

CROSSROADS

MAY 14-28, 2006

Serving in Worship...

May 21, 2006

1 John 3: 16-24

"Love Simply"

8:30 AM

Elder: Janet Gay

Deacon: Don and Cookie Orescanin

10:45 AM

Table Elder: Kathleen DeGiobbi

Offertory Elder: Debbe Hughes

Time for Children: Carolyn Partney

Diaconate: Mike Hecker, Tom Kilpatrick, Matt Hecker, Lori Landberg, Debbie Lausten, Diana Sage

Ushers: Doris Hamblin [captain] Kay Waggoner, Dee Laird, Gloria Mattson

Greeters: Hugh and Arlene McNamar

May 28, 2006

John 17: 6-19

"A Prayer for the Church"

8:30 AM

Elder: Estella Stephenson

Deacon: Greg Mitchell and Cho Nai Cheung

10:45 AM

Table Elder: Carolyn Partney

Offertory Elder: Ellie McDougal

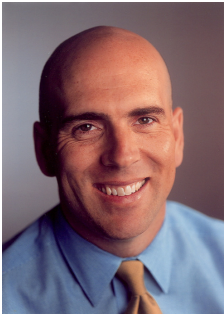
Time for Children: Lynne Hile

Diaconate: Gloria Mattson [captain] Doris Hamblin, Bill Plambeck, Hugh McNamar, Kym West, Elaine Sherman, Diana Carlisle, Donna Sabosky

Ushers: Mike Hecker [captain] Matt Hecker, Kate Landberg, Steven Jeffreys

Weight Training for Life

-- by the Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman



Have you ever played that game where everyone gets to say who they would have dinner with if you could have dinner with anyone in the world, living or dead?

Everyone always says Jesus. But not me. Not because I don't want to share a meal

with the messiah. That is actually a really important part of my week. I just really want to meet and get to know Anne Lamott.

Lamott is a writer who has written novels, lessons on writing and life and raising children, and also her spiritual autobiography. She also writes regular articles for a couple of magazines as well as salon.com. I really like the way that she writes, but even more I simply love the way that she sees the world. She has a deep, honest, playful approach to life that comes as the result of a difficult upbringing and bouts with depression and addiction. But mostly it is a result of having fallen in love with a God that has always loved her, even in those moments when she was most unlovable. She is now a self-confessed Jesus freak, even if she can't bring herself to attach one of those plastic fishes to the back of her car.

She has a son Sam who recently turned 16 and has started driving. And he hates to go to church. But still, she makes him go. Not long ago she wrote why, explaining, *"because I want him to. These are bewildering, drastic times we live in, and a little spiritual guidance never killed anyone... I think there are worse things for kids that to have to spend time with people who love God; teenagers who do not go to church are also adored by God, but they*

don't get to meet some of the people who love God back. Learning to love back is the hardest part of being alive."

Can you see why I want to have dinner with this woman?

Sam doesn't want to go to church because it's boring to the point of being embarrassing. But in her words, *"our worship is so naked, built on the rubble of need and ruin, and our joy is so deeply uncool – but by the same token, he doesn't want to floss, or do homework, or pull weeds. He doesn't want to have any hard work, ever, but I can't give him that without injuring him. It's good to do uncomfortable things. It's weight training for life."*

Some of the hardest, most difficult times in our lives are often the most fruitful and healing and, if we can somehow muster the spiritual courage to endure them, the most rewarding. And sometimes just showing up for life, risking the embarrassment of it all, is the hardest part. It's in those moments when we begin to discover the strength that God breathes into us with every living breath.

I'll see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace to you,



With Much Thanks...

Dear Church Family,

I was completely surprised and taken aback by the recognition and reception in celebrating on my 1-year anniversary on May 14th! Thank you so much for the incredibly kind gift!

It is still hard for me to believe it has been a full year since coming home and being given the opportunity to serve as your Senior Minister! It has been an incredible year of growth for me individually, and I hope for you spiritually!

In many ways we are still getting started – there is much that we can do, and will do, together. What an incredibly exciting time ahead of us.

As we move forward, please know what a joy and privilege it is to be your pastor.

