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Worship Services
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion Every Weekend
Sunday School, Confirmation,
(During school year)
and Adult Education Classes

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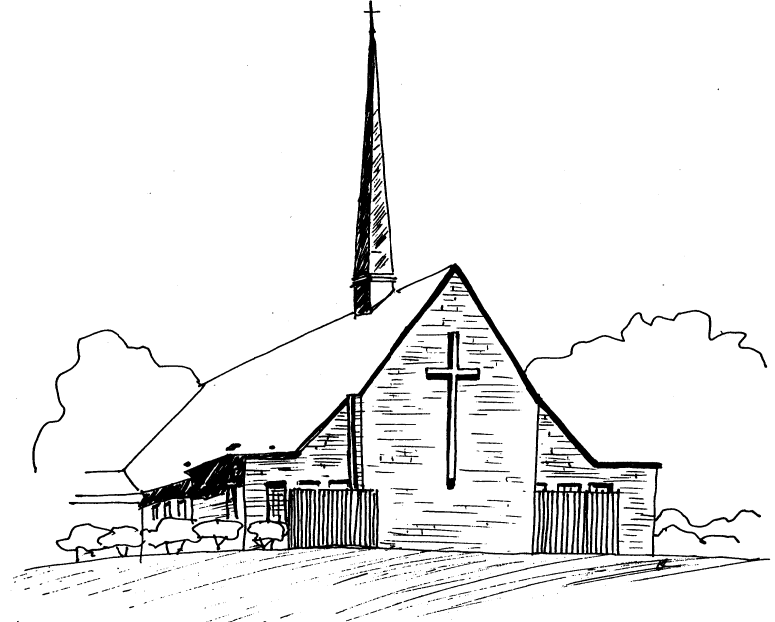
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THE GLC GOOD NEWS



The Voice of Griffith Lutheran MAY 2010

IMPORTANT DATES:

Confirmation Sunday ~ May 2nd at 11:00 Service
National Day of Prayer ~ May 6th ~ 12:00 pm Service at Griffith Town Hall
Praise and Worship Service ~ May 9th at 11:00 Service
Mother's Day ~ May 9th
Music Sunday ~ May 16th
GLCW "Spring Tea" ~ May 16th at 2:00 pm
High School/College Graduate Recognition Service ~ May 23rd @ 8:30 am
Griffith High School Rummage Sale ~ May 22nd

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SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR MAY

SATURDAY WORSHIP at 5:30 pm.
SUNDAYS at 8:30 am. & 11:00 am.

THE CIRCLE'S

Esther Circle—May 5th at 9:00 am
Priscilla Circle—May 12th at 9:15 am
Ruth Circle— May 20th at 10:00 am
@ Jane Brumley's House

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

May 2nd at 11:00 am

ELDERS MEETING

May 4th @ 7:00 pm

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6th

PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

May 9th @ 11:00 am

MOTHER'S DAY

May 9th

MISSION MEETING

May 10th @ 6:00 pm

COUNCIL MEETING

May 10th @ 7:00 pm

GLCW "SPRING TEA"

May 16th @ 2:00 pm

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

May 23rd @ 8:30 am

SENIOR POTLUCK

May 27th @ 11:30 am

MEMORIAL DAY

May 31st

Church Office Closed

Pat's Prattle

We are a spoiled society. We have become dependent on all the small appliances in our homes. Each morning, the clock radio awakens me. I take a cup of hot ovaltine out of the microwave, and the toaster oven produces perfectly browned bread.

Another electronic wonder, which is not used often, but is invaluable when called into action is the shredder. It does not take a member of Mensa to shred. Removing all the staples before sliding the pages into the machine is the greatest effort you will exert. My mind tends to wander as I perform this menial task—thus the emergence of this prattle came into being!

An entire year of one's life becomes illegible strips of paper. June was a good month full of happy receipts. September through December was a financial disaster. The year is gone in the sharp cogs of a machine, but no shredder can destroy memories.

Keep your good memories forever in your heart. Learn from the troubled times. And, remember how God was always with you through each day of your now shredded year.

