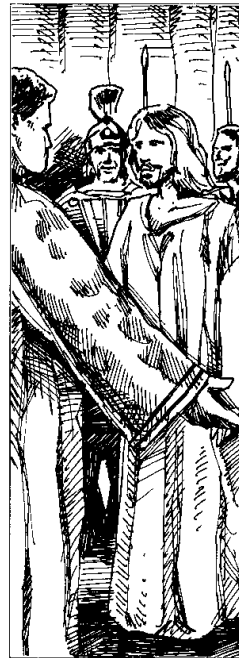


# Messenger

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF MGLC

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## Holy Week



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*Join us as we walk in the  
footsteps of Jesus to the cross  
during Holy Week.*

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# Maple Grove Lutheran Church

A CONGREGATION OF THE ELCA

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Web site: [www.mglc.org](http://www.mglc.org)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

8:00, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

### Wednesday

7:30 p.m.

*Nursery available at all Sunday services*

## CHURCH SCHOOL

### Sunday

9:30 & 11 a.m.

### Monday

6:45 p.m.

### Wednesday

6:15 p.m.

## OFFICE HOURS

### Sunday

7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Monday evening

5:30-8:30 p.m.

### Wednesday evening

5:00-9:00 p.m.

## WEB SITE

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

## MESSENGER

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Nursery Coordinator:** Responsible for staffing the nursery for services and special events. 8 hrs/week.

*A job description and application are available at the Church Office. For more information, call Sandy Hahn, Office Manager, at 763-420-7930 ext. 11.*

## ADDRESS UPDATES

**Attention Members:** Have you recently moved or changed your e-mail address? Please pass along your changes by e-mail to [jeanne@mglc.org](mailto:jeanne@mglc.org) or by phone to 763-420-7930, ext. 20. Thanks for helping us keep our contact information current.



# Pastoral Reflections

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*“The World Wide Web has revolutionized communication, and I’ve wondered how the church might utilize this technology to further God’s kingdom.”*

**Introducing an On-line Journal:  
[www.PastorDurk.blogspot.com](http://www.PastorDurk.blogspot.com)**

**F**or years I’ve found myself fascinated with the role of technology in the church’s life and mission. I’ve checked out web sites for devotional readings and Bible studies or worked with web teams to explore better ways to utilized church web sites.

At my previous congregation in Hopkins, I conducted a web-based Bible study and discussion. What happened over the course of two years was interesting. Here was an attractive 24/7 Bible study opportunity for busy people. There was an incredible amount of interest initially, so people signed on. In the end, what I found was that most people read my Bible study notes, but the level of response and discussion was low.

Since 1995, my course and seminary work toward my Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Seminary has centered on the role of technology for Bible studies and outreach in congregations. The World Wide Web has revolutionized communications, and I’ve wondered how the church might utilize this technology to further God’s kingdom.

My latest adventure in this whole area started a few weeks ago. A friend and ministry colleague encouraged me to start a blog. I replied, “A blog?” I’ve heard of it, but really had no idea what it’s all about. He said that a blog is basically a web-based journal that others can read. Blog is short for “web-log.”

Well, last week I took a few minutes to jot down some thoughts, and I started a blog. It was up and running in a matter of minutes.

The blog offers brief reflections on books and articles that I’ve read. There will also be occasional thoughts and reflections on movies and plays and other events in light of our Christian faith. You may also find portions of my sermons on the blog

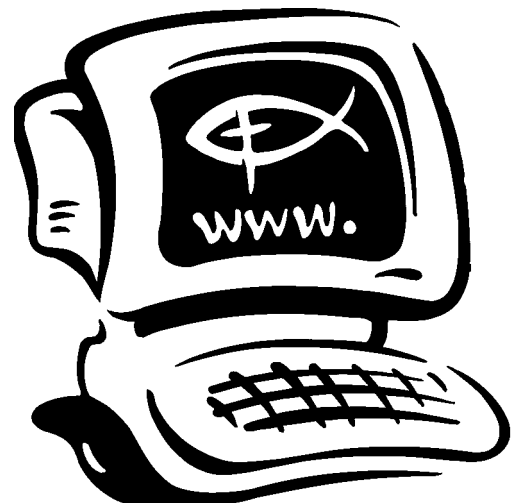
as well. From my devotion and prayer time, I will offer thoughts, reflections, and a challenge for the week.

