

SOUTH COMMUNITY
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NEWSLETTER

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MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 11: 00 A.M.

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Vision Statement

We are a family united by God's love: serving, sharing and growing together. It is our mission to call people into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

A LETTER TO MOTHERS

I don't know you, that is true,
And yet I almost feel I do.
Mothers' hearts are all the same
Regardless of their family name.
And I can't help but feel inside
How your heart must beam with love and pride,
For children are bright reflections, it's clear,
Of the wonderful mothers who've brought them here.
For children build their lives the way
Their mothers teach them day by day,
And all they are and all they do
They owe to mothers just like you.
And so today we honor you
For your faithful helped a child to do
The right things, for you made him strong
And taught him what was right and wrong.
Without a mother's love and devotion,
No man would ever win promotion.
You taught him the fundamentals of life
And placed him then in the hands of his life
And placed him then in the hands of his wife.
And together, whatever your son has won,
You can consider you both have done.
To you the credit and honor is due,
For children's honors belong to you,
For you live in your children and what they do
Because they are a part of you.
And here is a wish that our dear God above
Will bless you today with the gift of His love.

HAPPY PENTECOST!

Happy Pentecost everyone! Happy Pentecost sounds a little strange, doesn't it? It doesn't have the same ring to it as "Happy Easter" or "Merry Christmas" or even "Happy Birthday" does. I have to think you are not expecting any gifts or flowers or fuss for Pentecost. Pentecost is on May 19 this year since Pentecost is 50 days from Easter (including Easter). Why should we celebrate Pentecost? It could be said that Pentecost is not as important as Christmas or Easter because of the significance of those dates as they relate to Jesus' birth and resurrection respectively. Yet, it is still important that we recognize the reason Pentecost is on the church calendar. The phrase "Happy Birthday" is appropriate to this occasion because Pentecost is the birthday of the church. The story of how it happened is found at the beginning of the second chapter of Acts: *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[]*

as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4 NIV -- Bible Gateway

It was on Pentecost that God gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit so Jesus' disciples could go and do things that they had never done before. God continues to give the Holy Spirit and we, as followers of Jesus Christ, should celebrate receiving of this amazing gift from God. If we continue reading in Acts 2 we find that a little later Peter preaches to a large crowd about who Jesus was and what Jesus had done for them, and about 3,000 people believed and were baptized. That marks the beginning of the Christian church.

The color of Pentecost is red as a nod to "what seemed to be tongues of flame" that rested on them. That was the visible sign of the Holy Spirit coming to them – as Jesus had promised (John 14:26 & Acts 1:7)! This is why we are encouraged to wear red on Pentecost, to acknowledge and celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit to believers.

So, on May 19 come to church wearing your red clothes and expect a jubilant worship experience as we celebrate Pentecost.

Blessings,

Pastor Jim

FINANCES:

Receipts for March - \$ 4,780.06

Disbursements for February- \$ 3,294.24

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1- Mary Kay Moon

4- Lucille Peterson

Love INC has launched a new continuous education program for individuals every 3rd Saturday of the month from 11-2pm at the Cadillac office, called Spot On. Residents from Wexford, Missaukee, Osceola & Lake counties are welcome to attend. Call the office at 231-779-1888 for a short intake to determine eligibility.

On May 18th Love INC's new Spot-On classes for life is helping to start planning activities for your children & to make sure you have all the information & necessary tools ahead of time to help relieve unnecessary stress. You will need to be on top of things including sign-up, deadlines registrations. Spot-on classes for life is getting all the guesswork out of the way and making sure you have all the resources to have a fun summer. Free family activities are all around if one knows where to look, don't worry we have you covered! Be sure to follow us on our SPOT-ON classes for life Facebook page for the latest information, updates and sign-ups for monthly classes. *Participants will be entered into drawings for family games, gift certificates for pizza dinner & more surprises.*

IN THE STORMS OF LIFE
A mother's love is like an island
In life's ocean vast and wide –
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the restless, rising tide.
A mother's love is like a fortress,
And we seek protection there,
When waves of tribulation
Seem to drown us in despair.
A mother's love's a sanctuary
When our souls can find sweet rest
From the struggle and the tension
Of life's fast and futile quest.
A mother's love is like a tower
Rising far above the crowd,
And her smile is like the sunshine
Breaking through a threatening cloud.
A mother's love is like a beacon
Burning bright with faith and prayer,
And through the changing scenes of life
We find a haven there.
For a mother's love is fashioned
After God's unfailing love –
It is endless and unfailing
Like the love of Him above.