



The Spirit of Our Lord's Lutheran Church



"Called to Share Christ's Love with All"

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Weekend Worship Themes:

"COMMUNITY IN CHRIST"

Apr 30-May 1: "Life in Christ's Name"
(John 20:19-31)

May 7-8: "Life Companion"
(Luke 24:13-35)

May 14-15: "Gateway to Life"
(John 10:1-10)

May 21-22: "The Way, The Truth, The
Life" (John 14:1-14)

May 28-29: "Life Support"
(John 14:15-21)

From Your Pastor

EASTER NEW LIFE KEEPS UNFOLDING

On Easter weekend we acclaimed: "Christ Is Risen. Christ Is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!"

What does that really mean? That is, for us personally. Because we share in it.

What difference *can* that reality make in our lives? What difference *does* that reality make in our lives?

How can we rediscover our New Life in Christ in fresh ways that touch our hearts, change our lives, and affect our relationships?

What would we tell those being confirmed on May 22 about how God has embraced our lives in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus?

Our life experience keeps unfolding. Our faith keeps developing. Our understanding keeps expanding. Our sense of God's care keeps deepening.

It is a lifelong process of discovery and growth.

Are you aware of the Companionship of God on your life journey?

Are you expecting God to surprise you daily in grace-filled ways through the lives of those you touch?

Can you be confident of God's Spirit empowering you with courage for living life more fully?

Do you have someone in your life who can be a spiritual companion to share both the mountaintops as well as the deepest valleys of your faith journey?

The God-blessed surprise of Easter keeps unfolding. New Life is ours. For the continued rediscovering!

It is a lifelong adventure with the One who promises to share Life fully and abundantly. Thanks be to God!

Blessed Easter Life,

Pastor John Lottes



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WORSHIP

(For more information and details, see our "Worship Opportunities" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP:

Holy Communion
Sundays, 8:00 & 10:45 am
Hospitality Hour, 9:15-10:30 am
Worship Center Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Holy Communion
Saturdays, 5:00 pm
Hospitality Hour, 6:15 pm
Worship Center Sanctuary

MIDWEEK: (resumes in June)

Dinner & Holy Communion
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Bring dish to share
Worship Center Fellowship Hall

LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: EASTER TERM

THE ORIGIN OF SATAN AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL is taught by Dr. Ben Asen, Professor of Old Testament at St. Louis University. It is offered at St. George's Episcopal/St. Mark Lutheran Church, 105 E. "D" Street, Belleville, Illinois, 62220 on three Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 beginning at 7:00 P. M. Tuition is \$41.

This course teaches the origin of Satan and evil in the biblical tradition from the Old Testament idea of Satan as the Adversary, and its development through the intertestamental period and into the New Testament and early Christianity where it has a decidedly different meaning and intent. The class explores the concept of Satan and the "scapegoat mechanism" as developed in the thought of René Girard.

THE REFORMATIONS: THEN AND NOW by Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, Adjunct Faculty, Eden Theological Seminary and retired associate rector, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster Groves, MO. Rev. Crews holds a doctorate in American Church History. It will be offered at Grace Episcopal Church, 514 E. Argonne Drive, Kirkwood, Missouri, 63122 on six Wednesdays, April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1 from 7:00 to 9:30 P. M. It is offered jointly with Episcopal School for Ministry. Tuition is \$81.

This course explores five phases of the Reformation era: Lutheran, Reformed, Anabaptist, Anglican, the Roman Catholic response, the legacies of that era and the claim that we are currently in an emerging new reformation time.

Lutheran School of Theology in St. Louis offers biblical and theological courses for everyone, from interested lay persons wanting to learn more, to professional church workers and students.

To register or for more information go to www.lststl.org, call 314-725-9710, or mail name, address, phone and email with payment to LST, 6325 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117.



