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Making peace by the blood of his cross — Colossians 1:15-20

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

When the calendar flips to May, you really get a sense that the season is changing. The heat goes off, the windows open (unless you need to guard against the pollen!), and sometimes you truly feel what they mean about spring being in the air. The end of school gets counted down. Yard work is in full bloom.

In the church year, this May brings us our last two great celebrations, Pentecost and Holy Trinity. The days that follow, over two dozen Sundays, are simply numbered “after Pentecost.” We change our paraments to green to mark this season as one of growth. We celebrate on Pentecost (May 20 this year), the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh. Then through our growing season, we focus on being built up in the Spirit, strengthening the roots of our faith and producing the fruits of love.

The first Sunday after Pentecost is Holy Trinity Sunday, when we say the Athanasian Creed, and celebrate the revelation that the Almighty is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, one God, now and forever. This celebration reminds us that our growth in love flows out of God’s eternal triune love (see 1 John, especially 4:7-21).

As your years add up, I think you learn to enjoy what each season is for. A.E. Houseman wrote a beautiful little poem about just this theme. It begins:

Loveliest of trees the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide

The poem continues to count down how many more times he may get to go see the cherry in bloom, it happening only once a year. Fifty springs more will not be enough to treasure that sight, so he will go to see right now.

None of us know how many earthly years are left to us, fifty, five, or fewer still. We only know, in the faith, that Christ’s death and resurrection means our final year of seeing the cherry blossoms will lead to the eternal joy of seeing the crowds of saints dressed in a more dazzling white still, a feast without end. In the meantime, we will soon change our altar paraments from the white of celebration, joy, and victory to the green of growth. What we seek is not the passing wonder of a bloom, but the steady growth of good habits, self-discipline, and enduring hope.

For those cherry trees really to shine, they need those summers of growth, branches reaching farther, trunks spreading wide, roots digging deep. Next Spring the white of Eastertide will be fuller yet. But only when, for now, we plan not just vacations and summer jobs but to grow in the God of all grace.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



Birthdays

- 4- Erica Flanery
- 7- John Cromeans
- 10- Kameron McKinley
- 10- Gracie McKinley
- 11- Max Semeniuk
- 11- Carly Dejarnette
- 12- Melissa Hardin
- 13- Chase Ragland
- 14- Ken Shreve
- 15- Jamie Lee
- 15- Walter Dobring
- 15- Olivia Botkins
- 19- Doug Boardman
- 19- Nancy Kovach
- 23- Danielle Themer
- 23- Peter O'Neil
- 25- Rebecca Spreitzer
- 25- Samuel Themer

Anniversaries

- 25- Charlie & Brenda Moody (1979)
- 25- Scott & Monica Yaroma (2001)

BAPTISM

On Sunday, April 8, 2018, Eleanor Grace Themer was received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Eleanor is the daughter of Max and Danielle Themer. Sponsors are David and Erika Dick. We wish Eleanor God's continued blessings.



*Happy
Mother's Day*

LADIES' NIGHT OUT: MAY 8

Ladies' Night Out will be going to Frankfort on Tuesday, May 8. They will be going to a new restaurant—Mami Monchita's, 610 Ridgeview Dr., Frankfort. If you wish to carpool please be at the church at 6:00pm or you may meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be attending.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: MAY 8

Men's Night Out will be going to Cattlemen's in Shelbyville on Tuesday, May 8. They will meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Please let Rod Shreve know if you will be attending.

RED RIVER GORGE HIKE: MAY 12

Join us for a hike at Red River Gorge on Saturday, May 12. We will leave from the church at 8am and will return later that afternoon. You will need to pack a lunch and bring water. For more information please see Greg Rutledge.



THREADS OF GRACE: MAY 15

Threads of Grace is now meeting in Frankfort. Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint or just want to socialize - all are welcome. The next class will be held Tuesday, May 15, beginning at 7pm. Please see Anita Themer for more information.

DEEP ROOTS: MAY 23

May 23, Deep Roots at 7 PM will ask what Lutherans believe about the Holy Spirit. What do we think about speaking in tongues and modern miracles? How should Christians expect to experience the Spirit in their lives? We'll look at the Bible, modern teachers, and Luther.



