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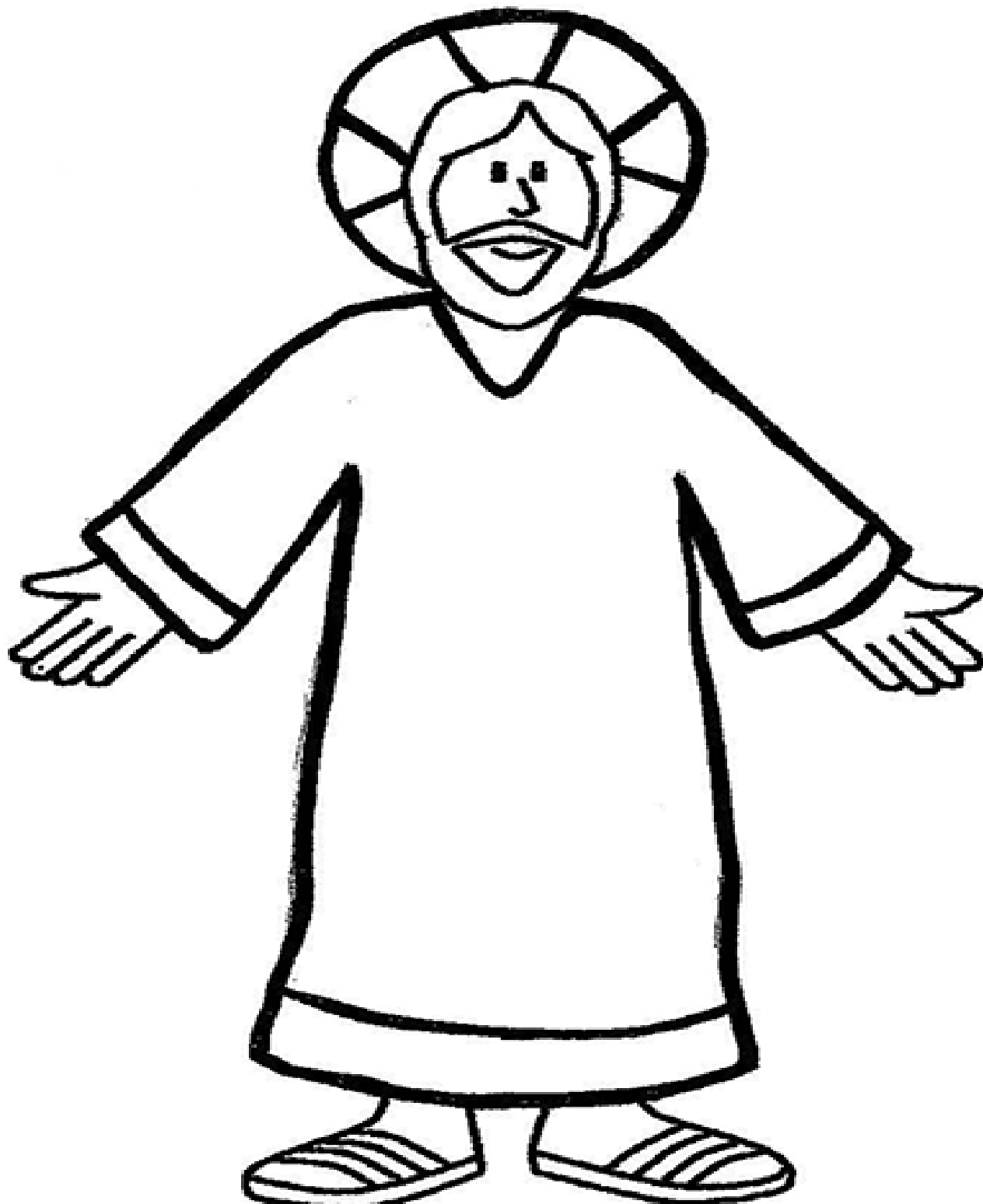


“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7

Flat Jesus

Many people travel in the late spring and summer months, and this year we are asking you to take Flat Jesus with you! Cut out Flat Jesus, color him if you'd like, and take a photo with him when you travel this summer. Share your photos by posting them to our church's Facebook page or by emailing them to pastor@americanlutheranjesup.org. That way, we'll all be able to share in Flat Jesus' adventures. And remember, Jesus is always with you, wherever you go!



May 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 10am Prayer Shawl	2 6pm JAM Final Program at UMC	3 9:30am Women's Bible Study 11am Worship and Music Committee Mtg	4	5 9am Church Spring Cleaning
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9am Worship and Communion with Congregational meeting to follow 10:15 Sunday School 11 Sunday School Picnic 5:45pm VBS Planning Mtg at UMC	7	8 10am Prayer Shawl	9 6pm Chime Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Spotlight on Human trafficking @FPC	10	11	12
13 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9am Worship	14 6:30pm Council Mtg	15 10am Prayer Shawl	16 6:30pm Spotlight on Human trafficking @UMC	17 6pm Abundant Life Committee Mtg	18	19
20 Pentecost 9am Contemporary Worship with Communion Graduate Recognition Sunday	21	22 10am Prayer Shawl	23 5pm-6pm Be Our Guest Meal 6:30pm Spotlight on Human trafficking 5k	24	25	26
27 Holy Trinity Sunday 9am Worship	28	29 10am Prayer Shawl	30 5pm-6pm Be Our Guest Meal	31	1	2

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Service, Ushers, Readers, and Communion Assistants

May Readers

Sun. May 6 Wayne Schneider
 Sun. May 13 Mary Adams
 Sun. May 20 Sara Borland
 Sun. May 27 Kaye Jones

May Communion Assistants

Sun. May 6 Wayne Schneider
 Sun. May 20 Sara Borland

April Ushers

Bryan & Rayla Tonne

From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

I took a vacation Sunday on April 8, the Sunday after Easter, so that I could go to the St. Louis area for my niece's baptism. My sister and her family now attend a Presbyterian (USA) church. A week before the baptism (meaning the day after Easter Sunday), I received an email from her pastor, saying he would suddenly need to be gone that weekend, and would I please lead the worship services for him that Sunday. So, that Sunday, I served as the pastor at a Presbyterian church.

The ELCA Lutheran Church has worked very hard to create partnerships with other Christian denominations. We even have several full communion partnerships. According to the ELCA website, "**Full communion** is when two denominations develop a relationship based on a common confessing of the Christian faith and a mutual recognition of Baptism and sharing of the Lord's Supper." What this means is that while we may differ very slightly in our understanding of how communion and baptism work, we have worked with other church bodies to determine that our understandings are similar enough that we can share pastors between denominations. Therefore, I, as an ELCA Lutheran pastor, can baptize and preside over communion at a Presbyterian USA church, and a Presbyterian pastor can do the same thing in our church.

The ELCA has full communion partnerships with the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church, the Moravian Church, and the United Methodist Church.

These partnerships are very beneficial for all involved. Some tiny congregations can share a pastor with a congregation of a different denomination. Sometimes pastors can be called to denominations other than the one they were ordained in. And congregations searching for interims and supply pastors can look outside their own denomination as well. For example, I have a friend who is a Lutheran pastor who is called to serve a Presbyterian congregation and also serves as pulpit supply at a UCC congregation. I have another friend who is a pastor in the Moravian church who started a hunger ministry in a location with no Moravian churches, so her work is based out of a Lutheran church.

Our full communion partnerships do not mean that these denominations have merged; rather, we recognize that each tradition brings a unique voice to the table. We are committed to working together in agreed-upon ways for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ. After all, before he died, Jesus prayed for his followers, "That they may be one, as we are one." John 17:22b.

Christ's peace, **Pastor Kristen**

Council Minutes

American Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
March 12, 2018

President Maureen Even called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Maureen Even, Wayne Schneider, Kaye Jones, Barb Hayek, Sara Borland, Christa Leach and Pastor Kristen. Absent from the meeting were Mary Adams and Christy Phillips.

Devotions were led by Pastor Kristen. She shared a reading titled "Making Peace With Evolving Faith".

Secretary's Report – Motion was made by Wayne Schneider and Seconded by Kaye Jones to accept the Secretary's Report with correction. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Wayne Schneider made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Sara Borland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Abundant Life – will meet March 22, 2018. Last month the committee went to Jubilee and Tree of Life Joint Conference Assembly at Zion Lutheran Church in Waterloo to listen to a presentation from Rev. Gary Hedding on Generosity Network. We also met on February 15, 2018. We will be setting our goals for the committee.

Hospitality – no meeting

Parish Ed – no meeting

Property – Wayne Schneider shared quotes from Spahn & Rose regarding replacing the windows in the basement. This bid was for \$3526.78. It was discussed to add 3 more windows to the bid as they were not included on the one presented. There was no bid given for the installation of the windows. Wayne will be getting two more bids for the replacement and installation of the basement windows. Further discuss will be needed and is tabled until the April meeting.

Wayne presented the following list for discussion. These items have been tabled until the April meeting:

The cement at the back door and part of the driveway heaving, needs repaired or replaced; the sidewalk around the church and front steps need to be repaired, Tim Anderson has been approached about repairing; and the retaining wall needs to be completed in front of the church since the city's redo of the street out front. Wayne will be in contact the Mayor in regard to the hole which is out front near the retaining wall.

Sections around the back door do not drain properly. There will be rock placed around the SW stairwell window and along the wall to help with drainage.

Scholarship – Students of the graduating class were contacted and made aware of the EPIC scholarship which was being offered by American Lutheran Church. None of the graduating seniors whom were continuing their education were attending any of the colleges listed in the

scholarship program. No applications were turned in. The Scholarship Committee reports there is no graduating seniors recommended for the EPIC scholarship. Council has tabled discussion as to how to proceed with the unused money which was designated for the EPIC scholarship.

Technology – Sara Borland reported Chris Waring indicated the website needed to be updated. Jessica, the church secretary, has updated the website with new pictures. If anyone has any pictures they wish to share with the website, please send them to Jessica. Sara presented 2 quotes for 2 Blue-Ray DVD players, one for the Sunday School room and one for the Fireside Room. She also presented 2 quotes for a new television for the Sunday School room. Maureen shared with the council designated memorial money was available for Sunday School use. Motion was made by Sara Borland to use memorial money which has been designated to be used for Sunday School purposes and said purchase is not to exceed \$500.00 of these items. Kaye Jones seconded this motion. All in favor, motion carried. Sara Borland and/or Keith Neuhring will see these are purchased and placed in the Sunday School room and Fireside Room. Maureen informed the Council, Keith Neuhring took a look at the television which is currently in the Sunday School room and Keith informed her it does not work.

Worship & Music – no meeting

Youth – Fundraising is going well. The Valentine's Day child-care fundraiser was well received by the parents whom used the youths' services.

Pastoral –

In the last month:

2 home communion visits

4 Baptisms-- Keegan Ubben-Berry, Grayson Pearce, Lukas Pearce, Myles Neegard (children of Brittney Ubben and Justin Neegard)

1 worship service at Lexington Estates

I attended the Synod Day of Renewal, which included a presentation by Dr. Martin Lohrmann about Dr. Philip Melancthon, one of Martin Luther's contemporaries.

I attended a continuing education class from UNI-- Women & Religion, the Perspectives of Three Faiths, which was a 4 session class that gave me some wonderful insights into social roles and interpretation of scripture from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim perspectives.

We had 12 children and youth help at Muffin Baking Day- a fun time was had by all!

FYI, Meals on Wheels in Jesup re-started for a short time, but last week the only person in Jesup receiving the meals moved to a care center so the program is suspended for the time being.

Reminder: The Taste of EWALU event this year will be Sunday, March 25, 11:30am until 7:00pm. All are welcome!

Holy Week worship services will be Maundy Thursday (March 29) at 7pm, Good Friday (March 30) at 7pm, and Easter Sunday (April 1) at 8am and 10am.

Thank you to Bryan Tonne for getting my new office computer set up!

New Business:

Council discussed the usage the Fellowship Hall and borrowing of chairs from the church. There would be no charge for use of the Fellowship Hall or borrowing of chairs as long as they are members of the congregation. Any member of the congregation whom is interested in using the Fellowship Hall or borrowing of chairs are to contact a member of the council or the Pastor.

