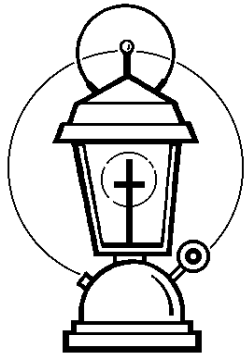


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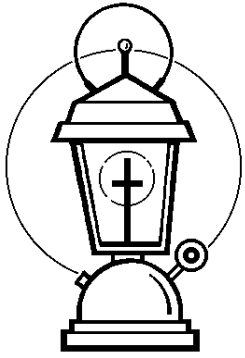


May 2014



The May Lantern
“Reaching Upward and Reaching Outward”

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FROM THE PASTOR:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Greetings to you all in this season of Easter. This is a glorious time in the Church Year while we celebrate seven weeks of Easter, a week of weeks. So it is a feast that continues not one day but for 50 days! The Gospel readings for the Sundays all focus on the resurrected Jesus and his encounters with the disciples and others. One will notice that the Paschal candle is lit throughout the Sundays of Easter. It is a symbol for the presence of the risen Christ. Once again, that wonderful word of celebration and praise, “Alleluia” is sung in our liturgy and in our hymns. Celebrate Easter!

In the midst of this world’s chaos and the unknown, it is in faith that we are able to embrace the resurrection and know of God’s presence in our lives. As Paul proclaims, “⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:4-5). Celebrate Easter!

Easter is about new life. We have been given the Easter promise and most assuredly we have the Holy Spirit to live as a resurrection people. We are an Easter people! Celebrate Easter.

In His Love,

Pastor Dave



Lutheran Men in Mission: May 20:- On the Road Again at Bethany, Sheffield! Bible Study session and breakfast planning May 31:- Men in Mission Breakfast- 9:02am –Bethany Lutheran – This outing is for all men in Warren and McKean counties



LUTHERAN'S TOGETHER – May 2014

(Informing the families of Bethany, First, and St. John's Lutheran Churches of the worship, service and fellowship opportunities)

Sunday Morning Worship:

First: 8:00am & 11:00am St. John's: 9:30am Bethany: 11:15am

Sunday School

First: 9:30am St. John's: 10:45am Bethany: 9:45am

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>		<u>First</u>	<u>St. John's & Bethany</u>
May 4	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Pastor Dave	Pastor Jeff
May 11	4 th Sunday of Easter	Pastor Jeff	Pastor Dave
May 18	5 th Sunday of Easter	Pastor Dave	Pastor Jeff
May 25	6 th Sunday of Easter	Pastor Jeff	Pastor Dave

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERAL

A celebration of new life was given for Peter Suppa who joined the Church Triumphant Thursday, April 17, 2014. The funeral was held at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 19, 2014.

“Rest eternal grant him O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon him.”

Bethany Council Notes

- Listened to an Investment presentation from Nathan Kopp, Thrivent Rep from Clarion
- Accepted financial and pastors' reports
- Pastor Dave reported that the Bible Study on Mark being held on Tuesdays at 2:00pm have been going well with 3-5 people in attendance.
- Voted to invest Olson monies and Investment fund monies in two separate programs with Thrivent.
- Affirmed having a joint council retreat with First and St. John's councils at Olmsted Manor on May 31.
- Agreed to celebrate Church Music Sunday at First Lutheran Church on June 8 at 10:00am. There will be no services at Bethany.



FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS IN MAY

Festivals:

Philip & James, Apostles (May 1)

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus. He was from Bethsaida. He is also the one responsible for bringing Nathaniel to Jesus. Because of the origins of his name he may have been of Greek descent. Legend shares that Philip was martyred in Phrygia.

James is the son of Alphaeus and is known as the “Lesser” so as not to be confused with James the brother of John and James the brother of Jesus.

The two saints are remembered on this day as their remains were placed in the Church of the Apostles, Rome on this day in 561.

Matthias, Apostle (May 14)

Matthias was the replacement to Judas. He was chosen by lot and was believed to have been a follower of Jesus from the beginning of his ministry. Matthias is believed to have become a missionary to Ethiopia.

