



# The Shepherd's Voice

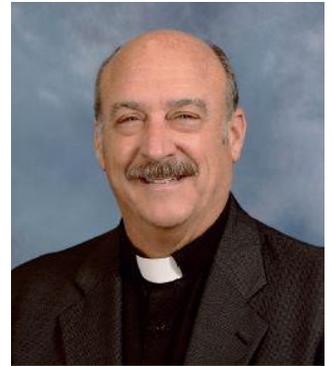
May, 2021

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Hernando, FL

## Pastor's Page

**T**his past week (as I am writing this message) we had a 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary that is associated with the Reformation. This event just slipped away quietly, but it should not have slipped away and it is my fault that it did. I apologize for that one.

April 18, 1521 is a watershed date in the history of the Reformation. Sunday, April 18 was the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diet of Worms (pronounced "Vurms"). For those of you who may have forgotten and for those of you who are not familiar with the events of the Reformation, and as cute and funny as the name seems, it had nothing to do with eating bugs. The Diet of Worms was a meeting of the Emperor and officials of the Holy Roman Empire of the German States. The Diet had been called by Emperor Charles at the insistence of Pope Leo X for the sole purpose of confronting Martin Luther and demand he renounce what he had written and to recant. There was to be no debate. Either Martin Luther would recant or he would not – as simple as that. He was being asked for a plain reply, without subtlety or sophistry, to this question: "Was he prepared to recant, or not?"



Luther then replied:

*Your Imperial Majesty and Your Lordships demand a simple answer. Here it is, plain and unvarnished. Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen*



Because Martin Luther would not recant, the Emperor, Charles V, passed what is known as the Edict of Worms, which banned Luther's writings and declared him a heretic and an enemy of the state. Although the edict mandated that Luther should be captured and turned over to the emperor, it was never enforced. Despite the agreement that he could return home safely, it was privately understood that Luther would soon be arrested and punished. To protect him from this fate, Prince Frederick, the ruler of the German state that was Luther's home, seized him on his way home and hid him in the Wartburg Castle. It was during his time in the Wartburg Castle that Luther began his German translation of the Bible.

When Luther eventually emerged from the Wartburg, the emperor, distracted with other matters, did not press for Luther's arrest. Ultimately, because of rising public support for Luther among the German people and the protection of certain German princes, the Edict of Worms was never enforced in Germany.

The Reformation may have begun on October 31, 1517, but it is the results of the events surrounding the Diet

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of Worms (with Luther's refusal to recant and his ensuing stay at the Wartburg) that allowed the Reformation to take hold and to create a world where we are able to gather together as the people of God in this place reading the scripture in our own language.



By the way, I have a small supply (40, to be exact) of refrigerator magnets that look like the Lutheran seal. If you would like one, let me know. I also have 8 window decals of the Lutheran seal as well. If you would like one of those, I will be pleased to give them away.

The commemoration of the Reformation, and the events that came about as a result of the Reformation, serves to remind us that as the Church we are "semper reformanda" (a phrase the Reformers used) that means "always reforming". That means CHANGE! No one likes change, but with the continuing pandemic, it seems all we can expect is change. How do we reform and still be faithful as the people of God? Perhaps, we can learn a lesson from the reformers. When things were not clear and the way seemed difficult, they trusted the Holy Spirit was leading them. Perhaps, we can hope and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we continue to navigate through a world still affected by the pandemic and what the future will hold for us past this pandemic.

*Pastor Dennis*



The following are highlights from the April council meeting:

\*SOS will be going to summer hours (8-10 am) beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Fellowship Committee has set February 26, 2022, for the annual Yard Sale.

\* Cub Scouts will offer a drive through spaghetti Dinner on May 11; time and cost to be determined. Also approved May 22 for a car wash sponsored by Cub Scouts.

\* Two services will continue through April and a determination will be made at that time whether to continue with regular services (Covid sensitive).

\* Council approved by laws for the Finance Committee and these will be presented to congregation for approval.

\* A combined Rally Day, Annual and Semi Annual Congregational meeting will be held the end of August, date to be determined. (This is due to Covid restrictions)

Next Executive Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m., May 6<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.

Council Meeting - 3 p.m., May 13th on Zoom.



## Deacon's Digest

As the saying goes: "April Showers bring May flowers."

I would like to share a thought with my church family. During these past 12 months our lives were

changed forever. Going out in public became a health problem. Staying home alone in some cases was the norm. We lost the ability to worship together in God's House. We lost church family. All of us had to accept and change our ways of how we worshiped. But we worshiped every Sunday and received the Eucharist. It may have been a drive by, or you picked up the consecrated communion to bring home to take part in Christ's love and forgiveness.



