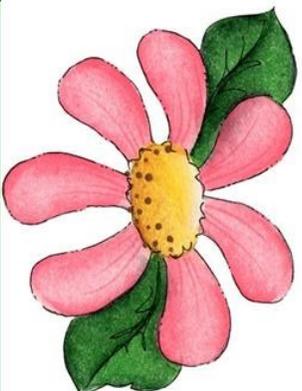


Lutheran Church of the  
Resurrection

# May 2016



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## May Birthdays

3	Caityn Ard
4	Patrick Conley, Carolyn Schang, Shannon Williams
5	Brian Pitts, Jan Swann
10	Mary Crisson
11	Kim McLean
12	Stephen Woodson
13	Doris Fryer, Joyce Kerr
18	Mark Ard, John Dixon, Debbie Mills
23	Craig Goltz
24	Barbara Morgan
31	Jill Petro

## May Anniversaries

5/6/2000	Emile and Jill Petro
5/11/1974	Frank and Joann Grepke
5/29/1971	Bill and Maureen Welch



## May Servants

### 8:00 AM

<u>Usher</u>	<u>Communion Asst.</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>A.V.</u>
1 R. Emerich/ T. Sommers	Carillion/ Ramsdell	Morris/ Kerr	Fryer
8 H. Welter / G. Wagner		Morris	Fryer
15 R/ D Mills	R. Emerich / F. Grepke	M. Emerich/Stallman	Fryer
22 Sommers/ Welter		M. Emerich	Fryer
29 G. Wagner/ H. Welter		E. Welter	Fryer

### 10:30 AM

<u>Usher</u>	<u>Communion Asst.</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>A.V.</u>
1 Henn/L Mills		Robotzen	Mathias Padgett	S/J Dixon
8 M/S Wagner	S. Dixon/ P. Fenger	Mills/Robotzen	Michael Dixon	G. Laney
15 L Mills/J Caron		P. Lewis	Dustin Padgett	R. Hein
22 D/J Lewis	D. Henn/C. Goltz	P/L Lewis	Nicolas Fenger	G. Laney
29 L Mills/ J Caron		L. Lewis	Mathias Padgett	G. Laney

<u>Counters:</u>	<u>Altar Flowers:</u>
1 Piveral/Arnold	Open
8 Steele/Swann	Terri vonBargen
15 Piveral/Hein	Ikerts
22 Steele/Wagner	Open
29 Piveral/Arnold	Open



# THE PEN

May 2016  
Pensacola, Florida

## From the Pastor....

Lostness and aloneness are part of the human condition. We act like it doesn't exist. So we often suffer in silence. We like to puff out our chest and say, "lostness, aloneness? That's other people's problem, not mine." Just recently, I heard a story about the singer, Frank Sinatra. It recounted how he really grew to dislike the one song that brought him a lot of fame. Do you remember the song? It's the one people most often think about when they think of him...The song was "I Did It My Way." People think that's the spirit, that's the way you deal with such struggles, you assert your ego, your dominance, your bravado. But Sinatra's life was full of struggles too and he grew to dislike singing that song very much. In fact, the song "etched on his tombstone," is not "I Did It My Way," but ... "The Best Is Yet To Come."

There was a man who came from heaven. There was nothing in his appearance to draw people to him. He wasn't born in a fancy place, didn't live in a fancy place . . . his life seemed ordinary. And so when he proclaimed that He was the Son of God people ignored him. The Pharisees - who knew all about his coming - cast him aside as another fraud, a charlatan.

He had nothing - not even a place to lay His head. Yet when he spoke it was as if his words were from God. He loved the underdog. The less fortunate. The ones who needed a doctor. He ate with sinners and they loved him.

They loved him because he saw past their exterior to what was underneath. And what was underneath was the same for all of them - they had sin, and guilt, and shame, and they were afraid. He didn't let them get away with what they were doing but he loved them to repentance and new life by believing in Him.

And then he did the most amazing thing - on a day we call Good Friday he took all their sin, guilt, shame and fear upon Himself. For hours he hung there bearing their load. And then in a moment he spoke what would change the course of history - "It is finished." And it was.

Friends carried his lifeless body to a borrowed tomb and placed it there for what most believed was for the rest of history. But on the third day - the third day the unthinkable happened. He rose from the dead. What all the world saw as defeat became the greatest victory . . . a victory over sin and death for you and me.

So if you're feeling lost and alone then it's time to stop "Doing It Your Way" and realize that "The Best is Yet to Come." You have a Savior who loved you to death. A Savior who defeated sin and death on your behalf. A Savior who is alive and well - seated at God's right hand interceding on your behalf. A Savior who knows you by name - who will never leave you nor forsake you.

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...



