

May Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk on "The Church"

What is the "church"? This is a question that perhaps does not get asked enough, yet may look different in the eyes of many people. Take a moment to think about what the "church" is for you.

Naturally, the obvious answer, or the answer that you think a pastor might want to hear is that the "church" is a place of worship. It is a place of hope, healing, and love.

If we are honest with ourselves, there are likely some other definitions as well. For some, the church is a place that you go on Sunday morning because "that's just what you do." It might be a social club where you can find generally like-minded people or your Sunday friends. It isn't fun for a pastor to admit, but the truth is, the church as an institution can be a source of pain for people. For some, it might be a place of judgment and condemnation.

But what if the church wasn't a place at all. Instead, what if the church was thought of as a congregation of believers? Jesus says to Peter, "on this rock, I will build my church." This rock that the church is being built on is not Saint Peter, rather, it is the confession that Peter has; the confession that Christ is the Lord! The writers of the Augsburg Confession - a document with doctrine to which Lutherans confess - wrote that the "church is anywhere the true gospel is preached, and the sacraments rightly administered." That's it.

The true gospel is the confession of Jesus as Lord and salvation only through Him; and the sacraments echo that promise.

So there we have it. Whenever and wherever two or three are gathered in the name of Christ and we are delivering the true gospel to one another, there the is the church. We can use various instruments in worship, contemporary or traditional hymns. We can worship in a physical church building, in a park, or by the lake. As long as we have the Word and a group of believers, there is the church!

What is the church? It might be a place of judgment. But know this: God has judged you, and has called you good! Christ has judged you, and the sentenced you to eternal life for His name's sake! May the church be a time, space, group, where you do find hope, healing, and love. May it be a time and place for you to worship and glorify your Father in heaven who will never forsake you.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Maxwell Whitehead



May Calendar

Wednesday, May 1

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM Council Mtg
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, May 5 (Communion)

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

Wednesday, May 8

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM Council Mtg
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, May 12 (traditional)- Mother's Day

9:00 AM **Worship Service (traditional)**
Sunday School Sings
 10:15 AM Sunday School (Last Day)

Wednesday, May 15

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, May 19

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Communion)**
 5:15 PM **Chosen People Worship Service**

Wednesday, May 22

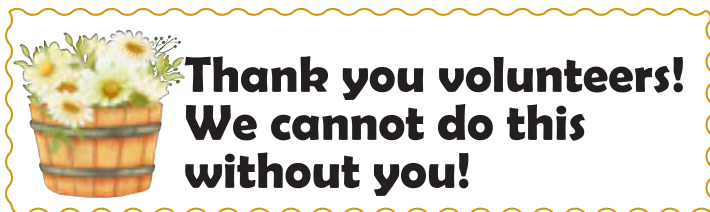
2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, May 26

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Contemporary)**

Wednesday, May 29

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS



Worship Helpers

Sunday, May 5 (Communion)

Reader Matt Graves
 Acolyte/Communion Asst. Stetson
 Live Stream Maxx/Godwin
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, May 12 (Traditional)

Reader Krista Schaeffer
 Acolyte Anna Jo
 Live Stream Maxx/Godwin
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, May 19 (Communion)

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

Sunday, May 26 (Contemporary)

Reader Joe Schafer
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Quinn S
 Live Stream Maxx/Godwin
 Organist/Pianist Praise Band

Committee's of the Month

The committee reads Scriptures on Sundays each month. Confirmed youth of members are included. List of duties are on the bulletin board.

May

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

June

Mike and Lisa McIlvenna
 Loren and Michelle Johnson
 Joe and Teddy Schafer

July

Fred and Janet Holmberg
 Chad and Belinda Holm
 Jay and Melanie Parsons

Looking Ahead To June

Sunday, June 2

10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Monday, June 3

8:30 AM VBS

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 AM VBS

Wednesday, June 5

8:30 AM VBS

2:00 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Council Mtg

7:00 PM VCIS

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 AM VBS

7:00 PM VBS Program

Sunday, June 9

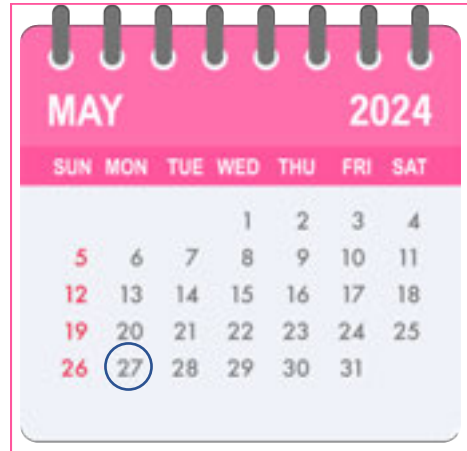
10:30 AM Worship Service (traditional)

Wednesday, June 12

2:00 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM VCIS

DEADLINE



The June Newsletter Deadline is May 24. Submissions after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion into the newsletter.

Please submit all articles and information on time. Thank you!

**UNTIL ALL
HAVE HEARD
MATT
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28:19**

MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 05: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

May 12: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

May 19: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17



Food Pantry Needs

Please consider helping if you can. We are in need of the following items...

- Facial Tissue
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Body Wash
- Sauces -
- Soy
- Worcestershire
- BBQ.
- Ketchup
- Canned Goods
- Toaster Pastries
- Cereal Bars

- Granola Bars
- Cooking Oil
- Mayo
- Salad Dressings
- Spices
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Pastas
- Rice (not instant)
- Ramen noodles

We have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).



Our Saviors VBS 2024

June 3, 2024 - June 6, 2024



8:30 AM - 12:00 PM • Mon-Wed



8:30 AM - 2:45 PM • Thursday



7:00 PM • Thursday • VBS Program



All kids who are potty trained up to kids who were in 6th grade in 2024 are welcome. Kids need to eat breakfast at home and a small snack will be provided during the day.

Sign up by May 20th to be guaranteed a free T-shirt

On Thursday we hope to be able to do Danish Dancing for the nursing home residents at 2:00. A sack lunch will be needed on Thursday. 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> or scan the QRCode below

