

# Christiania Newsletter

May 2021

*We start with Christ  
in our serving, in our caring,  
and in our growing*



## A WORD FROM SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

***How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ~1 John 3:17-18***

People of Christiania,

On Maundy Thursday we heard Jesus giving a new command: ***"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"*** (John 13:34). Like Christ loves, we are to love. You may remember Maundy Thursday means, *new commandment*. Likewise, in sharing the most important commandment, Jesus provides two: love God and love neighbor.

Holy Scripture encourages, even commands, movement toward love being an action toward others in the world. Following Christ's teachings can move us from lives focused inwardly on self to lives focused outwardly on others; in this God is pleased. ***Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:16 NIV).***

For Maundy Thursday worshipers, you may have noticed we had a visitor: Ginger. A newcomer to our worship community, Ginger was clearly out of place and even in discomfort in some ways. Our visitor had showed up at Christiania a few hours before worship and, thankfully, our Director of Faith Formation, Joe Jorgensen, was here to receive her.

In conversation with Joe, Ginger shared she was trying to get home to Wells, Maine by bus. She had come after hearing of her father's death. Joe engaged her in conversation and helped her find a more direct route home by bus online. The first opportunity to begin her bus ride home left from Faribault in two days.

After arriving at Christiania a little while later, I also had a chance to get to know Ginger and hear her story. Evidently, she grew up in Lakeville but called Maine her home for the past decade. She arrived at Christiania by accident; the cemetery where her father was buried was called, Christdala. An internet search later revealed this cemetery was affiliated with the Christdala Evangelical Church and was Swedish in origin. Ginger had mistakenly arrived at Christiania. An honest mistake or part of God's plan? Perhaps both?

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After hearing her story and praying with her, I told Ginger we could help with money toward a bus ticket. She was so thankful. The funds had been provided weeks earlier by one of our thoughtful, generous families. After thanking me, Ginger started walking back—to Northfield. At this point I learned she had walked from her hotel in Northfield to Christiania and was planning to walk the ten-mile journey back to Northfield. With 7 pm worship quickly approaching, it occurred to me she would be walking in the dark. This seemed wrong.

"Why don't you stay for worship," I invited, "Let's see if we can find you a ride back." She headed toward the dark fellowship area, but I welcomed her to join us in the brightly lit sanctuary. She planted herself in the back corner of the side chapel. Ginger looked uncomfortable as she fidgeted with her hoodie pulled up over her head.

During worship I noticed she stopped fidgeting, then she pulled down her hoodie and seemed to become more comfortable. I was delighted to see by the end of worship she was engaged in conversation with several Christiania members who had moved toward her to introduce themselves, hear her story, and help. One family provided some financial help for food and lodging. One Christiania member provided a ride to Faribault.

On Maundy Thursday God had provided a modern-day example about Jesus' radical and intimate way of loving. This kind of love is dangerous and risky. The one who had given Ginger a ride to Faribault had a chance to model Christ's love. They talked about life, got to know one another, and put her up at a Faribault hotel for the evening. Our good Samaritan was so moved by the Spirit that she prayed with Ginger, blessed her, and gifted her with a cross necklace she was wearing. The Spirit was, indeed, present.

Ginger's visit has continued to draw us in to intentional, mutual relationship. In the days following her visit, we learned Ginger's presence in worship felt dangerous and scary to some among us. We also learned there were other ways of helping. One of our people became aware of Maundy Thursday's engagement and purchased some Uber Gift Cards to leave at church for a future need.

Isn't it interesting: Ginger's visit was both an energizing opportunity to love a stranger and a dangerous interaction with a stranger?

Holy Scripture has much to say about loving and helping those in need. God Blesses those who assist: ***It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy (Proverbs 14:21 NIV).*** *Valuing and loving others is putting their interests ahead of your own: **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others (Philippians 2:3-4 NIV).*** When we love others, we are loving God: *for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me' (Matthew 25:35-40).*

This kind of love is challenging. This kind of love is intimate. This kind of love is dangerous. Thanks be to God!

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

# Come & Worship

**Sunday, May 2: 5th Sunday of Easter John 15:1-8**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion — In-person & on YouTube

**Wednesday, May 5**  
1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause — Facebook  
1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion

**Sunday, May 9: 6th Sunday of Easter John 15:9-7**  
9:00 a.m. Worship — In-person & on YouTube  
*Mother's Day*

**Wednesday, May 12**  
1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause — Facebook

**Sunday, May 16: 7th Sunday of Easter John 17:6-19**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion — In-person & on YouTube  
*Celebration of 1st Communion*

**Wednesday, May 19**  
1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause — Facebook  
1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion

**Sunday, May 23: Day of Pentecost John 15:26-27,16:4b-15**  
9:00 a.m. Worship — In-person & on YouTube  
*Graduate Recognition*  
*State of the Church Address*

**Wednesday, May 26**  
1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause — Facebook

**Sunday, May 30: The Holy Trinity John 3:1-17**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion — In-person & on YouTube

**Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.**  
May 4, 11, 18, & 25  
*Meets via Zoom*

**Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.**  
**(Women's)**  
May 11 & 25  
*Meets at church*

**Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.**  
**(CLCW)**  
May 19  
*Meets at church*

**Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.**  
May 5, 12, 19, & 26  
*Meets via Zoom*

Contact Cheryl Bahnsen at  
bahnc12@aol.com for details

**Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**  
May 6, 13, 20, 27  
*Meets via Zoom*

**Saturday, 8:00 a.m.**  
**(Men's)**  
May 8 & 22  
*Meets via Zoom*

All are invited to join us. Contact  
Carri or Pastor Jon for details to  
get connected.

## Worship Attendance

### *Sunday Worship*

April 4 (9 am): Online...**128** In person...**119**

April 4 (11 am): Online...**114** In person...**65**

April 11: Online...**138** In person...**49**

April 18: Online...**102** In person...**67**

April 25: Online...**24\*** In person...**100**

### *Midweek Pause*

April 7: **26**

April 14: **24**

April 21: **20\***

April 28: **--\***

\*complete data was not available at time of printing  
^online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day period and doubling it



**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
BRUCE MOHN**

Happy Easter to all! Christ has risen, he has risen indeed. Alleluia! What a great way to start this newsletter article. It is a special time for the Christian faith.

I hope this new month of May starts out with a new sense of optimism for you! I see the month of May as the beginning of the growing season when we plant corn and soybeans and some of you plant gardens. Do you notice the fresh smell of the soil when you are tilling it? How about the smell of those flowering trees, the spring rains and the freshly cut grass? If you can, take time to notice the wonderful smells that God provides for us each spring.

In our council meeting we had these items of interest:

- Approved our neighboring church, Highview Christiania, to have a small mission garden in the wildflower garden/softball field by the church parsonage.
- Requested the property committee to get estimates for some new air conditioning and an air exchange unit for the social hall and the Heritage room.
- Discussed that the sanctuary refresh committee should meet again to address the needs of the church.
- CYF is looking into a canopy with sides for multiple uses for outside events at church.

Our church will have many special events this month. There will be a youth pancake breakfast outdoors on May 2, a first communion for school age children on May 16; then on Sunday, May 23 we plan to have a state of the church address following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. We plan to cover the budget and some new capital expenditures. Bill Kanfield, vice president of the council and chair for the COVID Response Team will provide an update. Joe Jorgensen, Director of Faith Formation is also on the agenda. Finally, the American Red Cross will have a blood drive on Wednesday, May 26 from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Sign up early, the spots fill up fast!

The church season of Easter coincides with a new growing season. Each of them helps us renew our optimism--one for our faith and one for the hope for an abundant crop. As spring and summer arrives, take time to recharge for the year ahead and look for the little things that brighten your day.

Bruce Mohn  
Council President

**Executive Council**

- President:** Bruce Mohn  
**Vice-President:** Bill Kanfield  
**Secretary:** Staci Thompson  
**At Large Members:** Jane Ward  
 Lonna Selkirk Warren Peterson  
 Terry Laschinger Tia Burnham  
**Treasurer:** Lisa Schultz  
**Senior Pastor:** Pastor Jon Rhodes

**Ministry Board**

- Sharon Buckley  
 Joel Ruen  
 Lucy Hurrle  
 Tania Drexler  
 Quentin DuLac  
 Pastor Jon Rhodes

**CYF**

- Quentin DuLac  
 Tia Burnham  
 Tim Emmons  
 Joe Jorgensen  
 Needed (Youth)  
 Needed (Adult)

**Membership**

- Needed  
 Needed  
 Needed

**Congregational Life**

- Lucy Hurrle  
 Julie Booth  
 Needed

**Property**

- Brad Smith  
 Dave Mohling  
 Scott Tempel  
 Jeanne Nash

**Missions**

- Sharon Buckley  
 Scott Tempel  
 Daron DuLac  
 Cindy Hildreth

**Stewardship**

- Joel Ruen  
 Lori Clausen  
 Needed

**Worship**

- Robin Martin  
 Tania Drexler  
 Jane Ward  
 Joan Eckdahl  
 Dr. Matt Steinbron  
 Pastor Jon Rhodes

**Safety Team**

- Greg Silus  
 Bob Monio  
 Daryl Rieck  
 Lori Clausen  
 John Mohn  
 Scott Tempel

**Evangelism**

- Needed  
 Needed  
 Needed



Bridget Anderson  
Margaret Corrigan  
Susie Stiehl

Crisa Silverness  
Ellie Panek  
Cindy Hildreth

Marjorie Tonsager  
Melissa Hanson  
Carol Garant

Sharon Syverson  
Bob Jacobson  
Tony Burnham

***For these of our Congregation:***

***For all those working on the front lines fighting against the COVID-19 virus:***

Alex Krenz

***For friends of our congregation who also need healing:***

Gale West, good friend of Don and John Storlie

Britta Dumke, friend of Cathy Breyer

Maricia Horseman, friend of Don Hardie

Renea Wood, friend of Don Hardie

Kathy Mahowald, friend of Don Hardie

Mike Groves, father of Brianna Streefland

Victoria Burnham, daughter of Tony Burnham

Char Meyer, friend of Sharon and John Mohn

Dylan Hart, nephew of Bob & Shodee Monio

Emmet Peterson, grandson of Mary & Warren Peterson

Phil Strom, friend of Doc Aaker

Mary Klockeman, sister of Karla Schrader

Michael Ford, friend of Lori & LeRoy Clausen

Wynn Ostlie, brother of Joanie Eckdahl

Chris Saunders, brother of Tia Burnham

Asher Woodard, son of a co-worker of Dick Panek

Gary Hunt, friend of LeRoy & Lori Clausen

Amy Bement, friend of Lori Clausen

Mike Nordman, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen

Jennifer, NJ cousin of Alan Ritchie

PriCilla Bjorklund, close friend of Cathy Breyer

Greg Jeffers, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen

Justin Storlie, son of Joan & Ritchie Storlie

Mike Bean, friend of Dick & Ellie Panek

Megan Taylor, relative of Lori Clausen

Denise Neisen, friend of Lori Clausen

Matthew Ames, son of Alan & Fayette Ames

Lee Jacobson, brother of Bob and Arlene Jacobson

Benjamin Velasquez, friend of Matt & Stephanie Steinbron

Eunice Bue, mother of Jody Wilkins

Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa

Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom

Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausens and Eckdahls

Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson

Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross

Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister & brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist

Wes Fausch, father of Adam Fausch

Mark Jacobson, nephew of Bob & Arlene Jacobson

Dwayne, friend of Geeg and Steve Aaker

Michelle Tannehill, cousin of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine

Chuck Crosby, friend of Lori & Mark Rogers

Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel

Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover

Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son

Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members

Brian, son of George Kasper

Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum

Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield

Annie, friend of Lori Rogers

Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

**In the Military:**

Mitchell Wicklund (Jerry & Audrey's grandson); Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)

Brenden Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' nephew); Josh Dennehey (John Dennehey's son)

Christian Weidling (Sherri & Mike Mohn's nephew); Max Baker (Sandy Cross' grandson)

Billy Hukka (Beth Hukka's son); Miguel Nuno (Arcadio Gutierrez and Tania Drexler Gutierrez's nephew)

John Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' son);

**If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer chain,  
please contact Carri in the church office.**

## AN UPDATE FROM THE COVID RESPONSE TEAM

Since March of 2020, the COVID Response Team — a group of medical professionals, educators, staff, and volunteers — has been working to develop and update COVID-related policies for the Christiania community. **The basis for these policy recommendations comes from CDC, MN Department of Health, and local medical and school district guidelines.** This team continues to meet bi-weekly to discuss and review any changes in those guidelines, to update church policy recommendations, and to evaluate how those policies impact specific upcoming events.

Currently, despite high vaccination rates of the 16+ population (42.2% with at least 1 dose), COVID confirmed cases and deaths continue to rise. **This week's positivity rate was above the state's target rate of 5% at 6.7%, with Scott (8.1%) and Dakota (7.9%) counties exceeding even the state rate; ICU utilization is at about 77% but with a dangerous level of new cases that include a large number of youth and middle aged populations.** (<https://covidactnow.org/us/minnesota-mn/>)

Because of these current trends, the most recent version of the “Stay Safe MN COVID Requirements for Faith-based Communities, Places of Worship, Weddings and Funerals” (dated 4/15/2021) reflects no change in guidelines. (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/safefait.pdf>)

While we are desperately longing to return to the congregational life to which we had grown accustomed, (at the time of this writing) the team is not currently making any new recommendations or revisions to existing policies. The team will continue to meet regularly as we develop a plan to safely return to beloved Christiania activities such as coffee social, CYF engagement, normalized indoor events, serving meals, traditional communion, and more singing.

In the meantime, we will continue to engage in practices recommended by the CDC and the Stay Safe MN guidelines. These practices include staying home when experiencing symptoms, wearing face coverings, maintaining social distancing, forgoing indoor food/beverages, and engaging in good hygiene practices such as hand washing/sanitizing and regular cleaning/disinfecting of our facility. These actions remain critical to our ability to protect our congregation, staff and community. Our number one goal is to safely remain open to continue our ministries. **Thank you for your help and patience during this difficult period.**

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND AN UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR,  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE, FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA,  
AND SIGN UP TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAILS THROUGH CONSTANT CONTACT.



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**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE WEEKLY UPDATES MAILED TO YOU, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.  
IF YOU ARE PROMPTED TO LEAVE A VOICEMAIL, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME AS WELL AS A CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS.**

## Happy 99th Birthday, Marjorie Tonsager!

There will be an open house for Marjorie on Sunday, May 9 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Curt and Barb's Home.

1000 Mulberry Ave NE  
Montgomery, MN 56069.

Cards and well wishes may also be sent to this address.

Everyone is invited to stop by and wish Marjorie a Happy Birthday. Cake and refreshments will be served.

If you plan to come, please RSVP by Wednesday, May 5.  
612-840-5912

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

### CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN Wednesday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m.

We begin our morning with fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. and continue with the business meeting at 11:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter. Come join us for the Bible Study or the whole morning. Our Bible Study is taken from the "Gather" magazine. To subscribe to this magazine go to [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org) and follow the prompts to Augsburg Fortress where you will fill in the necessary information, or call 844-409-0576. The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).



### CAMP ONOMIA REGISTRATION

If you are registering for camp and would like to use available camperships and/or money from your fundraising account, contact Joe Jorgensen so payment arrangements can be made.

To help us coordinate payment to camp, we are asking you to fill out a Camp Onomia Intent form which can be found on the church website.

See the Camp Onomia website for specific programs available for your age group.

### CAMP ONOMIA WORK DAY

Saturday, May 15  
9 A.M.—3 P.M.

Volunteers are needed to help get camp ready for the summer season. Tasks include raking, wood cutting, cleaning, painting, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and more. There are tasks for every skill level. Bring your tools and cleaning supplies if possible.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to [onomiaexec@gmail.com](mailto:onomiaexec@gmail.com)

### QUILT TYING

The quilters meet on Wednesday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Area. All are welcome to come join in the fun! For questions about health and safety measures, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.



### BOOK CLUB

May's book is "The Death of Mrs. Westaway" by Ruth Ware. We will be meeting on Wednesday, May 26 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch, and something to drink; coffee is not furnished. For more info call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

## Thank You

Thank you for your cards and prayers at the unexpected death of my dad in late January.

We were able to honor him with a beautiful private family military service. It was comforting to have your support in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Carol (and Rob) Metz

# Faith Formation



We will gather one last time on May 2nd at 9 am to celebrate the end of this school year. We will start as usual in the sanctuary for the beginning of the worship service and then move to the Heritage Room for our celebration.

Thank you to Jackie DuLac, Lisa Smith, and Alissa Jorgensen for your dedicated service to our students throughout this unprecedented year. We could not have gotten through it without you.



We will gather one last time on May 5th at 6:30 pm to celebrate the end of this school year with a pizza party. Thank you to Paula Anderson, Tia Burnham, and Becky Ruen for their commitment to teaching our confirmation students this year. Also, thank you to parents and youth for their perseverance through this past year.



## Class of 2021

We will be honoring our graduates in worship on May 23, and we don't want to miss anyone! If you are planning to graduate high school or college/trade school, please contact Joe by May 9.



## MAY 2: KICKBALL

Middle School and High School youth are invited to gather **at the church** from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 2. We will play kickball in the parking lot.



## Mission Trip Retreat March 16, 2021 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This is for all youth and chaperones going to Waco in July. We will gather at the church for some activities designed to help us all get better acquainted with one another and with the people and community we will be serving. Lunch will be included.

## Vacation Bible School



VBS will be offered June 21-24 from 10 am-4 pm with wrap around care one hour before and after. To the extent possible, activities will take place outdoors. The program is free to attend and is open to students currently in preschool through grade 5. Registration forms are available online or in the office. We are also looking for middle and high school youth to serve as mentors. Contact Joe to volunteer or to get more information.



## A word from our Director of Faith Formation

### Joe Jorgensen

On Sunday, May 23rd, we will celebrate the day of Pentecost. On the day of Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, God comforts us, teaches us, helps us grow in our relationship with God, and gives us strength to do what God wants us to do. Here are some ways to explore the themes of Pentecost with your family this month.

I would love to hear how you choose to use this idea. May God richly bless you with the gift of hope and comfort in these days. ~Joe

#### Balloons



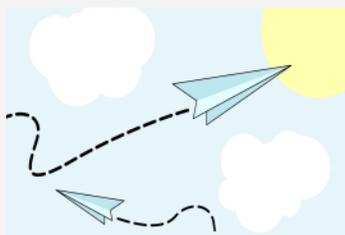
Blow up red balloons, but don't tie them. Use sharpies to write gifts of the Holy Spirit that you see in your family. On cue, have everyone release the balloons and enjoy the moment of mayhem as they fly all over. Reflect on gifts of the Holy Spirit.

#### Kites

Head outdoors and fly a kite. Afterwards, brainstorm how the movement of the kites (and our attempt to control that movement) is like our experience of the Holy Spirit.



#### Paper Airplanes



Make your favorite paper airplane and fly them. Reflect on how the different styles and flight paths of the airplanes can be like the diversity of the spiritual gifts we possess and the way the Holy Spirit works through them.

#### Random Acts of Mission

Put your spiritual gifts to use by going out and performing random acts of love and service to your neighbors.

## **Christiania Lutheran Church**

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### **Office Hours**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday  
Or by appointment.

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**Alissa Jorgensen** Sunday School Supt.

**Jane Ward** Altar Guild Chair

**Debbie Lundeen** Bells Director

**Lori Clausen & Beth Hukka** Chorister Choir

**Linda Otto** Church Women (CLCW) Chair

**Bob Monio** Usher Co-Coordinator

**Daryl Rieck** Usher Co-Coordinator

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **Readers**

We're looking for volunteers to be readers for the 9:00 a.m. in-person worship service. If you are available, please contact Tania Drexler at [tjdrexler@nuveramail.net](mailto:tjdrexler@nuveramail.net)

### **Video Operators**

With our new streaming technology comes the need for a video operator. Ideally we will have a small team in which individuals can rotate every Sunday, similar to ushers and other volunteers. We will provide training; it will be easier to run than your smart phones! Ages from high school and up are welcome to participate in this exciting development! Please contact Dr. Matt if you are interested.

### **Mission Garden**

It's time again to get our garden going, so we are looking for volunteers to help out this season from May to September.

Tasks include:

- Picking rocks so the tilling can be done (This is a one-time job)
- Tilling the soil (we also need a tiller to use)
- Planting (starting May 1; rows will be marked)
- Watering (depending on the weather, this needs to be done about once a week)
- Tilling between rows as needed to remove weeds
- Weeding around the plants
- Picking the vegetables
- Delivering vegetables to the food shelf

You can choose the time and tasks that work best for your skills and schedule. The more the merrier. Many hands make light work.

Call or text Linda Costa, garden coordinator, (612-812-4945) to volunteer.

## MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion (I/Y)</p> <p>9:00 a.m.: Sunday School (I)</p> <p>10:00 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast (I)</p>	<p>3 3:30 p.m.: Staff Meeting (Z)</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: COVID Response Team Meeting (Z)</p> <p>7:00 p.m.: 4-H Group meeting in our parking lot</p>	<p>4 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p> <p>4:00 p.m.: Cemetery Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:30 a.m.: Quilters (I)</p> <p>1:00 p.m.: Mid-Week Pause (F)</p> <p>1:30 p.m.: Curbside Communion (I)</p> <p>5:00 p.m.: NGCB (I)</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: Confirmation (I)</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: Faith Alive (I)</p> <p>7:30 p.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p>	<p>6 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p> <p>5:30 p.m.: Ministry Board Meeting (Z)</p>	7	<p>8 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study (Z)</p>
<p>9 <b>Mother's Day</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m.: Worship (I/Y)</p>	<p>10 3:30 p.m.: Staff Meeting (Z)</p>	<p>11 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p> <p>9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study (I)</p> <p>6:00 p.m.: Exec. Council Meeting (Z)</p>	<p>12 1:00 p.m.: Mid-Week Pause (F)</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: CYF Team Meeting (I)</p> <p>7:30 p.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p>	<p>13 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p>	14	15
<p>16 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion (I/Y)</p> <p><b>Celebration of 1st Communion</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Mission Trip Retreat (I)</p> <p>2:00 p.m.: Alan Mohn Memorial Service (I)</p>	<p>17 3:30 p.m.: Staff Meeting (Z)</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: COVID Response Team Meeting (Z)</p>	<p>18 <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p>	<p>19 9:30 a.m.: CLCW (I)</p> <p>1:00 p.m.: Mid-Week Pause (F)</p> <p>1:30 p.m.: Curbside Communion (I)</p> <p>5:00 p.m.: NGCB (I)</p> <p>7:30 p.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p>	<p>20 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)</p>	21	<p>22 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study (Z)</p>
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<p>30 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion (I/Y)</p>	<p>31 <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed</p> <p><b>Cemetery Services</b></p> <p>8:25 a.m.: West</p> <p>10:25 a.m.: Hazelwood</p> <p>10:55 a.m.: East</p> <p>11:15 a.m.: Highview</p>					

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