Fellowship Hall is being used on April 15th and April 28th.

Maureen informed the council that Mary Adams has spoken to Tim Anderson in regard to the mowing of the church lawn. Wayne Schneider made a motion to have Tim Anderson mow the church lawn, Christa Leach seconded said motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Memorial plaques and plates were found during cleaning. It was asked what to do with the metal plaques. They have been placed in the secretary's office at this time and will be added to the wooden plaques on the wall in the sanctuary area.

Maureen will be in contact with Steve at McGraw's regarding the carpet which needs to be replaced in front of the kitchen in the Fireside Room. Barb Hayek will pick up a vent cover for the kitchen area. The council tabled discussion regarding storage of books and end tables for the Fireside Room until the April meeting.

The old fireplace which was in the Fireside Room is in the nursery room in the church basement. It will be announced in the bulletin that the fireplace is available for whomever wishes to have it.

Water softener – it was recommend during the remodeling meetings that a water softener was needed for the new dishwasher. Prior Minutes indicated council had decided to rent one. Discussion ensued regarding such and the need of plumbing to be done to get the water softener put into place in the basement. This has been tabled until the April meeting.

Audit Committee – Cindy Gosse and Dorothy Thompson have agreed to serve, one more is needed. Maureen will be contacting Connie Jones and John Bergman to see which one would be willing to serve as a third member of this committee.

Spring Cleaning – Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - ?? for cleaning the inside and outside of the church.

Old Business:

Council meetings dates and times will remain as they currently are.

Doris LeBahn has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year. There is still one more position to be filled on this committee.

Tyler Hoey has agreed to be supply leader on April 8th. He will also be supply leader for any non-communion Sundays throughout the year as needed, if it works with his schedule.

Correspondence

Maureen presented a pamphlet from Vinton Tuck Pointing Inc. – this was for informational purposes only, there was no need for action to be taken.

Deacon assignments and reader for April were given.

Next council meeting set for 6:30 p.m. on April 9th.

Wayne Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and Christa Leach seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Hayek

Events

Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2018

The American Lutheran Church Council is calling a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2018 to inform our members of our financial situation. We will hold the meeting in the sanctuary following the worship service. Babysitting will be available for families as needed. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

Congregational Meeting



Sunday School Picnic

We will celebrate the end of a great year of Sunday School with a Potluck Picnic on May 6th. The picnic will be held after the congregational meeting at the park across from Joe's Pizza. All who have been involved with Sunday School are invited to participate!

Church Cleanup Day

ALC's spring cleaning day will be Saturday May 5th from 9am to 2pm. Please bring cleaning supplies and a list of what we normally clean will be posted on bulletin board next to the office door. Join us in making our church sparkling clean!

BE OUR GUEST

Offered by the American Lutheran Church
552 Parly Street
827-6626

Free meals are scheduled for the last two Wednesdays every month
Serving from 5-6 p.m.

No carry outs, delivery to home bound in Jesup is available.

If School is canceled or let out early due to bad weather meal will also be canceled.

MAY 23
Spaghetti bake, lettuce salad, bread sticks, asparagus, jello with fruit

MAY 30
Submarine sandwiches, chips, celery and carrot sticks, rhubarb crisp

JUNE 20
20th (This is our anniversary meal): Grilled hamburgers, brats and hotdogs, potato salad, cake and ice cream

JUNE 27
Tacos, waldorf salad, strawberries and angel food cake

Menus subject to change

The location may change for any of these dates; any changes will be in Citizen Herald, on cablevision and on Facebook.

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May Be Our Guest

MAY 23

Spaghetti bake, lettuce salad, bread sticks, asparagus, Jell-O with fruit

MAY 30

Submarine sandwiches, chips, celery and carrot sticks, rhubarb crisp

Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 20th is Graduate Recognition Sunday. All the high school graduates from our congregation are invited to wear their graduation gowns to worship that day, and to share with us what their plans are for after high school. We'd also like to recognize other graduate in the bulletin. If you know of someone connected to the church who is graduating or has recently graduated, please let Pastor Kristen know!



