

The Lutherans are coming! The Lutherans are coming!

May is an exciting month in Spartanburg; lots of Lutherans are on their way here. Synod Assembly will be held at the Spartanburg Marriott May 28-30. About 700 Lutherans from every congregation in the South Carolina Synod will come to experience God and do the business of the Synod. Bishop Herman Yoos will lead the Assembly, of course, but the task is a huge undertaking for the entire synod staff.



This year's theme is *Glory to God throughout all Generations*. It encourages us to give thanks for the saints who have come before us and to engage with God in our time so that the generations to come might receive the faith we share.

St. John's participates in Synod Assembly every year as it meets in various locations across South Carolina. Our voting members change each year. This year, our team of voting members includes Pastor Mike and myself, Patty Culbreath, Dick and Lori Conn, and Charlie Powell. Brent Lybrand will also attend as a member of Synod Council.

This year, because Synod Assembly is in our backyard, we've had some extra ways of helping out. Pastor Mike has led a great group that have planned Discipleship Experiences, hands-on ways for participants to get to know the area and see what God is doing throughout our synod. I was asked to be the assembly chaplain this year and have been planning worship for the assembly, both here at St. John's and at the Marriott.

If you want to get involved, there is still time! Most of the planning has been done, but we are in need of some people to act as welcomers and greeters at Synod Assembly and a few ushers for opening worship. We'll be receiving details on those positions soon, but we do expect that the timeframe will be during the day on Thursday, May 28. We may also need some help with guiding participants in the Discipleship Experiences. Keep your eye on the bulletin and listen in the announcements for more information as it comes available. Please help with Assembly by praying for the planners, for the participants, and for the presenters.

Want to see for yourself? Synod Assembly requires registration for visitors, which is available through scsynod.com. There are two activities that are open to everyone. The Lutheran band *Lost and Found* will be playing a concert Thursday, May 28, at 7:45pm in the Azalea Ballroom of the Marriott. You can get a taste of their unique style at www.speedwood.com. On Friday, the Synod will host *Beer & Hymns* from 9 to 10:30pm in the MESH Gathering Space, also at the Marriott. During *Beer & Hymns*, we sing hymns, while beverages of all sorts are available for purchase. Both will be a good time and a good chance to connect and reconnect with Lutherans beyond our congregation's borders.

Our life as a congregation is enriched and, truly, made possible by our partnerships with Lutherans across the synod and ELCA. Thank you for the ways that you have welcomed and supported our synod as we gather together in Spartanburg this May.

Peace,

Pastor Emily



MAY

05/01

Richard E. Conn
Jordan Grigg
Ethan Mills

05/02

Pam Cox

05/03

Lynn Ballard
Andrew Corbin

05/04

Will Burgess

05/05

Trish Boyd
Ron Thomas

05/06

Hervie Thomas

05/07

John Kopchik

05/08

Boyd Cook
William Schriver

05/10

Ruby Horton

05/11

Hayley Scott

05/12

Hannah Collier
Matt Cutshall

05/13

Meagan Deal
Matthew Jones

05/14

Ella Metz

05/15

Ryan Carson

05/17

Andrew Sigmon
Elizabeth Yex

05/19

Linda Metz

05/20

Klaus Schuck

05/21

Janine Wagner

05/22

Brigita Balam
Betty Koon

Carol Lipscomb

05/28

Kenneth Mohrmann

05/30

Michael Dohse
Abbie Van Pelt

05/31

June Miley

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

10:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

11:00

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

MID-WEEK WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

11:00 PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY

12:15 WORSHIP

12:45 LUNCH

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to attend..

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

STAFF

Mike Shackelford, Senior Pastor
Emily Edenfield, Associate Pastor
Everette Lineberger, Pastor Emeritus
Frankie Deal, Traditional Music Director & Organist
Martin Aigner, Chancel Choir Director
Chris Sigmon, Contemporary Music Leader
Carey Gillespie, Parish Secretary
Chip Hicks, Sexton
Pete Burgess, Volunteer Parish Nurse
Members of the Congregation, Ministers

SOUP KITCHEN SERVANT TEAMS

St. John's has teams of persons serving at the Second Presbyterian Soup Kitchen on **Fridays from 10:00am until around 12:30pm** assisting with food preparation and serving, straightening up food storage, stocking shelves, helping in the "children's room," cleaning up, etc. **We are in need of more volunteers.** If you want to spend a rewarding 2 hours helping prepare food to serve some hungry folks, please contact any of the soup kitchen servants listed below. The Servant Teams serving for June are:

MAY 01

Cheryl Pettis
Lori Conn
Kathie McKenzie
Kitty Hagglund
Ted Hoffmeyer
Joanne Hoffmeyer

MAY 08

Linda Turner
Robin Hunsinger
Gisela Mezger

MAY 15

Brenda Ellison
John Dennis
David Lybrand
Ed Maidel
Jacquie Maidel



Congregation Council Leaders

Serving Through 2015

BILL HUNSINGER
KEVIN LAGEMAN
JUDY LYBRAND
STEPHEN MCKINNEY
KILEY SHELLEY, *Youth Representative*

Serving Through 2016

COREY CARSON
STEVE GRIMM
JAMIN HUJIK
AL STRESING

Serving Through 2017

HARRELL CONNELLY
LESLIE CONNOR
JOANNE KOPCHIK
ROBERTA MILESKI

Congregation Officers for 2015

PRESIDENT..... KEVIN LAGEMAN
VICE PRESIDENT.....COREY CARSON
SECRETARY.....JUDY LYBRAND
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....BILL HUNSINGER
TREASURER.....GIL BULMAN

Leaders of the Ministry Areas

Christian Education.....Leslie Connor
Communication Technology..... Steve Grimm
Evangelism.....Harrell Connelly
Fellowship.....Corey Carson
Finance.....Bill Hunsinger
Health Ministry.....Joanne Kopchik
Property.....Jamin Hujik
Social Ministry.....Stephen McKinney
Stewardship..... Al Stresing
Worship & Music.....Judy Lybrand
Youth Ministry..... Roberta Mileski

NEWS OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Circle 1 10:00AM, Tuesday, May 05 Program: TBA
Circle 2 2:00PM, Monday, May 11 Leader: Sharon Fulk Hostesses: Ella Metze & Jean Spearman
Circle 3 6:00PM, Monday, May 04 Meeting: Nan Phillips
Circle 4 7:00PM, Monday, May 25 Hostess: TBA
Circle 5 6:30PM, Saturday, May 14 Leader: Ladies Luncheon Set-Up PLC Hosts: Peg Milligan, Kitty Hagglund



WELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 20th, 6:00pm

2015 Women of the ELCA Officers

Chair _____ Luann Bryant
President-Elect _____ Sue Kurz
Secretary _____ Alexandra Lautenschlaeger
Treasurer _____ Sharyn Stresing
Action _____ Donna Sheridan
Growth _____ Peg Milligan
Community _____ Kitty Hagglund

If you have any questions about joining a circle and want to know more about WELCA, please call Kitty Hagglund at 574-0895

Circle 3 will meet on Sunday evening, May 3rd, 6:pm, at Nan & David Dempsey's home on Beechwood Drive. Husbands are included for dinner prepared by the Dempsey's. Final preparations for the Spring Luncheon will be discussed at our meeting.

Ladies of St. John's, join us for the 2015 Ladies Spring Luncheon



Faith & Flowers

Saturday, May 16th

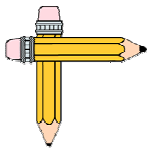
12:00 noon

Parish Life Center



Adults \$10 ~ Children \$10

Reservation Deadline May 11th



COUNCIL CORNER

At the April Council meeting, members:

- planned for upcoming events, including the Pictorial Directory Photo Days, the May SC Synod Assembly, the August Ministry Fair/Rally Day, and the August Mobile Food Pantry
- The nave sound system upgrade was ready by Easter and final tweaking is underway; upgrading of the projectors in the PLC is being studied
- Approved a contract with Circle of Grace, Gaffney keeping record of their membership for the ELCA
- Learned of a vacancy in Nursery Attendant position, with a search underway for a replacement
- Celebrated the success of the Lent/Easter celebrations, particularly the excellent and well-attended Maundy Thursday drama *The Last Supper*, first communion, new members (including three baptisms), the Prayer Labyrinth and the wonderful services on Easter Day.

Note: Approved minutes of each Council meeting and financial reports can be found on the council bulletin board.

St. John's Committee Meetings:

Worship/Mus.	12:30pm	1st Sunday	Clara Sullivan
Health Min.	5pm	1st Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Social Min.	1pm	2nd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Youth Min.	3pm	2nd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Finance	5pm	2nd Sunday	Dwnstrs Conf. Rm.
Stewardship	12:30pm	3rd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Christian Ed.	3pm	3rd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Com/Tech – Evangelism – Fellowship – Property as called.			

Menu

WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

12:45PM

A prepared meal is set-up, heated, served, & cleaned-up by participants. Please sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall for the complete meal which is \$6.00

05/06	
Grilled Chicken	Hashbrown Casserole
Sautéed Squash & Onions	Roll Dessert
05/13	
Baked Spaghetti	Garden Salad
Garlic Bread	Dessert
5/20	
Roasted Pork	Mashed Potatoes w. Gravy
English Peas	Roll Dessert
05/27	
Chicken Tenders	Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans	Roll Dessert

The **St. John's Lutheran Men** meet on **Monday, May 25, at 6:30pm.** A very interesting program will be presented followed by a delicious meal catered by Tina Nichols. There is a sign-up sheet on the Lutheran Men Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions call Barry Ellison at 579-1297.



ATTENTION GARDENERS!

As you plan your summer and fall gardens, please consider putting in some extra goodies for the **St. John's Fall Festival on September 26.** The festival is all about healthy living, and we'd love to have some healthy, home-grown-with-love snacks to share with our community. Cherry tomatoes, berries, corn, sugar snaps, melons—anything that can be served up fresh or frozen with minimal prep would be appreciated! We also need Munchkin, Wee-b-Little, and other mini pumpkins for prizes. If you have any questions, contact Joanne Kopchik, Leslie Connor, or Pastor Emily for details. Thank you in advance, and happy gardening!



SAVE THE DATE! The Sunday School Picnic is coming up on June 14th - mark it on your calendar before the summer rush! Check your bulletin for details or see Leslie Connor.

The Doctor is IN! Drop by the PLC on **May 31st** following the **one 11am service** in the PLC and bring your medical questions to **Dr. David Holt.** Dr. Holt specializes in Internal Medicine and Arthritis Care. David, and wife Myrta, are long time members of St. John's. You may have noticed David singing in the Chancel Choir. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to ask Dr. Holt the medical questions that are important to you. The **Health Ministry Committee** offers their sincere thanks for his assistance. Other Health Ministry members will be available to talk with you and will be taking blood pressures.



IN MEMORIAM 2015

Please pray for the family of these loved ones who have passed into life eternal.

David Thomas Barnes, Jr.
Brother of Robert Barnes

Joe Wheeler
Step-Father of Charlianne Nestlen

Lillie 'Christine' Jarrard Burt
Mother of Brenda Knapp

Worship and Music Notes

May 2015

Worship and Music Notes: *for this month, we repeat a timeless Visitor article from June 1994 which a previous Worship and Music chair researched for us then and now. Thanks, Don!*

What Did Martin Luther Think? by Don Frank



Every now and then I wonder, “What did Martin Luther think?” particularly when contemplating certain issues in the church. As a council member and chairman of the Worship and Music Committee responsible for an article in this issue for the VISITOR, I decided to look up some of his thoughts on music in the church and attempt to capture why music is such an important part of our worship at St. John’s. Here are some quotations from “What Luther Says”, an anthology by Ewald Plass.

“Music is an outstanding gift of God and next to theology I would not want to give up my slight knowledge of music for a great consideration. And youth should be taught this art, for it makes fine skillful people.”

“Music I have always loved. He who knows music has a good nature. Necessity demands that it be kept in schools. A schoolmaster must know how to sing; otherwise I do not look at him. And before a youth is ordained into the ministry, he should practice music in school.”

“In view of their spiritual meaning the psalms are really lovely and sweet; for they are comforting to all depressed, wretched consciences, who are in fear of sin, the anguish and agony of death, and all sorts of trouble and misery. To such the Book of Psalms is a sweet, comforting, lovely song, because it sings and preaches the Messiah, although one merely reads or recites the words without notes. Nevertheless, the use of notes or music, as a wonderful creation and gift of God, helps greatly to produce this effect, especially when the people sing along and do so with fine devoutness.”

“I greatly desire that youth, which after all, should and must be trained in music and other proper arts, might have something whereby it might be weaned from the love ballads and the sex songs and, instead of those, learn something beneficial and take up with good relish, as befits youth. Nor am I at all of the opinion that all the arts are to be overthrown and cast aside by the Gospel, as some superspiritual people protest; but I would gladly see all the arts, especially music, in the service of Him who has given and created them.”

From these few quotations we can begin to see why music is such an important and integral part of Lutheran worship services. On the basis of the priesthood of all believers Luther established a greater participation in the worship service for the congregation. This made the Lutheran Church the “singing church.” Its musical heritage from Johann Walther and Luther himself down through Johann Sebastian Bach and others is unique.

“MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD”

ST. JOHN’S ENDOWMENT FUND

The St. John’s Endowment Fund was established to enhance the mission, outreach, and ministry of our congregation by providing funding for worthwhile ministries that are outside the scope of the regular church budget. Just as the Word of God is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), the contributions to the Endowment Fund provide a living and active resource for continuing and new ministry initiatives. Requests for funding will be received both to support the ministry activities of St. John’s, and for ministries outside our walls that share in our love, faith and hope in the Gospel. Please note that it is not necessary that an outreach program or ministry be associated with St. John’s to be considered for funding. Some examples of grants that have been given in the past include:

Backpack Buddies
Vibrant Faith

Greater Spartanburg Ministries
SC Synod- “Growing in God’s Mission” Program

The Endowment Board invites you to submit requests for funding by filling out the form, which is available in the church office, at www.stjohns-spartanburg.org/, or from members of the Endowment Committee listed below. Bring, e-mail or mail your completed forms with any support information or material to the church office no later than *August 31, 2015*. If you have any thoughts or questions please contact a member of the 2015 St. John’s Lutheran Church Endowment Committee.

Jack Miley Amy Mezger Anne Burger Pastor Mike Shackelford Bill Hunsinger Corey Carson



HISTORY IN ACTION *or* ... A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

by Judy Lybrand, Archives

In 1986, several members over age 65 formed a group to bring a much-needed form of caring and sharing to our older members, and named themselves “On-the-Go.” The goal of the group was to plan a program of activities that would take them to places of interest (such as historical, theatrical, or religious) local, county, state and national and even international, to render interesting, inspirational, educational, and religious opportunities to keep the members “going”, and to group them together with their own church people, thereby bonding together in Christian love and fellowship. Since then, members of our congregation have enjoyed a wide variety of activities as they continue to be “On-the-Go!”

Ministry to the aging is needed because it is not as important to know how old you are as it is to know HOW YOU ARE OLD. Those involved are aged from 55 to 95 or more and each decade is in a different stage of ability and needs. For them, children, friends, relatives, and church, not money, are life’s most precious ministry. Many are financially stable as well as physically able to render to the church important services that reflect the joy of Christian living and the sharing of Christian fellowship which is vital to our Christian faith. The On-the-Go group puts this into action at St. John’s.

As the original organizer, Miriam Davenport stated, “Our aim is to keep the spirit young and enjoy the friendship of each other. It is wonderful to get together and hear the laughter and see the hugging that goes on—to come to church together and worry when someone in our group is missing or sick, and joyful over a happy incident! Or to go on a trip and marvel at all God made for us. While some of us continue alert through the aging years, others we gather in our arms and prayers to keep their spirits high and let them know how much we care.” The group also has volunteered in many ways to give service to the congregation.

That first year, they enjoyed seven local trips and four luncheons (where their activities were planned). The group plans to keep costs minimal—usually the cost of the van ride and admission, if any. While continuing to enjoy trips to local sites, they soon expanded to include long charter bus trips arranged through Sun Tours, which Miriam called “an organization reasonable in cost and high in morality which respects age, finds joy in living, considers the comfort of the travelers, and values our need to be On-the-Go,” and they have visited many destinations all over the country as well as taking a few trips abroad. Most trips have had at least a dozen members participating, and while no one goes on every trip, many members enjoy several activities every year.