Yeah! Pat's Prattle has acquired a mail box slot. It is in the very top right corner. You have to stretch to reach it, but stretching is good! I would love to hear from you —your ideas for me to prattle about, your comments, and your criticisms. Feel free to use your name, but you can also remain anonymous. I shall read each one, and continue to prattle.

Please contact the church office and a copy of the May Council Minutes will be mailed to you.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MISSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

RELAY FOR LIFE

Elder of the Month for May

~ Carrie Sovola ~

Please take a moment to consider filling
a vacancy on the worship assistants lists. Don't wait to be called!

Elder of the Month for June

~ Martha Krop ~

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GLC CHURCH COUNCIL

April 12, 2010

SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. 14 members were present. The meeting opened with a team building exercise. Members went around the table discussing areas of personal/professional concern, offering support to one another. Church attendance was a major topic of discussion. The March Minutes were accepted as submitted by Jim Masters.

FINANCIAL & TREASURER'S REPORT -

On file in church office.

PASTOR'S REPORT – I love the celebration of Easter we had! Holy Week as a whole was very moving for me! We had nine youth who communed for the first time on Maundy Thursday. In total, I led 13 worship services in that week. Whew! I did get a couple of days at the end of last week to recuperate. The season of Easter continues for the five weeks following. I heard that a Catholic priest, before dismissal on Easter Sunday, said to the fuller-than-normal church, “We’re here again next week!” There’s truth to that. We are here next week, and the week after that and...sometimes it seems that Easter is just a special day, one of two to be at church. Really, each Sunday is a celebration of the Easter promise. Don’t forget that! We will be having seven of our youth confirmed, if they finish all their requirements. They are: Brianne Basham, Jon Baccino, Matthew Csonka, Deanna Johanson, Sara Joyce, Skylar Lolkema, and Paige Obermeyer. It has been a joy working with this class, as they were kindergartners when I arrived here! I know that many of them will remain active in the life of our congregation. Yesterday, a number of them helped tie blankets for Love, INC. They wish to continue this as a youth project! Tonight we implemented some of the ideas we learned at our retreat a few months ago. I, as well as Dean

Johanson, are interested to know how these changes are working, especially what we can do to improve our meeting time.

ELDERS – The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Bailey. Other members present were Joyce McDonald, Suzanne Schmidt, Nina Miller, Annette Johanson, Martha Krop, Sandra Ruban and Kristin Struebing. Pastor’s Report: He noted 26 visits, and no baptisms, weddings or funerals. The expense report was presented and accepted. Easter attendance was 270, with the late service larger. On shepherding needs, the elders discussed their needs and non-attendance. “Elder of the Month” sheets need to be taken home and filled out as much as possible before posting. Inactive church attendees were discussed. A new members class will be formed. Extra cookbooks will possibly be used for evangelism with new member kits. Praise & Worship Service will be held on Mother’s Day. On September 19, will we host other Praise & Worship teams. Parents of Confirmation children will be asked to serve on the Youth Board. It was discussed that Confirmands should be required to attend weekly church, and to be more involved in weekly services.

MISSIONS – We have donations for the month of March totaling approximately \$750. The coin boxes totaled \$500 with more boxes turned in and to be counted. Over the month, however, we received an additional \$252. The final figure is yet to be determined. The money will be totaled and mailed this week to ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts. We have April’s mission as World Vision/World Hunger. May’s mission will be the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – On Palm Sunday, March 28, all the children received treat bags for Easter, and kindergarten through fifth-graders enjoyed an Easter egg hunt. A big thank you to all the Confirmation students who helped serve the beverages at the Easter breakfast. On Saturday, April 24, the Sunday School will have a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are accepting donations of items for the sale. Confirmation is Sunday, May 2. We have seven eighth-graders that will be confirmed. The Confirmation rehearsal dinner will be Thursday, April 29.