Carolyn Schang; Steve Rader; Sandy / John Steele; Bonnie Ikert (Solaris Rehab #361); Art Goltz; Jacki Kosta; Mary Crisson; Ingrid Severson ; Lucille Bryant; Charles Ayers, Barbara Morgan; Marion Sherouse; Gabriel Olsen; Dan Ikert; John Knoll; Bill Yates; Holton Harders; Violet Littleton; Sandra Collier; Patti Popiel; Doris Fryer; Betty Stewart; Stella Becker (Donna Morado's mother); Megan Thompson (Swann's granddaughter); Jonathan Nix (heart - Pam Hansen's friend); Harv Miller (surgery recovery and undergoing radiation-Pam Hansen's cousin); Sherry Davidson (cancer - Susan Hein's friend); Debbie Smith (Raders' niece) and David Miller (Elaine Welter's brother) ..... Lord, in your mercy.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY:

Pete Fenger (USAF); Jerry Hermann (USN); Don Billings (USN); Grant Barsuhn (Coast Guard); Mike Bell (Army-Afghanistan); James Hixenbaugh (USAF); Jonathan Laney (USN); Nate Swift (USMC); Zachary Laney (USN); Meagan Mustain (USAF); Chaplain Richard (Ros) Schultz (Army Reserves); Ryan McLean (USAF); Andrew Baker (Coast Guard), and Dylan Welter (Coast Guard).

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### *May 1, 2016—Sixth Sunday of Easter*

\* Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27, John 16:23-33

### *May 8, 2016—Seventh Sunday of Easter*

\* Acts 1:12-26, Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20

### *May 15, 2016—Day of Pentecost*

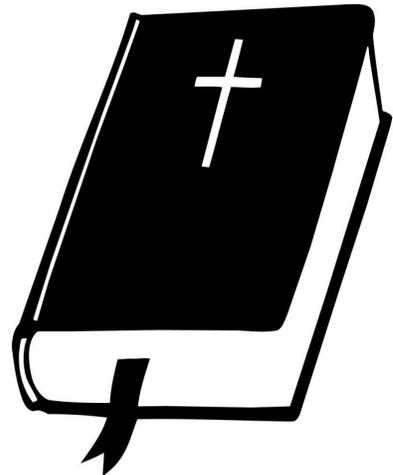
\* Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31

### *May 22, 2016—The Holy Trinity*

\* Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Acts 2:14a, 22-36, John 8:48-59

### *May 29, 2016—Second Sunday of Pentecost*

\* 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43, Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10



## BIBLE AND BREW

Join us for coffee and a study of God's Word. Opportunities are available Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM and Wednesdays at 11:00 AM.



## MORTGAGE UPDATE

On March 29, we sent in \$2,972.02 to Southern District CEF to apply to the mortgage principal. Thank you for your contributions to the Mortgage Payment Fund. Our mortgage balance is now \$466,994.96.

Dave Henn, Treasurer

## HAVE YOU CHECKED OUR WEBSITE LATELY?

Our new website design has an updated calendar of events and an online member directory. Visit [www.resluthpns.com](http://www.resluthpns.com) to see the new design. If you have any questions on how to access the online directory, please email [resurrection@resluth.gccoxmail.com](mailto:resurrection@resluth.gccoxmail.com) or stop by the church office.

## EVER-EVOLVING, EVER-LOVED HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save," often known simply as "The Navy Hymn," dates back to 1860, when William Whiting wrote it for a student of his about to travel by ship from England to America.

Original verses testified to the protection of God the Father, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. In 1940, the U.S. Episcopal Church rewrote the hymn to include travel on land and in the air. Many verses have been written since: for Navy SEALs, submariners, astronauts, military families, ship dedications and more.

The following verse, intended for Memorial Day, may be used with the credit line below:

We thank you, God, for loved ones dear  
Who clung to faith beyond their fear,  
Who served and paid the highest price  
For freedom bought with sacrifice.  
May they remind us of your Son  
Whose death our final freedom won.

### LWML NEWS

The ladies of LWML would like to thank all who donated to Favor House. Items collected were 6 packages of socks, 3 detergents, 9 sock caps, 2 hair conditioners, 2 Kleenex, 2 feminine hygiene products, 5 sock slippers, 1 teddy bear, 10 books, several packages of paper towels, 3 packages toilet tissue, 1 toothpaste and 1 lap quilt.

When you read this, the Gulf States District Convention in Gulfport, MS will be history. New District Mission Grants for the 2016-2018 biennium will have been voted on by the delegates. Check the bulletin board in the Gathering Place for a new list. Your mites that you bring will help to bring the love and Good News of Jesus in some way to those grant recipients. Mite boxes are on the usher's table in the back of the church.

### SEEDS TO BRANCHES UPDATE

Dear Congregation,

We have some great news to share with you! As of March 31st, we have pledges from 45 members totaling \$197,215.49 for our Seed to Branches campaign. The total given so far is \$45,673.04.16. So, we are well on our way.

