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

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

The phrase “April showers bring May flowers” comes to us by way of the United Kingdom. In that region of the world, the phrase tends to be more accurate than in the rolling hills of Kentucky. Here, we can generally expect many of the flowers to bloom in April and the rain of May to match or exceed its predecessor. This year the April flowers have been especially full and the rainfall below average (although these last days of the month may catch us up).

Of course, “April showers brings May flowers,” is not meant as meteorological law of nature. It’s a recognition that something which can spoil our plans in one season may bring something we appreciate in the next season. Those early spring rainstorms may keep us from a picnic at just the time we’re ready to break out of winter’s imprisonment. But the ground needs rain to feed the fireworks of red-buds, dogwoods, lilies, and wildflowers.

As Christians, we see this pattern in our spiritual lives. Jesus’ death leads to Jesus’ resurrection. Joseph’s imprisonment leads to his exaltation at the right hand of the Pharaoh. Sarah’s barrenness leads to the laughter of Isaac’s miracle birth. Faith is the conviction of things unseen (Hebrews 11:1), so we often go through an overcast season of darkness before coming to the light. “Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning” (Psalm 30:5).

This May we hope to celebrate showers of a sort. We look forward to the baptism of Darcy Themer and the confirmation of Isaac Guagenti. Confirmation is the claiming of baptismal gifts, so whenever we see a baptism or a confirmation, we are reminded of our own baptism. The Apostle taught of these landmark events in our lives, “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we to might walk in the newness of life” (Romans 6:4). That is the pattern God has given us, that what seems a watery grave is what brings the bouquet of new life. What had seemed the end at the cross turned out to be the atonement that wins eternal life.

So, whenever we find news that dashes our previous plans, rather than despair, we should lift up our eyes and hope. The Lord of life is working something to good, something better than we had planned in our own works.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



## Celebrations in May

### 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
- 20- Cindy Alvano
- 23- Danielle Themer
- 23- Peter O'Neil
- 25- Rebecca Spreitzer
- 25- Samuel Themer

### Anniversaries

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

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS, 9:45AM

Adult Bible Study will cover Zechariah and the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the exile.

Join us at 9:45am.



### PASTOR BOYD'S RETIREMENT

Concordia Lutheran Church is thanking Pastor Boyd for his years of service and celebrating his recent retirement with him on Sunday May 16th after its 10:00 AM service (approximately 11:45 AM). Our congregation extends an invitation to each of you and one guest. We know the time on Sunday may be difficult for some of you to attend, but if you arrive a little later than the start that is okay. We suppose the festivities will end around 1:30pm. The meal is being catered. If you would like to join us please RSVP with Elder Kris Towery at [realpropertieskkt@gmail.com](mailto:realpropertieskkt@gmail.com).

### YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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One Bottle to fill

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————— Mother's Day to Father's Day —————

### BOOK CLUB & PROGRESSIVE DINNER UPDATE

Alleluia and blessings to all! It is wonderful to be back with one another at church, and since we are now able to gather again, with guidelines in place, we are seeking interested parties for a regrouping of Holy Cross Lutheran's book club. Since social distancing is still encouraged, and we generally attempt to share a meal, I had put forth the idea of a picnic-type of lunch, perhaps under the covered portion of the driveway out front. For our initial meeting, I would request that members come prepared to nominate books. This does not mean you need to give us a book report; rather, convince us that your book is the one we should read!! We keep a multitude of possibilities on our reading list, and you are free to read as many of them as you like. Please email Shelah Shreve at [sesme@bellsouth.net](mailto:sesme@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in attending a book club meeting, and we will prepare from there!



Likewise, we had intended to finally have another go at a Progressive Dinner, and had this planned for March 22<sup>nd</sup> of last year. Unfortunately, our plans were derailed by COVID lockdowns. There is still a keen interest in this endeavor, which takes us into the homes of families from our church, who have volunteered to host, and share different courses of a dinner meal. We could, if enough yard space is available, do this more as a Progressive Picnic/BBQ/Backyard dinner, weather permitting. First, I will need volunteer families to offer up their homes and/or yard spaces for church members to gather. You will also need to be willing to prepare and serve (don't worry, Lutherans love to help!) one course of our progressive meal. If you have an interest in offering up your home and culinary skills, please contact Shelah Shreve at [sesme@bellsouth.net](mailto:sesme@bellsouth.net). If it is easier for you to text or call, my number is 502-640-4293.