March 2011

Expenditures exceeded receipts by:	(6,698.31)
YTD expenditures Exceeded receipts by:	(16,082.91)
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Cash - Unrestricted	22,578
Cash - Replacement Reserve	28,470
Cash - Designated for specific Purposes	12,590
Venturing in Faith contributions Cumulative since campaign inception	3,615 346,234
Total Principal Paid on Mortgage	(3,147)
Remaining Principal balance on mortgage	564,675

CHURCH FESTIVALS

Listed on our MAY calendar are these Church Festivals that are on page 15 (with Scripture Readings and Prayers on pp. 55-56) of our Hymnal:

- 1 – PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES
- 14 – MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
- 31 – VISIT OF MARY TO ELIZABETH



On page 15 of the Hymnal, you will also notice other Commemorations of martyrs, church leaders (**Athanasius**), teachers, renewers of church (**Calvin**) or society, hymn writers, musicians, scientists (**Copernicus**), and more.

HOLY HUMOR

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know—Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

MEMBERSHIP & INFORMATION CLASSES

Visitors interested in membership or information about the Lutheran Church and our mission are welcome to attend the **Membership & Information Classes** meeting in early May on **Mondays from 6:30-8:00 PM. Two one-and-a-half hour classes are scheduled instead of three one-hour classes.** One resource that we will use is **Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers: Exploring Christian Faith** by Martin Marty (Augsburg, 2007). The schedule is the following:

- May 2, Class: **The Bible & Lutheran Beliefs**
- May 9, Class: **Lutheran Heritage, Spiritual Gifts, & OLLC Mission**
- May 15, Welcoming: at our 10:45 AM Sunday Worship

TWO WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Morning Glories Bible Study

Topic: **“The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity”**
Time: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:00 A.M.
Location: Life Center Conference Room
Leader: Debby Gunderson

Questions Bible Study

Topic: **“The Historical Jesus,”** DVD Course by Dr. Bart Ehrman, Prof. of New Testament at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Time: 1st & 3rd Mondays at 10:00 AM.
Location: Life Center Conference Room
Leader: Dona Racich

FOUR-POINT BIBLE STUDY

Topic: “The Gospel of Matthew”
Time: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 5:15 pm
Location: Worship Center Conference Room
Leader: Pastor John

EDUCATION

(For more information and details, see our “Adult Education Opportunities” and “Children & Youth” brochures or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

EDUCATION CELEBRATION

Families of preschool through 5th grade Sunday School students and Children’s Church students are invited to an end-of-the-year children’s education celebration! Even if your children haven’t been attending Sunday School/Children’s Church, please join us! We need everyone’s ideas for planning next year.



Sunday, May 15
 Life Center Fellowship Hall
 9:30-10 a.m. -

- Games for the kids led by high school Sunday School
 - Parent planning time to discuss next year’s Sunday School and Children’s Church (i.e. curriculum, memory program, teacher recruitment)
- 10-10:30 a.m. - Breakfast Potluck
 (Each family is asked to bring a breakfast item for the potluck. Coffee, milk and juice will be provided.)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class meets in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10:30 AM. Classes use the “Faith Inkubators” curriculum, along with servant events, field trips, and social events. Please keep in your prayers especially those who will be confirmed on May 22: **Bill Corrie, Anna Foppe, Katelyn Foppe, Claire Maue, Kurtis Nemsy, Rebekah Perry, Alex Runyon, Robert Schorr, Zachary Tiemann, and Tyler Wyvell.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ages: Pre-K to Grade 5
Time: Sundays, May 1 & 8, 9:30-10:30 am
Location: Life Center Fellowship Hall
Leader: Laura Schoenecker

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY CLASS

Topic: “Choices, Choices, Choices: Managing My Life”
Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
Location: Worship Center Youth Room
Leaders: Debby Gunderson & Dona Racich

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Topic: “Gospel Readings”
Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
Location: Worship Center Conference Room
Leader: Jim Lemke

MEN’S “COFFEE HOUR”

Topic: Informal, determined by participants
Time: Saturdays at 8:00 am (other than Men’s Club Saturdays)
Location: Worship Center Commons
Leader: Pastor John

Take a Faith Adventure!

It's a jungle in here at **Big Jungle Adventure**. Kids take a faith adventure with Jesus as they learn how he protects and guides them throughout their lives. Registration is open for children ages 3 to those entering 6th



grade. This year's VBS is from July 19-21 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Kids meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, and play games. To register, fill-out the form located in the Narthex or register online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KZ79NGM>.



