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**THE ILLUMINATOR**

**The Holy Cross Lutheran Church Newsletter**

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*Pastor's Newsletter Article for May 2025*

## **WHY IS JESUS' RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD SIGNIFICANT FOR ME?**

Life can change in a heartbeat. One moment, joy; the next, sorrow. Have you ever had a moment that was both incredibly joyful and deeply painful? Think about Lisa's experience: One minute, she's enjoying a beautiful day with her mom and baby... and the next, a sudden health crisis turns everything upside down, and her mom is gone. It's heartbreaking.

What stood out, though, was Lisa's response. Even through the tears, she kept saying things like, "We ask that God's will be done," and "I'm glad she is in Jesus' arms." It reminded me of Martha in the Bible, grieving her brother Lazarus but still voicing her confident declaration to Jesus, "***I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day***" (John 11:24).

Where does this incredible confidence come from and how can we share that confidence—that refreshing hope in the face of loss and even our own mortality? It's a question we all wrestle with, isn't it? The truth is, ever since sin entered the world, death has become a reality for all of us. We've all lost people we love. We know that death is a reality we all will eventually face. And the Bible is clear: our sin separates us from God and deserves His judgment.

So, how can we have that same confidence that Lisa and Martha had?

**Because we have a Savior who loved us enough to die for us!** Think about it: where we fall short, Jesus perfectly loved and obeyed God. He willingly went to the cross to take the punishment we deserve. His love completely wipes away our guilt.



But the story doesn't end there! Jesus didn't just die; he rose again! **We also have a Savior who is alive!** Jesus' resurrection isn't just a one-day celebration each year. It's the *guarantee* that everything He promised is true. It's the "*firstfruits*" of our own resurrection.

Let me explain that "*firstfruits*" idea. In the Old Testament, when farmers harvested their crops, they would give the first and best part to God as an offering.

This “*firstfruits*” offering was really important because it showed that *everything* belonged to God. It was like saying, “This little bit represents the whole harvest – all the wheat, all the barley, everything!” It signified that the *entire* harvest belonged to God and was sure to follow.

The Apostle Paul uses this idea to explain Jesus’ resurrection. He calls Jesus “*the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Jesus rising from the dead is like that first part of the harvest, guaranteeing that *we* will also be raised to life! Because Jesus, our head, has risen, we, who are connected to him, will also rise. It’s a sure thing!

Chad Bird, former LCMS pastor, seminary professor, and Hebrew and Old Testament scholar, offers this helpful illustration: “If someone is lying down and gets up, their head comes up first, and then the rest of their body follows. Jesus, our ‘*Head,*’ rose first, and we, His ‘*Body,*’ (*the Church*) will follow him in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

So, just as the Old Testament “*firstfruits*” offering promised a full harvest, Jesus’ resurrection promises our own. It’s not just an isolated event; it’s the beginning of something amazing! It’s a living reality that shapes our present and secures our future.

That’s why we can be confident, like Lisa and Martha! We can say with joy, “*I know that my Redeemer lives!*” In every moment, whether happy or sad, we can find comfort, hope, and refreshment in that truth. And when our time on earth is done, we will wake up to live forever with our Savior because **our Redeemer lives!**

**I LOVE BEING YOUR VACANCY PASTOR!**



Pastor Wright

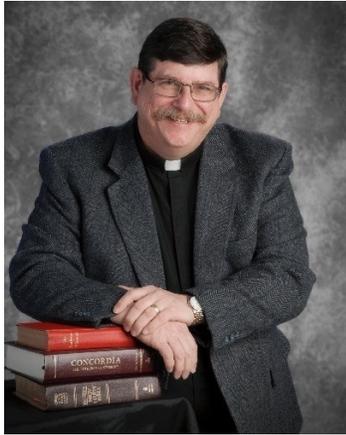
**(Next month:** *What does the Holy Spirit do for us?*)

**You are always welcome to any of our Bible classes!**

Wednesday’s at 9 a.m. or Sunday’s at 9:30 a.m. Held in the fellowship hall. You do not need to start at the beginning of a unit or topic. Please come whenever you can. For those who have been attending church for decades, it may seem that the historic liturgy is boring or vain repetition. In this Bible study, however, we will note how much of the liturgy is actually God’s Word as it first appeared in the lives God’s people. In a practical and vibrant way, these sessions will help enrich and deepen our worship life and appreciation for Word and Sacrament in a way that has proven tried-and-true over the centuries.



