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## ON POST EASTER by Pastor Max Whitehead

*"Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'"*

~ John 20:20b-23

Easter has now come and gone. Regardless of the frequency of your church attendance, I'd guess that you and most people you know attended an Easter service somewhere. And what a refreshing service Easter Sunday is! We get to sing hymns that are only sung on that specific Sunday, some come in their Sunday best, maybe you get to have a fancy Easter meal with family, and we get to celebrate the reality that Jesus Christ is risen today! We get to rejoice and exclaim "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

We are all refreshed, perhaps revived with a new spirit and fervor... until the meal is over and we have to clean up. Or until Monday or Tuesday morning comes around and we have to go back to work. Where did that newfound gusto of Easter morning go?

Like the disciples, we were glad when we saw the Lord. And you heard these words in the Easter service (and every service), "Peace be with you." Even in our gladness, Jesus still comes to us and says the same thing as when we are afraid.

The reality is that even though we have that gladness on Easter morning, all too quickly the minutiae of the daily grind sets back in. This is not unique to us and our time. As the disciples were glad and rejoicing that Jesus had returned, Jesus gives them His peace, and in the same breath sends them out. "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

So what does it look like post-Easter for us? Is it just a morning celebration? A time to hide Easter eggs, eat too much candy, and then get back to daily living? Or has Jesus tasked us with a new duty in which to serve God and the world?

If that last question scares you, hear this: Peace be with you! Post-resurrection, we are now all called to go out into the world as the Father sent His Son, this is true. But Jesus doesn't hang His disciples out to dry, nor does He do that to us. Rather in the wake of Easter, He breathed on them the Holy Spirit. It is in this Spirit that you are actually able to forgive the sins of the people!

Jesus does not wait for the disciples to peek out of the locked room. He does not wait for us to muster up the confidence to step out into the world. He tells us to be at peace, and then breathes His word of forgiveness on us. It is in that Word that we go out into the world! It is in that Word that we trust and faith is created. In that Word we have full confidence that as Jesus has taken our sins with Him to the grave and has risen, we too are given new life! Life to live at peace in the name of Christ now and forever.

This is most certainly true.  
Pastor Max



## OUR SAVIORS VBS 2022

June 20, 2022 — June 24, 2022

9:00 am — 1:00 pm (CDT)

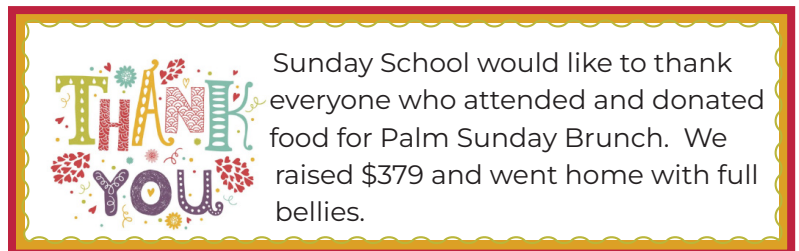
All kids who are potty trained up to kids who are going into 6th grade this fall are welcome. Kids need to bring a sack lunch and snacks will be provided.

We hope to be able to dance for the nursing home residents and perform the Danish Dances that the kids will learn. A program will be held Friday night at 7:00 for the kids to sing their songs and show what they've learned during the week.

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/429d42>



Lyla, Brooklyn, and Anna Jo receive Bible's from Sunday School on Palm Sunday



## Can You Help?

We would love your help making a difference in projects for our congregations and community by using *Thrivent Action Teams* that Thrivent members are eligible for every year!

### How it Works

Think about an unmet need in our community and how you could help. Apply to have a one-time event, such as a fundraiser, service activity, educational event, or basically any ministry need that can be completed within 90 days. Those who can be a part of your Thrivent Action Team can be people from your ministry team, from a council committee, from the congregation, or from the community. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- ✂ Promotional banner
- ✂ Invitations and thank-you cards
- ✂ Thrivent Action Team T-shirts
- ✂ A \$250 Community Impact Card that you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact

### Our Current List of Projects

- ✂ Gas & Signs for Flamingo-ing
- ✂ Toner cartridges for printing bulletins
- ✂ Mothers Day Meal
- ✂ Holy Grounds Coffee Hour
- ✂ Licensing for Worship



# MAY 2022 CHURCH CALENDAR

For complete information and additional details, please visit [www.oslcivb.org/events/](http://www.oslcivb.org/events/)

## May 1 - Sunday

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)  
10:15AM Sunday School

## May 4 - Wednesday

7:30AM Bible Study  
7:00PM Council Meeting

## May 8 - Sunday

Mothers Day  
9:00AM Worship  
10:15AM Sunday School (Last Day until fall)

## May 11 - Wednesday

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS  
5:30PM Confirmation  
7:00PM VCIS

## May 15 - Sunday

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)

## May 18 - Wednesday

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS  
5:30PM Confirmation  
7:00PM VCIS

## May 22 - Sunday

9:00AM Worship(Contemporary)

## May 25 - Wednesday

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS (last meeting until fall)  
5:30PM Confirmation (last meeting until fall)  
7:00PM VCIS

**11:59PM Newsletter Deadline**

## May 29 - Sunday

9:00AM Worship(Communion)



