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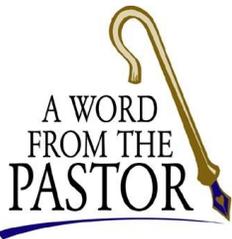
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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Confirmation & "the" Mission of the Church

While last year's confirmation was thrown off by COVID (both the candidates still got through their examination by the Elders and are regularly communing these days), this year will look a little more "normal" as six candidates receive the blessing and begin to partake of the Lord's Supper. Blessings to them!

However, as you might guess, "Confirmation" is far from a simple issue in our evangelical circles. Since it is a "human rite" (i.e. a custom not given in Scripture, but developed in human tradition) there is a question as to whether it should be tied to a person's eligibility to receive Holy Communion. Then there's its history - for it seems to have developed from a "broken" custom in Holy Baptism. Back in the long-ago time, bishops would give a blessing to the baptized to "seal them" in the Holy Spirit. But, because travel was difficult, sometimes months, or even years, went by before a rural church might see their bishop. Were they to delay baptism? Certainly not! So, baptisms were performed, and then the bishops blessing was given when he was available. That "delayed" blessing is what became "Confirmation." At the time of the Reformation, Luther, among others, questioned whether such a thing was needed by the Church at all.

But, despite Luther's misgivings, the ceremony is still with us - and it does serve to build up our

confirmands in their faith, even if it isn't a "necessary" rite and only a human custom. So - what good does it do? Here's the reflection from the **Small Catechism with Explanation** (CPH, 2017): *Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction in which baptized Christians learn about the confession, life, and mission of the Christian Church.... The Rite of Confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.* (p. 51)

Our hope in retaining confirmation is that Jesus' words, "Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God." (Luke 12:8, NKJV) will find their fulfillment in the lives of our confirmands. So, please rejoice with them and keep them in your prayers.

And that leads us to the mission of the Church. One of the things COVID has forced many congregations to do is re-examine their reason for being. Why are we (this particular gathering of people) here? What do we need to be doing? What do we need to stop worrying about? How are we being used even when we don't feel useful?

Fortunately, we don't need to make up our own answers to these questions. Our purpose and mission is given us by the risen Lord Jesus. He not only shares His life with us, but He also pours out His Spirit upon us (Pentecost is May 23rd, plan to worship that day!). So, in the **Catechism with Explanation**, our confirmation stu-

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dents recently read this: *The Church's mission is to confess and proclaim the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake (1) by preaching the Word, administering the Sacraments, sending missionaries, and establishing new congregations and (2) by the daily witness of the baptized children of God, His royal priesthood. (p. 215-16).*

There is so much goodness to unpack here – but, let me start with this. You may notice this answer has nothing going on with phrases like “winning people to Christ,” or “bringing Christ to the nations,” or “bringing the world to Christ,” and so on. This is because Scripture makes it clear that **we** do not open ears, turn hearts, or move people to faith. That’s the Holy Spirit’s work, and we need to stay out of His way. However, the Spirit works by **means** – that is, concrete words, actions, presence. And the Church is called to be that concrete place, and peculiar people, through whom the Spirit works. And we do that simply by confessing (with our words and deeds) forgiveness, and proclaiming (in class, worship, and Sacrament) forgiveness to all for Jesus’ sake. That’s what we’re here for. That’s what we need to be doing.

And, God be praised, COVID or no COVID, Mt. Calvary continues to be a place where forgiveness is confessed and proclaimed. But, you’ll notice it doesn’t stop there.

Missionaries are sent. Why? To convert the heathen? Well, if God wills, yes. But, primarily we send missionaries to places where the Church is not established so that the people of those regions can hear of Jesus’ forgiveness. If some listen, God be praised – and congregations are established. Why establish congregations? Because the regular gathering of believers around the means of grace is itself a witness! What made the lockdowns of last year so hard was that we were, for a time, prevented from being who we know we are – the gathering of believers around Christ’s gifts.

