

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are beginning the month of May. May is one of those months that happen after Easter and before Summer.

Lots of things go on, most importantly graduations.

But besides graduations what is the most important thing to remember in May? It is Memorial Day.

Memorial Day began as Decoration Day to decorate the tombs of the Soldiers who died in the civil war. There are various traditions, but it was officially begun in 1868 by General John Logan who called for it to be celebrated by all. After the world wars Americans continued to celebrate it more as Memorial Day than Decoration Day. It was declared officially Memorial Day in 1971 and moved to the last Monday of May.

Memorial Day along with Veterans Day (to commemorate the end of WWI) are the two days on which we remember and honor our military veterans.

During the month of May our lessons take a turn from what we have been hearing the past few months. Our Old Testament lessons now become readings from the book of Acts, our Epistle Lessons are now readings from the book of Revelation, and our Gospels all come from the Gospel of John.

The First lesson will tell us a lot about how things went in the Early Church, from Paul/Saul to Peter and others. We always hear from the book of Acts on Pentecost Sunday, but rarely hear from it, otherwise, so it is refreshing to hear from the book of Acts during the Easter Season.

The readings from the book of Revelation are also a nice change. The book of Revelation is one of the most misunderstood and mis-interpreted book of the Whole New Testament. It is not a book of Prophecy, but a book of Apocalypse.

We will hear many familiar parts of Revelation in our readings.

The clear message during the Easter season is that Christ Rose from the dead and won a victory for us all.

Peter and Paul remind us of this as they continue their ministry post resurrection. John reminds us in Revelation that the post resurrection Church looks toward heaven.

He is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of May

- 1 Barbara Proctor
- 3 Oliver Floyd
- 7 Jonathan Marshall
- 8 Isla Burrus
- 8 J.P. Dunger
- 10 Amanda Dunger
- 13 Cade Mizell
- 18 Cadyn Mizell
- 20 Donna Marshall
- 21 Bill Witt
- 22 Kathy Sodd
- 30 Jason Lochmann

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of March

Students:

Adults:

Cathy Webb
Erin Foster
Don Richter
Tricia Jacobs
Harold Jacobs
Pat Baughman
Sharon Calabretta
Phyllis Dunger
Donna Marshall
Susan Marshall
Pastor Marshall



Sunday Average Attendance for last Sunday of March & first half of April— 58

Sunday Average Attendance online for last Sunday of March & first half of April— 6

Views — 11

Last Sunday of March & first half of April Offerings — \$21,336.75



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of May

Sarah Brinkerhoff
Ben Bradley
Bryce Howard
Stephanie Thompson
Jaxyn Howard
Mark Raddle
Andrew Raddle



Waymond & Kaye Meins no longer have their home phone.

Waymond's cell # 870-550-0733.

Kaye's cell # is 870-489-3710.

Also update on Betty Rice she has been moved to an all-care home
Senior Comfort Living
940 Gold Links Road
Hot Springs, AR 71901
She is also on Hospice Care



Congratulations

To Laine and Dylan Rhodes on the birth of Caroline Blair Rhodes on Tuesday, April 15. Caroline joins brothers Wyatt & Jasper & sister Magnolia.

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

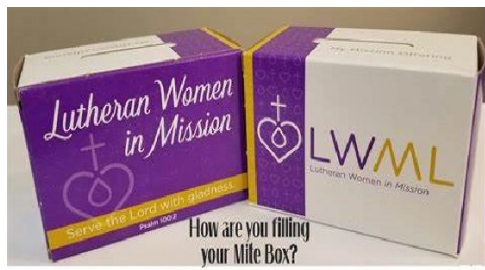
Tricia Jacobs began the April meeting of Mary Guild with a humorous devotion, "Giving to God." We had nine members and Pastor Marshall present. After the officers' reports, we had a short business session. We collected some items for CASA with more to be gathered by the members. Graduation gifts for the graduating seniors was reported by Julie Shorts. We collected \$250 for April's mission project, Lutheran Bible Translators.

Pat Baughman presented a topic based on 1 Corinthians 15:17,20. "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep." As Christ's followers we firmly believe this to be true.

In May Kaye Meins has the devotion; Arleen Parsley will present the topic and Julie Shorts is the hostess. The mission project is a monetary gift for Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF gives books of the Lutheran faith to people around the world in their own language.

We closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins



Esther Guild Mailbox Member Group



Esther Guild is a Mailbox Member program of Lutheran Women in Mission. An email is sent out every month with devotions

and news about LWML.

In this month's email there was included a devotion called "Working with Joy". It talks about using our skills and gifts to help others including sharing God word. Our vocation is specific to each of us and is a gift to share. It also encouraged us to thank and pray for those who serve in our community, including public safety officers, medical personnel, teachers, pastors, or anyone who takes time to touch the lives of others and makes our world just a little bit better. Included were some coloring resources to create cards to help say thank you to those people. If you are interested in using the note cards here is the link www.lwml.org/coloring-resources.