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STEWARDSHIP – No formal meeting was held in April, but we did communicate via the internet. We compiled the Time & Talent Survey, which was shortened compared to the previous survey. The surveys were sent out in the April GLC newsletter and are to be returned by May 6. We were hoping for a good response. We had only six returns, but after some encouragement from Carrie Sovola on Saturday, April 10 and myself on Sunday, April 11, we now have 30 surveys returned. I am praying for many more to be returned. I will have these surveys tallied by the next GLC meeting.

EVANGELISM – The Evangelism Board met on March 25 and discussed updating/creating a substantial color brochure for GLC, including a new photo of Pastor Bailey and one of the Prayer Garden. A brochure could possibly be used in a mass mailing. We are setting up volunteer training dates for worship assistants: 4/10 – 10 a.m.; 4/15 – 7 p.m.; 4/20 – 7 p.m. We are contacting the Griffith Chamber of Commerce to find out cost and benefits of membership, and are researching opportunities to apply for grants. We are discussing fundraising opportunities at the GLC, and creating more opportunities for youth to become involved in church, possibly the hiring of a youth minister or vicar. We are creating a “Welcome Center” and utilizing greeters to guide visitors to pick up literature, as well as participation in Griffith’s Rock ‘n’ Rail festival in August with a booth and handing out balloons, GLC information, etc. Participation in the Fourth of July parade is a possibility, but more research is necessary, as July 4 falls on Sunday this year. Responsibilities and tasks were assigned. A small, color ad was placed in the Easter Services section of *The Times*. There were three placements.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – The Boy Scouts installed the ladder to the second level of the garage. It makes it easier to get upstairs, but you have to be very careful taking the ladder down and putting it back up. The Boy Scout trailers have been insured through Church Mutual at a cost of \$295 per year. Two Boy Scouts have contacted the Trustees regarding Eagle Scout projects. One scout will remove to bushes by the west entrance and replace them with smaller, possibly colorful, plants.

We are to meet with the other scout to look at his plan of creating a walkway from the north driveway to the Prayer Garden. We understand that when the Town of Griffith starts repaving the west side of Broad Street, they will close the church access and open Griffith Boulevard from the south to provide access to our church. We will be notified when this will happen, and signs will need to be installed at 45th Avenue (the town or the church?). A work day is being planned soon.

FELLOWSHIP – The Fellowship Committee met several time during the Lenten season to discuss the soup suppers and Easter breakfast. The committee offers a special thank you to Marilyn Carey and Sandra Ruban for making soup. Many people donated items each week for the soup suppers that everyone seemed to enjoy, with people asking that they not end. There were nine casseroles prepared and served for Easter breakfast, along with biscuits and gravy, coffee cakes, sticky buns and fruit salad. The confirmation students served the beverages and helped clean up. We will be meeting soon to discuss Mother’s Day activities.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH, SOCIAL MINISTRY, GLC WOMEN, MUSIC & WORSHIP – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – Les Bias suggested that a committee be established to review church finances over the years, and volunteers with financial experience are needed. He emphasized that there are certain financial controls that the church is not practicing, having learned such at a recent church financial seminar. He cautioned that a church can be subject to a government audit—“and it would be scary if they started asking us questions.” He added, “We need to take our finances and treasury more seriously and create an audit committee to oversee it.”

NEW BUSINESS – Carrie Sovola suggested the hiring of a youth minister, possibly through fundraising activities, via an internship program or sharing one with another Lutheran church. The GLC concluded the meeting reflecting on what goals the meeting accomplished and “what’s next?”—to be shared with the group at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Submitted,

Jim Masters

Recording Secretary

KIDS!! YOU GOTTA LOVE 'EM!



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A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover.

The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

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The Sunday School teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?"

"No sir," he replied, "We don't have to. My mom is a good cook!"

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It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his older brother explained.

