

The



Call

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

How many newsletter articles have I started with the benediction, God bless the flexible, for they will never be bent out of shape? Usually that phrase is a cue that something different is upon us. It is also a clue that even though something is going to be different, we are going to be ok.

I confess that over the years, I failed to give you more. In tandem with recognizing that change is ever upon us, the grace of God stands true. It is receiving the benediction while praying, God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

We see and experience God in different ways. It isn't one of my favorites, but some people embrace the poem Footprints and the image of God carrying them through tough times. I once read an editorial that compared God trying to love us and save us to a pet rescue, where no matter how many times the dog ran away and no matter how diseased and emotionally damaged the dog was, the rescuing people just kept trying over and over again to heal it and to love it.

Honestly, most of us have come to know God in a variety of ways throughout our lives. We are cleansed in the water of baptism. We are fed at the table of Holy Eucharist. We see God in each other as we grow together as a body of Christ, a community of spiritual friends.

And then there are the less pleasant, the more humbling times, when we know God. In those times, it does not matter if we think and feel that God is walking alongside of us or carrying us or whatever. All we know is that there are events that happen and we know it is our faith that gets us through.

A friend reached out to me for comfort and prayer as her school aged son was diagnosed with a brain tumor. They were referred to CHOP and so urgent was the case that the head pediatric neurologist did surgery the following day. The surgery was successful; the tumor was not cancerous; and the little boy is recovering. One day everything was normal and in an instant everything changed. The family has a new focus on what is important and what isn't. Their faith and their spiritual friends, along with miraculous medical care, got them through.

This isn't an isolated story. We've all had the experience where everything was normal, and in an instant, it was all different. It was changed. And our faith and our spiritual friends, along with the good work of public servants, we get through. And we remember to be flexible. And we pray the Serenity Prayer.

It is that our life of faith that sustains us during this Easter season. Our life of faith sustains us every day. Thanks be to God!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*Peace, and many blessings,
Kathleen J. Baker, pastor*

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REMEMBER OUR MEMORIAL FUND
 Thank you. The Memorial Fund has regained
 some of its available punch, but we still need
 your help. Your donations and gifts have
 added more than \$4,000 to the fund, top-
 ping \$20,000, since we used about \$15,000
 last spring to help finance our new fans in
 the Nave and mini-split air-conditioning in
 All Saints Hall. However, the council wants
 to remind the congregation of our goal to
 completely replenish the Memorial Fund.
 Please prayerfully consider continuing this
 effort, Thank you again.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

The Mission and Ministry Committee is in
 the process of setting up "transportation so-
 lutions"! If anyone would be willing to vol-
 unteer to drive people needing rides to ap-
 pointments please call the church office at
 717-564-0385. If you are in need of a ride to
 an appointment please call the church office
 and make that known. Hopefully we can get
 this up and running as soon as possible. This
 same committee is also trying to set up meals
 for those who need them. We would need
 volunteers to make and deliver those and we
 also need to know if you are in need of a
 meal. Please call the church office if you fit
 into either of these categories. Thank you so
 much for everyone's assistance with this pro-
 ject.
 Blessings,
 Sue Bricker, committee chair



**Calling
 All Music
 and Ice Cream Lovers!**

The annual Ice Cream Social
 has been planned for
 Saturday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m.
 prior to the Keystone
 Concert Band performance
 at 2 p.m. Ice cream will be served with a
 selected number of favorite toppings.
 All will take place in All Saints Hall.

From Our Treasurer: March Financials

MARCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2026

BALANCES

Giving
 Spending
 Surplus/(Deficit)

Mar.	YTD
21,448	85,995
24,711	65,777
(3,263)	20,218

General Fund	52,152
Exchange (Restricted)	36,864
Memorial	20,631
Mission Investment Fund CD	33,287
Investments	401,860

May Birthdays



May 2	Connie Lochbaum
May 3	Vicki Delp
May 4	William Baum Janice Breon
May 5	Dave Boyne
May 8	Kelsey Fagan
May 11	Doug Rhodes
May 12	Phyllis Switaj
May 13	Theresa Dermes
May 14	Ben Clemente IV
May 15	Ben Clemente V
May 20	Douglas Griffiths Gene Stewart Dick Wix
May 25	Terri Bentzel
May 27	Ellen Ditmer
May 28	Sam Kuba

