

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

May 2021

Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity

As we walk through the calendar, we have come to a period of adjustment. The three holidays we have this May, Ascension Day, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday, are what we call "movable feasts." They are all calculated in relation to the celebration of Easter, which moves based on the lunar calendar.

After Jesus' resurrection, he spent forty days appearing to disciples. We can read a lot about this in 1 Corinthians chapter 15, which is often called "the resurrection chapter." At the end of those forty days, as described at the end of the Gospels and the beginning of Acts, Jesus ascended to heaven. Ascension Day, therefore, is always on a Thursday. Not many churches still celebrate the Ascension. This is probably because it is on a Thursday. Our culture doesn't really deal with weekday celebrations very well. Ascension is important, though, because it is the time we realize that our destination in the resurrection is not to be on this earth. It is to be taken up to the heavenly realms with Christ as our leader. Life in the resurrection will not be simply another version of life here. It will translate us, fully and finally, to the new heavens and new earth, where all is completely right.

After the ascension, the disciples went to Jerusalem to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit to come to them. We see this described in the first two chapters of Acts. They gathered and prayed. This gathering was not just the eleven remaining apostles, but it included over a hundred people.

The feast of Pentecost was one of God's commanded celebrations in the Old Testament. It was the time when the first of the harvest would be brought in as an offering. The name "pentecost" comes from the Greek word for "fifty" because it happened fifty days after Passover. On the day of Pentecost, as described in Acts, the Holy Spirit fell upon the first Christians. There were miraculous signs.

May Church Events

- 5.4 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 5.10 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 5.11 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 5.18 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 5.25 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "Walking Through Galatians" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: "Defend Your Faith" (led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on Non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon.

On that day, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit and Peter's preaching, several thousand people believed on Christ. These people, gathered from all around the Mediterranean world, who had come to Jerusalem to bring gifts to the temple, went home carrying the Gospel with them. They were the firstfruits, offered to God. We often consider Pentecost to be the actual birth of the Christian church, as it is the time when the Gospel was first spread clearly.

The Sunday after Pentecost also falls within May this year. It isn't Memorial Day. It's Trinity Sunday. On Trinity Sunday we recognize and celebrate the fact that only Christianity has the concept of a Triune God. He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in three persons. This God, the true God, is unique among all world religions.

Christianity is very much its own thing. We are different from the rest of our world. We have a risen and ascended savior. We have been given the Holy Spirit. And God, the Triune God, is absolutely unique.

As we celebrate the unique nature of the Christian faith, we also remember that God, in Christ, calls all people everywhere to come to him for cleansing and forgiveness of sins. He invites all of us, and all of our community, to be adopted into his family. He promises to be with us always. And he has shown himself to keep his promises. For this reason, we want to be inviting our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, all the people we associate with, to trust in Jesus, the only one who can and does forgive all our sin. Let's invite them to experience that in the context of the church, our local church, where we gather as Christ's people to receive all his gifts.

Pastor Spotts

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.

Open Wednesday 2-4 & Saturday 9-12

Or by appointment, contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)

PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Mondays of the month. At this time, they will no longer be accepting empty pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty cans and plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.

Operation Christmas Child

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See the impact a simple shoebox gift, packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches into a community.

Adopt-a-Box: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is collecting items for shoe boxes February through October. Everyone is welcome to adopt one or more boxes to help with this ministry. Look for the Shoe Box Ministry display in the narthex and pick your box to adopt. Each month we have a different emphasis to help you decide what to put in your box(es). Our goal is 50! Let's work together to help children have gifts this coming Christmas.



Monday-Thursday Aug. 9-12,2021
Meal at 5:30 p.m. VBS 6:00 pm – 8:00

Volunteer or Register Children at this site:

<https://vbsmate.com/GoodShepherdCentraliaMO>

We've moved our VBS to an evening format so more families can join in the fun and fellowship. Each congregation member can help out in some way. At the website above or on a sign up sheet (on bulletin board) in Narthex—you can Volunteer in one of the following capacities.

Site Leader for ***Storytelling, *Craft, *Games, *Bible Challenge or *Opening/Closing *Early Childhood teacher** (for preschool age children) Be a **photographer**, guide the **music** during Opening, help **decorate**, run the **audio/visual**, work in the **kitchen**.

Not sure about it? A training meeting will be available this summer for the jobs marked above with a * Watch for further detailed instructions in the newsletter and Church Updates.

VBS is a *wonderful* way for us to *Tell, Love and Care* for the community. Help us be a part of this fun event.

Advertisement flyers are available on table in the breezeway to Fellowship Hall.

Sample letters that can be sent to children are available from Ann.

Women's Guild

Women's Guild has put out some fresh greeting cards on the card rack in the narthex. Confirmation, Graduation, Mother's Day. We also stock the cardrack with Sympathy, Get Well and Birthday cards. There are a few others such as Thinking of You or Encouragement and Thank you. All have a bible verse inside and cost 75 cents each. You can put your money or check in the little wood box at base of the card rack.



The Confirmation of Jonathan Gronefeld was held on Sunday, April 18th during worship.

MAY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	3	4 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	5 Buddy Pack Pick Up	6 Buddy Pack Delivery	7	8
9 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church After service Bible Study <i>Happy Mothers Day!</i>	10 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	11 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	12 Buddy Pack Pick Up	13 Buddy Pack Delivery	14	15
16 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	17	18 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	19 Buddy Pack Pick Up	20 Buddy Pack Delivery	21	22
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ann Seider 5.3
Michael Mahieu 5.5
Herb Heuer 5.7
Mike Richterkessing 5.16
Branda Moss 5.20
Phil Hulen 5.24
Gavin Stowers 5.24

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Ernestine Ramsey–May 2
Cheryl & Michael Steffan–May 11
Jon & Donna Hoek–May 23
Roy & Karen Richterkessing–May 24





**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

MAY

May 2

"Laughed At"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance.
(Jonah 3)

May 9

"Seriously?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously--that's the story of Jonah.
(Jonah 1-4)

May 16

"Gain a Heart of Wisdom"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God's eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah.
(Psalm 90:12)

May 23

"Wisdom Knows When"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Does someone need to hear words of rebuke-or redemption? A message about harsh words, gentle answers, and the wisdom of God.
(Proverbs 15:1)

May 30

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Proverbs

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 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 15:1-8
- May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 19:9-17
- May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter
Text: John 17:11-19
- May 23: The Day of Pentecost
Text: John 15:26-27, 16:4-15
- May 30: The Holy Trinity
Text: John 3:1-17

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

Jon Hoek (573) 682-7236
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Randy Simmons (573) 808-1497

Board of Trustees

Kathy Dickey (573) 489-3421
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Aaron Seider (573) 296-0429

Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling
Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

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

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

March 28

Attendance 47
 Current \$ 1,680.00
 Building \$ 411.40

Total \$ 2,091.40

April 4

Attendance 71
 Current \$ 1,850.00
 Building \$ 180.00

Total \$ 2,030.00

April 11

Attendance 46
 Current \$ 2,230.00
 Building \$ 420.00

Total \$ 2,650.00

April 18

Attendance 59
 Current \$ 1,665.00
 Building \$ 160.00

Total \$ 1,825.00

April 25

Attendance 45
 Current \$
 Building \$

Total \$

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.

Other March/April Deposits

3/28/21 Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$434.00
3/28/21 LWML (new refrigerator donation)	\$400.00
3/28/21 Member (new refrigerator donation)	\$400.00
4/11/21 Ed Bartels Memorial	\$25.00
4/11/21 Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$107.00
4/18/21 Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$34.00
4/18/21 Lutheran Witness Donation	\$20.00

Special Services

3/24/21	Lent Service	\$ 105.00	Attendance	12
4/1/21	Maundy Thursday			25
4/2/21	Good Friday (offerings combined)	\$1,290.00)		22

LENT Offering checks have been issued to:

Lutheran Family & Children's Services \$1,210.00
Eleos International Ministeries, Inc. \$1,210.00

*You are Invited
 BBQ and AUCTION
 Primrose Hill Adult and Teen
 Challenge*

Saturday June 5, 2021

6:00pm-9:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

Municipal Auditorium

109 N Clark St.

Moberly, MO

ADVANCED TICKETS REQUESTED

\$ 10.00

573-641-5047

heathero@primrosehilltc.com

Event proceeds benefit the women and children at Primrose Hill

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Verda Adkisson – recovering at home and going to physical therapy for a few weeks; **Andy Pendergrast** – complications from COVID-19; **Darleen Wiederhold** – sister of Roy Richterkessing undergoing treatment for cancer; **Chloe Decker; Erica Cornet; Helen Julian** – sister of Patti Haubein; **Joanne Bettenhausen; Terry Decker** – husband of Kim; **Rick Dubbert; Mary Brechler; Pastor Kriete; Kevin Morse; Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Klaus; Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Jane St. John; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **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: Father Mike Coleman.**

ARMED FORCES

Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps – fiancé to Abby Hoek, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **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.**



2021

2021 Graduates

If you have a 2021 Graduate of any age, we would like to recognize them. Please email their information to:

goodshepherdcentralia@centurytel.net

The deadline for the June Newsletter will be May 26th by 9:00 am. Pictures are also welcomed.

**Thanks,
Starr**



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