Take a minute in the next few days to visit my on-line journal at [www.pastordurk.blogspot.com](http://www.pastordurk.blogspot.com). If there is something that stimulates or inspires you, please let me know by sending an e-mail at [revpeterson@mglc.org](mailto:revpeterson@mglc.org). My intent is to write an entry once or twice each week.

Finally, if there is a web site that you’ve found to be helpful in your faith life, please let me know and we can publish it in an upcoming Messenger newsletter for others to enjoy.

In Christ’s Service as a “Tech” Pastor Wannabe,

Pastor Durk Peterson



# Worship

## Holy Week & Easter

**J**oin us at MGLC as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus to the cross during Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday we celebrate Christ's act of service with handwashing and the celebration of Holy Communion. On Good Friday, MGLC joins with Christ's Community church for a Carry the Cross ecumenical prayer service at the Maple Grove Arboretum (Fernbrook and Co. Rd. 30). We'll park at MGLC and meet across the road in Christ's Community parking lot at 5:30 p.m. A Good Friday worship service will begin at 7:30 p.m. back at MGLC featuring a dramatic dialog with *The Centurion*. Then we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.



### Palm Sunday, April 1

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Traditional Services  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

### Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:30 p.m. Traditional Service of Holy Communion & Hand Washing

### Good Friday, April 6

5:30 p.m. "Carry the Cross" Ecumenical Service at the Maple Grove Arboretum  
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service with Dramatic Dialog: *The Centurion*

### Easter Sunday, April 8

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Traditional Services  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

### Festival of the Resurrection

Our Lenten journey to the cross culminates with this joyous celebration in music, message, and Holy Communion. Celebrate Christ's victory over death on Sunday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 11. This will be a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you at MGLC. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter through Pentecost Sunday.



### February Worship Attendance

Dates	Weekend	Wednesday
» February 4 & 7	322	30
» February 11 & 14	394	22
» <i>Cross-Eyed Worship (2/18)</i>	12	-
» February 18 & 21	364	327
» February 25 & 28	213	255

### Mid-Week Worship Celebration

Are your week-ends too busy for worship? If you work week-ends or are out-of-town here's a contemporary worship service opportunity for you. Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Maple Grove Lutheran offers a service led by a contemporary music group and celebration of Holy Communion. For more information, visit [www.mglc.org](http://www.mglc.org) or call 763-420-7930.

### Cross-Eyed Worship

New! Two Saturday nights each month is a unique worship experience that is open to teens, young adults and all ages. This alternative worship service combines up beat music, contemporary topics and great fellowship. Invite a friend and check it out Saturdays, April 7 and 21 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact **Todd Grover at 763-420-7930.**

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## February Baptisms:

### February 11

Makenna Renee Eddy  
*Chris & Becky Eddy*

### February 18

Dylan Tyler Vokal  
*Chris & Jan Vokal*

Evan Camden Pederson  
*Cameron & Julia Pederson*

### February 25

Gina Marie Gaspard  
*Jason & Scotty Gaspard*

Haley Jo Walsh  
*John & Amy Walsh*

Mai Bliia Yang  
Madeline HnubCiNtsais Her  
Natalie PajTawg-Zoo Her  
*Mai Bliia Yang & Lucas Fortin*

## Baptism for all ages – infant to adult

At MGLC we baptize people of all ages into the body of Christ. If you know a family with a newborn that does not have a church home, consider asking them if they plan to baptize their child. Here is an opportunity to reach out with the love of Christ and share the faith. If they have questions, have them **contact Pastor Peterson or Pastor Chiles at 763-420-7930.**

## Welcome to our Newest Members:

Ellen Anderson  
15412 Weaver Lake Rd  
Maple Grove, MN 55311-1832  
763-416-7833