We Need You!!! If you are not yet part of VBS, why not sign up today? If you can help some days, just one day, every day, or in advance, we can use your help. There are many levels of involvement available to suit your schedule and interests. Check out the volunteer opportunities located in the narthex.

For more information you may email Letitia Downen at ourlords.vbs2011@gmail.com

Other important dates:

- ◆ We'll celebrate our discoveries when the kids sing during the Contemporary Worship Service on Saturday, July 23.



SERVICE

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

DISASTER RESPONSE FOR JAPAN & HAITI

Goals: Work through the ELCA to offer effective financial assistance in disaster areas

Method: Haiti Relief was our special project for our Midweek Lenten Offerings; Japan Relief is in response to the March earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear power plant issues

Donations: Checks to "Our Lord's Lutheran Church" with the designation of your choice (Haiti Relief or Japan Relief) in the memo line



Is your yard a mess? Do you need your weeds pulled, gumballs cleaned up, limbs picked up or leaves rakes? For a donation to the High School Youth Fund you can have fun loving, willing to work teenagers come over and get the job done in a relatively short amount of time. If interested, talk to youth leaders, Steve or Kathy Hoelscher.

Do you have a sweet tooth. For a cost of \$12.00 you can order a 9" x 13" Goey Butter Cake from the youth group. For \$15.00 you can order a chocolate, pumpkin or chocolate peanut butter goey butter cake. Great for parties, picnics or with a tall glass of milk. Will take orders anytime. Need at least a week's notice. See Kathy Hoelscher for further information.

Reminders: Meeting at the Hoelscher's May 1 is cancelled. May 15 will be the last meeting until September.

LAY MINISTRY

UNIVERSITY OF LIFE: Spring Semester 2011

In an effort to save paper and printing costs, the course catalog for the University of Life is being formatted differently. There is a **display in the Narthex** from which you can select only the "mini-brochures" which are of interest to you and your family.

Spiritual Gift of Spiritual Encouragement

Do you know someone at church that always seems to know the right things to say to help you find your faith when you are in a rough spot? This person possesses the gift of Spiritual Encouragement. This gift moves the believer to reach out with Christian love and presence to people in personal conflict of facing a spiritual void.

There are opportunities to use this Spiritual Gift right here at Our Lord's! We presently have a number of adults who serve as Small Group Leaders for Confirmation. They have made the choice to encourage and nurture our Confirmands, but several will be moving on to serve in other capacities next year, making room for others to share their gifts with these young people.

We have a Dream Team list of several ministries requiring the gift of Spiritual Encouragement that might be a good fit for Our Lord's; but we need someone to step up and take the lead on organizing a Ministry Team. Some of these ideas include a Visitation Team, Telecare Ministry, and Peer Counseling Team. Contact Dana to discuss these and other possibilities.

Serving in Worship

Have you ever thought that you would like to serve at church but put it aside because you didn't know how to do it or who to talk to? On-the-job training is available for all of the jobs for our church and you can participate as little as once a year or as much as once a month. To get started, give Dana a call to get started.

DAY TRIPPERS

Our Lord's DayTrippers will meet on Thursday, May 19, for a trip to downtown St. Louis. We'll carpool from church at 10:00 a.m. and go to the City Garden which is a two block area surrounded by Market/ Chestnut/7th and 9th Streets. This area is beautifully landscaped with plantings, waterfalls, flowers etc. Lunch will be at the Terrace View Cafe which overlooks the garden. Please sign up on the WC bulletin board. Call Meg for more info.



FELLOWSHIP

(For more information and details, see our "Fellowship Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

MOVIE CLUB

Movie/Time/Location for the next Movie Club evening to be announced. Watch for bulletin announcements and website postings for further information! -- Terry & Kathie Brady



COLLEGE STUDENT GROUP

Goals: Build community, ask big questions, and support one another

Time: special events are in the works; check you e-mail

Leaders: Harry Thiel & Pastor John

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet May 12, 2011 at 7pm at the home of Linda Mann in Troy.

