

# The Monthly Herald May 2019

## From Your Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God's grace, mercy, and peace are yours in abundance through our Lord Jesus Christ who is risen from the dead. Amen!



It has finally arrived and we hope will continue in full swing. Of what do I speak? Spring!! I just love the spring time of the year. It is such a blessing to feel the warmth of the sun shine down on your cheeks. It is a glorious sight to see leaves appear on the tree branches again . . . and flowers come forth and bloom in due time. Take in a deep breath as you walk through Greenfield Park, and a whole assortment of fragrances will bless your sense of smell.

All of these things are grand and glorious gifts from God, our Father. Indeed, the Scriptures proclaim this:

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. (Psalm 19:1-4a)**

And again:

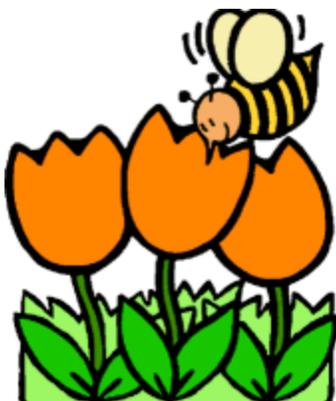
**Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; (Psalm 96:11-12)**

The Scriptures give us the picture of the entire creation proclaim the glory of God in the work of His hands. Even fields being "jubilant" and trees "singing for joy"! Of course, in that last psalm, it was because the Lord "comes" in righteousness to judge. Yes, even greater than spring time is the greatness of the One who gives us spring!! And, above all, He sprang forth in resurrection on that first Easter morn.

So rejoice in all God's good gifts this time of the year. Ponder anew all the Almighty can do and has done. Celebrate life each day . . . and especially the Life that died and rose again for you! Christ is risen!! He is risen, indeed!! Alleluia! Amen!

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Bender*



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## Bible Classes

### Men's Bible Breakfast

During the month of May we will finish up our Lutheran Hour Ministries study: **“Working for the Man Upstairs.”** What we do as men in our *occupations* is very important in life. Yet, seeing our work or other activities as opportunities to fulfill our *vocation as Christians* is even more important. For the month of May, these are the themes and dates for each study:

May 11 - “Take This Job and . . .”

May 25 - “Who is That Masked Man?”

We gather a little before 7am. We share what's going on in life, talk a bit about sports or other things, and, most importantly, we pray and partake in both physical and spiritual food. All men are welcome. If you are already coming, invite someone to join you! God's blessings are guaranteed!!!

### Adult Bible Class: Go and Be Reconciled!

Reconciliation is the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ laid down His holy life so that we could be reconciled to God. But sometimes we selfishly receive His grace and forgiveness by forgetting or even refusing to share it with others!! During the month of May we will move into the study on learning to share that forgiveness with others. Every child of God could benefit from this study! More study books are available if you want to join up mid-stream!!

If you want to grow as a Christian and live in peace with others, just come on down to the fellowship hall and join us at 9:15am on Sunday mornings. The Good News of Jesus Christ is that **not only** can we be reconciled to God, but our Father's great desire is that we reconcile with others through confession and forgiveness. Coffee and baked goods are an added bonus!

### Monday Morning Bible Study - Monday's at 11:30am in the Library

We are studying the Book of Genesis. Please join us! Leader: Laurel Privatt

### Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall

Continue learning alongside Pastor Noah in Thursday morning Bible class on a study entitled, “God's Missionary Kingdom” from 10:00am-11:30am. If you have ever wondered what the biblical basis for mission is, this study is for you! We hope to see you there!

### Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school will be held **June 17<sup>th</sup>-June 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 from 9am-Noon**. Our theme this year is ROAR! Life is wild! God is good!

Students entering 3k-5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade- 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to volunteer to help with VBS. If any families would be willing to help out please let us know. For additional questions contact Natalie Romano. Nmiller0103@hotmail.com. Registration forms will be available soon!



