



Faith Lutheran Church

THE MESSENGER

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Highlights

- ▶ **Retired Persons group to visit Ensley Gardens May 21.**
- ▶ **Second Annual Hymn Festival on May 10**

Service

This month we focus on Service. In our Vision statement Service is defined this way: *“We experience our faith through action, ministering to others, while expecting no reward.”*

Service is self-giving and sacrificial—but it also brings tremendous blessings back into the life of the servant. Service is the **action** part of our faith. Paul’s teaching in Galatians 5:13-14 tells us, “You, my brothers, were called to be

free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

How can you “Grow in Faith, Share Christ’s Love” through service? Here are just a few ways you can put your faith into action:

- ◆ *Teach a Sunday school class or small group*
- ◆ *Offer a ride to someone who can’t drive to church.*

- ◆ *Join (or start) a small group that focuses on service*
- ◆ *Serve on a ministry team.*
- ◆ *Participate in a servant event.*
- ◆ *Donate food, supplies and time to a local agency.*

Contact Marian Bolz, chairman of our Christian Service team for more ideas.



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Members Helping Members

May’s Sunday school offerings are designated to our *“Members Helping Members Fund.”* In the past few years, a benevolent fund has been established to help Faith Lutheran members in financial need. The fund, “Members Helping Members”, is seeking your support to

help those in need. We are in need of additional resources in that fund at this time. Your generous financial contribution to the church fund will directly support those who struggle with their personal finances. Often life's circumstances create hardships for many well-

intentioned people. Here is an opportunity for you to assist them in returning to a stable and productive life. To donate, please make your checks out to Faith Lutheran Church (clearly marked “Members Helping Members” fund). For more information, contact the church office at 272-4214.

April Lay Leadership Report

Treasurer's Report

Daniel Lehmann reported a positive balance of \$6,100 at the end of March, however we again deferred the regular monthly payment for missions and now are three months in arrears for a total of \$7,200. Our overall deficit as of March month end is \$42,735. Daniel also reported contributions of \$73,016 at the end of March for Bridging to Grow; Bridging to Share. We still owe \$29,200 under the contract for the campaign but we can also begin paying off the funds borrowed for the properties and fire system. While we have a set monthly payment for principle and interest under the standard loan, Daniel will make overpayments when possible to reduce overall interest expense. Daniel also noted the General Fund will no longer be charged the monthly interest of \$2,800 for borrowed funds under the promissory notes as principle and interest payments for the standard loans will be charged to the Bridging to Grow; Bridging to Share account.

Bridging to Grow; Bridging to Share

Dale Larson reported 245 pledges received for a total of \$534,500. The Campaign Leadership Team and Lay Leadership Council extend their appreciation and thanks for all who assisted in the campaign and to all members for their significant support in pledges to reduce this debt.

Lutheran Bible Translators

May 24 has been scheduled for a lunch and presentation by Kory and Cara Fay as they prepare for French language school and as missionaries to Cameroon, West Africa. Members will have an opportunity to complete a pledge or contribute to the Fay's support as LBT missionaries rely solely on financial support by individuals and congregations as they receive no funding from any synodical body. This will be their last visit to Faith for several years, as they will spend a year or more in language school, and straight from France to Cameroon to spend several years before coming back to the states on furlough.

Together in Missions

Jack and Cathy Carlos will soon be serving as missionaries to Guinea as Together in Mission missionaries. Pastor

Carlos will be participating in worship services on May 31 and a special offering will be taken that Sunday as an opportunity for us to support their missionary ministry in Guinea. Offerings from all congregations in the Kansas District will be presented to Pastor Carlos and Cathy at the Kansas District convention in early June.

Visioning Team

The first meeting of the visioning team, members of the Lay Leadership Council and Board of Spiritual Life is scheduled for April 28.

Deficit Team

Kevin Robertson reported the team has been reviewing history of contributions and expenditures as they identify and develop options to address our current financial situation. Kevin stressed their primary goal is to establish recommendations that are consistent with short term objectives and long term visioning of the congregation.

Covenant of Separation

An amendment to Pastor Pete's Covenant of Separation was approved by Spiritual Life Board and approved by the council with Pastor Jim's recommendation. The amendment establishes parameters for Pastor Pete's involvement when requested by Pastor Jim. (See a more detailed article elsewhere in this publication.)

Education Assistant

Marilyn and Audrey requested an extension of one month for Sandy Chitwood as Educational Assistant. The extension is to provide Sandy's oversight and planning Faith Camp. A one month extension to her agreement through July, 2009 was approved.

Young Hee Chung

Young received approval for permanent residency from Citizenship and Naturalization Services on April 11, 2009. Young expressed her appreciation and thanks to the LLC and congregation for help and support during this process.

Worship Renewal Grant

Young Chung assembled a committee early this year to apply for a grant from Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Calvin Institute administers funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. and

awards grants for projects focused on worship renewal. We were just notified our proposal was accepted with a grant of \$7,400. Additional details will be provided and they are available.

Retired Persons Group

May, the month of beautiful flowers! Join the retirees on Thursday, May 21. Enjoy a provided meal at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by a short

meeting. Then the group will carpool to Ensley Gardens at Lake Shawnee to see the beautiful flower gardens. Questions? Call Eileen Leinwetter at 228-2053.

LWML Topeka Zone Rally

All women are invited to attend the Spring Rally on Saturday, May 9 at Faith, Topeka. Registration and service project begins at 9 a.m. with the event from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Lunch is provided (\$5.) Guest speaker is Angela Jeppesen of Children’s Christian Concern Society.

They will be collecting paper plates, napkins and cups to donate to TARC. RSVP to Maggie O’Brien-Domingo at 785-608-8523 or MaggieJane@sprint.blackberry.net by May 1.

From Your Parish Nurse

How does our Lord ask us to live in thankfulness to Him? In the Bible, check Matthew 22:37-39, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Who is our neighbor? Everyone who is in need of our love and help.

Some call this Christian service, some volunteering. We’re each unique and different but, with Jesus’ help, together we can give many helpful, caring Christian services to our fellow Faith members, community and world. If you haven’t experienced much of this satisfying giving, start now. Talk with any of Faith’s ministry team leaders and join the team. (See Faith’s directory pages 10-18 for a list of various teams

you can join.)

I want to thank you for your Christian love and services to those who have had health changes and needs in their lives. You have been an answer to their prayers to our Lord. God bless you for your prayers to those on our prayer lists, your notes, five minute phone calls, ten minute visits, frozen food, transportation, smiles, hand pats, hugs and the many other “services” to those in need.

If you’d like your blood pressure checked, stop by the church any Wednesday from 1:30—3:30 pm.

Margaret Anschutz, RN

The Parish Nurse is available at the church every Wednesday from 1:30—

Stewardship—A Way of Life (part 3)

What does it mean to live as God’s disciple? According to Luther’s explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles Creed, Jesus “purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil … with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

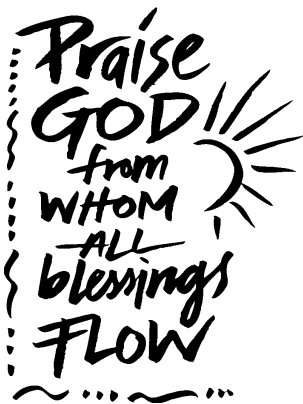
So how do we become a disciple? The answer is simple – we have to build a relationship with God. Think about how much time we devote to relationships with our family members, friends and co-workers. Think of the joys and sorrows we share, laughing and crying with those closest to us. Do we devote the same amount of time and energy and care to our relationship with God? How well do we know God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Do we regularly set aside time to learn about Him

through Bible study, to praise Him through worship, to share with Him through prayer? The closer we grow to God, the more we will be able to discern His will for us and serve Him faithfully.