If I could ask you to listen to what I am writing it may help to know that spring is a renewal. God fulfills His promises after all our sufferings. There is hope to renew our hearts and souls and start over again.

Did you ever wonder, as I have, if God gave us the past 12 months to slow down, regroup as Christians, and prioritize our love for Him in prayer and reading scripture? We wonder WHY? Why does anything bad happen?. The only answer I have is that "God promised." He promised us eternal life with Him, our loved ones who have gone before us and His Peace.

Jesus died for our sins. He arose on the third day!!!  
"He has risen indeed."

Let us pray:  
Heavenly Father we thank you for your love and your peace. Please grant us your forgiveness and shower us with April showers and watch us grow and bloom into beautiful flowers in May and forever.

Lord, everything we do and say is in your name.  
Amen.

*Deacon Bob*



## W/ELCA NEWS

**W**/ELCA stands for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. All women members of an ELCA church are automatically members of W/ELCA. All women are invited to participate in any of our W/ELCA activities.

Rachel's Day is observed by W/ELCA annually on the first Sunday in May, though it can be observed any time of the year. It is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear. On Sunday, May 2, the women of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will collect a special offering for Jessie's Place, the Citrus County Children's Advocacy Center. Jessie's Place serves children impacted by crime, violence, and other trauma by providing comprehensive services in a child-friendly setting. We appreciate the generous support of all who can give to this important local agency. Checks should be made payable to W/ELCA.

On April 14, for the first time in a year, the monthly Bible Study/Circle meeting was held in the church fellowship hall as well as on Zoom. Six women attended in person, and seven on Zoom. Anne Storan led our Bible study. The May meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 1:00 in the church fellowship hall, and on Zoom. Attendance in the church fellowship hall is limited to ten. If anyone would like to join us, contact Anne Storan, [astoran46@gmail.com](mailto:astoran46@gmail.com) to get the invitation with the Zoom link.

Anne Storan  
W/ELCA President



**Contentment is accepting  
what God provides  
with a sense of peace and serenity.**

"Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have" (Phil. 4:11).

# Virtual Coffee Hour

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Join us on Zoom for a virtual "coffee hour" each Sunday from 10:00 am - 10:30 am between worship services on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:00 am. To join, go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), click



"Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting ID and passcode below. Hope to see you there!

Linda Koch

**May login information:**

**Meeting ID: 718 6202 4430- Passcode: GSLC**



## Applying Biblical Principles

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*Empowered by Grace, We Invest for Time and Eternity*



The Apostle Paul was converted to Christ on the road to Damascus and personified the change described in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that comes to a believer in Christ as "everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new." Even his name was changed from Saul of Tarsus to Paul.

That change did not bring with it a life of ease, comfort and pleasure. To the contrary, consider a

few of the problems Paul listed in 2 Corinthians 11. Five times he was beaten with 39 stripes; he was shipwrecked three times; he spent at least 24 hours lost at sea; he listed perils of waters, robbers, his countrymen, the Gentiles, the city, the wilderness, and false brethren. And if that weren't enough, he was burdened with the care of all the churches. Yet, in all of his writings, he mentions these difficulties only twice.

In Philippians 4:11, Paul said "Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have". Whether he was hungry, or thirsty, or when he didn't have adequate clothing; when he was beaten for the sake of the Gospel and when he was persecuted; whatever God sent his way, Paul was content.

Contentment has been defined as "accepting what God provides with a sense of peace and serenity." All that we have comes from God's hand according to God's wisdom and sovereignty. The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, his young son in the faith, that "there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment." (1 Timothy 6:6)

Unfortunately, many Christians exhibit a spirit of discontentment with what God has provided. In fact, some are like the elderly lady who went for a railway journey for the first time through a very beautiful region of the country. She had looked forward to this trip with eager anticipation. But it took her so long to get her baskets and parcels just so, to get her skirt adjusted, her seat comfortably arranged, and the shades and shutters set just right that by the time she was settling down to enjoy her trip, the conductor was calling out the name of her station. "Oh, my," she said, "If I had only known that we would be here so soon, I wouldn't have wasted my time in fussing."

The wheels of time are literally flying by, and soon, our final station will be at hand. The things we worry and fret about are relatively unimportant when compared to the joy of the journey we call life. And yet, just as that dear lady did, we spend so much of our time and energy fussing that we miss the good things that God has for us along life's way.