**Join us for a rompn' stompn' ROAR of a good time!**

# St. Paul's Family Album

## DEATHS

Lawrence Andrew DeBona 3/30/2019  
LuEva Daniel 4/7/2019  
Patricia Suzan Gotz (notified 4/15/2019)

## RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

Bennett & Hannah Frazier 2933 W. Drexel Avenue Unit 509 – Franklin, WI 53132  
From: Peace Lutheran Church – New Berlin, WI

Amanda Buch 4880 W. Abbott Avenue - Greenfield, WI 53220  
From: Our Shepherd Lutheran Church – Greendale, WI

William & Jacqueline Minor and baptized children William & Elizabeth  
From: Our Shepherd Lutheran Church – Greendale, WI

Wyatt Ploetz 3677 S. 82<sup>nd</sup> Street - Milwaukee, WI 53220  
From: Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Sheboygan, WI

Diane Blank 3036 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street - Milwaukee, WI 53219  
From: Grace Lutheran Church – Milwaukee, WI

## RECEIVED BY ADULT CONFIRMATION

Stephanie Balsman 9617 W. Hampton Avenue - Wauwatosa, WI 53225  
Toni Dunn 8436 W. Orchard Street - West Allis, WI 53214  
Deola Shoup 10574 W. Cortez Circle #22 - Franklin, WI 53132

## RECEIVED BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

Mark Shoup 10574 W. Cortez Circle #22 - Franklin, WI 53132

## REMOVED BY TRANSFER

Brett & Emily Coogan and baptized son Ian  
To: Hales Corners Lutheran Church – Hales Corners, WI  
Debra Geisler  
To: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – Menomonee Falls, WI

## NEW ADDRESS

Elenor Spitzer W182 S8320 Pioneer Drive #7 - Muskego, WI 53150

## A BIG THANK YOU

This year's auction was a huge success.

The senior youth auction team sends a very special thank you to all of those who donated items either personally, as a church or school group or from area businesses. We also say thank you to all of those who attended. You are such a blessing to the young adults of this church/school family and make this possible.

With great appreciation and love we thank you.



## 2019 Junior Confirmands

May 19, 2019

10:30am



*Ashton Dolhun*

*Erika Graff*

*Emma Harper*

*Kaytlin Lipski*

*Meredith Powers*

*Angelee Schmitz*

*Ashley Vogt*

*Caden Gibbs*

*Ryann Gutknecht*

*Benjamin Ingraham*

*Sophia Anne Novotny*

*Luna Ramos-Frankowski*

*Cameron Skenandore*

*Emily Yakel*

*Riley Zacharias*

*My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.*

*Proverbs 2:1-5*



## **St. Paul's Trivia**

*April's Question* ~ How many souls have been received by Holy Baptism at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in West Allis, since this church began in 1926?

**Answer: 3195**

*May's Question:* How many souls Confirmed their Christian faith (Rite of Confirmation) here at St. Paul's since the church began in 1926?

*Answer in your June/July Herald*

**Widows Lunch** ~ The next Widows Lunch will be on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Meyer's Restaurant 4260 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Elizabeth Ministry** ~ We have a facebook page for Elizabeth Ministry for our church!



It is – St. Paul's Lutheran Church (@elizabethministrysplcwa). Please remember Elizabeth Ministries in your prayers and if you wish to join this group, please contact Julie Avila at elizabethministrysplcwa@gmail.com.

## **Quilter's Patch**

Once again, our quilting group has been blessed with an influx of fabric. Janis Spitzer's neighbor decided it was time to clear out her sewing room. I picked up four bags and she may have more later. Janet Johnson reported the sad news that the ladies of Trinity Lutheran on 68<sup>th</sup> street will no longer be making quilts. Janet delivered their fabric and batting to our closet. Any fabric that our group does not use was passed on to Zion Lutheran Church on 76<sup>th</sup> near Oklahoma. They have a small group of ladies that create quilts for needy families in the community.

Our group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 9:00am until 11:30am. Below are the dates during May thru August we will meet. You are invited to come join us....No sewing experience necessary.

May 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>  
August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com

## **Ladies Book Club**

May book - "Bring on the Blessings" by Beverly Jenkins. Meeting date: May 13 at 6:30pm at the Early Childhood Center

## **Happy Mother's Day**

**May 12, 2019**



"Her children arise  
and call her blessed"  
Proverbs 31;28a

**LWML Mite Box Collection ~ May 4 & 5, 2019**

LWML Mite Boxes are located in the narthex. You may put your change into them or even paper money (bills). The money collected will be used to support our LWML mission projects throughout the world. All members are welcome to use one and support our mission grants!

## Music Notes



*Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o-er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise and hast opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory of the resurrection story.  
"Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious"- #548 verse 1*

What a joy and blessing we have as "Easter people" to praise the Lord. We remember how blessed we are that Christ has conquered death for us and we have hope in Him. We pray you will rejoice in the words of our hymn of the month for May as we celebrate the season of Easter!

