



May
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Synod Assembly Garage Sale Donation drop-off 9 a.m. - noon
7 5th Sunday of Easter 9 am Worship with Holy Communion	8	9	10	11	12 Our Savior's Garage Sale 12:00 - 7:00 pm	13 Our Savior's Garage Sale 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
14 6th Sunday of Easter 9 am Worship Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 7th Sunday of Easter 9 am Worship with Holy Communion & Affirmation of Faith	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost 9 am Worship	29 Memorial Day	30	31 11:00 am Summer Bible Fellowship			

Grapes from the Vine

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From the Pastor

Beloved of God,
As we approach Pentecost, we are reminded of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. This is the birth of the church and the beginning of a new era in God's redemptive history. Pentecost is a day of celebration and remembrance for us as believers. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live out our faith and share the gospel with others. We remember the birth of the church and the early disciples' boldness in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

In Acts 2, we read of the disciples hiding in Jerusalem. Suddenly, a sound like a rushing wind fills the room, and tongues of fire appear above each person's head. They are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin to speak in other languages, proclaiming the wonders of God to people from all over the world who gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival. This moment was not only a fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit (John 14:26), but it was also a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Joel 2:28-29 foretold that God would pour out his Spirit upon all people.

This year, as we celebrate Pentecost, let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our church. Let us ask God to empower us to be bold witnesses for Christ and to share his love with those around us. And let us remember the incredible gift of the Holy Spirit, who guides us, comforts us, and gives us the strength to live out our faith each day.

Peace be yours,
Pr. Liz

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Church Council Minutes

April 4, 2023

Present: Pastor Liz, Deb Gehrke, Tom Christensen, Ginny Grabow, Jim Grabow, Terri Heimerman, Julie Rogers

Pastor Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the March meeting have been approved.

Financial report: The financial report for March will be received via email and will be reviewed at our next meeting.

- Discussion of church/parsonage insurance—very high trying to find ways to decrease. This year it falls within budgeted amounts, but is likely to have a big future increase.
- Motion by Julie/ Jim seconded to retain Brian Block and add council President and VP as signatories on church accounts with Hometown Bank Cleveland.

Our office assistant, Angie Knott, will be leaving mid to late June due to a change of job locations for her husband. We will soon be posting our need for a new parttime office assistant. We thank Angie for her service to Pastor Liz and our church family.

Old Business:

- A male volunteer is needed to represent Our Savior's at Synod Assembly in Mankato on May 6th.
- The date for the Spring Yard Sale, to benefit the youth fund will be announced. Members are encouraged to bring in gently used items to be sold. The church will be adding some items to the sale, which will be scheduled in May, ahead of the city's pick up day.
- Spring outdoor clean-up will be scheduled for late April, early May. Lots of help will be needed. Pastor will supply treats for the workers.
- Membership project—some who were inactivated need to be restored to active status before the list is finalized.
- Technology—Scott Lassiter has made adjustments and online worship is working well at this point.

New Business:

- Information on our webpage has been partially updated. (Pastor and Angie) They will look at necessary updates after Easter.
- College care packages. Terri will help with packing and distributing the care packages for our college freshmen.
- Last meeting, Deb sent out job assignments as reminders to council. It was decided that was helpful & she will continue to do so.
- Tom got estimates for roof repair on the church and parsonage. Heyn Brothers and Hanson Roofing gave estimates. Estimates include actions necessary to make the roof performance better. We noted the huge ice problems we had this winter.
Heyn Brothers—30-year warranty asphalt—\$31,200, 50-year steel--\$62,000
Hanson—50-year warranty architectural asphalt—56,000,
The parsonage shingles are pretty good and can wait, but the Church replacement is critical—there was previous damage to the shingled portions of the church, which was not noticed to put in a timely insurance claim. We discussed how to fund roof repairs. Other churches have had some success with a "Buy a Bundle" campaign. Further discussion at our next meeting.
- The large elm in the parsonage backyard should be removed. It presents a danger to the parsonage if it were to fall. Tom has an estimate for removal by Jeremy Scheuer. He will take it down, grind the stump and smaller branches for \$600. The burnable wood has been claimed by a church member and will be removed from the premise. Jim moved to approve tree removal; Terri seconded. Motion passed.
- **Lawn mowing**—Aaron and Julie Rogers will mow church and parsonage lawns during the summer months, when school is not in session. Jim Grabow and Bob Gehrke will mow when the Rogers are not able to mow.
- Terri will prepare a list for church interior cleaning which will begin in June. She will also send out two/month thank you cards to those who have served OSLC as volunteers.

Next Council meeting—May 7, 2023 after worship.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Ginny Grabow, council secretary

News and Updates

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit
so all may know God's love.

Did someone say "Yard Sale"?

Do you have "stuff" you want to get rid of? On Friday, May 12th (12:00 - 7:00 pm) & Saturday, May 13th (7:00 am - 2:00 pm) the City of Cleveland will hold a city-wide garage sale. Donate your treasures and time to our sale to support the youth fund for attendance at Green Lake Bible Camp. Bring your gently used and saleable items (see list) to the fellowship hall by May 7th. Price your items or provide an idea of price when dropping off. We have stickers you can use. You can drop off items on Saturday, May 6th from 9am until noon or by appointment. Call Deb Gehrke at 507-381-0815 with questions or for a drop off appointment.

We need volunteers during sale hours. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the narthex. Youth going to camp are encouraged to assist too!

We will accept the following:

- Household items
- Kitchen items
- Small furniture
- Small appliances
- Children's toys/Baby Items
- Games/Puzzles
- Books
- Small tools
- Sports equipment

We will **NOT** accept:

- Electronics (computer, printer, cell phone, etc.)
- Larger appliances
- Hazardous materials
- Clothing/Shoes
- Hunting equipment
- Car seats

Lets get together - Summer Bible Fellowship

Have you ever wanted to delve deeper into the meaning or scripture? Or wished you were closer to other members of our church family? Starting on **May 31st**, join Pr. Liz for devotions and fellowship on **Wednesdays at 11:00 am**. Feel free to bring you lunch or a snack and if the weather is nice, we'll sit on the back deck of the parsonage!



On Saturday, **May 6**, hundreds of Lutherans from across SE Minnesota will gather for our annual Synod Assembly. The special guest speaker this year is Dr. Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer. She will talk us about the new social and economic realities that are brought about by recent demographic shifts. Her work applies an understanding of demographic trends to changes in a range of areas including the state's economy and workforce, education, health, immigration and rural population changes.

Pr. Liz and Chris Thomas will be attending. **We still need a male representative** to join us for some awesome fellowship, worship, and news about what God is doing in and through the SE MN Synod. Let Pr. Liz know if you are available.

Class of 2022

On Sunday, May 15th we will remember our graduating seniors during Sunday worship at 9:00 am. Please join us in wishing them well and sending them on to next ventures with a blessing. Cards and notes may be dropped off in the office before that day or mailed to OSLC, PO Box 277, Cleveland, MN 56017.

2023 Graduates: **Jonathan Biehn and Alex Garcia**

Affirmation of Faith

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 21st. Three young people will be asked to affirm the promises that their parents and sponsors made for them at baptism. Now they desire to claim for themselves the free gifts of life and salvation they received in baptism and be a full member in the body of Christ and congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran. Congratulations to: **Samantha Baker, Anna Kawatski-Klein, and Sierra McCabe**

Birthdays

3rd Aidan Johnson, Gabe Stocker
4th Bruce Johnson
5th Bill Johnson
6th Kenna Ballman, Vickie Stocker,
William Zimmerman, Reed Miller
7th Michelle Schmidt
8th Kevin Biehn, Tyler Mettler,
Jasmine Wolf
10th Remmie Landsteiner, Lea Reed
12th Lucy McCabe
14th Mary Ann Nore
16th Ruth Broas, Cole Mettler
17th Rebekka Broas
18th Eric Stocker, Jeremy Zuhlsdorf
19th Derek Ely, Samantha Ely,
Monica Schmidt, Dylan Thompson
20th Kelli Fischer, Sandy Friedrichs
21st Ross Baker, Cindy Flowers
22nd Krissy Silvernale
23rd Brandon Ellickson
26th Brandy Rossow, Joann Voss, Steve Wolf
27th Kyle Ziebarth
28th Stephanie Ross
29th Sandy Anderson, Lauren Ponwith
30th Haley Ziegler
31st Lexy Busse

Anniversaries

5th Craig & Anne Miller
15th Anthony & Heather Ziegler
19th Tom & Molly Van Binsbergen
29th Andi & Scott Lassiter
30th Ryan & Jennifer Nelson
31st Nathan & Emmy Bateman,
Emily & Ryan Ponwith

Do you have a birthday or anniversary to add to our list?
Contact the church office to let us know!



Preparing for Worship

5/7- Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; John 14:1-14

5/14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; John 14:15-21

5/21 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; John 17:1-11

5/28 - Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; John 20:19-23

Prayer Concerns

Members: Joanna Starner, danny McCabe, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+,

Non-Members: Susan Wendelschafer, Bob Grey, Chantha Eckman+, Holly Kallestad+, Teresa Griep, Mary Heckman

Those in the military service:

Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Jim Grandaw, Tyler Seitz and Tyler Piotter.

Veterans: We also pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.

Send your prayer concerns to oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com or call the church office. We will keep these loved ones in prayer for three weeks. If the concern continues, please let us know to extend your petition.