tell your family when you need a break, and suggest ways they can help. It is your job to find your own balance—don't wait for others to notice that you are overwhelmed, because chances are they won't.
- **Keep roles distinct.** Technology like cell phones and email can help working mothers who need more flexible schedules, but also make it hard to distinguish work time from family time. If you set limits and respect them, you'll be more relaxed and productive both at work and home.
- **Learn to say no.** As a working mom, you have many opportunities and may feel pressure to accept them all. When an opportunity arises, take a moment and consider whether it will enhance your family's life or cause additional stress.
- **Practice self-care.** Don't forget yourself as you strive to meet the needs of your family and employer. Make it a point to schedule in exercise and fun times, and keep those appointments.
- **Expect balance to change over time.** What works this year may not next as your children grow and their priorities and needs change. If you find yourself feeling stressed, take a fresh look at your life and consider how things may have changed.

For more ideas about how to achieve a health balance in your life,  
read *How She Really Does It: Secrets of Successful Stay-At-Work Moms*, by Wendy Sachs.

## Thinking God by Thanking God

- Thank you, God, for sunshine that warms me when I'm cold.
- Thank you, God, for rain that makes the flowers grow.
- Thank you, God, for snow that makes the earth look pure.
- Thank you, God, for the fruit upon the trees.
- Thank you, God, for blue skies and white clouds.
- Thank you, God, for a mother and father that loved me so deep.
- Thank you, God, for sisters and brothers that were so sweet.
- Thank you, God, for a Love that became the mother of my children.
- Thank you, God, for the laughter of children.
- Thank you, God, for the promise of a life hereafter.
- But most of all, thank you, God, for the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus, so that my sins are forgiven.

## THE LITTLE BLACK DOG

I wonder if Christ had a little black dog,  
All curly and woolly like mine;  
With two silky ears and a nose round and wet,  
And two eyes, brown and tender, that shine.

I'm sure if He had, that little black dog  
Knew right from the first He was God;  
That he needed no proof that Christ was divine,  
But just worshipped the ground that He trod.

I'm afraid that He hadn't because I have read  
How He prayed in the garden alone;  
For all of His friends and disciples had fled,—  
Even Peter, the one called a stone.

And, oh, I am sure that little black dog,  
With a heart so tender and warm,  
Would never have left Him to suffer alone,  
But creeping right under His arm,

Would have licked those dear fingers, in agony clasped;  
And counting all favors but loss.  
When they took Him away would have trotted behind,  
And followed Him quite to the Cross!

-Elizabeth Gardner Reynolds



# Just for Laughs



## THE ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER PUZZLES:

This is *a most remarkable* puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket of a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, *keeping* himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his *john* boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his *banjo*. Elaine Vicks mentioned it in her column once. One woman *judges* the *job* to be so involving *she brews* a cup of tea to help her calm her *nerves*. *There* will be some names that are really easy to spot—that's a *fact*. Some people will soon find themselves in a *jam*, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The *truth* is, *from answers* we get, we are forced to admit *it usually* takes a minister or scholar to see some of *them at the worst*. Something in our *genes is* responsible for the difficulty we have. *Those* able to find all of them will hear great *lamentations* from those who have to be shown. One *revelation* may help—books like *Timothy* and *Samuel* may occur without their *numbers*. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are *normal*. A *chipper* attitude will help you *compete*. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible *lurking* somewhere in this paragraph. GOOD LUCK!

Can you name the ten parts of the body which are spelled with only three letters? **Answers:** *eye, ear, leg, arm, lip, hip, rib, gum, toe and jaw.*

A young Nun who worked for a local home health care agency was out making her rounds when she ran out of gas.



As luck would have it, there was a gas station just one block away. She walked to the station to borrow a can with enough gas to start the car and drive to the station for a fill up. The attendant regretfully told her that the only gas can he owned had just been loaned out, but if she would care to wait he was sure it would be back shortly. Since the Nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait, and walked back to her car.

After looking through her car for something to carry to the station to fill with gas, she spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried it to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried it back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into the tank of her car, two men watched her from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "I know that it is said that Jesus turned water into wine, but if that car starts, I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life." He was in church the next Sunday.

# oops!

## Bulletin Bloopers:

- The sanctuary and other rooms used relative to the wedding shall be vacated one hour after the bedding.
- Prayers of Elimination.
- Send us love, send us power, send us gravy.
- Hymn: "I Need Three Every Hour"
- Mark your calendars not to attend the church retreat.
- 55 Plus Club will meet for a noon potluck. The committee will be serving oven fried children.
- We are grateful for the help of those who

A man dies and goes to heaven. Of course, Saint Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter says, "Here is how it works: You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you have done, and I will give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

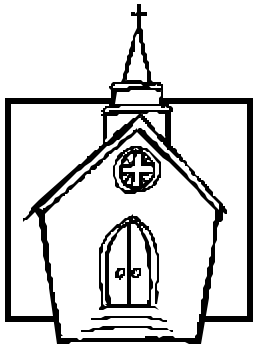
"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 53 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart." "That is wonderful!" says Saint Peter, "That is worth three points."

"Three points?" says the man, "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service." "Terrific!" says Saint Peter. "That is worth a point."

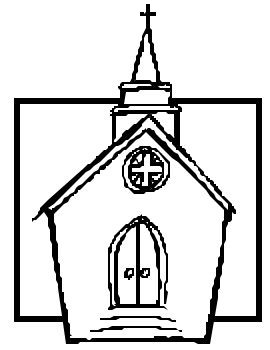
"ONE point? I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans." "Fantastic! That is good for two more points!"

"TWO points?!" Exasperated, the man cries out, "At this rate the only way I will get into heaven is by the Grace of God."

"BINGO! 100 Points! Come on in!"



## Want to Use the Church Building?



Do you want to hold a family reunion at Macedonia this summer?  
Host a local civic organization's program?  
Schedule a community outreach or community service event?  
Have an Easter egg hunt?  
How about a talent show to raise money for the youth?  
How about a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings?

Macedonia has hosted these and many other similar events. Use of a facility like Macedonia is often an ideal location for lots of groups. It is large, has a lot of places to meet and more than enough parking.

Macedonia has provided its facility for many such meetings because we, as a congregation, have seen such use of the facility as an outreach to the community as well as providing for members' needs.

So, what do you do if you want to make use of the facility?

Last year council established a process to help people reserve the facility. All you have to do is:

1. Decide whether your use is appropriate for a church facility.
2. Decide what part of the facility you want to use.
3. Call the church office and make sure they understand exactly what your event entails in terms of:
  - a. What rooms you need.
  - b. What kind of activities your group will engage in.
  - c. What is your plan for leaving the facility clean and in proper shape when you are finished?
  - d. What are the date and times of you event?

The church staff will help you through all the remaining hurdles, including letting you know whether your event can be supported under the guidelines.

The church staff will use the guidelines adopted by council last March to decide if the use is appropriate for our church facility and if any staff support is necessary for your event. On the next page, we have included the facility use guidelines adopted last year so you can understand how to prepare for making your request.

The church facility is here for our congregation to use. Please make use of it to build community within the congregation and to host events to Grow, Share and Live the Faith. We are also delighted when we can support community activities. Many such activities already make use of the building.

So, read the policy and go for it. The church building cost a lot to build and maintain. We need to get our money's worth by using it.

**Macedonia's Council**

# **CHURCH USE POLICY**

## **Guidelines and Procedures for Requesting Use of Church Property**

Knowing that we are the Stewards of the property and responsible for how it is used, the council of Macedonia Lutheran Church has adopted this General Policy so members of Macedonia and non-members wanting to use church property will know how to gain access and reserve the facility.

### **Education Building, “Scout Hut”, and Coleman House**

These facilities are generally made available to members and community organizations. All that is needed is to provide the church office with information identifying which rooms, what times and for what purpose the facility is needed. With that information the church staff can determine if the use is appropriate for the facility and whether there are scheduling conflicts that have to be resolved. The church staff will also be able to keep the property committee informed on proposed use and provide information needed by the committee to assess whether the requestor should compensate the congregation for utilities and/or maintenance costs.

Existing church policies will be applied by the church staff and property committee to determined the parameters of each allowed usage.

