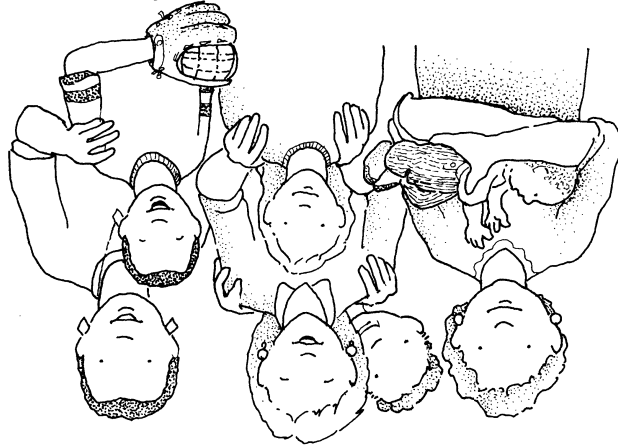


*Happy Mothers' Day*



May 2023

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# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10a-12p Crafters 4pm Midweek 6:30pm Confirmation	4 1pm LWML	5	6
7 <b>CID Scholarship Sunday</b> 8:45am Bible Class/SS 10am Worship Service 11:30am VBS meeting	8	9	10 4pm Midweek 6:30pm Confirmation	11	12	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b>  9am Mothers Day Brunch 10am Worship Service 11:30am Elders Meeting	15	16	17 4pm Midweek 6:30pm Confirmation	18	19	20
21 8:45am Bible Class/SS 10am Worship Service	22	23 <i>Last day of preschool</i>  3pm Hats of Love	24 <i>Last day of preschool</i>	25 <i>Last day of preschool</i>	26	27
28 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>  8:45am Bible Class/SS 10am Worship Service	29 <b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Office closed</i>	30	31	June 1 1pm LWML	June 2	June 3

## Happy Birthday

6-Merrily Sargent  
7- Hsing-Fen Gerk  
8- Stefanie Baughman  
11- Tyler Carlson  
14- Owen Wolfe  
16- Lindsay Jacobs  
19- Dean Westergreen  
19- Halle Jacobs  
22- David Cansino  
23- Ron Lindberg  
23- Fred McGunnigal  
28 - Kinzey Sebben  
29- Dale Bolin  
31- Nikki Cansino

## Happy Anniversary

23- Mike & Kathy Martinie  
24-Richard & Victoria Stine  
26-Michael & Rachel Macek  
30-LeRoy & Kay Shoop

### **Attendance for April**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Communion</u>
4/2	103	57
4/6	64	51
4/7	34	—
4/9 7am	54	42
4/9 10am	90	?
4/16	88	62
4/23	86	64
4/30		

## Baptism Birthdays

5-1 Steven Baughman  
5-1 Seeley Koch  
5-2 Kyle Engel  
5-8 Matt Wells  
5-10 James Welch  
5-11 Brandie Donley  
5-12 Tyler Carlson  
5-14 Mitch Jacobs  
5-15 Madelyn Bird  
5-15 CJ Carlson  
5-23 Frederick Larnier  
5-24 Raoul Reinertsen  
5-26 Stefanie Baughman

### *In Our Prayers*

#### **Health concerns:**

Joyce Wolfe	Dan Brackett
Theresa Clark	Fern Harding
Anita Reinertsen	Janalee Gutierrez
Mitch Jacobs	Bob Donley
Guy Hood	Dean Westergreen
Frederick Larnier	Louis Linnenburger
Nelly Clark	

Eva Jean- Ruth's sister  
Stephanie- Terri Clark's daughter  
Janet- Bob Donley's sister in law  
Nancy- Rose's sister  
Perry- friend of Jessica Cansino, who was in a car accident

#### **Others:**

Family of Rick- Rose's friend, who died  
Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna, the Kenya Mission  
Pastor Omolo and Hope for the Destitute  
Our Armed Forces: Sgt Kaleb Karssen

Whoever believes and  
is baptized will be  
saved. Mark 16:16a

## Preschool News

We are enjoying our final weeks of the preschool year! We loved making Easter cards for grandparents, hunting of eggs and celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus! We donated a truck load of pet food and supplies to the Humane Society. We are anxiously watching our chick eggs, anticipating early May hatching.