Christians who demonstrate on a daily basis a spirit of contentment and satisfaction with God's provisions are able to do two things. First, they are able to make the most of their time. Because they are unencumbered with what Scripture calls the

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cares of this world, they are able to concentrate on seeking first God's kingdom and righteousness. Second, although they may try to improve their lot in life, their basic contentment enables them to enjoy the journey to the fullest extent possible.

Regrettably, many people believe that contentment comes with the accumulation of things. As Solomon wisely observed, their eyes are never satisfied as they always want more and more (Proverbs 27:20). They have been misled into thinking that happiness and therefore contentment are based on things. And so, when God blesses them with more money than they need to live, their first thought is to use that money on more toys, goodies and luxuries.

But we Christians know that our joy, our peace, our happiness, and our contentment are to be found in Christ, not in things.

As Paul said in Philippians 4:13 when he described his relationship with Christ, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." In the final analysis, his ability to be content was not dependent on his circumstances or his possessions. His contentment was based on his relationship to Christ, on pleasing Christ, on uplifting Christ, on glorifying Christ and on being strengthened by Christ.

If you learn what is really important in life and find the source of true contentment - our Lord Jesus Christ - you can say with Paul, "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain." (Philippians 1:21)

Will you be able to look back with satisfaction on the journey that God has enabled you to take, or will you regret that you spent too much time and energy fussing about things that really didn't matter? Will you regret that your discontentment prevented you from serving the Lord in a greater way here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church?

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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*"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning." —Unknown*

## A prayer for Memorial Day

**W**e remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Remember to remember



**Memorial Day  
May 31, 2021**



**oops!**

*Church Bulletin Bloopers*

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.



*"I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."  
—Abraham Lincoln*

# Where is Janet?

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**J**anet Richardson is moving to be near her family in south Florida. We will miss her kind, loving spirit and wish her all the best as she settles into her new home.

Janet would love to hear from her church family often and hopes you'll write to her at the following address:

Janet Richardson  
9816 Nob Hill Ct.  
Sunrise, FL 33351



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To my Good Shepherd family,

Thank you Pr. Dennis, Deacons Bob and Rick, and Shirley. I cannot thank you all enough for the love, comfort & supporting words towards me during my brother, John Bianchi's illness and subsequent passing. I also received calls, cards and text messages from people I do not personally know from church; please know they meant more to me than I can ever express.

We love and appreciate our Good Shepherd family and all that they do. God bless you all.

Love in Christ,

Karen & Larry Benefiel



## Memorial and Special Gifts

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**T**he following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of April:

- To the Music/Choir Fund by Jerry & Mimi Waara in memory of **Ben & Lois Harrer**.
- To the General Fund by Gerri Fallanca in memory of Tom Fowler's sister **Kim DelDucio**.



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

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**T**he following Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members have directed this month's Choice Dollars be given to Good Shepherd:

Linda M. Cashman

Diane E. Meltesen

Kenneth M. Meltesen

Vernon W. Stephan

Anne R. Storan

Wendy Wolber

Thank you for your gift.



### Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up

Donna & Mel Pease

&

Food Share Monday Delivery

Dave Bocker

## Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?



- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: (See Luke 1:1-4)



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**"I wasn't always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950's!"**



## Special dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 6, 2021*
- Mother's Day, *May 9, 2021*
- Ascension Day, *May 13, 2021*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 15, 2021*
- Pentecost, *May 23, 2021*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 24, 2021*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 30, 2021*
- Memorial Day, *May 31, 2021*



*Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear,  
but around in awareness.  
—James Thurber*

## Where is Mary?



**M**ary Wagner has relocated to Land O' Lakes, Florida to be closer to family. We will certainly miss her smiling face and wish her much happiness as she settles into her new home.

She would love to stay in touch with her church family. You may write to her at the following address:

Mary Wagner  
7803 Citrus Blossom Dr  
Land O'Lakes, FL 34637

Her email address remains the same:  
[mewagnertwo@aol.com](mailto:mewagnertwo@aol.com)



## The Quilting Group

**S**ince the Covid-19 hit us a year ago, we met the first week of March 2020 and made 2 quilts and 12 baby quilts.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> five quilters packed up baby quilts and no one would take them so we stored them in our closet.

In July, Judy Teague took 40 baby quilts she made to the CMH OB department and to the Pregnancy Center.

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The Quilting Group continued...