May Readings

May 1	Acts 7: 1-16, Exodus 3:1-12, Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
May 2	Jeremiah 26: 20-24, John 8: 48-59, Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
May 3	Acts 7: 55-60, 1 Peter 2: 2-10, John 14: 1-14, Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
May 4	Acts 7: 17-40, Exodus 13: 17-22, Psalm 102: 1-17
May 5	Proverbs 3: 5-12, Acts 7: 44-56, Psalm 102: 1-17
May 6	John 8: 31-38, Proverbs 3: 13-18, Psalm 102: 1-17
May 7	Acts 27: 1-12, Genesis 6: 5-22, Psalm 66: 8-20
May 8	Acts 27: 13-38, Genesis 7: 1-24, Psalm 66: 8-20
May 9	John 14: 27-29, Genesis 8: 13-19, Psalm 66: 8-20
May 10	Acts 17: 22-31, 1 Peter 3: 13-22, John 14: 15-21, Psalm 66: 8-20
May 11	Genesis 9: 8-17, Acts 27: 39-44, Psalm 93
May 12	Deuteronomy 5: 22-33, 1 Peter 3: 8-12, Psalm 93
May 13	Deuteronomy 31: 1-13, John 16: 16-24, Psalm 93
May 14	Acts 1: 1-11, Ephesians 1: 15-23, Luke 24: 44-53, Psalm 47
May 15	2 Kings 2: 1-12, Ephesians 2: 1-7, Psalm 93
May 16	2 Kings 2: 13-15, John 8: 21-30, Psalm 93
May 17	Acts 1: 6-14, 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11, John 17: 1-11, Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35
May 18	1 Peter 4: 1-6, Leviticus 9: 1-11, 22-24, Psalm 99
May 19	1 Peter 4: 7-11, Numbers 16: 41-50, Psalm 99
May 20	1 Kings 8: 54-65, John 3: 31-36, Psalm 99
May 21	Exodus 19: 1-9a, Acts 2: 1-11, Psalm 33: 12-22
May 22	Exodus 19: 16-25, Romans 8: 14-17, Psalm 33: 12-22
May 23	Exodus 20: 1-21, Matthew 5: 1-12, Psalm 33: 12-22
May 24	Acts 2: 1-21, 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13, John 20: 19-23, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
May 25	Joel 2: 18-29, Romans 8: 18-24, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
May 26	Ezekiel 39: 7-8, 21-29, Romans 8: 26-27, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
May 27	John 7: 37-39, Numbers 11: 24-30, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
May 28	Job 38: 1-11, 2 Timothy 1: 8-12a, Psalm 8
May 29	Job 38: 12-21, 2 Timothy 1: 12b-14, Psalm 8
May 30	Job 38: 22-38, John 14: 15-17, Psalm 8
May 31	Genesis 1: 1--2: 4a, 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13, Matthew 28: 16-20, Psalm 8





Bold Lutheran Women Called to Discipleship

A THANKOFFERING LITANY SUNDAY MAY 3

Let us pray for the people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for and accept responsibility for ourselves to not be lazy, but to BOLDLY affirm our baptism covenant as we worship during this Thankoffering service, and as we live our daily lives,

Lord in your mercy.

We pray and give thanks for your generosity of gifts and trust for us to share these talents with our church, community and global families. Let us BOLDLY proclaim the good news and serve all.

Lord in your mercy.

We pray for the programs of Women of the ELCA that we continue to support and strengthen the gifts of women and children, to empower families to live in harmony and to encourage the development of healthy community projects.

Lord in your mercy.

We pray for all leaders, give them the discernment of your justice. Grant that they hear the cry for peace. Guide us to faithfully advocate for equality and BOLDLY unmask prejudice and oppression.

Let us encourage and build up each other.

Lord in your mercy.

We pray for and accept responsibility for all God's children in the world. Energize us to help those recuperating from natural disasters and war. Help us to be generous and give us the strength for a long lasting commitment as we invest our time, talent and treasure to others.

Lord in your mercy.

We are thankful for Good Shepherd's support of our ministries. We pray that you will join us in our Bible studies and events. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we continue to serve you and others.

Amen.

May 5 is a day to remember missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. It's also a month of remembrance for MMIW. At Women of the ELCA's last Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ, we learned about our church's Native American ministries. We also were led in worship, prayer and workshops by Native American Women Lutheran pastors.

Here are a few petitions from A Call to Women of the ELCA and the church:

“ Creator, Loving God

We come to you with heavy hearts, grieving the lives stolen, the families broken, and the justice denied.

We pray for the families who carry the weight of loss, for the mothers, sisters, aunties, and grandmothers who continue the search, who refuse to let their loved ones be erased. Give them strength in their sorrow, courage in their fight, and comfort in their pain.

