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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Asheville, NC

SUNDAYS IN MAY

May 6

Easter 5

WELCA Sunday

- 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Communion
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 12:00 Congregational Meeting

May 13

Easter 6

Mother's Day

- 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Communion
- 9:45 Sunday School

May 20

New Member Sunday

Easter 7

- 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Communion
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School/Ministry Fair
- 12:30 Youth

May 27

Pentecost / Confirmation

- 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Communion



SUNDAY, MAY 6 WELCA SUNDAY & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, May 6 we will highlight the work of the Women of the ELCA and welcome guest preacher, the Rev. Nancy Curtis. A called congregational meeting will be held after the 11:00 service to vote on whether to apply for a seminary intern to serve Aug. 2012-Aug. 2013.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 MINISTRY FAIR

Our Ministry Fair will be held between the services on Sunday, May 20. Be sure to stop by and see all the many activities our church does in which you can take part.



Ministry Fair



SUNDAY, MAY 27 PENTECOST CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, May 27 at the 8:30 service, we will confirm Wolfie Layne. A reception honoring Wolfie will be held after the service in the Welcome Center.



A LETTER FROM OUR CANTOR

Dear Friends and Co-workers in God's Kingdom,

It is with sadness that I must tell you I will not be able to continue as your Cantor after May 2012.

Most of you know that I am a physician assistant and have been working part-time in a clinic since moving to Asheville. I have now been offered and have accepted a full-time position as a physician assistant which requires working every other weekend in the clinic. It is a great blessing in today's economy to be offered a full-time position with benefits. It will help my family financially as well as help me clinically in better maintaining my skills and knowledge.

It has been an honor and blessing to be your Cantor for the past year. You graciously entrusted me with the privilege of leading worship music. It has been a joy and rich experience to work with such a wide variety of groups in the music ministry, including Chancel Choir, children's choir, contemporary band, handbells, soloists, VBS music, and 8:30 worship ensemble. It is my hope and prayer for you that God will provide generously for you in finding a new Cantor to not only continue but even grow the music ministry in creative new ways!

In Christian love,
Frankie Ann Weinberger

DESSERT SOCIALS AT THE WEBB'S

Dear members and friends of St. Mark's,

Our family would like to personally invite you to our home for one of 10 dessert socials to be held in May and June. Space is limited to 20 persons per session, so please indicate which date you plan to come by sign-up at church. There are a variety of dates and times* to choose from and babysitting is provided on three of the dates for families with children. The sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board next to Sign-Up Central at the bottom of the main staircase.

We hope you will participate in one of these fellowship events and give us an opportunity to have some personal time with each member of St. Mark's. After we enjoy some dessert, coffee, and conversation together, we hope you will share your thoughts and ideas on the following:

- What do you love about St. Mark's? – We would like to record what you feel our church does well and what ministries need to remain a top priority.
- As we refocus our Mission and Ministry – What ideas and suggestions do you have for our future?

Janine and I feel that these dessert socials will strengthen relationships across our congregation and also help us begin a congregational self-study.

We look forward to visiting with each you and we hope you will come.

+ Pastor Webb and Family

* Dates available: Fri., May 11, 7-9pm (Youth only); Wed., May 16, 2-4pm; Thurs., May 17, 7-9pm; Sat., May 19, 7-9pm (babysitting available); Sun., May 20, 3-5pm (babysitting available); Fri., May 25, 7-9pm; Sat., May 26, 1-3pm; Thurs., May 31, 2-4pm; Tues., June 5, 7-9pm (babysitting available); Thurs., June 7, 7-9pm

Pastor Webb—a.k.a. Chaplain Major Christopher D. Webb, United States Air Force Reserves

Did you know that you share your pastor with the U.S. Air Force? My “intel” informs me that most of you know very little about my military ministry as a chaplain. So, I thought I would write this article to share a little bit about my alter ego known as Chaplain Webb. To help explain, I came up with some commonly asked questions.