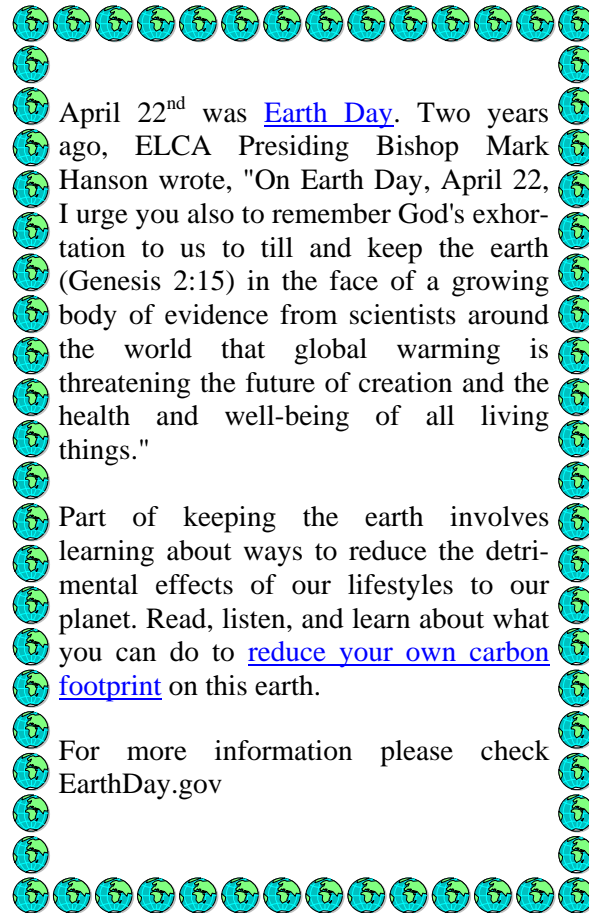
"Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed. "The one Sunday I don't go, He showed up!"

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Little Johnny asked his grandpa how old he was. Grandpa answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought for a moment, and then said, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

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As mom was preparing pancakes for her sons, Johnny, 5 and Alex, 3, the boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. The mom saw the opportunity to teach a moral lesson. She said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Johnny quickly turned to his younger brother and said, "Okay, Alex, you be Jesus!"



April 22nd was [Earth Day](#). Two years ago, ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson wrote, "On Earth Day, April 22, I urge you also to remember God's exhortation to us to till and keep the earth (Genesis 2:15) in the face of a growing body of evidence from scientists around the world that global warming is threatening the future of creation and the health and well-being of all living things."

Part of keeping the earth involves learning about ways to reduce the detrimental effects of our lifestyles to our planet. Read, listen, and learn about what you can do to [reduce your own carbon footprint](#) on this earth.

For more information please check [EarthDay.gov](#)

*Thank you....
Ruth Erickson
For your Donation in memory of your
beloved Husband
~ Ken Erickson ~
Thanks to Don Bravin, John Kettuwig
and Paul Erickson*

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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Dear Griffith Lutheran Family,

Sunday, May 2nd, we will be confirming seven of our youth. This year's class marks a few milestones for me. First, they were all in kindergarten when I arrived here as pastor. So I have watched them grow up. Second, this is a really involved class in the congregation. I

know that they will continue to carry out active roles in service and leadership in the years to come. And third, one of the members, Deanna Johanson, was born the same day I was ordained as pastor. That alone is a sure sign I'm growing a bit older! Congratulations to Jon, Brianne, Matt, Deanna, Sara, Skylar, and Paige! May God continue to bless you on your faith journeys.

There is a book that we use in confirmation called the "Small Catechism." We study it as a part of our learning. This book was first published in 1529 and was meant as a guide for fathers to teach the important aspects of faith to their families. The "Small Catechism" covers the topics of the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and Holy Communion. Luther was known to study from this book daily. How many of you teach your children from the "Small Catechism?" How many of you use it as a daily devotional?

Did you know that if you arrive early for worship, you can find the "Small Catechism" in the red hymnal? It starts on page 1160. You can use those minutes in your pew to study Luther's words and silently meditate on them.

This is a great way to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Soon the school year will be winding down. Nice weather is already upon us. I know how tempting it is to just want to remain outside and enjoy the weather. Don't forget about weekly worship! The third commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. " The way we keep it holy is by setting aside a part of the day to offer our worship and praise to God. It is a great way to start off our weeks. It is a great way to keep God first in our lives!

God's blessings to our confirmands...and to the entire Griffith Lutheran Family!

