



Pastor's Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wrote this article while we were still dealing with Covid.

I want to go in a little different direction this month for the newsletter.

I want to share a short story. Many of you might have seen it at one time.

“Whose Job Is It, Anyway?”

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

You get the moral of the story nothing was done. During these times how much is being done? Who is taking care of the folks that can't take care of themselves? Who is checking on those who are most vulnerable? Who is checking with their neighbor?

During Covid we tended to stay at home a lot and avoid contact with people. But Covid is over and the same old problems are still here. Who is doing what?

God is still in control. I think we need to hear that one again, God is still in control. No matter what happens around us God is in control. I think the thing that bothers us the most is that we have lost control. We are a people who love to think we are in control. We stay healthy, we take care of ourselves, and we will be fine. A virus that can level us and we can't see it, scares us, as we cannot control it.

But that has always been an illusion. We are not in control. In Roman's chapter 7 Paul describes the struggle this way. ¹⁵ *For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.* ¹⁶ *Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.* ¹⁷ *So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.* ¹⁸ *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.* ¹⁹ *For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.* ²⁰ *Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

Letting God be in control is quite refreshing as we now realize, instead of trying to control things, let God do it. That does not mean being irresponsible, but letting God lift that weight off our shoulders so that we don't have to be responsible for the little things we seem to obsess about. If it will help us get through this, I think it can help us get through everything. God's blessings and stay healthy.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of June

5 Baleigh Mizell
7 Max Bergeron
7 Sydney Bergeron
7 Zack Bergeron
8 Amanda Marshall
9 Christa Burrus
11 Waymond Meins
27 John Reed

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 May

Adults:
Don Richter
Tricia & Harold Jacobs
Pat Baughman
Bill Witt
Phyllis Dunger
Steve Lochmann
Waymond Meins
Donna Marshall
Cathy Webb
Erin Foster
Pastor Marshall



Sunday Average Attendance for last Sunday of April & first half of May— 42

Sunday Average Attendance online for last Sunday of April & first half of May— 5

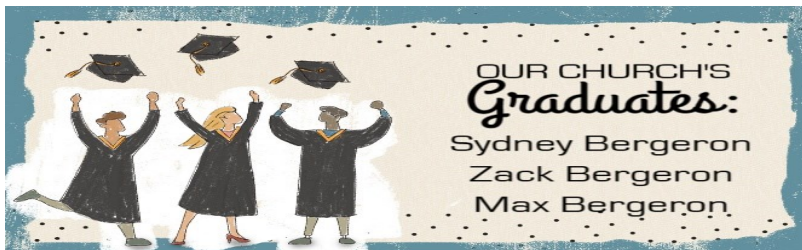
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Last Sunday of April & first half of May Offerings — \$22,714.75



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of June

Tricia Jacobs
Bill Witt
Gretchen Brinkerhoff
Donna Marshall
Oliver Floyd
Baleigh Crook
Kaleigh Frye



June 23-27
6:00-8:00 P.M.



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LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

The May meeting of Mary Guild opened with a devotion, "The Disturbing Peace of Christ," based on Matthew 10:34: "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." The peace of Jesus sounds like a threat because his peace the world does not know. The peace of Christ is a sword which means death to sin, even the sin in our own hearts.

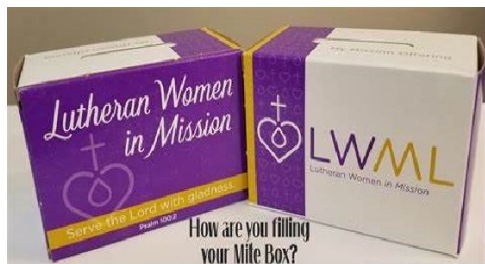
After the roll call the minutes were read. Julie Shorts told of her experience delivering items to CASA. The Mary Guild members decided to give items to Neighbor-to-Neighbor instead. Arleen Parsley reported on the Spring Rally in Ulm. It was held Saturday, April 26, 2025. Arleen enjoyed the fellowship of being with her sister in Christ. It had been some time since she had been able to attend. Five other Mary Guild members also attended.

Julie Shorts was the hostess. Birthday celebrants were Donna Marshall and Kathy Sodd.

In June, Karen Witt will have both the devotion and topic. Pat Baughman will serve as hostess. The mission project for June is donating cereal for the annual Wanda Bateman Memorial Cereal Drive.

The meeting closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins



Esther Guild Mailbox Member Group



Do you want to participate in LWML but do not have the time for a monthly meeting?

Esther Guild Mailbox Member program is a way for you to become involved. You will receive a monthly email with devotions, crafts, LWML news, and other news. You can stay up to date on what is going on locally, around the zone, the district, and at the national level. Please let Erin Foster know if you would like to receive this email and she can get you signed up.

Submitted by
Erin Foster

women
IN
missions

And this good news of the kingdom
will be proclaimed throughout the world,
as a testimony to all the nations..

MATTHEW 24:14, NRSV

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.



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 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



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This permission can be withdrawn at any time.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PERU

- + The Amazon River begins in Peru.
- + The Amazon Rainforest covers almost two thirds of Peru.
- + The Andean flying condor is the largest flying bird on earth.
- + There are three official languages in Peru: Spanish, Quechua, and Aymara.
- + The population of Peru is over 34 million.
- + You can eat over 3,000 varieties of potatoes in Peru.
- + Peru is one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world.
- + Three quarters of the world's Alpacas live in Peru.
- + The city of Cusco brings together Inca and Spanish colonial architecture.

HE IS RISEN!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! We pray that you had a blessed Easter celebration. The Easter season fills us with joy as we rejoice in the Resurrected Lord. His victory over death and the devil imparts life to all peoples. The Risen Lord proclaims, "...I am the resurrection and the life..." (John 11:25) We proclaim the Risen Lord to all nations that all will have eternal life in His name.

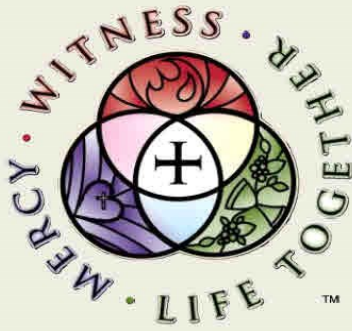
As always Holy Week was a busy time for all of the churches in the Dominican Republic. On Palm Sunday we had a procession in the local neighborhood. Through this event we proclaimed the coming of the King of Kings to all nations. Our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services were well attended and the members had a fellowship meal after the Easter Sunday service. A great time of fellowship was had by all during our Holy Week celebrations. We give a special thanks to the seminarians whose assistance with the services is deeply appreciated.

The seminarians finished the last week of class for the winter semester. They are now busy getting their assignments turned in and studying for their final exams. We give thanks to God for the great progress that they have made this semester. Furthermore we thank God for the great effort that the professors of our international faculty put forth.

At the end of May, Senario el Reformador will host the annual theological symposia. Representatives from 15 different Latin American countries will attend this event. Please remember this event and the delegates in your prayers. We look forward to the worship, theological studies, and fellowship that this event imparts.



Happy Easter from Daniel and Kathy!



We Pray For

- + The victims of the terrible tragedy that took place in Santo Domingo.
- + The recovery of Kathy's knee.
- + The seminarians as they prepare for their final exams.
- + Prayers and financial support for world mission.
- + Those Christians who suffer persecution.

We Give Thanks For

- + The victory of the Risen Lord.
- + Our mission donors who make our mission possible.
- + The Lord's abundant providence.

Personal Notes

Kathy is undergoing treatment for her injured knee. We have our next appointment with the doctor on Monday. We pray that all will go well with her recovery. A terrible accident occurred in Santo Doming when the roof of a nightclub collapsed causing many deaths and injuries.

We thank God for the mission in Latin America. Your support provides Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members. Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconesses will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Latin America. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America. God's richest blessings! Have a blessed Easter season!



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)

Soli Deo Gloria
Daniel and Kathy



The pastoral team at Cordero de Dios wishes you a Blessed Easter!



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St. Louis, MO 63179-0089 Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of Daniel Conrad."

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June 2025

	Elder	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 1	Steve Lochmann Phillip Dunger	Dan Riederer Bill Witt	Ainsley Riederer	Erin Foster	Lura Campbell "In honor of Max, Sydney, & Zack Bergeron's birthday. Don & Siri Richter wedding anniversary	Judy Clinton Juile Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 8	Steve Shorts Steve Lochmann	Phillip Dunger Harold Jacobs	Brennick Riederer	Steve Shorts	JP & Phyllis Dunger Sharon Calabretta "In memory of loved ones"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 15	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Robert Floyd Steve Lochmann	Espen Riederer	Robert Floyd	Pastor & Donna "In celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary"	Tricia Jacobs ∞ Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 22	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Harold Jacobs Steve Shorts	Kaleigh Frye	Cherrie Bradley	Kaye Meins "Thanks to God for Waymond's 90 years"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers
SUN 29	Steve Lochmann Phillip Dunger	Andrew Raddle John Alexander	Ainsley Riederer	Steve Lochmann	Lura Campbell "In memory of Tommy Campbell"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger



2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 SS/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Elders Meeting 5:00 Worship in Hamburg 7 th Sunday of Easter	2	3	4	5 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Class 1:00 Mary Guild Delegate Meeting@ District Office 7:00-9:00	6	7 1:00 Craft Fellowship
8 9:30 SS/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion Day of Pentecost	9	10	11	12 District convention in Memphis	13 District Convention in Memphis	14 Flag Day District Convention in Memphis
15 Father's Day 9:30 SS/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting Happy Father's Day Holy Trinity Sunday	16	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 Juneteenth 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Class	20	21 Summer Solstice (Summer Begins)
22 9:30 SS/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion	23 6:00-8:00 VBS TBD	24 6:00-8:00 VBS TBD	25 10:00 Newsletter Committee 6:00-8:00 VBS TBD	26 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Class 6:00-8:00 VBS TBD	27 6:00-8:00 VBS TBD	28
29 9:30 SS/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	30					

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