“We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands … if anyone obeys His word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:3, 5-6

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7



Faith Early Childhood Center

In April, the children learned about the events of Easter. The children’s project was a picture with the background made by pressing a palm leaf in paint and then laying it on the paper. The cross was painted with a wide selection of colors. After completion of the project, Marissa Valdez and Tonya Clark, teachers, wrote down the children’s interpretation of the story. Following are three selections: (these are three year olds)

“Jesus said a prayer and then he died. He came back alive.” (Reece Godby)

“He died because he loves us. He died to take our sins away. He rose above the town. They put him on the cross with nails. One on his hand and one on his other hand and one on his feet. Three nails.”

Alison Hope

“He died. He came back to life. He died to take our sins away. Sins are bad things.” (Lily Reinhart)

Hosanna in the Highest!



Reece Godby, Alison Hupe and Lilian Rinehart share their Easter projects.

From Your Pastor

I have been asked to preach on Confirmation day at St. Stephanus Lutheran Church — “My old church.” Sometimes coming back is the right thing to do. I won’t do it the next year, however.

When Pastors leave, sometimes the void is painful. Pastor Pete has “left” Faith Lutheran Church as pastor. I have been called to be the new pastor. Pastor Pete and I have talked, in concert with the LLC and SLL, about both our leavings and stayings and comings. Pastor Pete, wanting to facilitate the congregation’s embracing of me as pastor, made it clear to Faith Lutheran

last spring that he would no longer do pastoral care. However, in that agreement there was an invitation to revisit the covenant and change it as needed. Below is a re-visioning of the covenant. This has both of our full support and agreement, as well as the SLL and LLC support.

It has been my honor to serve you as pastor. I look forward to developing deeper bonds with you as I serve in those meaningful moments of your life.

Peace

Pastor Jim

“I look forward to developing deeper bonds with you as I serve in those meaningful moments in your life.”

Pastor Pete’s Post-Retirement Ministry

The Covenant of Separation includes the following reference to post-retirement activity: “After the new leadership has had adequate time to become established this (Covenant of Separation) may be altered as deemed appropriate by both parties.”

Pastor Bender has asked if I would be willing to be involved in a pastoral care situation with him. He has indicated comfort with my participation as he requests it and as I am comfortable doing so and am able to participate.

I am willing to do so with the understanding that requests must come from Pastor Bender or have been initiated by him so that I can be assured that he is comfortable with that level of involvement.

Mary Ann’s and my circumstances preclude doing weddings since they demand multiple meetings. Except for emergencies, my participation in funerals would be limited to a more symbolic presence (e.g. scripture readings) rather than the pri-

mary ministry to the family. The preceding two ministries referenced are valuable opportunities for establishing relationships with member families, especially for a new pastorate.

My accepting any request will depend on how it impacts my care of Mary Ann, how much stress it adds to our situation, the availability of volunteers to stay with Mary Ann or the congregation’s willingness to pay for professional companion care (usually around \$16 per hour) during the time I am doing the requested task, if volunteers are not available.

If the request is for involvement at a regularly scheduled service, unless it is an unforeseen emergency situation, I ask for at least three weeks notice to arrange for volunteers and/or paid help for Mary Ann and to prepare for that involvement.

If I am asked and agree to participate in a ministry situation at Faith, my commitment will be to seek to do that ministry in accord with the current practices of Faith.

Pastor Pete



Thank You

"We want to thank so many people for your many kind acts of kindness and cards during Roland's illness and passing. Your expressions of sympathy were deeply appreciated. Our thanks to Pastor Bender for his visits and the Memorial service."

Eva, Greg and Brenda Schmidt



Those Who Serve In May

GREETERS

8AM

May 3 Lavonna Creviston & Mary Shaw
 May 10 Charles & Jane Schaible
 May 17 David Schmitt & Roland Orth
 May 24 Doug Chitwood
 May 31 Mark & Pantha Solie

11AM

May 3 Gene & Irma Straub
 May 10 Dwight & Gen Cater
 May 17 Harry & Lynda Hilderman
 May 24 Wayne & Maurine Owen
 May 31 Beulah Tenbrink & Lila Gooding