Miriam started a tradition of keeping scrapbooks of the activities of the On-the-Go group, and those are in our church library. To learn more about some of their destinations and participants in the early years, stop by our new “Through the Years” bulletin board where we have focused on many of their favorite trips from the early years. You can also enjoy the full scrapbooks in the library. Keep alert for the next news about “On-the-Go!”

Praise & Worship

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE! May 31st in the **Parish Life Center** we will celebrate God's goodness with our brothers and sisters from two area congregations, **Springs of Grace in Boiling Springs**, and **Circle of Grace Lutheran Chapel in Gaffney**. **Pastor Hobby Outten** from Springs of Grace will be our preacher. After worship we will share a **Potluck Lunch**. The Fellowship Committee will provide our main course; please bring your favorite picnic side dish or dessert to share!



Backpack Buddies is winding up for the summer. We sincerely appreciate your support of the children at **Mary H. Wright Elementary School** who are helped by your donations. Please remember to pick up individually wrapped main meal, beverage, or snack items, when doing your weekly shopping. Your monetary contributions are also appreciated. The **final Backpack Buddy packing date is Wednesday, May 13th, at 10am** in the **downstairs kitchen**.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LCY (Lutheran Church Youth) Activities for MAY

- 05/03 1-3pm LCY Labyrinth
 - 05/08 6-9pm Babysitting Fundraiser - Pizza, Craft, BBQ Set-up
 - 05/09 10am-3pm Walker Stockley BBQ Fundraiser
 - 05/10 No LCY - Mother's Day!
 - 05/17 No LCY - Baccalaureate Sunday
 - 05/24 1-3pm Rise Up! Youth Gathering Meeting
3pm Youth Ministry Meeting
 - 05/31 No LCY - one 11am service in the PLC
- Check www.stjohns-spartanburg.com for more details!



Youth News!

The **Invite-A-Friend Lock-in** is coming! Come and join us on **June 5** and bring a friend! We'll be playing games, eating well, and doing the things that make LCY great.

Our annual **In-Town Mission Trip** is now **JUNE 8-12**. We'll be partnering with some great organizations to make a difference in Spartanburg. God has great plans for this world; come be a part of it! As always, wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes! You never know what kind of day we're going to have.

Thanks for participating in our shirt and magnet sale! This month, we need your help for two big events back-to-back.

May 8 is our **babysitting for Mother's Day**. We'll be doing a craft, eating dinner, and having a lot of fun so that parents can go have some fun! Plan to be there from **5:30 to 9:30**. We'll also do some setup for the luncheon during that time.

May 9 is our **Walker Stockley barbecue luncheon**. We need your help early morning to chop barbecue and during lunch to sell, serve, clean, and package. Come 9:30 to 3pm!

Thanks to Walker for his help with this!



**Come make a difference
with these guys at the ITMT 2015!**



Lost and Found is coming to Spartanburg! Come see them on their **Farewell Tour**, **Thursday, May 28 at 7:30pm** at the downtown Marriott. Haven't heard of them? Michael and Baum are a two-man Lutheran band with a unique combination of humor, theology, good music, and occasional Deutsch sprechen. Check out "The Lutheran Song" and other hits on YouTube. Their channel is thebandlostandfound, or you can see their website at Speedwood.com.

Want to help with Synod Assembly? Call Pastor Emily to see how you might be able to help out with setup, greeting, or other activities. (Check your end-of-the-year schedule for school first!)

Did you know? Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech was first given at Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit, MI. Our Gathering Crew and a few others have been getting ready to go and learning about what God has been doing in Detroit! Come join us next month to get a taste of the Gathering.

Workshop of Wonders . . . Imagine and Build with God

Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush, and put on your creative thinking cap! **Workshop of Wonders (WOW) Vacation Bible School is coming!** At *WOW VBS*, we will discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God, experience the love of Jesus, start an adventure, and use our imagination and creativity to build our faith. During the week, we will meet people from the Bible who used what they had to produce something amazing with God! This year's program promises something for everyone, whether you are a volunteer or a participant! **Save the date for VBS ...**

July 27th - 31st . . . 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM. The deadline to register is June 14. We're still in need of a few volunteers! **To get involved, please call Cammy Jones at 574-4453. We're also looking for snacks.** We'll need jugs of juice or juice boxes or pouches (apple juice, lemonade, or fruit punch), 5oz paper cups, oreos, vanilla wafers, pretzels, goldfish, and rice krispy treats. **Thanks for your help!** Collection bins will be in the Fellowship Hall and the PLC. **Do you have construction-type props we might be able to use?** Wooden sawhorses, tool boxes, or other items to help make our workshop complete? Call Pastor Emily at 583-8167 and let us know!



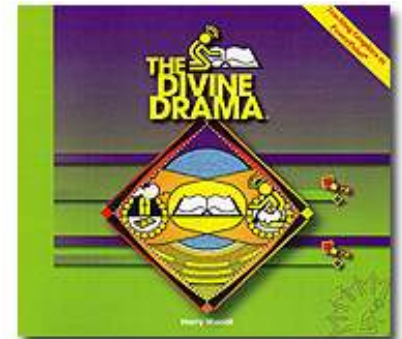
THRIVENT SAYS ... Get a financial checkup and breathe a sigh of relief

We schedule time for annual checkups for our health and cars, but what about finances? When was the last time you met with your financial professional? If you haven't reviewed your financial strategy recently, it's time for a checkup. Even minor changes can affect your financial health. Changes in your life, the economy and markets can affect your goals and the path you take to reach them. That's why it's important to review your financial strategy at least once a year so you can stay on track with your goals. A financial checkup gives you and your financial professional the opportunity to examine where you are now, where you want to go and how you can get there. If you find some adjustments are needed, you can discuss options to help you stay financially healthy. Schedule a free financial checkup today with a knowledgeable Thrivent Financial representative. Contact: Melanie Hendrix, Financial Associate, CFP, FIC at 864-688-2271 or Melanie.hendrix@thrivent.com.



Summer Sunday School starts May 24th! This year, we're inviting adults and youth to walk with us through the entire Bible in a summer in the Parish Life Center. The Bible is the cradle for the Christ and one of the places we see Jesus most clearly, but it isn't always easy to understand. We'll use images from *The Divine Drama* to help us get the big picture of God's word in this most important of books.

Children's Sunday School A **Children's Summer Movie Series** will start on June 7. We'll have fun videos and activities to keep your faith growing all season long! Kids up to fifth grade can come and join the fun in the big green room under the Fellowship Hall!



St. John's will celebrate **Baccalaureate Sunday** on May 17, when we honor this year's graduates. If you or your child will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please contact Roberta Mileski at 864-398-7192 by May 8th. Let her know about where you'll be graduating from and any special achievements you have earned.

MAY is MENTAL HEALTH MONTH



People with mental health issues can be people just like you and me. They go to school, hold jobs, maintain families, and actively contribute to their communities and society. They have hopes and dreams, experience sadness and joy, read books, play sports and enjoy hobbies. In many instances you may not notice their mental illness. As with many physical diseases, mental illnesses are treatable, largely due to research outcomes, pharmaceutical advances, and an improved healthcare support system. As you do with other friends, treat someone with mental illness as you would want to be treated - with respect and understanding. Sponsor family support groups and encourage networking among families. The mission of the SC Department of Mental Health is to

support the recovery of people with mental health. Recovery is real! For more information or to find your local mental health center, contact the SC department of Mental Health: 1-800-763-1024 or www.scdmh.org. Speakers are also available free of charge.

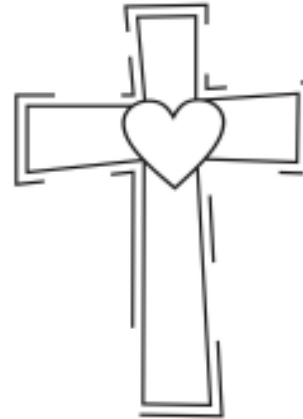
PRAYER REQUESTS

Members who are ill:

- Bob Stillwagon
- Ralph Jenkins
- Martha Brown
- Carol Nichols
- Anne Ebersbach
- Jane Gantt
- Louise Gaines
- Elise Tienken

Family and Friends of Members:

- Gerald Turner, father of Pam Bulman
- Craig Brooks, Scoutmaster of Troop 5
- Joyce Xu, *sister-in-law of Ed & Jacquie Maidel*
- Anne Rodriguez, *friend of Pete Burgess*
- Dave & Celeste Denecke, friends of Jim & Peg Milligan
- Marissa Griswold, *friend of Dana Homan*
- Curtis Heimbaugh, *son of John & Joanne Kopchik*
- Debbie Johnson, *friend of the Kopchik's*
- Lydia Nichols, *daughter of John & Carol Nichols*
- Eddie & Cathy Smith, *friends of Hallie Stillwagon*
- Harry Burr, *brother of Marijane Mullins*
- Paula Baker, *friend of Linda Turner*
- Sam & Brenda Green, *friends of George & Judy Psillas*
- Evelyn Blackwell, *mother of June Miley*
- McKinnon Galloway, *niece of Jack & June Miley*
- Phil Compton, *son-in-law of George & Vicki Johnson*



Members and Friends confined to home or health care:

Ruth Wessinger, Elsie Strigle, Dorothy Alexander, Ruby Shealy, Esther Verstegen, Ruby Connelly, Pete Brown, Vermelle Kibler, Ken & Patty Mohrmann, Verna Githens, Jo Tiner, Ruby Horton, Roy Lipscomb, & Martin Zschocher.

Members and Friends serving in the military:

Matthew Thomas, Ryan Dohse, John Newman, Elizabeth Lewis, Doug Meehan, Daniel Linder, Jacob Fischer, & Chris Brown.

Prayers for our neighbors.

*You are invited to send notes and cards of encouragement to those who are ill and confined.
Consult your St. John's Phone Directory for addresses.*

April Attendance Record

Worship Average:

- 9:00 Contemporary – **74**
- 10:00 Christian Education Classes – **89**
- 11:00 Traditional – **135**
- 12:15 Mid-Week – **25**
- Holy Week & Easter**
- 12:15/7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship – **44/206**
- 12:15/7:00 Good Friday Worship – **36/112**
- Easter Sunrise Service – **31**
- Easter Contemporary Service – **107**
- Easter Traditional Service – **335**

YTD General Fund as of March 31, 2015

Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Giving to Date
\$144,866	\$146,209	\$127,609

YTD Mortgage balance as of March 31, 2015 - \$859,745

Budgeted Mortgage Payments	Actual Mortgage Payments	Giving to Date
\$30,243	\$30,243	\$22,386

General Fund Budgeted and Actual Expenditures includes \$5,550 transferred to reserve accounts.

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CHURCH PHONE 864-583-8167

Those Privileged to Serve - May 2015

TRADITIONAL SERVICE - NAVE

ALTAR GUILD

- 03** Barbara Thomas, Pete Burgess, Andrea Rousey
10 Mary Helen Wessinger, June Miley
17 Judy Lybrand, Brigita Balaram
24 Judy Lybrand, Barbara Thomas, Frances Stockley
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

ACOLYTE

- 03** Travis Schriver
10 Lukas Mezger
17 Connor Gregory
24 Pentecost - TBA
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

CRUCIFER

- Megan Shackelford
Margo Schriver
Matthew Jones

COFFEE

- 03** TBA
10 Circle 5
17 Circle 4
24 TBA
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

LECTORS

- 03** Ed Maidel
10 Ed Maidel
17 Lois Ann Hesser
24 Lois Ann Hesser
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

GREETER

- 03** Pam Bulman & Beth Terrell
10 Luann Bryant & Hervie Thomas
17 Patty Culbreath & Myrna White
24 Charlie Dickson & Sharon Fulk
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 03** Walker & Frances Stockley
10 Don & Nancy Scott
17 Circle 1
24 Alex & Melissa Pozun
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

- 03** Linda Ebert, Anne Burger
10 Hervie Thomas, Andrea Rousey
17 Hervie Thomas, Andrea Rousey
24 George & Vicki Johnson
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

ATTENDANCE RECORDING FOR MAY

Anne Burger, Linda Ebert

PEW POCKET STUFFER

Brenda Ellison

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

George Johnson, Jeff Walters, Gil Bulman, Rick Sprang, Jamin Hujik

COUNCIL GREETERS

Judy Lybrand, Corey Carson

CD DELIVERY

- 03** Dick & Lori Conn
10 Cheryl Pettis
17 TBA
24 John & Anne Burger
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