## Looking Ahead to June 2022

### Wednesday, June 1

7:30AM Bible Study  
7:00PM Council Meeting

### Sunday, June 5

10:30AM Worship Service  
7:00PM VCIS

### Wednesday, June 8

7:30AM Bible Study

### Sunday, June 12

10:30AM Worship Service  
7:00PM VCIS

## MAY WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

### MAY 1 - 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reader ..... Joe Schafer  
Acolyte..... Piper  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist .. Melanie Parsons  
Communion Helper ..... Acolyte

### MAY 8 - 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reader ... Steven/Linda Holmberg  
Acolyte..... Quinn  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist .. Melanie Parsons

### MAY 15 - 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reader ..... Joe Schafer  
Acolyte..... Olivia  
Communion Helper ..... Acolyte  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist .. Melanie Parsons

### MAY 22 - 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reader ..... Sharon Wirth  
Acolyte..... Thea  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Music ..... Praise Band

### MAY 29 - 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reader ..... Sharon Wirth  
Acolyte..... Jazmyne  
Communion Helper ..... Acolyte  
Live stream ..... Maxx  
Pianist/Organist .. Melanie Parsons





# 2022 COMMITTEE'S OF THE MONTH

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serves. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

## MAY

Shelley Wray  
Matt and Sharon Wirth  
Joe and Teddy Schafer  
Steven and Linda Holmberg  
Tyler Bjerke and Samantha Rothschild

## JUNE

Fred and Janet Holmberg  
Robert and Marilyn Christensen  
Loren and Michelle Johnson  
Robert and Mariann Lee

## JULY

Josh and Jenae Duus  
Fred and Janet Holmberg  
Jay and Melanie Parsons  
Staci Kropuenske

## AUGUST

Joe and Teddy Shafer  
Les and Judy Sampson  
Robert and Marilyn Christensen  
JoAnn Hansen

## SEPTEMBER

Loren and Michelle Johnson  
Matt and Denise Graves  
Chad and Belinda Holm  
Justin and Catrina Walsh

## OCTOBER

Matt and Sharon Wirth  
Shelley Wray  
Chad and Belinda Holm  
Steven and Linda Holmberg

## NOVEMBER

Jay and Melanie Parsons  
Josh and Kristie Huth  
Ellie Whitehead  
Don and Jeanie Gerdes

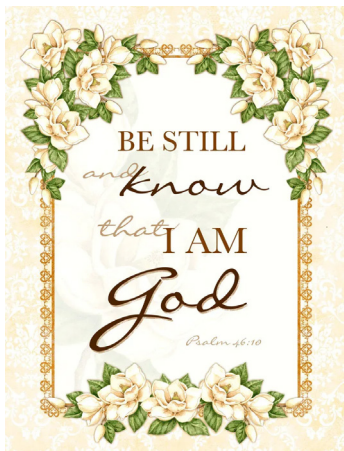
## DECEMBER & JANUARY 2023

Mike and Laura Stevens (Dec.)  
Mike and Lisa McIlvanna (Jan.)  
Josh and Jenae Duus  
Evan Stevens

## **ATTENTION!!** *Committee of the Month Leaders*

Please submit your reader schedule line-up to [admin@oslcvb.org](mailto:admin@oslcvb.org) before the 20th of the month. Thank you!!!

*The May Council Meeting is May 4 at 7:30PM*



## MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**May 1** - Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19


**May 8** - Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30


**May 15** - Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35


**May 22** - Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29


**May 29** - Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26


## DID YOU KNOW?

 if you need something put on the church calendar or into the weekly announcements you can email the information to [admin@oslcvib.org](mailto:admin@oslcvib.org) or send it by using the Contact Us form at the website [www.oslcvib.org](http://www.oslcvib.org)


 A new constitution and bylaws for OSLC members to look over are in the back of the church. We encourage comments and feedback. If you would prefer to have a digital PDF copy, please contact Kayla at [kmnielsen33@outlook.com](mailto:kmnielsen33@outlook.com). A cover letter will be provided to you.

 You can always get the latest newsletters and bulletins right from the website. The documents are almost always live on the site a day or so before they're due to fly.

 The email address "admin@oslcvib.org" goes to both Pr. Max and the virtual assistant, Karen.

 If you're not receiving the newsletter, but have subscribed, please add 'admin@oslcvib.org' to your contacts list, and check your junk /SPAM folder to route it to your inbox.

 You can subscribe to our newsletter via the website [www.oslcvib.org](http://www.oslcvib.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

 We appreciate our volunteers... without them our newsletters, bulletins, and programming would be impossible. Make sure to thank them and to let them know they're appreciated.

The food pantry is in need of the following items:



- ✿ facial tissue
- ✿ toilet paper
- ✿ shampoo
- ✿ toothpaste
- ✿ toothbrushes
- ✿ lotion
- ✿ body wash
- ✿ canned pasta
- ✿ toaster pastries
- ✿ cereal bars
- ✿ granola bars
- ✿ cooking oil
- ✿ mayo
- ✿ salad dressings
- ✿ ketchup
- ✿ sauces:
  - soy
  - worchestershire
  - etc
- ✿ spices
- ✿ peanut butter
- ✿ jelly
- ✿ pastas
- ✿ rice (not instant)
- ✿ Ramen noodles

We have a refrigerator and large freezer so meats, cheese and other items may be donated as well.