Where do you report for duty and how often do you have to go? – I currently work at Fort Jackson near Columbia, SC. I have a flexible schedule, but I am required to work one day a month and 2 weeks active duty each year. In addition to my minimum requirements I attend Air University courses and professional education events that help me as both a Senior Pastor and Chaplain Supervisor. (I typically use my day off, continuing education days, and part of my vacation to meet these Air Force (AF) requirements.)

Do you get to fly in fighter jets? – So far I have not, but one day I hope I will.

Where have you worked in the past? – For my first 10 years in the Air Force, I worked as a typical chaplain helping out at the base chapel at MacDill AFB, FL and Shaw AFB, SC.

What do you do now? – Currently, I am privileged to serve on the faculty of the Air Force Chaplain Corps College (AFCCC) that is co-located with the Army and Navy at the new Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center. The AFCCC is where all of our AF Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants come for their training and education. (A very cool place to be.)

I am honored to serve as the Course Director of the Chaplain Candidate Course. This course is designed for all seminary "Chaplain Candidates" that come into the AF Chaplain Corps. I feel privileged to be a part of this unique ministry as I educate young seminary students and help them discern their call to military ministry. It is a very exciting and rewarding responsibility. I am also an instructor for other courses.

Have I or will I have to deploy? – I have not yet deployed and I honestly don't know if I ever will. Whenever the Air Force needs more than Active Duty Chaplains to deploy, the Reserve Command Chaplain's office asks for volunteers. And believe it or not, we have always had enough volunteers raise their hand to meet the need.

If I ever feel called to volunteer, I would first talk it over with the people of my congregation. Right now, I do not feel that call upon my life. As I seek to be faithful to my call to parish ministry and my military ministry, I feel God is encouraging me to concentrate on serving the people of St. Mark's and keep teaching at the Chaplain College. Both positions are a blessing in my life and I will do the best I can to do well in these positions of responsibility.

In closing, the U.S. Air Force extends its appreciation to you, the people of St. Mark's for sharing your pastor. It is an extension of your mission and outreach ministry to the men and women in uniform and newly called seminary students who seek to serve the Lord.

And, I want to express my personal appreciation for your grace and understanding with my Air Force schedule. Perhaps you will see me in uniform someday. If you do, look for a salute as an expression of my respect and thanks!

Your brother in Christ and partner in ministry,

+ Chaplain, Major Christopher Webb

SUMMER CAMP NEWS FROM LUTHERIDGE

Summer adventures abound at Camp Lutheridge! There are so many exciting programs for Middle School and High School youth to try.

If you like HIGH ADVENTURE ~ look at our Outdoor Adventure Programs! White-water rafting, canoeing, caving, horseback riding, rock climbing, high ropes and challenge tower – complete with zip lines – We've got all the adventure you can handle!

<http://www.llmi.net/youth/highschool.aspx#RidgeOAP>

<http://www.llmi.net/youth/Middle.aspx#RidgeOAP>

If you like MUSIC and DRAMA ~ check out these special weeks at Lutheridge!

Music week for Middle School and High School gives time for singing, drumming, ringing bells and playing instruments ~ High School Drama Campers put on a play in a week!

<http://www.llmi.net/youth/Middle.aspx>

<http://www.llmi.net/youth/highschool.aspx>

If you like to stay up late ~ Do it at Lutheridge! Night Owls stay up for flashlight tag, night hikes and star gazing ~ and then sleep in until lunchtime! We've got programs for both High School and Middle School. Too much fun!

<http://www.llmi.net/youth/Middle.aspx>

<http://www.llmi.net/youth/highschool.aspx>

If you were a camper last year and enjoyed all the activities – We've got more for you! Each of the programs above include craft/pool/outing/campfire/skits/songs/games...but Mountaineers and Explorers Programs (almost every week) give you a full schedule of CAMP FUN + time for your cabin group to follow your own interests.

