



# Cross Section



## Senior Pastor's Message

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

I sincerely hope and pray for your continued growth in love for the Lord and others. We are constantly challenged in Scripture to grow into the knowledge of the fullness of Christ, our Head. Only in and through Jesus can we ever hope to sustain the passion necessary to grow more and more like Christ. Only in and through Jesus can we rise from complacency and frustration with our failures and set-backs to continue forward in the battle for the souls of people. Our light is Christ Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we can and must move forward with the gospel and believe that God will transform lives. Remember, we are called to be witnesses to Jesus, not to defend ourselves. The message of God's grace in Christ Jesus is the power of God for salvation.....since we know and believe in Jesus, we are called as witnesses. May the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord constantly move your heart, mind, and voice to give praise to Him who called you out of the darkness into His marvelous light. As your Pastor, I believe in each of you and remain confident that we will, by the power of the Holy Spirit, working together in love, accomplish great things for the Lord we love!

Many members, in light of Pastor Steve's move to Messiah Lutheran Church in Holt, have asked the leadership, "What will we do now?" For the present, we will move forward with the present staffing. This is the simple answer to the question. The more difficult answer is found in the first part of my article for May. In response to the amazing love of God demonstrated in Jesus life, death, and resurrection, we must truly ask, "What will we do now?" God help us all to show-up, step-up, grow-up, speak-up, and giddy-up with the work Jesus called us to do for His Kingdom. I love and believe you will. May Jesus keep you growing in His grace....

Love in Jesus,  
*Pastor Jon*

MAY 2008

### **PRAYER FOCUS**

**Be kind and  
compassionate to  
one another,  
forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God  
forgave you.**

**Ephesians 4:32**

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## Parish Nursing: Teaching Chastity

Dear Church Family Members,

Last month I had the opportunity to speak with the confirmation class about pro-life issues, prenatal development, and abortion and its consequences. I was very pleased to have Jeff Marchione join us to speak about sexual purity before marriage.

I've spoken to the students for the past few years and think it's a great opportunity to use God's word as it applies to our daily lives. The Bible tells us we are created in God's image (Genesis 1:27); He knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13); He knew us before we were formed in the womb (Jeremiah 1:5); He has engraved us on the palms of His hand (Isaiah 49:16) and the very hairs of our head are numbered (Matthew 10:30). We are indeed precious to God! I showed a short video on prenatal development at 9 weeks...the heart is already beating since 3 weeks after conception; brain waves are present at 6 weeks and fingerprints are present at 3 months.

I shared some statistics about abortion in our country...it has been legal since 1973 for pretty much any reason throughout a woman's entire pregnancy; over 50 million have been done since it became legal; most are done for birth control reasons in the first trimester.

Physical complications can occur after an abortion: bleeding, infection, infertility, incompetent cervix, and perforated uterus. Psychological complications include post abortion syndrome...sadness, guilt, depression, use of alcohol and drugs, eating disorders, increased suicide risk. Spiritual complications include feeling abandoned and unforgiven by God. I stressed that God always forgives us when we come to Him: His death covers any and ALL sins including abortion.

We briefly discussed that sex is a gift that God means for us to save until the marriage relationship...not because He doesn't want us to enjoy it, but to protect us against its misuse: sexually transmitted diseases, unplanned pregnancy, broken hearts, feeling used etc. We looked at a chart which made it clear that the more partners a person has, the greater risk he/she has of getting a disease.

Jeff shared how God's plan for sex is the BEST and gave some practical tips for implementation. It was a blessing to have a Christian man speak to the kids so openly and honestly. We were pleased that some parents attended as well.

We pray that their hearts were touched to follow God's plan for their life and save themselves for their future spouse.

If any parents are interested in having chastity presentations in their middle or high schoolers' health class, please contact Crossroads Pregnancy Center at 248-293-0070. We always need more volunteers to help; you just shadow another person until you feel comfortable presenting the material on your own. Contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings in Jesus,  
*Mary Lou Temple RN*  
 Parish Nurse

### Join us...

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
 11:15 AM  
 in the chapel/  
 theatre

## Meet the Doctors

Dr. Perry Greene  
 Dr. Joe Guettler  
 Dr. David Budaj  
 Dr. Chuck Gilcher

To speak on  
 orthopedic issues,  
 new therapies and  
 the basics of  
 chiropractic care

All are welcome!!

