

# Indiana Dunes Great Banquet & Awakening Community Newsletter

## ***DIVINE APPOINTMENTS***

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

Okay, since confession is good for the soul, I confess that on a Friday morning when I was supposed to be sitting in chapel meditating before visiting patients, I allowed my mind to wander to my problem concerning what I was going to write for this article. What might I say in this first newsletter of 2011 as the new Community Spiritual Director? I was in a quandary; nothing seemed to come to mind. The time of meditation ended and admittedly very little "meditation" took place on my part. Another chaplain in the room was to offer a devotion and I thought, "Good, I can use the time to think about something to write," as I was aware that the deadline was drawing very close. Suddenly out of the mouth of the other chaplain I heard the

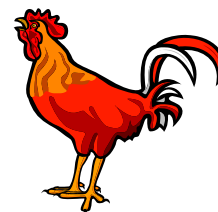
words "divine appointment" and it was in that moment that I had an epiphany. The task before me became clear. I love epiphanies, those light bulb moments, when I feel very connected to God. Now I know He's communicating with me all the time but I get very excited when I realize that I am being the mature Christian I should be and I'm actually listening and then responding.

We've just started a new year and if you're like most people your calendar is already filling up quickly. Quite often we have to decide what we think is important and what we think isn't quite as important. Essentially we must learn the fine art of prioritizing. In the hospital we call it "learning how to triage." We

all have work, committee meetings, things to do for our families and so much more. On top of all of these demands, if you listen, you will hear that you are also constantly receiving divine appointments. Those tasks and meetings inspired and led by God. We all get them, sometimes we don't respond to them because we don't discern that they are being made and sometimes we just plain ignore them.

Sometimes we don't like them and we try to resist them. We might say to ourselves, "Oh, I'd be happy to be a servant for God if He would just let me do what I want to do, what I think is right or what is in my comfort zone." Thankfully, divine appointments don't work like that.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 6th IDGB #67 & 68 Team Dedication at 1st Presbyterian Crown Point, 7pm.
- April 14-17th #67 Men's Banquet
- April 24th *Happy Easter!*
- April 28-May 1st #68 Women's Banquet
- May 7th 4th Day Gathering at Westminster Presbyterian Munster
- May 13-15th KONI #10

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# Come...



...now is the time to  
**Worship!**

## Divine Appointments, continued from page 1...

Every divine appointment was made to be kept and every one of them is important; some we may respond to immediately, others may take years. And during this time, as we grow as Christians, we must also learn what truly are divine appointments and what are appointments of our own making, coming from our own needs. As children of God, as Disciples of Christ, as members in our churches and as members of Indiana Dunes Great Banquet we are all called. It is up to you to decide how you will respond to your divine appointments.

Whatever divine appointments you may receive please know that they are important, many are very exciting, some may be challenging, others even scary if you are asked to step out of

your comfort zone. At times you may not understand them and there may even be times when you feel lost, but God is calling you to do His work. Jesus Christ is calling you to be his disciple. God isn't as interested in our ability as our availability. We will be given what we need. "God does not call the equipped, He equips the called."

Within this community we are called to many types of tasks and every task is crucial whether it be preparing a meal or a newsletter or holding a candle or giving a talk or leading a table discussion or decorating tables or serving on agape or cleaning up after the weekend or being a sponsor or praying for guests or playing music or being a Spiritual Director or a Lay Director or Community Lay Director or (you fill in the blank).

We all are working in a combined effort of laity and clergy to bring the grace of God to people, to help them know Jesus as Lord and Savior and as disciples to help strengthen the church.

*For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,*

*so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. Romans 12:4-5*

Blessings in this New Year and may you approach every divine appointment as if it were the grandest, most important work you will ever do, because it is.

**Joan Dell**  
Community Spiritual Director

## Welcome to our Newest Members!



### Fall Men's Banquet #61

Gerry Croarkin, Barry Cummins, James. F. Winiecki, Richard K. Kneifel, Warren Johnson, Rob Nobles, Chad Hall, David Corrigan, Jonathan Robinson, Chris Leininger, Joe O'Rourke, James Pritchard, Keith Oliver, Gordon Abston, Jr., Robert Porter, Jason Johnson, and Jerry David Mangel.

### Fall Women's Banquet #62

Beth Richter, Pat Williams, Laura Reason, Kathy Ragon, Jennifer Lindemer, Sheri Gow, Rose Yoder, Julie Burcham, Lori Shaw, Patricia Govert, Nancy Nicoletto, Carolyn Mikovich, Sharon Herren, Melissa Linn, Elise Cummins, Michelle Corrigan, Connie Jeha, Gina Peyton, Pam Meuzelaar, Linda Sherer, Yvonne Allen, and Mona Gottschling.

### Spring Men's Banquet #63

William Howell, Jeremy Lindemer, Randy Wilgus, Evan Webster, Jim Peyton, James Hurst, David Abbott, Chas Tiny (Big Tiny) Canty, Gary Linn, Kenneth Crews, David Jones, Eric Steighner, Brandon Klemp, Mike Bonaventura, Barnabas Sutton, Daniel Ball, Glen Kiek, Steve Nethery, Pat Walter, Michael Lemond, Leland Riley, Daniel Ragon, Casper Wise-

man, David Nava, Earl Presley, David Noble, Michael Ragon, and Joe Espinosa.

