

# The Peace Post

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Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe, teach, and confess the doctrine of the evangelical, catholic faith as it is taught by Holy Scripture and faithfully confessed in the Book of Concord of 1580. We are committed to the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments, catechesis of all people in the Christian faith, and liturgical worship consistent with our Reformation heritage. We are an evangelical, orthodox, and catholic congregation, proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and reigning for the salvation of the world!



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## *From the Desk of Pastor Messer*

### **"Getting the Sackcloth and Ashes Ready"**

*"While [Jesus] blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:51).*

It's that time of year again; the time of year for Lutheran pastors to beg the people they serve to remember that the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ is a High Feast Day in the Church Year, right up there with Christmas and Easter, in the hope that they will show up for Divine Service on a Thursday evening. This never goes well. It always ends in sadness. It really doesn't matter how vigorous the Lutheran pastor is in his begging. He can talk about it until he's blue in the face, write articles about it in the congregation's newsletter, remind people one-on-one whenever he has the chance, but it still never goes well. Ten people might show up. Maybe fifteen. It would be a miracle to have twenty. Thirty or more? No chance.

People will show up on Christmas Eve, regardless of the day of the week upon which it falls. People show up in droves on Easter Sunday. But, Ascension Day? A few saints, but mostly crickets. Sad, that.

What makes it sad, leaving Lutheran pastors around the country to engage in a unified whiny weep-fest together after they return home from their Ascension Day Services, is that it simply must mean that Lutherans either a) don't know the importance of this High Feast Day, or b) don't really care about this High Feast Day.

So, this is where I would normally include a detailed article about why Ascension Day is important and why you, as a Christian, should attend Divine Service on this important day, if at all possible. But, given the dual factors that only three to five people actually read the newsletter and that including detailed articles in the past haven't been very effective, I'm going to skip it this year. You can go to our website and read articles from past years if you're interested. Or—and here's a novel idea—you could just come to the Divine Service on **Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Or not. Whatever. Either way, I'll have my sackcloth and ashes ready to join Lutheran pastors all over the country for the annual after-Ascension-Day-Service weep-fest. Can't break tradition, after all. ☺

In Christ,  
*Pastor Messer*

**"Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand."**

# **Ceremonial Catechesis**

## **Silence, Announcements, and "Amen"**

### **Silence**

I remember getting vested on Sunday, July 31, 2005 in what used to be the church office/overflow area, but is now the sacristy/vestry here at Peace. I was very nervous. I was about to lead the Divine Service for the very first time. The butterflies were flitting about something fierce in my stomach. I was going through the Service in my mind over and over again, hoping that I wouldn't leave something out or mess something up. But, as I was going through this inner struggle in the minutes leading up to my pastoral debut, something kept distracting me: the noise coming from the nave. Wow, was it loud. Jokes were being told, producing robust laughter. People were talking about TV shows or events going on in their lives. It was loud in there. So loud that I could barely hear myself think, let alone pray. I remember thinking, in the midst of going through the Service in my mind, "We gotta change this."

And, we did. In pretty short fashion, too. Within a matter of a couple/few months, you could hear the sweet sound of silence in the nave before the Divine Service. That change came about simply by including a statement in our bulletin, which still appears in every Sunday bulletin to this day, teaching about this in Bible Study and mentioning it at meetings, and finally winning the "Battle of the Closed Doors," which consisted of me closing the doors to the nave before the Divine Service only to have someone else open them only to have me close them again only to have someone else open them, etc. until, finally, I stood by the doors, caught people opening them, and politely explained that I'd like to keep them closed. After explaining why, they understood and ceased opening them after I had closed them.

It may seem odd that I would include an article about silence in this Ceremonial Catechesis series, but it's really not. Silence itself is a ceremony and, as you've heard me say time and time again throughout this series, the purpose of ceremonies is to teach the faithful what they need to know about Christ.