OUR GRADUATES

Synod Assembly

The 2018 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly will take place on June 8-10 (Friday evening through Sunday noon) at Wartburg College in Waverly. Synod Assembly is a wonderful time to connect with other ELCA Lutheran congregations and participate in the work of the wider church. We are looking for two voting members to go with Pastor Kristen to the Synod Assembly-- please let Pastor Kristen or a council member know if you are interested. Early bird (discounted) registration ends on May 8.

VBS Planning

The next planning meeting for VBS will take place on Sunday, May 6th at 5:30 pm at First UMC in Jesup. All are welcome! The Jesup Community Wide Vacation Bible School will take place this summer, August 5-9, at First UMC.

SPOTLIGHT ON ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Jesup Ministerial Assn is sponsoring three events in May on the topic of stopping Human Trafficking.

#1 Wednesday, May 9, 6:30pm - Forum on International Child Sex Trafficking @ 1st Presbyterian Church. Speaker: Rev Bob Abel, Remember Nhu organization (Thailand)

#2 Wednesday, May 16, 6:30pm – Forum on Local/Domestic Labor and Sex Trafficking @ Jesup United Methodist Church. Speakers: Christian Junker, formerly with International Justice Mission and Karen Siler, Friends of the Family, Waterloo

#3 Wednesday, May 23, 6:30pm – 5K Run/Walk starting at the Pavilion in downtown Jesup. \$20. Proceeds will go to all three organizations. Register at www.jbf7.net (click “Connect”) by May 15.

For more information, call Pastor John (First Presbyterian Church) at 827-1701, Pastor Alex (United Methodist Church) at 827-1675 or Pastor Matt (Jesup Bible Fellowship) at 827-6231.

Announcements

Military Members

Shawn Even is in the Army Reserves and currently at home.

If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office via phone (827-6626) or e-mail (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org). We'd like to remember them in our prayers



Fellowship Hosts

Fellowship hosts are needed for May. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are available to any who have need. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, you may take one from the Fireside room to bring to them.

Become a Member of ALC

If you or someone you know is interested in membership at American Lutheran Church please contact either Pastor Kristen (pastor@americanlutheranjesup.org) or Jessica Saunders (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) the church secretary so that a new member class can be arranged.

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Thank you

In December we announced that this ministry was struggling financially. Funds in hand would only sustain us through the end of 2017. We shared this reality with our many supporters, and your response was over-whelming! It spoke deeply of your regard for this ministry, and desire to see it continue. While on-going fund-raising is a necessity, for now we are on solid ground! We continue to explore more sustainable funding practices, and welcome your input about this. Please know that we deeply value our relationship with you, and your resounding answer to our call for support. Thank you to all who responded for your generosity and partnership! Chaplain Cindy Breed and the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Board.

In Sympathy
We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Tom Sullivan, who passed away on April 23, 2018. He will be greatly missed.

School Kit Donation Thank You from Lutheran World Relief

Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace. School Kits were distributed to more than 28,000 Honduran children to help them get back or stray in school, increasing their chances of breaking the chains of chronic poverty and avoiding the real risk of gang involvement. In addition to being practical, these kits provide a source of comfort, security and hope to those who receive them. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work! -- In Christ, Melanie W. Gibbons

FREE

Free to anyone who wants it! An electric fireplace insert. Can be seen in the nursery in the basement. Picture frames of various sizes are also available and can be found in the nursery as well. Contact Mary Adams or Shirley Bergman if you have questions.

Easter Lilies

For those who purchased Easter Lilies feel free to take them home with you. Lilies unclaimed by May 5th will be planted in the prayer garden.

Notes from Worship and Music

Know anyone who could offer the gift of special music sometime? Contact Shirley Bergman at bergmansa@hotmail.com or call 319- 239-0031 to discuss options!

Dates to Remember

Ying Quartet performing in Cedar Falls Sunday, May 20, 2 PM

Sunday School sings, May 20th

Worship and Music committee meeting Thursday, May 3, 11 AM.

Chime Choir

Chime choir meets Wednesday, May 9, 6 PM to play for Mother's Day May 13th.