This month's book is:
"A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Current Fixation: "Search for the Perfect Pizza"

Time: First Saturday at 6:30 pm

Location: recommended eateries (carpool from church)

Leaders: Pastor John & others



YOU'RE INVITED...

St. John Neumann School next door to us is having their annual Spring Fling on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 from 4:00-11:00 pm. There will be food, games, and music during this end-of-school-year celebration. St. John's will be using our parking lots for overflow parking—leaving room for our Saturday worshipers.

St. John's has invited OLLC to come and enjoy the festivities. Entrance is free, but just bring your money for food and games. Families and friends are also welcome to come out to enjoy the evening with our neighbors.

LATE BOOMERS

Calling All Late Boomers! (Baby Boomers, really) You are invited to Mike & Loretta Williams' home for an Anniversary Cook Out on Sunday, May 15 at 3 pm. The pork steaks (and veggie burgers, upon request) and beverages will be provided. You bring the sides. BYOB.



While the food is cooking, there might be a game or two of Apples to Apples or something else, or just sit around and talk! RSVP by Friday, May 13 so they will know how many pork steaks to purchase. Hope to see you there!

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Breakfast is Saturday, May 7 at 7 a.m. with Chefs Scott Comrie and Cliff Karvinen. The agenda for the morning includes spraying the pine grove area for poison ivy & other growth, trimming magnolia bushes and hedges, checking roof of Worship Center, clearing area in the garage to allow dry wall repairs, oil furnace motors, spraying for ants, and items not previously attended to.



Riding Mowing

Trim (Push) Mowing

May 5—7
May 12—14
May 19—21
May 26—28

Don Baden
Rudy Kantola
Steve Hoelscher
Wayne Eastby

Harry Thiel
Eric Kantol
Jim Trucano
Rob Banitt

HOLY HUMOR

An answer to this question
Is what I greatly wish;
Does fishing make men liars -
Or do only liars fish?
- **Author Unknown**

THE LARGER CHURCH

ELCA NEWS

For more information and current news releases, see the ELCA website: www.elca.org.

MARYVILLE MAYOR'S PRAYER DINNER

The annual Maryville Mayor's Prayer Dinner, hosted by Mayor Larry Gullidge and the congregations of the Maryville Ministerial Alliance, will be hosted for the community on Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 P.M. at First Baptist Church, Hwy. 162, in Maryville. Guest Speakers will be Bob & Judy Bertels of "African Vision of Hope". Tickets for the event are free, but tickets are required to have an accurate food count. A free-will offering will be taken for the Maryville Outreach Center (Grandma's Attic, the Maryville Food Pantry, and the Residents' Assistance Program). Entertainment will be provided by SIUE Suzuki Violin Students and some of the members of our Praise Band. Contact Loretta in the church office for tickets.

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SYNOD BISHOP FREIHEIT ACCEPTS CALL JULY 1

The Rev. Warren D. Freiheit, bishop of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the ELCA, notified the synod April 1 that he will resign as bishop effective June 30. Bishop Freiheit, 63, will begin a new call July 1 as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Hot Springs Village, Ark., largely a retirement community. A new bishop will be elected at our Synod Assembly, June 2-4, in Springfield. Pastor John sent the bishop a letter on April 2 that reads in part:

Congratulations on your new call.

With some surprise I read your letter yesterday. Your departure is certainly a loss for our Synod.

I know that you and Sandy are following God's call to a new place and a new adventure, perhaps not too dissimilar to Abraham and Sarah (no age comparisons intended!), because it is indeed a new land and a new opportunity "to be a blessing." Your pastoral gifts will again be well utilized.

I hope that there is ample opportunity to share good wishes and "Farewell & Godspeed" at the Synod Assembly in June.

Please know that I have deeply appreciated your support for my ministry and the ministry at Our Lord's.

May God's Spirit empower both of you as you make the transition.