## ***God is Pro Life***

**Quick Fact:** There are 3,287 abortions every day in the United States.

**Prayer Focus:** That women who have experienced abortion may find forgiveness, hope and healing in Jesus Christ.

**Bible Verse:** I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.  
Isaiah 43:25

### **WORD OF HOPE**

A women faced with a crisis pregnancy experiences a tremendous amount of fear and anxiety. She may chose abortion as a fast solution. Immediately after the procedure she may even feel great relief that the crises is over. But any moral struggle she felt prior to the abortion will resurface eventually, sometimes even delayed for many years.

It is a painful experience that goes beyond our physical and emotional being. It penetrates deep into the heart of our spiritual life. Who can free me from this hurt and pain? There is forgiveness, healing and hope in Jesus Christ.

There is a ministry that can help the post abortive women overcome her pain. WORD OF HOPE will put you in touch with a Christian caregiver who will help you find healing and reconciliation with the Lord.

To take the first step toward recover call WORD OF HOPE to arrange for a confidential referral. Call 888-217-8670 or (630) 990-0909.

Submitted by Betty Daykin

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Michael Gruits</b>	<b>5/3</b>	<b>Richard Davenport</b>	<b>5/11</b>	<b>Dee LaLonde</b>	<b>5/22</b>
<b>Jean Pahlow</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>Brenden Ewer</b>	<b>5/11</b>	<b>Pam Richards</b>	<b>5/22</b>
<b>Amanda Peacock</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>Todd Duggins</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>Lee Fortney</b>	<b>5/24</b>
<b>Kalie Turner</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>Daniel Grill</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>Kris Myrold</b>	<b>5/24</b>
<b>Linda Ebert</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>Amanda Milz</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>Diane Stanke</b>	<b>5/24</b>
<b>Nathan Reusch</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>Robert Schulte</b>	<b>5/13</b>	<b>Kimberly Turner</b>	<b>5/24</b>
<b>Rodney Milz</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>Corine Streng</b>	<b>5/13</b>	<b>Alexandra Ulmer</b>	<b>5/26</b>
<b>Nellie Wooten</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>Erika LeBarre</b>	<b>5/15</b>	<b>Ann Bauer</b>	<b>5/28</b>
<b>Rhea Berry</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>Scott Kos</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>Don Lozen</b>	<b>5/28</b>
<b>Emily Levine</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>Betsy Markel</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>Sarah Smith</b>	<b>5/30</b>
<b>Kristi Michalski</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>Lindsey Rem</b>	<b>5/17</b>	<b>Cameron Fish</b>	<b>5/31</b>
<b>Jonathan Pechta</b>	<b>5/9</b>	<b>Corei Elliott</b>	<b>5/19</b>	<b>Dirk Greene</b>	<b>5/31</b>
<b>Nicolas Viselli</b>	<b>5/9</b>	<b>Marjorie Sumney</b>	<b>5/21</b>	<b>Dave Winchester</b>	<b>5/31</b>
<b>Christopher Wood</b>	<b>5/9</b>	<b>Jason Bardallis</b>	<b>5/22</b>		
<b>Nil Skrzypczak</b>	<b>5/10</b>	<b>Aditya Kodi</b>	<b>5/22</b>		



## MISSION NEWS AND NOTES



### May, 2008 Plate Offering Recipients

Beginning with this new fiscal year, 100% of the plate offerings will be for mission support. This month's offerings have been designated for The Lutheran Heritage Foundation, whose headquarters are in Macomb, MI.

The organization translates, publishes, distributes and introduces confessional Lutheran materials around the world. In more than 70 countries and 90 languages, thousands of people have come to faith in Christ because they have been able to read books like *The Good News About Jesus* and *Luther's Small Catechism*. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed more than 300 titles and 2.5 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries, and churches – all at no cost to them.

### Katrina Relief Mission Trip

Nine members will be going to Camp Restore in New Orleans from May 25-31 to assist with construction efforts. There is still room for several more volunteers to join the group. For more information, and or to volunteer, please contact Ruth LaFontaine at 248/539-8405 or [lafonatedoug@aol.com](mailto:lafonatedoug@aol.com).

### Haiti Mission Trip This Summer

Diane & Ed Stanke and Linda & Dennis Toth will serve as coordinators for the mission trip to Haiti. Dates are July 5-July 12, 2008. The team will be limited to a maximum of 15 people. The minimum age for a team member will be 16. Teens younger than 16 must be accompanied by a parent. Attendance at pre-trip meetings will be mandatory for all participants. These meetings will focus on team building and planning for an effective ministry during the short stay in Haiti. Activities being planned are: Vacation Bible School, construction assistance, and sponsoring a medical clinic.

