

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

May 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May is sunshine, flowers, warm breezes, birds singing, the restoration of life to all that seemed dead during the winter season. It is a beautiful reminder of God's work of restoring life to those lost in darkness, of sin and death. It is a picture of resurrection.

The following is a portion of the Easter Sunday sermon preached by Dr. Martin Luther in 1544 as He considered these words of St. Paul. **"Death is swallowed up in victory. 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."** (I Corinthians 15:55-57).

This is a strange and unprecedented message, such as reason cannot comprehend. It must be accepted in faith. The message is that Christ is alive and yet dead, and dead in such a way that in Him death itself has had to die and lose all its power...

And as the Lord Christ has conquered death, He has also conquered sin. For in His own Person He is pure and just; but because He takes upon Himself the sins of others He becomes a sinner.

May Church Events (Subject to change)

- 5.11 Women's Guild 1 pm
- 5.12 Adult Bible Study 9 am
- 5.12 Christian Growth/ Mission Committee 6:30 pm
- 5.17 Congregation Meeting After Worship Service
- 5.18 Worship Committee 6 pm
- 5.19 Adult Bible Study 9 am
- 5.26 Adult Bible Study 9 am

That is why sin can assault Him. And He, the Lord Christ, is very ready to be thus assaulted and nailed to the cross in order that He may die, as if He had Himself sinned and brought His death upon Himself. But there, hidden under the sin of others, His holiness is so great that death cannot overcome Him. Thus sin, like death, attacked the wrong man, and so grew weak and died in His body.

And likewise the devil wanted to prove his power over Christ, and uses all his might against Him, trying to bring Him down. But he meets with a higher power which he cannot overcome. And all this has been wrought in order that our Lord Christ might glory because by being cast down He was lifted up on high, and these mighty foes, sin, the devil, and death, must low lie under His feet. This great victory we celebrate today. Now all power consists in this, that we take it well to heart and firmly believe in it. [Day by Day We Magnify Thee, (Philadelphia, Fortress Press, 1984) p 168.]

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (Romans 15:13)

Pastor Kriete

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gifts

Thank you for adopting one or more boxes so gifts can go to children in other countries that have never received Christmas presents. This is a wonderful way to share God's love. Although we don't know who the recipient will be, I ask you to pray for them throughout the year asking God to show them love and to keep them safe.

It costs \$9 for shipping. If that is too much for you, please do not let that stop you from adopting a box. We will take up a collection at the end of the year.

May emphases – Toothbrush and Comb (store item)

PET Project

At this time please do not bring any jugs or cans to church for the recycling project. Mobility Worldwide is not making carts at this time. Please feel to recycle them on your own. I will let everyone know when things start back up again.

May 2020 Calendar Events Subject to Change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	6 3:00 p.m. Heritage Hall Worship	7	8	9
10 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service w/ Children's Church Happy Mother's Day	11 Women's Guild Meeting 1:00pm	12 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Christian Growth/Mission Committee 6:30pm	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion Possible Congregation meeting after service	18 Worship Committee 6:00 p.m.	19 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service w/ Children's Church	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	26 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	27	28	29	30
31 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service w/ Children's Church						

May Birthdays

Ann Seider	5.3
Michael Mahieu	5.5
Herb Heuer	5.7
Bayleigh Wood	5.13
Mike RichterKessing	5.16
Brenda Moss	5.20
Phil Hulen	5.24
Gavin Stowers	5.24

May Anniversaries

Ed & Ernestine Ramsey	5.2
Cheryl & Michael Steffan	5.11
Jon & Donna Hoek	5.23
Roy & Karen RichterKessing	5.24





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May 2020

May 3

"Rescue, Test, Rest"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God doesn't have to figure out something about you that He doesn't already know. He doesn't have to figure out if He loves you or if He's committed to you or if you're worth it. God's not testing you to figure something out about you He didn't already know. He's testing you so that you can figure out something about Him that you didn't know, so that you can figure out that you can trust Him."

(Exodus 16)

May 10

"Stand a Little Taller"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Exodus 18)

May 17

"Words Matter"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Exodus 19)

May 24

"Life After Rescue"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Exodus 20)

May 31

"Jesus Doesn't Babble"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison

(John 14)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm



May Calendar

- May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 10:1-10
- May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 14:1-14
- May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 14:5-21
- May 21: The Ascension of Our Lord
Text: Luke 24:44-53
- May 24: Seventh Sunday of Easter
Text: John 17: 1-11
- May 31: The Day of Pentecost
Text: John 7:37-39

churchupdates

Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the latest church news and prayer requests, as well as serving and giving opportunities at Good Shepherd.

Sign up and register at
www.churchupdates.org

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)

May 10

Reader: Gary Seider
Greeters: Judy Maseman & Sherry Morse
Ushers: Gary Seider & Eric Walters
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
Altar Guild: Catherine Simmons/Karen Richterkessing
Acolyte:
Tellers: Gary & Ann Seider

May 17

Reader: Alane Gronefeld
Greeters: Judy Maseman & Sherry Morse
Ushers: Curt Nadler & Aaron Seider
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Lori Gesling
Altar Guild: Catherine Simmons/Karen Richterkessing
Acolyte:
Tellers: John Briggs & Kathy Dickey

May 24

Reader: Aaron Seider
Greeters: Judy Maseman & Sherry Morse
Ushers: Randy Simmons & Eric Walters
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
Altar Guild: Catherine Simmons/Karen Richterkessing
Acolyte:
Tellers: Jeff & Tracy Jaeger

May 31

Reader: Russell Stelzer
Greeters: Judy Maseman & Sherry Morse
Ushers: Russell Stelzer & Curt Nadler
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Vickie Chism
Altar Guild: Catherine Simmons/Karen Richterkessing
Acolyte:
Tellers: Jacki Stelzer & Vickie Chism

Good Shepherd Care Committee

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APRIL FINANCIAL

April 4 & 12

(offerings reported together include Lent offerings for April 1st, 9th & 10th)

Current	\$ 780.00
Building	\$ 465.00
Lent	\$ 105.00

Total **\$ 1,350.00**

April 19

Current	\$ 1,760.00
Building	\$ 130.00
Lent	\$ 90.00

Total **\$ 1,980.00**

April 26

Current	\$ 965.00
Building	\$ 511.04

Total **\$ 1,476.04**

Current
10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building
100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.



GSLC will host a 3 day Vacation Bible School this summer.

Date TBA to be announced.

It will depend on

- 1)when we can be together again
- 2)working around summer school and
- 3)working around local fairs.

If you would like to participate and know of some dates or times that you'd like us to work around; let me me know by May 15th.

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Director VBS

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Other April Deposits

April 26 Ministerial Alliance \$100.00

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The offerings for Ash Wednesday, Midweek Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday are designated to be divided in this way: one-half to MO District LWML Mite Goal and one-half to Rainbow House.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Womens Guild is scheduled to meet at 1:00pm on Monday, May 11. We invite all women to join us. Watch for an e-mail from Judy Maseman to confirm or cancel as we get closer to the date, or give me a call at 573 682 4237.

The Missouri District LWML Convention that was to take place In Springfield has been cancelled. I'm really looking forward to being able to meet with all of you again.

Judy Maseman.

SEEN & HEARD

This article was copied by Pastor Kriete from a message sent by Pastor Gallagher

Martin Luther's Quiet Time (by Walter Trobisch)

What was Martin Luther's quiet time like? How did this great sixteenth century reformer spend time with God each day?

Two useful booklets provide a starting point to answering these questions. Luther's own booklet ['A Simple Way to Pray'](#) which is a letter he wrote to his barber Peter Beskendorf answering his question "Dr Luther, how do you pray?" The second booklet ['Martin Luther's Quiet Time'](#) was written by Walter Trobisch and contains comments on the answer Luther gives about how to pray and shows how what Luther wrote can be used to aid a Christian in their quiet time.

What does Luther do when he prays? He begins with the Ten Commandments and then *"Out of each commandment I make a garland of four twisted strands. That is, I take each commandment first as a teaching, which is what it actually is, and I reflect upon what our Lord God so earnestly requires of me here. Secondly, I make out of it a reason for thanksgiving. Thirdly, a confession and fourthly, a prayer petition."*

After he had finished praying the Ten Commandments, he takes the Lord's Prayer and does the same thing. And if he had *"time and leisure"* after the Lord's Prayer, he takes the Apostle's Creed, statement by statement, praying it the same way. Luther did these things to *'warm up the heart'* before studying the Bible. In *'A Simple Way to Pray'* Luther shows his barber how to pray through each of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostle's Creed, writing out for him the *'garland of four twisted strands'*.

Walter Trobisch explains how *"What Luther says about prayer can be applied to our Bible study and provides us with a tremendously helpful method for making a Bible passage meaningful to our personal life."*

He suggests that as we read the Bible verse by verse, we “*make out of each verse a garland of four twisted strands.*” By changing the order Luther gives, Trobisch says that quiet times can be enriched by asking four questions about a text:

1. What am I grateful for? (Thanksgiving)
2. What do I regret? (Confession)
3. What should I ask for? (Prayer concerns)
4. What shall I do? (Action)

He also reminds us of the warning Luther gives: “*Don’t take too much upon yourself lest the spirit should get tired*”. Trobisch writes “*It may be more fruitful to take a passage of a few verses and shake each verse like the branches of a tree until some fruit falls down. This will change Bible study from a boring duty to an exciting adventure.*”

If your quiet time has gone quiet, or it’s become a bit stale, both Luther’s way of praying, and Trobisch suggestions about how this method can be used to study the Bible might just be what you need to kick start it again. Both booklets are worth a read and neither takes very long to do so.

- [Read Martin Luther’s Quiet Time by Walter Trobisch](#)
- [Read A Simple Way to Pray by Martin Luther](#)

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Bob Moss – husband of Brenda Moss recovering from Aortic Aneurysm repair surgery; **Martha Blevins**; **Mary Brechler**; **Susan Harris**; **Jane St. John**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** son of Ed Ramsey. Community: **Brian Flatt**–treatment for Liver Cancer; **Misty Williamson**–treatment for Breast Cancer; **Cheryl Hartgrove**–wife of Pastor David Hartgrove.

ARMED FORCES

Chris Chism, U.S. Navy – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Armand & Barbara Fischer; **Mason Crabtree** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker’s granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker’s granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay**; **Jeremy Mitchell**; **Justin Thurston**.



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