



## Special Notes for May

Pastor Bollhagen will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, April 30<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Vicar Cox will be attending the Spring Workers Conference at Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No Communion or Adult Bible Study on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

May 21 – Graduation Reception after Church

## Birthdays

- 2 – Franklin Flickinger
- 4 – Ryan Harvey
- 5 – Joyce Koch  
Mary Hadley  
Mary Jane Rodemeyer
- 7 – Donna Spetman
- 10 – Abigail Fink
- 12 – Lucy Oehlert  
Emma Ammerman
- 17 – Cary Treanor
- 19 – Bruce Behn
- 22 – Zach Vanness
- 23 – Megan Baumann
- 24 – Kim Miller  
Rev. Arthur Drehman
- 25 – Nicole Pooch
- 26 – Brandon Heilskov
- 27 – Mardell Jorgensen  
Pastor Karl Bollhagen (50☺)
- 28 – Delores Uhl
- 30 – Colin Harr  
Vicar Micah Brooks



# Happy Birthday

## Ushers

Bill Holmstrom, Chair  
Lynn Arends  
Ron Hankom

## Greeters

Marvel Burmester  
Gareld & Lois Johnson  
Mitch & Deb Vanness

## Acolytes

7 – Noah Behn  
14 – Colin Harr  
21 – Slade Pigman  
28 – Henry Subbert

## Anniversaries

- 1 – Bruce & Annette Harris
- 3 – Rev. Roy & Joan Berquist
- 17 – Rev. Phillip & Amanda Callahan
- 19 – Rev. Jesse & Christal Burns
- 27 – Justin & Carol Schnabel

Happy Anniversary!



Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2PM

Devotion/Bible Study:  
Judy Hankom  
Hostess:  
Karen McVicker

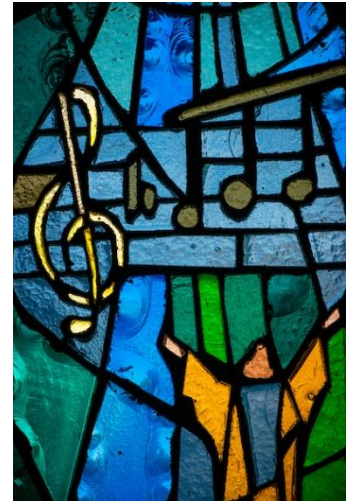
All ladies are invited! Please let Stephanie know if you need a copy of the Bible Study.

Small group and individual communion services are being offered in place of the monthly Special Needs service. Please call the church office if you are interested in setting up a time.



## Thoughts for Coming Seasons About Choir...

My thanks to all who faithfully participated in choir these past 6 months. EACH VOICE plays such an important part in raising praise to our Lord and Savior. As we look to the next season, I look forward to seeing these familiar faces back in the choir loft area.



courtesy of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

## Schedule changes for Summer

Confirmation is now on summer break.

Sunday School's last day before summer break will be May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Thank you to Pastor, Vicar Cox, Mike Spetman and Julie Bollhagen for teaching this past year!

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is "Graduation Sunday"

The Board of Parish and Social Ministry will be hosting a graduation reception after church in the fellowship hall to honor our graduates:



Lauren Kurth  
Avery Moore  
Emma Showalter

All members and guests of Trinity are invited to attend the reception and help celebrate with our high school seniors.

God's Peace,  
Kristi Hauser

The choir enhances the worship service for us all. I would ask EACH CONGREGATIONAL MEMBER to prayerfully consider using the talents and voice God has given you by joining our choir. We have a wonderful opportunity this fall with another magnificent piece. This piece would be so enhanced by having additional voices to support each part.

I often hear, "My voice is not that good." I will tell you that none of us currently in the choir have professional voices. We just put together what God has given us, and HE multiplies the effort according to His will.

We would welcome EACH OF YOU!!!

In Christ,  
JoEllen Arends, Choir Director

## Remember our shut-ins...

- \*Country View Nursing Facility: Merlin Behn, Mavis Claypool, Jennie Dellinger, Don Fink, Bob Heilskov, Doris Knueppel, Melba Muhlenbruch, Tillie Nelsen
- \*Franklin General Assisted Living: Donna Helmke, Dixie Schmitt
- \*Rehabilitation Center of Hampton: Daisy Bentratt
- \*Hubbard Care Center: Mildred Pingel
- \*Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake: Betty Fink
- \*Our members at home who may not be able to come to church.

## The Ascension of Our Lord

Ascension is observed on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter, always a Thursday, and commemorates Jesus' final appearance to His disciples before ascending to the Father (Acts 1:1-11). This year it falls on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## TLC's Senior Spotlights

My name is Lauren Kurth...

I am the daughter of Carl and Jessica Kurth. I am a member of the National Honor Society, and I was actively involved in band and art all four years and ProStart my sophomore through senior year. In ProStart, I made 2nd place my sophomore year and my team won 1st place in both Junior and Senior years, earning a trip to Washington, DC to compete in Nationals. My plans after graduation are to attend DMACC, Ankeny where I will be enrolled in the Iowa Culinary Institute (ICI). Once I get my degree in culinary, I plan to attend DMACC, Newton where I will get my Bakery Pastry Artistry Certificate. After college, I hope to open my own restaurant.



My name is Avery Moore...

I am the daughter of Greg and Bradi Moore. I am a senior at Hampton-Dumont Community High School, and have been involved in volleyball, softball, band, student council, prom central, TRIO, and many other activities throughout high school. Next fall, I plan to attend the University of Iowa to major in Physical Therapy. I would like to say thank you to my church family here at Trinity Lutheran Church for all of your help and support over the years. I am looking forward to being a Hawkeye next year and finding a church family in Iowa City.

My name is Emma Showalter...

I am the daughter of Matt and Jori Showalter. In high school, I was active in many clubs, sports, and activities. I participated in volleyball, golf, track, softball, drama, FFA, Bulldog Cafe, and was manager of the high school wrestling team. I am a member of the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Honor Society, student council, and am president of my senior class. Next year, I plan to attend Iowa State University and major in agricultural communications.





## From Vicar Cox...

Two months ago, we looked at King Saul's further attempts to directly harm David as recorded in **1 Samuel 19 and 20**. This week, we will look at the treachery of **Doeg** the Edomite as recorded in **1 Samuel 21 and 22**.

After David's tearful departure from his best friend (and brother-in-law) Jonathan, David is a man on the run. He makes his way to the town of Nob. There he seeks out the priest, **Ahimelek**. Evidently, Ahimelek knows who David is, but is unaware that David is a fugitive from King Saul.

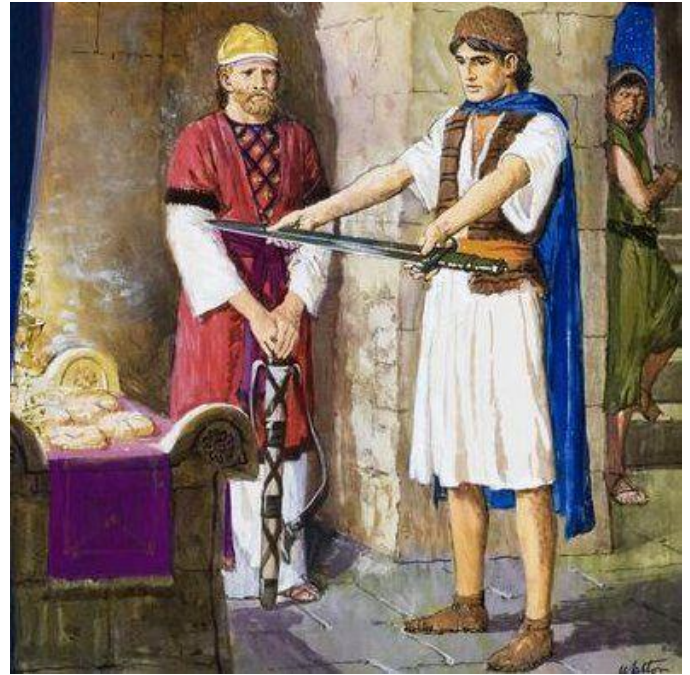
David misleads Ahimelek, saying that he is on a royal mission. "My mission was given with such urgency that I had to start the journey without any supplies. That's why I need food and a weapon." Ahimelek gives David some holy bread, the only food he has on hand. And the only weapon he has available is the sword of **Goliath** of Gath, the giant Philistine that David himself had killed in single combat.