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth (May 31)

Also, known as the “Visitation” this is considered a fairly recent feast day observed by the whole church in 1441. The day celebrates Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Mary sings her wonderful song, “The Magnificat” and day centers on an early moment in our Lord’s incarnation.

Commemorations: Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373 (May 2); Monica, mother of Augustine, 387 (May 4); Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, c. 1416 (May 8); Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, 1760 (May 9); Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, 1160 (May 18); Helena, mother of Constantine, c. 330 (May 21); Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Leonhard Euler, 1783; scientists (May 24); John Calvin, renewer of the church, 1564 (May 27); Jiri Tranovsky, hymnwriter, 1637 (May 29)

Monica, Mother of Augustine, 387 (May 4) – Monica was from Tugaste, North Africa. She was left a widow at age 40 and had three children. She prayed for her eldest child, Augustine that he may be converted to Christianity and followed him to Rome and to Milan. It was in Milan that she witnessed her son’s conversion. She died returning to Africa.

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, 1160 (May 18) - Erik IX was the king of Sweden from 1150 to 1160. On an expedition to Finland, he was accompanied by Henry of Uppsala who founded the church in Finland. Erik was known as a good man. He was killed by a Danish pagan prince. Erik is recognized as the principal patron saint of Sweden. His body is laid to rest in the cathedral at Uppsala.

Jiri Tranovsky, hymnwriter, 1637 (May 29) Tranovsky is known as the “Luther of the Slavs” He was born in Silesia and was the son of a blacksmith. He studied theology at Wittenberg and taught for a period of time in Prague. Tronovsky was a pastor and known as a great compiler of hymns. His liturgical work was of great importance in promoting Lutheranism in Bohemia, Silesia, Poland and Slovakia.

May serving schedule

Ushers: (8AM) Barry Keller, Irene Keller, Jan Peterson and Marilyn Dahlgren (11AM) Harry Boekeloo, Ed Carr, Joe Colosimo, Al Dennis, Jack Elder, Jim Moore, Orren Wood, Zachary Ballard and Dale Clark **Altar Guild:** (8AM) Elaine Taraska and Meredith McIntosh (11AM) Stacey Simpson, Lois Ceriola and Robin D'Alessandro

	8:00 a.m.	11:00
Visitor Greeters		
5/4	Randy and Sandy Britton	Phil Howard
5/11	Andy and Jane Beardsley	Charles Merroth
5/18	Joan Loree	Jim and Velma Zock
5/25	Doris Sadler	10am- Bonnie Abplanalp
Greeters		
5/4	Barry and Irene Keller	Jack and Mary Donaldson
5/11	John, Barb and Jen Kersey	Denny and Vonda Hedges
5/18	Dan and Kathy Knupp	Keith and Heidi Hedges
5/25	Joan Loree	10am- Phil Howard
Acolytes		
5/4	Taige Honhart	Aidan Colosimo and Cole Chimenti
5/11	Erica Stevenson	Jack Holland and Aidan Flannery
5/18	Liam Stevenson	Abby Koebley and Rachal Rowland
5/25	Megan Koerselman	10am- Nathan and Jared Labowski
Assisting Ministers		
5/4	Elizabeth Beardsley	Donna Trubic
5/11	Randy Britton	Roger Tubbs
5/18	Barb Kersey	Denise Whipp
5/25	Don Reed	10am- Colleen Witmer
Cantors		
5/4		Colleen Witmer
5/11		Linda Ross
5/18		Randy Baughman
5/25		10am- Donna Trubic
	Nursery (11:00)	Crucifer
5/4	Bonnie Abplanalp/Stephanie Rowland	Claire Abplanalp
5/11	Amy & Kevin Downey	Zach Ballard
5/18	Denise & Joe Whipp	Sydney Ewing
5/25	10am Sherrie & Shane Flannery	10am-Katie Kuppertz

CONFIRCAMP PARENTS MEETING – if you have kids or grandkids who will be going into 8th, 9th or 10th grade, then this meeting is for you! On Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m., pastor Jeff will be collecting paperwork, giving an overview of confirmation camp and answering any questions you might have. If possible, please bring your registration, health and parent profile form as well as payment for this year's camp experience. If you have any questions, please contact pastor Jeff at the office.

Remember worship services change to 8am and 10am on May 25th.