Jeff & Wendy Antonson,  
Jeffrey  
11932 71st Ave N  
Maple Grove, MN 55369-5420  
763-315-0599

Chris & Rebecca Hilliard  
9940 107th Ave N  
Maple Grove, MN 55369-2735  
763-213-3784

Dan Huisenga & Christy Beving  
4570 58th Ave N #369  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429-2919  
612-216-5081

Chrisanne Way,  
Nic, Katie & Nathan  
12862 90th Pl N  
Maple Grove, MN 55369-6550  
763-424-9687

Mary Ellen Samuelson  
Woodland Mounds  
8377 Rice Lake Road #310  
Maple Grove, MN 55369-8607  
763-420-5243

Tracey Jeffrey  
9201 Garland Lane N #230  
Maple Grove, MN 55311-1338  
763-390-3357

## Scripture Readings for April Worship

### April 1

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56

### April 5

Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
I Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### April 6

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

### April 8

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
I Corinthians 15:19-26  
Luke 24:1-12

### April 15

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

### April 22

Acts 9:1-20  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### April 29

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30



## First Communion Celebration

Fifth graders have received instruction, decorated their first communion cups, and will have a final preparation workshop with Pastor Peterson on Tuesday, April 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This workshop includes a walk-thru on how to receive Holy Communion. Fifth graders will celebrate their first communion on Sunday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 18 and are encouraged to invite friends, and relatives to this great celebration.

## Blessing of Driver's Licenses

Students and others who have recently received their driver's license are invited to come to worship on Sunday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. for a special blessing.

# Caring ministries

## Service Men & Women

- » Tom Bennyhoff
- » Bjorn Berg
- » Ben Bunnell
- » Ryan Bunnell
- » Christopher Carlson
- » Tim Eccles
- » Andy Fenske
- » Melanie Frey
- » Travis Hall
- » Mike Helfman
- » Nat Imsdahl
- » Grant Johnson
- » Karl Kaufenberg
- » Micahel Kaufenberg
- » John King
- » Daniel Lease
- » Ricki Mathison
- » Rodney Michael
- » Ryan Perry
- » Jim Priestad
- » Andy Qually
- » Kurt Rodmyer
- » Nicholas Rohde
- » Dan Sikkink
- » Casey Vulcan
- » Barry Vulcan
- » John Shahin
- » Lisa Sherwood
- » Scott Sherwood
- » James Shymanik
- » John Shymanik
- » Jonas Wolfe
- » Jeremy Wolfsteller
- » Debbie Schultz
- » Dylan Wilde

## Military Support

Do you have a family member or friend in the military to add to our list? A new support team is forming that will reach out to military personnel and their families and express our thoughts for safety, security, and God's peace. **Contact Mary Monge at 763-424-3641 or [msmonge01@yahoo.com](mailto:msmonge01@yahoo.com).**

## People to Pray for:

- » Diane Bakke
- » Carol Bentley
- » Edith Dungan
- » Esther Haller
- » Randy Jackson
- » Mary Ann Kilker
- » Al Van Steenbergen
- » Karen Walden
- » Laurie Whitt
- » Maryan Zandaroski

## Prayer Team

Through the Lenten Season, the Prayer Team has been still before God praying individually. They will begin meeting again after Easter on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. This faithful group of 4-6 prayer warriors lift up joys and concerns of our members and their families and friends and of the church at large. If you would like to join us for this prayer time, **contact Pastor Chiles or Shelly Halverson at 763-420-8049.**

## Befrienders

This support ministry is a lay extension of the pastoral ministry and offers a listening presence to individuals who are going through difficult life situations. It also helps to build and deepen our Christian community. Befrienders is available to all MGLC adults in need of one-on-one interaction with another adult. If you are grieving, dealing with abuse, feel alone, or just need to talk with another caring Christian, **contact Pastor Chris or Pastor Durk at 763-420-7930.**

