

# THE PEACE POST

May 2006

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, unto life everlasting.*

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MESSER

### The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

*“After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.’”* (Acts 1:9-11; see also Mark 16:19-20 and Luke 24:50-51)

Every year, an important festival of the Church is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter. And every year, it seems, fewer and fewer people take note of this special day. The festival is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is one of the major Feast Days of the Church Year,

right up there with Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter. Christians should be flocking to their churches to celebrate this day and yet, as statistics show, Ascension Day Services are among the least attended Services of the year. In fact, many congregations do not even hold Ascension Day Services any longer. The thought is, “Why bother? Nobody’s going to come anyway.”

How sad is that?! It is very similar to not having a Christmas Day Service just because Christmas doesn’t fall on a Sunday. It is truly mind-boggling to this pastor that we would even consider not having Services on some of the most important Feast Days of the Church Year just because attendance may be low. What would we say to the Lord? “Um, sorry Jesus, we’re not going to celebrate Your Nativity or Your Ascension because, well, everyone’s too busy and we wouldn’t want to ask them to take time out of their busy schedules.”

Well, we’re not going to say that to the Lord here at Peace. Just as I promised in the December issue of *The Peace Post* that we would have Services every Christmas Day, even when Christmas doesn’t fall on a Sunday, so we will have an Ascension Day Service every year as well.

Our Ascension Day Service this year will take place on **Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.** I realize that some of you will have legitimate reasons for not being able to attend, but if it is at all possible, you should be there. Why? What is so important about this Feast Day?

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord is extremely important because Christ’s glorious ascension into heaven teaches us that He has exalted human nature to glory. Christ ascended bodily into heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

so that He now, as the God-Man, fully exercises His divine power over the whole universe. He still bears the scars of His crucifixion, but in a perfect, glorified body. We, too, are promised that we will receive perfect, glorified bodies on the Last Day to reign with Christ over His eternal kingdom, for Christ’s ascension means that He has restored human nature to the perfect, glorified state once enjoyed by Adam and Eve in the Garden before the Fall into sin.

Not only that, but we receive additional comfort knowing that the exalted God-Man, Christ, as our Prophet, sends people to proclaim the saving Gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:10-12; Luke 10:16; John 16:7); as our Priest, pleads and prays for us before the Father (Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1); as our King, rules and protects His church and governs over all the world especially for the benefit of His church (Ps. 110:1; Eph. 1:20-23).

The eternal, incarnate, crucified, risen, ascended, and glorified Lord accomplished all that He came to do on our behalf, and now sits in ultimate power to rule over all things, including His precious and holy Church on earth. He intercedes on our behalf, He protects us, and He continuously creates, strengthens, and preserves us in the one, true faith through His Word and Sacraments. His glorious exaltation and ascension means that we have an Advocate with the Father, who continuously speaks on our behalf. How can we not gather to celebrate this wonderful news?!

You came to celebrate His Birth. You came to celebrate His Death and Resurrection. Now come to celebrate His glorious Ascension!

Your Servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Messer*

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# PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY



## New books in our library:

Good News Magazine—Issues #3-24

From Thrivent Financial:

- “When Your Baby Dies; Through Miscarriage or Stillbirth”
- “Step-by-Step—Your Guide to Making Practical Decisions When A Loved one Dies”
- “Christ in our Home— Volume II: Devotions for Every Day of the Year”
- “Together with Jesus; Daily Devotions for a Year”
- “Every day with the Savior” - Norden, Rudolph
- Guide to Saving for College—Morris, Virginia
- “Hush Little One, A Lullaby for God’s Children” - Stohs, Anita
- Your Will Planning
- “A Time to Mourn, A time to Dance; Help for the Losses in Life”
- “Martin Luther, A Man Who Changed the World” - Maier, Paul
- “Jubilee” - CD
- “Fuel for the Soul” - CD
- “Hymns for All Saints—Advent, Christmas, Epiphany” - CD
- “Hymns We Love to Sing” - CD
- “Journey Through the Church Year” - CD, books, work-book—Stohs, Anita & RichterKessing, Suzanne

We would like to encourage people to use our Church Library more often. We will be encouraging people to read books and share a book review with the congregation via the monthly newsletter. If you have read a book from our library that you enjoyed, or that inspired you, and you would like to share it, please contact Beth Brostrom or Coaline Luplow.