And, strengthened in faith by the gathering, we each give a daily witness to grace and forgiveness – not necessarily by engaging folks in talk about Jesus – but in carrying out our vocations in love, with mercy and patience.

So, in fellowship with the Father, through the power of the risen Jesus, and in His Spirit, let us rejoice to be the Church. And reveling in His gifts, let us share the love and forgiveness of Christ with all whom our lives touch. For, Christ is risen!

Alleluia. Amen.

In His name,



Pastor Long

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES

On **May 13th**, the 40th day after Easter, we celebrate Christ’s ascension into heaven. Mt. Calvary will have two services that day – **one at 11:15 am and one at 6:30 pm**. Both will be Divine Services with Holy Communion. Please go to Sign-Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-worship11> to reserve a seat for you and your family.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2. Maddie Johnson
Nathaniel Lampton
- 3. Josh Crosiar
- 4. Jared Savre
- 5. Pastor Long
- 7. Dennis Waldron
- 8. Lincoln Adcock
- 10. Penny Voss
- 12. Bella Brill
Kendall Frank
Samantha Watkins
Carol Wessler
- 13. Brandon Zeone
- 14. Connie Kissner
- 15. Tim Carver
- 17. Lorrie Kaspar
- 18. Brandon Armbrust
Jennifer Johnson
- 20. Sophia Maxwell
- 21. Kayla Carver
- 22. Jessica Horman
Nichole Wilhite
- 23. Olivia Johnson
- 23. Payton Sturtevant
- 24. Ashley Gavic
- 25. Pam Barr
- 28. Mary Ann Auer
Ralph Samp
- 30. Ezekiel (Beenders) Garrison
- 31. Vanessa Ruckle
Rob Cairncross
Daryl Claudin

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 David & Stacey Appell
- 10 Mike & Ashley Gavic
- 12 Doug & Mary Ann Auer
- 14 Derrick & Wendy Foote
- 21. Grant & Rashonda Szold
- 23 Daryl & Luann Claudin
- 23 Gabriel & Danielle Martinez
- 24 Greg & Christy Browning
- 24 Glenn & Abbie Matson
- 25 Steve & Jennifer Johnson
- 25 Ty & Lorie Livingston
- 26 Roger & Carole Hoffman
- 30 Leon & Lisa Adcock
- 30 Bill & Pam Barr

ALTAR FLOWERS

- May 2
Barb Zook
- May 9
Eileen Benne
- May 16
Keith & Linda Crook
- May 23
Glenn & Abbie Matson
- May 30
Jennifer & Steve Johnson

Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN MAY

May 2nd – 5th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 150; Acts 8:26-40;
1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8

May 9th – 6th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98; Acts 10:34-48;
1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

May 15th – 7th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 1; Acts 1:12-26;
1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

May 23rd – Pentecost Sunday

Psalm 139:1-16; Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 30th – Feast of the Holy Trinity

Psalm 28;; Isaiah 6:1-8;
Acts 2:14a,22-36;John 3:1-17

ELDERS

May 2
Tom Brosowske & Paul Kroenke

May 9
Phil King

May 16
Gary Beenders & Tom Brosowske

May 23
Paul Kroenke

May 30
Phil King & Gary Beenders

COUNTERS

La Velle Borders & Mary Ann Auer

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Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house, my city, my state, my country, the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.



MAY

✠ Prayer Notes ✠

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time “who all are we praying for?” Here’s a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**