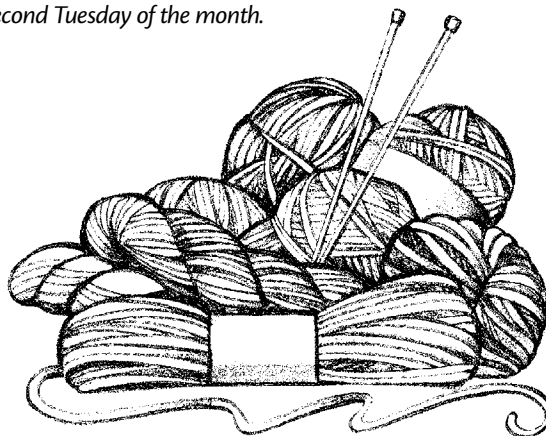
## Ministry Spotlight: Prayer Shawls

Last fall, a new ministry began at MGLC when a small group of women learned about putting their knitting and crocheting prowess to work for the Lord. This idea inspired the MGLC Prayer Shawl Ministry.

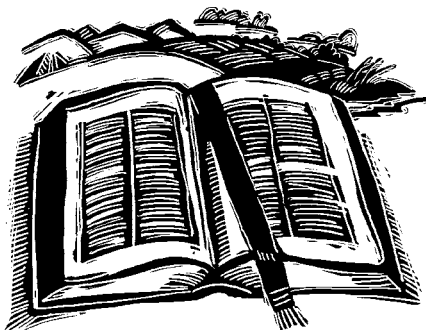
As part of our Caring Ministry, this group creates beautiful shawls that are distributed by our Pastors to people in need of a little comfort and encouragement during a time of sickness, trouble, or loss. A prayer shawl serves as a concrete representation of the warmth and care that "wraps" the wearer in love and prayer. Along with the prayer shawl, the recipients receive a booklet filled with uplifting prayers and the ministry team holds each recipient up in prayer. One prayer shawl recipient expressed, "I deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness of this gift!"

While in its beginning stages, the Prayer Shawl Ministry team is already 12 members strong. The group dreams of a day where prayer shawls are given to people outside the church and passed along from one recipient to another who is in need of care.

*If you love to knit or crochet and want to spread God's love in this special way (and enjoy fun and fellowship), consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry team. If interested, contact Marcia Johnson or Mary Monge at 763-424-3641. The group meets at the church on the second Tuesday of the month.*



# Discipleship



## Senior Women's Bible Study and Fellowship

Pastor Chris will lead a Bible study open to all Senior women. We finished a study on

the Book of Esther in February and will begin a new study on the Book of Ruth on April 19, so if you are interested in a small group fellowship, this would be a good time to join. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and coffee are provided. For more information, **contact Pastor Chris at 763-420-7930 or Doreen Mayer at 763-420-7838.**

## Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Women are invited to grow with us in Bible knowledge and faith, plus enjoy great food, fun, and fellowship on Saturday, April 14, 8:30-10:00 a.m. Shelly Halverson will lead our study from Ann Spangler's book, *Women of the Bible: 52 Stories for Prayer and Reflection*. Join us at the home of Daleen Stamas, who will host brunch, 18178 82nd Ave N, 763-494-3292. This will be our last meeting before we break for summer. For more information, **contact Shelly Halverson 763-420-8049.**

## Morning Reflections Women's Bible Study

The second and fourth Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11 a.m. women meet for Bible study and fellowship. Childcare is provided for a small fee. Sign up at the church office or **contact Lori Heater at PTHEATER@aol.com.**

## Crossways Bible Study

*"Crossways provides a clear, meaningful and helpful road map through the Scriptures."* –Past Crossways Participant

Have you ever wondered how those Bible stories you learned as a child connect to the Big Story? Crossways is a Bible study that will lead you from Genesis to Revelations and will help you dig deep into the big picture and more deeply understand its meaning. This study stresses "grace" as the key word and our response to grace as Jesus calls us to servanthood. Crossways will help reveal Jesus as the Servant King and lead you to new insights about His mission for your life. This Bible study is led by Pastor Chris on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 a.m. For more info, contact **Pastor Chris at revchiles@mglc.org.**

## Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

*"I really look forward to our time together each week," shared a participant in the Wednesday morning men's breakfast and Bible study.*

Invite your friends, neighbors or coworkers for a continental breakfast and video series entitled *Wild at Heart*. Join us at our new time on Wednesday mornings, 6:09 -7:15 a.m. (Pssst. Please be on time. Proverbs 6:9 says, "How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?" :-)) **Contact Patrick Bloomfield at 612-919-1433 or Pastor Peterson at revpeterson@mglc.org or 763-420-7930.**

## Adult Confirmation Class

This class is for adults new to the Christian faith who wish to learn more about the Bible and life in the church. It will be taught by both Pastor Peterson and Pastor Chiles on Thursday, May 3, 10, 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m. **To register, e-mail Pastor Chiles at revchiles@mglc.org.**

## Marriage Enrichment

Would you like to strengthen and renew your marriage or experience healing in your marriage and to have your love reignited? Pastor Peterson and Pastor Chiles highly recommend an excellent marriage enrichment program called PAIRS: skills for successful relationships. PAIRS stands for Practical Applications of Intimate Relationship Skills. Rev. Bob Ostergaard, an ELCA Pastor, along with Dr. Nili Sach teach this valuable course. An upcoming class will be held in Duluth on May 18-20. For more information, **call Rev. Ostergaard at 952-215-7714.**



# Discipleship

## Crosswalk Youth Bible Study

Sr. Highers are welcome to join us in the Youth room for a weekly Bible study. Invite your friends to delve into God's Word every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact **Todd Grover at 763-420-7930**.

## Youth Confirmation

Confirmation classes resume on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. through April 25. Pizza will be available for a \$1 a slice beginning at 5:00 p.m.

## Confirmation Parent/Student Night

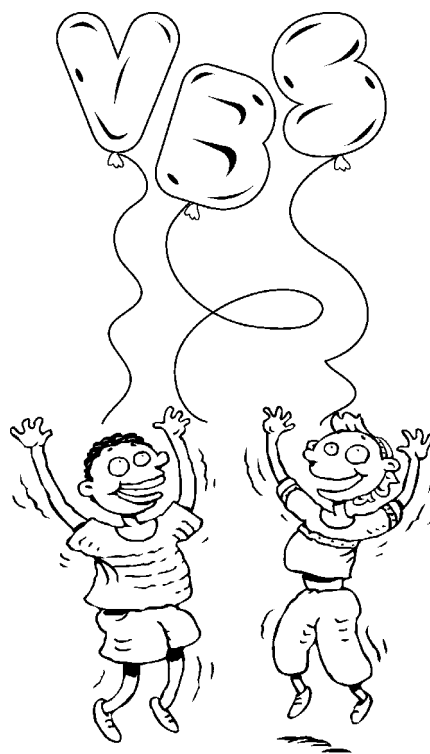
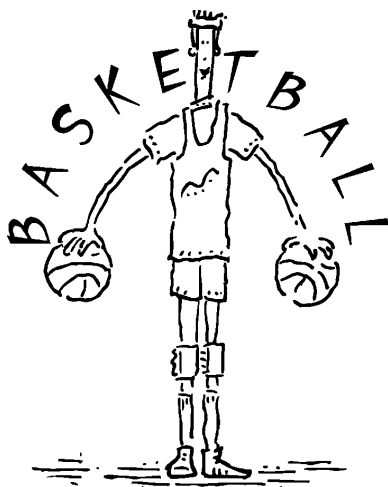
All confirmation students and parents are invited to this special parent/student night on Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Kris Causton of Youth Leadership will be our guest speaker. She'll talk about our uniqueness.

## Center for Parent/Youth Understanding (CPYU)

This organization is committed to building strong families by bridging the cultural-generational gap between parents and teenagers. Each month, *Parent Page*, a publication by the CPYU contains information about youth culture, trends, and how faith fits into our world. Parents of Jr. and Sr. Highers are encouraged to pick up a copy. Visit [www.cpyu.org](http://www.cpyu.org).