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GOOD SHEPHERD/LSSI WEEKEND

May 14-15, the Fourth Weekend of Easter, is Good Shepherd Weekend. Since 2008, the three ELCA Synods in Illinois have observed this weekend also as supporting the ministry of **Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI)**. In this way congregations are encouraged to observe the day by calling attention to the church's strong, yet gentle caring ministries through LSSI, including adoption services, foster care, counseling for children & families, crisis intervention, residential programs for youth, prisoner & family ministry, substance abuse services, and much more.

Contact Pastor John for more info or check out the website (<http://www.elca.org/glocal>).

PREVIEWS OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances:

June

- Theme: "Life in the Spirit"
- Annual Calendar Planning Meeting, June 1
- Ascension Day, June 2
- Synod Assembly, June 2-4
- Summer Midweek Worship, *Wednesdays*
- Pentecost Weekend, June 4-5
- Father's Day, June 19

July

- Theme: "Mission Challenges"
- Colonial Worship Service (*tentative*), July 3
- Summer Midweek Worship, July 6 & 13 (20th = VBS)
- Vacation Bible School, July 17-21

August

- Theme: "Faith Challenges"
- Summer Midweek Worship Continues, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24
- Sunday Adult Bible Study
- Confirmation Parents & Students Orientation, Aug 28

ENCOURAGING E-MAIL FOR NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

In the interest of saving money related to postage, saving time used for folding and sorting newsletters, and saving paper and related



costs, we are encouraging our members to receive their monthly newsletters by e-mail. If this option is workable for you, please contact Loretta in the office.

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Lutheran Summer Music [www.lutheransummermusic.org] (LSM) is a four week summer music program for band, orchestra, choir, keyboard and organ students grades 8-12. Open to students of all faiths, the program is committed to strengthening and expanding the Church's heritage of excellence in music. Now in its 30th year, LSM has seeded thousands of organists, choir directors and leadership musicians into the Church. The 2010 Academy will be held on the campus of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, from June 26 to July 24.

At LSM, students have an opportunity to explore both spiritual and musical growth as well as deepen their understanding of traditional worship liturgies and the hymnody of the Lutheran Church. Young musicians in grades 8-12 at Our Lord's are invited to explore this very special opportunity. In addition to exploring the website (above), you may also call toll-free at 888-635-6583

PRAYER VENTURES

The two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, formerly printed in our newsletters, will be available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayerventures.

HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy...." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

ELCA "GLOCAL" MISSION GATHERING

When: Fri, May 6, 2 pm to Sat, May 7, 2:30 pm

Location: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge IL

Background: God's work in mission always propels us to encounter the neighbor, particularly in the stranger. "Glocal" Mission Gatherings equip us for God's work in today's global and local realities and their "glocal" intersections.

So what is mission? Who is the neighbor? Let's answer these questions together for our migrating and immigrating world. We are invited to join some the most relevant mission conversations of our time.

Agenda: The ELCA Glocal Mission Gathering (GMG) gathers leaders for a day and a half of worship, workshops, and sharing around global and local mission.

We are invited to gather a congregational team and register for this upcoming event to:

- Enhance our connections with the local and global Christian
 - Gain practical skills for mission
 - Learn how churches are changing how they proclaim and serve
 - Lead inviting worship that includes global voices
 - Serve in a way that is sustainable, respectful, and cross-culturally sensitive
- Give, receive, lead and serve in every facet of ministry

Skill-building workshops include:

- Mission 101
- Short Term Mission
- Stewardship
- Cross-Generational Engagement
- Social Action
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
- New and Renewing Congregations
- Worship and Mission-Music

ANNUAL "LUTHERAN DAY" MAY 11

This year, Lutheran Day will be held on May 11 in Springfield. Lutheran Day is sponsored by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), Lutheran Advocacy-Illinois, Lutheran Child and Family Services, Holy Family Ministries, Mosaic, Advocate Health Care and Concordia Place.

The goal of this event is to enable Lutherans to come together at the State Capitol to build relationships with public officials, showcase the active engagement of Lutherans in pursuing the common good and build camaraderie among Lutheran advocates in Illinois.