BOOK CLUB: JUNE 3

Book Club will be reading Corrie ten Boom's *The Hiding Place*. We will meet June 3 after church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 10, 11 & 12

The date for this year's Vacation Bible School is set for July 10-12 from 6 to 8:30pm with a light meal served from 5:15—5:45pm. Volunteers are needed to help make this VBS a BIG success! Please see Dave, Anita, Max, or Danielle Themer if you would like to volunteer!



GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

We will have gluten-free communion hosts available. Let Pastor know before church if you want one.

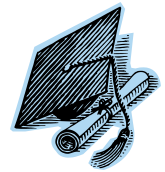
COLLECTING USED EYEGLASSES

Concordia Lutheran is collecting used eye glasses for Honduras. A box has been set at the back of the church for your donations.



HOLY CROSS GRADUATE OF 2018

DANIELLE RAE-LIN MCKINLEY
SON OF CHRIS AND KIM MCKINLEY



Dani will graduate from Shelby County High School on May 26, 2018

She will be attending Bellarmine University in the Fall and will major in Psychology

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE!

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

STEWARDSHIP NEWSLETTER ARTICLE: MAY 2018

St. Paul teaches, "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: "In the same way ..."

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We're to support the Gospel ministry "in the same way." But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites? Moses records this: "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry "in the same way?"

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church's job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites' job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God's revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God's own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us "the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

For once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

LIFE QUOTES

"Would you be willing to take a little bit of time on Memorial Day to do two things? One is to thank God for the successful outcomes of the sacrifices that these graves represent. Our country is a free and blessed place, and our freedom was bought at a terrible price. Second, will you rededicate yourself to sharing the good news of Jesus so that as many people as possible will be rejoicing on resurrection day? As you think about cemeteries, realize that God has the last word: 'Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt' (Daniel 12:2). All Christian warriors will awake soon to new life."

Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace

"A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life-
www.lutheransforlife.org



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY	MOWING
May 6	Isaac Guagenti	Jeff Wilson	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Botkins family	Josh Botkins	John Feole Steve Rusch May 9-12
May 13	Gracie McKinley	Madeline Botkins	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Franke family	Shelah Shreve	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman May 16-19
May 20	Kameron McKinley	Charlie Moody	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Kathy Vetter	Jennie Shreve	Greg Rutledge Pastor Guagenti May 23-26
May 27	Zoe Shreve	David Themer	Don Williams	Bob Myers	Harlan Joseph	Alena Guagenti	Josh Botkins Jeremy Botkins May 30- Jun 2
June 3	Eden Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Brooks / Runner	Josh Botkins	Max Themer Sub Jun 6-9
June 10	Elijah Smith	David Franke	Joel Franke	Harlan Joseph	Botkins family	Shelah Shreve	Alex VanPelt John Skellie Jun 13-16

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Spokesman for Moses

Who was designated by God as Moses' spokesman before the Hebrew people?

Look for the answer in the June/July Newsletter
 April's Answer: Matthew (see Matt. 9:9)

If you cannot serve on the appointed day, please call someone to serve in your place.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: MAY 13- JUNE 17, 2018

The ALC Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc. in Shelbyville will start their annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraising campaign beginning on Mother's Day May 13, and will conclude on Father's Day, June 17, 2018.

During this campaign baby bottles will be available in our church for members / friends of our congregation. Please consider taking one or more bottles and filling them with loose change (cash or checks if you prefer).

Monies raised will fund the ministry of ALC which is a 501c3 nonprofit offering services free of charge to anyone experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and / or who needs peer counseling, pregnancy tests, baby clothing and items, food and formula, diapers, classes in Parenting, Bible Study and Homemaking, Abstinence information., Adoption referrals, Male Mentoring or Post Abortion Recovery.

