

Love, on the other hand, triumphs over fear and strengthens our faith. Love is more powerful than fear, because God is love. That's why Jesus came—to teach us about God's love and that we no longer need to live in fear whatever that fear may be.

Do we ever pray to have fear? Most likely not. But we do pray for love...to be made more loving...to be filled with God's love for others...to love as he loves. When we focus on love, fear scatters. "Perfect love drives [casts] out fear." Fear cannot stand to be in the presence of love. Fear will always be a part of our human existence, but we don't have to succumb to it. Love, too, is present in our human existence. And Love can rule our hearts when we open ourselves to Love—God's love for us.

When fear knocks on the door, don't answer it. When fears do mount, do like a golfer does and look for the opening in the trees, rather than looking at the trees. Look for the solution, and do not focus on the problem. Look to God to bring wisdom and discernment. Look to Love which walks with us through the problem to the opening of faith. Let us live with an abundance of Love, which strengthens our faith.

In Christ, for Christ,
Pastor Carol Pfeiffer

New Members

On Palm Sunday we took into membership by transfer of letter and baptism six persons: **Geneva and Howard Davis, Barry and Laura Nicholson, Joy Klein, and Heather Nicholson.** Be sure to get acquainted with them. You will find each one a delight. We praise God for their presence in our community of faith.

May Friendship Breakfast



The **May Friendship Breakfast** will be held at our church on **Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 a.m.** We need fruit and nut breads or little muffins for the breakfast. Please See Beverly Nicholson or Carol Goar if you can donate some. The speaker will be Whitney Mays from Hope House in Richmond. The Thrift Shop, Carol Bullock and all the helpers will be honored for 10 years of service. We hope everyone will come.

May Smorgasbord – Food, Food, Food!

Our Smorgasbord will be sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. It will be held **May 14, 4:00-7:00 p.m.** Plan to help. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the East Classroom for donations. Hot foods, salads and desserts will be served. Yum! Plan to come eat.

Graduates

High School graduates: **Rebecca Bach**, daughter of Jeff and Ann Bach. She will be attending the Chicago School of Art in the fall.

College graduates: **Carrie Potter**, daughter of Jay and Julie Potter. Carrie graduates from Indiana University, Bloomington with a degree in Apparel Merchandise on May 7. She will be starting her job on July 11 with Carson-Perie & Scott a division of Sacks Fifth Avenue in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Jayne Robin Brandenburg, daughter of the late Joy Brandenburg, and granddaughter of Harriet Burroughs and the late Robert Burroughs. Jayne graduates from the University of Indiana. Jayne has aspirations to be a lawyer.



Seminary graduate: **Ann Bach** graduates from Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, Indiana on May 7 with a Masters of Divinity degree.

Ann Bach's Seminary Graduation Worship Service



You are invited to **Ann Bach's** graduation worship service to be held **May 7, 2:00 p.m. at Richmond Church of the Brethren.** Ann is graduating from Bethany Theological Seminary with a Masters in Divinity. We congratulate Ann on her accomplishment. She is