The day begins at St. John's Lutheran Church, where participants will hear a keynote address by Sen. Michael Frerichs (52nd District) regarding faith and politics, see "share fair" hosted by event sponsors, and learn about advocacy and how to do it. Then, attendees will be bused to the Capitol, where they will meet with their legislators, attend a prayer service in the Capitol Rotunda and see the presentation of the Paul Simon Courage in Public Service Award.*

More information about this event is available on www.LSSI.org. Or contact Joy Medrano at 847/390-1428.

* The Paul Simon Award was created in 2004 to honor the late Paul Simon's commitment to developing just, compassionate and responsible public policy. Previous recipients include: Ill. State Senator Kwame Raoul (13th District, Chicago) (2010); Governor Pat Quinn (2009); former Illinois Governor Jim Thompson (2006); and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (2005).

Within Our Church Family

- **Thank You** from **Joan Vail** to all who contributed their faith stories to her book, which will soon be published. She is grateful for the encouragement of many.
- **Congratulations** to **Emily Truckenbrod** for her two solos in J.S. Bach's *Magnificat* with The American Kantorei at their Bach at the Sem concert on Palm Sunday. Emily is the Principal of the First Soprano section.
- **Please be aware of this special need and pray** for **Lisa White**, who has lost most of her hearing and is almost deaf. She needs to look directly at whoever is talking with her. Please get Lisa's attention before you speak to her and make sure she can see your conversation.
- **Thank You** to all who helped in so many ways to help Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter events happen. Your assistance to our church family and our guests is greatly appreciated!
- **Congratulations** to **Kristie Becker** who attends SIUE. She was a recipient of the Helen D. Goode Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and was recognized for exemplary academic achievement at the Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 17, 2011.
- **Congratulations** to **Erick Larson** (St. Louis) and to **KaLonny Short** (Urbana) for participating in marathons during April.
- **Congratulations** to these high school students in the 47th annual "A" Student Program who are being rewarded for their academic excellence by receiving two passes to a St. Louis Cardinals game (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 4.7.2011): **Elizabeth Beauchamp, Sydney Bertelsmann, Katelyn Foppe, Andrea Giese, Anthony Klingsick, Caroline Menz, Elaine Nemsky, Rachel Perry, Catherine Ricchezza, Adam Runyon, Kristin Schoenecker, Kevin Schrader, Sam Shemwell, Sarah White, Miranda Wickham, and Megan Wilborn**. Please let us know of any omissions!
- **Congratulations** to our former Vicar, **Brian Robison**, who will graduate from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) on Sunday, May 15, 2011. As of our newsletter deadline, we know that he has been assigned to our Central / Southern Illinois Synod, but the congregation is yet to be determined.
- **To All Staff, Care & Concern Team, Pastor John and the entire congregation**. Your prayers, warm gestures, cards, and thoughts have been most appreciated by both myself and all those close to me. I feel truly blessed for being guided to your presence. I hope to be able to show my grateful feelings with actions soon, but for right now - just know how much everything and everyone has touched me and kept me going. **Stacey Taylor**
- Dear Our Lord's Members,
Thank you to the Kitchen Ministry Team, all the people who made soup and desserts, set-up and cleaned-up before and after the Lenten Soup Suppers, and the Greeters, Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Musicians, and those who served as Cantors during our Lenten Services. A heart-felt thank you also goes out to everyone who helped transform the Sanctuary into the Upper Room, and to those who helped make preparations for and participated in the Seder Worship Service and Re-enactment of the Lord's Supper, the worship servants for Good Friday Service, Easter Vigil, and all three Easter Sunday Services. It is wonderful how everyone pitched in to make the Lenten season and Holy Week services meaningful and worshipful. Yours in Christ, *Dana*
- **Mike, Alex, Nicole, Caitlyn & I** would like to thank everyone for all the cards, emails, facebook entries, phone calls, hugs and prayers at the death of my mom. I know that with your caring, we will get through the worst of the grief, in spite of missing her so much. She had 69 1/2 years with dad before he died, three years without him, and now they are back together again in heaven with our Lord and Savior, as it should be. I know that we will be together again someday. Until then, you are the best. Thanks again. Peace and love, **Loretta Williams**