EVERY WEEK at Lutheridge and Lutherock provides cool counselors, new friends, awesome worship, lifetime memories ~ all in the beauty of God's Creation. We hope to see you this summer!

Pastors Tim & Mary Canniff-Kuhn
Lutheridge Program Directors



SANCTUARY WALL REPAIRS

At the called congregational meeting on April 15, the congregation voted unanimously to award the exterior waterproofing and repair contract to Western Waterproofing Inc. Three bids were received for the job with theirs being the lowest at \$104,300. The congregation also unanimously gave the Council approval to borrow the funds needed through First Citizens Bank. We have approximately \$43,000 cash on hand to begin the work and will borrow only what we need. Work is expected to begin in about a month and is not expected to disrupt services. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the Emergency Capital Campaign. Donations are welcome at any time. Please be sure to mark your check 'wall repair project.'

MINISTRY FAIR 2012

The Ministry Fair will be held on May 20th during the Sunday School Hour. It is a wonderful way to see what opportunities there are to participate within the church family. Each Ministry Team will have a booth to describe what they do and explain how you can get involved. Time and Talent Booklets will be available before the Fair so everyone can get a general idea of what each team does.

There are a number of ways to serve and become part of a team. Serving God and fellowship with a team will help the church, community and you all at the same time. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jeff Hutson
Stewardship Team

COUNCIL CORNER

Hello from your Congregation Council.

At last month's council meeting, we spent time discussing and preparing for the April 15 congregational meeting. We thank all who attended and helped approve moving forward with the repair plans to the Sanctuary. We also discussed an interim plan involving an intern for St. Mark's. There will be another congregational meeting on May 6 where additional details will be presented along with the costs of adding this person to the staff. Please plan to attend after the 11am service to ask questions and vote on the proposed staff addition and budget.

We were very fortunate to spend time with Pastor Phil Tonnesen from the Bishop's office at our last council meeting. We discussed the current health of St. Mark's and how to continue to heal and move toward the future. He encouraged us to keep up the conversations, celebrate what we do well, identify items that need attention in the short term, and take time to plan our path to the future. We are looking to the congregation for your input as we continue our journey.

We are grateful to Pastor Webb and his family for opening up their home for small group gatherings to continue these conversations. We are hopeful that we will hear from as many people as possible during these meetings where we can gather for fellowship and share thoughts.

Other highlights from the April meeting:

- Christian Action: Caring for Creation planning is in full swing. There will be several projects and activities during the month of July. Some of the activities include Blue Jean Sunday (with a project working with Homeward Bound), community clean-up activities and Lutheridge Sunday. Keep an eye on the bulletin and Sign-Up Central for further details.
- Cross+ Wired: After much thought and discussion, the Sunday evening Cross+ Wired service will be discontinued. The Band will continue to rehearse and will be a part of special services on a quarterly

basis. We hope everyone will look forward to and support these special services every quarter.

- Ministry Fair: On May 20th there will be a ministry fair. Members of each ministry team will be in the fellowship hall to help people learn what their team does and how you can join them. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

We look forward to the upcoming discussions at the congregational meeting and in small groups. If anyone has questions, concerns or ideas please talk with any member of Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Nate Mueller
Council President

FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 2012



Operating Fund	March	YTD
Income Budgeted	\$30,603	\$91,809
Actual received	\$24,517	\$85,541
Expenditures	\$30,768	\$90,444
Difference (Income minus Expense)	\$ (6,251)	\$ (4,903)

Building Fund	March
Gifts received	\$ 5,574
Amount needed	\$ 3,538
Difference	\$ 2,036

Loan balance 3/31/12 \$456,389

Emergency Capital Campaign Fund	March	Total
Gifts received	\$135	\$31,025

PARISH RECORDS APRIL 2012

LOSSES:

By Death: James Chapman, Sr., April 7
By Transfer: Jason, Kirsten, Scott, Benjamin & Wesley Cooper to Nativity Lutheran, Arden

First Communion—April 5, 2012

Gabrielle Ekmark, Jacob Foley, Kenley Miller, Brody Powell, Sierra Weil-Chick

Congratulations

Graduates

Congratulations to our May college graduates:

Aaron Lindsay will receive his masters degree in Computer Science from Virginia Tech and will start work for Qualcomm in Raleigh.

