

### May Birthdays

- 1 Marlys Moline
- 3 Rod Elmstrand
- 3 Megan Mork
- 7 Alexis Aljets
- 7 Taylor Derks
- 7 Henry Holmes
- 9 Brylan Backsen
- 10 Karen Long
- 13 Sandee Grecula
- 15 Mike McDonald
- 16 Sara Elmstrand
- 19 Wanda Quarnstrom
- 20 Josie Moehnke
- 23 Ray Hoheisel
- 24 Ingrid Maikkula
- 27 Melissa Sohn
- 28 Peyton Schulz
- 30 Rick Kielty
- 31 Janelle Evenson



### May Anniversaries

- 19 Joe and Megan Mork
- 31 David and Vicki Larson



Please inform Denice of any additions or corrections. Thank you!

Sunday Offerings	March	April-to-date	Year-to-Date
Income	27,653.46	26,733.11	88,870.59
Expenses	29,110.82	21,318.03	92,605.09
(+over/-under)	-1457.36	+5415.08	-3734.50

10% of each month's offerings is sent to the MN North District for our mission pledge.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

### LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

**WCCO 830AM Radio** Sundays 6:05 a.m.  
**XM Satellite Radio** XM170 Family Talk  
 Sundays at Noon  
**Internet:** [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org) or  
[www.lutheranhour.org/AFN](http://www.lutheranhour.org/AFN)

#### May 5 "The Good Fisherman"

Guest Speaker: Ryan Tinetti  
 Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd; He's the Good Fisherman, who draws the fish and fills the nets. (John 21:1-14)

#### May 12 "Home"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy  
 With Jesus, we have a home. That's the good news for today. (John 14:1-7)

#### May 19 "Up Close and Personal"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 You can't get to know a person from a distance. The same is true for knowing God. (John 15:26-16:4)

#### May 26 "Sculptor Spirit"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 The Holy Spirit is the Sculptor. Our lives are His medium. The image of Jesus is His goal. (John 16:7-15)

ATTENDANCE	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Total
March 31	20	82	<b>102</b>
April 7	26	63	<b>89</b>
April 14	24	56	<b>80</b>
April 21 Easter	54	81	<b>135</b>



May

# Joyful Noise

May 2019

### Worship Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service



**MEMORIAL DAY  
MONDAY,  
MAY 27**

### Inside:

- From Pastor Lewis
- Women of Joy Meeting Minutes
- The Lutheran Hour
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- May calendar
- MN North District Prayer Calendar

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 WRAP-UP  
**LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS MAY 19.**



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER, BUT WILL NOT MEET MAY 26.**

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## Pastor's Letter

Spring is always a wonderful time of the year, but with it also comes a lot of work. The snow melts and reveals leaves that we failed to pick up last fall, branches that came down from the weight of snow and ice, and a lawn that could use a little TLC (tender loving care). The nice weather means we can finally get out back to our shed that needs organizing or open up the windows and begin cleaning out that one closet we've been avoiding (you know, the one where stuff falls on you whenever you open the door). In short, spring is for many of us a time of cleaning, and time when we move out what is old in order to make room for what is new.

Did you know it's also possible to find spring cleaning in the Bible as well? Every year at Passover, Israel would not only sacrifice their Passover lamb but the LORD also instructed them saying, "On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses" and "For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses" (Exodus 12:15, 19).

While this practice is likely unfamiliar to most of us, for observant Jews living in Jesus' day this practice of throwing out the leaven would be as familiar to you as putting up a Christmas tree or hunting for Easter eggs. So, given how common and well known this practice was, perhaps it's no surprise that Paul uses as an illustration in 1 Corinthians 5. There we read:

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (1 Corinthians 5:6-8).

In other words, because the Lamb has been slain, it's out with the old and in with the new! Just like Israel used to sacrifice a lamb at Passover and then throw out their old leaven, so too now that Jesus, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed, we too should throw out our old leaven. However, the leaven that Paul is talking about isn't your baking supplies, but rather the old leaven of malice and evil (i.e., sin). Why? Because just like a little leaven makes the whole lump of dough rise, so too sin can have consequences in every area of our lives and the life of the church.

As we celebrate this Easter season that Christ, the Lamb of God, died so we could be forgiven and rose so we could have eternal life, let's also do a little spiritual spring cleaning and throw out the old leaven in our lives. How? Three easy steps:

1. Pray that God would reveal areas of sinfulness in your life that could use a little spring cleaning.
2. Remember that God has already forgiven these sins in and through Christ. He has already taken your sins away and dealt with them once and for all!
3. Pray that God would help you to daily throw out the old leaven of sin and give you strength to walk as the new person He has already made you in Christ, a person of sincerity and truth.

*Pastor Daniel*



APRIL 2019 WOMEN OF JOY MEETING MINUTES  
Joy Lutheran Church Basement  
Tuesday, April 9th, at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Marilyn Benting, Iva Lou Fluegel, Pastor Jacob Gilliard, Sara Elmstrand, Konnie O'Neil, Gretchen Beecroft, Diane Althoff, Elaine Belsheim, Jan Elder, Carol Gibson, JoAnn Hansen

Pastor Gilliard, director of CALMS (Central American Lutheran Mission Society) led our morning devotions and Bible Study. He further explained the role of CALMS and how it supports congregations who wish to participate in mission trips to Panama, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. We were encouraged to help support, encourage and pray for prospective and present workers in these countries. A local church is tentatively planning a mission trip next January/February.

The treasurer's report has a balance of \$1,698.33 as of today. The April bake sale netted \$158.00 and the kitchen fund has \$1,288.00.

A second fatigue mat was purchased and is in place in front of the dual sinks.

Flyers for the Rum River Zone LWML Spring Rally were handed out. It will be held Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Forest Lake. The theme is "A Chosen People". The guest speaker will be Shelly Carlson, Director of Youth Education at Lord of the Lakes. In-gatherings will be canned goods for local food shelves and polar fleece (one yard to make two hats). Cost is \$6.00. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. **Those interested in attending please meet at the church lower parking lot at 7:45 a.m. We will leave promptly at 8 a.m.**

Offerings for MITES and the Women of Joy general fund were collected.

Thank you to Pastor Gilliard for his motivating and interesting presentation.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Hostess will be Iva Lou Fluegel.

Carol Gibson, Secretary