



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, May 24**

**Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

*The Rite of Confirmation*

**Monday, May 25**

**Memorial Day**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, May 26**

7:00 pm Property Committee

**Wednesday, May 27**

**Thursday, May 28**

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, May 29**

6:00 pm Preschool Graduation

**Saturday, May 30**

4:00 pm Installation of

Pastor Kliner



### Our Staff

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**Preschool Co - Coordinators:** Linda Miller (volunteer) and Deb Wheeler – call the office

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 A.M – 3:00 P.M and Friday, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**Pastoral Care Number:** Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours and the office will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

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**“You have made public profession of your faith. Now I ask you, before God and these witnesses, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism—to live among God’s faithful people, to hear God’s Word and share in the Lord’s Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to strive for justice and peace in all the world?”**

*(The Rite of Confirmation)*

Do you remember your Confirmation day? Do you remember promising these (or similar) things in the presence of Almighty God, your parents and grandparents, your friends, and your Pastor? Perhaps your Confirmation day marked your “First Communion.” Perhaps you wore a white robe adorned with a red carnation almost like a graduation ceremony. Perhaps you were quizzed in front of a congregation about Luther’s Small Catechism, or perhaps your family went out to a special brunch afterwards. Perhaps you got a “Confirmation Cross” from “AAL” or “Lutheran Brotherhood”...a cross that perhaps went with you to college but got lost somewhere along the way...or a Bible...or a “Book of Concord.” Perhaps you just gave a sigh of relief that you no longer had to surrender a Wednesday night...or a Saturday morning...or some other time every week...and no longer have to memorize explanations and recite them to your Pastor.

This Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for five students. In truth, the Rite of Confirmation is not a “Graduation” but a “Commencement”: these five young(er) people will now assume their full adult status among us. No doubt, they too will give a sigh of relief that their “Confirmation Studies” is “done,” but their adult life in the Church is just beginning. The Rite of Confirmation is all about the promises these people—and we who came before them—make in the presence of God and the Church: to live among God’s faithful people (worship), to hear God’s Word (preaching) and partake of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion), to proclaim the Gospel in words and deeds (discipleship), to serve our neighbors in the example of our Lord Jesus Christ (Christian Service), and to strive for justice and peace “in all the world.”

As these five men and women reaffirm these promises, they offer us a chance to revisit these promises in our own lives. Just how committed are we to faithfully attending worship, making listening to God’s Word in preaching and partaking of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, to being faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serving our neighbors in Christian charity? Pray for our Confirmands but take this opportunity to reaffirm your own commitments as well.

Your Confirmation was not an end but a new beginning of your Christian Life. Take a moment this Pentecost and renew your faith and life even as we rejoice in the Confirmation of these five young women and men. Take their example to heart and revisit your own commitments and promises with them.

Pax Christi;

Pr. Jerry Kliner, STS

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

**SERVICE ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers:** Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Al Cole, Sally Congdon, Kim Brofee  
**Lay Asst:** Anita Bair; **Comm. Asst.:** Sherri Holtzman; **Acolyte/Crucifer:** Dylan Sherman  
**Altar Guild:** Rita Strickler, Lauren Russell; **Greeters/Presenters:** Jody Fullmer, Carl Gee  
**Cantor:** Candy Watkins; **Flower Delivery:** Charles Luppert

**Sunday, May 17:** Attendance: *In Church: 110; Online: 7*; Offering: **\$2,531.00**

**IN BLESSED MEMORY**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lee Waltz, by his family.

**BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday, May 24:** Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23  
**Monday, May 25:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24  
**Tuesday, May 26:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27  
**Wednesday, May 27:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39  
**Thursday, May 28:** Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a  
**Friday, May 29:** Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14  
**Saturday, May 30:** Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17



*Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.*



Geraniums will be ordered through the church office. They may be picked up immediately after the Worship Service on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, or on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> (*Office is Closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>*). Call the church office (326-9171) if you have any questions. **Order forms must be returned to the church office by Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.** *If you wish to order a geranium but do not want to take it home, the extra flowers will be planted around the church grounds.*



**The Rite of Confirmation will be this Sunday, May 24:** The following young people have fulfilled the requirements for confirmation and will affirm their baptisms at Worship. Please remember them in your prayers. They are: **Sydney A. Brown, Alivia M. Klemick, Malory L. Klemicks, Doriann R. Morris and Weston L. Sherman.** The Confirmands and their families invite the congregation to join them in Shaheen Hall for coffee and cake after worship.



**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to sign-up for Pastor Kliner's installation on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.** A catered Buffet Meal with dessert will be held in Shaheen Hall following Worship. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex with how many will attend.



*Remember and Honor.*



## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children/Family - **Mr. Henry's Wild and Wacky Bible Stories - All about Self-esteem** - Have you ever felt sorry for yourself? Or maybe felt that you couldn't do anything right? Well, the Bible tells us that you are the apple of God's eye! And as Mr. Henry says, that means you are God's pride and joy! You have value just because you exist and no one can ever take that away! This DVD is in the Religious DVD section in the library.

Adult - **COMMUNION - contemporary writers reveal the Bible in their lives** - The author has brought together a spirited congregation of our most interesting, provocative, exciting, and beloved literary writers to explore the meaning of the Judeo-Christian Bible in their lives. 36 authors approach the Bible from a personal perspective, describing their first exposure to Scripture--often as children--and reflecting on its continuing importance as a literary and cultural cornerstone for their own work. Bold and insightful, the essays in Communion will challenge and enliven readers of all backgrounds. This book is in the Topical Issues for adults in our library.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Tropical Trek"** will be held Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19. **THINGS WE NEED:** If you have any artificial ivy, ferns or other house plants/trees that we can borrow or have, it would be appreciated (no Christmas trees or evergreen garlands). If you do want them returned, please make sure to put your name on them somewhere. We will also be collecting brown packaging paper like what comes in Amazon shipments. Please place your items in the box in the alcove near the elevator.

Thank you, Kathryn Pratt

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*Thank You*

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits Ministry ~ Thank You!**



**Thank you** to those who came to help with the cord cutting and knotting last week. We made short work of it and are all set for Bible School!

**SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, July 15, 9:00 a.m. – Knot-A-Sack “Knotty Party”** – Join us for a time of fellowship, good conversation, (and Sally’s cookies!) while we knot the drawstrings to complete the backpacks. ***Watch for more updates later in June!***

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**The choir will sing the last anthem before their summer break on June 7.** We would like to invite anyone who likes to sing join us for a Saints in Song Sunday on that day. The anthem for that day is based on the favorite hymn, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” and it is easy to learn. Rehearsals will be after church on May 31 and at 8:45 on June 7. Please join us to sing praise to God.

**Please Note: The Church office is closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Memorial Day!**

***Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day from the all the Staff at Messiah!***