## THIS MONTH’S REVIEW:

### Queen of the Reformation

by Charles Ludwig

I have done some reading about Dr. Martin Luther over the years, but I do not know much about his wife. In our library we have a book entitled *Queen of the Reformation* by Charles Ludwig. It is an historical novel based on the life of Katharina (Katie) von Bora, the woman who became Mrs. Martin Luther. Although the story is fictional and has no doubt been romanticized to keep the reader’s attention, the book is based on historical facts and events in the life of the Luther family.

The story begins in the Nimbschen convent in Germany, 1525. Katie is 26 years old and a nun. She took her vows at age 16 and lived and was educated in convents from the age of five. Martin Luther’s writings were beginning to spread around the countryside at the time and a copy of one of his tracts was smuggled into Nimbschen. After reading Luther’s works, Katie and eight other nuns arranged to escape the convent and travel to Wittenberg where Luther and his followers sheltered them. And the rest, as they say, is history.

The *Queen of the Reformation* is easy to read and an entertaining and inspiring story. Historical events intertwine with glimpses of what the marriage of Martin and Katie might have been like. The love, respect, and faith of the two formed a strong bond that supported their family and the writing and preaching of Dr. Martin Luther.

Carol Zeile

(Next month a review from another member of our church)

***Want something included in “The Peace Post” next month? Email Beth or Pastor Messer (addresses on back page) by May 24 with your item. Also, call or email them anytime with your feedback and/or ideas!***

## The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction?

Dan Brown’s best-selling book, *The DaVinci Code*, is about to find its place on the big screen. The movie, directed by Ron Howard and starring Tom Hanks and Ian McKellen, is scheduled for release on May 19. In light of the controversy that has surrounded the book and the hoopla which is sure to come with the release of the movie, we will begin a new study during **Adult Bible Study on May 14** titled, *The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction?* You will not want to miss this important study as we compare the claims made by Brown with historical fact. It is extremely important that we Christians be well grounded in the truth, not only the truth we find in Holy Scripture, but also the historical truth we find in extra-biblical sources, so that we will always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have (1 Pet. 3:15). We hope that you will join us for this informative and important study!

# Summary of 4/10/06 Church Council Minutes

## Pastor's Report:

- Official Acts: 1. Greening/Brown Wedding—April 8; 2. Baptism of Jameson Mackenzie Warne—April 9
- Confirmation will be Sunday, May 21, 2006—Sarah Messer with the possibility of 2 more youth included.. 1st year confirmation class will end on May 18—having completed the material for year one. Sunday Adult Bible Class will continue through the summer. Meeting with family of John Row II for catechesis.
- We will be adding a service in May—Ascension Day, May 25—7:00 pm. Holy Trinity Sunday service will be held outdoors, weather permitting.
- 3 conferences/conventions coming up for pastor—April 20-22, St. Louis, MO; May 1-3, Grayling; June 20-23, Ann Arbor.
- Due to pastoral conflicts, Voter's Assembly will be April 30 rather than April 23.

## S.A.L.T.—Evangelism Committee:

- Easter Egg Hunt was a resounding success, far exceeding expectations.

## Board of Education:

- VBS date set at July 10-14, 9:00 am—12:00 pm.

## Trustees Report:

- Light fixtures are up in church—have a few fixtures left, placement to be determined at a later date.
- Clean-up Day for May will be brought up at the Voters' Assembly.
- Will be meeting with electrical inspector soon to upgrade electrical boxes.

## Treasurer's Report:

- All bills up to date.
- Still need to speak to CPA about secretarial pay; budget amendment for same.

## Old Business:

- Stained Glass windows committee submitted a second bid; moved, seconded and approved to go with second bid by Ominbus Studios, New Era, MI. Sketches to be approved by council before finalizing.
- Hospital letter still being formatted.
- Copy machine purchased and installed. Training session to follow.

## New Business:

- Home and Garden Party request to use church for monthly meetings on second Saturday of the month. Moved, seconded and approved.
- Cleaning service discussed. Trustees to follow up.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Brostrom

Acting Council Secretary

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## ***The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice***

In this extremely important book, author Rev. Klemet I. Preus explains how Lutheran doctrine and church practice are tightly knit together and why it is important to keep it that way. This is the best book I've read to date on the subject of Lutheran doctrine and practice. Pastor Preus writes in easy-to-understand language and with a great sense of humor as he provides numerous resources from Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions and forefathers to make the argument that Lutheran doctrine and practice must go hand in hand. It is a *must read* for all Lutherans, clergy and laity alike! CPH is now offering this book at a special discount to members of LCMS congregations when their congregation orders 10 or more copies. The discounted price is \$20, 25% off the regular price of \$26.99. Believe me when I say that \$20 is a tremendous bargain for this excellent book! You can order your copy by filling out the sign-up sheet located on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, May 14, as we will call in our order on Monday, May 15, the last day of this special offer. We will have a Bible Study on this book in the near future. Please see me if you have any questions.