"There is no other like it. Give it to me," David says.

David's presence in Nob does not go unnoticed. **Doeg** the Edomite, King Saul's head shepherd, is also in Nob that day. They see each other. David knows that Doeg is not going to keep David's whereabouts a secret. So, he doesn't stick around.

After retrieving the sword of Goliath, David decides to go hide out amongst the Philistines in Goliath's hometown of Gath. But when he gets to Gath, he is immediately recognized. The officials of the town, looking at David, say "Aren't you the guy that killed ten thousand of us Philistines? Let's go see what **King Achish** wants us to do about you."

David is in a dangerous spot, but he has an idea. He pretends to be insane! In front of the king, he scribbles on the doors like a child and lets drool run down into his beard. And it works! King Achish of Gath rebukes his officials saying, "Why did you bring me this crazy guy? Don't we have enough crazy people of our own without bringing more here?" They let him go! Having escaped from the Philistines, David goes to live in a cave in Adullam. At least in a



cave he won't run into any more of his enemies! David's brothers and his parents come to live with him in the cave. Their lives were probably in danger too, being David's blood relatives.

Discontented people from all over Saul's kingdom flocked to David in his cave. They knew who they wanted for their leader. So it is that David became the commander of a fighting force of four hundred men while living in a cave.

David wants a better life for his mother and father than life in a fugitive's cave. So, he moved his operation to Mizpah in the nearby land of Moab. David's family is related to the Moabites. His great-grandmother on his father's side was **Ruth**, the Moabite widow who married **Boaz** in Bethlehem. In Mizpah, David's parents move into the stronghold of the Moabite king.

God didn't want David to live out his days in Moab, so He sent the prophet **Gad** to instruct David to move back to his Israelite homeland of Judah. David and his men relocate their headquarters to the Forest of Hereth.

All this time, King Saul was not without his wits or his sources of information.

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One day he asks his royal attendants, "Why are you all so useless at finding David! Whose side are you on?" Tellingly, Saul has his hand on his deadly spear as he berates his courtiers.

**Doeg** the Edomite cashes in on his intel. "King Saul, I saw the son of Jesse up in Nob, talking to **Ahimelek** the priest. In fact, Ahimelek prayed for David. And gave him some food. Holy food. And a weapon. And not just any weapon: the sword of Goliath."

King Saul summons the entire household of **Ahimelek**, which includes every single priest in Nob. He accuses Ahimelek of treason. "Why did you help David? Was it so he would ambush me? Are you conspiring to have me killed?"

Facing certain death, **Ahimelek** the priest looks at the king and tells him the truth. "No one in your kingdom has been as faithful to you as David. He is your son-in-law! He was the brilliant commander of your most successful military unit! Do you think I only prayed for David that one day? Well, I pray for him all the time! That said, me and my household are your servants, and we know nothing about a conspiracy against you."

"Kill them all," King Saul tells his bodyguards. But they won't do it! King Saul was not convicted by the priest's words, but his bodyguards were. They're not going to kill the LORD's priests!

King Saul looks for an ally. His eyes land on **Doeg**, the informant. "Do it, Doeg. You kill these priests for me." Doeg the Edomite fulfills the evil wishes of his king. He picks up a weapon and systematically butchers the priests of the LORD. That day alone he killed eighty-five men of the cloth. After that, he moved against the city of Nob where the priests lived. There he kills people indiscriminately: women, children, and even babies.

The sole survivor, Ahimelek's son, **Abiathar**, escapes to David and tells him what Saul has done. In sorrow, David says, "This is my fault, Abiathar. I knew Doeg would rat me out when he saw me in Nob talking to your father. You may as well stay with me. You'll be as safe as I am...."