ACOLYTES

8AM

May 3 Ellen Wenger & Brian Wenger
 May 10 Ryan Jones & Kelly Landman
 May 17 Brady McCormick & Alyssa McCormick
 May 24 Madison Lockhart & Ben Waters
 May 31 Kelly Landman & Madison Lockhart

11AM

May 3 Jacob Schwartz & Barrett Robertson
 May 10 Kelsey Tenbrink & Jordan Gray
 May 17 Sam Calderwood & Dalton Taylor
 May 24 Miranda Tjelmeland & Ben Reynolds
 May 31 Nathan Leonard & Tyler Lucero



Worship Assistants

Lay Readers

8AM

May 10 Lillian Rexford
 May 17 Dean Landman
 May 31 Steve Hennessey

11AM

May 3 Tim Lyle
 May 10 Irma Straub
 May 17 Bob Eggold
 May 24 Elaine Eggold
 May 31 Janet Zima

USHERS

8AM Joe Pinter, Alex Hoover
11AM Darrel Savage, Larry Wilson, Terri Bynum, Tim Owen, David Wodtke

MONEY COUNTERS

Hank Meinking, Doris Meinking, Dwight Cater, Ed Richardson

SPIRITUAL LIFE LEADER/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8AM - Mary Shaw, John Barrett, Jan Lyle, Tom Dittmer

11AM — Ann VanZandt, Jeff Lane, Jan Hoover, Bob Gabler

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE TEAM

May 3 Dale & Sue Larson
 May 10 Mary Shaw & Barb McComas
 May 17 Don Bartling
 May 24 Larry & Jolene Saunders
 May 31 Dale & Sue Larson

Children & Family Ministries

Faith Camp

- Faith wants to serve the local Topeka Community this year. One step is offering community VBS sites. Interested in hosting a VBS program at your home? All that is necessary is providing your home-yard and registering your neighborhood children/family or friends.
- Dates for Faith Camp this year have changed. Please mark your calendars for Monday - Thursday July 20 - July 23 (6:15 - 8:15 PM) and Sunday, July 26th (noon - 2:30 PM) CHESNEY PARK LOCATION. Faith Camp will be hosting a community VBS afternoon at Chesney Park. More details to follow.
- Service Project means SERVICE to the community. Our service project this year is local. We will collect food items for Topeka food pantries. Interested in heading our Service Project? What a fun way to connect with Faith Camp and our local Topeka Community!
- Please contact Sandy Chitwood in the church office for any details.

TLS

Boss Hawg's Fundraiser: May 5 from 5 - 9 PM. Ten percent of food sales go to TLS. Just mention that you are associated with the school.

TLS prayer Partner: Pray for TLS, students and teachers! Pray anytime, anywhere, and for anybody! The Bible says: "pray for each other. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

National Day of Prayer: May 7. Chapel begins at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Cookout follows chapel. Make reservation for the cookout by Monday, May 5.

Children's Sunday Education

Annual Planning Meeting: Wednesday, May 6 at 5 p.m. Do you have suggestions for Children's Sunday Education? If so, offer them to Marilyn or Sandy (272-4214).

Children's Summer Leader's meeting: May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Summer leaders are to attend in preparation for summer classes.

Would you occasionally serve as a substitute leader? If so, please e mail marilyn4kids44@swbell.net or call 272-4214.

WOW! Planning Team

Time to start planning for the fall WOW! (Word on Wednesday) ministry. Do you have suggestions? Want to be creative? Phone the office and offer your time.

Camp Tomah Shinga (Junction City)

Camp Tomah Shinga is filled with faith, fun, friends, and adventures! Programming for this summer begins June 3 and continues through the end of July. Various ages are served (grades 1 - 3, grades 4 - 6, grades 6 - 8, and grades 9- 12). Sessions vary in length given the age of the youth. Check out this Lutheran Camp at www.tomahshinga.com or stop by the church office for a camp schedule.