Our last days of school will be May 23rd, May 24th and May 25th, when each class will meet at Rotary Park for singing and awarding of certificates; families are encouraged to attend and stay and play.

Birdies for Charity Pledge Forms (Bird #1132) are available in the office and are due May 28th. Funds raised will go to our Preschool Equipment Fund. Participants may guess the number of birdies that will be made at the John Deere Classic July 5-9, and will have a chance to win a 2 year lease on a 2023 Lexus NX.

Thank you for your support!

Birdies for Charity is happening this year! When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity is the *real* winner. Participating charities receive 100% of the donation pledged to them in this program!

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool is Bird #1132— and all monies pledged to us will go into the preschool playground fund. Forms are available on the entryway table. All pledge forms are due by May 28th to Jeanie or to Leah in the office.



## VBS IS COMING SOON!

God's Living Water will be raining in  
July 24th—July 28th!

Our first meeting will be Sunday, May 7th after church so that we can start figuring things out! Please come to the meeting with an idea of what you'd like to help with!

If you have any questions talk to Leah or Lori Kugler!

Thank you!



**For us to carry out Sunday School and VBS ministry – we need all volunteers/helpers to take this state-mandated class: Mandated Reporter Training.**

This training is good for 3 years. Leah will be contacting those who need to update their certification or if you are a new volunteer.

It will take 1 hour of your time. Please complete it soon and print a copy of the certificate for church records. We need your support and action on this! Thank you! Website:

<https://www.dcfstraining.org/>

Find and click on the “Mandated Reporter Training” box. It will ask you to create a log-in and read through the course. It takes about 60 minutes and at the end there will be a certificate of completion that you can print out. We will keep a copy of that certificate on file here at church so that we have the records to show if needed. Contact Leah if you have questions!





Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 28th.

Ezra Sommerer, Micah Sommerer, and Seeley Koch will be confirmed.

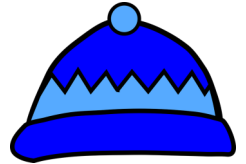
We invite our church family to attend our Worship Service at 10am to join in confessing the faith with these young men and support them in this step in their Christian faith.

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Hats of Love will meet on May 23rd at 3pm.

Thank you to all who continue to help us supply baby mittens, adult cancer patient hats, and lap robes for our veterans.

Thank you for helping us share God's love with our neighbors!



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day. We remember all those who have fought and died for our country, that we might be free.

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**The last day for Midweek and Confirmation classes** for this school year will be Wednesday, May 17th. We are thankful for all of the children that come to learn more about God's Word— and we can't wait to start up again this fall! Have a great summer!



### Highlights of the April 30th Voters Meeting

will be in the June newsletter due to the timing of the meeting and Leah getting the newsletter printed/sent out.

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### A blessed Mother's Day to all our moms!

We thank God for you and all you do!

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women so noble things, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31: 28-29



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We are planning our annual Mt. Calvary Rummage Sale for June 24th.



We will begin collecting items on June 11th.  
Please place all items in the conference room.  
***Items need to be clean and in good working condition.***  
***No adult clothing please!***  
If you have questions, talk to Leah in the office.

## Our Graduates



### Galesburg High School

Avery Wolfe– plans to attend Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She will be majoring in Biological Sciences in the Pre-Dental Scholars Program

### Williamsfield High School

Natalie Gonzalez– plans to attend Monmouth College majoring in Biology with a Pre-Veterinary concentration. She will be participating on the volleyball and track teams

Madeline Gonzalez– plans to attend Bradley University, Peoria, majoring in Accounting with a minor in Business Administration

### Western Illinois University

Dalton Engel– a degree in Ag Science. Planning to return to farming at home for the season and look for a job in agronomy/precision ag industry after fall harvest

### Monmouth College

Emma Wolfe– graduating with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. She will be teaching 4th grade in the Abingdon-Avon School District starting this fall.