Please let Shirley know if you have interest in being part of this team. We will take a break during the summer and begin practices again in the fall with the start of school. Thanks!

Youth Summer Music Opportunities

This may be an excellent time to be thinking of dates to do special music May through August, especially for youth. Some of you on this list are the "teachers" who may have ideas that will work for younger ones. This certainly isn't a comprehensive list so if you know of others please let me know or invite them for us.

Piano pieces, instrumental pieces, duets, voice, teacher/student pieces - all are welcome. Ask your music teachers for ideas as they are a great resource for finding music appropriate for church and may help you practice. Also, ask your teacher for the accompaniment music. I am most willing to accompany if needed.

Please contact me to coordinate dates. Thanks so much!
Shirley Bergman

Praise team practice

May 16th practice at 7pm
(Perform May 20th at 9am)





Celebrations

Isabella Bistline	5/2	Grace Witt	5/14
Jesse Elenz	5/2	Emma Anhalt	5/16
Wade Putnam	5/2	Ronda Fratzke	5/18
Kelly Seehase	5/2	Rylee Renner	5/18
Ryan Williams	5/2	Harold Clayton I	5/20
David Ruehs	5/3	Maxwell Kopplin	5/20
Casey Schmit	5/4	Keaton Lysne	5/20
Megan Venem	5/4	Matt Erpelding	5/21
Kyle Wilson	5/4	Tammy Bigwood	5/22
Keith Wright	5/4	Sheri Waring	5/22
Derek Bate	5/5	Joseph Amling	5/23
Linda Garrison	5/5	Craig Bowers	5/24
Linda Sondag	5/5	Dave Wyant	5/24
Traci Clark	5/6	Chris Collett	5/26
Kalista Schutte	5/6	Riley Hill	5/27
Morgan Westpfahl	5/7	Christa Leach	5/27
Kaylie Bergman	5/8	Katey Niichel	5/28
Nora Frush	5/11	Christina Crow	5/29
Abigail Yonkovic	5/11	Payton Ruckdaschel	5/29
Haylee Frush	5/12	Matt Waring	5/29
Sharon McAtee	5/12	Grace Peterson	5/30
Josie Loyd	5/13	Jenifer Wyant	5/30
Marie Bushkofsky	5/14		
Alex Nicoll	5/14		
Therese Olson	5/14		

Jeremy Anhalt	5/1	Brenda Schmit	5/12	Marilyn Schulz	5/24
Jen Bistline	5/1	Maisie Niichel	5/13	Haley Borland	5/25
Mayci Morrissey	5/1	Iva Ruehs	5/14	Matthew Mattson	5/26
Nathan Schares	5/1	Amy Schares	5/14	David Ruehs	5/26
Blaire Zummak	5/1	Colin Schares	5/14	Amber Blad	5/27
Rachel Bjorheim	5/3	Kelsey Schares	5/14	Skylar Blad	5/27
Katelyn Anderson	5/4	Allie Renner	5/15	Collin Gosse	5/27
Mark Collett	5/4	Anthony Bahe	5/16	Justin Gosse	5/27
Zach Erpelding	5/6	Amanda May	5/16	Bryan Tonne	5/27
Kalista Schutte	5/8	Megan Venem	5/17	Tyler Hoey	5/28
Donald Williams	5/8	Natalie Schares	5/20		
Doug Shaffer	5/9	Ron Reil	5/21		
Travis Hernandez	5/10	Grace Stalheim	5/22		
Steffen Hoey	5/10	Charlie Stanek	5/22		
Ryan Even	5/11	Madalyn Anderson	5/23		
Jesse Elenz	5/12	Casey Schmit	5/24		



Anniversaries



Merritt & Connie Jones	5/2
Eric & Traci Clark	5/18
Thomas & Kaye Jones	5/18
Larry & Christy Phillips	5/23
Leonard & Amy Ohl	5/25
Corey & Julie Tolle	5/25
Dennis & Susan Crow	5/27
Allen & Elizabeth Haack	5/27
Ryan & Ashley Smith	5/27
Gene & Carol Anhalt	5/29

