

# The Monthly Herald May 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

**“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.” (Psalm 78:4, NIV)**

It is time to embrace the work at hand that, as our mission statement proclaims, we lovingly and urgently proclaim Jesus as Lord, seeking to disciple all nations. We have work to do! There is a world out there lost in sin. The symptoms of a society becoming more godless are all around us. If you don't see it, you need to take another look!

It is time to be light and salt, for our Lord Jesus has spoken about His followers that they are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. He went on to say that if “salt loses its saltiness it is worthless!” We have work to do; still others need to know of the love, the salvation, the cross and empty tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ and the hope it brings.

I would like to invite you into the mission field and challenge you to make a difference in our world and in our church for the sake of Jesus and His kingdom. I want to challenge you to pray. Pray for eyes open to see the spiritual need all around you . . . and in the lives of people close to you. Pray for your neighbors, for the clerk at the store, for the repair man where you drop your car off for an oil change. Pray for the Spirit of God to give you boldness to speak of Jesus day by day . . . or at least tell people: “God bless you.”

If you sense “urgency” in the previous paragraph, it's because we have great a and urgent need in our world for people to know Jesus. It is even in our mission statement: “. . . to lovingly and urgently . . .” share the gospel and make disciples. It's time to pray and speak and be bold. It is always time for God's children to be light and salt in a world of darkness and evil.

Almost a year ago we added a message to our digital sign: “St. Paul's is a Family on Mission for Christ.” That's who we are called to be. Let us seek to live up to the high calling of our God. (Phil. 3:16) We are St. Paul's. We are Generations United in Mission. We are the children of God (1 John 3:1). “I believed and so we speak,” declares our Easter verse. Why? “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved!” (Acts 4:12) Let us pray and seek to be salt and light for our generation and the generations to come.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Bender*



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of His heart to all generations.  
Psalm 33:11

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# Bible Studies

## Men's Bible Breakfast – The Priesthood of All Believers

May 8 & 22 at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for men's Bible breakfast. We are studying the New Testament reality that the apostle Peter describes as *the priesthood of all believers*. In other words, we are studying what it means for us at St. Paul's to *be* the church, the called people of God. In this study we are looking at what a priest is, some LCMS history, Christianity trends in America, and how we can be God's hands and feet in our time. See you there!

## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

We are in the midst of the study of Paul's letter to the Romans. There are so many important teachings in this classic epistle penned under inspiration by the apostle Paul. You will grow in faith! You will grow in God's grace! You will find strength for the daily struggles in life and hope for the future. Why not start coming this month?

We meet at 9:15a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. During the month of May we will finish chapter 6 and be working our way through chapters 7 and 8. Chapter 6 ends with these wonderful words: **“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** Chapter 7 deals very openly with the struggle with our sinful flesh and the battle that every sincere Christian faces every day of their lives. Chapter 8 then moves forward with the declaration that there is **“No condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”** and how we are now free to live the sanctified life. The following is the schedule for May:

**May 2: Romans, chapter 6**

**May 9: Romans, chapter 7**

**May 16: Romans, chapter 7/8**

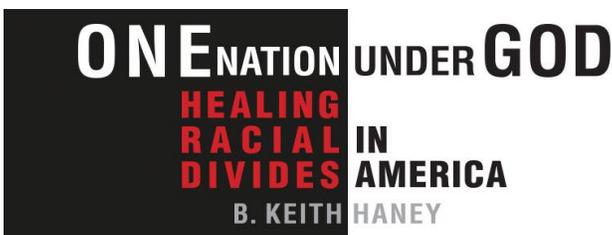
**May 23: Romans, chapter 8**

**May 30: No Class as we enter into our summer schedule; class resumes in September**

Hope to see you in class!

## Thursday Morning Bible Class 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall

During the month of May, once we conclude our Bible study on healing the racial divide in America, we will be diving into a series entitled: "Called." We are looking into the Paul's words in the book of Ephesians. See how you have been called by God through the Gospel and can serve Him and your neighbor each day! See you on Thursdays!



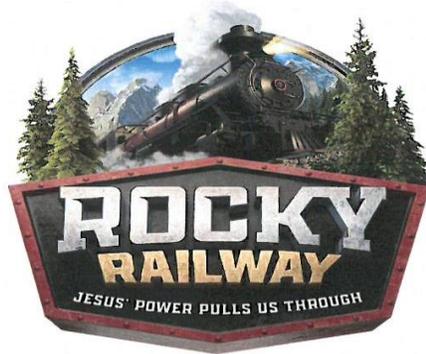
# Congratulations Confirmands

Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> at our 10:30am Worship Service

Confirmation Questioning will take place Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm



Climb aboard for...



The best week of the summer!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games  
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in West Allis  
(church name)

VBS will last from: June 7th-11th, 2021  
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 9:00 am  
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 11:30 am  
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: Natalie Romano @ 847-636-1534  
(church phone number)

Register online here: vbspro.events/p/37f844  
(web address)

## Ladies Guild

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Mite Box: The Mite Box is in the narthex. It is placed out on the first weekend of the month. It is for use by anyone. Anyone can take a Mite Box home and put coins or bills in the box. Just like the widows in the Bible. The money that is received will be used to fulfill the grants that were voted upon by the delegates at the conventions. These grants are for agencies all over the world. Thank you for participating.

## Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at 84<sup>th</sup> Classic Café (the old Johnny V's) on Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.

## Quilter's Patch

May 3 & 17 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall



### FROM THE ELDERS:

On Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>  
after the 10:30  
service, there will  
be a small  
gathering with  
communion for  
anyone interested.  
Please call the  
church office to  
sign up.



When you are doing your Spring cleaning, if you run across things that are in good condition but you no longer use, please make a donation to **3 in 1 Thrift Store**, which helps support our three Lutheran High Schools.

They are located at 3117 S. 108<sup>th</sup> Street.

Hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Thanks! – Carol Hoffmann

## MEMORIAL DAY

A DAY OF SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE,  
FLAGS FLYING  
TAPS PLAYED  
TEARS FLOWING  
AS WE REMEMBER AND HONOR  
OUR FALLEN HERO'S  
WHO FOUGHT AND DIED THAT  
WE MAY BE SAFE AND FREE.



LET US THANK GOD FOR THE  
MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE  
STEPPED FORWARD TO SERVE AND  
PROTECT, PUTTING THEMSELVES  
HARM'S WAY FOR YOU AND ME.  
THAT WE MAY BE SAFE AND LIVE  
IN THE LAND OF THE FREE.

LET US REMEMBER THEM IN OUR  
DAILY PRAYERS FOR GOD'S  
PROTECTION UPON THEM.

ELAINE LEMKE

## Music Notes



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4

What a JOY it has been to hear the singing in church, especially this joyful Easter season! I am thankful for all the volunteer singers and instrumentalists that have joined in making a "joyful noise to the LORD" these past few months. I pray you have been blessed by the additions of the Evening choir, handbells, Praise team and student choirs to our worship services. We pray the Lord continues to allow these blessings into the future.

You are welcome to join our Praise Team OR share your musical gifts and talents in a service. Please contact me, Michelle Prince, and join in praising the LORD with us.

Evening Choir and Evening Bell Choir will return again, God-willing, in September.

Praise Team - rehearsals - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 7 PM church balcony

Michelle Prince-- (414) 541-6250; michelle@splcwa.org ; 414-552-4938



## A Visit to the Holy Land of our Lord Jesus

In the year of our Lord, 2023, Pastor & Jo Bender hope to make the trip to the Holy Land. It would bless our hearts if some of our brothers and sisters in Christ would like to join us in this endeavor. If you are interested in joining us, please send me an email at [harold@splcwa.org](mailto:harold@splcwa.org) or give me a call at church, 541-6250. We plan to have a preliminary meeting sometime in Summer or early Fall to begin plans.

May God grant us to make this journey and bless our hearts to see the actual places on God’s earth where Holy History took place.

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# School Youth Ministry News

## High School Youth Ministry News



## Spring Barbecue!

**WHEN?** Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**WHAT?** Food, Yard Games, Time in the Word

**WHERE?** The Rudig's House!

12261 W. Verona Ct.

West Allis, WI 53227

**\*Please RSVP to Pastor Noah by Friday, May 14.\***

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**More information will follow in the summer months!**

# Sharing God's Bounty

## Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize

If a runner in a race takes his eyes off his goal for even a fleeting moment, he risks losing his focus and, along with that, the race. So it is with the Christian who must be diligent to keep his focus on his stewardship. If he takes his eyes off his heavenly goal and directs them toward his possessions, his worldly aspirations, or his temporal difficulties, he loses his focus and risks losing the race. The words of Paul provide encouragement for us: *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 3:13). Focusing on our Earthly circumstances can lead us in two directions – both of them deadly! We may either find things of the world to be so attractive, they become the prize toward which we strain, or we find things to be so dismal that we despair.

Our Chief Steward, Jesus, our Savior, focused on the prize. We are exhorted to follow his example: *“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”* (Hebrews 12:2). Talk about keeping focus! *“Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart”* (Hebrews 12:3). Talk about running a race! And he did it for us, *“so that [we] will not grow weary and lose heart.”*

And look at the prize he won! He ascended into Heaven and now sits *“at the right hand of the throne of God.”* Heaven is our prize, too – a prize beyond compare. Christ’s promise is this: *“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life”* (Revelation 2:10b). Should we falter, as we are certain to do, we claim another of his promises: *“The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it”* (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

*“I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich...  
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.”*

- St. Paul

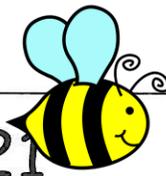
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If you have an **emergency** and need to contact one of the pastors, here are their direct numbers:

Pastor Bender 1-217-779-7985

Pastor Noah 1-262-302-9575



# May 2021 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 5:00 PM Worship
<b>2</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Quilters	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Board of Christian Education	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Praise Band	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Finance 6:00 PM School Board 6:10 PM Bells 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM Mens Bible Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Small Group Communion <i>Mothers Day</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Council	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM Widows Lunch	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Bible Class  6:30 PM Confirmation Questioning	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:00 PM Worship
<b>16</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Confirmation 3:00 PM Youth BBQ	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Quilters	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Planning Committee Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Praise Band	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM Bible Class	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 AM Mens Bible Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
<b>23</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM Piano Recital <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Ladies Guild Pot Luck	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM Elders	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 PM School Board	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:00 PM Worship
<b>30</b> 8:00 and 9:30 AM or 9:00 AM (Pending May 11th Council Meeting)	<b>31</b> Memorial Day 					

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# ALL OVER ASIA

NEWS FROM THE FERRY FAMILY



Easter 2021

## Photo Update from Taiwan

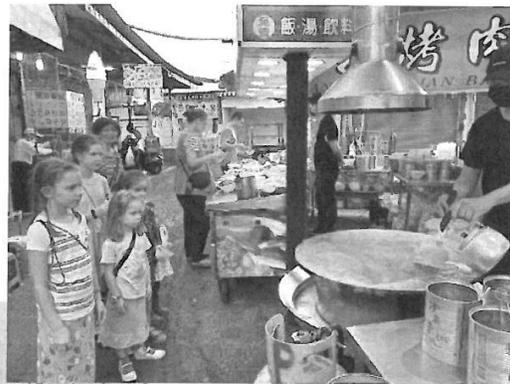
Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

哈利路亞，基督復活了！祂真的復活了，哈利路亞！

It has been several months since we've last connected via a newsletter. So in this issue will share a few images of what we've been up to, rather than trying to capture everything in text. We pray this time of the year is filled with the joy and peace of sins forgiven and life eternal in Jesus Christ our risen and triumphant Savior.



Above: Cheryl and the kids learn to paint Chinese characters to celebrate the Lunar New Year, working with teacher and friends.



Above: Ferrys visit a traditional Night Market and work with Teacher to order food for Mongolian BBQ.



Below: The Ferry family gathers in Kaohsiung for a traditional meal with local friends.

Below: Caleb serves as lector in our chapel for an Easter Divine Service. He's grown so much he barely fits into the cassock any more!



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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- *The new little Ferry to be born any day now.*
- *Our partner churches as they make important but difficult decisions about the direction of their churches.*
- *The new Christians around us: that the Lord would sustain and strengthen them.*

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- *The relationships in our vocations, for the good we are blessed to give and receive.*
- *Our healthy and growing children, who love where we live and know they're safe and secure.*

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**Birthday Updates from the Ferrys**

February was a busy time for our family in the birthday department:

**Cassandra (Cassie)** → turned seven in February 2021. She wanted to bake her own cake for this year's treat. So she worked with Cheryl to do the whole project, right up to the buttercream frosting.



**Charlotte (Charlie)** ← turned three in February this year. She got to celebrate her birthday with friends who came over bringing Onion Pizza (a Taiwan treat), but Cheryl also made a cake for her to share.



We also had the great pleasure of celebrating Cheryl's birthday in the same month. We won't say how old she was, but eagle-eyed readers might find a clue in the picture here →. What a wonderful opportunity this was to show Momma how much we love and appreciate her! Caleb even went down to the local florist and ordered (all in Chinese!) a beautiful bouquet of flowers to surprise Cheryl on the morning of her big day.



As of this writing, we're still waiting for the April birthday... the delivery of our 7<sup>th</sup> little one. We'll keep you posted!

*God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love.*

*- Your Servants and Partners in Asia, **the Ferry Family**  
Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra, Chloe, Charlotte, and C\_\_\_\_\_*



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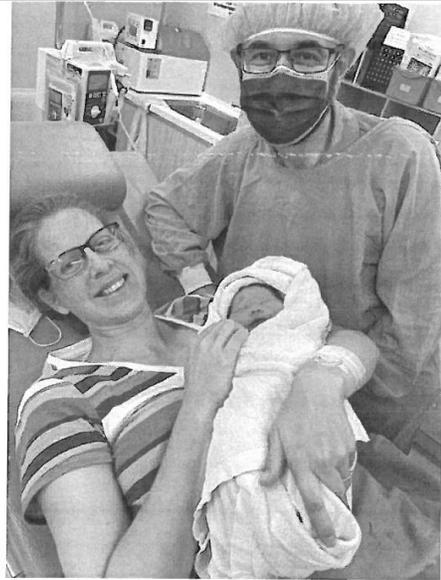
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# WELCOME: Caylee Violet Ferry



We are thankful to announce that Caylee appears to be very healthy, and was a quick delivery: she was in our arms **just 15 minutes** after we arrived at the clinic where she was born! She now joins her six older siblings at home, and we look forward to being washed in the waters of Holy Baptism this Sunday (18 April) at our local Taiwan congregation.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!



Above Left: Word got out quickly that there was a foreign family in the building that was welcoming child #7. The Taiwanese cleaning staff were just some of the visitors we had who wanted to not only see, but to COUNT all the kiddos.

Above Right: The nurses who helped deliver Caylee and take care of Cheryl wanted a last photo before we left to bring Caylee home.



Many thanks to all of you for your prayers while we awaited Caylee's birth. Now we REALLY need your prayers as we find a new equilibrium for our household. God has blessed us in wonderful ways, and we rejoice at your prayers, partnership, love, and trust.