

# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Newsletter

May, 2018



Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Last month, I ended my article rather incomplete (at least that was how I felt). Because we were in the last days of Lent, I just could not utter the “A” word. Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! A\_\_\_\_\_!! It is now time to fill in the blanks. Jesus Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! **A L L E L U I A!!** Ahhh – there is something very satisfying about that complete proclamation.

So, how is Easter going for you so far? The Easter season is a week of weeks; seven Sundays when we live into the mystery of Christ’s presence, mostly through the Gospel of John. Easter began on April 1, but it continues through the Day of Pentecost, May 20.

When we look at the texts that we use during the Easter season. We can divide Easter into two parts. The first three Sundays deal with the fact of the Resurrection and the events surrounding it. We have now heard the disciples gather on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on them and on us. Then, Thomas asks for a sign and Jesus offers him and us his wounded self in the broken bread, “take and eat.”

The remaining four Sundays deal with the meaning of the Resurrection: What does it mean to have a Resurrected Lord? What does an Easter life look like? The first Sunday of the second half (the Fourth Sunday of Easter) is called Good Shepherd Sunday because on that Sunday we always have a Gospel reading from John 10, in which Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd.

Throughout the Easter season, our ears ring with the shouts of “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” But I think for most of us, our lives don’t look much different than they did during Lent, or any other time of year. We wake up on Easter morning with the same struggles that we had the week before, and will likely have in the weeks to come. They are the same struggles which most people face, whether they are part of the church or not.

I recently had someone tell me that they questioned God’s love for them, because of the hardships they were facing. So, what difference is Easter making in our lives? For me, the difference comes down to one word: hope. The resurrection of Jesus gives us hope that our struggles are not in vain. Whatever suffering we must endure will be temporary; because Christ has been raised, we will be raised. We do not understand why, if God is love, there is so much suffering in the world. We do not understand why Jesus had to suffer and die as He did. But, we believe that out of Christ’s suffering, that out of our suffering, even out of death itself, God will bring new life. It is this hope that enables us to carry on in spite of all our difficulties. God has enabled the church to carry on in spite of much opposition, and conflicts both within and without. As the hymn writer said, **“We are Easter people, reborn to a new life, and we trust that one day tears and sorrow and suffering will be at an end.”** Until that day comes, may the joy and the hope of the Resurrection sustain you, and may God’s peace be with you.

Servants together,

Pr. Paul <><

**p.s. Did you know???** I think I am going to add a p.s.s. section and use some quotes of Luther. I am going to call it **“Did you know that Luther said??”**

**p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said???** *“I must listen to the gospel. It tells me not what I must do, but what Jesus Christ the Son of God has done for me.*

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The 10th Annual Spaghetti dinner benefit held on April 13 was a great success. A check for \$1,150 will be given to Families Plus, Inc. of Delta, this year's recipient. Approximately 20 volunteers from the Outreach Committee, ASL and Families Plus served a total of 111 adults and 6 children.

***Families Plus is a nonprofit organization that has impacted the lives of 140 children. Over 100 adults have been involved in the signature mentoring program. All those investing in children through Families Plus strongly believe that all children can grow into healthy, educated and self-sufficient adults if they have positive relationships and enriching experiences as they grow.***

***The organization offers what is known as a system-of-care treatment program, also referred to as a wraparound program. This means that Families Plus coordinates a majority of the support for each child. Working from this system-of-care/wraparound model, Families Plus draws support from many agencies and individuals in the community.***

Thanks to all for your time and effort to make this annual event another success.

The Outreach Committee

### Council Meeting Highlights March, 2018

Present: Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Liebetrau, Joel Magnuson, Don Ranta, Niles Riese, and Pastor Paul. Don Mc Millan and Wyatt Smith were absent.

Niles called the meeting to order. After individual silent prayers, the agenda was then approved. The minutes of the March Council Meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Pastor's report: HopeWest Hospice would like to have grief sessions on Tuesday afternoons. A decision will be made after meeting with HopeWest. Rocky Mountain Synod is May 3 through 5 in Westminster. Vacation Bible School is June 4 through 8. Pastor is participating in Special Olympics June 7 through 11. Pastor will also attend the Lutheran Youth Gathering in Houston from June 25 through early July.

Joel gave a written report from the Worship Committee.

Verbal committee reports were given, with nothing to report from education and building. Marilyn updated the plans for the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Families Plus.