The team is accepting donations of pain relievers (Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, etc.), vitamins (infant, children and Prenatal), anti-fungal creams, bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pens, pencils, and spiral notebooks.

For more information contact Linda & Dennis Toth at 248-338-3606 or [dtoth250117MI@comcast.net](mailto:dtoth250117MI@comcast.net), and Diane & Ed Stanke 248-334-9737 or [Dekbmr@aol.com](mailto:Dekbmr@aol.com).

### Coming This Summer

"Christmas in July" is coming in the latter part of July and first part of August. School supplies, clothes, and toys will be collected for Lutheran City Ministries in Detroit and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac. More details will follow in the next few months.

### Sew Much Comfort

*Sew Much Comfort* is a nationally recognized non-profit organization providing adaptive clothing, free of charge, to wounded service men and women at military hospitals. The clothing is of simple construction with side seams fastened with a Velcro closure system.

If you have a sewing machine or have access to one and would like to participate in this effort, contact Linda Toth at 248-338-3606 or [dtoth250117MI@comcast.net](mailto:dtoth250117MI@comcast.net).

**CROSS OF CHRIST  
Katrina Relief Mission Trip  
to**

**CAMP RESTORE**

([www.camprestore.org](http://www.camprestore.org))

**based at**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School, New Orleans East**

**May 25-31, 2008**

As of April 20, 2008 there are nine team members going on this mission trip. They are: Tom Daykin, Greg Kehoe, Doug and Ruth LaFontaine, Rhonda Linton, Walter Loeb, Cecile Skrzypczak, David and Brock Winchester.

Some of the team members are flying down; others are driving personal vehicles down. We are blessed to have two team members from the building trades, and expect to be divided into two teams for reconstruction work.

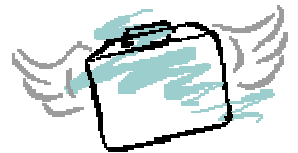
Camp Restore requires us to provide our own transportation to and from worksites, and strongly suggests vehicles with a trailer hitch (for materials and supplies). Buses are discouraged.

**How you can help**

1. **We ask for your prayers as we travel and work in New Orleans.**
2. **Do you have a vehicle with a trailer hitch that you would loan the team to drive down?**
3. **We are accepting cash donations to the church (to help defray fuel and transportation costs). Any funds collected beyond our transportation needs will be donated to Camp Restore for building materials.**

To Donate and/or for Information contact:

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## LUTHERAN TRAVEL

On Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 AM there will be a Travel Preview at Peace, Warren, on 12 Mile at Hoover.

New tours for 2009 will be presented including a California Coast tour with Yosemite Park included for April 26, 2009. Also a motorcoach tour to Montreal, Quebec with 3 days spent on Coudres Island in the St. Lawrence River.

Slides will be shown on the OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY AND STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER TOUR planned for June 17 - 27 of 2010. It is necessary to plan early to attend this world-famous play as demand always exceeds supply of tickets. The play was first staged in 1634 as thanksgiving to God for sparing the village from the Black Plague epidemic of 1633 and is staged every 10 years with most of the 5000 residents of Oberammergau involved in the production. The tour covers places associated with Luther before heading to Bavaria for the play.

Limited space is still available for the September 12-15, 2008 tour of Washington D.C priced at only \$389. Also available is the 15 day tour to Ireland with return on the Queen Mary 2.

Contact Joanne Werner, 586-759-4539 or [j.werner@juno.com](mailto:j.werner@juno.com) for preview reservations or for more information on any tour..



## Surviving Life's Shipwrecks

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, "God! How could you do this to me?"

Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

**The Moral of This Story:** it's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

### THANKOFFERINGS AND MEMORIALS

**TO THE BAPTISMAL FUND:** In honor of the baptism of Luke Perez by his parents Luis & Karen Perez

**TO THE COFFEE HOUR FUND:** Offering of thanks by Pete & Tina Prevas

**TO THE GENERAL MEMORIAL FUND:** In memory of Richard Robb by the Oakland County Sportsfishing Association; In memory of Frances Walter by Diann Richards; In memory of Vivian Pearl by her family; In memory of Roy Seelbinder by Joseph & Haroldene Stuban; In memory of Arthur Hein by Daniel Hein

**TO THE SANCTUARY NARTHEX PROJECT:** In memory of Ginny Hoke by Diann Richards; In memory of their parents Janice & Harry Hartman by Pam Jankovich, Linda Stickney & Wes Hartman

**TO THE SEMINARY FUND:** In memory of Lary Selby & Julia Brooks by Russ & Lillian Marley

**TO THE BENEVOLENCE FUND:** In memory of Anna Hatch, Leonard Passanante & Richard Wolski by Russ & Lillian Marley



Cross of Christ Church,

Thank you for your generous support of the seminary food bank. Your gift is not only a huge blessing on our budget, but it is also a sign of hope for us; some reassurance of God's faithfulness and the love of His people.