*In Christ,
Pastor Andrew J. Bailey*



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Archie & Joyce MacDonald
- 5 Frank & Pat Ignas
- Randy & Michelle Franker
- 6 Joe & Lois Reichel #60
- 9 Jeff & Renee Hamilton
- 12 Paul & Maryann Rivich
- 18 Christopher & Christen Linders
- 21 Michael & Kim Schroeder
- 23 Steve & Lucille Gazdik
- 29 Terry & Joann Vaughan



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katherine Pollock
- 2 Stephanie DiSanto
- 3 Carol Schuster
- Chris Covault
- 4 Al Cordell
- 5 Blair Morton
- 6 Larry Ispas
- John Hoffman
- Nicole Voges
- Christopher Mansanarez
- Heather Bogdan
- 8 Amy Ispas
- Robert Darnell
- Molly Hitt

MAY BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

- 11 Anthony Rodriguez
- 12 Jim Oman
- Lauren Sims
- 14 Renee Hamilton
- Sarah Volkmann
- 15 Steve Fleming
- 17 Bev Odlivak
- Donna Bartley
- Kristi Cotton
- Joshua Bailey
- 18 Velma Thiel
- Evan Morton
- 19 JoAnn Torok
- 20 Muriel Nelson
- Veronica Johnson
- 21 Terri Sturgill
- 22 Glenn Appleton
- Jason Sovola
- Jessica Suleski
- 23 Trisha Zuklin
- Brett Newman
- 24 Rob Buehler
- Camellia Bogdan
- Kyleah Sturgill
- 25 Leah Morton
- Christian Alexander
- 28 Gig Anderson
- Joanne Joyce
- 29 Philip Kearney
- Paula Volkmann
- Dawn Rodriguez
- Brian Batinic
- Danielle Grimmer
- 30 Harolene Lamm
- Deanna Johanson



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - 2010
ELDER OF THE MONTH—CARRIE SOVOLA**

Sunday, May 2/Fifth Sunday of Easter

ACOLYTES

8:30— ; 11:00— Jenny Helfen

LECTORS

5:30—Carol Osborn
 8:30—Debbie Lewis
 11:00—Kristin Struebing

GREETERS

8:30—Sandra Ruban
 11:00—Brent/Gen Johnson

USHERS

5:30— Madeline Conn; 8:30— Steve Connell;
 11:00—John Aldrin & Brent Johnson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:30—Roger Sims & Nina Miller;
 11:00—Kristin/Mike Struebing

Sunday, May 9/Sixth Sunday of Easter

ACOLYTES

8:30—Matthew Csonka; 11:00—Camellia Bodgan

LECTORS

5:30—Carol Osborn
 8:30—Nina Miller
 11:00—

GREETERS

8:30—Laura Kettwig
 11:00—

USHERS

5:30— ; 8:30— Fred Steinke;
 11:00—

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:30—John Kettwig & Joe Reichel; 11:00—

Sunday, May 16/Seventh Sunday of Easter

ACOLYTES

8:30—Leann Stutler; 11:00—Brienne Basham

LECTORS

5:30—Carol Osborn
 8:30—Pat Sholts
 11:00—Carrie Sovola

GREETERS

8:30—Roger/Pat Sims
 11:00—Jay/Carrie Sovola

USHERS

5:30— George Thon; 8:30— Roger Sims;
 11:00—Mike Struebing

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:30—Sandra Ruban & Pat Sholts;
 11:00—Carrie Sovola & Joanne Villa

Sunday, May 23

Day of Pentecost

ACOLYTES

8:30—Deanna Johanson; 11:00—Evan Masters

LECTORS

5:30—Carol Osborn
 8:30—Dean Johanson
 11:00—Maradele Bowers

GREETERS

8:30—Sandra Ruban
 11:00—

USHERS

5:30— Madeline Conn; 8:30— Fred Steinke;
 11:00—

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:30—Annette & Dean Johanson;
 11:00—Maradele Bowers & Judy Clark