**Rev. Brondos** served as a parish pastor and as a parochial headmaster of classical Lutheran schools for over 30 years in urban, suburban, and rural settings (retiring 2019).



**Rev. Joel A. Brondos**

He has lectured around the country and has published numerous devotions and Bible studies for CPH and other synodical publications. In 2008, he received the middle school teacher of the year award in the Northern Illinois District. He currently serves on the Board of Regents for Concordia Seminary - St. Louis.

His wife of 43 years, Marilyn, has served as a teacher in the primary grades, and they currently live in Geneseo. Benjamin and Melissa Brondos, son and daughter-in-law, are members of Holy Cross.

***\*Please help us maintain accurate contact information (addresses, phone numbers & emails) for our members requiring in-home ministry. This is especially critical if there have been changes in the past 8 months.***

*From the Deaconess*  
**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

Now that the busy Lenten Season has come to a close, we are very much into the Easter Season! Just before Easter morning, we had some Youth/SS students gather to decorate Easter Eggs for the Easter Breakfast (Below are some pictures of it!). Soon to come will be VBS (watch for Dates).

It was great to be able to have the choir singing in church, and have some instrumentalists during Holy Week. I do hope to start including more as I play (searching through music for them!). Please also watch the announcements/calendar for potential practices as I would like to do a piece here and there with the choir as time allows.

It has been great service the church in various capacities over the past few months and look forward to continuing serving the church!



In Christ,

Amanda



**Congratulations to Holy Cross-Moline, IL Vicar Jacob Corrigan CTSFW & family for receiving his first call to Emmaus-Livingston, MT.**



**Jacob Corrigan**

**Emmaus Lutheran Church - Livingston, MT**

**The quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4th @ 2:00 p.m.** Extending a call will be on the agenda.

**On behalf of the members of Holy Cross, and to honor our mothers past and present, the Mutual Encouragement Committee will donate \$150 to Pregnancy Resources!** We encourage our fellow members to be generous in support of **Pregnancy Resources** themselves by filling and returning the baby bottles provided.

*We thank you God for our mothers.*

***A sincere word of thanks to the dedicated group that cleaned our church inside and out Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Holy Cross is at her very best because of their efforts.***

***It was indeed a job very well done!***



**Dates to Remember...Spring Circuit Wide Event – May 18<sup>th</sup> – Maquoketa Caves @ 1:00 p.m.**

**Holy Cross has new pads in our pews!! Praise be to God!!**

*Thank you to the very loving and generous donors who helped to make this project a reality!!*



**Holy Cross** has competent and faithful representation to the Central Illinois District Convention, July 2025. The Voter's elected **Mr. William Serre** as Lay Delegate and **Mr. Rich Kraft** as the alternate Lay Delegate.

Thanks be to God.



**LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will meet on **Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

***Peace Quilters** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.***

### **Exercise Class and Fellowship Hour**

**Exercise Class begins at 10:15 A.M. Immediately following the 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Bible Class led by Pastor Gary Wright. Come and join us for Fellowship Hour following the Exercise Class!**

**Newsletter & Calendar Announcements for the month of June *MUST* be submitted to the office by Monday, May 19, 2025!!!**

## **Volunteering to Serve:**

**Volunteers are needed to watch the security monitor during our services!**

If you can help in this way, please sign the sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Board of Elders.



**The April – June Editions of Portals are here!**

Please help yourself to this devotional resource and share with others

## **The Mutual Encouragement Committee**

Serves a meal the second Monday of every month following a worship service at Christian Care in Rock Island. In this way we serve both body and soul of those in our community who find themselves in need.

Our next date of service is Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Monetary donations are always welcome and are used to purchase spaghetti ingredients, salads and garlic bread. A sign-up sheet is

in the entryway for those interested in providing desserts or fresh fruit. These items, clearly marked for Christian Care, can be left in the Holy Cross kitchen on Monday or Sunday immediately preceding. Space is limited in the Christian Care

kitchen, so those signing up to serve must be limited to four. The Mutual Encouragement Committee thanks you in advance for your kind and generous cooperation.



***Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of May is Pregnancy Resources.***

**A list of items in need...** baby towels ~ baby wash ~ baby lotion ~ baby bottles ~ pacifiers ~ diaper rash cream ~ newborn bibs ~ newborn/0-3M socks ~ newborn/0-3M sleepers ~ 0-3M sleeping gowns ~ pajama's 3M-3T ~ tops 18M, 24M, 2T, 3T ~ pants/shorts 18M, 24M, 2T, 3T ~ new socks 12M-24M ~ new socks 2T-3T.



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## A Dollar for Missions News First Project of 2025 - Update

The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 60,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. Portions of the brick and concrete structure are showing their age and are in need of repair. This project will fund targeted work at repairing and repointing sections of the building exterior, so that the Lord's Word and Sacraments can continue to be given out for many decades to come! Feel free to check out the video at <https://youtu.be/n3BgVeNC0tg> or find more information on our website <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>.

### PRAYER

*PRAYER O Lord, open the hearts of your people to support the proclamation of the Good News about Jesus in ways large and small. Bless the Dollars for Mission that support mission work in unusual ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

You can always find out more about DFM, including the present project at any time, at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



**The Mission of the LCMS Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund** is to aid The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, and agencies of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) in building and expanding their facilities and ministries for the growth of God's Kingdom.



As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, let us turn our attention to Mary of Magdala. John records that she was weeping in sadness outside the garden tomb until she heard the voice of Jesus call her by name, talk to her, and send her to share the good news with the others. It is a touching scene and one that captures the Easter joy that overcomes all sadness. The popular hymn, *In the Garden*, was written to express Mary's unique experience of literally speaking face-to-face with her risen Savior. It would be wrong to use this hymn out of context to apply it to our perceived spiritual experiences. Rather, our Easter experience takes us to our baptism, where Christ called us by name to belong to Him.

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That is when we were united with Christ's resurrection to live new and everlasting lives. In our weekly Divine Service, we continue to experience a mini-Easter as Jesus comes to us, not alone in a garden or on a golf course but gathered together in His house. There, He walks and talks with us through His Word and Sacrament, turning our weeping into a joy that can never be taken away. Then, like Mary, He sends us to share all that He has said and declare to them, "Christ is risen! He is risen, Indeed! Alleluia!"

**Rev. Kent Umbarger. St. John's East Moline**

**Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District.**

*Please remember in your prayers Immanuel Lutheran Chapel, a new church started by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Springfield. Pastor Adam Rouse serves both Immanuel Church on Springfield's northeast side and the chapel on the northwest side at the CID office.*

### ***Items of Interest to Share***

#### **Mission Education Toolkit part 2**

With the District's next convention on the horizon, July 13-15, an opportunity lies at hand for members of CID congregations to become informed concerning the District's mission program now and into the future. For your help, "Mission Education Toolkit part 2" is now available on CID website at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-stewardship.html> Find links there to the entire Mission Commission convention report, plus a couple of documents shared at recent Circuit events about prospects for mission work here in central Illinois.

### **CID BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW REPORT 03/18/25**

Rev. Mark Eddy called the meeting to order. Rev. Mike Burdick gave the opening devotion on Psalm 90, reminding us that the Lord is our dwelling place.

Pastor Adam Rouse led a mission Presentation regarding Immanuel Lutheran Chapel, Springfield. Pastor Rouse gave a history of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Chapel and the current work and teaching on evangelism and outreach studies. Pastor Rouse is hopeful and heartened about where Immanuel Lutheran Chapel is headed.

One-third of CID congregations have registered their delegates to the 2025 District Convention. Please check if your congregation has registered its delegates. Nominations for District President are due by May 18. Thanks to all who have filled out Witness Slips for HB 2827, "The Homeschool Act." All LCMS Illinois District Presidents signed a letter explaining this bill's adverse effects on our LCMS Schools in Illinois. Because the State legislature has amended the bill, Witness Slips need to be filled out again. The Small Church Summit on June 7<sup>th</sup> is at Trinity, Taylorville. Every congregation should receive Witnessing Helps posters to aid in teaching Christian witnessing and practicing Christian witnessing. CID BOD approved funding for CUEnet training for a student interested in future deaf ministry in CID.

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Trinity, Stewardson's revised constitution was approved. CID 2026 Compensation Guidelines were approved to include church worker sabbaticals. Sabbaticals are not merely to be "time off," but rather a period of reflection and renewal to encourage and motivate church workers in their vocation.

The next CID Board of Directors meeting is set for **May 20, 2025, at 9:00am.**

## **The Small Church Summit**

**June 7, 2025**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

1010 N. Webster Street

Taylorville, IL 62568-1277

**The deadline to register is May 31st.**

The day will start on Saturday, June 7, with sign-in at 9:00 a.m. The opening devotion will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov is the Rector of our sister church's seminary in Siberia. He will be the featured presenter at the Small Church Summit. Rector Streltsov will have the morning to present and answer initial questions.

After lunch, there will be several short sectional sessions, all of which will be offered a total of twice:

1. Further discussion with Rector Streltsov
2. Congregational Assessment Tools
3. LCMS Specific Ministry Pastor Program and Small Congregations
4. Mutual Help Right Under Your Nose: Circuit Forums and Circuit Convocations

To register for the Small Church Summit, go to <https://forms.gle/2odPUnCrW66hpf9o6>

## **2025 CID Youth Bible Bowl Results**

The Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl took place on Sunday afternoon, April 6, 2025 in the gym of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Galesburg, Illinois. Teams from the Rock Island and Quincy circuits participated by answering questions about "The Life of David."

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After a round robin style tournament, the champions were team “A” from Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Galesburg, with a record of 5 wins and 2 losses. Nikki Cansino, Ezra Sommerer, Seeley Koch, and Calie Cansino were team members.

The second-place team was team “B” from Mt. Calvary, with a record of 4 and 2. Team members were Daniel Sommerer, Natalie Cansino, Oliver Koch, and Micah Sommerer.

The third-place team came from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb. Team members were Lonny, Manny, and Ty Hull.

Pastor Mark Eddy from Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, was the quizmaster.

Pastor Steven & Melanie Sommerer from Mount Calvary served as scorekeepers. Pastor Christopher Hull from Immanuel served as time keeper (and fill-in quizmaster). The host church provided refreshments.

Thanks to everyone who attended and/or helped in any way. The Bible Bowl is open to 6th-12th graders from any congregation in the CID. A new Bible topic is chosen for each year. Since this year’s topic came from the Old Testament, the 2026 Bible Bowl will be on part of the New Testament. More information will be announced in the fall of 2025.

### **CID Convention Reminders:**

- **Convention Date July 13-15, 2025- Springfield, IL**

### **2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING**

Looking for information: Ways to Connect:

- CID Lutheran Youth Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249327678480252>) – Find the latest district updates and information LCMS Youth Ministry Facebook Group
- End Goals: LCMS Youth Ministry Podcast <https://www.kfuo.org/category/lcms-youth-ministry-end-goals/> All things youth ministry and some great episodes on the Gathering! Be sure to check out [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com) under the Resources tab for tons of information, worksheets, budgeting sheets, etc.
- With the District’s next convention on the horizon, July 13-15, an opportunity lies at hand for members of CID congregations to become informed concerning the District’s mission program now and into the future. For your help, “**Mission Education Toolkit - Part 2**” is now available on the CID website at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-stewardship.html>. Find links there to the entire Mission
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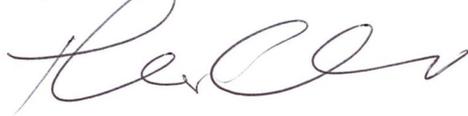
Dear Holy Cross Lutheran Church members,

Because Jesus lives, we will live also. The Apostle Paul writes:

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.  
(Romans 6:8-9)

Thank you for your support of Issues, Etc. and our message of Jesus' victory over sin, death, and the devil.

May the crucified and risen Jesus comfort and strengthen you with His imperishable Life!



Todd Wilken, Host



## The Camp CILCA Lowdown

May, 2025

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### SAVE THE DATE:

#### ❖ *Summer Camp registration is OPEN!*

- [To celebrate CILCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 are \\$75 if you register before April 1.](#)

#### ❖ *Homecoming: August 2, 2025*

- This will be CILCA's only fundraiser for the year (replacing the Hog Roast and Chicken Fry). There will be live music, a vendor fair, great food, swimming, square dancing, face painting, wagon rides and more. Mark your calendar to celebrate CILCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in style!

*Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting. 2025 marks 75 years of outdoor ministry! To celebrate this blessed anniversary, Camp CILCA will be offering every week of camp to all campers for just \$75! Registration is open so sign up early to secure your spot.*



# CAMP CILCA SCHEDULE 2025

- February 28-March 1** ACT LIKE MEN Woodcutters' Retreat
- March 15** Free Pancake Dinner
- March 28-29** Women's Retreat
- March 30** Annual Banquet  
Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets.
- April 5** Spring Work Day
- April 25-26** Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
- May 23-26** CID Campout (No Hog Roast)
- May 27** J.C. Training (10 a.m.—2 p.m.)
- May 28-July 31** **SUMMER PROGRAM**
- August 2** Homecoming 75th Anniversary Celebration—  
auction, chicken dinner, music, games, more!
- Aug. 29-Sep. 1** CID Camp Out (No Chicken Dinner)
- September 12** Whippoorwill Golf Outing
- September 20** ACT LIKE MEN Shooting Retreat  
Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- October 4** GRIT Run!
- November 1** ACT LIKE MEN Work Day
- TBD** Fall Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
- December 12-13** Joyful Hearts Christmas



## ACT LIKE MEN EVENTS

For men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord.

**"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."  
- I Corinthians 16:13**





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# He's Risen!

### Jesus' Resurrection Is a Real Fact.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that many saw Jesus alive. This included Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome (Mat.28; Mar.16), Joanna and the others with them. (Luke. 24:10). In addition, the disciples (Mar.16:14; John 20:19-29), Cleopas and the other disciple (Luke 24:13-35), more five hundred at the same time (1Cor.15:6), and lastly, the apostle Paul (1Cor.15:8) saw the Risen Christ.

Christ's resurrection is a real fact! The apostles gave constant testimony about it, and it was the central theme of their entire preaching. Acts 4:33 and Acts 5:40-42 says: *"They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah."*

Surely, they left the Sanhedrin in physical pain from the flogging they had received. Surely, they left tired and worried about the future. When we are "flogged" by hardships, are we hurting with anguish for all that is happening around us? Has the joy gone out of our lives? Diseases can crush us. We can become discouraged when work and income are not easy to find. We can be filled with hatred and anger against those who hurt us. How can we smile when the wind is against us? At these times, is God our ever present source of help and comfort?

It's my prayer that you continue faithful in serving our Lord. Have you been affronted because of Jesus' name? If the answer is yes, remember to trust in the Lord because nothing will extinguish the joy in your heart on having suffered for Christ's cause and for the preaching of the Gospel.



In Mexico Mothers' Day is always celebrated on May 10th. It is the most beloved and important festival of the year for the family. It is a tradition that the children sing songs to their mothers on this day. We call it "serenata". A serenata consists of songs sung in the early morning with live music. Some hire a group of musicians with acoustic guitars. Others employ "The Mariachi", (The Mariachi is a group of musicians who play traditional folk music with guitars, trumpets, and violins) or friends with acoustic guitars may form a group and travel to their mothers' houses and sing two or three songs. Upon finishing the songs, the mother must leave the house and thank the

children personally with a hug and a kiss.

On this day, the mothers also receive gifts: flowers, hugs, kisses and a lot of love from their children in appreciation. It is also a custom to observe festivals for the mothers in the elementary schools, where the students carry out dance numbers, interpret some songs and perform some recitations like poems for mothers. Mothers are so pleased when they see their children doing something for them. In many schools the students do some handcrafts, like a decoration for the house for their mothers. Children give it to them on Mother's Day.

Many families are accustomed to being together to celebrate with their moms. They bring a special meal or some plates while others make reservations in a restaurant. The idea is to spend major time with their moms in order to honor them on their special day. At Cristo Rey we are going to celebrate Mothers' Day.



## **Prayer List**

### **Members in Facilities:**

**Heritage Woods of Moline**-Susan Wyant; **Park Vista**- Ron & Caroline Luecke; **Woodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg**- Dick Ristau; **Silvis Center for Nursing Rehab & Care** - Sieg Paulsen; **Friendship Manor** - Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; **Charter Senior Living of Moline** – Ken Phillips; **Charter Memory Care of Moline** - Jan Phillips; **Hope Creek, East Moline**-Elizabeth Cobb

### **Serving in the military:**

Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri (son of Peggy Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean), Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

### **Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:**

Rev. Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins.

### **Friends & family of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:**

Cathy Morgan (friend of Geri Stolze), Steven Bell (nephew of Pastor & Phyllis Murdock), Dan Schmidt (brother of Sarah Paller) Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Judy Knudsen, Peggy Arkland (friend of the McLaughlin's), Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison), Corey Dombrowski (neighbor of Dan & Melissa Thorngren).

### **Serious health concerns:**

Ken Phillips (brother-in-law of Jokie Bretl), Rev. Murdock, Tracy Bennet (friend of Sieg Paulsen), Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake.

### **Recovering/Ongoing health concerns:**

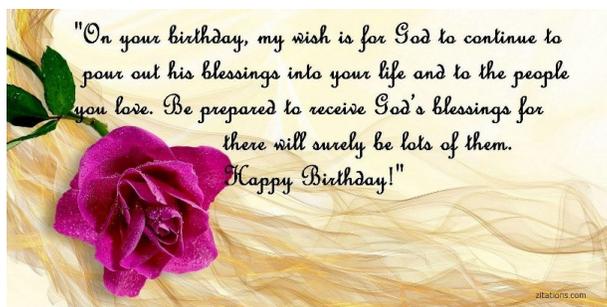
Doris Stegemann, Monica (daughter of Brian & Bev Gustafson), Anita Ingold-Kroll (daughter of Martha Kroll), Levi Koopmas (relative of Patricia Erickson), Penny Dawson, Donald Dawson, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.

## May Bible Reading Guide

05/01 1 Samuel 2:1-10/Titus, Philemon	05/19 Psalm 138/John 11-12
05/02 Psalm 121/Hebrews 1-4	05/20 Psalm 139/John 13-14
05/03 Psalm 122/Hebrews 5-7	05/21 Psalm 140/John 15-16
05/04 Psalm 123/Hebrews 8-10	05/22 Psalm 141/John 17-18
05/05 Psalm 124/Hebrews 11-13	05/23 Psalm 142/John 19
05/06 Psalm 125/James 1-3	05/24 Psalm 143/John 20-21
05/07 Psalm 126/James 4-5	05/25 Psalm 144/Acts 1-2
05/08 Psalm 127/1 Peter 1-2	05/26 Psalm 145/Acts 3-4
05/09 Psalm 128/1 Peter 3-5	05/27 Psalm 146/Acts 5-6
05/10 Psalm 129/2 Peter	05/28 Psalm 147/Acts 7-8
05/11 Psalm 130/1 John 1-3	05/29 Psalm 148/Acts 9-10
05/12 Psalm 131/1 John 4-5	05/30 Psalm 149/Acts 11-12
05/13 Psalm 132/2 John, 3 John, Jude	05/31 1 Samuel 2:1-10/Acts 13-14
05/14 Psalm 133/John 1-2	
05/15 Psalm 134/John 3-4	
05/16 Psalm 135/John 5-6	
05/17 Psalm 136/John 7-8	
05/18 Psalm 137/John 9-10	

### May Birthdays!!

Beth Laughead ~ Renee Noard ~ Elena Dawson ~ Bev Gustafson ~ Sharon Rock ~ Michelle Bowser ~ Milo Schmidt ~ Stanley Hasselberg ~ Sandra Larrison ~ Carolyn Reese ~ Andrew Paller ~ Todd Terrell ~ Donna Tornquist ~ Willis Lemke ~ Scott Ryckeghem ~ Laurel Gray ~ David Revel ~ Doris Glider ~ Hans Kretschmar ~ Arthur Larrison ~ Kevin Paller ~ Hope Davenport ~ Michael Waters ~ Wanda Engelkes ~ Marcia Green



# May HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am – 3:30pm The office is closed on Fridays!	3
4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  9:30 Bible Class ~ SS 10:45 Divine Service 2:00 Voter's Assembly Mtg.	5	6	7 9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship 5:30 5:30 Confirmation Class	8 12:30 LWML	9	10
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