My husband Jon and I are first years at the seminary, I grew up in Howell and he is from Iowa. It gives me great joy when I see support coming from my home state.

Jon & I will continue to pray for you, we will pray that God will continue to bless you and your mission.

Thank you,  
*Jon & Sarah Buescher*

*Dear Cross of Christ Church,*

He is risen! He is risen indeed Hallelujah!

Thank you very much for helping us here at the seminary with your gifts. It is a blessing to have members of the body of Christ reach out to us.

May the Lord bless you as you use your gifts and talents to His praise and glory.

In Christ,  
*Dallas Dubne*

Thank you Cross of Christ for making change for life!

Crossroads Pregnancy Center would like to sincerely thank you for hosting a baby bottle drive. The proceeds that were generated will be used in support of the precious unborn and allow us to share Christ's love and salvation with the clients we serve. The coins, checks, and cash have been counted and thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect \$817—Praise God!

We would like to thank all of you for your faithful support! If you were unable to return your donation bottle, please contact Crossroads at 248-293-0070 we we'll be happy to make arrangements to pick them up. If you have an empty bottle, we kindly ask that you return those as well, so they can be made available for future use.

Thank you again, for your generosity and for serving as a voice of the unborn—our youngest brothers and sisters in Christ.

*"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, For the rights of all who are destitute." Proverbs 31:8*



Dear Congregation:

Greetings once again in the name of our Lord! I would like to thank you for allowing me to come and speak to you about my Eagle project at St. Paul in Pontiac. I also want to thank you for your wonderful hospitality and for allowing me to take a door offering. Your gracious offerings totaled \$1359. Your generosity brings me to the point where I have the funds needed for my project. Hopefully the project will be completed by the end of June.

I will make sure to update you on my progress, and when I finish the project, to send you pictures of the completed job.

In Christ,  
*Dan Tunis*

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## AN UPDATE FROM “SUBSTITUTE” RYAN

Dear Cross of Christ,

Well, I am already 8 months along in my vicarage and I have to admit that life as a Vicar is, frankly, a bit odd. I walk like a duck, talk like a duck, dress like a duck, and act like a duck, some people even call me a duck, yet somehow I'm not a duck. On a daily basis I am acting like a pastor in many ways. Some people in the congregation really think that a Vicar is really another sort of pastor, but yet I have a title before my name that just means “substitute.” So then, you probably are wondering exactly what Substitute Ryan has been up to in the past months.

As expected, the seasons of Lent and Easter were filled with extra services, sermons, and serving. During Lent Bethlehem has chosen 1 of the 4 Gospels to read through and study as a congregation. This was year 4 of 4 and we read through Mark. In addition to preaching through Mark on Sundays, the congregation read a short portion every day and we emailed daily devotions based on the daily reading. I volunteered to write the first ½ of the devotions, but before I knew it I was writing them all! Also, Wednesdays in Lent brought with them the pre-worship meal which is a youth fundraiser, testing my volunteer coordination and administration skills. Currently I am teaching a unit on world religions to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Bethlehem's school. I enjoy my time in that confirmation class, though preparing to make Hinduism accessible to a 7<sup>th</sup> grader is not as easy as it may seem.

Amie has been quite busy as well. In March she directed the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program entitled “When I Grow Up” at her elementary school. She had the little kiddies not only singing well, but doing all sorts of choreographed dances with props ranging from bakers hats to plungers! She has also been instrumental with Bethlehem's Women's Ministry. She is facilitating a leadership team that is beginning a women's mentorship program later this year. It is an exciting challenge for her to be a part of, as she has a passion to see women grow in faith and deeper in relationships with each other.

In non-Vicar related things, I have been able to get up to the mountains and ski 6 times this winter. I went last Friday, yes, April 11<sup>th</sup>, for the last time and there was 8 inches of fresh powder! Not bad for a day off. A few weeks back we went to the Colorado Rapids game and saw them beat David Beckham and the L.A. Galaxy. Also, we have another niece! My brother, Patrick, and his wife, Katie, added another girl to their family, Amelia (Mia) Allison Winningham, on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you all for your love, care, prayer, and generosity. May God continue to work through you.