In Christ,

*Pastor Messer*

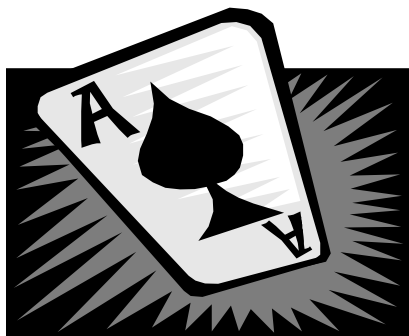
## LADIES & ALTAR GUILD INFO

- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** The May meeting of the Guild will take place on **Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Tammy Oswald will serve as hostess. **This will be the final meeting of the year (until September).** All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our guild meetings; if you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you can be a member of the guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the guild.
- **LADIES GUILD PRAYER CHAIN:** The Ladies Guild has a prayer chain in place. If you wish to be included in the prayer chain as a caller, see Marlene Wiltshire. If you wish to add yourself or someone else to the prayers, the chain starts with either Georgia Spindler (466-4352) or Marlene Wiltshire (463-4101).
- **ALTAR GUILD DUTY:** May—Beth Brostrom; June—Marilyn Oswald;  
July—Carol Zeile/Marlene Wiltshire
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is a flower calendar for 2006 posted on the fellowship bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar some time during the year, fill in your name and/or contact Marilyn Oswald. A bouquet usually lasts about one (1) month and the cost is about \$25.



### UPCOMING COFFEE HOSTESSES:

May 7 - Tammy Oswald	June 4 - Mary Jakolat
14 - Darlene Palmer	11 - Helen Meyers
21 - Youth Group	18 - Arlene Hale/Janet Isom
28 - Maxine Isaksson	25 - Joyce Kohler
	30 - Coaline Luplow



### EUCHRE NIGHT!

The next euchre night has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 20 at 7:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome to come and have fun playing the great game of euchre. Please bring a dish to pass. See you there!

### JOIN US FOR TABLE TALK!

Our next *Table talk* will be held on **Thursday, May 12 at 8:00 pm.** *Table Talk* is an opportunity for you to meet with Pastor Messer and some of your brothers and sisters in Christ for an informal discussion on topics that are decided by the group present. We have had many interesting and informative discussions thus far and those who have attended have enjoyed the op-

portunity to get together in this setting. However, we would love to have more of you join us. So, set the VCR (or TIVO) to record your Thursday night shows and come on out and join us. Hope to see you there!



# S.A.L.T. NEWS & ACTIVITIES

## EASTER EGG HUNT A HUGE SUCCESS!

The first major outreach event hosted by S.A.L.T. was the Easter Egg Hunt which took place on Palm Sunday (April 9). It was a HUGE SUCCESS! We had no idea how many kids to expect. Some anticipated that we should expect around 50. Our goal was 150. But, get this: WE HAD APPROXIMATELY 300 KIDS ATTEND! Our church was absolutely packed that day. Including parents, adults, and other children, we had over 500 guests on site—they were lined up outside all the way to Warwick! The event itself went very well. The children were able to play games and win prizes, have their faces painted and pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. Then, it was time for the big hunt. We had four hunting areas marked off on our property, one for Kindergarten and younger, and one each for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. It was an absolute thrill to watch the children rush the fields to find as many eggs as they could. A good time was had by all and many adults expressed their appreciation to our congregation for holding this event. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who donated eggs and candy and to all the volunteers who helped during the event. A special thank you to Miguel Ortiz who endured the heat and did a fabulous job as our Easter Bunny. S.A.L.T. has already decided that we will make this an annual event. We learned a ton from this first one which will allow us to put on an even better Easter Egg Hunt next year. Look for pictures of the event posted at church and on our website soon!

### OTHER S.A.L.T. NEWS

- 25 people attended *Peace Movie Night* on March 31 to view Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. Pastor Messer led a devotion before the movie and a discussion after the movie. There was pizza, popcorn, candy, and beverages provided by S.A.L.T. It was truly a blessed experience for all who attended!
- The **May S.A.L.T. meetings** will take place on **Wednesday, May 10 and May 31 at 6:00 p.m.** Discussion on how our congregation can participate in the Highland Festival and the planning of future outreach events will be on the agenda. As always, if you are not a current S.A.L.T. member, but would like to join, or if you just have ideas you would like to share with S.A.L.T., you are more than welcome to attend our meetings.
- Have you seen our new *brochure* for our church? If not, you can find them on the table in the Fellowship Hall and by the Guest Book just outside the sanctuary. Please provide your feedback on them to Larry & Andrea Elliott or Pastor Messer.

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### LADIES GUILD MEETING ~ April 3, 2006

**Secretary's Report:** With one correction, approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$2,053.75 in the savings account; \$344.13 in the checking account.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Altar Report:** there is pitting occurring in the wine pitcher, the chalice is tilting, and the Altar cloth is getting worn. Will check with Marion on when the wine pitcher was last replaced and by whom.

**Kitchen Report:** supplies were purchased.

**Library Report:** There were some new books added to the library. Few books for teens—Coaline passed around a list of possible books to purchase.

#### **Comments by Pastor:**

Research on Paschel vs. Christ Candles. Used interchangeably. Cheryl Henry volunteered to purchase a candle.

Baptism for Jameson Warne will be Palm Sunday. Cake will be ordered.

#### **Old Business:**

Easter Breakfast: all set for food. Cheryl Henry volunteered to buy Easter plates for the breakfast.

Project Ideas: Pregnancy service project was offered. Will be researched.

Progressive Dinner: to be held May 6. Jo Wendt and Coaline Luplow will work on getting more people involved.

Wish list: Pastor would like 2 new chalices. New Communion Ware was added. Pastor would like a Processional (crucifix) Cross put at the top of the list. Also to be included, a new traveling Communion case. Member mailboxes was listed as well.

#### **New Business:**

2006/07 Officers—Carol Durst and Marlene Wiltshire volunteered to be the nominating committee.

#### **Misc.:**

Carol Zeile asked about potted palms for Palm Sunday—Beth will inquire. Will have Easter lilies for the Altar for Easter Sunday.

Carol Zeile—there has been an issue with snacks for Sunday mornings. Due to increased attendance, there is a need for more snacks. It was suggested to assign two people per Sunday. Carol will check with hostesses as to whether they prefer paring up or doing coffee themselves. Also suggested that there be packages of cookies on hand to use as needed.

**Next Meeting:** May 1 with Carol Zeile serving as hostess.

**Meeting Closed:** around 9:00 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Thank you to Tammy Oswald for serving as hostess.

Respectfully Submitted: Tammy Oswald, Recording Secretary

# Notes From Pastor Messer

## A Season of “Firsts”

These last couple of months have been an absolute blessing for me as your pastor. It has been, for me, a season of “firsts.” It was, obviously, my first time planning and leading Lenten and Holy Week Services as a pastor. I enjoyed it immensely! And, although I am always my own worst critic and believe things could’ve been better, I was very pleased with how things went this year. For me, it was the most meaningful Lent and Holy Week I’ve ever experienced. What a blessing it is to serve here at Peace!

In addition to my first Lent and Holy Week as a pastor, I’ve been privileged to experience a few other “firsts” lately. On April 8, I had the privilege of serving as the Officiant of a wedding for the first time at the marriage ceremony of Megan Greening and Chris Brown. The very next morning (April 9), I was blessed to serve as the Officiant of a Baptism for the first time as Jameson Mackenzie Warne was ushered into the kingdom of God through the water and Word of that wonderful Sacrament. Then, later that day, I was privileged to participate with S.A.L.T. at our Easter Egg Hunt, which was our first major outreach event. I cannot put into words how wonderful it has been for me to experience these “firsts.” These were landmark events in my ministry as a pastor and I will never forget them. I mention all of these “firsts” simply to let you know how honored and blessed I feel to serve as a pastor in general, but, even more specifically, to serve as your pastor. As I said above, what a blessing it is to serve here at Peace!

## Confirmation Day

**Sunday, May 21** will be Confirmation Day here at Peace. Our two confirmands this year are Sarah Messer and Ariel Rowe. Public Questioning of our confirmands will take place during a Service on **Saturday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m.** The congregation is invited to attend and witness their public confession of faith.

