

GOODHUE LUTHERAN MESSENGER — MAY 2022

TAKING A STEP FORWARD At the beginning of the Book of Acts, Luke- the inspired writer of Luke and Acts- writes this: *"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven."* Did you notice that word "began"? This means that Jesus didn't stop "doing and teaching" once he ascended into heaven. He is still doing and teaching, just in a different way: no longer by walking around visibly and talking to his disciples and doing miracles, but by ruling over all things at God's right hand, and making sure there are people to go out and preach and teach his word that he gave us while down here visible, and hearing the prayers of his people, and sending his Holy Spirit to give them courage and words to share and live his truth.

This May we will celebrate our Lord's Ascension into heaven, which happened 40 days after his resurrection. One beautiful thing about Jesus' ascension is that it means he got the job he came down to earth to do- the job of being our substitute and paying for our sins- successfully completed. At the same time, it's good to know he hasn't retired from the job of being our Lord and Savior; he is still at work every day on behalf of us, his church.

There are some things that often happen at this time of year in the lives of Jesus' believers in our land. May is often a month of confirmations and graduations. In both of these events, a person is moving on from one phase of life to the next, kind of like Jesus at his ascension. And some things (namely- learning the basic things they were taught in school and in confirmation class) they got successfully done. But just like Jesus didn't stop working on our behalf once he completed his earthly work and ascended into heaven, so I hope you fellow Christians who are being confirmed, and those who are graduating from Christian schools, or graduating from high school or college and will maybe be moving away- I hope you don't consider your "work" as a Christian and a church member something you've gotten done and can now leave in the past. I hope you will keep on nourishing your faith in different ways- no longer catechism class, Sunday School, and Bible History Classes taught at Christian Day School- but in regular church attendance, where as a more mature Christian you can now get more out of the sermon and readings; and in adult Bible Classes; and in more reading and hearing of God's word in your own, in your daily life.

Don't be like the rocky soil in Jesus parable of the Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:4-15) that is a picture of people who hear God's word, believe for a time, but don't develop roots and fall away from the faith when a time of testing comes. Don't be like the weedy soil in that same parable, where Jesus pictures people who hear the word for a while, but then let their spiritual life get choked out by the worries, cares and pleasures of this world. Be like the seed sown on good soil, which pictures those who hear and believe the word, and keep on in it, grow to a mature Christian faith, and bear fruit for the Lord.

Remember what God inspired Paul to write in 1 Corinthians 15:2 about the good news he had preached to them of Jesus, who died for their sins, was buried, and rose from the dead, as the Scriptures had foretold about the promised Savior. He wrote: *"By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise you have believed in vain."* Take that step forward in your life as a Christian that comes when you are confirmed or graduate, but DON'T step away from hearing the word of your Savior. Keep on and keep active in Him!

And the rest of you, please pray, and help by your words of encouragement and by your example of faithfully nourishing your own faith, that our young people will keep on the faith in Christ, and keep growing in Christ, and not step away from him after taking these milestone steps in their life!

-Submitted by Pastor Marty Weigand- Grace & St. Peter's



COME WORSHIP WITH US

Grace Lutheran

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School

6:00p.m. Wednesday Sunday School

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship

St John's Lutheran

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday MSM/SS and Bible Study

St Peter's Lutheran

9:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship

St Peters Council Meeting April 12, 2022

Larry called the meeting to order with Pastor, Mark, Dennis, Dean and Curt present.

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Pastor reported on Catechism Class and mailbox follow up visits.

Sunday School continues to go well; average attendance is 7. YPS will be helping with Easter for Kids. YPS leaders from St. Peter's are Joe and Ellie Diercks. Motion made and approved that St. Peter's pay \$375. For 1 chaperones expenses to the Youth Rally Trip.

Joint Evangelism Committee met. Plans were made for publicizing Easter for Kids and Easter Worship. Easter for Kids is April 16th with YPS helping and plenty of others signed up to help as well. The next big focus is the Volksfest. We

agreed to take part in the Fair Booth at the Goodhue County Fair as well.

Financial Secretaries' Report and Treasurer's Report were read and approved. Missions report read and approved. Mission total represents 23.1% of our mission budget. Grounds matters included trying to get rid of Creeping Charlie. Larry will ask Marty Amundson for a bid on spraying the lawn. Discussed doing something for New Member greeting. Men's Bible Breakfast, Saturday, April 23 at St. John's at 8:30a.m. Joint Elders will meet afterwards. Next Council Meeting May 10 at Grace at 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully submitted Curt Callstrom.

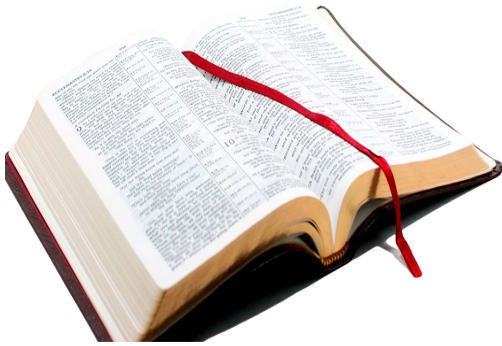
Grace Church Council Meeting – April 12, 2022

President Bo Schulz called the meeting to order with Pastor, Dean, Ben, Markus, Todd, and Brandon present. Pastor opened with prayer. The secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer's reports were all read and approved. Pastor reported on the Lenten Services, the upcoming Youth Rally, and Sunday church attendance. Easter for Kids is set to take place Saturday, April 16th at Grace. A number of capital im-

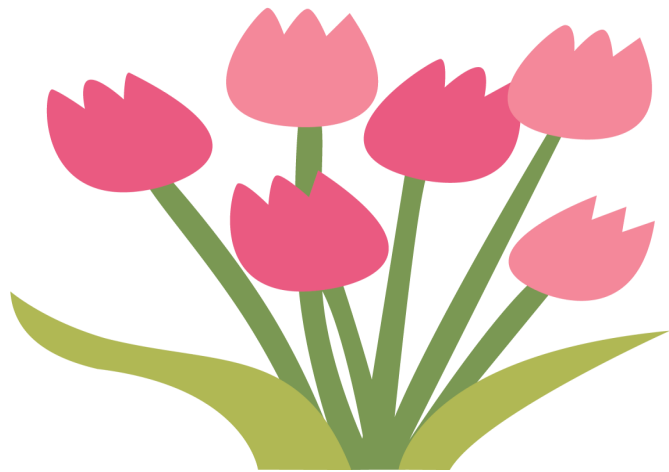
provement projects were discussed, with several items currently in motion (fiber connection, south side parsonage painting, parsonage front door, new church sound system, roof damage, and research on church safe replacement). St. John's school is planning an outdoor spring cleanup day that will include Grace to help clean up outdoors. The next council meeting will be on May 10 at 7:30 at Grace. Motion to Adjourn. Submitted: Brandon Lunde

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

All the men of our area WELS congregations are invited to join us for Men's Bible Breakfast. Our next breakfast is set for May 21, at St Peters beginning with breakfast at 8:30 a.m.,



HAPPY Mother's DAY



Chapel of the Air

Services are 9:00am Sundays on KCUE 1250 Red Wing Radio. Donations to help cover the cost of services on the air can be mailed to St John's Lutheran Church, Red Wing Minnesota. Thank you for your donations.

Wise Penny



Hours are 12-4 Monday thru Saturday. Donations accepted 12-4 Monday thru Saturday. If you are struggling to drop off donations because of a limited time frame of 12-4 please contact Shelly Poncellet, Ronnelle Schulz, or Shirley Voth. Thank You.



Confirmands for 2022 Confirmation



Wyatt Finnesgard, Son of Josh and Lindsay Finnesgard

Austin Holst, Son of Jason Holst and Amanda Holst

Cain Lexvold, Son of Chris and Lacey Lexvold

Morgan Luhman, Daughter of Sarah Bowers

Sophia Lodermeier, Daughter of Brent and Christie Lodermeier

Emily Majerus, Daughter of Chuck and Lori Majerus

Riley Redepenning, Daughter of Tim and Lisa Redepenning

Andrew Voight, Son of Dan and Rose Voight

****Confirmation is a church rite; not a sacrament. Confirmation allows an individual who already believes to confirm his or her faith. Pastor Weigand instructs these youth in the truths of the Bible. Our confirmands confess oneness in faith and teaching with the congregation and can participate in the Lord's Supper, an ongoing confession of our unity in faith. (1 Corinthians 10:17) "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."*

EASTER FOR KIDS 2022



Women's Bible Study & Quilting

Watch for pictures of quilts completed and donated in the June Newsletter

Joyce Hinrichs

St Peter's Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid will resume in September

Reserve the date: May 15 we will have cake and beverages in honor of new members Brett and Katherine, Elaine, Julia, and Becket Voth. Plan to stay to welcome them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Sunday School will sing at both Grace and St. Peter's on Sunday, May 8th; "I Am Jesus Little Lamb". End of the Sunday School Year Ice Cream Social May 22, afternoon (3:30p.m.) at Rosie's Park in Goodhue for all our Sunday School students, staff and families from Grace and St. Peter's, and any other members (and friends you invite) who would like to come. (Check with Shelley for details and any other Sunday School news.)

Current Donation Requests:

The Lutheran Rural Health Center in Zambia has requested newborn hats, blankets and onesies along with pill bottles. The infant items can be handmade, purchased or gently used and clean. Please include a note of encouragement to the staff along with a postal/email address where a note of receipt can be sent when it is received.

CAMM Event at the LWMS Convention 2022 in Rochester, NY this June 23-26, please plan to come to the CAMM Contact Women (CW) meeting on Saturday, the 25th from 4:15-5:15 pm. All women are welcome to attend.



Deborah Witte—Zambia, Africa

My husband Dan and I, along with our youngest son, Drew, moves to Lusaka, Zambia, in December 2019, to teach and learn from our Christian brothers and sisters in ministry in Lutheran churches across Africa. Dan directs degree programs for national pastors who are seeking formal continuing education. We both interact with the Lutheran Church of Central Africa seminary students and their wives to exchange language and cultural training. As Paul says in Romans 1, we are "mutually encouraged by each other's faith." It is a blessing to serve alongside these faithful servants of the gospel.

Eight men have completed three years of study at the LCCA Lutheran Bible Institute in Lilongwe, Malawi, followed by three years of seminary at the LCCA Seminary in Lusaka, Zambia. Graduation Day for vicar graduates is not only the day they finish their formal seminary training, but it is also the day they receive their vicar assignments. After one year of vicaring, these men will receive their full-time

call into pastoral ministry within the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. Their assignments are made within their home countries.

Dan and I have six children. Five live in the US, and Drew (age 13) lives here in Zambia. Our high-school aged son Donovan (age 16) remained in the US due to health conditions that require medications not available here. In 2019, our oldest daughter Deanna graduated from the University of South Florida, where she earned her master's degree in medical studies. Our other children are Danae, married in July 2020 in Chicago (due to Covid-19 and international travel restrictions we were not able to attend her wedding), David, who works in Melbourne, FL, and Daria, who is a sophomore at Wheaton College in the western suburbs of Chicago. We miss them all terribly, and we thank God for how well He cares for them.

We Pray:

Pray for the vicar's ministries and their desire to continue studying God's Word in order to serve God's people more skillfully.

JOINT MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS HELD AT SP (Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.) Pastor's Weigand and Robbert take turns teaching. Topics for May to be determined. Watch your bulletins and the "Dailly Thought" emails from Pastor Weigand for info.



SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT GRACE— When Pastor Weigand is up he will continue to lead study on the Book of Romans. When Ben Raasch or Darwyn Tri are leading class, they will teach lessons from the series "Grand Themes and Key Words" of the Bible.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT ST. PETER'S— When Pastor Weigand is up, he will continue to lead study on the Book of Romans. When Larry Holst and Norrie Voth are teaching, they will continue leading study through the book, "The Wonders of God," which is a review of the main teachings of the Bible that is often used for Bible Information Class/Adult Confirmation Class.

QUILTING BIBLE STUDY— Will be on hold for the summer and resume in September.

JOINT MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST— Saturday, May 21, at 8:30 am at St. Peter's. Pastor Weigand is up to lead study on another episode of "Joshua— Example of a Godly Man".

May 2022

FORWARD IN CHRIST

Don't miss this month's "Confessions of faith" article which shows how God used a young woman's love of travel to connect her with a young man across the world who needed answers to lifelong questions about God and faith. (p. 7)

Read about a mother's hope and her son's unbridled joy in Jesus following a devas-

tating accident (p. 18)

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GRADUATES—

We plan to recognize, honor and pray for this year's high school grads from Grace & St. Peter's, and any of our college grads we are made aware of, at our Sunday services on May 22 at Grace & St. Peter's.

Alivia Holst, Goodhue
Cody Lohman, Goodhue
Caitlin Luhman, Triton
Darby Miller, Goodhue
And
Mary Beth Poncelet
River Falls



SERVING AT ST. JOHNS IN MAY

Pastor Robbin Robbert

ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:

Jesse Luhman, Scott Hinsch & Kenneth Schrimpf

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:

Jacob Diercks, Jonathon Voth & Cameron Peterson

USHERS

Group 5 - Jeremy Schrimpf, Brett Schrimpf, Mitchell Schrimpf, Dave Miller, Dan Evenson, Dawson Evenson, Derick Evenson

GREETERS

5/1 John Augustine 5/8 Curt & Marie Strusz
5/15 Wayne & Marilyn Schilling
5/22 Jon & Tiffany Voth Family
5/29 Ed & Meg Stumpf

ACOLYTE

5/8 Max Lexvold 5/22 Elliot Voth

St. John's Church Council

May 22nd celebration of Mrs. Karnopp's 25 years in service

June 26th Karnopps' farewell celebration

Donations needed:

AED's

Plate in back of church for international youth rally



Thank you Sunday School Teachers and Students for a great year. Enjoy your summer vacation and we will see you next year.

Family Vacation Bible Camp

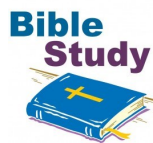
July 11 - 15 in the evening

at St. Peter's Goodhue

for all ages

This will include supper, music, bible stories and crafts for kids and a bible class for adults.

More information to come!!!



Adult Bible Study after church every Sunday.

No Bible Study on the 22nd.



Congratulations

Joshua and Kayla Haberkorn
Married on April 22, 2022



Francie Grace Breuer

Born to Craig & Karla Breuer
on April 19, 2022

Congratulations!!



May 22, 2022

After church join us in celebrating Sandy Karnopp for 25 years of service.

Thank you Sandy for all you have done!

There will be a food sign up sheet in the back. Please sign up and celebrate.



E-GIVING NOW AT ST. JOHN'S -- Our congregation now offers electronic giving!

Go to easytithe.com/stjohnswels and follow the easy instructions to set up, or text GIVE and an amount to 1-218-304-7066 (ex: GIVE 250.00) and follow the easy directions.

Jesus Lives! God is Awesome! Psalm 77:14 (EHV) **You are the God who performs a wonderful deed. You made known your power among the peoples.**

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (Evangelical Heritage Version) "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive."

During Easter, my family and I went to Arizona. We flew on Thursday and returned on Monday. During our stay, we attended church services at Our Savior's in Bylas, AZ. On Easter Sunday, we were able to have an outdoor service on the mesa. The sun was coming up over the mountains. If you had the right angle, the sun shone behind the cross of Jesus. The sight was amazing.

On Easter, we were once again reminded of the amazing, unconditional love God has for sinners. On Maunday Thursday, we were reminded of Jesus' love for mankind through the institution of Holy Communion. We are reminded each time that our sins are forgiven through the body and blood of Jesus found in the bread and wine. We have full forgiveness and a fresh start. On Good Friday we have been reminded of the love God has for sinners when the sins were laid on His Son, Jesus. Jesus said, "It is finished!" These sins were completely destroyed and forgiven at the cost of His Son. On Easter, we saw the crucified Savior alive stating the fact that death lost its power. Our bodies may die, but our eternity in heaven remains. And now we wait for the Last Day when Jesus reunites bodies and souls and take believers to heaven. Good news!

In May, we feel the warmth of spring and summer near. The flowers begin to bloom. Once again Larry looks forward to cutting the green lawns again. God's mercies from the Easter message are like the spring and summer days approaching - warm, beautiful, and exciting. But they are here every day of the year. St. John's Lutheran School continues to preach this love of Christ to all people. They are alive in Christ!

May God grant you a blessed May!

In His service, Mr. Albert Karnopp



May School Calendar

- 5/3 8:30 Chapel
- 5/4 Kindergartener for the Morning
- 5/5 5-8 Softball Day, Rochester
- 5/6 Highway Clean Up Day, Book Orders Due
- 5/10 8:30 Chapel
- 5/13 Spring Play, Goodhue Gym, 6pm
- 5/17 8:30 Chapel
- 5/22 K-8 Sing, Mrs Karnopp's 25 years of Service
- 5/24 Track and Field Day, NO PreK and Kindergarten
- 5/26 8:30 Chapel, Last day of Preschool & Graduation at 10:00
- 5/30 NO SCHOOL
- 5/31 8:30 Chapel



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Principal Joel Pankow has accepted the call to be our new principal starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Pankow has served in Lansing, Michigan at Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran School for 33 years. We are equally excited to welcome Mrs. Christine Pankow to our church and school Family. Please keep Emanuel First in your prayers as they call for a new teacher.



K-2 Teacher Julia Pasch has accepted the call to be our new K-2 teacher starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Pasch is married to Thomas and has 4 children (12, 9, 8, 4).

VOLKSFEST PARADE

June 12, 2022 -- decorating the float will start at 11:00 and parade begins at 1:00.

Any parents or kids interested in walking or riding or helping with decorating please contact Karla Ryan.

Wear your Jaguar apparel for the parade.



CEA Meeting

May 15, 2022, after church

Youth Rally Meeting -- May 1 after the 9AM service or at 3PM. This is for those already signed up to go to the youth rally. Paperwork needs to be signed by parents. If this time does not work for you, contact Mrs. Robbert.

Last month the word that kept repeating for me was, "awesome", things went awesome with our group and communication was awesome! This month the phrase is "teamwork". We had an outpouring of teamwork from both adults and students in April! Easter for kids at Grace was our activity and teamwork was found all over the place from the front door greeters to the helpers in the rotations. Much thanks go to the teamwork of Grace organizers; Shelley Poncelet and Rose Voight for giving direction and encouragement to everyone and thanks too for the successful day for everyone (my 3 yr. old grandson was especially enamored with all of the "big boys" who were so helpful to him). May will be a month "off" from YPS activities as there are many outside activities for many of us, we will resume with the Burrito Breakfast for Volksfest and the Youth Rally in June.



St. John's Preschool

Last Day of Preschool
and

Graduation
May 26, 2021

Evan Weckerling

Lexi Roper

Hendrix O'Reilly

Remi Loken

Trenton Diercks

Leighton Peterson

Raina Diercks

Elaine Guard