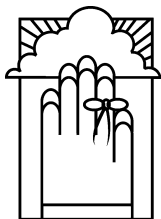
Christopher Lindsay will graduate from Virginia Tech with a bachelors degree in Biological Sciences with minors in Chemistry and Medicine and Society. He will continue his education at UNC School of Medicine.

Natalie Haynes will graduate from A-B Tech with a degree in Baking and Pastry Arts.

Parents: If you have a high school student graduating in June, please let us know so we can publish it in next month's Re:Mark's.



Congratulations to Natalie Haynes and Daniel Iannucci who became engaged on April 4! The wedding will take place next year.



PLEASE REMEMBER THESE FRIENDS IN **PRAYER**

(homebound members) Polly Book, Herman Cole, Betty Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Catheryn Kennerly, Jane Maloy, Peggy McCanless, Dorothy McKeel, Mildred Miller, Marjorie Rector, June Starr, Pearl Tompkins, Edith Wilde, John Zeigler

(ill/recovering) Bill Badger, Marge Burge, Herman Cole, Linda Lee Cosaboom, Genie Hygon, Dorene Lassiter, John Loncosky, Peg McCanless, Jason Noel, Jerry & Donna Noel, June Starr, Al Tenty

(grieving) The Family & Friends of James Chapman

May Birthdays

- 2 Ann Marie Miller
- 4 Coleman Efird
Kelley Woehl
- 6 Harmony Atkins
- 7 Lucy Kopp
- 8 Shannon Crownover
- 9 Jamie Rhodes
- 11 Gracie Hartmann
- 12 Judy McCanless
Frankie Ann Weinberger
- 13 Jordan Holcombe
- 14 Sherrie Hygon
- 16 Richard Forkey
- 17 Jason Powell
Donna Turnbaugh
- 18 David Muse
- 19 Kip Otterness
- 20 Jacob Foley
- 21 Stan Webb
- 22 Bill Rhodes
- 23 Al Tenty
- 24 Lila Niedenthal
Kim Pinkerton
- 25 Diana Kittel
Paisley Miller
- 27 Cindy Muse
- 28 Mark Fritch
- 30 Christopher Lindsay
- 31 Rob Miller
Marion Starr

May Anniversaries

- 2 Harry & Betty Thompson
- 4 Bill & Sherrie Hygon
- 7 Philip & Naomi Otterness
- 21 Jeff & Ann-Marie Kilpatrick
- 25 Teal & Heidi Brown
John & Carol Loncosky
- 28 Carl & Mary Schreck
- 29 Bob & Becky Sachsenmaier
- 31 Eric & Frankie Ann Weinberger

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in the newsletter and you would like it to be included, please call the church office.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

“People with mental problems are our neighbors. They are members of our congregations, members of our families; they are everywhere in this country. If we ignore their cries for help, we will be continuing to participate in the anguish from which those cries for help come. A problem of this magnitude will not go away. Because it will not go away, and because of our spiritual commitments, we are compelled to take action.” - Rosalynn Carter

Did you know...

The magnitude of mental illness in this country is staggering. A recent study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (a public health agency within the Department of Health and Human Services) confirms reports that **one in five adults in the US lives with a mental illness**, with people ages 18 to 25 having the highest rates. **These illnesses of the brain affect all of us**, regardless of age, gender, economic status or ethnicity.

Mental illness affects the mind, body and the spirit. **It is a real, common and treatable illness.** Mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis.

Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community.