Please take as many bottles as you like, fill them, and return them to the church on Father's Day, June 17. You may also drop them off at ALC if you'd prefer. They are located at: 7121 Henry Clay Street in the back of the same building as Operation Care. Their hours are Tuesdays 10-6, Wednesdays 2-6, and Thursdays 10-6, or you may call them at (502) 647-0300. Your donation assists them in saving the lives of unborn children and ministering to their parents. Last year, Holy Cross requested 35 bottles and returned 29 with a total of \$473.36 donated!



Weissinger Hills Golf Course

May 7, 2018

[2240 Mt. Eden Road, Shelbyville, KY](#)

\$75 Individual;

\$300 Foursome Team

Registration & Lunch 12:00 pm

Shotgun Start 1:30 pm

Awards to Follow

Register online at

tinyurl.com/alcgolf

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

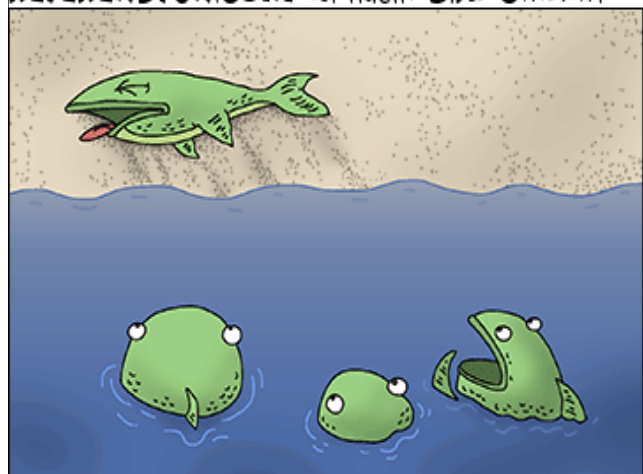
"The Lutheran Hour" is every Sun. morning at 6:30am on Louisville radio WHAS-840AM and at 7am on Cincinnati radio WLW-700 AM. Delivering the messages is the Rev. Ken Klaus. "On Main Street", sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries, is a TV program with Dr. Dale Meyer as host. It is broadcast each Sunday afternoon on Louisville Television Channel 24, at 5pm.

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

...your house is a mess because you're "Saved by Grace," not by works.

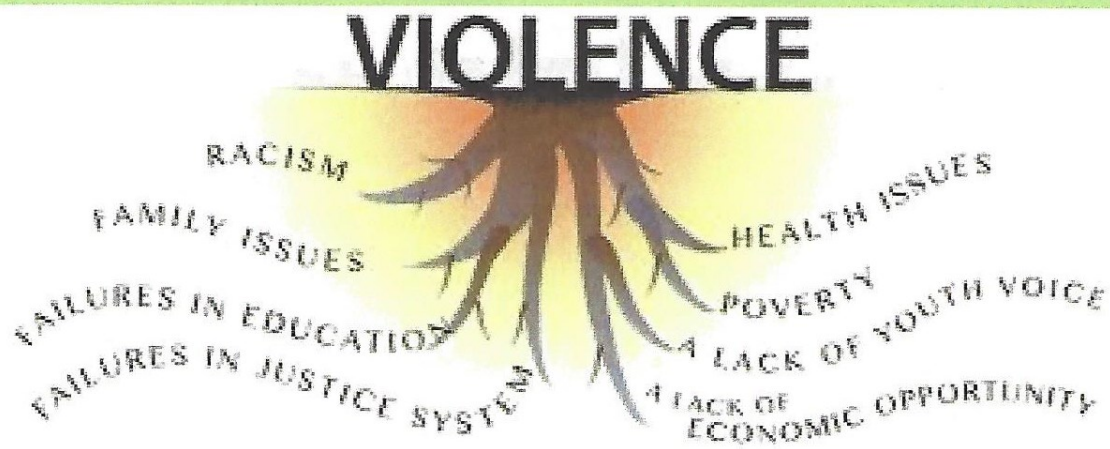
...change means wearing your brown suit instead of your blue suit to church.

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ARE YOU EVOLVED YET?