Enjoying Christ in Colorado,  
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## LIBRARY CORNER

April showers are past, time for those May flowers. The library has an appropriate book to offer for May – a book of poems and flower sketches by Helen Steiner Rice. *A Time to Love* is a collection of poems, letters, prayers and Scripture passages marking the rhythms of life – times of joy and times of sorrow. Here is a small sample from “God Speaks”: “So when I looked at those flowers, I was looking at God for they bloomed in His sun and grew in His sod and each lovely flower was a voice from above that whispered a message of Kindness and Love...” P.76

*Hide and Seek* by Dr. James Dobson, *How to Really Love Your Children* by Ross Campbell, MD and *Raising Great Kids* by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend are parenting guides. Dr. Dobson’s book is an updated classic which deals with building children’s self-esteem. Dr. Campbell’s book is really two books combined, one concentrates on young children and the other focuses on teens. Both books have a biblical perspective and deal with general guidance (such as the importance of giving focused attention to show love), as well as specific applications (e.g. methods to give it). *Raising Great Kids* was chosen by Mother’s of Preschoolers (MOPS), Inc. as a favorite parenting resource because, in their opinion, it provides principles and techniques that work and has a biblical perspective.

Three *Veggie Tales* video tapes have been donated to the children’s video collection. “Where’s God When I’m Scared?” (about handling everyday fears), “Lyle the Kindly Viking” (about sharing) and “The End of Silliness?” (sing-a-long songs). Also for children, *God Chose You* by Julie Dietrich, is a miniature picture book that explains about baptism in such a way that a young child can begin to understand the concept.

*How to Care for Aging Parents* by Virginia Morris deals with care at the other end of the age continuum. It includes resources and suggestions for most issues through which a care-giving adult must guide an aging parent...from general advice about when it is time to move from the family home, and what advantages and disadvantages are associated with the various living choices, down to such details as how to relieve a parent’s itchy dry skin.

New Christian fiction additions include *Mixed Signals* by Liz Curtis Higgs, *Jael’s Story* (Women of the Bible) by Ann Burton, *A Little Piece of Paradise* by James Vitti and *Home to Holly Springs* by Jan Karon. Christian non-fiction additions include *A Woman’s Guide to Spiritual Power through Scriptural Prayer* by Nancy Dornier and Joan Anderson’s book *Where Wonders Prevail*, a collection of miraculous-but-true stories.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers in our congregation; quite a few of the selections for May were chosen with you in mind.

*Heather Sherk*



**Reminder: The deadline for the Cross Section is the 10th of the preceding month. Submit your information via email to [newsletter@bloomfieldcross.org](mailto:newsletter@bloomfieldcross.org)**



## Jesus Condones Excessive Spending!!

While I was reading Mark 14: 3-9, I began thinking, “what sensational headline might a “rag magazine” like Star have written concerning this event in church history”. They may have written, “*Jesus’ Disciples Object To His Complacent Money Policies*” or “*Close Followers of Jesus Appalled by Their Leaders Acceptance of Lavish Gift*” or “*Jesus Rebukes Temple Money Changers But Okays Extravagant Personal Gift*”.

It is easy to attack Scriptures and our Lord’s action when His actions or statements are taken out of context. However, in Mark’s account (Mark 14: 3-9) of Mary anointing Jesus’ head and feet with oil, it is true that some of the disciples, especially Judas (John 12:4-6) were annoyed by Jesus’ approval of Mary spending a large amount of money for a gift of perfume.

Judas was the treasurer for Jesus’ band of followers and a thief as well. According to the Gospel writer John, Judas stole money from his fellow disciples and Jesus Himself. In their greed, they looked at Mary’s act of *buying* the perfume and were blind to her demonstration of *expressing* love to her Lord. To God be all the Glory.

Our church is adorned with many expensive trappings that, taken out of context, one might construe as excessive spending. For example, a beautiful huge organ, TV screens in our lobby and coffee room, altar accessories, upholstered furniture, a three basketball court gymnasium and more. All these gifts were given to the Glory of God.

Jesus puts Mary’s deed and spending into perspective by saying in verse 7 of Mark 14, “I assure you, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman’s deed will be talked about in her memory.” God honors all gifts, large or small, as long as they are given out of Love and to His Glory.

