

May Newsletter



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On Post-Easter & Pentecost by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

We are post-Easter and have heard constantly that Jesus has died for us, taken all of our sins, and rose again so that we may have new life. This is the message that we must hear and believe. Without that, Jesus was simply a good guy and a great teacher. The message of death to your sins and life and freedom in Christ is the one that you should always crave when listening to a sermon (any sermon, not just one of mine).

But now what? On a Sunday morning, I do not leave you with a "to-do" list, and that is by design. You should walk out the front doors feeling freed to live in Christ, not weighed down by the idea that you should do a bunch of things in order to be a "proper" or "better" Christian. To be a good Christian is to believe in Christ - to believe that you are one of God's own people, called and forgiven. That being said, as a Christian - freed and forgiven - Peter lays it out that you have been chosen "in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts

of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." This is what we get to do with the Promise. We get to proclaim what Christ has done for us (testify), and what Christ does for His people (absolving sin).

This is what it is to be a Christian. To believe that Christ has called you, and to proclaim that Word to those with ears to hear. Don't let this word simply be caught in an echo chamber. Bring it to new people! I'd bet that you can think of a few people you wish would hear the Word. Well, if you want something for your to-do list, here it is: either proclaim the Word to them, or if you aren't comfortable doing that, bring them to a person/place that will proclaim the Word. Bring them to worship with you! Pull up the livestream! Go with them to worship in their own town or church. Together, let us proclaim the mighty acts of God, who continues to pull us out of our darkness and into His marvelous light!

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Maxwell Whitehead



May Calendar

Wednesday, May 3

2:00 PM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr VCIS
7:00 PM VCIS
7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, May 7

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Wednesday, May 10

2:00 PM Bible Study
3:45 PM Last day of Jr VCIS
5:30 PM Last day of Confirmation
(meal @ 5:30PM, Group @ 6:00PM)
7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, May 14 - Happy Mothers Day

9:15 AM Last Day of Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Wednesday, May 17

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, May 21

10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)
7:00 PM VCIS (Please note day change!)

Wednesday, May 24

Newsletter Deadline
2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, May 28

10:30 AM Worship Service (contemporary)
7:00 PM VCIS (Please note day change!)

Wednesday, May 31

2:00 PM Bible Study



May Scripture Readings

May 7 - Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14:1-14

May 14 - Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

May 21 - Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

May 28 - Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

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

Matt & Denise Graves
Steven & Linda Holmberg
Joe & Teddy Schafer
Jon & Krista Schaeffer

June

Mike & Lisa McIlvenna
Derrick & Kayla Mehlhaf
Neal & Jenny Hanson
Troy & Amy Lee
Les Sampson

July

Joe & Teddy Schafer
Fred & Janet Holmberg
Jay & Melanie Parsons
Jon & Krista Schaeffer

Worship Helpers

Sunday, May 3

Reader Krista Schaeffer
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Godwin
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, May 14

Reader Jenna Graves
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Piper
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, May 21

Reader Linda or Steven Holmberg
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Quinn
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, May 28

Reader Joe Schafer
 Acolyte Bailee
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Kayla Mehlhaf



Looking Ahead To June

Sunday, June 4

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
NOTE TIME CHANGE!!
 7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, June 7

2:00 PM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, June 11

9:00AM Worship Service
 7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, June 14

2:00 PM Bible Study



TIME FOR CHANGE!

Wednesday Bible Study will now be at 2:00 PM. If interested in joining, please contact Pr. Max!

VCIS will begin meeting Sunday evenings at 7:00PM beginning May 10, 2023.

LAST DAY...

... of Jr. VCIS & confirmation will be May 10, 2023
 ... for Sunday School will be May 14, 2023

Time Change beginning June 4, OSLC worship service will be at 9:00AM Sunday mornings.



OUR SAVIORS VBS 2023

JUNE 5TH, 2023 - JUNE 8TH, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Program will be Thursday at 7:00

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.

Sign up by May 24th to be guaranteed a free T-shirt!

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 **Thursday 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/9474f0>



First Communion





VCIS: A Ministry of the larger Viborg Lutheran Church

Vocavit - Congregantur - Illustratus - Sanctificatus

Called - Gathered - Enlightened - Sanctified



We are back! It was a busy February and March for all of us, but we are back to full force on Wednesday evenings. And we have added some new faces to the crew! Lexie Larsen, Kara & John Edelman, Kelli & BJ Zimmerman, and Mitch Larsen will be regularly helping lead our time together sharing in faith and fellowship with the Youth. We are so glad they are willing to give their time!

Speaking of being back at it, don't be surprised if you start seeing those pink flamingos in a yard near you again! We have a few on the list to flock from last year, but don't you worry, you can still talk to any of the kids or me to sponsor a flocking.

Lately, we prepared and served the annual Easter Brunch at Spring Valley as well as helped lead the service. We had 14 Youth helping prepare the brunch (which we did in record time by the way), as well as 8 of them come out to lead the Sunrise Easter Service and serve the following brunch. We have such great kids in our congregations, willing to help and serve, you should definitely be proud of them - I know I am.

We have also been diving into our favorite bible verses and testing our bible knowledge with a new bible trivia game. I encourage you to ask one of the Youth what their favorite verse is and why! Maybe you can share your favorite verse with them too. It is a great way to get a conversation started about one's faith and build on a relationship perhaps across a generation or two.

Speaking of the flamingo-ing, we are gearing up for our mission trip to North Carolina! The kids have all been working really hard, but we haven't quite met our financial goal yet. It costs about \$652 for each person to go (including the 6 Adult leaders that will be coming along). The kids have been doing an awesome job, but there is still more work to be done! If you would like to donate anything to help them reach their fundraising goals, checks can be made out to VCIS and sent to PO Box 98 Viborg, SD 57070. Aside from monetary support, we greatly appreciate prayerful support too!

Thank you for your continued support! This group is very special to a lot of kids and their families, and we give thanks for the opportunity to grow together in Christ.

Pastor Max

