

From the Pastor...

I'm looking forward to the month of May!

I'm grateful that we've passed the one-year mark (actually, one year and two months) for gathering every Sunday in person in our worship space. Though we can't tell if we have emerged from COVID until it is in the rearview mirror, it is good to be gathering more frequently with more and more people as time goes on.

I'm also looking forward to gathering with all my colleagues from across Minnesota on May 24 and 25 at the St. Cloud Convention Center. Denny and I will be our congregation's representatives at this annual event that we haven't had in person for three years (and Nancy will be there, too)!

I hope you are planning to be at our vote on our Inclusion Statement following worship on May 15. Our statement is: "All are welcome—people of all ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities—to fully participate in all aspects of our hometown church with a global connection." Our District Superintendent, Susan Nienaber, will be with us on this important day. In last month's "From the Pastor" I outlined some of the steps we have taken over the last three years to get to where we are today.

It is also exciting to have the summer months in view. Because I had anticipated that I would take some time this spring to go on the second of the three journeys funded by the grant we got in 2020 from Lilly Endowment, I have some vacation days stored up that I need to use before July 1 (the beginning of what we call in the United Methodist Church "the appointment year.") I had planned to take three weeks in New Mexico at Ghost Ranch, but things didn't work out. So instead, in May, I will be taking one week of Continuing Education and one week of vacation, allowing all of us to hear Denny Hebrink and Linda Richnofsky preach.

Sunday, May 22, I will be at a former church that I served (Aldersgate, in St. Louis Park) as they "decommission" the church building in anticipation of their moving to shared space with Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church just a mile down the road from their current building. The Aldersgate building site will be a new site for 114 affordable apartments, some much needed living space in that part of town.

Thank you, church, for being church in our community as we continue to partner in our mission of Building Bridges to Christ's Love.

~ Pastor Holly

May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 5-7 Alex R.
Taylor M.
- 5-8 Ersileen M.
- 5-16 Mava K.
- 5-19 Holly K.
- 5-25 Carole A.
Gary G.
Cathy W.
- 5-27 Ed K.
- 5-29 Marilyn B.
Peyton T.
- 5-30 Lucy K.

Anniversaries

- 5-1 Andy & Shurene E.



*If you do not see your special date, please let the office know!

National Day of Prayer

You are invited to this year's National Day of Prayer at the American Legion (355 W. Broadway, Forest Lake) on Thursday, May 4 at noon. Join our community's Christians as Christians from all across the nation gather to pray for our country, state and local communities. Coffee, water, and light refreshments will be served.

MAY 2022

SERVANT SCHEDULE

May 1:

Usher: Pat Rylander

Greeter: Lois Shannon

Live Stream: Ryan Rodacker

Soundboard: Elizabeth Rodacker

Coffee Service: Deb Hulbert and Linda Richnofsky

May 8:

Usher: Chris Sycks

Greeter: Dave Freemore

Live Stream: Alec Aastuen

Soundboard: Ryan Rodacker

Coffee Service: Shirley Faber and Cyndi Turbeville

May 15:

Usher: Tom Sausen

Greeter: Bernie Sausen

Live Stream: David Aastuen

Soundboard: Karyla Parrish

Coffee Service: Cathy West and Connie Warneke

May 22:

Usher: Cathy West

Greeter: Gay Gronlund

Live Stream: David Aastuen

Soundboard: Alec Aastuen

Coffee Service: Carole Aalderks and Janet Rasmussen

May 29:

Usher: Denny Hebrink

Greeter: Nancy Hebrink

Live Stream: Elizabeth Rodacker

Soundboard: Deb Hulbert

Coffee Service: Karen Kramer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship	2	3 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	4 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	5	6	7	
8 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship 10:50am Confirmation <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	11 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	12	13	14	
15 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship Vote on Inclusion Statement (following Worship)	16	17 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	18 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	19	20	21 9 a.m. Walk for Water at Linwood Covenant	
22 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship	23 11am Worship at The Meadows	24 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	25 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	26	27	28	
29 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship	30  <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	Annual Conference in St. Cloud				



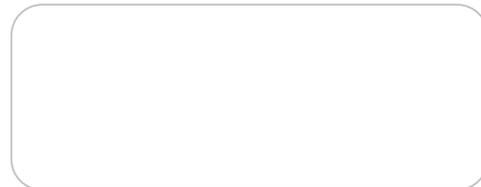
Walk For Water

Jane and Craig R. and others are inviting you to join them at the World Vision Global 6K for Water at 9AM, Saturday, May 21 at Linwood Covenant Church, joining thousands of people across the globe in our mission to bring life-changing clean water to children in communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Participants need to register at:

global6k.worldvision.org/team/LCC

and pay the \$50 registration fee which goes to the worthy cause as well as reserves a t-shirt for you at the event. You may also go to that site to donate to this effort. Please arrive for the event by 8:45. The walk will begin and end at the Linwood Covenant parking lot and take walkers through the woods and boardwalk around Island Lake.

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Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth
 be glad; let the sea resound, and all
 that is in it. -Psalm 96:11 (NIV)



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From New Pathways:

Thank you so much for your donation of \$500 to New Pathways, Inc. Your partnership with us is giving a family a chance...a chance to have a safe place to sleep, to take a hot shower and put on clean clothes, to work with professionals who can help assess their needs and develop a plan to get into a home of their own, and a chance to do many of the things we take for granted. The impact of your support will help many during the most difficult time of their lives. Your support is an inspiration to us: it keeps our hope alive and encourages us to continue our essential work. We're so very grateful that you're part of our team.

-With sincere gratitude, Mary Ann ER Westlund, Executive Director

Let's Celebrate

You are invited to a celebration called *New Pathways Path to Home Family Reunion* (Volunteer Appreciation Event) on May 26. We will have dinner, music, games and door prizes at the Erickson Farmstead at 1376 261st Ave. NE, Isanti. Social hour is at 5PM, dinner at 6PM. Please make a reservation (by May 13) by calling 763-691-0121 ext. 5 or log on to <https://bit.ly/NPI-FamilyReunion22>

Unexpected Company Concert

Unexpected Company Chorale is excited to present "Bringing Back Broadway," a concert of tunes from favorite Broadway shows. The concerts will be at Trinity Lutheran in Lindstrom on Friday, May 13 at 7:30PM and Forest Hills UMC in Forest Lake on Sunday, May 15 at 3PM. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or through their website: ucchorale.org.



Thank You!

What a great celebration of Christ's resurrection we had on Easter this year! Many of you came back to worship in person and we're grateful for all those who worked behind the scenes to make it all happen—the Easter breakfast, the Easter Egg Hunt, the communion, the Easter flowers, the Easter decorations, the Flowering of the Cross, etc. Well done, good and faithful servants! And a Happy Easter Season to all!

Worship Services in May

This month we celebrate the Easter Season, which stretches through the entire month of May. We will talk, among other things, about the Love Commandment as well as ways that Jesus shows up in various ways in our lives. Come, join in worship as we continue to celebrate the Easter echoes that celebrate Christ's victory over death.

May 1
 The Bible and Inclusion
 John 13:31-35

May 8
 Mother's Day
 New Life
 Acts 9:36-43

May 15
 Loving God
 John 21:1-19

May 22
 Guest Preacher,
 Denny Hebrink

May 29
 Guest Preacher,
 Linda Richnofsky