FIRST LUTHERAN MAY BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARIES

5/2	Sherry Burton Gary Huber	5/17	Marc & Brenda Hunter (23)
5/3	Gary Lester Craig Whitaker	5/18	Phyllis Jordan Taylor Whipp
5/4	Cassie Johnson Dan Knupp	5/19	Roger & Emily Gausman Heidi Hedges Tim & Cheryl Huber (30)
5/5	Aaron Gausman Jeanne Williams	5/20	Ed & Carol Shaffer (31)
5/7	Jordi Ewing Jim & Pam Swanson (49) Diane Taraska	5/21	Robert Stanton Jim Zock
5/8	Dale & Nancy Clark (15) Dale Clark Stephanie Ferrie Kennedy Ford	5/22	Dusty Johnson Doris Mason Curtis Royek
5/11	Kyle Argeny	5/23	Neil & Anne Benson (33) George Boyer Vonda Hedges
5/12	Tracy Soderberg	5/25	Debby Bees
5/13	Abby Wenzel	5/26	Cheyenne Check Lois Miller
5/14	Dave & Hallie Rigg (37) Al & Diane Stenstrom (37)	5/28	Doris Barirde Ben Frederick
5/15	Nathan Brooks Jack Elder Eric Johnson	5/29	Etta Andrews Arthur & Susan Stewart
5/16	Molly Check	5/30	Mark & Stacy Simpson
		5/31	Brianna Brooks

BETHANY LUTHERAN MAY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

May	1	Taylor Bell
	2	Nancy Blume
	6	Michael & Connie Cochran-Barr
	7	Michael & Marlene Kipp
	11	Connie Cochran-Barr
	17	John Donovan Tom & Michele Grubbs
	20	Jason Barner
	21	Alex Grubbs
	23	Winifred Benson
	24	Nicholas Kipp Travis Johnson Ellen McLaughlin
	28	Kayle Bell Kim Gillotti
	31	Morgan McLaughlin Jason & Michele Barner



The *Produce Express* food program helps to provide food assistance to families and individuals in need. Second Harvest partners with community organizations to plan the distribution of food. First



Lutheran now become a site for *Produce Express* and will have food available to distribute to 120 families! And we need your help! Thursday, May 15th will be our first distribution and we are encouraging folks to volunteer to help! We will have all sorts of opportunities available so call the church office and let us know you can give us a hand!



eXtreme Losers: LOSERS HIKE/PICNIC AT JAKE'S ROCKS

Join us on Sunday, May 18th as we head up to Jake's Rocks for an afternoon of hiking, climbing and eating (wow – that sounds good!). We will meet at the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and plan on being home around 8:00. We'll even have ice cream for dessert at Bob's Trading Post (\$4.00 should be plenty)! Sign up on the bulletin board!

CINCO HELPERS NEEDED!

Our Friends Loving Community group will gather on Saturday, May 3rd to help provide water and encouragement to all the Cinco racers! If you would like to help out, please contact the church office and let pastor Jeff know! There's even a free t-shirt in it for you!

MISSION TRIP RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR MAY 30-31

The mission trippers are again hosting a rummage sale and we hope you can support us by bringing in unwanted items for the sale! You can drop off your items beginning on May 16th at the church garage (if it's not open, stop in the office so we can keep them out of the elements) and put them in the appropriately marked places. Then on Friday, May 30-31, stop by the parking lot and see what's available! All proceeds will go toward our summer mission trip to Cherokee, North Carolina. Thanks for your support!

MOTHER'S DAY BASKETS: Did you see all the cool baskets in the narthex? There are all sorts of themes – something for everyone! And you will have a chance to win one (or more!) of those baskets! Simply purchase a ticket, write your name and phone number on it and drop it in the can beside the basket(s) you like! We will draw winners on Mother's Day after the 11:00 a.m. service. Your last chance to purchase tickets will be between services on the 11th. Tickets are just \$1.00 or you can buy 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds go toward our church family's summer mission trip! Thanks for your support!

LADIES DAY BREAKFAST – Our Sunday's Cool classes will be hosting a ladies day breakfast on Sunday, May 11th at 9:48 a.m. All ladies (you don't have to be mom) are invited to come and enjoy a special day in your honor. Sign up in the narthex so we know how much food to prepare and we look forward to serving you!