## Outside Service

On **June 11, Holy Trinity Sunday**, we will have our Divine Service outside behind the church, weather permitting. We will have chairs set up, but you are more than welcome to bring your own comfortable lawn chairs. The Divine Service w/Holy Communion will begin at **10:30 a.m. (please mark your calendars, noting this change from our normal time!)**. The possibility of having a “Peace Picnic” after the Service (including burgers, hot dogs, brats, etc.) is currently being discussed. Details concerning the Service and Picnic will be forthcoming!

## Adult Bible Study to Continue During Summer Months

We will NOT discontinue Adult Bible Study during the summer months this year. I know that’s been the custom for the last several years, but now that we’re a “full-time” congregation, there’s no reason for us to take the summer off from studying God’s Holy Word. In fact, we will begin a detailed study of the Book of Revelation in June, after we’ve completed our study on *The DaVinci Code*. The Board of Education and I will also be discussing the possibility of continuing Sunday School during the summer months either this year or in future years.

## Association of Confessional Lutherans Conference

As you know, I attended the ACL Conference in St. Louis, MO April 20-22. This was the absolute best conference I have ever attended! Every presentation was informative and faithful as some of the most respected Lutheran theologians of our day confronted various modern issues and threats to the Christian Church, explaining how we are to respond to them both Scripturally and Confessionally. I look forward to receiving the papers upon which the presentations were made and will make them available to you when I do.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

## Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School is offered every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for all children from Kindergarten through 12th Grade.
- Adult Bible Class is offered every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for adults. Our current study, *The Truth About the End Times*, will come to a conclusion on Sunday, May 7. On May 14, we will begin a study called, *The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction?* (see page 2). When that study concludes, we will begin a detailed study of the book of *Revelation*.

## Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class is taught every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Adult Confirmation/Information Class

- A new class will begin when one becomes necessary.

## Together in the Word (formerly Women in the Word)

- Our *Together in the Word* Bible Study takes place **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** All men and women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Guests are always welcome, too. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of the **Gospel of John**. Please plan on joining us soon.

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105).*

*“Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true” (Acts 17:11).*

### **.PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

A *Progressive Dinner* will be held on **Saturday, May 6**. If you are still interested in participating, see bulletin board for more information or speak to Jo Wendt, 463-1949.

### **PYG NEWS**

- PYG Meeting: Sunday, May 14 at 12:00. Please attend as we will discuss and plan some summer events and decide which service activity we would like to do in June or July.
- PYG would like to thank all of you who purchased Easter lilies this year. If you have yet to pay for yours, please get your money (\$16) to Jon Penzien or Beth Brostrom as soon as possible. Make checks payable to “Peace Youth Group.” Thanks!

### **PAROCHIAL REPORT**

**(As of April 26)**

#### Membership at Peace

Baptized - 178

Confirmed - 137

#### Official Acts

Greening/Brown Wedding - 4/8/06

Baptism of Jameson Mackenzie Warne - 4/9/06

Membership gains: 1 - Jameson Warne (baptism)

Membership losses: 0

#### Financial Report

YTD Receipts (1/1/06 - 4/26/06): \$30,771.41

Budgeted YTD (1/1/06 - 4/26/06): \$34,850.00



Have you checked out our website lately? Be sure to visit often—many exciting additions are on the way! One addition that has recently been made is the new welcome page for visitors. More pages and lots of pictures are coming soon! Check it out!

# ASK THE PASTOR

Each month, this space will be used to answer a question I was asked by one or more of our members. If you have a question you would like answered in a future newsletter, please contact me and let me know. No names will ever be mentioned, so feel free to ask away!

**Q: What is the significance of having the baptismal font located in the rear of the sanctuary and filled with water? And, why have you been coming down from the lectern to read the Gospel in the middle of the sanctuary the last couple of weeks?**

A: First, let me just say once again, that it always pleases me greatly when these kinds of “why are we doing

and continues until the Day of Pentecost when the Church Year shifts from “The Time of Our Lord” to “The Time of the Church.”

The baptismal font is filled with water and located in the rear of the sanctuary during this festival season to remind us of how we share in our Lord’s Resurrection. It is through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism that we have been *raised* to new life in Christ. It is this resurrection to new life which we’ve experienced in baptism that assures us that forgiveness, life, and salvation are ours, and that we will be resurrected on the Last Day to dwell with the Lord forever in His perfect, eternal kingdom.

Therefore, it is appropriate and beautifully symbolic that our attention is drawn to the font of salvation as we enter the sanctuary during the Easter season for our continual celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection.

Likewise, the Gospel Procession, in which the pastor processes to the middle of the sanctuary to read the Holy Gospel in the midst of the congregation, provides beautiful imagery and serves to heighten our celebration during the Easter season. It is during this

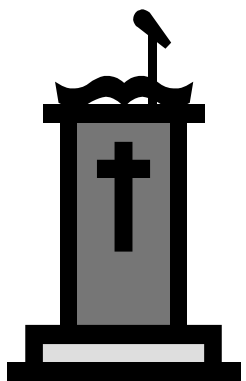
season in that we focus upon the resurrected and glorified Lord who appeared to His disciples and many others for forty days before ascending into heaven. What better way to symbolize the presence of our risen and glorified Lord than to have the Holy Gospel read in the midst of His people?

Of course, neither of these practices have a “thus says the Lord!” attached to them. In other words, there is no Scriptural mandate that requires us to do them. But, they are practices that have been used in the historic Christian Church and, since they provide the beautiful imagery and symbolism mentioned, they can only serve to heighten our awareness of the glorious Easter season, allowing us to celebrate our Lord’s victory over sin, death, and the devil, and our participation in that victory through our God-given faith, as richly as possible.

May these seasonal practices be a blessing to all of us at Peace as we celebrate the glorious Easter season. In the Name of our Resurrected Lord. Amen!

Your servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Messer*

“It is through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism that we have been raised to new life in Christ”



that?” questions are asked. It is important to me that you understand why we do the things we do and I am always more than willing to answer these kinds of questions when asked.

Both of the practices mentioned above are being employed in order to celebrate the Easter season as richly as possible. We often make the mistake of thinking that Easter is a one-day celebration. It’s not. It’s a seven-week festival season which begins with our celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection on Easter Day

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy Birthday to:

- 2—Natalie Penzien
- 4—Anna Brostrom
- 4—LeRoy Isaksson
- 5—BJ Henry
- 9—Curt Oswald
- 15—Jared Kuehnlein
- 21—Paige Harwager
- 29—Gordon Slick
- 30—Cheryl Kuehnlein
- 31—Aaron Messer

### Happy Anniversary to:

- 10—Richard & Dorothy Wisner
- 30—Richard & Darlene Palmer



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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>April 30</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	<b>1</b> 7:00 pm—Ladies Guild Hostess: Carol Zelle Afternoon—city set up for Tuesday/	<b>2</b> NO Together in the Word 7 am—8 pm—School Elections --Pastor at NE Reg. Conf--	<b>3</b> 9:00 am—WW	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm—WW 6:00 pm—Youth Confir- mation Class	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Progressive Dinner	
<b>7</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	<b>8</b> 6:45 pm—Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:30 am—Together in the Word	<b>10</b> 9:00 am—WW 6:00 pm—S.A.L.T. mtg	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm—WW 6:00 pm—Youth Confir- mation Class 8:00—Table Talk w/ Pastor Messer	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC 12:00—PYG mtg.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 am—Together in the Word	<b>17</b> 9:00 am—WW	<b>18</b> 5:00 pm—WW 6:00 pm—Youth Confir- mation Class (Last class of the year)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 3:00 pm—Service of Public Questioning of Confirmands 7:00 pm—Euchre Night	
<b>21</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> Confirmation Sunday 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 am—Together in the Word	<b>24</b> 9:00 am—WW	<b>25</b> <i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i> 5:00 pm—WW 7:00 pm—Ascension Day Service w/Holy Communion	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am—Together in the Word	<b>31</b> 9:00 am—WW 6:00 pm—S.A.L.T. mtg	<b>June 1</b> 5:00 pm—WW	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 3</b>	

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	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
MAY					
7—9:30 am	Jordan Henry Tyrel Harwager	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Ryan Cummins Curt Oswald	Vern & Mary Jakolat
14—9:30 am	Alex Henry Sarah Messer	Mary Jakolat	Bill Hendrick	Vern Jakolat Bill Brostrom	Jeff & Cheryl Kuehnlein
21—9:30 am	Kim Penzien Jessica Oswald	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Burt Henry James Sager	Terry & Coaline Luplow
25—7:00 pm (Ascension Day)	Kelsey Gensler Samantha Messer	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Burt Henry James Sager	NA
28—9:30 am	Melanie Penzien Lauren Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Jon Greening Leland Oswald	Lisa Messer & Family
JUNE					
4—9:30 am	Jared Kuehnlein CJ Oswald	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Miguel Ortiz Jon Penzien	Curt & Tammy Oswald

*“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men” (Eph. 6:7)*

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