- ✠ Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
- ✠ Elwin & Phyllis Basquin – parents to Luann Claudin
- ✠ Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family
- ✠ Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
- ✠ Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman
- ✠ Sharon Wenger – daughter to Sally Taylor
- ✠ Cathy Hafley – daughter to Sally Taylor
- ✠ Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family
- ✠ Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners
- ✠ Gary Smith – brother-in-law to Rick Laredo
- ✠ Lloyd Burdett – step-father to Rick Laredo
- ✠ Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father
- ✠ Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- ✠ Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John’s, Pekin
- ✠ Rick Laredo – member
- ✠ Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
- ✠ Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
- ✠ Christiane Ramahi – member
- ✠ Jerry Jungck – member
- ✠ Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey
- ✠ Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
- ✠ Phyllis Larson – sister to Marilyn Miller
- ✠ Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien
- ✠ Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer
- ✠ Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member
- ✠ Patty Reck – sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman
- ✠ Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family
- ✠ Dale Warren –
- ✠ Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
- ✠ Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family
- ✠ Rudy Brewer – father to Genie Frank
- ✠ Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook
- ✠ Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- ✠ Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- ✠ Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook
- ✠ Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook)
- ✠ Gabby Smit – friend to LaVelle Borders
- ✠ Josh Crosiar – member
- ✠ Anne Maske - member
- ✠ Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie
- ✠ Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family
- ✠ Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
- ✠ Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges
- ✠ Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky
- ✠ Jan Kiesgen – friend to many
- ✠ Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
- ✠ Bill Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
- ✠ Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
- ✠ Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
- ✠ Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family
- ✠ Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family
- ✠ Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson
- ✠ Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler
- ✠ Pam Barr – member
- ✠ Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
- ✠ Adrianna – grand-daughter to Deb Wilson
- ✠ Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson
- ✠ Pr. John Senter – retired pastor, friend of member
- ✠ Sally Taylor – member
- ✠ Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter)
- ✠ Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
- ✠ Jim & Lorrie Kaspar – members
- ✠ Penny Voss – member
- ✠ Dale Brinkmann – member
- ✠ Richard Coltrin – member
- ✠ Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn † Jameson Winslow – extended family to the Brosowskes † Gary & Ardeanne Ruckle – members † Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family † Carl Matson – father to Glenn Matson † Laurel Alexander – friend to Long Family † Richard Voss – husband to Penny † Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler † Alice Johnston – member † Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family † Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor † Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon † Lois Lohrmann – aunt to Phil King † Shirley King – mother to Phil King † Greylin Gibbs – student † Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar † Valerie Conner – Lorrie Kaspar’s sister † Virginia Tackmann – mother of Michele Keehner † Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph’s aunt † Ron Millard – friend of the congregation † Delcie Lane – member † Mark Manthey – member † Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann’s sister † Earl Boyett – grandfather of Nick Brusick † Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Mor-ton, occasional organist for us † Brian Kelly – uncle to Josh Joseph † Luann and Shelby Cooper – members † Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall † Ms. Ellen Rytter – teacher at Concordia † Mark Dickman – co-worker, Chris Brusick † Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar † Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo † Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke † Pat Goetz - member † Harriet Nora – member † Becky Richards – mother of Kim Carver | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Marjorie Ruskusky – grandmother to Scott † Joan Ross – member † Daryl Claudin – member † Barb Craig – member † Joy Wessler – daughter-in-law to Carol Wessler † Natalie Filice – friend to Nick Brusick † Susie Fink – member † Deb Alig – co-worker of Theresa Johnston † Cheryl Reibel – member † Carol Loughridge – member † Anne & Miguel Bolwerk – daughter and son-in-law to Dave & Jan Heien † Cheris Hoffmann - member † Harriet Caughey – member † Penelope Lampton – infant daughter of Nate & LaDana † Luke Horst – son to Jerry & Paula † Tonya Speed – relative to Beenders † Bill Barr – member † Carole Hoffman – member † Dominic Mirretti – son-in-law to Gary & Kim Beenders † Zeke Beenders – member † Elizabeth Whitfield – daughter to Judy Honig † Amanda Carpenter - member † Sophia Maxwell – member † Theresa Johnston – member † Janessa Lampton and child – wife & child of Ben Lampton † Maureen and children – extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman † Jacqueline Pendarvis – member † Joella Michel – member † Teresa Kerrick – † Mary Dowds – occasional visitor † Robert Kissner – member † LaVelle Borders – member † Joe Leon – husband to Susie † Karen Manthey – wife to Merrill † Pr. Drews – member of our local circuit † Mark Fredrick – friend of Auers |
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OFFICE HELP NEEDED

Judy needs someone to babysit her office on **May 13th, 14th, and 17th** so she can attend granddaughter, Megan Benkendorf's graduation service in Jackson, Missouri. Please call the church office, 688-4321, and she will explain how hard it is to sit and wait for the phone to ring or let someone into the building. Sign up for part of a day or a full day. Every little bit helps.