What you can do:

- Look for community events to highlight mental health issues.
- Educate yourself and your faith community about mental illness
- Help your faith community become a caring congregation for persons living with a mental illness and those who love and care about them.
- Visit these websites for resources and information:
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness www.nami.org
 - NAMI Western Carolina www.namiwnc.org
 - pNAMI FaithNet www.nami.org/namifaithnet
 - Mental Health Ministries www.MentalHealthMinistries.net
 - Pathways to Promise www.Pathways2Promise.org
 - One Mind Mental Illness Ministry www.onemindmentalillnessministry.com

In the Asheville/Hendersonville Area contact: Mountain Faith Initiatives at mountainfaithinitiatives@yahoo.com.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEKS

This year the St. Mark's Mutual Ministry Team is organizing an appreciation week for each member of the staff. This is a week for the congregation to thank the staff member for all the extra things they do for us. You can send them a card, write them a note or give them a thank you hug. It is a simple way for us to tell them that we appreciate all they do for our church family.

The week of May 20th is Frankie Weinberger Appreciation Week. So join the Mutual Ministry Team that week and show Frankie how much her ministry means to us.

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Don't know what to do with all those empty ink cartridges from your home printer? Bring them to the church office. St. Mark's receives \$2 credit from Staples for every ink cartridge we recycle. If the office is closed, just put them in Bonnie's box.

EQUIPMENT WISH LIST

- 2 large TVs with hookups for DVD and VCR equipment
 - 1 or 2 VCR devices to play VHS tapes
- Our equipment has broken down and needs to be replaced.



LAY MINISTRY NEWS

Lay Ministers and Shepherds met April 16. Pastor Webb gave an inspiring devotional based on a story about a grandmother from The Reflective Life by Ken Gire. She would ask anyone she met, "Do you love the Lord?", often asking her grandchildren. Her love for the Lord rubbed off on many, especially her grandchildren. He asked us to contemplate, 1) Do you love the Lord with all your heart, soul and might? 2) Who loves the Lord because you love the Lord?

The following items were discussed:

1. The Lay Ministry program needs a person to take the vacant Shepherd's place that Judy Taylor held. Lay Ministers are asked to prayerfully consider if someone might be called for this job. A Shepherd helps to coordinate the Lay Ministers under their care and can function as a Lay Minister to the Lay Ministers assigned to them. Shepherds also are a part of the executive committee for Lay Ministry.
2. Bobbie Epley reviewed the packets that go out to shut in members and how LM can help her keep the packets up to date with items they use and to make them still feel connected St. Mark's.
3. Plans for the Equipping Seminar for new Lay Ministers on April 29 after the 11:00am service were discussed. Lay Ministers and Shepherds volunteered to help contact those who have been invited to attend and anyone else who may be interested. Plans for the provided lunch were also made. *Can the Pastor Do It Alone*, the book that is the model for our LM program will be ordered.
4. Our next Lay Ministry meeting will be May 14 and will include a labyrinth journey using the labyrinth at Eliada Home. We will each bring a small lunch to share. Judy will send an e-mail regarding where we will meet, at the church or at Eliada home for our picnic.
5. We reviewed Lay Ministry assignments and updated the list of people who need a LM.

Contact Stats for March 2012:

Face to face contacts	48
Telephone contacts	23
Mail contacts	21
Home/nursing home/hospital visits	17
Home Communion	3
Total Contacts for March	112

Anne Sites & Judy Taylor,
Lay Ministry Coordinators

WE'RE GOING TO A



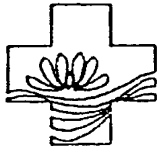
TOURISTS' BALL GAME

BALL GAME!