## Augsburg Congregational Youth Basketball League

Congratulations to the MGLC Sr. High Boys Team 1 who took second place in the tournament at Augsburg College on March 11. They played four games to make it to the final round! Also, congratulations to the MGLC Sr. High Boys Team 2 for receiving the Sportsmanship Award. This award is selected by officials and other coaches. Well done boys!



## Vacation Bible School

You and your friends are invited to join us for the next Vacation Bible School called *Avalanche Ranch: a Wild Ride through God's Word*. Exciting Bible adventures, crafts, tasty treats, cool songs, and games. The wild ride begins soon, so round up your friends and register! VBS will be held June 18-22, 9am-noon and is open to ages three years old through children who have completed fourth grade.

**5-6th Grade:** "On The Road" events throughout the community. Meet at church, then head out for new adventures, valuable service projects and fun fellowship!

**7th Grade and up:** be a crew leader or station helper. You'll enjoy the kids, earn service hours and have fun!

**Adults:** we need you too! Many ways to help before and during VBS week!

Cost: \$20/child (\$50/family maximum). To register your kids, stop by the church office by May 10. Registration form also available at [www.mglc.org](http://www.mglc.org), just print it and send or bring it to church. For more information or to volunteer, sign up on the VBS board by the gymnasium or **contact Jennifer Cassady at 763-565-1060**.



## Mission Partner Update

*Jordan New Life Church Partnership Events!*

MGLC has been in a mission partnership with Jordan New Life since 1998. On Sunday, April 22, Pastor La Andriamihaja (pronounced andre-miadza) of Jordan New Life Church will preach at MGLC and the JNLC contemporary band lead our 11:00 a.m. service. Several members of JNLC will worship with us. A potluck meal will be held at noon to celebrate our mission partnership. Bring a main dish, salad, bread, or dessert to share.

On Sunday, May 13, Pastor Chris will preach at JNLC and our WWB contemporary band led by Brian Hanson will lead the music and singing. Members of MGLC are encouraged to worship at JNLC's 10:00 a.m. service. For more information, contact **Pastor Peterson at revpeterson@mglc.org**.

## 3rd Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The Maple Grove Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held at Rush Creek Golf Course on Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 a.m. The theme will be housing needs in Maple Grove. The featured speaker will be Millard Fuller, co-founder of Habitat for Humanity. MGLC has a table reserved for 10 (first come, first served). Cost: \$10/person. Our very own Vivian Hagen will be playing special music on the harp for this event. **To register, e-mail Pastor Peterson and make a check payable to MGLC.**

## Opportunity International

Opportunity International strives to reach the world's poorest people through its micro-enterprise development programs. Their mission is to provide opportunities for people in chronic poverty to transform their lives. Their strategy is to create jobs, stimulate small businesses, and strengthen communities among the poor. Their commitment is motivated by Jesus Christ's call to serve the poor and their core values are respect, commitment to the poor, integrity, and stewardship. Visit [www.opportunity.org](http://www.opportunity.org) for more info.

A group has been targeting micro-financing or small loans for the Villa Esfuerzo community in the Dominican Republic. There will be a gathering of those interested for cake and coffee Sunday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. **Call Mike Eggars at 763-420-9522 to RSVP and for directions to his home.**

## 30 Hour Famine

*More than 29,000 children die every day from hunger around the world. Every three seconds a child dies because he or she was malnourished.*

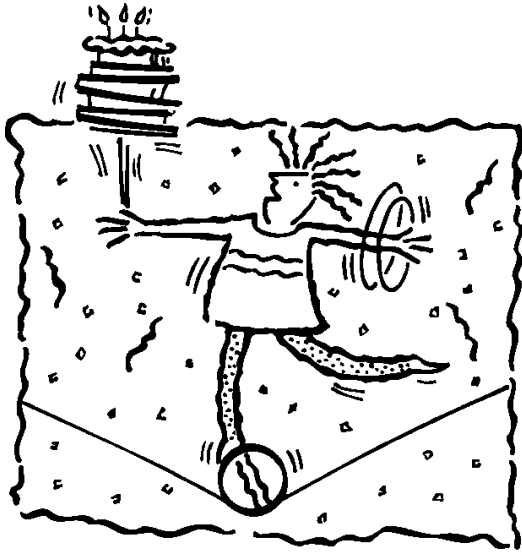
**Here's how you can help:** Grades 7-12 are invited to join dozens of area churches for the largest Famine event held in the Twin Cities on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28. If you are interested, contact Todd 763-420-7930 for an information packet.