AND SPEAKING OF GRADUATIONS

Next month we will be printing the names of our graduates in the MC Messenger. So parents, grandparents, graduates, get your lists together and into the office by **May 24th** so that we can recognize these people. We will want to know the school they graduated from, who their parents and/or grandparents are, and what they will be doing come the next school year. Any graduation is fair game from pre-school to graduate degree. We want it all.

CONCORDIA GRADUATION

Concordia Lutheran School will hold its graduation on **Thursday, May 27th at 6:00 pm** at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Two of our students will be graduating: **Tyler Crosiar and Sophia Joseph**. Congratulations to these two young ladies as they go on to high school. **Because of this graduation service there will be no spoken communion service on May 27th.**

LILIES

The Easter Lilies have served their purpose and have quit blooming. They are now considered "salvage on the high seas" and available for you to give them a good home (sometimes they will even bloom again this season). So for now they are on a table in the Parish Hall waiting for you to take home.

CONFIRMATION

This year we have six candidates for confirmation. Having passed their interview with the Board of Elders, they will be confirmed on Sunday, May 9th at the 9:00 am service. The candidates are:

- † Cameron Dorsey,
- † Kenyon Gillespie,
- † Maddie Johnson,
- † Sarah Long,
- † Sophia Maxwell,
- † Hunter Whitby.



Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for their confirmation.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Little though you can see it now, God intends to do wonderful things with you. If He is taking it slowly, that's no surprise; He did it the first time, too. Nothing the devil can do will stop the Lord from finishing His work in you. After all, He has already laid down His life to make you His own." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries*



"Christ Jesus has risen from the dead, my friend, and everything is different. It changes everything: the whole course of human events, the whole meaning of history, the whole present, and the whole future. Christ has risen, and that changes everything." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour*

"[W]e demand an end to the injustice of abortion. We demand an end to the injustice of human trafficking, pornography, slavery, and the separation of children from their parents. But we do so as confessors. We confess that we are sinners, great sinners, with the culture of death flowing in our veins and pulsing through our corrupted brains. And we confess that only in Jesus is the life we need." *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia*

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER SHOWER

On Mother's Day, May 9th, Peoria Area Lutherans for Life will again be collecting diapers (infant and adult), and/or diaper wipes to be delivered to area pregnancy centers and nursing homes. Please bring your contributions to church that Sunday and leave them under the coat rack across from the office. We will count them and have Bob Wegner pick them up.

SPRING CLEANING?

If you are in the mood for spring cleaning and you need a place to donate, please remember The Church Mouse! Located at 600 W Main Street, Peoria. Hours of operation are Tu-Fr 10-4pm, Sat 10-3pm. The Church Mouse gladly accepts gently used clothing for men, women & children, furniture (in good condition), linens, books, sports equipment, craft materials, shoes, gently used toys, knick-knacks, housewares, etc. Donations accepted at the back door of the building. Questions? Contact Joan or Shirley at (309) 673-2363

LWGP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join the ladies as we gather outdoors at St. John Lutheran Church in Bartonville on Friday morning, May 21st. 9 am., 6614 W Smithville Road, Bartonville. We will celebrate spring by having a local expert talk to us about plants and flowers. A light breakfast and coffee will be served. A game relating to flowers will be enjoyed as we reunite after a full year apart. RSVP to Lisa Mack, call or text (309) 360-2669 by Sun, May 16. See you at the pavilion!

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of the doves is heard in our land.

Song of Songs 2:12

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TOPIC

Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World: How do you carry on with faith, hope, and love in a world that constantly seeks to tempt you or grind you down? Join us as we read Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller's encouraging meditation on the heroes of the faith and the promises we're given to live by. (call the office if you want us to order you a copy.) Meets Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am via Zoom.

CID SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

CID Scholarship Sunday is May 2nd. Thirteen undergraduates and eleven seminarians, all from our Central Illinois District, are in great financial need to help them continue their studies. Please make a generous gift on May 2nd using a "Will They Always Be There?" envelope provided by your congregation, and mail your gift to:

**Scholarship Sunday Gift
Central Illinois District - LCMS
1850 N. Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626**

You may write your check payable to the "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund", which will be invested and the annual proceeds used to assist students for years to come, or to the "CID Scholarship Fund", where your gift will be used to aid students in the 2021-2022 school year. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who are qualified to serve to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation. Thank you for your support of our present and future pastors, teachers, and full-time church workers. Envelopes are on a table in the Narthex.



Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
March 24	29	—	—
March 28	128	96	\$4,931.00
April 1	43	37	—
April 2	44	—	—
April 4	112	31	\$8,484.81
April 11	90	41	\$5,779.00
April 25	105	49	\$9,040.00
Total			\$28,234.81

In His Service

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

MINISTER OF MUSIC
Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Mr. Paul Thompson, 691-8921
Principal

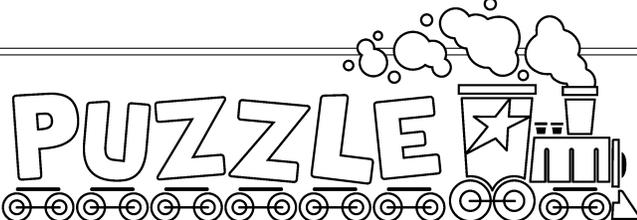
CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman.....Gerald Horst
ViceChairman.....David Heien
Secretary.....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS
Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY
Chairperson Jessica Horman
Vice Pres: Susie Fink
Secretary: Marcia Riddle
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD
Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson & Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Marcia Riddle

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Pre-K — 1st Grade: Linda Crook, & Linda Khattar
2nd — 4th Grades: Samantha Dorsey, Sherri Long
5th — 8th Grades: Tom Brosowske, Jarrod Horman



PUZZLE

A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

“But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answers: power

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD
Brooke Anders & Michele Joseph

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION
Jim Kaspar, Carrie Kroenke & Eileen Benne

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES
Jarrod Horman

Boards of Mt. Calvary

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Carrie Kroenke, Paula Horst, & Samantha Dorsey

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
Jan Heien & Julie Eaton

BOARD OF YOUTH
Michele Keehner & Tina Maxwell

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING
Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY
Daryl Claudin, Lisa Cornelius, Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank, Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP
Theresa Johnston, Jim Kaspar, Nick Brusick, Timothy Anders

BOARD OF ELDERS
(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kroenke Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Paul Kroenke

FOOD PANTRY
LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

- † The Rev. Bruce Lakamp, a member of Peoria Area Lutherans for Life, who was called to his eternal rest on Monday, April 19, 2021. Services for Pastor will be in Chapin, IL, on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.
- † Barb Meisner, former member, who was called to her eternal rest on April 5, 2021. Services will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church.
- † George Taseff, father-in-law to Jenna (Moore) Taseff, who was called to his eternal rest on Friday, April 2, 2021. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.
- † Dean Steven Myers, former member, who was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, April 24, 2021, and given Christian burial in a private family service at Swan Lake Cemetery.

May their families find comfort, peace, and hope in the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.





COVID-19 ERA —Phase 4

After searching through both state and county health department guidelines, we are unable to find any information indicating that our current measures for addressing the pandemic should change. Therefore, we remain in our current routine.

1. **Regular Office hours** will continue – feel free to call or visit.
2. **Pastor Long is still making an effort to reach out to folks who haven't been able to make it back to church yet.** — mostly this is to “check in” — but please share your concerns or prayer requests as well. If you think you've been over-looked, please call us!
3. **You Tube Devotions:** Pastor Long is still posting devotions to You Tube three times a week. We're currently using them to take brief looks at the “other” readings from the previous Sunday. Look for them Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays.
4. **Worship:** We're now recording the main service from Sunday and uploading it to YouTube Sunday afternoon. Subscribe to our YouTube Channel or look for links on Face book or our web page.
5. **In Person Worship: Until conditions change, our schedule will remain as it is.** We are allowed to have in-person services with up to 25% of the sanctuary's maximum occupancy. The Fire Department has determined that our max occupancy is 264 in the pews which means 25% is 66. We will continue to use Sign-Up Genius to pre-register attendance. If you haven't had a chance to sign up this week here is the link for the rest of April:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-worship10>
6. **Bible Studies** – We will be “Brushing Up on the Catechism!” in the Sunday morning Bible Study. You may attend by Zoom, or in person – 10:30 am. The Men's Bible Study continues in a “Zoom” format, and is now reading *Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World* by Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller on Wednesday mornings at 6:30.
7. **Challenge:** As we are away from one another, we can still be “church,” even if in a different way. One of the things St. Paul commends to us as the “body of Christ” is to share each other's joys and burdens. Turns out, you can do that by phone, even with someone you don't “know” all that well. So, I urge you all to join me (if you can) in “calling around the congregation” to check in on each other, get to

know each other and encourage each other. Lost your directory? Judy will send you a new one.

8. **Stewardship during COVID-19:** While God has blessed us with a “cushion” financially during these odd days, the ministries of Mt. Calvary still need your support – whether it's Judy taking care of the office, Pastor Long trying to provide study and worship opportunities, the Pantry continuing to reach out to our area, or Mr. Tagge providing music.

The Treasurer's Report for February 2021 showed Year to date expenses of \$64,290.28, and offerings of \$55,398.74. Please, prayerfully continue to send in your contributions.

Phase 4 Protocol -- Some quick reminders for those of you attending the “larger” worship service this Sunday (and things for everyone to consider).

1. If you are not feeling well or have a temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over, please stay home and get well.
2. If you are in a “high risk” category and don't feel safe, then also continue to take proper care – but make sure you are in touch with us so we can properly minister to you.
3. We ask you to wear your mask when entering and exiting the building. You may take it off during worship.
4. In the sanctuary, please “socially distance” yourselves in the pews. Family/household groups may sit together. You should leave an empty pew between you and folks sitting in front of you. Signs indicate which pews should be left empty.
5. Single use bulletins will be available as you enter the nave. Please leave them in the recycling container when you depart (unless you are taking yours home).
6. Communion will be brought to you in the pew.
7. The offering plate will be at the entrance of the nave for you to leave offerings as you are so moved.
8. Please do not socialize in the building - but do visit outside (weather permitting) with safe distancing.
9. If you have not indicated your preference for individual or common cup at communion, please go back to Sign Up Genius and do so (it allows us to prepare ahead of time).

Remember, we are continuing to offer the abbreviated communion services for those who feel more comfortable in the smaller settings. And we are continuing to make a service available on You Tube for those who prefer to worship remotely.

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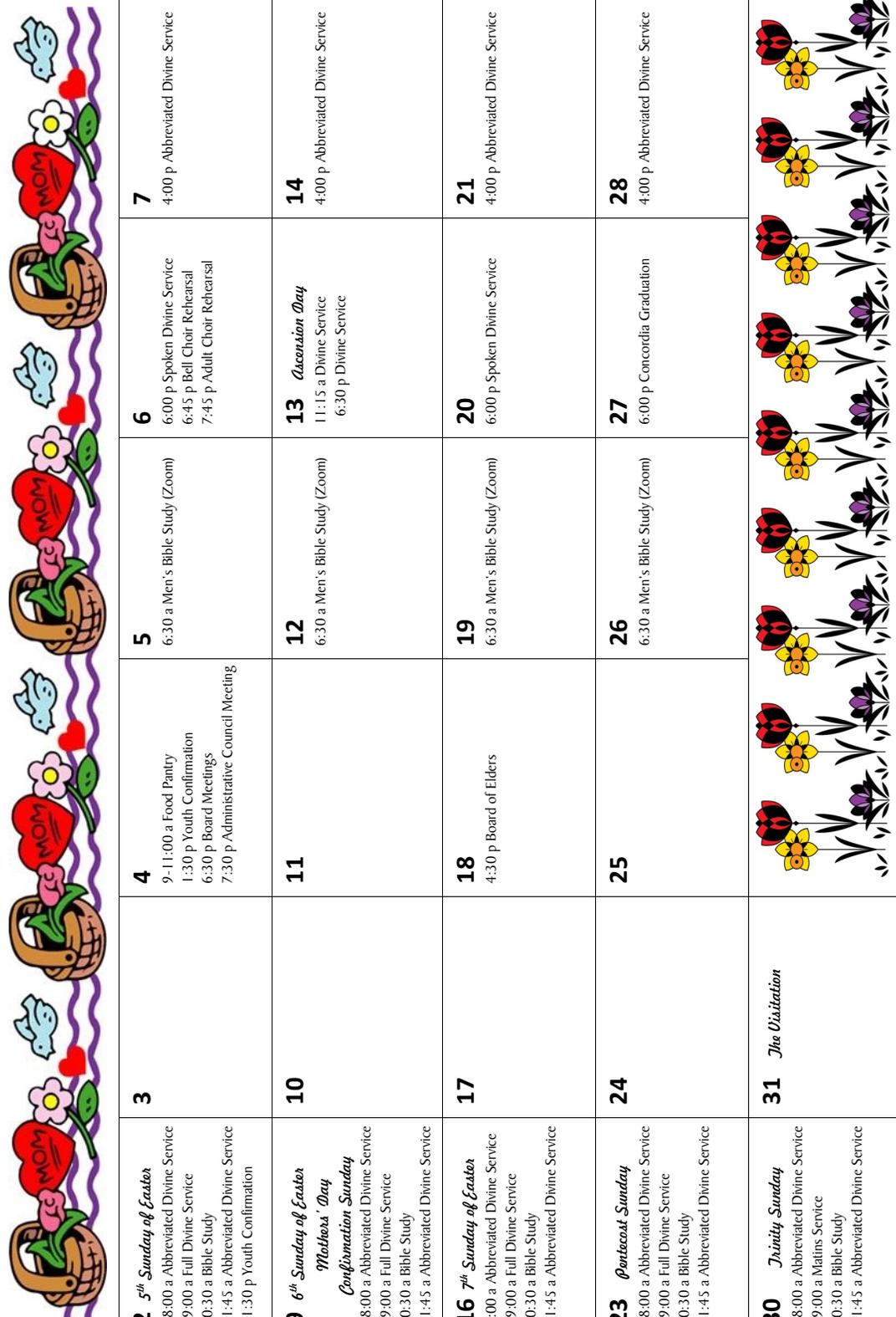
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<p>2 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Full Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 1:30 p Youth Confirmation 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council Meeting</p>	<p>5 6:30 a Men's Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>6 6:00 p Spoken Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service</p>	<p>8 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service</p>
<p>9 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Mothers' Day</i> <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Full Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 6:30 a Men's Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>13 <i>Ascension Day</i> 11:15 a Divine Service 6:30 p Divine Service</p>	<p>14 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Full Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 4:30 p Board of Elders</p>	<p>19 6:30 a Men's Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>20 6:00 p Spoken Divine Service</p>	<p>21 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service</p>	<p>22 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service</p>
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<p>30 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Mattins Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service</p>	<p>31 <i>The Visitation</i></p>					





I will
put my
spirit
within
you,
and you
shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV