

THE SPIRIT

May 2022



The season of Easter is not for returning to the way things were, satisfied with life as usual.

This 50 days immerses us in Jesus' teachings about faith and intimacy with God. The first Sunday of Easter we saw the disciples cowering in a locked room and Jesus refusing to let that fear define his relationship with them. The third week of the Easter season we will again see how fear motivates humanity: we go from locking ourselves away to running away, trying to escape our past, our mistakes staying busy, returning to the comfort of the past, what we know, what seems to be safe.

Again, Jesus pursues us. When the disciples return to the safety of their profession, fishing, they discover they've lost their touch and come up empty handed until Jesus calls them from the shore to try another way. And then he feeds them, just as he has fed them so many times. But he feeds them not only with fish



but also with purpose. Despite their fear and the guilt they can't escape over their abandonment of him, Jesus pursues them, consoles them, calls them into the future with hope.

Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me" and three times Peter declares his love. Each time Jesus tells him what to do with that love. He gives Peter hope in his purpose.

"Peter is effectively saying, *I'm not up to this. I've failed you; I'm not the disciple you deserve. I'm too afraid...* But Jesus is having none of it: ***This isn't about your failure or your fears. Do you love me? Then feed my sheep! Stop dwelling on what you did or didn't do in the past, or even what you can or cannot do in the future. Stop focusing on your limits and focus on your love. Do you love me?*** (Peter replies, *Well, of course I love you, you know that —*) ***Then feed my sheep! It's that simple. Step up and get to work. I've sent you, and I know whom I'm sending. I believe in you. Now, go!***"¹

Jesus knows Peter's limits, just as he knows mine and yours. But our lives are not given to us to be organized around our limitations. They are given for the sake of love: God's love for us and for all creation. So, our love must overcome all of our fear and doubt and take action. Our love, our gratitude for Jesus' gift of salvation, God's gift of pure grace must reach out into the world. It must become love-in-action. Because Jesus' came not just for us but for everyone. **Our salvation has a purpose** – to save the whole world, one person at a time. That's what we do when we love-in-action – we save the world, or better yet, **God saves the world through us.**

Easter is not over. It is the love that powers the world in every moment. Love is the fuel and the engine that make transformation possible but not as an end in itself. Love's only purpose is love for you and for every person and for all of creation.

Pastor Val

“God who knows our grieving,
 God whose love reaches into the grave:
 remind us that our faith means nothing
 if it does not bring us
 to the space between life and death,
 and to the question of what this life is for.
 Your love is a love that knows loss.
 And your love is a love that reconciles,
 creating a new community
 with those who have become
 separated from each other,
 Even by death.
 Even by the way
 we continue to live. Amen.
(from the Corrymeala community.)

¹Matthew Myer Boulton



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THE WAY BACK TO OUR CENTER

587 B.C.E. was not a good year. The siege of Jerusalem ended with the destruction of the city, its walls and Solomon's temple. Many died of starvation during the siege. The Babylonians, at the direction of King Nebuchadnezzar II, brutally removed the population of Jerusalem to exile in Babylon.

For three generations Judah lived in exile. Babylon was powerful. Babylon was wealthy. And Babylon was cruel. We hear in Psalm 137:1-3: “By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’”

With the temple and Jerusalem destroyed, the identity of the people of God was shaken. Who were they now? Where was the Lord now? This was more than a political, military or economic crisis. This was an existential crisis.

The prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel took this head on. This exile wasn't about the faithlessness of the Lord. Quite the contrary, it was a demonstration of the Lord's unwavering faithfulness, compassion and fierce love. The people and leadership of Judah had trusted in their own agency quite apart from depending on the Lord, as humankind too often does to terrible consequences.

So there in Babylon, the people carved out a life for themselves while remaining faithful and resisting assimilation. The Torah, the living word of the Lord, held them together. The prophets, through chastisement and comfort, gave hope. And, I imagine, they often thought of home—the beauty of Jerusalem and the majesty of the temple.

My cousins and I spent a good part of our childhood with my maternal grandparents. They were both immigrants from Transylvania and, with much hard work, built a life, raised a family and founded our family's beer distributorship. Our grandparents'

house seemed palatial. The living room ceiling was two stories high, and each year there was the most amazing Christmas tree. Often, I go over every corner of that house in my memory, and I long for it. It was a shock when I drove past that house a few years ago and saw how small it was.

Back to Babylon. A new power arose in the region. Cyrus, king of Persia, defeated Babylon and decreed that the people of Judah should return home and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah gives the account. In 52 days, withstanding violent plots by enemies, the walls were rebuilt. And then the people gathered to hear the Torah.

I was surprised to hear that they wept. Why? Some say that when hearing the Torah they were grieved by their disobedience. I think it is much more than that. Not everyone came back to Jerusalem. The city of their memory was destroyed. It wasn't grand anymore. They were utterly spent from repairing the walls. There was exhaustion, relief, grief and hope. Their long years in exile imagining the return to Jerusalem were not met with reality.

We have been in this pandemic for two years. We have been longing for the "Before Times" that in our imagination seem as magical as my grandparents' house. The return to a post-pandemic world, like the return of circulation, is initially painful. **We will need to rebuild those structures necessary for a healthy society—compassion, respect, sacrifice for the greater good, the celebration of diversity, justice.**

And we will need the word of the Lord—the Word that calls us back to our center, which is the steadfast love of God, law and gospel, judgment and promise.

We will weep with exhaustion, relief, grief and hope. And there, drawn by God who is our center, we will find each other again.

Bishop Eaton



Procession on Palm Sunday. *Photos submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson*

WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

God's people join in prayer for: Paul, Wilbur Neilson, Yvette Koerner, Anthony Mensinger, Art Swanson, Susie Jacobson, Sherry McAllister, Ray and Jean Hodge, Don Mackey, Joan Johannes, Juli Johnson, Vitalic, Olya, Liza and Dima, Cher, Linda, Melissa Murray, Loyd Gill, Paul Hanson and family,

Jennifer, Leslie Prash, Jordan, Tom, Tanya Anderson-Bowers, Monica Wilson, Tiffany Powell, Joseph, Courtney, Adrienne, Carl and June Bender, Ginny Clark, Philip, Matthew Green and his family



May BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

Al Kelling, May 1
 Molly Gundersen, May 2
 Kari Ann Larson, May 2
 Michael Mendoza, May 2
 Marti Debandt, May 3
 Janice Frafjord, May 6
 Hiedi Seelke, May 6
 Sophie Kupka, May 8
 Hank Bilderback, May 9
 Eilidh Channel, May 9
 John Pellesier, May 14
 Trae Hidalgo, May 16

Kristine Finazzo, May 17
 Michael Trader, May 19
 Mark Smalley, May 20
 Tobi Buckman, May 22
 Cindy Penttila, May 23
 Tessa Buckman, May 24
 Joelle Buckman, May 27
 Madison Winter, May 28
 Joe Fernandez, May 30

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jeff & Stephanie Gundersen, May 26
 Al & Marge Kelling, May 27



Lynette Lile for providing daffodils and decorating our special Easter cross.

Dee Erickson and Hank Bilderback for doing so much to make Lent and Holy Week services special.

Joelle and Joni for delivering food to the Food Bank.

Mike Hubbard and Roger Shaw: The Quilters wish to express thanks for the new table blocks and table leg covers. We appreciate You!

Judi Hubbard for providing pictures for last month's newsletter

Michelle Weiberg for organizing the Easter Egg hunt! It was so much fun!

The Men who provided another wonderful Easter

breakfast raising money for Ukraine relief.

Shayna Steinhauer, Michelle Weiberg, Kathy Wehage & Diane Hanson for providing pictures for this month's newsletter.

Young People and Parents for leading us in telling the Palm/Passion Sunday story and to the leaders who organized it, Shayna and Curtis Steinhauer.
Hand bells for providing beautiful music Easter Sunday.

Mike Hubbard and Roger Shaw and everyone who has worked on the repair of the leak in the kitchen.

Prayer Chain members who hold our needs, thanks and concerns faithfully before our compassionate God.



Kids at Amazing Grace having fun Easter Sunday

Photo submitted by Shayna Steinhauer

EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT THANK YOUS

How wonderful to see all the children on Easter Sunday! They all enjoyed the return of our traditional egg hunt following service and the weather cooperated, as well!!! A special thank you to Joan Rabung, Pastor Val, Marge Kelling, and others for candy do-

nations. Also, to Shayna for calling the Sunday School families to remind them of the hunt, and helping organize the children as we lined up in anticipation of the event. Finally, to Joan Rabung for helping fill all the plastic eggs while enjoying good conversation together. If you have extra plastic eggs you would like to donate, we will accept these for next year! Michelle Weiberg



Lloyd Gill and his daughter, Pam, enjoying Easter breakfast.

Photo submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson.



Al and Marge Kelling enjoying the fellowship at Easter breakfast.

Photo submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson.

EASTER BREAKFAST THANK YOUS

Thank you to the men of the congregation for providing an Easter Breakfast and thanks to Thrivent for paying for the groceries. A special

thank you to Joan Rabung and Michelle Weiberg for decorating. Also, thanks to those who donated. We are able to send \$446 to Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine assistance.

ST. PATTY DINNER DRIVE THROUGH THANK YOUS

Our drive through St. Patty dinner was another success!!!

We served 61 pick-up meals. Thank you Eileen and Pastor Val for the delicious soda bread. Mike and Karen did another great job with the corned beef, trimmings and a couple of special meals. Mike and Madison were our meal packers.

Kristine, Jill and Judi whipped up another great bread pudding. Thank you Diane for providing the

Grace for each meal and Mike for the little chocolate treat! The Thrivent card helped with the food costs. If you shop at Jays and see him, be sure to thank him as he provides the veggies at cost to us .

A deposit was made of \$1525.00

Our 10% tithe was divided between LWR, LDR and local Altrusa. The remaining funds were divided 70% to the window fund 30% to maintenance fund.

We thank you for your continued support. Our dinners have helped many projects within our church. See you at the next dinner!!

Your 4-f team: Mike, Karen, Kristine, Jill and Judi

THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- Pacific Lutheran University thanks Amazing Grace for donation of \$219.76

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

May 3

Kristine Finazzo, Leader

Liz Ellis, Molly Leithold, Michelle Weiberg,

Lynette Lile, Marti Debandt

Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw

360-532-2940

Doug from UGM says to plan on 35-45 dinner guests and to have food there between 3-3:30. Masks and distancing are no longer required. If you're delivering to the back alley, call 360-533-1064 and they will come to the back door and pick up the food.



FOOD BANK FEEDS HUNGRY FAMILIES!

The Grays Harbor Food Bank continues to feed people in need in our community. Please bring your donations of food to the fellowship hall. They will be delivered to the food bank weekly.



At this time, the Food Bank especially needs: **size 2 diapers, canned corn, green beans, and peas, breakfast bars or cheese & crackers or peanut butter & cracker packets, or packets of peanuts.** If you prefer to help with a financial contribution, it may be sent to: Grays Harbor Food Bank P.O. Box

TREASURER POSITION OPEN

Thanks to Theresa Kaufman for faithfully serving at congregational treasurer for 5 years! With many changes in her life, Theresa has decided to move on to other ventures.

Please join your leaders in asking God's guidance



to a new person to take on this responsibility in service to the gospel. If you have questions about the responsibilities of this position, please talk with Joelle Buckman joelle_buckman@email.com. Theresa is committed to training a new person to ensure a smooth transition.

CHAPLAINS DINNER

Our next meal prep day for Chaplains Dinner is Sunday, May 15th.

Would you like to cook, donate food or money to feed hungry people in Aberdeen?

If you are interested in helping prepare or buy food, get in touch with Amy O.

at aaostwald@gmail.com 360-482-2306 or simply send a donation to the church office marked for Chaplains Dinner.

We'll need the following:

- casserole - 3 cooks (making 2 pans each)
- 120 rolls
- vegetables to serve 120
- dessert — cookies or brownies, etc. for 120 (store-bought or homemade)

Chaplains Dinner is a mission of 'Chaplains on the Harbor' and feeds anyone that is hungry (housed or unhoused) each Sunday afternoon out of our church kitchen. Currently all meals are 'to-go.'

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

Synod Educational Gatherings— Spring 2022

An invitation to a day of learning, worship and lunch for all lay and rostered members of the Southwestern Washington Synod.

Keynote by Joey Ager, Bishop's Associate/Dir for Evangelical Mission, on "Sacred Encounter" -
How do we grow together as congregations, communities and society? During this time, we'll con-

sider the central importance of sacred encounter - with others, ourselves, the land and God - as a foundational practice of being community and of growing in new directions

Choose the date and location that works best for you (10am-3:30pm. \$25 per person—reimbursement available by Amazing Grace) :

Saturday, May 14th at St. Marks Lutheran Church

by the Narrows, Tacoma or **Saturday, June 4th** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Longview.

Register using the link: <https://swwasynod.org/events/>

Daily Agenda:

- 9-10am- Registration and Displays
- 10-10:30am- Worship
- 10:45-11:45am- Workshop Session 1
- 12Noon-1pm- Lunch (*included*) and Displays
- 1-2:00pm- Keynote: **Sacred Encounter**
- 2:15-3:15pm - Workshop Session 2
- 3:15-3:30pm- Blessings and Sending



Workshops: Faith Land Stewardship

- All Creation Sings
- Indian Boarding Schools
- I Love to Tell the Story: writing grants that can help fund your mission and vision
- Finding Resurrection in the Tomb
- Growing Young Together
- Cultivating Scriptural Imagination (Port Angeles and Tacoma sites only)
- Welcoming People with Disabilities (Tacoma site)



Handbells ring in the Alleluia of Easter! *Photos submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson.*

ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS

The Amazing Grace Endowment Fund made the down payment of \$106,515 to Cathedral Crafts of Winona, MN for the window restoration project approved by the congregation at the annual meeting.

The committee is now accepting new requests for those pertaining to our local budget. Request forms

may be obtained at the church office or from Darrell Lokken.

Scholarship requests must be received by June 1st. All other requests for Endowment Fund money must pass through the Endowment Committee as stated in the fund bylaws established in 2002 and revised at the joining of the two congregations.

Darrell Lokken

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

Amazing Grace Church Council and the Mutual Ministry committee are reading *Healthy Congregations: a systems approach* by Peter Steinke. YOU are invited to read along with us. If you would like a book, please let us know by calling or emailing the office



360.532.8250, amazing111@comcast.net. Here is an excerpt from the book:

“Personal responsibility, which is to say responsible and enlightened behavior by each and every individual, truly is the key to good health.’ Health is promoted by personal activity. Health comes from measures that each person can affect.

The same could be said for a larger organism, such as a congregation. Like healthy people, congregations promote their health through “responsible and enlightened behavior.”

“Health is wholeness. Health means all the parts are working together to maintain balance. Health means all the parts are interacting to function as a whole....”

“Thus health is the capacity for life, what an organism must do to persevere. Health is the ability of a living system to respond to a wide assortment of challenges to its integrity.”

Please join us in reading and talking about this book together so that we nurture health within our congregation!

PICTURE GALLERY

John Tieder has joined the Mitchells with a selection of photos in the gallery. Again all proceeds go to the

stained glass window project, Thank you for your support! John



OFFICE HOURS

Church office is open: **Tuesday & Thursday 8-2,**

Wednesday 8-1 & Friday 8-11. AGLC Office

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Pastor Val's Sabbath is Mondays. Her office hours change so please call or email to arrange a time we can get together. 360-580-8977 ymetropoulos001@luthersem.edu.



Despite 3 postponements due to COVID, these two were finally able to have a beautiful and fun celebration on April 9th! Congratulations to Jordan and Amelia Weiberg.

Photos submitted by Michelle Weiberg





Celebrating the baptism of Sue Baxter on Easter Sunday. She was supported by her family and sponsor, Ann Koski Smith. Pastor Val was assisted by Madison Winter.

Photos submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes March, 2022

Vision: A welcoming place where grace happens.

Mission: To Experience and share God's love through worship, education, and community.

Values: Radical Hospitality; Passionate worship; Intentional faith development; Risk-taking mission and service; Extravagant Generosity.

As Church Council, we 1. Ensure that the mission of the church is fulfilled (Love God and Love Neighbor) and 2. Manage the property and finances of the congregation so that purpose #1 can be fulfilled.

President: Joelle Buckman; VP: 1st Qtr.: Dee; 2nd Qtr.: Joe Fernandez; 3rd Qtr. Suzan, 4th Qtr. Phil

Attendance: Joelle Buckman, Curtis Steinhauer, Pastor Val, Suzan Stegemoeller, Joe Fernandez, Dee Erickson, Theresa Kaufman

- I. Devotions and review of vision, mission, values and council purpose** (15 min)
- II. Call to Order by Pres. Joelle Buckman 6:37**
- III. Establish Quorum**
- IV. Review and Approve Agenda**
- V. Approve minutes from meetings:** Jan 11 and Feb. 22 (II-V: 5 min) **M/S/P**
- VI. Business items** (these are generally items that are beyond any one ministry or don't fit under any ministry, special requests from the community) (20min)
 - A. Mutual Ministry – continues to meet.
 - B. Gift Policy
Motion to accept the Gift Policy as written and present to the congregation for consideration **M/S/P**
 - C. Endowment Fund Committee-
 - i. Appoint new member- A special meeting will be called on Endowment Committee topics.
 - ii. By-laws revision
 - iii. Council needs to approve endowment spending per bylaws
 - iv. Audit report
 - D. Vice-president position for remainder of the year were chosen.
 - E. Council meeting - time & place
-Council meeting on April 26th will be a hybrid meeting.
 - F. Council Retreat – early June (?)
-Will schedule date by email. Pastor Val suggested that new members read 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregation and bring questions or comments to council.
 - G. Treasurer position- Since this was a personnel matter, it was discussed before council meeting began

VII. Ministry team reports: (30 min)

- A. Worship – Dee Erickson and Pastor Val
 - i. Task Force report- Back to doing in-person worship with masks being optional.
 - ii. Audio/video – update - Pastor Val: No update
 - iii. Lent & Holy Week- Three weeks into Lent and three more to go. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7pm in person. Everything is still live streamed. Pastor Val is in contact with families for who would like to do a First Communion preparation. Maundy Thursday would be the first official communion.
 - iv. Native American Sunday in fall w/ celebration
 - Linda Smith from the Synod suggested doing a Native American Sunday worship and feast. A great way of acknowledging a marginalized community.
- B. Outreach – Suzan Stegemoeller
 - i. Family Promise- No update
 - ii. Chaplain's dinner – Continues serving
 - iii. Synod Affordable Housing Initiative – Pastor Val/Curtis. No meetings
- C. Youth & Family – Curtis Steinhauer
 - i. Sunday School
 - Continuing to mail out Sunday lessons. Kids in Sunday school will lead a special program for Palm Sunday.
 - ii. Adult group study- Hungering for Justice – Lent Study
 - Abigail synod women's study: On Saturday morning with 12-15 people signed up. Hosted by Southwestern Washington Synod through zoom. Will have fellowship before, then join the meeting.
- D. Fellowship – Carrie Erwin
 - i. Fellowship resuming – team revisions
 - ii. 20th Anniversary celebration – a time to celebrate the past (PSALM students graduation; other highlights of 20 years) and commit to the future.
 - Time to celebrate everything that's happened since the uniting Our Saviors Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Church.
 - iii. Stephen Ministry Training: Need leaders to be trained who will train others.
- E. Property – Joe Fernandez
 - Mike Hubbard brought concerns to Joe Fernandez. Council suggested having provisions available for people who asked for it.
 - Family Promise asked Joe about putting in extra security to the building. Joe will be looking at options.
 - Mike and Roger replace hot water tank in the maintenance room and are replacing the rubber legs on the tables for the quilters.
 - Stained glass windows project – Mike B. is head of this project

VIII. Financial Reports: (30 min)

- A. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman
 - 1. New check signer: Will check with Carrie if she would like to do this.
 - i. Approve February Bills Paid **M/S/P**
 - ii. Update on ongoing questions regarding maintenance account and Family Promise
 - Theresa sent the maintenance report to Joelle, Phil, and Joe. They will go over reconciliation reports at a later time.
- B. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller
 - i. New Program for financial secretary – Joelle
 - Theresa is working on it. Will discuss through email
 - ii. Audit of congregation's finances after tax season
 - Phil is working on it and will receive a report from him.

IX. Pastor's Report

(IX – XI 10 min)

X. Task Assignments

- If council members have any suggestions for new member for the Endowment Committee let Pastor Val or Joelle know.
- Set up meetings between council and Endowment committee for progress reports.



- Joelle will send out a Doodle poll to council for scheduling a date for Council retreat.
- Curtis will be asking friends at Quinault to come and sing during the Native American Sunday service.
- Suzan will be meeting with Amy to go over Outreach material.
- Joe, Theresa, Phil will go over reconciliation reports.
- Joe will be in contact with Mike about safety issues.
- Joelle will start thinking about 20th Anniversary Celebration.
- New program for secretary will be discussed through email.

XI. Adjournment and closing prayer 8:01



Celebrating the baptism of Sue Baxter on Easter Sunday. Pastor Val was assisted by Madison Winter. *Photos submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson*

PASTOR'S REPORT March 2022

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHP

Sunday worship – Plan and lead
 Plan adult education
 Plan seasonal and special worship services
 Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing
 Prayer

ADMINISTRATION

Meet with ministry leader as needed
 Liturgical Arts team
 Reports: congregational; synod; ELCA
 Conference deans – meet bi-annually & as needed

Recordkeeping: updates to documents; church ledger
 Work with office administrator: bulletins, newsletter, etc.
 Council meeting & Exec. Comm. meeting monthly
 Newsletter - writing, editing
 Meet with treasurer as needed
 Mutual Ministry meeting monthly
 Endowment Committee advisor

FELLOWSHIP/PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING

PSALM – mentor; spiritual direction

Prayer Chain – coordinate w/ Brenda Grant
 Grace notes weekly or as needed
 Pastoral care as needed

OUTREACH

Coordinate with ministry leader as needed
 Affordable housing Synod meeting
 Facebook page – outreach through social media.
 Coordinate with others to support homeless and marginalized people
 Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

YOUTH AND FAMILY

Adult study: plan and participate

Confirmation: plan and lead
 Sunday School: coordinate with ministry leader
STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM Study and integrate into sermons
PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Reading: Healthy Congregations
 Bible Study w/ Perkins Foundation on Zoom
OTHER ACTIVITIES in March
OFFICIAL ACTS: None
ADMINISTRATIVE: Installation of Pr. Duane Anderson at South Bend; attended as conference dean
 Task Force for resuming in person worship
PASTORAL CARE: Visits to dying and grieving
 Visits, calls, texts, messaging as needed
WORSHIP: Weekly Lent services
 Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and Easter services
 Easter season planning
YOUTH/FAMILY/EDUCATION: Baptism preparation w/ candidate
 Story Time in Worship
 Sunday School – consult; find curriculum
VACATION: None
UPCOMING: Synod Educational Gatherings



Everyone gathers as Pastor Val blesses the Easter candle. *Photos submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson.*



Eilidh on Palm Sunday.
Photos submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

MAY 1

Liturgist: Curtis; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Michelle Weiberg; **Communion Assistants:** Carmon Shaw & Dee Erickson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Theresa & Jenifer Kaufman; **Depositors:** Hiedi Seelke & Joelle Buckman; **Fellowship Hosts:** Beeman, N. Kraiger/A. Kraiger, Debandt; **Communion setup:** Dee Erickson; **Stream Team:** Joe fernandez

MAY 8

Liturgist: Keith; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Gene Schermer; **Communion Assistant:** Sarah Channel & Phil Stegemoeller; **Ushers/Greeters:** Tim & Pam Alstrom; **Depositors:** Greg Johnstone & Karen Barkstrom; **Fellowship Hosts:** Weiberg, Leithold, Channel, Teveliet, Jewitt, Steinhauer; **Communion set-up:** Laura Carle; **Stream Team:** Amy

MAY 15

Liturgist: Laura; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Darci Jewitt; **Communion Assistant:** Joelle Buckman & Diane Hanson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Dee Erickson & Naomi Kraiger; **Depositors:** Mark Ostwald & Mike Barkstrom; **Fellowship Hosts:** Elder, Schermer, Rabung; **Communion set-up:** Carmon Shaw; **Stream Team:** Keith

MAY 22

Liturgist: Greg Johnstone; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Theresa Kaufman; **Communion Assistant:** Mark Smalley & Arlene Torgerson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Amy Ostwald; **Depositors:** Carmon Shaw & Hiedi Seelke; **Fellowship Hosts:** Alstrom, Tieder, Johnstone; **Communion set-up:** Tara Main; **Stream Team:** Curtis

MAY 29

Liturgist: Hank;

Worship Assistant/Reader:

Joe Fernandez

Communion Assistant:

Suzan Stegemoeller & Darci Jewitt

Ushers/Greeters:

Joan & William Rabung

Depositors:

Joelle Buckman & Karen Barkstrom

Fellowship Hosts:

Kaufman, T. Buckman, Colangelo

Communion set-up:

Dee Erickson

Stream Team: Steve



Children decorate the cross with daffodils on Easter Sunday.

Photos submitted by Kathy Wehage and Diane Hanson.

MARCH BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Checking			\$ 7,524.61
-PSALM			\$ 100.00
-Technology			\$ (64.55)
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 433.51
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,620.00
-Music			\$ (393.54)
-Bells			\$ 965.95
-Friends in Need			\$ 711.87
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Altar Guild			\$ 367.00
-Noisy Offering			\$ -
-Family Promise Maintenance Holding			\$ 2,742.68
-Chaplain's Dinner			\$ 215.54
-Grace Fund			\$ 340.00
		TOTAL	\$ 17,521.10
			\$ -
*Maintenance Checking			\$ 15,016.33
-*Stained Glass Windows			\$ 32,015.73
Youth Checking			\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 13,850.31
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,927.53



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BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTANCE

Please notify Joe Fernandez or send a message to the church office if there are any repairs needed at the church. Sometimes members or visitors notice things that need to be fixed that the committee is not aware of. Your input is helpful in these matters.

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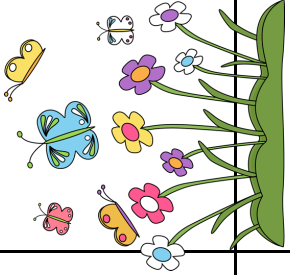
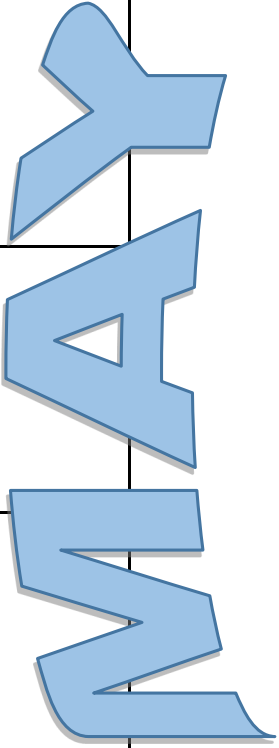
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 AM WORSHIP 11 AM FELLOWSHIP	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 QUILTING 9-12	5	6 SCRAPBOOK 6-10	7
8 10 AM WORSHIP 11 AM FELLOWSHIP	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 HANDSEWERS 9-3	11	12	13	14
15 10 AM WORSHIP 11 AM FELLOWSHIP	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 MUTUAL MINISTRY 5:30-7:30	18 QUILTING 9-12	19	20 SCRAPBOOK 6-10	21
22 10 AM WORSHIP 11 AM FELLOWSHIP	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 HANDSEWERS 9-3 COUNCIL MEETING 6-8PM	25	26	27 	28
29 10 AM WORSHIP 11 AM FELLOWSHIP	30 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	31	UPCOMING: Pentecost: June 4th Council retreat: June 11th			



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VISION

A welcoming place where grace happens!

MISSION

To experience and share God's love through worship,
education and community

VALUES

Radical Hospitality
Passionate worship
Intentional faith development
Risk-taking mission and service
Extravagant generosity

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