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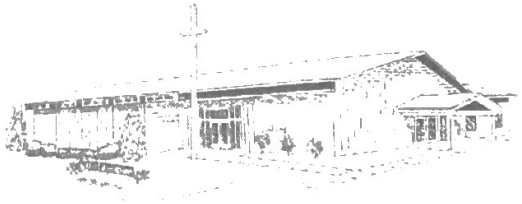

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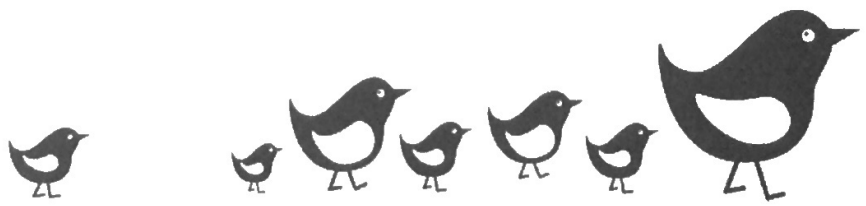
When Eve was brought unto Adam, he became filled with the Holy Spirit, and gave her the most sanctified, the most glorious of appellations. He called her Eva - that is to say, the Mother of All. He did not style her wife, but simply mother - mother of all living creatures. In this consists the glory and the most precious ornament of woman.

Martin Luther



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor	**2** 9:00am Quilters in Parlor	**3** 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	**4** 6:30pm Board of Elders in Parlor	**5**	**6**
7 Communion Sunday 8:30am E-1, U-A 9:45am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:00am E-5, U-D	**8** 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor	**9** 9:00am Quilters in Parlor	**10** 12noon LWML Meeting in F.H. 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	**11** ALL DAY—School Mother's Tea in F.H. & Kitchen 6:30pm Board of Day School in Parlor	**12** ALL DAY—School Mother's Tea in F.H. & Kitchen	**13** **9am—? Outdoor Spring Clean-Up**
14 8:30am E-4, U-C 9:45am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 11:00am E-6, U-K mothers	**15** 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor	**16** 9:00am Quilters in Parlor	**17** 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	**18**	**19**	**20** 9am—Rain Day for SpringClean-Up 4:00pm Carlton Wedding Rehearsal in Sanctuary
21 Communion Sunday 8:30am E-8, U-H 11:00am E-11, U-Youth **12:30-3pm Wedding** **Celebration Sunday**	**22** **9am Newsletter Deadline** 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor 6-8pm Preschool Grad. in F.H. & Kitchen	**23** 9:00am Quilters in Parlor	**24** 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	**25** 7:00pm Exceptional Fun Nite in Parlor	**26**	**27**
28 8:30am E-10, U-G 11:00am E-9, U-I	**29** MEMORIAL DAY 	**30** 9:00am Quilters in Parlor	**31**			

Meals on Wheels delivered by Christ Lutheran members May 29—June 2. Thanks so much for volunteering your time!

The Milford Lutheran

The Voice of Christ Lutheran Church

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me."

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It hardly seems possible that my time with you has already come to an end. The last four years are some of the fastest I've ever experienced! I see the ordination banner hanging in my office and it feels as if I just received it. But, as the saying goes – time flies when you're having fun. And it has been a great deal of fun.

Christ Lutheran has been so incredibly kind to me and my family. I cannot thank you enough for always making us feel welcome and for providing so well for us in so many different ways. Few pastors are blessed with congregations as supportive and as forgiving as CLC. You bore with me through the teething of inexperience and were *almost* always willing to try new things. How could time not fly when you're having fun like that!

On the other hand, it's hard to imagine it's *only* been four years. Sometimes it feels that we have known each other, been with each other far longer than that. And I think I know why. The reason struck me only recently. Together as the Body of Christ, we have been hearing, speaking, and *living* the death and resurrection of Jesus. We have confessed our sins together. We have received forgiveness together. We have proclaimed the hope of the resurrection to one another and encouraged one another with the joy it gives each day. In other words, we've been hearing the same message and living the same narrative that all Jesus' disciples have heard and lived for the past 2,000 years . . . all in the past *four* years!