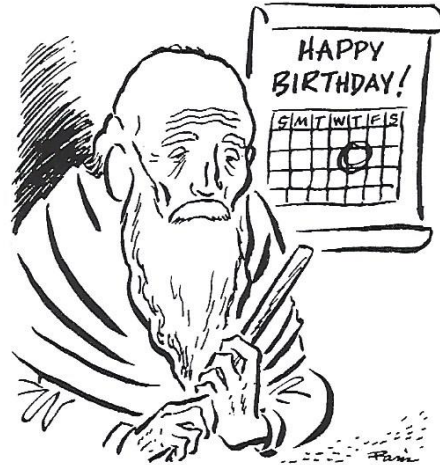
May the peace of the Lord be with us all! ☺

## LIFE QUOTES

"We pray in our services for 'the race of man' not the races of man. There is only one race. All else are ethnic, national, cultural, or other differences. We've past histories to trouble us to be sure—like the Irish and the English, the Jew and the Christian, the Greek and the Ottoman Turk, and the slave and the slave owner—but there is no place from which a genuine reconciliation can emerge today, except in Christ. The goal is fellowship, brotherhood in Christ." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*

"A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life-  
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## KNOW YOUR BIBLE



### Old, Old Age

Who lived the longest of all the people mentioned in the Bible?

Look for the answer in the June/July Newsletter  
April's Answer: Joshua (see Num. 27:15-23)



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD	MOWING
May 2	n/a	n/a	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	n/a	Brenda Moody Jennifer Dillard	Robert Chesher Charlie Schufer May 5-8
May 9	n/a	n/a	Corrie Brian Greg Rutledge	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	n/a	No communion	Dave Pontius Jack Bink May 12-15
May 16	n/a	n/a	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Roxanne Pontius Guagenti family	n/a	Rita Whitehouse Jennifer Dillard	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman May 19-22
May 23	n/a	n/a	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	Dave Pontius Don Williams	n/a	Jennifer Harrod Jennifer Dillard	John Feole Steve Rusch May 26-29
May 30	n/a	n/a	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Charlie Adams	n/a	No communion	Greg Rutledge Pastor Guagenti June 2-5
June 6	n/a	n/a	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Franke family	n/a	Jennifer Harrod Rita Whitehouse	Dave Franke Max Themer June 9-12

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



# Bible Mothers

*Here are thirty mothers from the Bible. Do you know who their husbands and children were? Can you remember their particular stories or significance?*

M	E	T	E	V	E	L	E	T	G	Q	K	F	H	M
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H	L	C	N	N	A	O	M	I	H	R	B	F	R	A
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P	C	A	K	K	H	A	A	M	B	Q	Q	U	D	T
D	T	G	Y	B	H	I	A	D	Z	X	H	M	R	K
J	R	I	W	A	U	B	A	T	H	S	H	E	B	A
P	M	B	B	R	I	R	H	A	R	O	P	P	I	Z
B	P	A	E	L	Q	Y	Y	H	A	K	E	B	E	R
R	C	Z	O	M	C	R	K	M	W	K	B	G	Y	D
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ABIGAIL  
 AHOLIBAMAH  
 BATHSHEBA  
 BILHAH  
 ELIZABETH  
 EUNICE  
 EVE  
 GOMER  
 HAGAR  
 HANNAH  
 JEZEBEL  
 JOCHEBED  
 JUDITH  
 KETURAH  
 LEAH  
 LOIS  
 MARY  
 MILCAH  
 NAOMI  
 PENINNAH  
 RACHEL  
 RAHAB  
 REBEKAH  
 RUTH  
 SARAH  
 SHULAMITE WOMAN  
 TAMAR  
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# The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry

### Newsletter Article – May 2021

St. Paul teaches us: “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Gal. 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 Cor. 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” (Deut. 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. In Matthew 28, Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations, 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, and 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).

## VOTER'S MEETING

MARCH 21, 2021

**Attending:** Karen Hite, Shelah Shreve, Rutledges, Bob Myers, Nancy Kovach, Feoles, Laurie, Barb, Rita, Brenda, Charlie and Kathy Adams, Pastor and Alena, Donna

**Zoom:** Cindy, Jennifer Harrod

5-minute rule for discussion, topics may be table for future discussion

**Last voters' meeting, 1/24/2021**-roof replacement committee was established, Elite roofing to be use, check rec'd for over \$20K (deposited), total \$25K+, \$500 discount, anticipated replacement first week of April.

**Motion:** Nancy Kovach, **Second:** Kathy Adams, motion carried

**Treasurer's Report, Budget vs. Actual**-John wanted to note, line 4000 income other includes check for roof, running a week to week deficit in offerings, net income less due to roof check in line 4000, restricted property contingency: \$2,500 for post construction landscaping and repair-we could choose to spend this money for something over than post construction if we choose

**Church van retention sheet**-maintenance lower this year, comments included from church members, prominent groups that used van have been youth and seniors, younger people, youth are most important to future church growth,

Bob Myers-potential rental cost van cost (one week) would be equivalent to our current van cost (vacation Bible school, etc.)

Kathy Adams-under used asset (Bible school, Progressive dinner, etc.), this year is not a good year to decide (COVID-19), \$1,178 per year spent per Charlie

Rita Whitehouse-need to sell, rust on roof, tires very expensive (\$600+), seniors carpool, VBS-parents should provide transportation, we don't use it, don't see future use

Nancy Kovach-church magnet to identify other vehicle for child pickup

Greg Rutledge-youth is not old enough yet to use van, van will continue to depreciate in the meantime

Merrie Feole-if we sell, money should go back into van fund

Donna-if van can be sold at reasonable price, sell it and use money for roof and such, when van is needed, if down payment is issue then, we can raise money then, could road fund be used for van or building?

Pastor-tools that he uses for ministries, strong emotional attachments are right to van or the like, we're not saying we don't want to have a youth group or other reasons if we sell the van, God is going to bless this church, our youth, regardless of the decisions we make today, He's not done providing

Jennifer Harrod-trustee standpoint: we've replace battery numerous times due to lack of use, deteriorating while it's sitting there because we don't use it much anymore

John-silent vote

**Motion:** Suzanne Rutledge to sell, **Second:** Donna

**Sell votes: 12 Keep votes: 5**

**Decision made to sell the van**

**Soffit repair**-contracted determined (Elite), soffit repair decision needed, \$700 a week behind on budget, roof is partially funded at \$21K, soffit \$12K approximately, total \$38K \$23,850 building fund, \$4K small loan (Lutheran church extension fund) to preserve cash, savings, simple loan, no prepayment, \$90/month if we finance \$6K, we need to choose contractor for soffit, Elite would choose subcontractor for soffit if they are chosen for soffit.

Kathy Adams: Property fund \$3,900 (\$2,500 earmarked for road fund)-can we use?

**Motion:** Kathy Adams-use same committee to choose soffit and proceed with financing

**Second:** Karen Hite motion carried

John meeting with Lutheran Church Extension Fund rep this week to assess if we're a good Rita Whitehouse-do bids include gutters, downspouts, and wire to prevent pest entry? John asked contractor about this-no answer yet

Shelah Shreve-did we take LCEF loan for van previously? Yes. We're a known entity to LCEF therefore.

Charlie Adams-Elite offers \$500 discount for paying early (roof only)

Bob Myers, John-soffit discount expired, but if we choose Elite for soffit, John will try to get same \$500 discount back

Corrie Brian-can we scrap metal the gutters and down spouts? John-we can ask, probably John-could we use Contingency fund? Requires a vote, use building fund including check and finance balance with LCEF; if LCEF says no, we won't contract with anyone

**Motion:** Suzanne Rutledge use all Property Contingency fund for soffit (include \$2,500 road fund) **Second:** Rita Whitehouse motion carried

**Treasurer's Report**-reports will be available future Saturdays before future Voter's Meeting

**Board reports**-no additional

**Pastor**-confirmation of Isaac scheduled May 23rd. Zoey and Eden are next confirmands, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, talk of drive-in service, sunrise service and regular 11 AM service, questions of communion at potential sunrise, some vaccinated, some survivors, other factors, prayer vigil, input needed

Suzanne Rutledge-can we take offering at outside service? Can we use a bucket or the like?

Pastor-we may be getting offerings by mail from people we have not seen in a long time, we're still getting feedback

Charlie Moody-will we be resuming Bible study or other studies in near future?

Pastor needs more feedback, eager to find a way to get Bible study going again

Shelah Shreve-she and Jennie asked for funds to be donated for a specific reason, funds will still be appreciated.



**YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...**

- Change means wearing your brown suit instead of your blue suit to church.
- You read your Catechism and start arguing theology with yourself because no one else is around.
- The most mail you receive all year is from the Stewardship Committee.



THE OFFERING FOR MOTHERS WHO'S SONS  
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