On Sunday, June 10th the youth group will be attending an Asheville Tourists game at 2pm. All are welcome to attend this event. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. We need 20 people to sign up in order to get this rate. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Sign-Up Central bulletin board and the Sunday bulletin Tear & Share for your opportunity to reserve tickets. The reservation deadline is June 3. For more information, please contact Mary Schreck at 518-935-7924 or by e-mail at mary.schreck06@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce that Katherine Laveck has agreed to serve as a temporary (6-9 months) part-time volunteer on staff to coordinate all of our Christian Education activities. She will be in the office approximately 2 days a week. Her responsibilities will include working with the Christian Ed Team to plan for children's and adults' Sunday School class curricula, secure teachers for children and adults, and plan special activities.



ST. MARK'S Women of the ELCA

The **Lydia Expression** will meet Wednesday, May 9, at 10:00am in the church library.

Program: "Pentecost, Prayer and Power" presented by Connie Koiner
Hostesses: Karen Longhouser and Theresa Yoder

WELCA Sunday is May 6. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Nancy Curtis. Be sure to check out the information on the display table in the Commons. Here you will see the various activities and services that the Women of the ELCA participate in and support both in Asheville and around the world.

Looking Ahead:

- ⇒ Karen Longhouser, delegate, and Susan Morgan, visitor, will attend the NCWELCA gathering in Hickory, June 20-24.
- ⇒ The Lydia Expression will hold their June 13 picnic at the KOA West campground. All women are invited. Look for details in the June issue of Re:Mark's.

SAVE THE DATE

This year our ladies tea will be on Saturday, August 25 at 4:00. This year we will be having *A "Gem" of a Tea* with a theme of gems and jewels. Our entertainment this year should be fun and there will be prizes involved



We will need ladies to decorate our tables with themes like – pearls, rubies, diamonds, sapphires, emeralds, etc., so get your creative juices flowing and plan some ideas to decorate a table. If you would like to decorate and host a table please call Vickie Hauser at 236-1992.



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

The May St. Mark's Men's Fellowship gathering is Saturday, May 19. We will meet for breakfast, fellowship and Bible study at 7:30am in the private room at Denny's Restaurant. We are continuing the series from the Master Builder Bible for Men on healing significant relationships. The Bible passage will be Genesis 32:1-21---*Anxious Anticipation, Jacob Prepares to Meet Esau*. All men of St. Mark's are invited to attend.

There will be no men's meetings in June, July or August.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17-21—5:30-8:00pm

VBS 2012: OPERATION OVERBOARD— Dare to Go Deep with God

It's time to register for VBS!
To register adults or children, please visit:
[www.overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/
stmarkslutheran](http://www.overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/stmarkslutheran)

There are also paper registration forms available on the Sign-Up Central bulletin board.

Suppers will be served at 5:30pm.
Program runs from 6-8pm.

We still need a few more volunteers: 2 people to do the "story time" and 1 more person as a guide. If you're interested in helping, please contact Jill Hutson at 776-5534.

THE WISH DREAM

The following is a devotion from Luther Seminary's daily devotional e-mail series called *God Pause*.
Wednesday, 4/18/2012—1 John 1:1–2:2

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in "Life Together" about the dangers of the Wish Dream. This is the temptation we have to go into a faith community and impose all manner of perfection upon them. We know in our mind how people should behave, we know how churches should act. And, of course, we must be right! Yet, when the community fails to live up to the Wish Dream (and it will) the disillusionment often leads to conflict.

Bonhoeffer reminds us that we are all sinners with darkness dwelling somewhere within. Pretending we have no sin—either individually or communally—is deceptive and untruthful. Instead, Christ is the center of every worshipping community. Christ brings light to the darkness of our secrets and sins. Therefore, the more honest and open we are, the more healing can abound.

True fellowship, as 1 John tells us, begins with honesty, confession and forgiveness. The goal may not be to avoid the inevitable sins that come with communal living, but rather to avoid the big one: pretending we have no sin at all.

Dear God: give us the strength and humility to share our whole selves with others. Give us the strength to take others as they are. Give us the compassion to forgive ourselves and others for not living up to our Wish Dreams. Amen.

