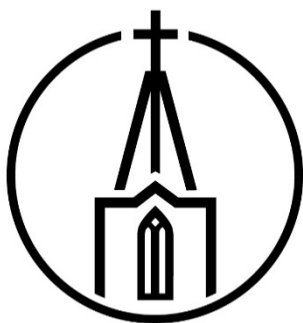
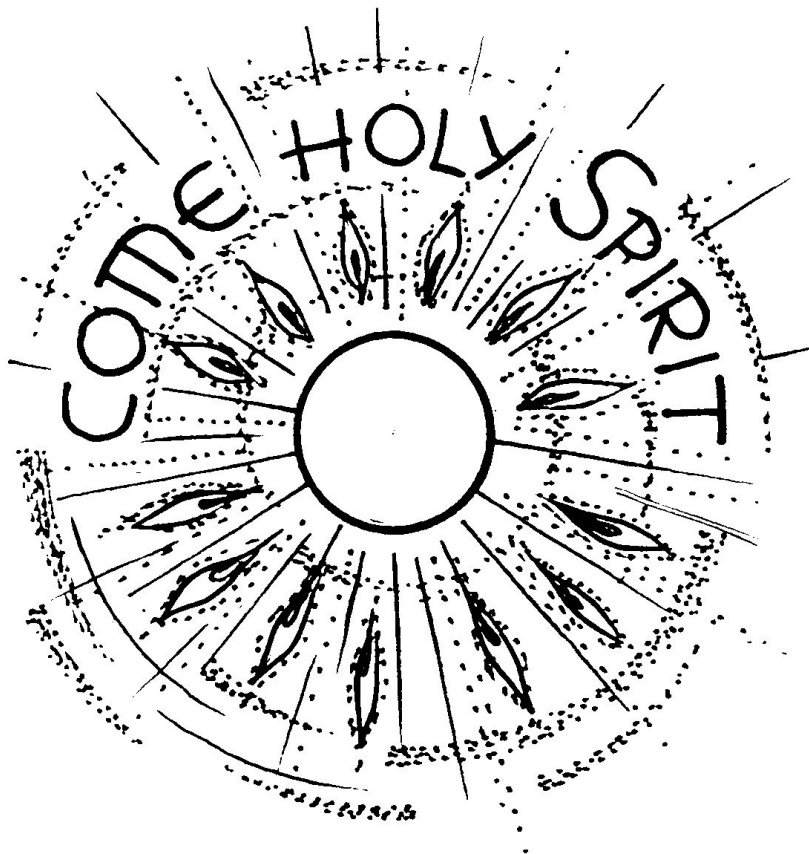


Saturday & Sunday, May 27 & 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

1100 Georgia Ave., Norfolk, Nebraska

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Times to Formally Gather around the Gospel:

Saturday:	6:30 PM Worship Service
Sunday:	9:00 AM Worship Service & 10:15 AM Bible Class
Monday:	6:30 PM Sisters In Faith...fellowship & study
Wednesday:	10:00 AM Bible Class (in church basement)
Thursday:	6:30 PM Donnerstag Group...fellowship & study

The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM, and livestreamed via our website – stppls.com.

These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.

IT'S GREAT TO JOIN WITH YOU AS WE WORSHIP OUR LORD!

In our service we'll be doing three things: praising God for all His blessings through our words and songs, confessing our sins and being reminded of His forgiveness and grace, and then also using His Gospel to grow and be strengthened in faith.

We have a two-fold purpose here at St. Paul's, to strengthen faith of Christians who already belong to this congregation through Word and sacraments, and also to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those around us who may not know what Jesus has accomplished for all mankind – forgiveness of their sins through faith!

PRIVATE PRAYER: Father, You know the multitude of sins I have committed in my life and even this past week. Help me hate my sin more and grow in grace as I contemplate what Christ has done to forgive me and free me from sin's death grip. Open the eyes of my heart to see the glorious hope we have in Christ, Your love for all of the saints, and Your power at work in us who believe (Ephesians 1:18-21). Cause my heart to burn within me as we worship You in word and song, and as we grow in and apply the Gospel.