That also is my final exhortation to you, my brothers and sisters. *Be* disciples. Be the Church. Nothing more, nothing less. So many congregations have fallen into the trap of trying all kinds of gimmicks to get people in the doors – entertainment, money, music, social welfare programs. But the truth is, there are countless other entities in the world that offer all those things . . . and, frankly, they do a better job at it!

There's only one thing the Body of Christ has that no one else does, and it's what makes us the Body of Christ in the first place – Christ! No one else offers Jesus. No one else offers forgiveness of sins. No one else offers a restored relationship with the Father. No one else deals in the gift of resurrection. Only you. Only the Church. *Be* the Church. The world needs you to be. Jesus commands you to be. *Be* the Church.

You have already been and will continue to remain in my prayers as you move forward with the call process. May He grant you wisdom and discernment to call your next leader and servant.

Peace and Joy in Jesus,

Rev. Martin Dressler

Pastor Dressler

P.S. Go in peace and serve your neighbor!

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays in May:

3 Patricia Chipps	10 Tim Stephens
3 Chris Herron	12 Dorothy Kuehnle
3 Hunter Trent	13 Kim Roeske
5 James Kotas	15 Megan Wallace
5 Kayla Kotas	16 Shelly Davidson
5 Sharie Mackalski	16 Kelly Vereecke
6 Rick Klees	18 Karen Hill
6 Amani Roeske	18 Shawn Mortensen
7 John Carlton	18 Cindi Suidan
7 George Joerin	18 Rick Wolfram
7 Tom McPhail	19 Jaedyn Johnson
8 Sierra Avendt	20 Alex Fust
8 Titus Dressler	21 Alexa Dent
8 Wendy Valko	22 Bryan Ugo
9 Michael Clark	24 Veronica Belczynski
9 Trudi Ellwart	24 Jocelyn Pierce
9 Justin Kollien	26 Chuck Mitchell
9 Todd Roeske	29 Jack Dalzochio
10 Barb Baker	29 Jonathon Rabedeau
10 Cashelmara Steffens	30 Mike Mathis

On Sunday, April 23rd, the following were baptized into our Christ Lutheran Church family:

Renae´ Grace Stephens,daughter of Mark & Diana Stephens. Here sponsors are Micki Schaefer and Marilyn Riggs.
Victoria Ann Dow. Her sponsors are Mark Stephens, Sr. and Nalon Siewert.

Blessings on these new lambs of Jesus.

We have Facebook!!! Log in to Facebook and search "Christ Lutheran Church, Milford". Be sure to "Like" the page so you get important updates about upcoming activities in the church.

Car Wash Fundraiser

There will be TWO car washes to raise money for the upcoming mission on **May 13th and May 29th**, both from **12 Noon - 4 PM**! Any donations are accepted and appreciated. Come get your car washed and learn a little bit more about the children in Alaska!

Alaska Mission Car Wash

Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries in April:

Dean & Debra Weir	5-01-1982
John & Sandy Peterson	5-03-1958
David & Patricia Chipps	5-04-1968
Bill & Shelly Davidson	5-04-1996
Rick & Judy Wolfram	5-12-1973
Bill & Joelyn Gaston	5-15-1954
Tim & Shayla Verkerke	5-15-1999
John & Ruth Carlton	5-17-1985
Robert & Trudi Ellwart	5-19-1984
Lance & Casey Gilsoul	5-20-1994
Mark & Cindy Hosbach	5-20-1978
Scott & Jennie Beam	5-24-1986
David & Michele Kramer	5-25-1991

Please remember in prayer the following who have been ill this past month:

Members:

George & Bonnie Joerin	Jeff Kleckner
Dorothy Brown	Linda Fauls
Nathan Herron	Harold Pratt
Frank & Kandy Trace	Al Fust
Chuck Feltner	Mark Stephens
Marv Williams	Shawn Mortensen
Dick Rasmussen	Barb Baker
Bernie Russell	Margaret Schmidt

Non-Members:

Jason Klees	Donna Peters
Ted Prueter	Fred Foote
Lance Gilsoul	Mindy Joerin
Angie Sauve	Ken Haag
Evan Ladd	Aria Aumick
Matt Johnson	Kent Swedland
David Brown	Sandy Hillman
Paul Hammall	Sharon Naminye
Stephanie Nichols	

Please continue to pray for those serving our country, especially:

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Eric Sebring	stepson of Wayne Bostick
James Titus	grandson of Barb Baker
Jacob DeRosa	relative of Robbie Reis
Chris Ferrell	grandson of Gordon & Dorothy Brown
James Rockrohr	son of Rev. Carl & Deborah Rockrohr
Michael Beam	member and son of Scott & Jennie Beam
Nick Wolfe	grandson of Joe & Linda Wolfe and Mary Abbas

Those Serving In May 2017

Elders:

Sunday	8:30am	11:00am
7	Chris Herron	Scott Beam
14	Tom Hochthanner	Ron Balsley
21	Ken Lindberg	Jens Loemker
28	Lou Rabedeau	Dan Fosmer

Ushers:

Sunday	8:30am	11:00am
7	John Musser/Jacob Turnbow	Tim & Holly Kozak
14	Ralph & Marilyn Scherler	Gary & Carol Johnson
21	Bill & Joan Barnes	Youth
28	John & Sandy Peterson	Jeff, Leslie & Matt Toepfer

Greeters:

Sunday	8:30am	11:00am
7	John & Ruth Carlton	Stacy & Traci Brazier
14	Dan & Kathy Mallinson	Bruce & Gail Bordt
21	Rick & Judy Wolfram	Mike & Laurie Mathis
28	Karen Strand/JoAnn Bowman	Mike & Anna Clark

Acolytes:

Sunday	8:30am	11:00am
7	Ava Robison	Maggie Brazier
14	Bryan Ugo	Olga Loemker
21	Erika Lindberg	Youth
28	Lorelei Priess/Therin Priess	Need a Volunteer

Nursery:

Sunday	8:30am	9:45am Bible Study	11:00am
7	E. Wadley/R. Rand-Schaedig	A. Fosmer/B. Lappin	C. Suidan/T. Hayden
14	C. Turnbow/K. Kollien	C. Hamilton/M. Clark	C. Hamilton/M. Clark
21	S. Hengtgen/K. Rabedeau	S. Turner/A. Roy	A. Fosmer/A. Clark
28	E. Wadley/R. Sand-Schaedig	A. Fosmer/B. Lappin	C. Suidan/T. Hayden

Altar Duty:

Pat Fletcher	248-887-9449
Carol Johnson	248-685-0200

FINDING JOY

We are all born with a capacity for love and joy, yet many people feel they are controlled by a variety of moods and believe they have no choice in how they feel. Although we don't always have the power to change our circumstances, we do have the power to change our outlook. If we want to feel better, we need to think better. We have to keep making the right choices. God wants has to feel joyful, and He calls us to be glad and rejoice in him (Psalm 32:11), be joyful always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:16) and He fills you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him (Romans 15:13).

Finding joy in life begins with the thoughts you choose to think. No matter what is going on in your life, if you choose happy, hope-filled thoughts based on God's Word, you will feel happier. You can jump-start your day by thinking and speaking good things first thing in the morning. Try meditating on these words:

This is the day God has made and I am going to enjoy it. (Psalm 118:24)
I can handle whatever happens today because Christ is my Strength. (Phil. 4:13)
I enjoy being a blessing to others. (1Tim. 6:18)
I am thankful for all God has done for me. (1 Thess. 5:18)

Expressing gratitude ignites the light within us and is a sure path to joy. It can be as simple as being grateful for the soup you had for lunch, that you have the sight to read this newsletter, or for the fresh air you breathe. Part of the journey toward joy involves being continuously aware of our blessings.

I challenge you to start a gratitude journal. For one month, at the end of the day, write down three things that you are grateful for and bring you joy. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. It can be a notebook, a legal pad, or a bound journal where you like to record your thoughts. The important thing is to be consistent.

At the end of that month, please let me know if it has helped, if you've experienced any changes in your life either mentally, physically or spiritually. Hopefully, this will be a habit you will want to continue as the feeling of joy spreads through your life and overflows onto others.

Blessings,

Judy A. Lewis, Licensed Professional Counselor
Jlewis3454@gmail.com (810) 599-5188

Counseling Corner

LWML May 2017 News

Thanks again to all the wonderful ladies who donated items and/or helped assemble our 30 St. Paul's Easter Baskets this year.

Our important **May meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th at 12:30 pm**. It will be a pot-luck lunch. We will be planning our ***June Rummage Sale***. Hope to see you there!

And please mark your calendars for the **Spring Multi-Lakes Zone Rally** to be held on **Saturday, May 27, 9:00** am at Trinity Fenton.

Thank You!

We're Going Digital!!!

In order to achieve prompter delivery and lower paper and printing costs, the CLC newsletter is going digital. We will no longer mail them out beginning *this* **July**. We will email it directly to you, so please ensure Linda has your current email address. It will also be made available on our Church website and Facebook page. Several printed copies will be made available at church. Should you wish to continue receiving a mailed copy, please contact Linda.

Huron Valley Community Chorus
presents

"Spring Concert"

May 7, 2016 at 4:00pm

Faith Lutheran Church
3501 E. Highland Rd. Highland, MI 48356

Suggested Donation—$5.00 per person

Get more info at HVCommChorus.com

The Women's Lunch will take place on **May 9th** at Comeback Inn. We meet at 12noon and all women of the church are invited to join us. Thanks!

The Community Sharing Offering will take place on **May 14th**. If you would like to participate, please drop your spare change in the pots as you leave church. This money will be given to Community Sharing to purchase food for those in need in our local community.

Worship for Shut-Ins

If you are unable to attend church and would like to listen to worship services on Sunday mornings, here is some info for you:

The Lutheran Hour on the radio has CHANGED. Please see below:

WRDT 560AM 12:00noon (Detroit)
WDFN 1130AM 6:30am (Farmington Hills)
WMPC 1230AM 7:30am (Lapeer)

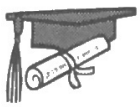
Worship for Shut-Ins through Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. on Direct TV channel 377, Detroit area WDWD-CA18 or anytime on-line at worshipforshutins.org.

DVD's of the worship service are available each week for shut-ins. Please contact the church office at 248-684-0895 if you would like to receive a DVD. Thank you. ALSO, sermons can be seen on the Christ Lutheran web site at http://www.christ-lutheran-milford.org.

Meals on Wheels will be delivered **May 29—Jun 2.** If you can help out with the delivery of these meals, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have questions about Meals on Wheels or would like to know more about it, please contact Lori Strong at 810-441-4791.

Sunday Summer Service time will begin on **June 4th** when we will have one service at 9:30am. On Monday, **June 5th**, we will begin our evening worship at 7:00pm.

!!! Attention Graduates !!!



If you will be graduating from high school or college this year, please send a little information about your plans and what school you are graduating from along with a picture to the church office so this information can be placed in the June newsletter. (Pictures can be emailed as an attachment to christ-lutheran-milford@comcast.net. This is the best way for us to receive the photo.) Otherwise, a wallet size photo can be brought to the office and will be returned to you.)

The deadline to receive this information is May 21st !!!

Memorial Day

Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war. The practice quickly spread, and a few years later May 30, 1868, was designated as Decoration Day — a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise — are remembered. In 1971, the United States Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

On this Memorial Day, remember those who gave their lives for our country. But also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.

OUTDOOR
Spring Clean-Up

May 13th beginning at 9am

(Rain Date: May 20th)

Bring your rakes, shovels, hoes, garden gloves, etc. and help spruce up our beautiful landscaping. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Lunch will be served. Thanks so much for volunteering!!!

Please Consider Mowing Duty

Needed approximately once a month. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact Gary Johnson. Thanks!

Celebration Sunday

May 21st @ 11:00am

Our kids will Sing/Greet/Usher/ Read/Collect Offering/Acolyte

Attend the 11:00am on May 21st and show our kids your support!!!!

"Do not be afraid of tomorrow, for God is already there."

—Unknown