Siri Strommen Campbell
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.
Master of Divinity, 2005

1 John 1:1-2:2 (NRSV)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—

we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

New Summer Adult Class

**Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?
Begins June 10**

Teacher: Pastor David Webb

In *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference*, Philip Yancey helps explore the very heartbeat – the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect – of our relationship with God: Prayer. What is prayer? How does it work? And more importantly, does it work? Through discussions, Bible exploration, personal sharing, and group prayer, you will more fully consider, experience, and cherish the priceless gift of prayer. We will explore:

- + Is God listening?
- + If God knows everything, what's the point of prayer?
- + Why do answers to prayers seem so inconsistent and capricious?
- + Why does God seem sometimes close and sometimes far away?
- + How can I make prayer more satisfying?

Dates: 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22 and 7/29
No class on 7/1 – Intergenerational Activity; No class on 7/15 – Lutheridge Sunday

Children's Summer Calendar

5/ 20 – Last day of Sunday School for the Children

5/ 27 – Teacher

Appreciation Day – Please take time to thank our many dedicated Sunday School teachers. They will be recognized at both services.

6/ 3 – Intergenerational Activity

6/ 17 - 6/ 21 – Vacation Bible School

7/ 1 – Intergenerational Activity

8/ 5 – Intergenerational Activity



Special Thanks from the Superintendent of Sunday School

Many thanks to the egg fillers, the egg providers, and the youth group who hid the eggs and made sure all had their baskets full. As far as I can tell all had a good time. Thanks to Nancy Rhodes for help getting the youth group involved and to Eileen Cram who brought the necessary materials from the attic. Also thanks to the members of the Christian Education Team for their help and support.

Special thanks to the following Sunday School teachers and students involved in the making and selling of the Buck-a-Chick Lenten project of the ELCA:

- + Michele Kopp for the idea of the felt chicks with pins and to her nursery students
- + The Pre-K class, led by teachers Courtney Cinnamon and Debbie Layne
- + The 1st and 2nd grade classes

And last but not least, thanks to the Congregation for buying the felt chicks. To date the campaign has raised \$140.00.

Chuck Kopp

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP CENTER

Registration is still being accepted for **The Cost of Discipleship**, taught by our own Scott Hausman. This course will be held at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm, from June 12-July 31. To register please send an e-mail to ChristianDiscipleshipCenter@gmail.com or call 828-230-8818. Please include your name, phone number, course name, and church affiliation when you register.

ST. MARK'S RE:MARKABLE YOUTH

May Activities

Saturday, May 5, morning—Habitat Youth Day—more details to be announced




Sunday, May 6, 9:45am—Youth Gathering devotions

Friday, May 11, 6:00-11:30pm—Party and fun at the Webb's and Biltmore Park

Sunday, May 13, 9:45am—Youth Gathering devotions

Sunday, May 20, 9:45am—Youth Gathering devotions; 12:30-2:30pm—Geocaching Adventure

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Quilters 5:30 Audubon Society Bd.	2 9:00 Property Workday 5:30 Council	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 Habitat Youth Day
6 EASTER 5 WELCA SUNDAY 8:30 Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Communion 12:00 Congregational Meeting	7 1:00 Book Study 2:30 Library Team 6:30 All-Team Night	8 PRIMARY ELECTION 9:00 Quilters 	9 9:00 Property Workday 10:00 WELCA 10:00 Retired Pastors 12:00 Healing Service	10 5:00 Mtn. Area Child & Family Center 6:30 Benevolent Foundation Board	11 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 Youth @the Webb's	12 10:30 MS Support Group
13 EASTER 6 8:30 Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Communion	14 1:00 Book Study 4:00 Shepherds	15 9:00 Quilters 1:30 Archives	16 9:00 Property Workday 2:00 Dessert Social @ Webb's	17  7:00 Dessert Social @ Webb's	18 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 Shelter Meal	19 7:30 LMM@Denny's 7:00 Dessert Social @ Webb's
20 EASTER 7 NEW MEMBER SUN. 8:30 & 11:00 Communion 9:45 Sunday School & Ministry Fair 12:30 Youth 3:00 Dessert Social @ Webb's	21 1:00 Book Study 2:30 Library Team	22 9:00 Quilters	23 9:00 Property Workday	24	25 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 Dessert Social @ Webb's	26 1:00 Dessert Social @ Webb's
27 PENTECOST 8:30 Communion & Confirmation 11:00 Communion	28 OFFICE CLOSED 	29 9:00 Quilters	30 9:00 Property Workday	31 2:00 Dessert Social @ Webb's	<i>Non-Church related activities are in italics. AA: Every Monday 10:30-11:30am (FH) NA: Every Wed. & Fri. 8:00-9:30pm (FH) Kiwanis: every Tues. Noon-1:30pm (FH) Avl. Symphony Chorus: Tues. 7-9pm (FH)</i>	