Silence in the nave before Divine Service teaches the faithful that, when they enter the nave, they have entered our Lord's Holy House of Prayer. This is the time to "ponder nothing earthly minded," as the hymn stanza quoted above states. It is the time, rather, to prayerfully prepare for the Presence of the Lord and the reception of His Gifts. There is a time to joke around and fill each other in on things that have transpired in our lives during the past week, but this is not the time for that. This is a time for prayerful preparation; a time for meditation; a time to put earthly minded things aside. It is a time for silence.

You should use this silence, dear friends. It is given to you for a purpose. Use it to pray. Use it to meditate upon the fact that your Lord comes to you here in this Holy Place. Use it for self-examination. Use it to read through the readings printed in the bulletin or to read through the hymns we'll be singing during the Service. Use it to read through the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" prepared by Dr. Luther for those intending to go to the Sacrament in the hymnal, or to ponder the Introit (Psalm of the Day) in the bulletin. Or, just bask in the silence and allow your mind to be emptied. Whatever the case, however you use this silence, please do maintain it, so that your brothers and sisters in Christ gathered with you may use it as they wish, too.

There is another noticeable place in the Divine Service where silence is ceremonially observed. It occurs right before the Confession of Sins. There is a rubric in the hymnal for this, which states, “Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.” This silence is purposely included so that the saints gathered may do what that rubric states: Reflect on God’s Word which they just heard (Divine Service 1: “If we say we have no sins, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”; Divine Service 3: “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”) and examine themselves in light of that Word. This a time to consider your sinfulness and utter need of God’s mercy and forgiveness. What sins are weighing most heavily upon you? What do you wish to be doing better in your Christian lives? Etc.

### **Announcements**

I am not a big fan of including announcements before, during, or after the Divine Service. They always just seem so out of place to me. They’re an unnecessary distraction. Do we really need to spend five minutes before, during, or after the Divine Service reading the very same announcements that are printed on the bulletin insert? Of course not. The congregation can read the announcements for themselves. And, if there is something in the printed announcements we’d like to highlight, or something we forgot to include in the announcements, we can make announcements in the fellowship hall while people are enjoying coffee. Better to interrupt our conversations for a minute or so than to interrupt the flow of the Divine Service, in my estimation.

So, we don’t do announcements before, during, or after the Divine Service, and this is purposeful. From the Prelude (before Service music) to the Postlude (after Service music), we let the liturgy, the conversation between God and us, flow unhindered. You might say that we don’t want to let the ceremony of including announcements distract us in any way from the ceremony of the Divine Service from beginning to end.

Having said that, there is nothing evil about including announcements before, during, or after the Divine Service. Many congregations have this tradition, and that’s fine. Often, that tradition includes a welcome from the pastor, who says a few welcoming words to those gathered, makes a few announcements, and directs their attention to the Order of Service and Opening Hymn, after which the Divine Service begins (or something similar during or after the Divine Service). Fine. I’m not going to lose any sleep over it or anything, and neither should you.

What I will say, however, is that the arguments I’ve heard for the insistence of including announcements before, during, or after the Divine Service are unconvincing. The chief argument is that we need to make everyone feel at home, especially those guests who may be with us on a given Sunday. On the surface, this sounds like a fine sentiment, but, upon further reflection, it is misleading. It fails to recognize that, when we step through the doors to enter the nave, we’re walking into the Lord’s House, not our house. As such, it is a Holy Place, where reverence and awe are in order, which gets back to the silence mentioned in the first part of this article. It is very difficult to maintain that reverence and awe when the pastor or someone else stands before the congregation and talks about earthly matters related to the congregation with the intent of making everyone feel welcomed, at home, and relaxed. Often, the ceremony of including announcements is meant to be a sort of “ice-breaker,” but what it almost always turns into is a “reverence-breaker,” especially since the pastor or whoever else might be doing the welcoming and announcements will often deliberately say something witty or funny in the process. As I said above, it just seems out of place and an unnecessary distraction.