Remember the Seeds to Branches campaign effort of our church will have a lasting impact on this community. The facilities and ministries that will be made possible through this campaign will remain a powerful testimony to the great God we worship and serve. The teaching and proclamation of God's Holy Work as it nurtures the souls of countless men, women, and children in years to come has an eternal dimension which none of us has the capacity to comprehend.

For more information on how you can be a part of this campaign, please contact Roxanne Dougherty at 850-456-6085 or the church office.

Sincerely,  
Roxanne Dougherty

### SUNSHINE SHEPHERDS

Sunshine Shepherds will meet on Friday, May 20 at Noon at Ollie's (2100 West Nine Mile Rd). Lunch is open to anyone. Contact Paul Arnold with any questions.



## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

**SHARE BOXES:** Thanks to all who donated with their Share Boxes. Together, we raised \$586.70. This money will be used to support LCMS world relief projects through the new LCMS Mercy Ministry and LCMS Disaster Response. Support will also be provided to local charities.

**DESIGNATED MISSION FOR MAY:** In our yearly budget, Social Ministry Committee includes certain ministries that our church supports called "Designated Missions". In May we support two organizations. The first is the Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida which is a non-profit organization based in Pensacola. They receive injured or orphaned wildlife, provide medical care and fostering during recovery, and rehabilitate and release wildlife, if possible. They work in conjunction with local, state and federal wildlife agencies. In addition, they provide educational outreach and conduct educational programs. The second organization is the Humane Society whose motto is "Love, Adopt, Advocate". They are committed to improving the lives of companion animals in our community through advocacy, adoption, education and sanctuary.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection began in January 2005 in answer to the words of Isaiah who tells us, "Comfort, Oh comfort my people," says your God. The Social Ministry Committee has elected to incorporate this special ministry into its mission at this time. Those of us who have had the privilege of praying with fellow members over these beautiful shawls and lap robes created by dedicated believers and have presented them to special people in need, have been blessed. The shawls are given to the hospitalized and infirmed and at the request of those knowledge of a special need. The shawl reminds the recipients that they are wrapped in the love of God and prayers of fellow believers. This is an opportunity to bring comfort to a hurting world. If you are interested in this ministry, we are always looking for knitters, crocheters and for more volunteers to join us in Social Ministry. Please pray for this ministry. For more information, call Sue Yates or talk to Melanie Hampton or one of the other Social Ministry members.

**CHECK OUT THE DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX** near the seating area where baskets are available to place pop tabs (for the Ronald McDonald House on Bayou Blvd. where families of seriously ill children at Sacred Heart Hospital are allowed to stay so they can be near their children, Campbell Label's for education (for Redeemer Lutheran School in Warrington) and used greeting cards (for St. Jude's Ranch for Children) there is no need to cut the fronts off.

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES** for you to assist are: Donate your old used eyeglasses, or pennies for the needy. The Penny Jar is located directly by the Social Ministry display table in the Narthex. We appreciate your help. We are grateful for the outpouring of support we receive from the congregation, involving our many activities to assist the "least of these."

We will continue to provide ways that you can be involved and support the efforts to help God's "least of these." That is our main purpose. If you have any questions or concerns about our ministry, contact one of the committee members or Melanie Hampton (the committee chair).

**The next meeting will be May 4, 2016 at 1:00PM.** Anyone interested is invited to attend.

God's Blessings to all.



*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*

*Hebrews 13:16*

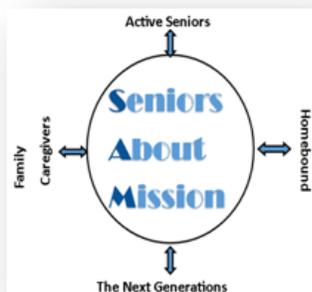
## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

**Tired of receiving telemarketing calls?** You can register your home and cell phone numbers on the national Do Not Call list by dialing 1-888-382-1222. Make sure you dial from the phone you wish to register.

Our second **Lunch and Learn** was another enjoyable and educational opportunity for our senior members and members of other churches. A big thank you to Pastor Jack Onkka for his presentation on Crime Prevention-Property protection, Personal Safety and Fraud, to Karl Boos, his daughter and Marvin Wagner for the wonderful lunch and to the whole SAM team for set-up and clean-up. Our next Lunch n Learn will be on **Tuesday, September 20th with Pastor Robert Rupp** on the topic of What God's Word says about Aging (it is quite different from our culture's view).



**Friends in Christ Visitation Team** is a group starting on **Tuesday, May 24th at 6 p.m.** The group's purpose is to coordinate visits to our homebound or semi-homebound by their fellow church members in addition to Pastor's visits. Many of our members already do this on their own. It will be helpful if all those who visit join us so that we can know which persons have visits and those that do not. We will also learn from each other hints and tips on visiting. If you plan to come to our meeting please sign up in the church narthex.