***We will be hosting a Graduate Breakfast on June 4th during Bible Study Hour. Join us to celebrate these young people and their accomplishments!***

### **Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is May 7th , 2023**

Each year our Central Illinois District designates a special Sunday to encourage financial gifts to assist CID students who are studying for full-time church work vocations. Gifts will be used to support our 15 CID students. This includes 10 seminarians (including 2 vicars), one deaconess, and 4 undergraduates, who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Last year we were able to send \$105,500 to offset \$327,347 in unmet needs. Please plan to make a generous gift on or before May 7th . Gifts may be designated “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for the 2023-2024 school year or be designated “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund” and the income from your gift will be used to help CID students for years to come. Checks may be given through your church or sent to:

Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West Springfield, IL 62702-1626

Also, don't forget to pray for, thank, and encourage those called church workers who are presently serving you, as well as those who are studying to serve the Lord and you in ministry.

If you are considering or know someone who would be a good candidate to study for a called vocation in the church, please speak to your pastor about them and send their name and contact information to the district president at the address above.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance.

Thank you for your support of the Central Illinois District and all our mission projects.

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry—May 2023 “Follow Him in Generosity”

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

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**Knox County Right to Life:** The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at **Bethel Baptist Church**, 1196 North Academy. The meeting will begin at 7 pm and will include letter writing and education.

7x7x7 Prayer : Lord, please stop abortion in this country.



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**MT. CALVARY LWML** will meet on Thursday, May 4th, at 12:30pm at church and then carpool to The Kensington. The roll call is a verse on a miracle.

Rose has the topic and Dee is the hostess.

*“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.”*

1 Co. 15: 14, 19.

Mark Twain once said, “April 1 is the day we are reminded of what we are the other 364 days of the year.” When the Apostle Paul wrote to his congregation in Corinth, he reminded the people that they were, in a very real sense, “fools” for Christ. He wasn’t suggesting that they weren’t very smart, or that you’d have to be a fool to be a Christian. He was merely contrasting the world’s viewpoint with that of believers in Christ.

*“The wisdom of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing...”* Throughout every era since Christ walked the earth, Paul’s words ring true. Those unable to “*walk by faith, not by sight*” have inevitably risen up against Christ and against His church. Countless times the church has been attacked from within and without, as Satan lures souls into the fiery abyss. But with each attack the Lord raises up leaders who are powerfully led by the Spirit, to guide His church, often at the risk of losing their lives.

We still see these battles between Light and Darkness today, and sometimes we may be inclined to wonder who is winning. The victories seem fewer and farther between, and Christ is held more in contempt than ever. We should not be surprised to read stories in papers or glance at the latest “Christian books”, only to find that many of the authors deny the basic tenets of the Christian faith. Far too seldom are you able to find a theological “scholar” who is willing to accept the deity of Christ or His resurrection from the dead. In their minds, they are too “wise” for that.

It would be easy as Christians to become very despondent as we look at the corrupt culture in which we live. Values seem to have disappeared, and all hope of living in a Godly country has gone by the wayside. The natural temptation is to lose hope, to focus our energies inwardly and hope someone else will do the hard part. Rather than cave in to the temptation of concentrating on ourselves, as Christians, we need to realize that we have the only true message of hope for a world in need of God’s hope. *“There is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”*

The daunting task the Church Militant faces as we do battle with the forces of darkness tries to force us into despair, but our God is too great to allow that to happen. Jesus promised that no matter the situation, *“On this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”* He’s even given us the weapons for this battle (see Eph. 6). As we look to our Savior and His ascension into heaven where He sits at God’s right hand and rules all things for the sake of His Church, by the grace of God, let us resolve to make a difference for our Risen Lord. Let us resolve to live for Him--impact our families and our community FOR HIM! There is one message of true hope for this shattered world, and we have it. Now what are we going to do with it!

May 18th is Ascension Day. On that day we remember that – all appearances to the contrary – God is in control, *“working all things for the good of those who love Him.”* Thursday, May 4th is also the National Day of Prayer. Not that Christians need a national day of prayer, but it’s good to be reminded that we serve the world by our prayers for one another, for unbelievers and lapsed Christians, for the imprisoned and impoverished. Remembering our Lord’s Ascension and His power exercised even now on behalf of God’s Church, we do well to remember how God would use us in His service. Be vigilant in prayer for our president and elected leaders, for our men and women in the military, and for just laws and those who enforce them. But especially we pray for God’s Kingdom to come. We look forward to the day when our ascended Lord takes us home to heaven. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! *Pastor Steve Sommerer*