OPENING DIALOGUE

P: Let us begin our worship in the name of our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: We worship our Triune God because He has accomplished everything for our salvation!

P: O Lord, use my heart, my mind, and my mouth;

C: so that I may give You the praise and glory You deserve.

ALL SING: #226 "To Your Temple I Draw Near"

1 To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.

2 I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.

P: Be with us this evening/morning as we've gathered in Your holy name.

C: O Lord, come to us and bless us through Your Word.

P: Dear friends in Christ, may the Lord, and all His blessings, be with you!

C: Pastor, may He also be with you!

P: In Christ, we are all children of God through faith.

C: for all of us who were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ. Galatians chapter three, verses twenty-six and twenty-seven.

ALL SING: #226 "To Your Temple I Draw Near"

3 While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

4 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

P: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:22-23

C: No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. John 3:5-6

P: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

Isaiah 61:1

C: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1

P: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

ALL SING: #176, vs 1 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
be out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
Your fer-vent love to them im-part. Lord, by the bright-ness
of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your
praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: Let us remind ourselves of God's holy commands which guide the behavior we are to show both to God and the people around us.

You shall have no other gods.

C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

P: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

P: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

P: Honor your father and mother; that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve and obey them, and give them love and respect.

P: You shall not murder.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

P: You shall not commit adultery.

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

P: You shall not steal.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

P: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor: betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins against His holy commands.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL SING: (melody CW #376)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The “Old Testament” Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles and disciples in Jerusalem on Pentecost. Peter preaches a bold sermon of repentance and faith.

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

¹⁸ *Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

¹⁹ *I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.*

²⁰ *The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.*

²¹ *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’*

All Sing: #183, vss 1&2 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; From sin’s bondage set me free.

The Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-16:11

On the night of His betrayal the Lord Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to His disciples.

^{5:26} “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

^{6:1} “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

All Sing: #183, vss 3&4 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav’nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.

Holy Spirit, Pow’r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev’ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

HYMN #182 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

SERMON MEDITATION 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

WE'VE GOT TALENT!

¹ Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

OUR MEDITATION RESPONSE #272 “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OUR THANK-OFFERING

Once again we are passing the offering plates during our service. Scanning this QR code works too!



Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

PRAYERS

P: Almighty God, You displayed the power of Your Word on the first day as You began the work of Creation. Use the same power of that same Word to work in my heart today as I've heard Your Word.

C: Continue to send Your Holy Spirit who strengthens me as I grow in faith through the powerful Gospel I receive in Word and sacrament.

P: Faithful Lord, I feel the pressure to conform to the attitudes and behavior of the sinful world around me. Give me the wisdom to recognize the difference between Your Truth and sinful error.

C: Strengthen my commitment to be Your faithful servant in all that I say and do as I let the light of my faith shine for all to see. Strengthen me to speak Your Truth in patience and love, and keep my faith strong as I live to glorify You.

P: Almighty God, I praise You for Your preservation of the world You created. Continue to open Your hand to supply me and my loved ones with the necessities of life. Protect us from all harm to body and soul.

C: Deliver and spare us from evil, and use the evils that do come for our good. Above, all, preserve us in the one true faith so that we remain faithful to You even to the point of death.

P: Heavenly Father, Your holy name is constantly being slandered by those who despise Your Word. Silence those who present lies as truths. Strengthen my connection to Your Word as I faithfully hear and learn it.

C: Use me as Your witness who faithfully shares the truth of Your Word to others. Lead all who proclaim Your Word to teach it correctly.

P: God of love, all across the globe there are Christian parents who share love, wisdom and knowledge with their children. They spend their selfless time and effort to provide for their children's physical and spiritual welfare.