***“Pray for each other, The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”
James 5:16b***

Pentecost Sunday—Celebrating Mission Work in Guinea, West Africa

Jack and Cathy Carlos will be visiting Faith on Pentecost Sunday, sharing their passion for the people in Guinea”

Jack and Cathy Carlos have been called to serve as missionaries in Guinea, joining Rev. Tim and Beth Heiney and family, Tim and Heidi Norton and family and Andrea Herman. Jack and Cathy’s ministry to the Maninka people will incorporate basic health care education with the Gospel message. What a great way to show the love and healing power of Jesus!

LCMS World Mission now requires all missionaries to raise enough funds to support themselves for two years in the field. For Jack and Cathy Carlos, this amounts to \$300,000. The Kansas District Board of Directors has encouraged every congregation to have a special offering in support of the Carlos family. The offerings will be received at the District Convention in June and dedicated for Jack and Cathy’s service to the Lord on our behalf in

Guinea.

Faith congregation has been a supporter of Guinea missionaries through the Together in Mission (TIM) program, partnering first with the Oetting family and now with the Heiney family. But we have a connection to the Carlos family, too. Jack Carlos served as Director of Christian Outreach at St. Stephanus in St. Paul with Pastor Jim. It’s a small world!

Jack and Cathy will be visiting Faith on Pentecost Sunday, sharing their passion for the people in Guinea they have been called to serve. We will have a special offering that Sunday, which our delegates will then take to the District Convention. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet, greet and encourage the newest members of our Guinea Mission Team!

Bridging to Grow, Bridging to Share Update

“How can we thank God enough for you.”

1 Thessalonians 3:9.

As we celebrate God’s goodness for a successful beginning to our capital campaign, we also thank

Him for the many individuals who gave their time, talents and treasures to support Bridging to Grow, Bridging to Share.

Lay Leadership Council wants to especially thank Dale

Larson, Emphasis Director, Karlea Landman, Emphasis Secretary and Linda Meyer, Communication Coordinator. Their dedicated

efforts and many hours of labor provided direction for the campaign.

Other members of the leadership team including, Don Snethen, Dean Landman, Don Schultz, Marian Bolz, Sue Larson, Sandy Chitwood and Marlene Urban, took us through the commitment phase. Twila Theimer, Fulfillment Coordinator, and her team now will coordinate the three year Sustained Giving phase of the campaign.

The LLC would also like to thank the members of the congregation, who together have pledged over \$521,000 to support and strengthen the ministry of our church.



Worship Ministry

Hymn Festival on May 10

We will hold Faith's Second Annual Hymn Festival based on the hymn survey conducted during March. Come join our worship! Celebrate Mother's Day at Faith with the Hymn Festival.

Traditional Service at 8:00 & 11:00

- ◆ Sing the top ten favorite hymns based on Faith's hymn survey.
- ◆ Featuring festival choir, bell choir, men's ensemble, choir, brass, strings, woodwind and vocalists.

Contemporary Service at 9:30

- ◆ Sing the top ten favorite contemporary songs based on Faith's song survey.

Evening Service at 6:00

- ◆ Sing the favorite five hymns and five songs from Faith's survey.

A special thanks to those who enhance worship services through their musical gifts: WOW choirs, festival choir, bell choir, brass, strings, woodwind, and vocalists for offering music for Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and/or Easter services.

Special thanks also to those who enriched the worship services in various ways: Altar Guild, Banner Ministry, sound technicians, readers for dramatic reading, staff, etc.



Hymn Survey

Thanks to those who selected their favorite hymns/songs for the hymn festival. We received 166 surveys.

Rank	Traditional Hymns	LBW	Contemporary Songs
1	Beautiful Savior	518	Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
2	Amazing Grace	448	I Can Only Imagine
3	How Great Thou Art	532	Open The Eyes of My Heart
4	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	228/229	Here I Am to Worship
5	What A Friend We Have in Jesus	439	My Redeemer Lives
6	I Know That My Redeemer Lives!	352	You Are My King
7	Abide with Me	272	Blessed Be Your Name
8	Holy, Holy, Holy	165	You Are My All in All
9	Earth and All Stars!	558	Grace Like Rain
10	When I Survey The Wondrous Cross	482	Come Just As You Are
11	Children of the Heavenly Father	474	Trading My Sorrow
12	Lift High The Cross	377	How Deep the Father's Love
13	Just as I Am, without One Plea	296	Come, Now Is the Time to
14	The Church's One Foundation	369	Worship
15	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	151	God of Wonders
			Shine on Us

MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Doorway to Faith Class 9:30 AM Sunday Education 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday Education 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship	27 9:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Men's Basketball (TLS)	28 6:00 PM Vision Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	29 1:30 PM Parish Nurse Walk-In 5:30 PM WOW Family Night	30 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	1	2 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM Topeka Association for Deaf
3 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Doorway to Faith Class 9:30 AM Sunday Education 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday Education 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship	4 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Men's Basketball (TLS)	5 12:00 PM Family Life Team 5:30 PM Senior Youth Team 7:00 PM Adult Ed Team 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	6 1:30 PM Parish Nurse Walk-In 7:00 PM Spiritual Life Board	7 National Day of Prayer 11:00 AM TLS Chapel 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	8	9 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM LWML Zone Rally
10 Hymn Festival Mother's Day 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Doorway to Faith Class 9:30 AM Sunday Education 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday Education 11:00 AM Worship 4:30 PM Haggadah Dinner (for Sr. Adults) 6:00 PM Worship	11 5:30 PM FC Planning Mtg. 6:30 PM Pack Cmt. Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 5:30 PM FECC 6:00 PM Children's Sunday Ed 6:30 PM LVR Information Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	13 1:30 PM Parish Nurse Walk-In 7:00 PM LLC	14 5:15 PM Christian Service 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	15 7:00 PM Pack Meeting	16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
17 Graduate Recognition 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Doorway to Faith Class 9:30 AM Sunday Education 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday Education 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship	18 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	20 1:30 PM Outreach Team 1:30 PM Parish Nurse Walk-In 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 6:00 PM Graduate Banquet 6:00 PM Summer Children Sun. Ed leaders	21 11:30 AM Retired Persons Group 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	22 7:30 PM TLS graduation (at St. Johns)	23 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
24 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday Education 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday Education 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship	25 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	27 1:30 PM Parish Nurse Walk-In 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp	28 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	29 Friday Frenzy 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp	30 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
31 New Member Picnic Pentecost 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Doorway to Faith Class 9:30 AM Sunday Education 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday Education 6:00 PM Worship	1 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2 12:00 PM Family Life Team 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 7:00 PM Adult Ed Team 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	3 1:30 PM Parish Nurse Walk-In 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp 7:00 PM Spiritual Life Board	4 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp	5 5:30 PM Jr. Youth Drama Camp	6 "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" performance 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