Silver Sneaker's new name is now **Low Impact Fitness for Everyone (LIFE)**. One does not have to consider themselves a senior adult to benefit from these fun and expertly led classes! (Our instructors tell us that we seem to have more energy compared to their other classes.) Cost is \$2.50/person. We meet every Tuesday at 12:15 pm in the Gathering Place.

**If you need help** with house work or yard work, contact Paul Arnold 450-2052 and he will be happy line up some people to help.

favorite game and join the fun!

**Fun Day in May is Tuesday, May 17th at 1 p.m.** following LIFE. Bring your

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School program this year will be a one day event on June 11th. Registration and sign-in will begin at 1:15, followed by a 3 hour VBS session based on "The Good Shepherd." Children from our church and community will hear that Jesus is their Good Shepherd through a Bible story, memory verse challenge, craft, snack, game, and song. We will invite families to join us for an outdoor closing program at 4:45. Then, our "Barnyard Bash" will begin at 5:00 with a family cookout and a ton of fun that will include a big waterslide, games and snow cones.



We need your help! Please visit our table in the entry area or go to [www.vbsmate.com/resluth](http://www.vbsmate.com/resluth) to register a child or sign up to volunteer. We need helpers to teach the VBS rotations, cook or serve food for the family cookout, monitor the play area after the cookout, and donate food. See Susan Dixon if you have any questions!

## DEVELOPING A GRATEFUL HEART

God's Word encourages us to give thanks. Giving thanks is a major theme of Scripture. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). We are told to give thanks in good times and in bad times for we have many reasons to give God thanks. By grace, God's blessings never cease. God is our maker and our redeemer. He has created life and sustains it. How can we not give thanks for the abundant life that we have been given in Jesus? When we give thanks to God for our church, family, work, friends, etc., we honor and praise Him for all that He does and has done for us.



While in prison, Paul wrote four or more of his epistles. In prison, he was cold, slept on the floor, was placed in chains, and was aware that he could be facing imminent death. In spite of his circumstances, he continued to thank and praise God. He urged his readers to be thankful each and every day. In writing to the believers in Colossae, Paul wrote, *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"* (Colossians 3:17). Again and again Paul encouraged us to be thankful because being thankful helps us enjoy whatever blessings come our way.

Research on thankfulness or gratitude has confirmed the importance of gratitude as it affects behaviors and attitudes toward life. The research study by Dr. Robert Emmons, a professor at the University of California, Davis, found that gratitude elevates, energizes, transforms, inspires, and gives meaning to life. The study found that grateful people have greater vitality and optimism. Ungrateful people tend to be more psychotic and depressed. Dr. Emmons' research study is titled "Dimensions and Perspectives on Gratitude," and it found that gratitude caused:

- greater happiness
- more success
- better health
- stronger emotional and psychological well-being
- more restful sleep
- better relationships

We believers don't need research to tell us about the benefits of gratitude, but it does confirm the importance of being thankful to God for Who He is and what He does for us. In the words of Rev. Billy Graham, "Gratitude is one of the greatest Christian graces; ingratitude, one of the most vicious sins."

## A BIG THANK YOU!

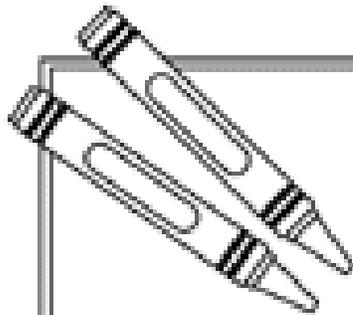
Our youth group wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to our church family for your overwhelming and abundant support of our fundraisers this year! Between renting tables, selling the many donations, Social Ministry generously donating all of their bake sale earnings, and individual donors just wanting to help us, our yard sale raised about \$1,000 dollars to help fund our trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July! Thanks again for your support of this endeavor and our spaghetti dinner and doughnut fundraisers earlier this year. We are very close to our goal and feel very loved by the outpouring of support from our congregation!

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendar for our annual church picnic at Blue Angel Recreation Area on May 22nd! Come to Pavilion 4 for our 10:30 service, followed by lunch and an afternoon of swimming, fellowship, and fun. The church will provide BBQ, buns, and drinks. Stop by the table in the entry area to sign up to bring a side item or dessert and pick up a map while you're there. Please note that we're using a different pavilion this year, and don't forget to mention at the gate that you're with the Lutheran church, and you'll get into the Recreation Area free of charge. Additionally, we will not be having Sunday School that morning. We hope to see you there!



# KID'S PAGE



Just for **KIDS**

## Who were Jesus' friends?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends.  
Whom did Jesus consider his friends?

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise,  
write every other letter on the spaces below.

John 15:14

Answer: You are my friends if you do what I command.



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