Cost: \$45/person (this cost will pay for the food we pack for Feed My Starving Children, with the goal being to package over 100,000 meals). The funds raised during the 30 Hour Famine will be used by World Vision to help feed hungry children and families all over the world. The \$45 for this event (checks made to MGLC) and **all Famine kits need to be turned in to Todd by Sunday, April 22.**

## Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

Package nutritious meals that will be sent to those in need around the world. *Since last June, members of Maple Grove Lutheran have helped to package over 63,072 meals.* FMSC is a great place for families, confirmation students, birthday parties, and Bible study groups to serve. Groups serve Thursday, April 19 (the third Thursday of each month), 6:00-7:30 p.m. FMSC is located in Brooklyn Park near the intersection of Hwy 81 and 694. **Contact Todd at [todd@mglc.org](mailto:todd@mglc.org).**





## Spring Talent Program

*"Each one has special gift from God" (1 Corinthians 7:7).*

The congregation and their guests are invited to our youth Spring Talent Program entitled Hosanna, Sunday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m. Youth, grades 4-12, will share their gifts and talents. The Cherub Choir, Praise Singers and Spirit Choir will also sing their favorite songs from the year. A reception will follow. Join us as we lift up our youth and give thanks for the sparkle of Jesus they bring to our family of faith.

## Play and Praise

Children play together while parents and caregivers get to know one another. Invite your friends and neighbors with young children. Open to children ages birth through 6 years old. Meets Wednesday, April 4 and 18, 9:30 a.m.

## Jeremy Sanoski Band Concert

Youth, families and friends are invited to this concert Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A free will offering will be taken. **For more info, visit [www.jeremysanoskiband.com](http://www.jeremysanoskiband.com).**

## Sr. High Dinner Club

Grades 9-12 are invited for food and fellowship. Meet at church, pick a restaurant and go eat. Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your friends. **Contact Todd for more information 763-420-7930.**

## Graduation Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on Sunday, May 20 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Letters will be mailed to high school seniors at the start of April about this day. If you are a graduating high school or college senior and you do not receive this letter, we want to make sure that you are included. Letters and information will be available in the church office. Responses must be back to the church office no later than Friday, May 11. Questions, contact Todd Grover or Deb Raabe.

## Prime Timers

Mystery Trip, Tuesday, April 10, 10 a.m. Meet at the church. **Contact Gerry Peterson at 763-323-8686.**

## Men's Golf Weekend

Join other men for a weekend of golf at Peter's Resort in Glenwood, MN Friday, August 10-12. **Contact Mike Reichert at 763-427-0621.**

## Financial Summary for February 2007

GENERAL FUND	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$37,351	\$45,950
Other Inflows	1,871	1,917
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>39,222</b>	<b>47,867</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>53,549</b>	<b>45,000</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$14,328)</b>	<b>\$2,867</b>

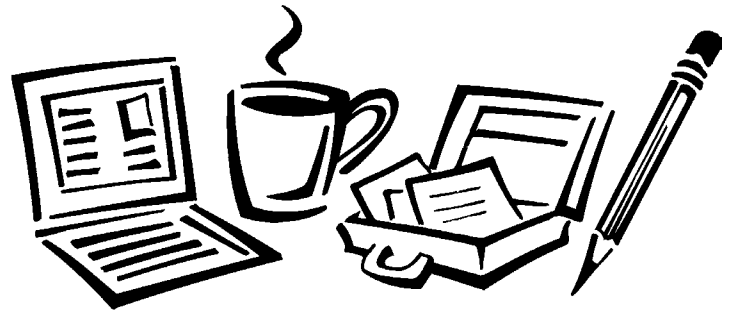
CAPITAL FUND	Actual	YTD
<b>Beginning Balance 02/01/07</b>	<b>\$244,943</b>	<b>\$268,429</b>
Contribution & Inflows	11,443	29,107
Fundraiser Fees	0	0
Mortgage Payments	14,933	29,866
Architect Fees	31,846	56,426
Legal Fees	0	0
Capital Appeal Costs	0	0
Construction Expenses	0	1,638
Transfer to Bremer		
Freedom Account-stock	0	0
<b>Ending Balance 02/28/07</b>	<b>\$209,607</b>	<b>\$209,607</b>