### **Sanctuary**

The Sanctuary at Macedonia Lutheran Church is a special place designated for worship. As such it is important that the usage of the facility be under the purview of the people called and appointed by the congregation to provide worship leadership. Therefore, any use of the Sanctuary should be proposed to the Senior Pastor for his approval before any plans are developed. This would include but not limited to:

- Scheduled worship services,
- Festival services,
- Worship by guest organizations such as the Via de Cristo, conferences, regional gatherings of church groups,
- Weddings,
- Funerals,
- Baptisms,
- Ecumenical gatherings, and
- Other non-worship uses of the facility such as organ practice, or meetings of groups needing a room with a capacity larger than Luther Hall can accommodate.

Once the Senior Pastor is notified of the proposed use of the facility, he/she can work with the requestor to ensure the usage is appropriate for a place of worship and contact and include other clergy and worship leaders as necessary to meet the requestor’s needs.

*(Passed by a unanimous vote, Church Council, March 14, 2005)*



# Congratulations!

An appreciation breakfast was held on Wednesday, April 19, for the volunteers who help with Meals on Wheels. We want to say thank you to all the volunteers here at Macedonia for your help! A special thanks goes to Alyse Tickle and Kathleen Turbyfill who were recognized and presented with gifts for their 20 years of service. Congratulations and thank you for your continual dedication!

Dear Macedonia,

Can you believe it has been a little over three months since I arrived at Macedonia? I have met so many wonderful people and learned so much about the Lutheran liturgy. As you may have noticed, there have been a few changes around the office. We have introduced a new bulletin format, a new look to the newsletter and many other updates. I just want to extend a warm thank you to Pastor Rust, the staff, the dedicated volunteers and the people who have taken the time to stop by the office, call or send an e-mail with words of encouragement. If you have not yet stopped by the office to introduce yourself, I invite you to come by because I always love the opportunity to put a face with a name. I look forward to our future together.

Thank you,  
Tara Jernigan  
Office Manager


# ★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To the congregation of Macedonia Lutheran,

I want to thank everyone in my church for your prayers, calls, cards and visits during my recent medical adventure. Thanks also to Circle #7 for the wonderful meal. I am humbled and grateful for your love for myself and my family. God has blessed us with a special congregation, and I give thanks to Him for all of you. God bless you all.

In Christ's love and care,  
Grey Myers and family



**Pastor Rust and  
Our Special  
Macedonia Family**

Don and I deeply appreciate your continuing support and prayers as we gradually heal from the sudden death of our daughter-in-law, Margaret, last November. During our time of crisis, the funeral, the holiday season and Lent, we have felt your love and support in so many ways. Through you, we have known God's presence.

Richard is well, very busy as a high school teacher, surrounded by an incredible network of friends and colleagues, and coping as well as he can. Thank you for your concerns.

With much love,  
Don and Ruth Matkins



## Join Hands with Lutheridge And Thrivent Financial For Lutherans

Work together with the Northern Piedmont Chapter of Thrivent to maintain and improve the facilities at Camp Lutheridge in Arden, NC. Saturday, May 20 is our opportunity to pitch in and help. This is a great family project, everyone is invited to come and stay at Lutheridge either Friday or Saturday night or both, or just come and work for the day on Saturday, May 20. Thrivent will pick up the cost for meals and lodging while you are there. You do need to pre-register to attend so please call Ruth Koester (Chapter President) at 524-9060 or email at [rkoester@triad.rr.com](mailto:rkoester@triad.rr.com) for more details. All are welcome, you do not need to be a Thrivent member to attend.



### Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk May 6, 2006

If Alzheimer's disease has not affected you personally, it is likely that someone in your congregation is bidding a 'long goodbye' to a cherished loved one. On May 6, 2006, friends and supporters will walk as one at Twin Lakes Community to support local families in the fight against Alzheimer's Disease. I hope your congregation will join us!

Memory Walk is a trademark of the Alzheimer's Association and stands as its annual premier fundraising event. It is the only national fundraiser for Alzheimer's Disease and attracts a wide audience of individuals, families, caregivers, and corporate and community leaders. All funds raised through Memory Walk will support local services provided by the Western Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's disease usually strikes persons 60 years of age and older and is now the fourth leading cause of death among adults. It is estimated that there are four million victims across the nation and over 70,000 in the Western Carolina Chapter's 49-county service area. One in 10 persons over the age of 65 and nearly half (47%) of those over 85 have Alzheimer's Disease. It is estimated that 14 million Americans will have this disease by the middle of the next century.

If you are interested in participating, volunteering, or just have questions, please contact Charles Riddle at 336-725-3085 or email [Charles.Riddle@alz.org](mailto:Charles.Riddle@alz.org). If you just wish to make a donation, please make checks payable to the Alzheimer's Association and mail to Alzheimer's Association, Memory Walk 2006, 1315 Ashley Brooke Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

### Twin Lakes Center Auxiliary Membership Applications . . .

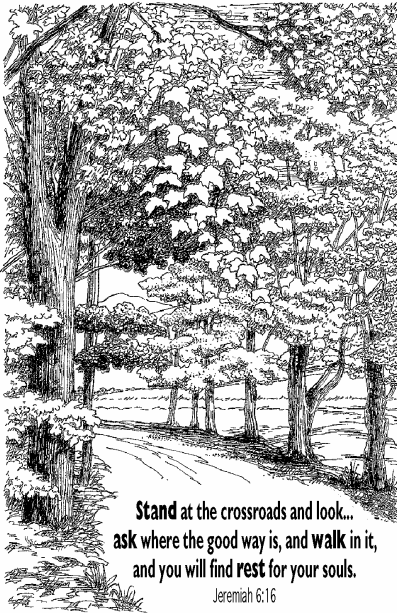
are available in the Narthex. This organization that originated within Macedonia has grown to over 300 members. The past and present members can be very proud of their accomplishments. Funds spent or committed now total over \$100,000.00 for such items as a dust collection system and other equipment for the woodworking shop, a public address system for the Terrace Restaurant, wheelchair-accessible glider and physical therapy items for residents of Health Care, monies for the TLC Choir uniforms and for Assisted Living and Health Care activities, plus eight scholarships through the Evelyn S. Apple Scholarship Fund.

These and other contributions toward improving the quality of life of Twin Lakes Center residents are made through your generous giving of membership funds and time to our fund-raising activities. If you have not participated before, please consider joining those who will be renewing their membership now.

*Paula A. Andris*  
Membership Chair



# Crossways Is Coming



Taught by Pastor Rust, this is a 2 year, 60 sessions of 1-1/2 hours of Bible study that will give you a good grasp of the whole Biblical story from Genesis to Revelation. This is very intensive and will offer you staggering insights into the message of the Bible and how Jesus reinterprets it, so that His message explodes with relevance to our own time.

The cost is \$60.00/person and that includes all sessions and materials for two years. Sign up will be in August. We meet at two separate times on Thursdays. The morning session will be from 10:30 a.m. until noon and the evening session will be from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

We begin on September 7. Any person age 16 and older may attend. Crossways is comprehensive, understandable and an exciting gathering of the Biblical truth that provides each student an excellent survey of the entire Bible in a thematic manner. Don't miss this chance for your faith to grow!

**A little boy wanted to meet God . . .** He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied! "I ate potato chips in the park with God." "However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

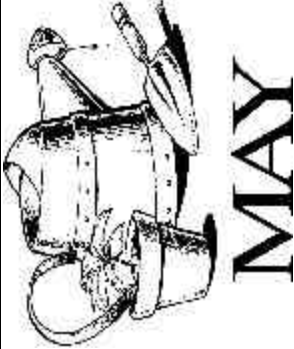
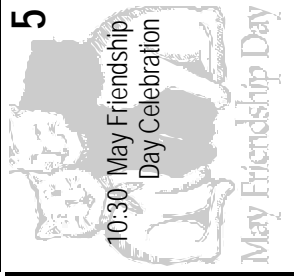
Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally!

Have lunch with God . . . bring chips.