Disrupting Violence: Stepping Up for Our Community

A Symposium on Youth Violence

Saturday, June 9, 2018; 10 am – 3:30 pm

Louisville Central Community Center

1300 W Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, KY 40203

Featuring:

- ***Large group presentations***
 - ***PTSD***
 - ***Grieving***
- ***Lunch Speaker from CDC***
- ***Lunch***
- ***Small Group Breakouts***
- ***Community Resources***
- ***Door Prizes***



King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church

Louisville Central Community Center

Portland Memorial Baptist Church

Shawnee Christian Healthcare

Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Health Sciences Campus, University of Louisville

Kentuckiana Federation of Lutheran Churches

Louisville Urban League

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Shawnee Neighborhood Assn.

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INDIANA DISTRICT

April 23, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Warm greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord! After 15 years of service as the Indiana District President and nearly 50 years of service as a called and ordained servant of the Word, Rev. Dr. Daniel May has announced his plans to retire from full-time pastoral ministry. In thanksgiving to God for President May's faithful service to the Lord's church, we rejoice in the opportunity to bid him farewell and Godspeed, and we warmly invite your participation.

At the Indiana District Convention banquet on the evening of June 14, President May will be recognized with special presentations and entertainment. **We welcome you to send notes, cards, pictures, or any other items of remembrance and thanksgiving** that we will present to President May at the banquet. Please send these to the Indiana District Office; 1145 South Barr Street; Fort Wayne, IN 46802 attn: Jan Koenig.

Moreover, praising God in Christ for Rev. Dr. May's 15 years of service as the Indiana District President, the Indiana District Board of Directors has established **The Rev. Dr. Daniel and Judy May Endowment Fund**. The four purposes of this fund support efforts that have been and continue to be important to President May and Judy, including:

- Urban Evangelism Mentoring for Indiana District pastors;
- Strategic Planning Support for Congregations with schools and/or wanting schools (*including all early childhood and preschool ministries*);
- Family Life Ministry in the Indiana District (*retreats, conferences and resources for couples, pastors' wives, singles, and support for Recognized Service Organizations of the LCMS [RSOs] supporting youth such as Lutheran Child and Family Services--Pastor May's Father was raised in the Lutheran orphanage – now LCFS*); and
- Full-time Church Worker support and financial planning.

We invite your congregation to participate in establishing this endowment. Whether through a special door offering or gift from the congregational mission budget, please consider how you might support this special effort to recognize President May and Judy while supporting the Lord's on-going work in the Indiana District. ***Please submit your offering to the Indiana District Office by June 1,*** as we desire to present the collective gift to the District when we meet in Convention on June 14-15. Checks may be made to the **Indiana District** with notation for the **May Endowment**. Return to:

Rev. Dr. Daniel and Judy May Endowment
C/O The Indiana District, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
1145 South Barr St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Giving thanks to our Lord God, heavenly Father, for all the blessings He has bestowed on the Indiana District through the ministry of His servant President May, we pray the Lord, by His Holy Spirit, to grant him grace, supporting and strengthening him through Word and Sacrament with a cheerful spirit, peace and blessedness.

In Christ,

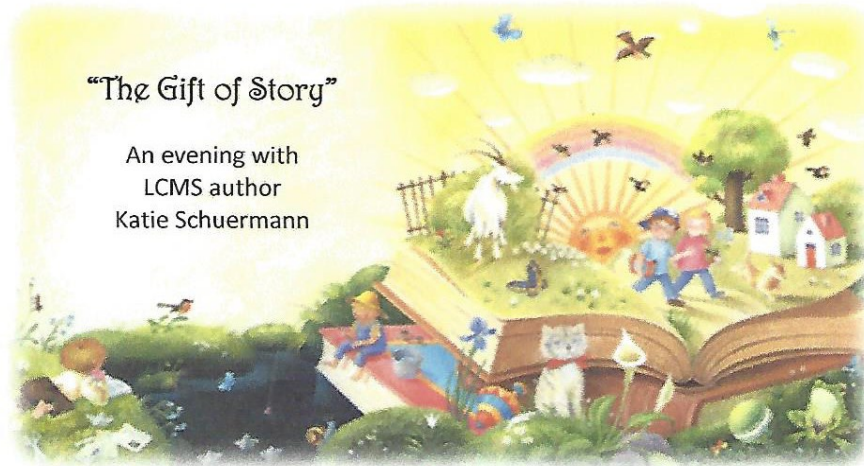
Peter J. Brock, Indiana District Secretary

"[t]he Mission of the [Indiana] District is to encourage and assist
the Christian outreach and nurture of its congregations and other ministries."

