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WE WOULD SEE JESUS!

The motion picture *Gandhi* starred Ben Kingsley as the central character. Rarely has an actor made so impressive a film debut as did Kingsley in *Gandhi*. He spent months preparing for the role, visiting the same Indian locales that Gandhi had frequented. He even learned to spin cotton thread on a wooden wheel, as the Mahatma did, while holding conversations.

The physical resemblance between Gandhi and Kingsley proved startling. After filming a scene in a village south of Delhi, Kingsley stepped out of a car, and an elderly peasant knelt to touch his feet. Embarrassed, Kingsley explained that he was merely an actor playing the Mahatma. "We know," replied the villager, "but through you he will surely live again."

Isn't that the world's appeal to you and me? Through us, the world might glimpse the living Christ again. They would see Him in our hearts and on our lips. We might compare it to a kind of resurrection.

Blessings in Our New Life Together!

Pastor Steve



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Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School: during worship

The Rev. Stephen L. Cordes, Pastor

Church Council Officers:

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AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: Doug Kurick is currently in rehabilitation at Rosewood Gardens following some time in Albany Medical Center. He has been suffering from ulcers which have hopefully now been remedied. Following knee replacement surgery, Leo Parras, is coming back nicely with his physical therapy and exercise. David Cerrone, continues to make good progress after breaking his leg several weeks ago. He is now out of his cast and is gaining strength and mobility each and every day. Mildred Lalanne is improving with her mobility as she continues to receive treatment from the wound center, improving the circulation in her leg. Bill Jarosz helped keep the excitement going at the end of worship on Easter Sunday. An emergency visit to Samaritan Hospital was in order as Bill experienced some dizziness and disorientation. It appears that his medications needed some readjustment. He is back home and we are all grateful that the issue was nothing major! Paul Molesky (Joann's husband) is back in physical therapy to help strengthen his back and legs. Paul **Phillips** is back home receiving physical therapy following his recent hip replacement surgery. Dorothy Lewis has been suffering through the shingles as of recent. Rich Anderson is scheduled to have some throat surgery done in the near future.

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FLOWERS FOR MAY

- May 4 In loving memory of Bob Young Given by Kay Young
 May 11 In honor of Timmy Martin's Baptism Given by Sara, John & Molly Martin
- May 18In loving memory of Gertrude ClicknerGiven by Larry Lansing
- May 25In loving memory of William Boord
Given by Barb and Larry Boord

PENTECOST PLANTS

As we have done in the past, flowering plants will be purchased and placed on the Altar for Pentecost which is **June 8th** this year. Shortly after these plants will be planted outside to help beautify the church grounds throughout the summer and early fall. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this annual event please see Donna Van Zandt.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Several estimates for a new furnace and hot water heater have been received. The property committee will be reviewing each of them and presenting to the council for further discussion.

Cedar siding will be used on the church as needed. South wall repairs will continue as soon as the weather breaks.

Bulk mailing is still being discussed, but changes have to be made with the cost of postage rising. So far no one has offered to take over the newsletter from the Gibsons. Council has discussed different ideas but has not come to any solution.

For any concerns of problems please advise us. We will discuss and address the issues at our next meeting. Our next meeting is Monday May 5, 2014 at 7 pm.

Joyce Duncan, Secretary

SERVING FAITH

May 4	Altar	Janet Walsh, Merilyn
		Niles
	Lay Assistant	Aaron Cordes
	Ushers	Barb Boord, Irene Pagel
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens, Janet
		Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Donna & Gene St. John
May 11	Altar	Janet Walsh, Merilyn
		Niles
	Lay Assistant	Robert Gibson
	Ushers	Errol Bull, Bill
		Speanburg
	Counters	Joyce Duncan, Carol
		Perrott
	Coffee Hour	Donna & Bob Gibson
May 18	Altar	Karen Cordes, Pam
		Perras
	Lay Assistant	Donna Gibson
	Ushers	Rikki Franklyn, Ron
		Moss
	Counters	Polly & Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Nadeen Thompson
May 25	Altar	Karen Cordes, Pam
		Perras
	Lay Assistant	
	Ushers	Beth & Joe King
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Irene Pagel, Carolyn
		Rouse

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please arrange to trade dates with another assistant. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Donna Van Zandt, Worship Chairperson. Schedule for Altar Guild by Pam Perras Schedule for Coffee Hour by Heather Bull



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Spring is a busy time for WELCA, beginning with the Spring Assembly at St. Timothy's on March 22. Seven attended and enjoyed the "Fruits of the Spirit" program.

Thanks to everyone who cooked and purchased items to provide lunch and dinner for the guests at Joseph's House on April 5. We had plenty of food and our contribution was very much appreciated. Thank you again one and all!

Our next event is a Baby Shower to benefit Lutheran World Relief on Saturday, May 3 from 1-3 pm. We'll have a fun party and then wrap the baby care kits to go to LWR later in the week. A kit pick-up is being held in Bennington.

There is just one more session of the Bible Study on Mark—"Go and Tell". We will complete the session at our meeting on May 20. The annual picnic will be at Evelyn's on June 17. We will also make back packs for Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club on June 28 at 10 AM at church, followed by a bag lunch. Come and join us as we try to complete at least a dozen back packs. This will lead up to our summer break and meetings will resume in September.



The end of the Sunday School year is fast approaching. By the time you read this, the Easter Egg hunt will have been completed and the baskets raffled off. Now, it is time to start planning the end of the year activities.

This year's Sunday School picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 8 immediately following the church

service. All the congregation is invited. We also hope to celebrate the First Communion of several of our Sunday School students on this day. The picnic will be a great way to recognize our students on their special day.

The last day of Sunday School will be June 1. Also, there will be no Sunday School on Memorial Day weekend (May 25). Sunday School will commence again on a yet to be determined date in September.

> Sara Martin Education Director

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible study group has ended until the fall. We completed the Proverbs study and will move to the minor prophets in the fall.



DINNER CLUB

The May meeting of the Dinner Club will be on May 10th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Make reservations with the Gibsons, Jaroszs by no later than Wednesday May 7th.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please note the following changes in your Directory:

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The June newsletter deadline is Sunday, May 18. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning