# Pastor's Letter for May Newsletter

**Greetings Friends!** 

Jesus Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

It was wonderful to see all of you during Holy week and on Easter Sunday!

A huge thank you to the deacons for hosting the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper. It was a wonderful meal and a great time of fellowship. Thank you to Sue Alberts, Quinita Kase, Paul Riggs, Karen Tracy, Wayne Trom, and Michelle Willert.

A huge thank you to Nate Gransee and family for hosting Easter breakfast. The food was delicious, and it was wonderful to share a meal with our church family.

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul and Ann Riggs, Bob Tracy, Wayne Trom, Steve Willert, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan and Gayle Kaufeld. Thank you to Gayle Kaufeld and Ann Riggs for setting up communion. Thank you to our liturgists for the month of April: Deb Dodds, Sheryl Scholer, Kristy Johnson, and Paul Pogalz. Thank you to everyone who set up coffee and brought food for fellowship this month.

A special word of gratitude for Jane and Don Heser for their faithful service as our church custodians. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication that have put in at the church.

My verse for us this month comes from 2 Thessalonians 3:5. "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ." As we continue into this Easter season may we be directed by the Holy Spirit to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda





May 3	Steve Willert
May 6	Gayle Kaufeld
May 8	Jason Pedersen
May 10	Ava Holtz
May 18	Josh Boss
May 20	Becky Halvorson
May 23	Joe Jones
May 25	Folmer Carlsen
	Caitlynn Wanous
May 27	Marv Horsman
May 31	Amy Borgstrom



May 8	Michael & Emily Brigham
May 25	Catherine & Dan Gruhn
May 28	David & Beth Gransee
May 30	Aaron & Amy Patterson



### PW Meetings

\*May Fellowship Circle on May 5th at 9:30 AM \*May PW Meeting on May 19th at 2:00 PM

### **Prayer Chain**

Pray for our service men in the military.



\*Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force

\*Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.

\*Carol Prenzlow - continuing rehabilitation.

\*Donna Dutton - for health and continued well being.

\*Grady Lundgren - as he continues treatment.

Also, his family for continued strength

- \*Brevig Family for continued strength
- \*Joyce Olson for healing
- \*Elaine Gransee for continued healing

# Session Meeting



May Session Meeting on May 10th at 5:30 PM

Worship Committee Mtg



May Worship Committee

Meeting May 1st after worship

#### **Church Information**

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Secretary office hours

Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon

Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am



### Greetings all PW,

Here we are getting into the month of May already, my how time does fly!! Since we have been having April showers, hopefully we will soon be seeing May flowers which will help to brighten our days and cheer us up. ③

According to the PW handbook our usual Salad Luncheon is scheduled for May 4th, however at the last PW meeting that event has been canceled and we will look forward to possibly having an event in the fall. If the Hubbell House is open this month, we will try to hold our monthly PW meeting there which is what has been the practice in the past. Updates for this will be announced in church and will also be in the Sunday bulletin, so please be on the alert for that information. Our church is scheduled to deliver Meals on

Wheels May 9-13, so if you are interested in helping with that project, please contact Sharon Law at 507-775-6643. All the people who receive these meals are truly grateful for everyone that prepares them and all those who deliver them, this is a very worthy endeavor. As always, many thanks to everyone that delivers the meals and a big THANK YOU to Sharon for organizing all who do the delivering!! Many thanks also to everyone who prepares and serves the coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings; everyone really enjoys the time for fellowship and sharing. A big thank you also to the women who schedule everyone that serves for our coffee fellowship time; that is a big task and it is very much appreciated – THANK YOU!!

Our newly created FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE is scheduled to meet Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to attend and to enjoy a time of bible study and fellowship. If you have a friend who would be interested, please feel free to invite them to join the group.

Please continue your prayers for Grady and his family as he continues his journey to better health; they are helping! Prayers are also needed for everyone who has lost a loved one as they travel the road of remembering and healing. Prayers of support for the Brevig family are needed also and prayers of thanks for the continued recovery of Carol Prenzlow and for the return to church of Elaine Gransee. Many prayers are needed for everyone in military service, law enforcement, government service, health care services, and all those involved in Christian service, as well as all involved in the crisis in Ukraine.