*Thank You!*

Many thanks to all instrumentalist, handbell choir members and adult choir for helping lead us in a wonderful year of music. It is a blessing to have so many talented people willing to use their musical gifts to add joy to our worship life.

A BIG Thank you to Nancy Hoelke for her 43 years serving as the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Adult Choir Director. She has been a wonderful blessing to our church for these many years. Thank you Nancy for serving the Lord and giving your time to add joy and meaning to our worship services throughout these last 43 years. May the Lord continue to bless you as you retire from this task. God's blessings!

## Senior Fun Seekers

**Plans have been made for the next several months.**

On Friday May 17 we plan on going to **St. Josaphat's Basilica**. We are going to St. Francis Brewery for lunch. Meet there at 11:30 at 3825 S. Kinnickinnic. We will then tour the Basilica at 2 PM at 2333 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Cost is \$5.00. Reservations due by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Call Janine at 414-322-9148.

In June we will tour **Miller Park**. This will happen on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am. We will meet at the park by the Tour desk at the Fridays entrance at 11am. Do not be late. The tour runs 75-90 minutes and the cost is \$10.00. If you feel you are unable to walk the entire time you can sit in any of the 40,000 plus seats. After the tour we will eat at Friday's. Call Janine at 414-322-9148 by June 3<sup>rd</sup> to reserve your spot.

Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup> we are planning to go to the **Rotary Gardens in Janesville**. The cost is \$6.00. We haven't made any lunch plans as yet. We would also car pool. Need to know by July 15<sup>th</sup> - Call Janine 414-322-9148

Would appreciate knowing your intensions ASAP as it is a lot easier to make reservations without having to make any last minute changes. Thank You!

September: Lakefront Brewery    October: Fiserv Forum    December: Christmas Lunch  
Details to follow at a later date

# Youth News

**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco De Mayo Party at Pastor Noah's House 6:00PM- 8:00 PM**



**Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> Bonfire** Details to coming soon! Please read weekly emails for heads up!

Questions? Contact Pastor Noah Kegley

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>South Wisconsin District Financial Aid Available</b></p> <p>Are you studying to be a full-time church worker, attending one of the Concordia Universities or Seminaries and are a member of an SWD LCMS congregation? If so, you may apply for District Financial Aid. <b>Applications are due by May 15<sup>th</sup></b>. Please visit the District website for more information and the two application forms – <a href="http://swd.lcms.org/resources/student-aid-applications/">http://swd.lcms.org/resources/student-aid-applications/</a>. Contact Robin at the district office with any questions. 414-292-0741.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KORN Scholarship Fund College Students Preparing for Church Work</b></p> <p>The Korn Scholarship Fund at St. Paul's Lutheran Church assists students financially who are preparing for full-time church work in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Applications are available in the church office. Please return applications to the church office <b>by June 1<sup>st</sup></b>.</p>
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**The Servants of Christ Conference** at Concordia University-Mequon will ground youth in the grace of their baptism, teach them about the doctrine of vocation, give them information about college and careers, and allow them to take part in breakaway sessions led by CUW professors and other guest speakers. These sessions are designed to strengthen their faith and help them to live as servants of Christ in our challenging world. The Servants of Christ Conference is for all students starting grades 9-12 this fall, and it will take place on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> on our Mequon campus. The cost, \$25, covers lodging and three meals. Adult chaperones are welcome to attend for the same cost as students.

Please visit and encourage youth to visit this link for more information and for a tentative schedule and descriptions of the breakaway sessions for this year: [www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference](http://www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference)

# Divine Connections

**Clothing Drive** Additional drop off dates are May 4/5, May 11/12 after 5:00 & 10:30 services and on May 4 from 9-11.

We are again looking for help with set up and sorting May 17 and assisting guests at the Clothing Giveaway on May 18. Sign up times will be in the Narthex.

**Summer Kick Off Celebration** is set for June 9 from 11:00 to 1:00 at McCarty Park picnic areas 2 and 3. Music, children's games, a bouncy house and delicious picnic food will be part of the celebration. Invite a friend or 2 for this fun event.

Volunteers are needed for set up, serving and clean up. Please contact Crystal Barry, 414-423-0244 if you are interested.



## Memorial Day

*The nation set aside this special day,  
To remember and honor our fallen heroes.  
Soldiers, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.  
Let us also remember their grieving loved ones.  
Praying for God's comfort and peace upon them.  
Elaine Lemke*





# Anniversary and Farewell

May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service

Free lunch provided for all

*Come celebrate the Special Anniversaries of the St. Paul's staff, rejoice in the Milestone Wedding Anniversary of our church members, say Thank you and send blessings to our staff who are retiring & beginning a new path in life.*

RSVP: To the church office, sign up in the church narthex or sign up at the Grant street Welcome desk – by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

*Menu: Italian sausage with sweet pepper in marinara sauce, or bratwurst served on hoagie buns,*

*side salads, refried ice cream dessert and beverages. (kids option grilled hotdog)*

Music provided by the Martin Luther High School Jazz Band



# Sharing God's Bounty

## Whom Are You Looking At?

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since his resurrection, he had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when he talked about “*wait[ing] for the gift [his] Father promised*” (Acts 1:4), and, then, “*He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight*” (Acts 1:9). You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them and taught them again, and now he is taken up into the clouds. No wonder they stood ... probably with mouths agape ... looking into the sky where they had last seen him.

It took “*two men dressed in white*” (Acts 1:10) to bring them back to their senses. “*Men of Galilee,*” they said, “*why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into Heaven*” (Acts 1:11).

Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more ... all the while looking at Jesus.

Whom are you looking at? Yes, Jesus had ascended. We can only imagine his joyful triumphant return as all the hosts of Heaven welcomed back the risen victorious Savior. Because he is that Savior, because he is the “*author and perfecter of our faith,*” “*let us fix our eyes on Jesus*” (Hebrews 12:2). Through his Word and Sacraments, he will lead us in his ways; he will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; he will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face!

*God comes first, not last. Otherwise, we give him only the leftovers after we have made sure that we have provided for our own comforts. The principle of sacrificial giving is that our giving to God comes off the top of all that he has given us. Otherwise, some would say it is not a true offering, just a tip left at the table. Pray to be enabled to give generously.*

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## Journey With Jesus



### "Slow"

*"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4*

♪ "Slow down, you move too fast, You got to make the morning last, Just kicking down the cobblestones, Looking for fun and feeling groovy" ♪ (Simon and Garfunkel)

Are you always in a hurry? Deciding to "Slow Down" does not come easy. As summer approaches, the list of things demanding our time is longer and busier than ever: vacations, sporting events, reunions, long holiday weekends, yard work, picnics, etc. We can get so busy with all our activities that God gets squeezed out of our schedules.

On our Life Journey, the **SLOW** sign is often an irritation. We are impatient to "get where we're going," and do not take kindly to construction zones, kids playing in the street, or being late for appointments. An exaggerated sense of self-importance may even tempt us to step on the gas and speed through the slow zone!

On our Faith Journey, the **SLOW** sign *should* be a reminder to take time for God: to listen for Him, to observe Him at work, to be enriched by His presence. Obeying the **SLOW** sign gives us time to **delight** in the Lord. The dictionary says that to **delight** is to find great joy and pleasure in something. We **delight** in the Lord when we recognize His presence in every aspect of our being. But our hurried lifestyles make taking time to **delight** a challenge.

**STOP:** Read Luke 10: 38-42. Psalm 37:4. Are you a Martha or a Mary? Or, stated in another way, are you a Martha when you should be a Mary? When do you pause and simply enjoy having God in your life?

**SLOW:** Each day, make a conscious effort to notice God's activity in everyday things—nature's beauty, a baby's first step, music that enlivens your soul, etc.—and **delight** and give thanks for those blessings

**GO:** As you get into the habit of **delight**, share with a friend how looking for God beyond your usual prayer, worship, etc. has brought you pleasure and joy.

*"I delight greatly in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness." Isaiah 61:10*

## Groundwork Guatemala News

St. Paul's will send another team to Groundwork Guatemala, February 29-March 7, 2020. If you have ever had an interest in a short-term mission experience, this trip will offer an unparalleled opportunity to see a new and different culture, meet locals in their homes and neighborhoods, work with committed local missionaries, give witness to your faith, and teach faith lessons.

There will be an information meeting on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 pm in Room 202. Anyone interested in becoming a team member is invited to attend. You may contact Lenore VanSanten at 262-784-0613 with any questions.

And now, Pastor Bender will introduce you to Julian, one of the local Guatemalan Missionaries...

**MEET A MISSIONARY:** This month Pastor Harold Bender will introduce you to Julian (pronounced "hu-lee-on), another of the blessed local missionaries whom we joy to call our friends. Groundwork Guatemala is blessed with a great local staff.

Julian Armando is the sixth born son of his parents, Gladys and Esteban. They had a total of seven children: Leo, Gladys, Esteban, Gerzon, Maria, Julian, and Rene. I asked Julian how he came to be a believer in Christ? Did his parents raise him in the faith? To my surprise, he said: "No." The next question: "Well, who shared faith in Christ with you??" His answer: "My Grandfather" or in Spanish, his "abuelo."



His grandfather attended church every Sunday and then would come home and spend two or three hours after dinner sharing with his grandchildren all he learned in Church and Bible class that Sunday. He gave them memory work to do *every night*. He would quiz them on the memory work and what he had taught them. If they weren't prepared, he would have the grandchildren kneel on beans for discipline. Julian said that was very painful (Hebrews 12:11) so he always wanted to be ready! His grandfather passed on to glory about 20 years ago.

Julian got into missionary work first with an organization called "Servant's Heart." They had sponsored him as a youth for two years and then invited him to become part of the mission team. He worked for Servant's Heart for about 8 years before the organization closed down. Groundwork Guatemala picked up the pieces and he has now been working for GG for 9 years. That makes a total of 17 years in mission work.

His duties for Groundwork Guatemala include the following: 1) he is one of their excellent drivers, driving the team around through the crazy traffic in Guatemala City (makes driving in Milwaukee seem easy!); 2) he is the purchaser of crafts from suppliers in the downtown "mercado" and makes a couple of trips to Antigua each year; he also makes some crafts. Sales of crafts help support the mission; 3) he buys all the supplies for the mission work and the mission team; 4) he also fixes/repairs equipment when it breaks down; and 5) finally, he does whatever else Kevin or Ginny Holmes asks him to do!

Julian is married to beautiful Lucia, both 35 years of age as of last fall. God has blessed them with three children: Jehesy (9), Daniela (6), and little Julian (3). He enjoys playing cars with little Julian, getting in tickle fights with his daughters, and lots of hugs for all. He also enjoys fixing things around the house and fixing it up to be a nice place for his family. He asks for prayers for the GG Team: Compassion, unity, and patience with one another. He asks for personal prayers: God's wisdom, guidance, and direction for the future.

One of Julian's favorite Bible verses is Ephesians 6:1-4: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'-- which is the first commandment with a promise-- 'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.' Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."



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**Missionary Meyer in Uganda**

## TEACH US TO PRAY

During break one day, the P5 students asked me to teach them some prayers. They know the Lord's Prayer. However, they wanted to learn prayers for specific times, such as in the morning, in the evening, and before meals.

A few days later, some of the students returned and told me they were now regularly saying those prayers before they go to sleep each night. I have also watched them pause and pray before they eat their lunch at school each day.

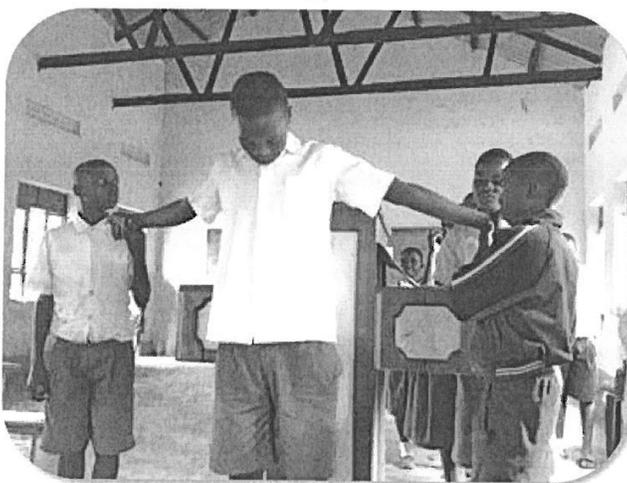
Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they grow in their walk of faith and learn to communicate with our heavenly Father at all times.



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*But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8*

## Walking with Jesus through Lent



*Two soldiers nail Jesus to the cross as the students act out a small drama of Jesus' crucifixion during chapel.*

Every Tuesday at Hope Lutheran Church and School in Bufuula, we gather for chapel. The students enjoy opportunities to help with various aspects of the chapel service, such as leading songs and reading Bible verses. One of their favorite ways to be involved is through presenting small dramas of the Bible stories.