C: Bless their work everywhere and here in Norfolk and St. Paul's. Strengthen Christian parents as they continue to lead their children in the Light of Your Word. Bless and keep these families in Your care and in Your grace.

P: Dearest Savior, very often I think of the eternal home in heaven where so many Christian friends and family members are already at perfect rest with You!

ALL: Thank You for the perfect happiness they are enjoying, and cheer my spirit as I remember Your promises that I will see them again when You call me home! We ask for these things in Jesus' name who has also taught us to pray...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #566 "We All are One in Mission"

WELS Connection

Serving In the Lord's House Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Hirsch **Organist:** Karen Pufahl
Radio Broadcasters: Ron Kramer/Katy Nichols **Video Tech:** Chad Moyer
Elder: Gary Bretschneider **Ushers:** Zach Kruse & Joel Wiedeman
Power Point: Weinrichs (Sat. 5/27) Flor Koinzan (Sun. 5/28)

Serving Next Week 6/3 & 6/4

Elder: Dan Pufahl **Organist:** Diane Herbolzheimer
Ushers: Gary Johnson & Don Lau **Video Tech:** Darol Dusseau
Power Point: Jett Leuthold (Sat. 6/3) Carter Goeden (Sun. 6/4)
Radio Broadcasters: Glenn Grebe/Walt Tinius

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM = 51; Sun. 9:00 AM = 121; **Total = 172**
 Sunday Bible Class – NA Wednesday Bible Class –11
 Sisters in Faith – NA Donnerstag - 11

St Paul's General Fund, May 20 & 21, 2023

Yearly Need	YTD Need	YTD Offerings	YTD Need vs Offerings	Last Week Received	Weekly Need	Difference
\$422,052.00	\$376,725.87	\$354,435.46	-\$22,290.41	\$4,706.00	\$9,026.61	-\$4,320.61

Some Announcements

- 1) It will start raining again, and when it does we can use help cutting grass. If you're interested and able to participate on a **mowing team**, call and talk to Ron Johnson (402.649.9770). He'll get your questions answered and signed up on a team.
- 2) Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoskins is celebrating the **100th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran School** on June 10th and 11th, 2023. On June 10th, 7-10pm there will be a Mingle night with snacks, drinks and displays at the Hoskins Community Center, 101 S Main St. in Hoskins. On June 11th, there will be a Worship Service at 10am followed by a cookout meal, games and activities, all at the church. Please RSVP by June 2, 2023 to trinityinhoskins.com/school-anniversary.

- 3) Camp Messiah is a Christian summer camp held at Camp Calvin Crest, Fremont, NE every summer. It is sponsored and staffed by members of the WELS Lutheran churches in Northeast Nebraska. Kids have the opportunity to learn more about God's Word through devotions and Bible study, meet new friends, compete on teams, and enjoy many other recreational activities such as swimming, archery, campfires, singing, and more! Students entering grades 5-9 may register as campers, with grades 10+ helping as Jr. counselors. Registrations will be out soon. **We are always looking for help to help staff camp!** If you're interested, please contact Mr. Brown or Pastor Hirsch at office@stppls.com. **Dates for 2023: Wednesday August 2nd-Saturday August 5th**
- 4) The new May edition of **Forward in Christ** is available at the Communication Center.
- 5) An invitation for the members of St. Paul's has been received in connection with **Pastor Randy & Carolyn Bader's 40th wedding anniversary**. This celebration will be held Saturday, June 17, 2:00-4:00 PM at the Ullyot Building, 120 N. Commercial St., Clark, SD.
- 6) **Bright Horizons** is a local safe-haven for those experiencing domestic violence. They're asking for our support by providing local gift cards through the month of June that would be used for some basic necessities. If you have questions, their phone number is (402)379-2026. More information can also be found on the bulletin board at the Communication Center.
- 7) Copies of this summer's **mowing schedule** can also be found at the Communication Center.

