



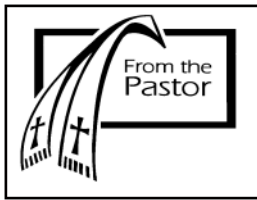
# The GOOD NEWSLETTER

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## From Our Pastor

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**M**ay I? For years my family has had an ongoing “battle” over this phrase. Is it ‘may I,’ or ‘can I?’ “Can you? I don’t know! You may, but I don’t know if you can!” ‘May’ indicates a request for permission; ‘can’ indicates an ability. The childhood game of “Mother, may I?” is an apt example. Mother, may I take one giant step? Yes you may, or no you may not is the response, and depending on the response you move closer to the one playing ‘mother.’

We are entering the month of May. I do not know the history of the name of this month, but it is a good time to reflect on what we may do. We may give thanks to, and for, our Mothers in this month, as the second Sunday in May is always Mother’s Day. We may give thanks for our veterans, particularly those who have died in service to our country, as we have Memorial Day at the end of this month. We may give thanks for the work of the women of the Church as the Women of the ELCA will host a play about the Reformation on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We may worship the Lord and give thanks each Sunday for all that God has done for us in Jesus’ cross and resurrection.

We not only may do these things, but we can! We have not just the permission to thank our mothers, remember our veterans, celebrate the Church, and worship the Lord, we also have the ability to do so. And yet not everyone will do this. We don’t always take time to thank our moms, and if we do so on one day, shall we not do so regularly throughout the year? We don’t always remember our veterans, and when we do, we often do so in a way that makes the vet a “pawn” in some political game. “I care about the veterans, where you do not!” What if we simply remember those who died, and give thanks for their service? We don’t always take the time to reflect on the story of the Church, and to consider what leaders who have preceded us did to further the Gospel of Jesus. When we do not reflect on this history, we lose track of what the Church has been, and why the Church can matter in this day. We do not always worship the Lord each Sunday, figuring we came on Easter, we ‘made our sacraments,’ and so we do not always regard as important an ongoing attitude of thanks and praise.

In this month of May, let us also remember Can, and then be sure to Do. Do thank your mom. Do remember the veterans. Do reflect on the Church and its importance in the world. Do worship the Lord, offering prayer, praise and thanksgiving for all God has done for you in Jesus.

May I? Yes you may!

In Christ,  
Pr. Karl M. Richard

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## The Vicar's View:

### Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, and the Start of a Relationship

**T**oward the beginning of my freshman year of high school, I heard a Led Zeppelin song for the very first time. By the end of the song, my jaw had dropped as I realized that, within 5 minutes, Led Zeppelin had become my favorite band. My love for the band Pink Floyd came about in an entirely different way. They were one of my brother’s favorite bands, and I was practically forced to hear “The Wall” and “Dark Side of the Moon” over and over again because we shared a bedroom. At first, I disliked them, but the more I listened to them, the more I came to enjoy the music. Over a series of months, almost imperceptibly, Pink Floyd went from being an annoyance to a band that I have loved for several years.

The two ways that I came to love these classic rock groups can act as general models for how we come into relationship with the Christian God. (It is, of course, a very imperfect analogy.) Of the two, the Led Zeppelin way is given much more attention and is generally more valued. People tend to uphold dramatic conversion stories like Paul’s on the road to Damascus, or the calling of some of the twelve apostles, as the ideal way of becoming Christian. These are the stories that we tell time and time again, stories with a distinct moment of repentance and transformation. Several evangelicals I’ve met have said that unless you can remember the exact moment that you accepted Christ in your heart, then you’re not really a Christian, in which case you should make a prayer to do so officially right now.

But the truth is that many of us have not had that “Eureka!” moment. Many of us were raised with Christian parents who consistently encouraged our faith and kept us in community with other faithful people, and our faith just stuck. Others enter into a relationship with Jesus over weeks, months, or even years, a period of prayer, contemplation, and many discussions with friends and family. Others consider their baptism to be the beginning of their relationship with Christ. Such ways of entering into relationship with God can be just as beautiful and powerful as the more dramatic conversion stories.

The fact remains that, whether we come to know God’s grace in a single moment of revelation or over a much longer period of time, every day provides another opportunity for us to try to love God with our whole heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. And when we are worked over and transformed by God’s love, we should want to share the story of God with others. Whenever I come to like an author, band, or artist, one of the first things I do is talk to as many friends and family members as I can about them. I want other people to know how much the band has changed me and enriched my life, with the hope that others will come to feel the same way that I do about this new, amazing thing.

Now imagine sitting a friend or family member down and telling him or her the grand story of the Bible, the story of how God saved (and is saving) us and the world. Get excited about it, knowing that if we’re passionate about anything, it should be the God who has called us into deep relationship, no matter how that relationship started.

Vicar Daniel Smith

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## The ELCA’s Bosnia Ministry

Several months ago, I spoke at the annual WELCA breakfast about the ELCA’s Bosnia mission trip and my participation in it. For those of you who weren’t there: This annual trip got started almost 20 years ago, shortly after the war and strife in Bosnia officially ended. Because of the war, the country’s three religious groups (Catholic, Orthodox Christian, and Muslim) who had intermarried and co-existed peacefully before the war, are now largely segregated and distrustful of each other. The country has also not recovered economically, and many people live in poverty. Even though they were born after the war ended, the children of Bosnia still have to deal with its negative consequences.

It is for those children that American Lutherans have travelled to Bosnia each year, visiting schools and orphanages. Each of the activities in the day camps we organize teach the children about cooperation, conflict resolution, and tolerance of differences. These day camps and the relationships we have formed with students and teachers have impacted their lives for the better, as well as our own.

During the month of May, there will be opportunities for you to get involved with this wonderful ministry as well! A group of Lutherans (mostly from New Jersey) is leaving for the country this June, and they will be taking along tons of gifts and supplies for the schools and

orphanages, including tote bags, gym equipment, and small pillows. That’s where you can come in! On the 7th and 21st of May, we will have a table set up in the main hallway of the church where you will be able to decorate and color a tote bag. We will be collecting sports equipment at the table, as well. You may also be asked to help with making pillows!

If you have any questions about the projects or the Bosnia ministry in general, feel free to ask me. This is a ministry that I am very passionate about, so I’d love to chat about it!

Vicar Daniel Smith

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## Social Ministry

Thank you to those of you who have already contributed items for the breakfast bags that we will be assembling for the elderly population who utilize the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. We are not putting the bags together until May 16, so there is still time to make a contribution. There is a bin in the hallway for your donations.

On May 7 and 21, after each service, the older children and adults of the congregation will have an opportunity to decorate a tote bag for children in Bosnia who attend a camp there in the summer. The project is called **Bosnia: Children of War, Children of Peace** and is sponsored by the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA. We will also have baskets for a free will offering if you wish to donate money instead of, or in addition to, decorating a bag. Sporting equipment is also needed for each camp. Please look for an additional article in this newsletter about this entire project from Vicar Dan, who is coordinating this effort.

On Mother’s Day, there will again be an additional envelope with your bulletin for Baby Manna, an organization that provides needed nutrition for infants who live in poverty.

Thank you for all that you do to help others in need!

Cheryl Morrell

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## Social Ministry Partner of the Month: Loaves & Fishes

Fed by God’s Word and by the meal of Jesus’ body and blood, the people of Saint Matthew strive to love God and serve neighbor. While doing ministry in the world, we as a church have established significant relationships with several local churches and charity organizations. Each month, we will be highlighting one of those partners, so that you can see the impact your contributions and participation in these ministries have had on people’s lives. Saint Matthew has been truly blessed in how much it has been able to do in our communities! Our first “Social Ministry Partner of the Month” is Loaves & Fishes. Vicar Dan sat down with its director, our own Joanne Castagna, to talk about this important ministry and Saint Matthew’s involvement in it. The following is a paraphrase of our discussion.

Vicar Dan: So, Joanne, can you tell us a bit about Loaves & Fishes? When and where did it start? When did you get involved with it?

Joanne: It started in October of 2001 or 2002 at the Prospect Hill Baptist Church in Prospect Park. It was started by Linda Freeman, who was its first director, and Lana Lindenmuth, who took care of the financial side of things. I started volunteering in 2009, became the assistant director a while later, and became the director in 2012.

Vicar Dan: What are some of the main things Loaves & Fishes does as an organization?

Joanne: The main thing we do in the community is to provide food for those in need of it. We try to give out balanced food, including lots of produce. But we try to be holistic in the way we provide support for the people who come to us, as well. We try to dispel any fear or shame they may be feeling about needing assistance. We also make lots of referrals to other organizations and government departments so that people can find other sources of help, including food stamps, housing assistance, domestic abuse resources, and affordable health care. In addition to food, we always distribute a personal care item to people, something that couldn't be purchased with food stamps. So, things like toothbrushes, towels, laundry detergent, or dry dog and cat food.

Vicar Dan: Approximately how many people come to Loaves & Fishes? Who are the people you are supporting?

Joanne: Right now, we have about 1,000 clients. The number was highest in 2008, after the financial crisis, when we had about 1,300 clients. There's a large number of unemployed and underemployed people out there, and one in five children in Delaware County experience hunger. Many of our clients are single parents or senior citizens.

Vicar Dan: What are some of the joys and challenges you've had in your work?

Joanne: I love interacting with the children who come. They always ask me and the volunteers the best questions. One of the most difficult things for me and many of the volunteers is when clients break down emotionally and become upset because of what's going on in their lives. When that happens, we try our best to be a steady and comforting presence for them.

Vicar Dan: How have the contributions and volunteering from Saint Matthew folks impacted Loaves & Fishes?

Joanne: Saint Matthew has done a **lot** with us. Out of the 25 churches that volunteer and contribute food and other items, Saint Matthew has done the most. Something we really appreciate about Saint Matthew's support is that it has always been very consistent. And I can't tell you how much Saint Matthew's contributions during the Souper Bowl of Caring have meant to us and to our clients.

Vicar Dan: That's great! So, for people who are interested in Loaves & Fishes, what are some of the ways people can get involved?

Joanne: I'd invite anyone who is interested in what Loaves & Fishes does for our clients and for the community to visit the operation for themselves. We can always use more help and more donations.

Vicar Dan: Well, thank you so much for sitting down with me, and thank you to everyone involved with Loaves & Fishes for all that they do.

Joanne: Absolutely! It was my pleasure.

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## LUTHER 500

**Y**ou are invited to attend LUTHER 500, A Layman's Guide to the Protestant Reformation or What I Learned in Lutherland, a presentation of stories, photos, and historical insights by Steve Seyfried on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Elbert Hall. There will be a free-will offering to benefit the SEPA Synod's Forward in Faith Campaign. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. This event is being sponsored by the Christian Education Committee and Women of the ELCA. All are invited to attend.

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## Children's Corner

Dear Children,

**B**uy one puppy and get another one **free!**  
Buy a dozen cupcakes and get one **free!**

Do we **really** get anything for **free**? Another puppy would actually cost a lot of money when one considers all the food and vet bills and—possibly the actual price of a dozen cupcakes might have increased to “cover” the cost of the “free” one.

### Does anything come free?

Well, I know of something that is free and that is God's grace. I know that you hear the word “grace” often in church in the hymns that we sing and in our liturgy. “**Grace**” is God's wonderful forgiveness for our sins—our punishment has already been taken away by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Several years ago, I was told that grace was like someone writing out a large check for **me** and placing it on the table for me to take—I can pick up the check **or** leave it and walk away—my choice. I was thinking about this a few Sundays ago as we sang the hymn “Amazing Grace”—“Twas **grace** that taught my heart to fear, and **grace** my fears relieved. How precious did that **grace** appear the hour I first believed.”

Mr. Yost and I once saw a wonderful movie and I believe it was also called “Amazing Grace.” As we entered the theater, we had no idea it was about the history of this song with its haunting melody and powerful words. Several years before our Civil War, slavery was coming to the forefront in England and Parliament finally passed a law cracking down on the slave trade. John Newton (the author of this wonderful hymn) was the captain of a slave ship that transported slaves from Africa to England and was a miserable, nasty, and unhappy person—a real **wretch**. Now, how can a mean person like Mr. Newton write a beautifully crafted hymn glorifying Our Lord? His story is very interesting. Stay tuned for the June newsletter!

**Remember God's grace is free—all you need to do is believe in Him!**

**Dear Parents,**

Grace is often a difficult concept for anyone to understand--we tend to think that in order to deserve the love of God, we have to do a lot of work. Martin Luther helped us to just **accept** God's goodness and grace and believe in Him. **Grace is free!**

Try singing this inspiring hymn with your family--if you don't have a hymnbook at home, the internet will provide the words to this old hymn.

Sylvia Yost

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## Men's Breakfast

The May Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 20, at 7:15 a.m. at The Court Diner, 140 E. Baltimore Pike in Media. All men are invited to join us for morning devotions, a great speaker, an excellent breakfast and good fellowship. Please come and enjoy an excellent way to start the day.

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## Nursery School

It is hard to believe this is the last month of our school year. The children have grown so much and we are very proud of them.

To end our school year we have pizza day and fun-filled activities planned for the children. We will be holding our graduation ceremonies in the church on Wednesday, May 24 for our 3 and 5 day classes and Thursday, May 25, for our 2 day classes. We invite the families and friends of our children to celebrate a special and memorable day.

We are also having a summer camp: "Camp Busy Bee" beginning May 30 through June 15 from 9:15—12:15.

The Nursery School has had a wonderful year filled with many blessings and memories. The staff has worked so hard sharing their special talents and unique understanding of the specialness of children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Richard, Janice Gardner, Jim Snyder, Joe Regan, Ted Hidell and the Nursery School Advisory Board for their support and friendship throughout the school year.

The Nursery School is a gift to all of us!

Linda M. Maylie, Director

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## 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

As we continue to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the 75th Anniversary of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church be on the look out for our mini slideshows filled with pictures from the past 75 years at Saint Matthew that will play prior to each Sunday service. As you watch the pictures or simply think back, do fond memories come to mind? If so, we would love you to share

your memories so they can be included in our 75th Anniversary Memory Book. Please submit your stories in writing to the office, Frankie Savage, or Nicole Smith. Finally, **Save the Date**—Bishop Claire Burkat will be with us on Sunday, October 8, 2017; and there will be a luncheon and program at The Oaks Ballroom that day.

Nicole Smith

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## Saint Matthew Clean-Up Crew!

You all know who you are! Great job and many thanks for helping to make our community a better, cleaner place. As a parent, I know I appreciate clean parks for my kids. The Evangelism Committee would like to give a special thanks to Meredith Harris and the Cirillo family for the safety glove donations. The gloves helped prevent any unnecessary injuries.

Mike Lavery

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## Financial Update

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.* Matthew 28:16-20

**Summary:** Final reports for the month of March were not available as of the deadline for the monthly newsletter; however, we do know that through 3 months of the year we are in the positive year-to-date and ahead of our budget goal. Thank you to all for your continued support of Saint Matthew. As we go to press it is Good Friday, where our Lord made the ultimate sacrifice to free us from our sins. Continue to keep our Church, our members and all of the Body of Christ in your hearts and minds.

**Giving Opportunities:** Parking lot repairs are not a generally exciting giving opportunity; however, if you have ever hit one of the pot holes leaving the parking lot, it may be much more exciting! A bid for a repair of the parking lot near the exit has been received and the cost for this 35 x 35 section of the lot is \$8,500. Although this is only a part of the parking lot it would be done in a way that could be blended in when the entire parking lot is repaired/repaved. The Property Committee is looking for volunteers who may be able to help with funding for this project. When we were looking for donors and supporters to help meet the cost of the stained glass repairs we received multiple donors from the congregation to help us meet *all* of the expenses for the repairs to the stained glass windows, which was amazing (in excess of \$30,000.) Would you be able to help out in supporting some of the cost for this repair? If so, just drop your donation in a pew envelope and label it for Parking Lot Repair or leave an envelope in the office.

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## Library

Hoping we've all had a Blessed Easter, for He is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia! This month's book is *Searching for Faith Within a Confused Society*, written

by Dennis Anderson, found on Shelf 234AND. *Searching for Faith* is a collection of sermons consciously designed to help moderns define the nature of the Christian faith in the midst of a pluralistic culture which has confused civil religion with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Writes Anderson: "Others better equipped than I can describe and chart the character of religion in America in the mid-seventies. But while the charting is going on, the struggle to find and define faith continues. That is what these sermons are about."

Happy Spring!

Barbara Kinsey

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## The Warning

This is not what you should be doing! It was an urgent message to me as I was looking down the barrel of a loaded handgun. Playing cowboys had become a favorite game for me. Tom Mix, Tim Holt and Gabby Hayes were heroes to us kids back then. We all had cowboy outfits with holsters and toy guns. But this was a real gun that I held in my hand.

My family had moved to Fiji to live on the Air Force base near Suva, the capital city. The home that was built for us, and where we lived, had a wide veranda which extended on three sides to give shade from the strong rays of the sun. During the night sometimes, wild dogs would gather howling on the veranda and my father, awakened by their racket, chased after them with his gun loaded with birdshot. This gun he kept in the drawer of his bedside table.

One day, for some reason, I was alone in the house. My Mom was off with my little sister somewhere and my Dad was at work. Curious, I was interested in looking at a real gun and to see how heavy it felt, so I entered my parents' bedroom and opened the drawer of the nightstand. It was heavy and I took it outside to examine it, not really thinking what I would do with it.

There I was, standing beside the veranda, feeling the weight of this weapon and looking at it fascinated. I pointed it like Tim Holt did. Then turned it so I could see in the barrel. Instantly, my mind received the message: "This is **not** what you should be doing!" A direct intervention for my safety from on high! I held the gun away and took it back inside to its place beside the bed and never went near it again.

Frequent messages for our well-being we will receive in our lives without much thought afterwards. Sometimes we discount them as idle thoughts but there is often reason for physical action. We human beings are created for a purpose. We are held precious in His hands. He wants us to do His work. He seeks to share with us the joys of His creation. His lovingkindness is with us for all of our lives and into the next. He looks for our fulfillment as a parent looks over his child.

In gratitude for this awareness, I say: Thanks be to God.

Tony Webb

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## First Thursday Friends

First Thursday Friends will gather on Thursday, May 4, at 11:30 a.m. at La Locanda, 4989 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073. For more information contact John Stefl.

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## Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the June newsletter are due in the church office by **noon on Monday, May 15.**

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## Women of the ELCA

*"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."*  
*Philippians 2:5*

Let us love as Jesus loves us—helping those in need. Won't you join us this month?

On May 9 the whole congregation is invited to *Luther 500, A Layman's Guide to the Protestant Reformation* presentation by Steve Seyfried at 7 p.m. Dessert to follow in Elbert Hall.

May 10—Board Meeting—9:30 a.m., Library

May 13—LWR Quilting/Quilts for Graduates—  
10:30 a.m., Parish Education Bldg.

May 17—Ronald McDonald Quilting—10:00 a.m.,  
Parlor

May 23—Sarah Circle—7:00 p.m., Parish Education  
Bldg.

May 24—Esther Circle—10:00 a.m., Parlor

During the month of May we will collect iced tea, lemonade, bottled water and cookies.

Joan Krauter, President

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## Monthly Mailbag

Dear Pastor Richard,



We want to thank you and the other members who joined us in the recent communion service here at Lima Estates.

We, as well as the other residents, appreciate your visits so much and look forward to your next visit.

Thank you again and God bless you!

Arlene DePugh  
Helen McHenry  
Edna Graefe

Dear Saint Matthew Friends,

My thanks to everyone at Saint Matthew for the cards, calls, beautiful altar flowers, and most importantly prayers following my recent surgery.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is so very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Hassett

Dear Saint Matthew Friends,

You are wonderful! Thank you for the terrific treat bags for the children of Silver Springs-Martin Luther School. They will be thrilled to receive this sweet surprise and are sure to enjoy the sweet treats!

We are very grateful for your ongoing friendship and caring partnership in our ministry. With the support of friends like Saint Matthew we are able to help more than 2,400 children and families learn, heal, and reach for bright futures each year. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Amanda Bryant, Development Officer  
Silver Springs-Martin Luther School

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are not sufficient words to say “thank you” for all you have done and continue to do. This is an important ministry—one which enables us to reach many people with not only food for their bodies but hope and love for their souls.

Your recent gift of \$789.10 does more than purchase food. It gives dignity to those who are served by the pantry. It also give those of us who volunteer the message that others care about those in need as much as we do. Thank you for caring.

Yours in Christ,  
Lana Lindenmuth, Financial Director  
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Dear Congregation of Saint Matthew,

I wanted to say a heartfelt thanks to all of you for the cards, emails, and well-wishes I’ve received over the last few weeks. Obviously, being sick isn’t fun, but all of your support and prayers made it a lot more tolerable. Thank you so much for being such a caring, loving community.

Sincerely,  
Vicar Daniel Smith

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**Vital Statistics**

**60th Wedding Anniversary:**

**Frank and Nancy Pflieger**  
May 18, 2017

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**Worship Responsibilities**

**Altar Guild**

**Coordinator: Jeff Wesley**

May 7 C. DiSanto, M. Ziff  
May 14 M. Miller, J. Krauter  
May 21 M. McCleary, D. Liscom  
May 28 J. Wesley, D. Frattini

**Worship Assistants**

**Coordinator: John Kampmeyer**

May 7 8:00 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
May 14 8:00 a.m. Kathie Morgan  
10:15 a.m. Fran Gordon  
May 21 8:00 a.m. Abby Richard  
10:15 a.m. (No assistant needed)  
May 28 8:00 a.m. Maureen McCleary  
10:15 a.m. Joe Link

**Acolytes**

**Coordinator: Dawn von Berg**

May 7 8:00 a.m. T. C. Cobb  
10:15 a.m. Ethan Kraft, Matt DiSanto  
Crucifer: Rebecca Engberg  
May 14 8:00 a.m. Gavin von Berg  
10:15 a.m. Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley  
Crucifer: Rebecca Engberg  
May 21 8:00 a.m. Jackson Bennett  
10:15 a.m. Matt DiSanto, Abby Richard  
May 28 8:00 a.m. Jake O’Brien  
10:15 a.m. Rebecca Engberg, Ethan Kraft  
Crucifer: Madison Wesley

**Communion Servers**

**Coordinator: Joan Krauter**

May 7 8:00 a.m. Kevin and Karen McCormick  
10:15 a.m. John and Dotty Engelbrecht  
May 14 8:00 a.m. Kim Cobb, Joan Krauter  
10:15 a.m. Bea Toomey, Morrow Ziff  
May 21 8:00 a.m. Diane Frattini, Barbara Kinsey  
10:15 a.m. Dan Lazaro, Meredith Harris, Jeff Wesley  
May 28 8:00 a.m. Doug Bratz, Vicar Daniel Smith  
10:15 a.m. Abby Richard, Vicar Daniel Smith

**Lectors**

**Coordinator: Jeff Wesley**

May 7 10:15 a.m. Frankie Savage  
May 14 10:15 a.m. Joe Link  
May 21 10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
May 28 10:15 a.m. Linda Shipley

**Sunday Nursery**

**Coordinator: Janice Gardner**

May 7 10:15 a.m. Mike and Melissa Lavery  
May 14 10:15 a.m. Diana and Pat Dolan  
May 21 10:15 a.m. Sue and Brian Barber  
May 28 10:15 a.m. Gary Pflieger, Kathy Kinder

**Greeters**

**Coordinator: Nicole Smith**

May 7 8:00 a.m. Chris and Kristen Rohrer  
10:15 a.m. Paula Toland, Carol Mueller  
May 14 8:00 a.m. Matthew and Christine Scott  
10:15 a.m. Rick and Joelle Link  
May 21 8:00 a.m. Dee and Doug Bratz  
10:15 a.m. Josh and Lori Martin  
May 28 8:00 a.m. John and Patti Stefl  
10:15 a.m. Steve and Cheryl Morrell

## May Birthdays

Gary Bergmann	5/1	Marti Millington	5/19
Steven Kinsey, Jr.	5/1	Linda Waldie	5/19
A. J. Stadler, Jr.	5/1	Bruce Engelbrecht	5/20
Robby Marro	5/2	Sara Sherwin	5/20
Andrew Shipley	5/2	Michael Hessenauer	5/21
Edith Boose	5/3	Ava Stadler	5/21
Gail Conrad	5/3	Judy Telgheider	5/21
Thomas Masson	5/3	Steven Halko	5/23
Madison O'Brien	5/3	Ceana Hickey	5/23
Cynthia Greene	5/4	Brittany McHenry	5/23
Jessica Krauter	5/4	Dominick Stotts	5/23
Emily Yost	5/5	John Kampmeyer, Sr.	5/24
Karen Hackler	5/6	Brett McAllister	5/24
Kaylee Hickey	5/6	Luke McCallum	5/24
Margaret Larkin	5/7	Paulette Stark	5/24
Patricia Klaus	5/8	Pansy Stolar	5/24
Lydia Russell	5/8	Kevin McCormick, Jr.	5/25
Eleanor Schaaf	5/8	Victoria Krauter	5/26
Margie Henry	5/9	Morgan Reilly	5/26
Liam Grace	5/10	Ethan Dahmm	5/28
Wilbur Runkle	5/10	Hayden Dahmm	5/28
Paula Toland	5/11	Matthew Scally	5/28
Jameson Lavery	5/12	Matthew Stalker	5/28
Evan Plachuta	5/12	Krystin Dukes	5/29
Dylan Johnston	5/13	Stephen Knoell (Sr.)	5/29
Venetia Cole	5/14	Riley O'Donnell	5/29
Meredith Harris	5/14	Kylie Ziff	5/29
Andrew Kelleher	5/14	David Colvell	5/30
Jamie Bennett	5/15	Dan Lazaro	5/30
Marc Grantland	5/18	Bill Wueschinski	5/30
Jeff Morgan	5/18	Steven Kinsey, Sr.	5/31
Joe Link	5/19	Kellie Looby	5/31
Lukas Miller	5/19		

**If we have missed your birthday, please notify the church office.**



# Coffee Connection

*Sunday*

*May 14, 2017*

*(Mother's Day)*

*Join us for food, fellowship, and fun*

**Refreshments and treats will be served  
in the parlor after each service**

*If you would like to donate a treat, there is a sign-up  
sheet outside of the office. All contributions are  
greatly appreciated.*

**God Bless all the Mothers!**

*“Give her of the fruit of her hands;  
and let her own works praise her in  
the gates.” Proverbs 31:31*