The new issue of the Mid-South District League Letter was attached to the email so members could catch up on what was happening around the district. There was information included about the district retreats to be held this fall. The one for the western part of the district will again be held at Mount Eagle Retreat near Clinton, AR. The cost of the retreat is \$165 and includes meals and boarding from Friday night to Sunday noon. It is a wonderful time to reconnect with other Lutheran women and is a fun time.

Here is the link for more information District Retreats - LWML Mid-South District.

If anyone is interested in receiving this monthly email, please let Erin Foster know. She will be glad to add you to the group.

Submitted by
Erin Foster

CAN ANYONE HELP US LOCATE THIS ITEM

This is a table cloth cover that goes over the table and then hangs down in front and advertises our church. It has disappeared and we have had no luck in locating it. This is something we had specially designed and ordered for when we have our sand art booth at different functions. The last time it was used was at the Whitehall Founders Day. Did someone take it to get it cleaned and forgot about it, possibly. If anyone knows where this is please, please let the church office know.



**Congratulations to our Sand Art Booth who received the award:
Most Educational/Informative - Trinity Lutheran Church - Sand Art**



A prayer for Mother's Day



Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOU'RE GOING PLACES!

Commencement marks the beginning of a new stage of life, with graduates heading off to discover opportunities and face challenges. *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* – a Dr. Seuss book that's now a popular graduation gift – whimsically explores life's ups and downs, twists and turns.

Young adults will face excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness. They'll feel a sense of purpose as well as confusion and even fear. "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on," writes Dr. Seuss.

In the storybook, the life-traveler's sheer determination propels him beyond difficulties. But God's children don't need to journey alone. Our heavenly Father walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Graduates – and all Christians – can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NRSV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

TEXT MESSAGING HAS COME TO THE CHURCH

The church is now able to use text messaging to keep in touch with the members with important announcements and upcoming events.

Text messages will come from this phone number 870.229.4649.

It will identify itself as a message coming from Trinity Lutheran Church.

There is a form in the bulletin, newsletter and available in the church office for you to submit your number for inclusion in our text messaging app.

We will not include it if you do not want it. We do not anticipate sending out a lot of text messages.

Please be assured this list is not shared with anyone and no one else will see your phone number. The text messages are straight to your number. No one else sees it.

Blessings,
Pastor

Worship Announcement

We thank everyone for the feedback on our hymnal service on March 30th. Going forward we will be examining how we will do it again.

Permission to be put on the Text Messaging List

Please include the following number/s on Trinity Lutheran Churches text messaging app.

This permission can be withdrawn at any time.

Phone number	Name
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A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.



WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh,
children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue



She is _____ with strength and dignity;
she can _____ at the days to come.

She _____ with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her _____.

She watches over the affairs of her _____
and does not eat the _____ of idleness.

Her _____ arise and call her blessed;
her _____ also, and he praises her:

"Many _____ do noble things,
but you surpass them all." *Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV*

Charm is _____eptive, and be_____ty is fl_____eting; but a
woma_____ w_____o f_____rs the Lo_____d is to be prais_____d.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

Answers: clothed, laugh, speaks, tongue, household, bread, children, husband, women; Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30, NIV

May 2025

	Elder	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 4	Steve Lochmann Phillip Dunger	Dan Riederer Bill Witt	Ainsley Riederer	Gus Linke	Pastor & Donna for Barbara, Jon & Donna's birthdays"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 11	Steve Shorts Steve Lochmann	Phillip Dunger Harold Jacobs	Brennick Riederer	Erin Foster	JP & Phyllis Dunger For JP, Amanda, Cade and Cadyn's birthdays	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 18	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Robert Floyd Steve Lochmann	Espen Riederer	Robert Floyd	Joyce Anne Green "Anniversary & Jim's birthday"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 25	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Harold Jacobs	Kaleigh Frye	Cherrie Bradley	Amy Kalkbrenner, Caleb's Birthday"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>4</p> <p>9:30 SS/Adult Bible Study 11:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Elder's Meeting 5:00 Worship in Hamburg Third Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>5 Cinco De Mayo</p>	<p>6</p>	 <p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 3:00 Business Expo @ Pine Bluff Convention Center 1:00 Mary Guild Meeting</p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 Craft Day</p>	
<p>11 Mother's Day</p> <p>9:30 SS/Adult Bible Study 11:45 Worship w/Communion Happy Mother's Day Fourth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pastor & Donna Attending Mid-South West Pastor's Conference</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pastor & Donna Attending Mid-South West Pastor's Conference</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pastor & Donna Attending Mid-South West Pastor's Conference Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pastor & Donna on Vacation</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor & Donna on Vacation</p>	<p>17 Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30 SS/Adult Bible Study 11:45 Worship w/Communion Graduation Recognition 12:00 Council Meeting 5:00 Worship in Hamburg Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 Newsletter Committee</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30 SS/Adult Bible Study 11:45 Worship w/Communion Sixth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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