	9am	10am	11am
03 TBA	MH Wessinger	Erica McCarthy	Luann Bryant
10 R. Mileski	Stephanie Hujik	Stephanie Hujik	Amy Mezger
17 R. Mileski	Leslie Connor	C. Nestlen	Available
24 TBA	Available	Available	Ineka Pitt
31 TBA	Stephanie Hujik	Stephanie Hujik	Jamin Hujik



CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - PARISH LIFE CENTER

REFRESHMENT SET UP & CLEAN UP

- 03** Mike & Julie Towe
10 John & Joanne Kopchik
17 Ted & Joann Hoffmeyer
24 TBA
31 ONE SERVICE - PLC

SOUND-AUDIO/VISUAL

Steven Grimm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30pm AA Meeting	2
3 9am Contemporary 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 12:30pm LCY Labyrinth 12:30pm Worship & Music 3pm Fellowship 5pm Campus Ministry	4 6pm Executive Committee 6:30 Scout Leaders 6pm Circle 3	5 National Nurse's Day 8:30 am Men-A-Plenty 8:30 am Beacon Men 10am Circle 1 pm Grief Group-Parlor 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Contemporary Band	6 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 12:45pm Lunch 1pm Co-Op Recital 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Brass 7pm Chancel Choir	7	8 6-9pm LCY Babysitting Fundraiser-Mother's Day 9:30pm AA Meeting	9 10am-3pm LCY Walker Stockley BBQ Fundraiser-PLC
10 Mother's Day 9am Contemporary 10 am Sunday School 11am Worship 1pm Social Ministry NO LCY 5pm Finance	11 2pm Circle 2 7pm Council Meeting	12 8:30 am Men-A-Plenty 8:30 am Beacon Men 10:30am Staff Meeting 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Contemporary Band	13 10am BPB 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 12:45pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Brass 7pm Chancel Choir	14 6:30pm Circle 5 Luncheon Set-up PLC 7pm Marathon Bridge 7pm NAMI	15 9:30pm AA Meeting	16 12pm Ladies Spring Luncheon - PLC
17 Baccalaureate 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Worship NO LCY 3pm Christian Ed. 5pm Health Ministry	18	19 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 8:30 am Beacon Men 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Contemporary Band	20 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 12:45pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6pm WELCA Board PLC CR 6:30pm Brass 7pm Chancel Choir	21 6pm ADK Teachers Group 6pm Red Door - PLC Conference Rm.	22 9:30pm AA Meeting	23
24 Pentecost Confirmation 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 1-3pm Youth Gathering Meeting 3pm Youth Ministry	25 Memorial Day Office Closed 6:30pm Lutheran Men 7pm Circle 4	26 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 8:30 am Beacon Men 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Contemporary Band	27 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 12:45pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Brass 7pm Chancel Choir	28 SC Synod Assembly Marriot Spartanburg	29 Last School Day SC Synod Assembly Marriot Spartanburg 9:30pm AA Meeting	30 SC Synod Assembly Marriot Spartanburg 2pm McKinney Bridal Shower-FH
31 Holy Trinity/ 10am Sunday School 11AM ONE SERVICE-PLC 12pm Lunch 1:30pm VBS Training NO LCY						

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COMING IN MAY

MEN-A-Plenty Bible Study at the Beacon *Tuesdays @ 8:30AM*
Beacon Men Bible Study at the Beacon *Wednesdays @ 8:30AM*
AA – Fridays @ 9:30PM
Cub/Boy Scout Troop 5 – Tuesdays

- 06 - Eastside Co-Op Recital
- 08 - LCY Mother's Day Babysitting Fundraiser
- 09 - LCY Walker Stockley BBQ Fundraiser
- 10 - Mother's Day
- 14 - Marathon Bridge - *final for summer*
- 16 - Ladies Spring Luncheon - *Faith & Flowers*
- 21 - Red Door Festival Meeting - PLC CR
- 21 - ADK Teachers Group
- 24 - Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation
- 22 - Deadline for *Visitor* articles
- 24 - RoseCrest Worship
- 25 - Memorial Day Holiday - *office closed*
- 25 - Lutheran Men - *Fellowship Hall*
- 28-30 - SC Synod Assembly, Spartanburg SC
- 31 - ONE 11AM SERVICE - PLC - Holy Trinity
Joint with *Springs of Grace & Circle of Grace*
Potluck Lunch