*Merl Terry*

## Cross of Christ Congratulates Kaitlyn Grill on Her Achievement Award

**Elisabeth Taylor Traub established the Robert C.J. Traub Memorial Scholarships in honor of her husband after his death in 1950. Robert C.J. Traub had been deeply interested in art and music and sought to encourage the cultivation and expression of artistic and musical talents.**

**The scholarships were bestowed April 15 by Traub granddaughter Lucy Bates to an art and music senior at both Andover and Lahser high schools. The winners will be granted funds for travel to Europe this summer so that they may experience cultural enrichment.**

**The Lahser High School winners are Seyed-Sina Sohrab for art and Jeremy Gam for music. The Andover High School winners are Rebecca Pad for art and Adrienne Edson for music. The alternate art winner from Andover is Kaitlyn Grill.**

**The trust seeks to “enable students of good character who show special proficiency or promise of achievement in the realm of art or music” to enjoy a summer of travel before entering college or university.**

**Students must be seniors who are qualified for graduation, and show exceptional ability in art or music with at least a “C” grade point average. Applicants are interviewed by a committee and audition or display samples of their work. Students are considered in relation to outstanding character, personality, citizenship responsibility, social adjustment and similar personal qualifications.**

**Well done, Kaitlyn! We’re proud of you.**

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: PRAY, SEND CARDS

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## MAY CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### \*ONGOING EVENTS\*

#### SUNDAYS

8:15 Worship  
9:45 SonLight City  
9:45 Worship  
11:15 Worship

#### MONDAYS

9:30 Mom's Group  
10am Adult Bible Study

#### TUESDAYS

7am Men's Bible Breakfast  
10 am Adult Bible Study  
11:45 Primetimers (5/6)  
12 pm Intern'l Friends  
5:45pm Prayer Time  
7pm Volleyball

#### WEDNESDAYS

4:45—4C's  
5:30—Dinner  
6:30—Classes

#### THURSDAYS

12:30 Int'l Friends

#### FRIDAYS

5/2 6:00 Scrapbook Crop

#### SATURDAY

5:30 Worship

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

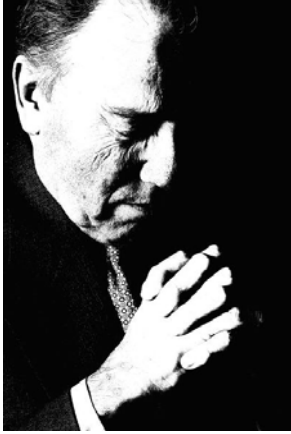
**Kenneth & Paula Behr** 5/27/1995  
**Daniel & Stacey Bivens** 5/9/2003  
**Dick & Doris Bland** 5/18/2003  
**Tim & Beth Dameron** 5/5/2002  
**Todd & Desiree Duggins** 5/3/2003  
**Danielle & Nathan Eller** 5/19/2007  
**Phillip & Tracy Krause** 5/28/1994  
**Doug & Ruth LaFontaine** 5/12/1979  
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**Bill & Kathie Ridenour** 5/7/1994

**Dennis & Linda Toth** 5/18/1974  
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## **A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE**

"Through, Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess His name."  
Hebrews 13:15

Hey you! Has anyone ever addressed you in this fashion? Possibly. Did you find it offensive? Probably. It's human nature to love to hear our name used in a respectful and even loving way. Moms love to have their toddler take their face in their little hands, look directly in their eyes and say, "I love you."

Have you ever spent your prayer time just saying "I love You" to God? Not making any requests, just spending time praising Him for who He is and what He has done for you? I often just spend my prayer time lifting up God's many names in praise to Him. The Bible is filled with the names of our God, His character and accomplishments. Creator, Redeemer, Counselor, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Great I AM, Bread of Life, He is the Way, Truth and Life. He is the Good Shepherd, the Perfect Lamb and the Gate to the sheep fold. This is just a few, scripture has so many more. When you read your Bible make a habit of highlighting His names it will help you remember them and then use them in a prayer of praise.

Lord, help me to always stand in awe of who you are and what you have done for me. May my lips always be ready to lift your name in praise.

*Betty Daykin*



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## **A CELEBRATION IS COMING SAVE THE DATE!**

**ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008 - IN THE 11:15AM SERVICE OF WORSHIP -  
WE WILL CELEBRATE THE 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR BILL GRAFE'S  
ORDINATION INTO THE HOLY MINISTRY.**

**A CELEBRATION LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN  
THE FAMILY LIGHT CENTER.**

**PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL OCCASION.**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN A CONGREGATIONAL MAILING.**