That is not to say that we shouldn’t go out of our way to be welcoming and loving toward each other and to-

ward any guests among us. We most definitely should. But, there is a time and place for that. It can be done before or after the Divine Service in the fellowship hall, where it is perfectly fine to be relaxed and say witty and funny things, and to make people feel at home, etc. Please, by all means, if you notice guests among us, let them know how pleased we are that they've joined us. Invite them to sit and have a cup of coffee. Talk to them and try to get to know them. Be welcoming and loving. Invite them back. That's what Christians do.

### "Amen"

The final portion of this month's article is sort of related to the previous section on announcements. The same philosophy that leads some pastors to see announcements as a good ceremony to employ is at work when they lead the Divine Service by announcing to the congregation everything that is about to happen throughout the liturgy. "Please turn in your hymnals to hymn so-and-so, as our opening hymn is . . ." "Please turn to page 151 in your hymnals, as we will now join together in invoking the Name of our Triune God and confessing our sins . . ." "We will now plead to our Lord for mercy in the Kyrie, which is found on page 152 . . ." and so forth. Every time I have encountered a pastor doing this throughout the Divine Service, I've just wanted to say, "Um, everything you're saying is right here in the bulletin. I can read!" Not only that, but Lutherans who are accustomed to using the historic liturgy found in our hymnals don't need to have their hands held and walked through every part of the liturgy. They know it. By heart. They use it week in and week out. They don't need to be told what's going to happen next; they already know. And, if there are guests, they can follow along with the bulletin. This is why we make our bulletins as detailed as they are, including every element of the liturgy, along with page numbers, just in case there are guests among us.

The same is true of the "Amen." The "Amen" is the congregation's word, and it is unfortunate when they are robbed of it by the pastor. "Amen" means "Yes, yes, it is so." It is the word the congregation speaks when their Lord speaks His promises to them through the mouth of the pastor. The pastor says, "In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit," and the congregation says, "Amen." The pastor says, "I forgive you all your sins . . .," and the congregation says, "Amen." The pastor says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always," and the congregation says, "Amen." The pastor blesses those who have communed, and the congregation says, "Amen." And so forth. The pastor doesn't speak the "Amen," because it's not his word to speak. It is the congregation's word. The pastor speaks the Lord's Words of promise and the congregation acknowledges those Words of promise with their "Amen."

Think of it this way: The Lord speaks and it is so. He does not need to say, "Amen." His very Word is His "Amen," since His Word, when spoken, does what it says. During the Divine Service, the pastor serves *in persona Christi*, that is, "in the Person of Christ." That's why he's vested as he is, to cover the sinful man he is, since he is now serving in the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ. He doesn't speak his words before the congregation, but the Lord's Words, and those Words do what they say. Thus, he doesn't say, "Amen" after speaking the Lord's Words of promise, for speaking those very Words of Promise is "Amen" already. The congregation, the saints gathered together in the Name of their Lord, speak the "Amen," acknowledging that what the Lord just spoke to them through the mouth of the pastor is so.

Anyway, there's a little info on why we have preparatory silence, avoid announcements, and leave the "Amens" to the congregation. Nothing overly critical or too deep here, but there are good reasons for even these "lesser ceremonies," too.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Messer*



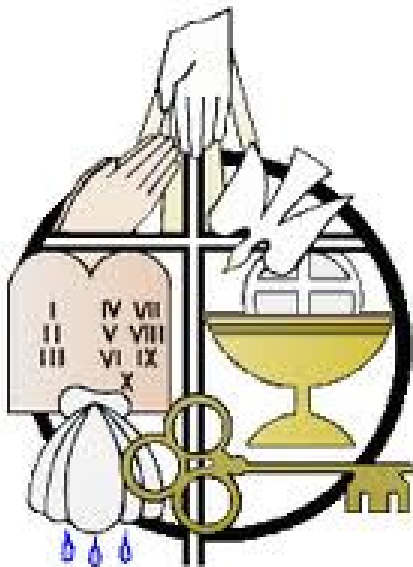
# FIRST COMMUNION FOR FIVE

On Sunday, April 21, we were blessed to welcome five of our children to the holy altar to receive our Lord's very Body and Blood in the Holy Supper for the first time via the Rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation. Pictured below, from left to right: Noah Cross, Zane Luplow, Aaron Cross, Hannah Tennant, Jack Lesinger. Now this holy and precious, true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, strengthen and preserve them in true faith, unto life everlasting. Amen.