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. 38:21-39:1; Ps. 112; Mark 9:30-41 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. 39:2-21; Ps. 113; Mark 9:30-41 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. 39:22-31; Ps. 114; Mark 9:42-10:12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. 39:32-40:16; Ps. 115; Mark 10:13-31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. 40:17-38; Ps. 116; Mark 10:32-45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 1; Ps. 117; Mark 10:46-11:11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 2; Ps. 118; Mark 11:12-26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 3; Ps. 119:1-8; Mark 11:27-12:12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 4:1-13; Ps. 119:9-16; Mark 12:13-27 	ASCENSION DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 1:1-11; Ps. 47; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 4:14-35; Ps. 119:17-24; Mark 12:28-44 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 5:1-13; Ps. 119:25-32; Mark 13:1-23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 5:14-6:13; Ps. 119:33-40; Mark 13:24-14:2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 6:14-7:10; Ps. 119:41-48; Mark 14:3-21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 7:11-38; Ps. 119:49-56; Mark 14:22-42 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 8:1-21; Ps. 119:57-64; Mark 14:43-72 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 8:22-36; Ps. 119:65-80; Mark 15:1-20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 9; Ps. 119:81-88; Mark 15:21-47 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 10; Ps. 119:89-96; Mark 16:1-20
THE DAY OF PENTECOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 139; Acts 2:1-21; John 16:4-15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 11:1-28; Ps. 119:97-104; 1 Cor. 1:1-17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 11:29-47; Ps. 119:105-112; 1 Cor. 1:18-31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 12; Ps. 119:113-120; 1 Cor. 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 13:1-28; Ps. 119:121-128; 1 Cor. 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 13:29-59; Ps. 119:129-136; 1 Cor. 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 14:1-32; Ps. 119:137-144; 1 Cor. 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 14:33-57; Ps. 119:145-152; 1 Cor. 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 15:1-18; Ps. 119:153-160; 1 Cor. 7:1-16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 15:19-33; Ps. 119:161-168; 1 Cor. 7:17-24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 16:1-19; Ps. 119:169-176; 1 Cor. 7:25-40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lev. 16:20-34; Ps. 120; 1 Cor. 8 		

You are Invited!



From fables to fairytales, stories throughout history have taught and inspired readers to better honor, love, and serve one another. Join author Katie Schuermann as she discusses the importance of storytelling in the life of the Christian and how every good story is a mere reflection of the greatest, truest story ever told: the fall of man into sin and God's work of salvation for him in Jesus Christ.

Who: Lutheran ladies and friends

What: LWML hosts Katie Schuermann, author of *Pew Sisters*, *House of Living Stones*, *He Remembers the Barren* and more

Where: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lexington, Kentucky

When: Friday, May 4, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Why: An evening to be encouraged and to have camaraderie with friends

*After her talk stick around for a chance to meet Katie and have your book signed. We will also serve refreshments unique to the beautiful state of Kentucky while you have fellowship with lovely women from around the region.



Author Katie Schuermann's "earthy and joyful" voice is as refreshing and invigorating as the Midwestern sunshine in which she was raised. Writing in vignettes which so perfectly suit the charm of small-town life, Schuermann's words call to mind the warmth and realism of Montgomery's *Avonlea* and Herriot's Yorkshire countryside. Always leaning toward the arts, Schuermann earned graduate degrees in music. Her professional experiences are as varied and eclectic as any writer's, ranging from walking beans to singing with a Baroque orchestra to directing children's musical theater camps. No doubt, Schuermann's cornfield roots and curriculum vitae factor heavily in her stories, but it is her confession of faith in the Triune God that readers have come to expect and trust in her writing. (To learn more about Katie visit her website: katieschuermann.com)



SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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EVERY SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

MAY NEWSLETTER 2018



National Day of Prayer