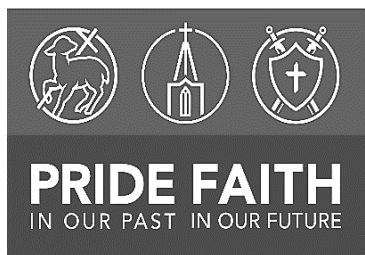
Our Most Recent Members

Last Sunday was a formal opportunity to meet and learn a bit more about our newest members here at St. Paul's. The goal is to do this kind of "Meet 'n Greet" much more regularly, but due to circumstances this one was dragged out for a few years. Here's a list of the 40 new brothers and sisters!

Sue Beckman, Doug & Jennifer Cerny (Alex & Addison), Fred Dederman, Jessica Flanagan (Carter & Henry Goeden), Ami Stubben-Goetsch, Nikki Hollum (Sidnee & Skyler), Connor & Brittany Lindahl (Marceline and Josephine), Lisa Lindemann, Aaron & Hannah Markgraf (Molly & Grant), Karen Matteo, Laura Norris, Alex Nunnencamp, Deb Prokopec, Derek & Jamy Prokopec (Kayli, Tristan, & Marley), Marjorie Raasch, Jeff & Kelly Sperry (Benjamin and Carter), Zach Svoboda, Garrett & Ellyn Watters (Jack).

How Do I as a Christian Respond to Evolution?

Is everything connected with the word “evolution” unchristian? Do I get scared and get all quiet when I hear that word? A new Bible Class has started and will continue this morning (Sunday, May, 28). The course combines the expertise and knowledge of some of our church body’s scholars of earthly sciences and Scripture. There’ll be a video portion included in each of the seven sessions, and a short “textbook” provided as well. We meet in the church basement after Sunday worship, starting about 10:15 AM. ***Come join for some coffee, fellowship and Bible time!***



Campaign Pledge Update

Total pledges as of 9/15	=	\$1,712,895
Total “cash” given	=	\$885,907



NELHS - Golf Classic July 29, 2023

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A HOLE AT OUR
UPCOMING GOLF CLASSIC??**

IF SO... HERE'S HOW:

We are attaching a hole sponsorship form for you to fill out and return with a check for \$250. If you want to have a team as well, a form is attached. :)

Each hole sponsor gets a custom sign made for their sponsored hole. Please send us a PDF of your business logo or let us know how you would like your name to appear at your sponsored hole sign. Please forward the information to vhimmelberg@nelhs.org.

All funds raised at the Golf Classic, on July 29, 2023, will go to helping a child attend NELHS, who otherwise couldn't, by paying some or all of their tuition. We thank you so much for the support of our school and for giving students the chance to hear God's word every day.

--From the Golf Classic Committee

Check the bulletin board for brochures general information and hole-sponsorship.

Upcoming Events This Week

Sunday, 5/28	<u>Worship Service, 9:00 AM</u> <u>WELS Connection</u> <u>Bible Class, 10:15 AM</u>
Monday, 5/29	<u>Memorial Day observed</u>
Tuesday, 5/30	<u>Parkinson's Meeting, 10:00 AM</u>
Wed., 5/31	<u>Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM</u> <u>Bible Class, 10:00 AM</u> <u>Adult Choir, 7:00 PM</u>
Thursday, 6/1	<u>Ladies in Faith, 1:30 PM</u> <u>Donnerstag, 6:30 PM</u>
Friday, 6/2	<u>EPIC Lock-In Event 6/2-6/3</u>
Saturday, 6/3	<u>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion, 6:30 PM</u>
Sunday, 6/4	<u>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion, 9:00 AM</u> <u>Bible Class, 10:15 AM</u>

Church Cleaning Teams

Weeks of May 28th & June 4th Team #6 Kelly Meysenburg, Dan & Karen Pufahl, Barb Reeves, Carol Wachter, Veryle Winter

Week of June 11th & June 18th Team #1 Leon & Pam Handke, Chad & Alicia Moyer, Kathy Janovec, Bill & Sue Ulrich

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