In December, Judy T. took 24 baby quilts to each of the above. Also, Cindy Gaertner and Anne Storan put full-sized quilts to Tampa to ship to Lutheran World Relief.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> Wendy Wolber, Peg Huber, Judy Teague and Gerry Kauth counted and bagged 54 baby quilts and 31 baby afghans for the Citrus County World's Greatest Baby Shower. We thank Judy T., Peg H., and Wendy W. for making all of the baby quilts that we donated in the last year. We thank those that donated baby afghans. Wendy took them to UF Extension Office in Lecanto to give as gifts, after deacon Bob Bonomo blessed them. The shower was April 20<sup>th</sup>.

We will start meeting again the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in May at 10:00 a.m. We will decide if we'll continue during the summer months when we get together and see who is interested. Please remember to wear your mask and social distancing will be observed.

God bless all of the quilters that are masking tops for our group.

Sincerely,  
Chairpoerson, Gerry Kauth



## The birth of Mother's Day

**A**nna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.



On May 9, 1914, by an act of

Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.



## Pentecost

### A Shared Experience

**W**hat comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?



*"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"*  
—Erma Bombeck

# Christian symbol

**THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES**— Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity’s eternal nature. The circles’ interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.



# Always with us

**M**any Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which refers to a post-resurrection event that took place 40 days after Easter. This year it occurs on May 13.



According to Luke, Jesus led his friends to a Jerusalem suburb called Bethany. While on a small mountain, he blessed his friends and then rose into heaven while they watched.

The ascension was such a momentous occasion that after Jesus disappeared, his followers had a worship service at the spot. Then they “returned to Jerusalem with great joy” (Luke 24:52, NRSV).

Because Christ had promised to be with his followers always (Matthew 28:20), from then on they knew he would be with them as Spirit. Jesus’ body was up and away, but spiritually he was still and always would be their companion.



*Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things. —A.J. Gordon*

# Grin and bear it

**A** preacher decided to skip worship services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting instead. As the man rounded a corner, he collided with a huge bear and tumbled down the mountain, losing his rifle and breaking both legs in the process. The bear charged toward him, but the preacher couldn’t move.

“Oh, Lord,” he prayed, “I’m so sorry for skipping church today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish: Please turn that bear into a Christian!”

Instantly, the bear screeched to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its front paws together and began praying aloud at the preacher’s feet. “Dear Lord,” the bear said, “bless this food I am about to receive. Amen.”



## Seven things you’ll never regret

1. Feeling **reverence** for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter — or not sending an e-mail — written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.



# Just for pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man’s home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it’s an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

All programs and meetings are postponed until we get the all clear from the CDC.

# MAY 2021

Facebook Live & You Tube Worship Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person FaceBook & You Tube  <b>April Birthdays</b> 	3 10:00A – Zoom  	4   6:00P – Bells	5 8:00A-SOS  10:00A - Quilters via Zoom  6:30P- Choir	6 8:30A- SOS    National Day of Prayer	7 8:00A– <b>Workday on Grounds</b>  	8
9 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person FaceBook & You Tube  <b>Mother's Day</b>  <b>Worship TBD</b>	10 10:00A – Zoom  	11 11:00A - Finance  6:00P – Bells	12 8:00A-SOS  1:00P – W/ELCA Bible Study/Circle  6:30P- Choir	13 8:30A- SOS    3:00P – Council Zoom  Ascension Day	14 8:00A – <b>Workday on Grounds</b>  	<b>Armed Forces Day</b>
16 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person FaceBook & You Tube  	17 10:00A – Zoom  	18   6:00P – Bells	19 8:00A - SOS 10:00A - Quilters  6:30P- Choir	20 8:30A- SOS  	21 8:00A – <b>Workday on Grounds</b>  	22 Scouts Car Wash    10:00am
23 <b>PENTECOST (WEAR RED)</b> 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person FaceBook & You Tube	24 10:00A – Zoom 	25   6:00P – Bells	26 8:00A - SOS   6:30P - Choir	27 8:30A- SOS  	28 8:00A – <b>Workday on Grounds</b>  	29
30 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person FaceBook & You Tube	31 Office Closed <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	6:00P – Bells	6:30P - Choir			

Sunday worship is at 10:00a.m. on Facebook Live and You Tube unless otherwise noted.