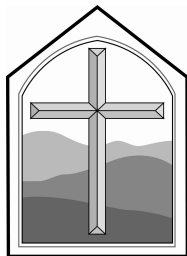
MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	NURSERY ATTENDANTS	ACOLYTES, CRUCIFERS, ETC.	LAY READERS	GREETERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS & ASSISTING MINISTERS	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
6	TBD	8:30 A: Nicholas Dudde 11:00 A: Riley Kelling C: Evan Kelling	8:30 Linnea Linton 11:00 Scott Hausman	8:30 Debbie Layne Amy Zellers 11:00 Chuck Kopp Bob Mihara	8:30 AM: Tim Owen CA: Jenny Simmons 11:00 AM: Natalie Haynes CA: Vickie Hauser	8:30 Rich Forkey Albert Morgan 11:00 Stan Webb Bill Hygon Ken Kindley Carl Schreck	8:30 Susan Morgan 11:00 Cindi Fridd Shanna Webb Courtney Cinnamon
13	TBD	8:30 A: Jamie Rhodes 11:00 A: Zachary Hutson C: Andrew Webb	8:30 Nancy Rhodes 11:00 Laurian Mapp	8:30 Clara Owen Martha Price 11:00 Ronnie Shoe Ann Johnson	8:30 AM: Katherine Laveck CA: Diane Hughes 11:00 AM: Laurian Mapp CA: Eileen Cram	8:30 Paul Lodato Tom Mock 11:00 Sheryll Garfola Eric Van Tassel Richard Taylor Ronnie Shoe	8:30 Amy Zellers 11:00 Susan Van Tassel Karen Puthoff Paula Whitener
20	TBD	8:30 A: Madeline Hirsch 11:00 A: Juliet Dixon C: Meredith Crowell	8:30 Martha Price 11:00 Beth Korb	8:30 Bud & Connie Koiner 11:00 Nate Mueller Marian Bradley	8:30 AM: Amy Zellers CA: Mark Fritch 11:00 AM: Beth Korb CA: Jackie Harron	8:30 Ken Clark Wolfie Otto 11:00 Jeff Hutson Patrick Foley Scott Hausman Andrew Davis	8:30 Debbie Layne 11:00 Janine Webb Paula Lindsay Michelle Foley
27	TBD	8:30 A: Wolfie Layne 11:00 A: Katherine Webb C: Sierra Kindley	8:30 Margaret Aydelotte 11:00 Ann Johnson	8:30 Wolfie & Carolyn Otto 11:00 Stan Webb Diane Lawson	8:30 AM: Connie Chaplin CA: Mary Anne Allwein 11:00 AM: Steve Doane CA: Anne Sites	8:30 Pat Patton Jerry Ray 11:00 Alice Silver Jason Dixon Dave Epley David Penland	8:30 Jerry & Sheila Ray 11:00 Millie Hollar Anne Sites Jackie Harron

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Joyfully living and proclaiming
God's grace through Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION:
Serving all people in
Worship, Outreach,
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