### Spring Women's Banquet #64

Elizabeth Richter, Cassandra Pahnke, Catherine Wiseman, Genia Wilgus, Debra Nicholson, Suzann Abbott, Barbara Kortokrax, Sandra Osborne, Abby Holstein, Cassandra Emerick, Danielle Sauzer, Eileen Sturtridge, Jennifer Gnaden, Heather Crews, Kristin Ripley, Lara Deible, Penne Hart, Susan Degard, Anne Porter, Linda Garver, Deb Curtis, Lori Steighner, Donna Fedor, Ruthann Graeber, Laura Smith, Georgia Stare, Traci Guthrie, Jennifer Fuller, Jenny LeVin, Jennifer Haskin, Ann Skadberg, Betty Smith, April Crandall, Debra Rottier, Susan Dimascio, Ashton Hahn, Thelma Rhind, Diana Nava, Carol Brimer, Barbara Vinson, Carolyn Presley, Colleen Salyer, Gail Feulner, Nancy Pachtin, Lisa Knauff, and Marci Johnson.

### Fall Men's Banquet #65

Tom Abramowicz, Dion Arndt, Jeff Carter, Troy Clark, Jeff Clymer, Joseph Conn, Thomas Gant, Jeff Golding, Todd Goodpaster, Dwayne (Jake)

Hallman, Wilbur (Skip) Hankins, Tim Haraminac, David Herman, David Hernandez, Bill Hultgren, Ron Izynski, Scott Jessen, Kim Karlen, Jim Knopf, Brandon Loucks, Hugo (Hugh) Martz, Thomas Medley, Rick Olson, Adam Puskac, Jacob (Jake) Randall, Martin Riley, Jimmie Roberts, Ray Scashill, Horst Scheller, James Severa, Kurt Weiss, Howard (Chip) Wilkes, Todd (T.D.) Wilson, Wayne Winkler, Jeff Zulich, and Michael Zurek.

### Fall Women's Banquet #66

Joanne Adamoski, Robin Biggs, Julie Brock, Ellen Cunningham, Heidi Duran, Ruth Dyerly, Nancy Echterling, Kimberly Hills, Mara Jackson, Diane Karlen, Melissa Kerr, Melissa Klancer, Jackie Klippner, Karen Kovalow-St. John, Jennifer LaFevre, Mary Lomey, Jill Long, Becky Luick, Daphne (Dee Dee) Malott, Sheila Matney, Velda Melton, Linda Mooney, Sharon Morris, Nicole Nava, Shirley O'Neill, Isabel Piazza, Marsha Piepho, Janet Quinn, Debbie Ragon, Linda Reisinger, Thelma Rhind, Pam Scheeringa, Anne Severa, Vicki Spear, Terri Tanquinee, Colette Walter, Dorothy Wilgus, Jamie Wilhite, Nancy Wise, and Jodi Zulich.

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### IDEAS?

#### SUGGESTIONS?

If you have a suggestion or an idea for the next IDGB newsletter, please contact the website administrator under IDEAS at www.idgb.net.



Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in blooms alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

- *Martin Luther*

## Please pray for our upcoming banquet teams!

### Spring Men's Banquet #67:

**Lay Director** Don Yowell;  
**Asst. Lay Directors** Randy Taylor & Dennis Sutton;  
**Speakers** Mike Lemmond, Dan Ball, David Abbott, Jonathan Parker, Bruce Roth, David Jones, Ken Crews; **Table Leaders** Dion Arndt, Corlin Stein, John Marshall, Pete Goodpaster, Tom Medley, Craig Demass, Dan Fabbri;  
**Head Music Team** John Shields, **Music Team** David Varella, Chas Tiny Canty;  
**Head Kitchen** Doug Buuck, **Kitchen Team** Jim Peyton, Jeff Coe, Ryan Phillips, Treavor Mahle; **Head Agape** Ray Ison, **Agape Team** Kelly Goodpaster, Scott Jessen, Dennis Halfacre, **Floater** Andrew Ison;  
**Men's Alpha & Omega** Lead Jack Walter, **Alpha Omega** Mark Skaggs, Dan Ragon;  
**Dining Rm. Coord.** Adam Puskac; **Head Spiritual Director** Jim Norris, **Spiritual Team** Mike Becker, Jeff Carter.

### Spring Women's Banquet

**#68:**  
**Lay Director** Khraila Yowell;  
**Asst. Lay Directors** Christine McAloon, Kathy Stein;  
**Speakers** Sandra Mangel, Kristin Mahle, Betsy Zimmer, Sonia Fabbri, Pam Meuzelaar, Wendy Buuck, Dian Reyome; **Table Leaders** Terri Brown, Sue Abbott, Sue Degard, Lori Hanaway, Maria Ison, Lou Ann Karabel, Angie Croarkin, Linda Sherer, Elise Cummins, Shiela Matney;  
**Head Music Team** Betsy Zimmer, **Music Team** Suzanne Killmer; **Head Kitchen** Lisa Pavlopoulos, **Kitchen Team** Susan Williams, Nancy Pachin, Jennifer LaFevre, Helen Hufgard, Kristen Allen; **Head Agape** Tammy Phillips, **Agape Team** Catherine Harvey, Sue Goodpaster, Michelle Knutsen-Seegers, Becky Luick; **Table Decs** Gina Peyton, Debbie Coe;  
**Head Spiritual Director** Joan Dell, **Spiritual Team** Kathy Light, Charlene Grant, Barbara Vinson



### Alpha/Omega Team Head

Jean Sutton, **Alpha/Omega Team** Heidi Duran, Kathy Ragon, Sandi Roth.

### Fall Awakening #21:

**Boy's Director** –  
Donny Rosetti

**Girl's Director** –  
Robin Doubek

### Spring Kairos Outside Of Northern Indiana #10:

**Leader** –  
Kathy Heid

**Observing Leader #1** –  
Shelly Callahan

**Observing Leader #2** –  
Linda Taulman