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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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Clear Lake, Wisconsin

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4th Annual “May Day” Community Dinner

- Wednesday, May 1st
- First Lutheran Church
- 11:30 AM – Program
- 12:00 PM – Family Style Dinner
- Complimentary dinner celebrating spring and our retired guests!

Please join us!

May 2024

A Summer of Unity

Your Church Council has been moving ahead with plans to unite the two worship services for, "A Summer of Unity". We thank Tim Wyss for the excellent suggestion that has the unanimous support of the Council. Friends and family who usually worship at different times will now have the opportunity to join together. Please remember this is only planned for the summer. We will return to two services after Labor Day. Our first joint worship will be Sunday, June 2nd.

A committee has been meeting to make plans for the service. Those making plans include: Brian & Kathy Wick, Stacia Hoefferle, Tim & Patti Wyss, Jackie Goodmanson, Rachel Kaczmariski, Neil Larson, Terri Moe, and Pastor Bryan. It has been decided that the joint worship will be at 9:00 AM followed by fellowship. Come and see the excellent plans come to fruition with both music styles being represented. The familiar pattern of worship will remain with Confession of Sins, Scripture lessons, Sermon, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed. This will not be a time of experimentation. We come to celebrate what we share and cherish. Come and see and be delighted!

Unity is a most important quality for any congregation. It was so important to Jesus it was on his mind at the Last Supper. John's Gospel relates Jesus' final prayer at the supper. He prayed, "May they be as one". Elsewhere, Jesus said a Kingdom divided will not stand. So let's be united in love this summer to fulfill Jesus' desire. I look at this as a time for sharing and caring. I trust you will to.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 8th
7:00 PM

You are cordially invited to a concert celebrating the Easter season on Wednesday, May 8th, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clear Lake beginning at 7:00 PM. Groups that will be featured in the concert are the United Methodist Bell Choir and the Clear Lake First Lutheran Choir. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the concert.

?? Bible Quiz ??

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates



Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14)

MAY Birthdays

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1: Brad Ayer | 15: Heidi Colbeth |
| Tracy Lillie | 18: Scott Colegrove |
| Drew Niles | 19: LeRoy Johnson |
| Brooks Cardinal | 20: Robert Paulson |
| 2: Lisa Everson | Jake Smith |
| Jarric Manning | Linda McIntire |
| 3: Carole Larson | Raelynn Thompson |
| 4: Hunter Eckwall | 21: Dylan Peterson |
| Liane Petersen | Easton Nuese |
| 5: Shaw Magnuson | 22: Jerry Hemauer |
| David Sloan | Maci Buhr |
| Grace Isakson | Brayden Davidson |
| 7: Barb Anderson | Jason LaBeree |
| Lisa Anderson | 23: Penny O'Connell |
| 8: Darcy Bruner | Jody Hadac |
| 9: Hunter Munson | Michelle Kuehndorf |
| Hudsyn Elwood | Elizabeth Rosen |
| Shirley Ostrum | Kinzie Fleming |
| 10: Craig Fouks | Lennox Ruble |
| Jennifer Haley | 24: Bert Petersen |
| Bree Parent | Lane Eckwall |
| 11: David Somsen | 26: Chris Wood |
| Paul O'Connell | Debbie Brihn |
| Deann Wagner | Thales Kirk, Jr. |
| 12: Tyler Wirth | Joshua Buhr |
| Sophia Warner | 28: Brayden Christensen |
| Michelle Anderson | 30: Kathy Hanson |
| 13: Sharon Kuhl | Richard Selvig |
| Cindy Nelson | Anthony Holloman |
| | 31: Aaron Paulson |