Sunday, May 30

The Holy Trinity

ACOLYTES

8:30—Leann Stutler; 11:00—Evan Masters

LECTORS

5:30—Carol Osborn
 8:30—Roger Sims
 11:00—Mary Ann Lovas

GREETERS

8:30—Sue & Don Schmidt
 11:00—Linda Aldrin

USHERS

5:30— George Thon; 8:30— Roger Sims;
 11:00—John Aldrin

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:30—Sue Schmidt;
 11:00—

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Thank you to the Praise and Worship Team who continue to share their talents, most recently April 11th. We were inspired and rejuvenated as we sang along with them and are truly blessed. Joe & Bev Odlivak

Thrivent Financial is joining hands with Concordia Cemetery on Saturday, May 15th. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery and would like to donate flowers, the volunteers can plant the flowers for you. I will be one of the volunteers so if you have any questions or would like to volunteer please call the office. Thank you, Jenny.

VBS will be here before you know it....This year's event will be held July 12th – 16th. We will need help with the following: Games, Pre-K class, Science class and most important the KITCHEN to help with making those wonderful snacks for our kids. Please call Jenny if you have any questions. Thank you in Advance.

Making a Difference One Home At A Time...Hoover vacuums is offering a unique program for women that are having a difficult time with cancer. They are providing free housecleaning service for any woman receiving chemo treatments. Please see the posting in the narthex for more information.

Items needed for Hartsfield Village ~If you have any items to donate (new or used stuffed animals, knick knacks, etc.) Please bring to the church office. Thanks!!

Quarterly Statements have been prepared and you may find your statement in the narthex.

Sign up...in the narthex for Pentecost geraniums. Pentecost is May 23rd and the cost per plant is \$5.00. The deadline for ordering is May 17th.

Two offices remain open on the 2010 Church Council ~Board of Mission and Sunday School Superintendent. Please prayerfully consider filling these openings. Contact Pastor Bailey or Dean Johanson if interested.

The 2010 Flower and Eternal Flame sign up chart is posted in the narthex. The cost is still \$15.00 per weekend for flowers and \$10.00 per week for the Eternal Flame. Thank you to all who continue to give these gifts which beautify our sanctuary.

Anyone who is homebound or unable to attend church and would like to receive communion from a Eucharistic Minister (An Elder) please contact Pastor Bailey.

Recycle...don't forget to bring in your ink cartridges for recycling. Also, your old glasses ~ we give them to the Lion's Club. Boxes for recycling are on shelf next to church office.

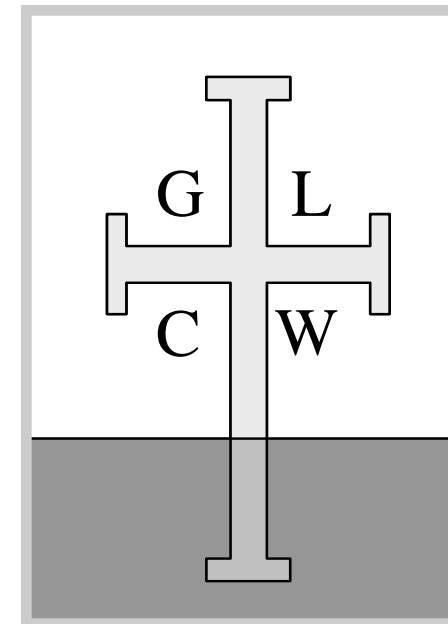
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A NOTE FROM GLCW...

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL "SPRING
TEA"

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH @ 2:00 P.M.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR BONNETS!



Jazzy 1122



Geri Larson is looking for a new home for her Jazzy 1122. If you have any questions on the price or any other details please call the church office.



2010 RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT SOMEONE YOU KNOW THAT GRADUATED FROM ANY GRADE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE RECOGNIZED

NAME: _____

RELATION: _____

SCHOOL: _____

ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

COLLEGE BOUND: _____

MAJOR (COLLEGE): _____

AFTER COLLEGE
JOB OFFER/PLANS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT 8:30
SERVICE ON MAY 16TH

~PLEASE ATTEND THIS SPECIAL SERVICE FOR A BLESSING FOR YOUR NEW
JOURNEY IN LIFE~