# Council update

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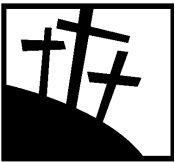
## March 2007

- » Peg Turnquist opened the meeting on Thursday, March 8 with devotion and prayer.
- » Discussed our submitted vision statements and looked at common themes. The Vision Team will take these themes and come up with some statements for us to review.
- » No guests at this meeting, no open forum.
- » Sharon Spindler shared Personnel Committee handouts, which charted what the responsibilities were by the Personnel Committee, Staff and Council on a variety of HR topics. These were reviewed and there are some action items for the Council to decide upon.
- » It was motioned, seconded and approved that we change our by-laws to reflect that the Council VP should be the chairperson and not the Past President of the Personnel Committee. This will be brought to the spring congregational meeting along with the next two approved items.
- » It was also motioned, seconded and approved that there should be term limits set at two years. There are currently no term limits in the by-laws for the Personnel Committee.
- » Another motion was made, seconded and approved by Council that the number of people on the team should be a minimum of two people at large. It currently states that two people at large can serve.
- » Greg Goeke came to share an update on the Steering Committee update. There have been numerous conversations and meetings as we try to reach resolution with all parties involved in this process.
- » A motion was made, seconded and approved that we allow the Steering Committee to proceed with final preparation of the purchase agreement and take the necessary action to get this resolved.
- » Steve Wagner gave a financial update as of February 28. The general fund hasn't been adjusted to seasonality and this will be done soon. We are currently running about \$4,000 behind budget.



- » Pastor Durk and Pastor Chris shared their reports.
- » Pastor Durk announced that we would be introducing all new staff on Sunday, February 11. Motion was also made, seconded and approved that we offer Stephanie Baker the interim Children's Ministry position.
- » Maple Grove City Council approved our variance to our building with no restrictions on Monday, March 5.
- » Rick Moulton shared a Nominating Committee update. Still looking to fill a couple of positions.
- » Sadly, Todd Tremel has resigned his position on the church Council. Motion was made, seconded and approved to have Peg Turnquist (a former Council President) move into the Past President position and to bring in Mike Benson, as a Council member at large to fulfill the term. This is in accordance with our by-laws that people can be appointed to fill positions until the next election, which will be at the spring congregational meeting.
- » Approved council minutes from the February 8 and February 11 Council meetings.
- » Approved two Youth fundraiser requests.
- » Distributed to each Councilperson and pastor a short list of people to contact to invite them back into active participation at MGLC.
- » Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

# Messenger



## HAPPENING THIS MONTH

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- » *April 1: Palm Sunday*
- » *April 5: Maundy Thursday*
- » *April 6: Good Friday Service with Drama: The Centurion*
- » *April 7: CrossEyed Worship*
- » *April 8: Easter Sunday*
- » *April 10: First Communion Workshop*
- » *April 10: Prime Timer's Mystery Trip*
- » *April 10: Prayer Shawl Ministry*
- » *April 13: Jeremy Sanoski concert*
- » *April 14: Women's Fellowship & Bible Study*
- » *April 14: Feed My Starving Children*
- » *April 19: Senior Women's Bible Study*
- » *April 21: CrossEyed Worship*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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### Sunday

8:00, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

### Wednesday

7:30 p.m.

## OFFICE HOURS

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### Sunday

7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Monday evening

5:30-8:30 p.m.

### Wednesday evening

5:00-9:00 p.m.

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