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Mike & Rosemary Johnson

GREETERS: Paul Colbeth and Don & Sheila Dipprey

READERS

- 5 Linda McIntire
12 Chris Petersen
19 Kiley Munson
26 Eva Wilson

COUNTERS: Laura Lieffring & TBD

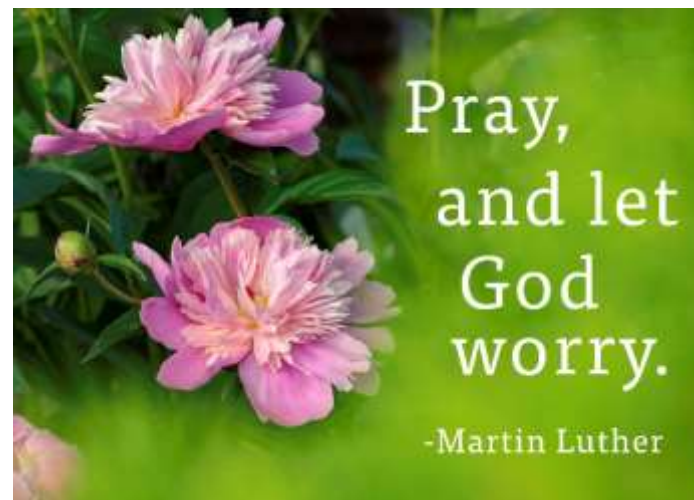
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Laura Lieffring

USHERS

- 5 & 12 LeRoy Johnson & Dylan Peterson
19 & 26 Dale & Chris Wood

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

- 5 (Senior Recognition) Aaron & Danette Buhr Family
12 LeRoy & Liz Johnson
19 Dale & Chris Wood/Amy Strobach Families
26 Larry & Mary Jo Lien





Memorials Given to the Building Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Marlys Link	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Harold Levendoski	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Dick Sullwold	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Don Althoff	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Bob Hammer	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Dennis Bliese	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Sue Haley	Brad & Jo Nilssen

Memorials Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Mary Peterson	Brian & Kathy Wick
Les Olson	Brian & Kathy Wick
Harold Levendoski	Brian & Kathy Wick
Dick Sullwold	Brian & Kathy Wick
Marlys Link	Brian & Kathy Wick
Bob Hammer	Brian & Kathy Wick

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Bob Hammer	Carole Larson
Bud Moe	Eva Wilson
Tony Moe	Eva Wilson

Memorials Given to the Youth Mission Trip

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Susan Haley	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Tony & Bud Moe	Lois & Linnea Campion



Clear Lake Community Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 17—Thursday, June 20; 6:00-8:00 pm

For 4 years old through completed grade 5

Hosted this year at United Covenant Church

(corner of 63 and JJ)

Community VBS is sponsored by the following area churches

United Methodist First Lutheran United Covenant

Register for this fun, faith-filled, event

Scan this code



or register online

at unitedcovchurch.org

and click on register for VBS

Questions call 715-263-2665



Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house
Blooms that have petals
Spring precipitation
Puffy and white in the sky
Soil
Lawn
Must be weeded and tended
Tiptoe through these
Baby sheep
We need food and this
God made this from nothing
A sign of God's promise
These, in April, bring May flowers

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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26	27	28	29				
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65	66	67	68	69	70	71	
72	73	74	75	76	77	78	

	1	10	13	15	25	39	38		2	7	13		5	22	23		12	73	11
17	31	39		45	22	63	7		9	70	56		5	22	23	58	46		
	27	15		61	73	13		4	18	19	30	26	22	49		22	9		
30	63	26		1	47	55	72	78	39	26		60	77	59		5	74	23	
	12	73	70		73	23	40	35	13	56		64	70	75		9	11	65	
5	63	23		75	18	10	47		1	76		72	48	61	27	34	9	44	13
26		1	43	55	72	78	76	24		2	7	13		5	22	23		75	73
22		12	59	39	45		64	63	52		9	22	58		5	70	42		
52	44	10	47		10	2	23	35	73										

Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers; "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), Maddi Wilson (daughter of Paul & Heidi Colbeth), and Mike Stener (brother of Dixie Croes).

If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following on the death of a loved one:

- Pat Haley & Brent Hansen (mother & sister, Susan Haley)
- Arlie Anderson (sister, Kay Anderson)

BAPTISM: Evan Jeffrey Solberg, son of Jayson Solberg & Kristina Sanders

FIRST COMMUNION: The following youth received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28th:

Hazel Cain	Hunter Munson
Bennett Colbeth	Jack Sullwold

Congratulations to the following High School seniors on their upcoming graduation:

Travis Anderson	Jordan Haley	Lyla Jarchow
Blake Harris	Sean Hoeffler	Eddie Johnson
Hunter Gilbertson		

May 5th will be Recognition Sunday for our graduates.

Lawn mowing volunteers are needed by the week throughout the spring and summer. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for March \$27,604.62 (\$20,728.09 needed monthly)
March year to date offering \$60,546.03 (\$62,184.70 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$637,903.72