During this Lenten season, we have been focusing on the events of Holy Week in chapel. As the students have prepared dramas to act out different parts of the passion narrative, they have walked with Jesus as He humbly gave His life to save us. Names and events that they had formerly known just as words on an exam now fit into a narrative that they have walked through themselves, a narrative that reveals God's great saving love for us.

The students have also come to know Jesus better as we have looked at some of the names of Jesus we see in the Passion narrative. He is the one the crowds welcomed as the Son of David on Palm Sunday. He is the Lamb of God who gave his life as the final sacrifice for our sins. He is the King of Kings, whose kingdom is not of this world, but our resurrected Lord who now reigns on high. And He is our Redeemer, who came to save us and give us life.

As we walk with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb this Lenten season, please join me in praying that God continues to work in the hearts of the students to come to better know the love of our Savior, Jesus.

# Witnessing in Sunday School

*We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ
- Students to know the love of Jesus, our Savior, especially during this Lent and Easter season
- Health and safety
- Continued progress in Lusoga language study and use

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Jesus, who died and rose again to save us
- A safe and renewing time of learning and fellowship with fellow missionaries in Kenya for our annual retreat
- The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for me, encourage me, and support me

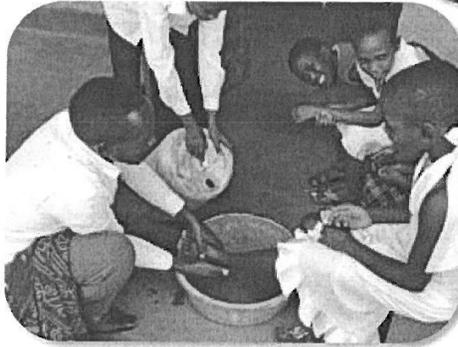
## YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

- I regularly pray for the individuals and congregations who support me by name. Please share any specific prayers I can bring before the Lord for you.

In Sunday School, the students have also been walking with Jesus to the cross during this Lenten season. The teachers have enjoyed providing opportunities for the students to enact the events of Holy Week to personalize their learning and help them experience the great love our Savior has for us.

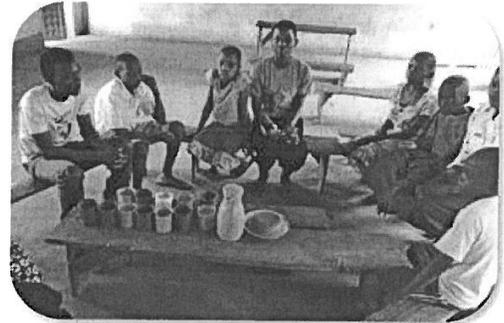


The children sing "Hosanna" as they learn about Palm Sunday.



Vicar Torry Bosco washes the students' feet as they learn about how Jesus washed the disciples' feet.

It has been a blessing for me to watch as some new Sunday School teachers and several youth have begun to help teach God's Word to the children. As they teach the students songs to sing for church and help them compile small books of the lessons, they are also equipping the students to share the Good News of our Savior's love with the congregation and their families.



The students sit around a table as they learn about the Last Supper.



*So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide, and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.*  
Ephesians 3:17-18

*Humbly in the Lord's service,  
-Rachel Meyer*



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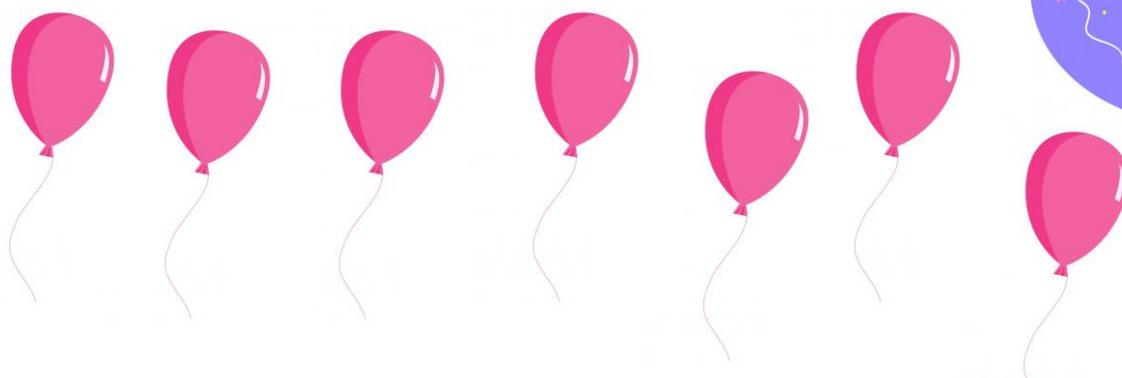
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## May Birthdays

1	Judy Bergstrom	9	Eliza Carson	14	Virginia Laurich	25	John Sentkowski
	John Brunner		Shannon Graff		Aidyn Roska	26	Aaron Franitza
	Jonathan Drew		Pam Heinzen		Ryan Scheuer		Robin Helinski
	Ellyn Kagy		Kay Luling	16	Debbie Everett		Joe Veit
	Ken Koeslin		Joe Potzner		Dotty Johnson	27	Jeanne Hoffman
	Jordyn Stephan		Amy Sarff		Ella Schmidbauer		Tanner Johnson
	Paul Telford	10	Kathleen Barbian	17	Berta Hemberger		Graham Maline
2	Kailie Gannon		Dawn Daliege		Jim Marks		Steven Sturdevant
	Nan Sauberan		Nick Jasinski		Tim Stover	28	Dan Adams
	Dani Strysick		April M DelaCotera	18	Mary Dickson		Doug Graf
	Ryker Wilson		Jon Mattrisch		Jeff Hoffman		Brittany Madison
3	Susan Braun	11	Samuel Gonzalez-Clark	19	Joanne Burch		Dave Ross
	Shannon Hillmer		Daniel Mueller Jr	20	Dennis Herrmann		Judi Stilley
	Aubrey Vinney		Joshua Rowell		Steve Wollerman		Riley Strysick
4	Angela Belsha		Linda Traxel		Joe Zacharias	29	Nora Bender
	Angel Colon	12	John Barber	21	Rick Bassler		Jackson Burch
	Brett Hehn		Cassy Lirette		Hermine Couturier		Calvin Fischer
	Jordan Hehn		Nancy Morsovillo		Kylie Covert		Rafael Jimenez-Gandre
5	Tony Bieszk		Ben Reinhardt		Dick Hoelke		Nancy Luke
	Joe Franitza		Ray Sarozek		Cullen Schuh		Ted Nowak
	Daniel Kirchner	13	Carol Derus	22	Mike Evers		Jeff Racer
6	Bradley Hoffman		Ben Folger		Dorothy King	30	Ron Bland
	Andy Roska		Abigail Geitz		Rachel O'Brien		Ashley Crist
	Jerry Spitzer		Brian Green		Dave Stover		Adam Fairchild
7	Debbie Brandt		Lyn-Marie Hackbarth	23	Jacob Burkee		Carol Ferry
	Darlene Land		William Hudy		Mason Gorney		Robert Heil
	Mackenzie Ricard		James Mullins III	24	Maverick Dachowski		Judy Lien
8	Jack Burkee		Mark Petersen		Stacy Heder		Placido Ramos Jr
9	Gretchen Brown		Mia Veit		Sandra O'Brien		
	Hannah Brown	14	Rebecca Albrecht		Gail Ziolecki		
				25	Louis Krueger		



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## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bells 6:00 PM Finance	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Rangerette Lock In	<b>4</b> 5:00 PM Worship
<b>5</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School  10:30 AM Worship <i>Anniversary &amp; Farewell Celebration</i>	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 11:30 AM Bible Class	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Board of Christian Education	<b>8</b> 11:00 AM Widows Lunch 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Rangerette Award Night	<b>11</b> 7:00 AM Mens Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
<b>12</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship  <i>Mothers Day</i>	<b>13</b> 11:30 AM Bible Class 6:30 PM Book Club	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Council	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:30 PM Confirmation Questioning & Photos	<b>17</b> 11:30 AM Sr. Fun Seekers	<b>18</b> 10:00 AM Community Clothing Drive 5:00 PM Worship
<b>19</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship  <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 11:30 AM Bible Class 6:30 PM Ladies Guild	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Divine Connections 6:30 PM Planning Committee	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM Pre-K and Kindergarten Rodeo	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:30 PM Piano Recital	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 AM Mens Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
<b>26</b> 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Elders	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi <i>Ascension</i>	<b>31</b> 6:00 PM School Graduation	