May 2009—Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 John Cipolla Morgan Waterman Ryan Kaufman Christine Martin Amber Mulyck Robert & Keanna King Roger & Jennifer Offermann Rob & Nancy Peterson Harry & Darlene Strader John & Carolyn Watson Marcy & Gene Bilynsky	2 Reva Hossfeld Caleb Hillrichs Mark Brewer Jason Wills Elijah Johnson Samuel Fay Aiden Hovey Sharon Stuewe
3 Jerry Smith Christy Moses Caris Gebhart Bill & Stephanie Hutchinson Tiffany & Bob Steele	4 Alan Taylor Tim Owen Amanda Houpp Noble Aikman Jeff Kuhn Mason Voth Alana Grisell Bob & Merrilee Kuhn John & Cathy Kissling Paul & Duranna Crouch	5 Haley Carpenter Benjamin Cain Brian Burgoon Ann Mah Alisha Bolz Myron Figge Rod & Barb Bleich Don & Pat Schultz	6 Stacey Jennings David Borghardt Linda Erickson Tiffany Steele Verle Kufahl Juli Mazachek Kelly Greene Donna Hass Jay Williams Katie Pierce	7 Tom Dittmer Glen Weichold Emma Meinholdt Dan Ramsey David Schwartz Stacey Ard William & Shirley Gloy	8 Kristie Stuewe Austin Kennard Mark & Kay Kemp	9 Aric Zillinger Barb Allen Rachel Shelton Nancy Schmidt David & Colleen Lippe
10 Bill Schmidt Scot Corzine Alexander Esquivel Morgan Cox	11 Marissa Khalil Ron Gooding Matt & Joy Glynn	12 Jacob Schwartz Margie Corum Hannah Hutchinson Sydney Sage Jarod Johnson Devin Wills Tom Crites Doug & Gina Rhone	13 Lauren Rollenhagen Curt Klein Elizabeth Waters	14 Sandra Nelson-Mayo Floyd Marlatt Donna Brooks Brian Wenger Mary Ann Graham Brenda Wilson Ivan & Tami Lierz Jon & Vici Hummell	15 Mary Ann Tremain Marcine Anderson Chandler Leeth Ashley Rhone	16 Rick Steinhauer Tommy Leonard Julie Welge Sheridan Voigt Rebecca Nelson Dave Nolle John Frederick Pete Hutton
17 Grace Horton Howard Graham Rachel Helmke Doug Rhone David Ball Felecia Goins David Ruhnke Claire Albrecht Rachel & Doug Appelhanz Dustin & Leslie Heder	18 Logan Appelhanz	19 Joshua Eisenhart Megan Deiter Leroy Schick Dave Pinick Larry & Ann Mah	20 Ben Waters Laramie Kirkwood Logan Carney Pat Johnson Shay Sexton Maggie Domingo Jana Krien Tom Thomas Michael Benfer Jean & Nick Harper	21 Dawn Conwell Rich Mesloh Cat & Craig Gates Larry & Caryn Sheets Francis & Ruth Bishop	22 Jean Harper Jarold Steere Rosalyn Taylor Judy Hamilton Alan & Denise Taylor Tom & Debbie Crites Dennis & Cecilia O'Gara	23 Brenda Doby Jonathan Gabler Georgia Schuh Delainey Duermeier Sylvia Farmer Jackie & Ray Vincent
24 Rachel Appelhanz Caitlyn Lambrecht Jeanette Wehmeier David Lippe Darin & Betty Schwant Gordon & Jan Williams	25 Cat Gates Brittany Gehle John Benaka John Frese Norman & Gail Sawyer Shane & Anna McCoy Steve & Connie Tilton	26 Melissa Knowland Bailey Lincoln Walker Vines Cliff Sheets Kyrstie Miller Baylea & Tyler Schuerman	27 Rebecca McNeive Cecylia Boyd Danielle Carter	28 Steve Mitchell Lavonna Creviston Kyle & Janet Tjelmeland Steve & Debbie Rosel Diane & Eric Coffin	29 Young Chung Diane Shaffer Cheryl Farmer Blake Ramsey Jacki Theis Addisyn Hummell	30 Jerry Anderson Michael Dittmer Jim & Joanna Bradshaw Jeff & Tara Marshall
31 Lanny McMahan Damon Moran Mary Jennings Denis Smith Bobbie Nixon Dorothy Novak John & Cynthia Barrett Dan & Betty Ramsey Amanda & Austin Houpp						

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour can be heard on WIBW— 580AM on Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m. And on KFDI—Wichita 1070AM on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Woman to Woman can also be heard at 8:00 a.m. on KFDI on Sundays.

**May 3
"Who Is Narrow-Minded?"**

(Acts 4:12)

The world rejects the exclusive claims of Christ. But what if He IS the only way of salvation?

**May 10
"This Is Love"**

(1 John 4:10)

Does your mother love you? Jesus loves you more! Has your mother sacrificed for you? Jesus died and rose to redeem you from sin and eternal death.

**May 17
"Not What You Know but Whom You Know"**

(John 15:15)

Meet Jesus, the best and truest of friends, the most sacrificing and caring of friends.

May 24

Today's guest speaker is Chaplain Eric Erkkinnen, associate director of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.

**May 31
"Not What They Seem"**

(John 15:26-27)

Things are not always what they seem to be. That's especially true of Christ and His Church.

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