Zoom Coffee 15 with GSLC online from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Meeting ID: 718 6202 4430- Passcode: GSLC

# MAY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Roger & Carol Lee Johnson	05/01/65
Jeremy & Esther Page-Wood	05/02/70
John & Linda Lepore	05/08/87
Rick & Ann Serafin	05/14/82
Greg & Sandra Kampschroer	05/16/87
Pat & Susie Bentley	05/20/06
David & Gail Sotrines	05/23/98



1- Steve Schenk	14 - Renate Williams Slick	24 - Ann Possinger
5 - Bill Graham	15- Dawn Clark Rosie Davis	26 - Gerri Fallanca
8 - Catherine Richardson	16 - Frank Bienwald Carmen DeMaio	28 - Mary Krol
9 - Ivalee Lawrence		30 - Karen Benefiel
11 -Nancy Gomes		31 - Todd Gaertner

**MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES**  
**MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**ALTAR & COMMUNION**

TBD

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

TBD

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Louise Osborn, Lead  
TBD

**GREETERS**

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

**8:30AM & 11:00AM**

**May 2**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**May 9**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**May 16**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**May 23**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**May 30**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**CRUCIFER**

**USHERS**

**8:30 a.m.** – Jim & Cherie Earl  
**11:00 a.m.** – Nancy Gomes and Vera Swade

**NURSERY**



*(Please let the church office know if a name has been removed that should remain on this list, or if a name should be added.)*

***Let us remember:***

Benefiel, Larry & Karen  
Boerger, Dave  
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth  
Brockschmidt, Fred  
Clark, Dawn  
Creager, Ray & Carolyn  
Dionne, Pam  
Graham, Bill  
Hartsfield, Sylvia  
Hassing, Douglas & Donna  
Heaps, Cathy

Hester, Marty  
Hildebrandt, Kathy & Dick  
Jimenez, Jeanette  
Johnson, Barb  
Johnson, Carol Lee  
Justiniano, Nancy  
Koch, Michael  
Maidhof, Helen  
Miles, Ilse  
Olson, Louise

Page-Wood, Jeremy  
Swade, Ken  
Thomas, Maria  
Wagner, Carole  
Wheatley, Frank  
Whitcomb, Ray  
Wildman, Joe  
Wolff, Jack

***Those who are shut-in or residing in assisted living homes:***

Hehn, Margaret  
Mandell, Sheila

McGauran, Marion  
Moll, Bob

Philipp, Dick  
Whitcomb, Maxine

***All who serve our country in the military:***

Burba, Jake  
Ceballos, Jason  
Corsino, Mykael  
Day, Kenneth  
Harrington, Bryan  
Heinz, Karinne  
Hickman, Richard  
Hicks, Nathan  
Holman, Evan  
Jackson, Brad

Johnston-Garcia, Christian  
Luchay, Alan  
Martin, Aaron  
McCann, Jim  
Miller, Tyler  
Muchow, Jason  
Piott, Trenton  
Posa, Codymichael  
Radloff, Steven  
Radosevitch, Eric

Seefeld, Jessica  
Springer, Jr., Dennis  
Stroble, Jeramy  
Swain, Jr., Terry  
Thomas, Peter Chris  
Thompson, David  
Timpe, Chris

## *Relatives and Friends:*

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Goetter, Tom	Ralph, Bruce
Balastieri, Casey	Goforth, Jeffrey	Rambaldini, Jim
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Goodloe, Ernestine	Romanelli, Michelle
Beck, Bryan	Graves, Janice & Declan	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Beeftink, Paul	Guberman family	Schoenleber, Sara
Bell, Ian	Hertel, Karl	Sillen, Rita
Bier, Bobbie	Hickman, Mike	Small, Brenda & Steven
Blunt, Robert	Johnson, Jim	Stewart, Sam
Blyth, Ruby	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Stuart, Neil & family
Brockschmidt, Donna	Kraft, Carter	Thatcher, Jean
Brugger, Tristan	Krol, Peter	Thompson, Lori
Burgess, Louise	Krol, Shirley	Traywick, Edward
Burkhardt, Faith	Krutzikowski, Karl	Tuegel, Chuck
Campano, Thomas	Lavaja, Jim	Urban, B.J.
Cashman, Lynda	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Van Wyk family
Cato, Cecelia	Lobenthal, Jean	Vera, Mireya
Cherry, Elaine	Loftin, Tracy	Vespa, Hazel
Cipollone, Elaine	Loger, Dennis	Vukelich, Alejandra
Clarke, Father Peter	Longworth, Kathy	Walker, Betty
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***Please take this prayer list, and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend remain on the prayer list – otherwise we will joyfully assume that they are well once more, and with thanks to God, remove their names from this list. May, 2021***

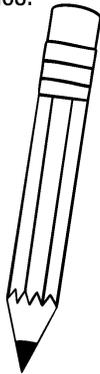


## WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

### What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



### What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house*, *my city*, *my state*, *my country*, *the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.

## PUZZLE



## A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

"But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power

## Don't even think about it!





God's work. Our hands.

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