We pray for the communities who rise up against this injustice, who demand change, who speak truth in the face of silence. Bless their voices, magnify their witness, and move their hearts to action.

We ask you to open the eyes of those who benefit from this system of power and privilege that allows this violence to continue. Stir in them a holy discomfort. Call us into accountability, into allyship, into the hard and necessary work of justice...

Walk with us, Creator. Guide us in this work.

Make us instruments of your justice.

Make us vessels of your love...

Amen

—Lois Griffiths

W/ELCA Upcoming Dates

**W/ELCA Gathering
Monday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m.
in the Gathering Room**

Adult Faith Formation: The Adult Formation Class will be taking a deeper look into the Biblical references used in the award-winning 1971 musical "Godspell." Fred Sprunk will serve as leader for the class, which meets between services Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45a.m. in The Gathering Room.

Workshop News

We hope you enjoyed seeing some of our quilts on display in the nave on Easter Sunday. This was just a reminder that we work on helping those in need throughout the year. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 until noon and are joined by folks who like to knit and/or crochet on the second Tuesday of each month. You do not need to be able to sew. We can always find a way for you to help. Stop in and see what all we do.

This month we donated to:

UPMC

2 Fidget Mats

7 Lap Robes

Morningstar Pregnancy Services

7 Baby Sweater and Hat Sets

3 Baby Hats

5 Baby Afghans

15 Baby Quilts



FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Family Promise Host Week! We could not have done it without YOU! YOU are the reason this program is the success that it is!

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 13

250th USA Committee

10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room

Thursday, May 14

Mission & Ministry

10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room

250th USA Anniversary Committee: The 250th USA Anniversary Committee is seeking Good Shepherd members who have served in our country’s armed forces. The goal is to honor our veterans in association with our nation’s 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Veterans are asked to contact a member of the Anniversary Committee or place a note with details of their service (i.e. branch of military served, dates of service, rank and honors achieved) in the offering plate. Committee members include Bill and Sandy Baum, Greg and Karen Borzok, Dix McCauley and Fred Sprunk.

Thank you for your service.

**Summer Worship Schedule
Begins May 24**

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. Worship and Sacrament—Nave/YouTube
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sacrament—Chapel

Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. Worship and Sacrament—Chapel

Saturdays: 5 p.m. Worship and Sacrament—Chapel

Worship Sponsorships

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
May 3	Breon		Stewart
May 10	Bricker	Switaj	
May 17			D. McCauley
May 24	D. McCauley		
May 31	Sprunk		

A master calendar is posted in the Narthex of the Nave . Sign up on the calendar, and return your completed sponsorship form and payment to the church office.

Sponsorship Form

Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____, 2026

___ Flowers ___ Bulletins ___ Lamps

___ To the Glory of God ___ In Memory Of ___ In Honor Of ___ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

Amount: _____ Deadline: Wednesday 9 a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday

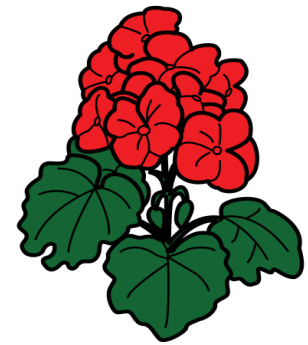


May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	2 1:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social (ASH) 2 p.m. Keystone Concert Band Performance (ASH) 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
				3 Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 10:45 a.m. Seminannual meeting (Nave)	4 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	5 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)
10 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	11 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)	12 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul) 11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (ASH)	13 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 10:45 s.m. 250 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	14 10:00 a.m. Mission and Ministry (Gathering Room)	15 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	16 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
17 June Call Deadline 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	18 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	19 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School., Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	20 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	21	22 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	23 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
24/31 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/ YouTube) 10 a.m. W&S (Chapel)	25 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office CLOSED	26 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter / Paul)	27 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	28	29 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	30 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)

Decorations for Pentecost

Good Shepherd will be decorated with geraniums for
Pentecost—May 24, 2026.



After they have been used in worship, they will be planted around the building to beautify our grounds for the summer.

If you wish to contribute to this project, please submit your donation (any amount is appreciated) with your completed slip to the church office **by Sunday, May 17.**

_____To the Glory of God _____In Memory Of _____In Honor Of _____In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

Our Purpose

To be the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

Guiding Principles

When you see us at our best, you will see us in worship and living our faith by being:

welcoming/accepting

generous and giving

supportive and caring

active/involved

joyful

spiritual/faithful

*Adopted by the Congregation Council of
Good Shepherd on October 11, 2020*



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Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday (Nave)