Here is a poem about Iris flowers that someone in church says is her favorite flower:

#### PURPLE IRIS

Theresa E. Black

We thinned the rows, for they had grown and vastly multiplied.

Unwanted extra bulbs were thrown away or cast aside.

We left them there for lack of room, and now they shame our faces ---

For regal purple iris bloom in unaccustomed places.



#### **MOTHER**

Gloria Aylesworth



It must be part of God you see, When we look in a mother's eyes.

He must be living in her heart, To make her so gentle and so wise.

It must be He who helps her, Make it through each day.

To teach little children Of loving and of play.

It must be He who gives her patience, Whenever they are bad.

It must be He who helps her comfort them, When they are hurt or sad.

And He will help her to realize, When her raising them is done,

That they are now no longer, Her little daughters or her little sons.

It is He who watches over them, When this world she must depart,

And He who keeps her memory fresh, In their minds and in their hearts.

Best wishes to all mothers for a very Happy Mother's Day!!

And may each and everyone enjoy a happy, healthy month of May.

Blessings from Sue and Paulette, PW co-moderators

### **Fellowship Circle**

We are starting a new circle which we are calling Fellowship Circle. Our second meeting will be Thursday, May 5th at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

We invite the women of the church to help make a strong and active organization that reaches out to our community.

Come and enjoy coffee, conversation and camaraderie.







The beautiful new banners that hung in the sanctuary during Lent, and the bright new Easter banners that are currently hanging are gifts to the Glory of God from the Tom & Helen Ferry Memorial fund. They will enhance our worship in the sanctuary for years to come. Many thanks to the Ferry family for their generous donation.

~the Worship Committee

Palm Sunday - Children's Palm Parade

### **Easter Season Events**





On Maundy Thursday, April 14th, before the service and Communion we enjoyed wonderful fellowship with our Soup Supper. It was provided by our Deacons - Michelle Willert, Paul Riggs, Karen Tracy, Wayne Trom, Quinita Kase and Sue Alberts.

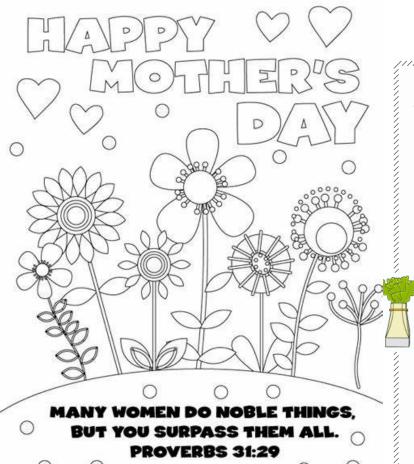


Easter Sunday - We enjoyed a wonderful Easter message followed by a delicious breakfast prepared by Nate Gransee and his family and all had fun with the

The Easter Memorial Garden was beautiful this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to it.

~The Worship Committee





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### MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS

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LAZARUS CAVE MARTHA TOMB YAHWEH FRIENDS

#### Jesus Has Risen **Word Maze**

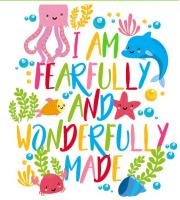
Find your way from the start of the maze and connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.

### Jesus Has Risen!!

Mark 16:6b (NIV) START

### May Kid's **Page**





- PROVERBS 3:5

Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

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## Bits of News & Updates for Us

2022 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ELDERS, DEACONS, AND INTERESTED MEMBERS

Clerk of Session Lisa Carlsen

**Christian Education Committee** 

Sheryl Scholer, Elder, Chairperson

Ally Holtz- Elder, Amy Borgstrom, Nicky Wilke, Diane Krejci and Al Riedel, Jennifer Mittlestadt

**Membership Committee** 

Gayle Kaufeld, Elder, Chairperson

Bill Kase-Elder, Paul Riggs-Deacon, Ann Driver, Thelma Givan

**Mission Committee** 

Lisa Carlsen, Elder, Chairperson

Rosalie Trom -Elder, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Nicky Wilke

**Nominating Committee** 

Steve Willert, Elder, Chairperson

Rosalie Trom -Elder, Sue Alberts-Deacon, Catherine Gruhn, Peggy Engle, and Steve Springsted

**Personnel Committee** 

Paul Pogalz, Elder, Chairperson

Steve Willert -Elder, Amy Borgstrom, Kristy Johnson

**Property Committee** 

Robert Gransee, Elder, Chairperson

Wayne Trom-Deacon, Jane Heser, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Troy Andrist

**Stewardship Committee** 

Ally Holtz, Elder, Chairperson

Bill Kase- Elder, Paul Riggs-Deacon

**Worship Committee** 

Gayle Kaufeld, Elder, Chairperson

Dan Kaufeld-Organist, Quinita Kase-Organist, Sheryl Scholer-Elder, Rosalie Trom-Elder, Sue Alberts-Deacon, Bob Tracy-Head Usher, Ann Driver-Church Secretary, Ann Riggs

When the Annual Report came out prior to our January Annual Meeting, the 2022 Committees had not yet been finalized so the 2021 list was used for the report.

I did not realize that I had not added the corrected committee list. I apologize for this. Here is the completed 2022 Committee Member List.

Respectfully,

Ann Driver, Church Secretary





### **Vacation Bible School**

When: Sunday June 26- Tuesday June 28

Time: 5:30-7:30pm (Dinner Included)

#### We are ordering t-shirts this year so please register so we have the correct size t-shirt!

How to Register: Go to Presbykasson.org and click on the Sign-Up Genius to register.

- Please put the number of children attending on the sign up.
- In the comment box please list the t-shirt size of each child.
- If there is not enough room to list them in the box, please email Ally the t-shirt sizes. Schedule:
  - 5:30 pm 6:00 pm **Dinner**
  - 6:00 pm 6:20 pm **Gathering/ Skit**
  - 6:20 pm 6:40 pm **STEM Activity**
  - 6:40 pm 7:00 pm **Snack & Lesson**
  - 7:00 pm -7:30 pm Music & Sign Language

Questions: Contact Ally Holtz aholtz@kmtel.com or 507-273-8977.

### **CHOIR APPRECIATION**

I'd like to offer an enormous THANK YOU to our choir members: Quinita Kase, Kristy Johnson, Rosalie Trom, Ann Driver, Sheryl Scholer, Deb Dodds, Sue Alberts, Arlin Brigham, Paul Riggs, Steve Johnson and accompanist, Dan Kaufeld for their dedication and for sharing their gifts to enhance our worship services this year.

We had a challenging start to the choir year back in September due to COVID.

Their desire to serve was so strong that they agreed to come back singing wearing our specially designed choir masks to keep everyone healthy. It wasn't the best, but at least we could sing for worship again. They have worked very hard every week since then, even committing to preparing a Christmas Eve cantata!

The choir will finish out their season of singing on Sunday, May 22, just before the Memorial weekend at the end of the month.

With my sincere appreciation for this wonderful group, Gayle Kaufeld, Choir Director





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May Day				Fellowship Circle 9:30 AM		
Worship Committee Mtg. After service.	2	3	Choir Practice 6:30 PM 4	5	6	7
Mother's Day	-	Session Mtg at church @ 5:30	Meals on	Wheels	<b></b>	
8	9	10	Choir Practice 6:30 PM 11	12	13	14
Select a Hymn Sunday & Confirmation Sunday Last Day of Sunday School	16	17	Choir Practice 6:30 PM 18	PW Meeting 2:00 PM	20	Armed Forces Day
Celebrating the Graduating Seniors Last Day of Choir until Fall	23	24	Deadline for Newsletter 25	26	27	28
	Memorial Day					
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