## ***Here is the prayer:***

*Father, I ask you to bless my friends, relatives and all who are reading this right now. Show them a new revelation of your love and power. Holy Spirit, I ask you to minister to their spirit at this very moment. Where there is pain, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence through your grace. Bless their homes, families, their goings and their comings. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.*



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# SCHEDULES FOR

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## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

### 10:30 Service

5/07 Ruth Matkins, John Greeson  
5/14 Beth Van Fleet, Marisa Gibson  
5/21 Debbie Gonyan, Maddie Johnson  
5/28 Vicky Hunley, Erin Myers

## COMMUNION ASS'T

### 8:15 Service

5/07 Cheryl English  
5/14 Sandra Jackson  
5/21 Estelle Petersen  
5/28 Mel Petersen

## HOLY COMMUNION

### 10:30 Service

**PREPARER**  
5/07 Dan Voelkert  
5/21 Frank Rhue  
**ASSISTANT**  
5/07 Ben Scott  
5/21 Catherine Radomski

## GREETERS

### 10:30 Service

5/07 Patty & Vern Misenheimer,  
Kathleen Turbyfill,  
Bryan Pennington  
5/14 Elaine & Jim Ysteboe,  
Alda Hahn, Anna Bass  
5/21 Lib & Macon Jones,  
Estelle Garrison, Randi Dun-  
5/28 LaVonne & Frank Rhue, Debbie  
Gonyan, Barbara Lilienthal

## LAY READERS

### 8:15 Service    10:30 Service

5/07 Mel Petersen    Bruce Moore  
5/14 Shannon Lynch    Charles DeBoard  
5/21 Greg Myers    Sharon Walker  
5/28 Sandra Jackson    Nancy Henric

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 10:30 Service

5/07 Bayard De Loache  
5/14 Pastor Rust  
5/21 Angie Gilliam  
5/28 Richard Johnson

## USHERS

### 10:30 Service

**Chief Usher**— Don Matkins  
**Ass't**—Jim Graves

### **Ushers**

Fred Black, Roger Meisenbach,  
Robert Miller, Grover Moore,  
Pat Murphy, Bryan Pennington

## CRUCIFERS

### 10:30 Service

5/07 Ben Scott  
5/14 Landis Huffman  
5/21 Grey Hunley  
5/28 Melissa Reeger

## ACOLYTES

### 10:30 Service

5/07 Kalan Neal, Joel Rust  
5/14 Reid Huffman,  
Brian Schumacher  
5/21 Meghan McDermott,  
Nicole Simeonsson  
5/28 Josh Gibbons,  
Mikhala McMasters

## DUST COVERS

### 10:30 Service

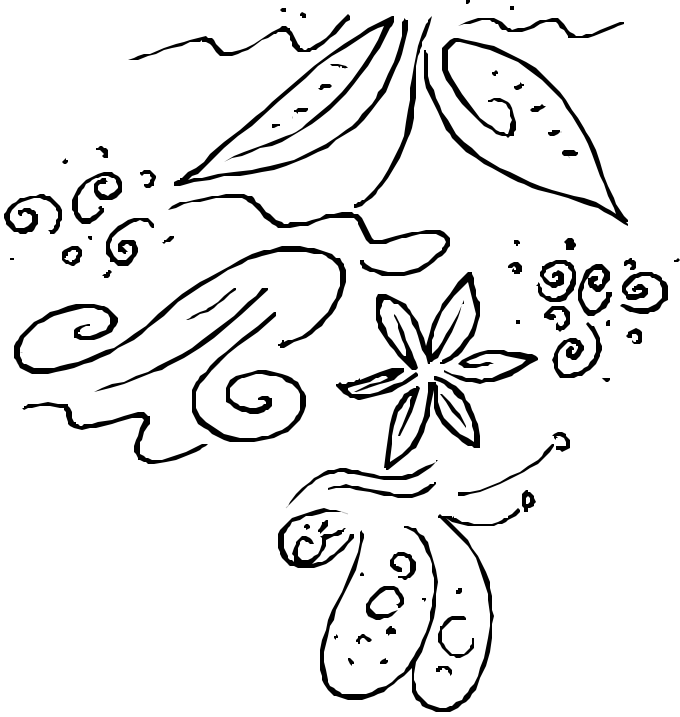
5/07 Barbara Lilienthal  
5/14 & 5/21 Lettie Carlson,  
Ruth Matkins  
5/28 Ellen Greeson,  
Debbie Gonyan

## SOUND SYSTEM

### 10:30 Service

5/07 Nancy Simeonsson  
5/14 Nancy Simeonsson  
5/21 Jim Ysteboe  
5/28 Jim Ysteboe

# May



## Macedonia Lutheran Church

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Rust  
is available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week by  
calling the church office (227-5554), or after hours,  
his home phone at 585-0666.  
**Office Manager:**  
Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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