Sharon gave the treasurer's report.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

## Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

### The Lessons for Worship in May

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

#### **May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10: 44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5: 1-6  
John 15: 9-17

#### **May 13 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17,21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5: 9-13  
John 17: 6-19

#### **May 20 – Day Of Pentecost**

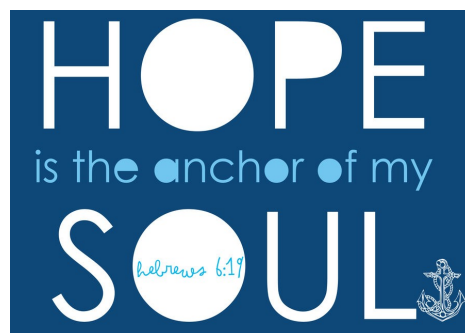
Acts 2: 1-21  
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b  
Romans 8: 22-27  
John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15

#### **May 27 - Holy Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 6: 1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8: 12-17  
John 3: 1-17

### Something to Ponder

The first place we lose the battle is our own thinking.  
If you think it is permanent, then it is permanent.  
If you think you have reached your limits, then you have.  
If you think you will never get well, then you won't.  
You have to change your thinking.  
You need to see everything that is holding you back.  
Every obstacle, every limitation as only temporary.



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## SONS OF NORWAY

Vestafjell Lodge invites those interested in Scandinavian heritage and culture to join lodge members at the lodge meeting at 11:30 AM on Monday, May 14, at The Egg & I, 1st and Patterson, Grand Junction. Lunch will follow the meeting. New members, Kendall and Kari Kjerstad, will share their travels and involvement as volunteers here and abroad. Guests are always welcome. For more details, call 245-5649 or 858-6702, or visit our website, [www.vestafjelllodge.org](http://www.vestafjelllodge.org).



## ANNUAL YARD & BAKE SALE

Setup starts Monday, April 30 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Congregation only presale: Thursday, May 3, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Come purchase two items that you cannot live without.**

Our goal is to provide good quality garage/yard sale items, an opportunity for people outside of our church to get a glimpse of who we are and an opportunity to work together! (Oh! We also raise money.) We spend the week before the sale sorting and organizing. It is hard work, but we have fun.

We need small appliances, household goods, small furniture items, tools, garden tools and equipment, pet supplies and sporting goods. **All donated items need to be clean and in good condition.** Clothing also needs to be clean and gently used. If you have larger furniture to donate, please talk with Janell so that we can coordinate arrivals. Please hold your items until the week of the sale. Please save your electronics (computers, printers, faxes) for county-wide recycling.

In addition to donating items, we need help to set up, arrange and rearrange items for sale, price those items and clean up! We also need baked goods to sell. We work hard, laugh hard and get to know each other even better.

On Saturday of the sale, we have arranged to have everything taken away. The person who takes the "leftovers" either sells, trades or disposes the items. **If you want to keep your unsold items, please collect those items at the close of the sale.**

Please help spread the word: Invite your neighbors and friends to visit our yard sale!

**May Bible Study**

**May 8, 2:00 p.m.**

The Bible Book group will review the book of the prophet Amos on Tuesday, May 8 at 2 p.m. at the church. Those planning to attend should read the book from the Old Testament in any translation before the discussion. Historical and geographic context, purpose and justification of his prophecy, and application to the present day will be among the topics covered. Come and join us! Water, coffee, tea provided.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
	Communion		Communion	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
<b>Liturgy Assistant</b>	Joel	Donelle	Don	TBD
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Milford		Janell	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Marj		Marj	
<b>Organist</b>	Don	Don	Don	Don
<b>Pianist</b>	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice		Claudia	
<b>Readers</b>	Elaine and Wyatt	Joel	Steve Grewe	Milford
<b>Ushers</b>	Niles	Lloyd	Don	Milford
<b>Greeters</b>	Janell	Marilyn	Linda	Elinor
<b>Stewards</b>	Lloyd/Rick	Erich/Janell	Claudia/Don McMillan	Don Ranta/Jack
<b>Fellowship</b>	Carol	Fellowship Brunch	Joyce	Janell Nancy

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, 835-3928 to say you can help! Volunteers are needed to usher and greet. Help your congregation by offering your time.

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## All Saints Special Occasions for May

**Birthdays:** 5/11 Milford Knutson    5/12 Niles Riese    5/24 Rick Saxton    5/25 Ada Boelter  
 5/27 Wyatt Smith    5/28 Nancy Mills    5/29 Donelle McMillan  
 5/31 Marian Thomas

**Baptismal Birthdays:** 5/12 Thelma Walker    5/13 Ardis Kelly  
 5/27 Danielle Saxton

**Anniversaries:** 5/14 Ernie and Arlene Puls



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Memorial Fund, Executive Committee  
Finance Committee, Treasurer & Chair & Executive Committee

### Non-Council Committee Chairs:

Fellowship, Janell Riese  
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Readers, Olinda Patzer  
Ushers & Greeters, Niles Riese  
Altar Guild, Alice Spika  
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**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone  
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care**

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