With deep appreciation,

~Russ



Photo by Angelina Nadeau

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 2006 (14-31)

16 Betty Annable

17 Linda Smith

18 Ysabella Portello

19 Denise Aycock

Nina Nicholas

20 Angelina Nadeau

22 Millie Parsons

24 Katie Maltester

26 Arlene Kopshy

Dean Henry

28 Pat Twigg

29 Ian Rose

30 Hazel Sawyer

Meg Sumner-Moore

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Young celebrate their birthdays 24 hours straight with gifts, cake, etc., but as we mature we like to CELEBRATE in small time periods. COME MAY 28TH TO LATE SERVICE AND STAY AFTER TO CELEBRATE HAZEL SAWYERS 90th birthday at a reception following. Mature persons like to celebrate with friends old and new for shorter periods over many days; so come make her day.

Mexico Mission 2006 Benefit Concert!

A Night of Music With Josh Elson

Also featuring: The Way and Dan Paul

June 10th @ 7:00 pm

Tickets are on sale now!

Admission: Adults \$20

Youth (18 and under) \$15

5 and under FREE!

Please contact

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for more information.

Seating is limited so don't delay!!



New Church Leadership Elected

Beginning a new term on June 1 will be the newly elected Leadership Class for 2006-2007. Included in that group will be the Ministry Team chairs, as well as a new class of Elders and Deacons. We will be blessed under this new leadership team, which has been carefully selected by the nominating committee, and unanimously approved by the church board and, most recently, by the church membership at the annual Congregational Meeting held between services on May 14th.

The Elders

The following group of individuals has been called to serve as Elders for a 2-year term. The Elders serve as the spiritual leadership of the congregation and support the ministry of the church through service and counsel.

Toni Barmore

Diana Carlisle

Judie Carlisle

Rick Marr

Ellie McDougal

Wendy Collins *

Kathleen DeGiobbi *

Janet Gay *

Debbe Hughes *

Diane Maltester * (chair)

Estella Stephenson *

Carolyn Partney *

* *continuing on in unexpired terms*

The Cabinet

Until recently these positions were known as Committee Chairs, but under the recently reorganized board structure will serve as Ministry Team Chairs, and will have a direct voice on the church board. Please notice that some of the Ministry Teams are new, or have been split out from other committees that were not active or functioning.

Worship

Rick Marr

Spiritual Formation

Ellie McDougal

Hospitality

Janet Gay

Communications

Paula Rose

Stewardship

Lori Landberg

House & Grounds

Bill Plambeck

Finance

Pat Watson

Outreach

Luz Porto & Carolyn Partney

Fellowship (formerly Hospitality)

Denise Aycock & Lisa Morgan

The Deacons

Your Deacon team for 2006-2008, which will assist in all worship services, will be:

Denise Aycock (co-chair), Hugh McNamar (co-chair), Collier Laird, Cho Nai Cheung, Kym West, Debbie Henry, Ken Rishell, Luz Porto, Don DeGiobbi, Emrys Lloyd-Roberts, Greg Mitchell, Bill Plambeck, Dean Henry, Kate Landberg, Pat Rishell, Patti Halter. Continuing on in the second year of a 2-year term will be: Pat Watson, Janet Hecker, Lynne Hile, Tom Kilpatrick, Al and Bev Lockwood, Todd and Lisa Morgan, Don Orescanin, Cookie Orescanin, Andie Raymon, Elaine Sherman, Mike Hecker, Mark and Julie Hood, Lori Landberg, Gloria Mattson, Diana Sage.

The Executive Team

With all of the transition in the church board this past year we are pleased to have the following slate of officers who will continue on for 2006-2007 term:

Board Chairperson	Tim Rose
Vice-Chair	Tom Kilpatrick
Secretary	Bev Plambeck
Chief Financial Officer	Don DeGiobbi
Past Chairperson	Kathleen DeGiobbi

A very special thank you to the Nominating Committee for their diligent, prayerful work in discerning and then calling out those who God is calling to serve in leadership at this time in our history. This is an exciting, important time in our church's life, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such willing, diligent and highly capable leadership!





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	June 4	Acts 2: 1-21	“Vital Signs”
	June 11	Acts 2: 41-47	“Vintage Christianity”
	June 18	Acts 4: 32-35 I Peter 2: 5-9	“There’s No ‘I’ In Church”
	June 25	Acts 8: 26-40	“Practice Makes Pilgrims”