May Birthdays

1	Priscilla Donals
2	Adam White
3	Chris Clark
	Sam Jones
4	Dixie Banitt
	Cliff Karvinen
5	Cindy Pugh
	Alison Messina
6	Andrew Grave
	Adam Rimar
7	Bucky Gruber
	Kelly Nikolai
11	Devin Mackey
12	Marcy Rak
13	Becky Fremder
	Eric Sutton
14	Marty Cavanaugh
	Dee Corbett
	Jim Sallee
16	Bob Carver
	Eric Ricchezza
17	Krissy Gunderson
18	Joan Vail
19	Monica Harris
	Kurtis Nemsky
21	Arkie Kantola
	Julie Rien
	Bill Turner
22	Ellie Crabtree
	Trina Jones
	Liz Blind
25	Kathy Buske
	Barb Erickson
26	Cindy Diggs
	Linda Eakin
27	Casey Eakin
	Rachael Nyland
	Malea Rak
28	Andrea Giese
	Joan Karvinen
29	Kelsey Brown
30	Peggy Pick-Sutton
	Elizabeth White
31	Nathan Diggs

May Anniversaries

4	David & Lisa White
6	John & Andrea Mohl
9	Terry & Cathy Sanders
11	Bryan & Nicole Soehnl
12	Mike & Susan Moss
15	Mike & Julie Tveit
18	Kelvin & Susan Peterson
24	Brad & Mona Haberer
25	Bob & Anne Cook
	Paul & Karen Mackey
	David & Sharen Schroeder
28	Jack & Karen Hammond



During the week ahead, please pray for our brothers and sisters and for those afflicted in mind, body or spirit, especially remembering:

Pr. David Adkins (Mike Williams' friend)
Jennifer Antinette (Beauchamp's friend)
Tom Arnottie (Erick Larson's friend)
Mark Asbury (Becky Fremder's friend)
Elaine Baden
Gloria Becker
Greg Becker
Maureen Blachfelner
Rowe Blissard
Briggs Family
Pr. Richard Brzowsky
Emily Callahan
Marty Cavanaugh
Charlotte, Zach & Ashley
Cathy Clyde (Lynn Kempf's aunt)
Barbara Cooper (Karen Eastby's cousin)
Corinne Comrie (Scott Comrie's mother)
Rhonda Comrie
Don & Dee Corbett
Kay Crader (Jodi Becker's mother)
Marian Dealey (Pr. Dealey's mother)
Chuck Diggs
Pamela Downour (Christina Shields' friend)
Wayne Eastby
Dorothy Eden
Ellen Eden (Lynn Thiel's cousin)
Alice Elliot (Danté Hunter's aunt)
Kathe Gieman
Bucky Gruber
Dorothy Gunderson (Brian & Krissy Gunderson's grandmother)
Bill Hardy (Cindy Pugh's father)
Terri Hoef (Carole Callahan's friend)
Patti Hudak (Dana Callahan's friends)
Japan
Neil Jenkins (Williams' brother-in-law)
Ted Johnson (Mary Goodwin's cousin)
Betty Kamer (Lynn Kempf's friend)
Andrew Kassing
Judy Klein (Dona Racich's friend)
Xavier Kurre (Sue Green's grandson)
Donald Lee (Rachel Lee's nephew)
David Lottes (Pr. John & Vicki's son)
Vicki Lowrie (Judy Dunne's friend)

Kellsie Marchbanks (Kristie Becker's friend)
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Cyndi Peterson
Ronald
Charlene Shuetz (Mann's friend)
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Matt Turcol (Tilashalski's friend)
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Starlene Villareal (Loretta Williams' friend)
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Elizabeth Wannan (Doug's mother)
Lee Werne (Barbara Werne's husband)
Lisa White
Mike Williams
Libby Wood Ward
Diane Wooden
Kevin Wyvell
Jason Zotalis (Wannen's son-in-law)
Zachary Zwaga (Dan & Sue Homes' nephew)



Also, please pray for the health and safety of the following individuals, connected to our community

serving in the United States military:

Nathaniel Brown
 Lt. **Tom** Buller
 Lance Cpl. **Clayton** Campbell
 Major **James** Carmichael
Dustin Crone
Jeff Crone
 Capt. **Blake** Crosby
 Airborne Ranger **Keegan** Crosby
 Staff Sgt. **Tyson** Crosby
Brent Deemers
Charles Homes

Shane Lee
 CPO **Shawn** Lee
 PV2 **Courtney** Ligibel
Donnie Madison
 Major **David** Mann
 Staff Sgt. **John** Maroney
John Meyer
 Airman **Nick** Muller
Kurtis Neubauer
Zachary Neubauer
 Major **John** Perrine
Josh Pace
Scott Prengel
Jack Scoles
 Staff Sgt. **Skipper** Smith
Haley Wagner

In Sympathy

Please remember these members and their families as they grieve their loss and share the sure promise of the resurrection:

- **Tiemann Family** (at the death of Chris's mother Kathy Tiemann)
- **John Batholic Family & Friends** (at his death on April 4)
- **Margie Geiler & Dave Geiler & Family** (at the death of her brother-in-law Leo Worchol on April 1)
- **Mike & Loretta Williams, Alex & Nicole Williams & Caitlyn Williams** (at the death of Loretta's mother Lena Reinhardt on April 3, 2011)
- **Beverly Kaspar & Family** (at the death of her husband & former OLLC member Gary Kaspar)
- **The friends & family of Patricia Schuster** (at her death on April 23).

In Celebration

- **Mason Hoffmann & Heather Deemer** on their April 1, 2011 wedding.
- **Debbie Runyon & Tony Young** on their April 3, 2011 wedding.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LIFE IN CHRIST'S NAME Rachel's Day, Blessing of Prayer Shawls 8 - Worship 9:15 - Confirmation 9:30 - Family Ed. Hour 10 - Adult Choir 10:45 - Worship 2-4 WELCA Spring Tea	2 2 - Staff Mtg. 6:30 - 8 - New Member Class	3 10 - Questions Bible Study	4 9-12 - SWIVC/Baden 5:15-4 pt. Bible Study 6:30 - Bell Choir, Steering Team 7:45 - Adult Choir	5 10:30 - Office Angels 6:30 - Maryville Mayor's Prayer Dinner	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 7 - Men's Club Breakfast 8 - Altar Build 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship w/cc: "Life Companion" 6:30 - Young Adults Piz-za
8 LIFE COMPANION 8 - Worship 9:15 - Confirmation 9:30 - Family Ed. Hour 10:45 - Worship	9 11 - Staff Mtg. 6:30 - 8 - New Member class	10 7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry	11 6:30 - Bell Choir 7:45 - Adult Choir	12 9 - Morning Glories Bible Study 10:30 - Office Angels 7 - Women's Book Club @ Mann's	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 8 - Men's Coffee Hour 10 - ELCA Metro East Cluster/TBA 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship w/cc: "Gateway to Life"
15 GATEWAY TO LIFE 8 - Worship 9:30 - Education Celebration 10:45 - Worship w/Receiving New Member 3 - Late Boomers Cookout 5 - H.S. Youth @ Hoelscher's	16 11 - Staff Mtg. 6:30 - Stephen Ministry, Church Council	17 10 - Questions Bible Study 7 - La Leche League	18 5:15 - 4Pt. Bible Study 7:45 - Adult Choir	19 10 - Day /rippers 10:30 - Office Angels	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 8 - Men's Coffee Hour 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship w/cc: "Way/Truth/Life"
22 WAY/TRUTH/LIFE 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Bible Study 10:45 - Worship w/Confirmation 2-6 - Geiler Birthday Party/ Karen Cummings/LCFH 3 - Via de Cristo Ultraya/ Laurie Hensley/WCFH	23 11 - Staff Mtg.	24 7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry	25 9:30 - Newsletter Assembly	26 10:30 - Office Angels 6:30 - MeHCCA Mtg.	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28 8 - Men's Coffee Hour 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship w/cc: "Life Support"
29 LIFE SUPPORT 8 - Worship 9:30 - Adult Ed. 10:45 - Worship	30 Office Closed	31				

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