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Please keep our six second-year confirmands in your prayers as they complete their catechesis in the next few weeks in preparation for Confirmation: Farrah Blair, Savannah Blair, Aaron Cross, Paige Harwager, Morgan Johnson, and Myka Luplow.



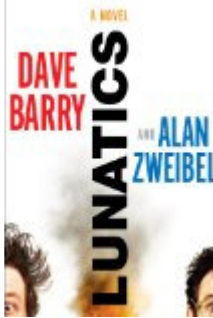
Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for **Sunday, May 26** (Feast of the Most Holy Trinity). The Service of Matins with Public Questioning will be held at 8:15 a.m. and the Rite of Confirmation will take place during Divine Service at 9:30 a.m. If it is at all possible, please join us for Matins that morning, as our confirmands have worked hard in their studies and will be asked to confess their Christian faith before their brothers and sisters in Christ at Peace through the series of several questions, and your support and witness would be greatly appreciated.

# PEACE NEWS & NOTES

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## Peace Book Club

In April, the Book Club discussed ***Lunatics* by Dave Barry and Alan Zweibel**. Actually, discussed is not quite the word. Shared funny part after funny part and laughed hysterically for over two hours better describes what we did. For more on that, you can read a post by Pastor Messer at his blog, titled "Lunatics - Funniest Book Ever" (see his blog address on p. 9; you can find this April 17 entry in the sidebar).



For the May book, we chose ***Revelation* by Doug Couse**. Here's a description of the book:

*Immanuel Christian School was founded to raise up and loose students into the world as prayer warriors for God. One of its students, Johnathen, has a special gift for technology and has begun using that gift to spread the Good News through his video blog. Johnathen knows that he has been marked by God to do great things for His kingdom. What he doesn't know is that he has also been marked by another kingdom, a kingdom of despair and death that will stop at nothing to silence him.*

We will meet on **Tuesday, May 21 at 7 pm** at the home of Sharyn Greening. Please join us for fun, laughter and an all around good time.

## SALT NEWS

Next SALT meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the church**. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

*Please see our Meeting Minutes on the SALT Bulletin Board*

## CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

*(This Sunday, May 5 - See page 10)*

## SPRING TEA

To celebrate and honor our mothers for Mother's Day, we are having our annual Spring Tea on **Saturday, May 11 from 11 am - Noon**. All ladies are invited and welcomed to attend. Please bring your family and friends, too! Please RSVP to Cassie Tennant at 989-481-3027 or [radar214@yahoo.com](mailto:radar214@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you.

## SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

This is an ongoing outreach for the SALT Committee. Please get in touch with Carolyn if you know of a person in the armed forces who is serving abroad. (email [ckj1969@yahoo.com](mailto:ckj1969@yahoo.com)).

## SECOND TIME AROUND SALE

SALT and the Ladies' Guild are planning another Second Time Around Sale. The dates are July 12 and 13. Please begin setting aside any items that you might like to donate to the sale. As the date gets closer, we will let you know when you can begin to bring items to the church.

## SUPPORTING THE MISSION!

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in their mission cans. During the month of April, we received \$100 in donations. If you don't have a mission can there are still several on the table in the fellowship hall.

Any questions should be directed to Cassie Tennant or Pastor Messer.



# PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd



## APRIL

### Happy Birthday

2 Natalie Penzien	22 Chad Bebow
4 LeRoy Isaksson	29 Brandy Pease
4 Daren Johnson	29 Gordon Slick
10 Mary Girard	30 Benjamin Elliott
21 Paige Harwager	31 Aaron Messer

### Happy Anniversary

10 Dick and Dorothy Wiser

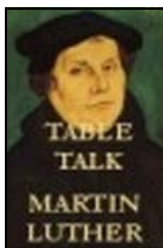
*If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.*

### Table Talk

**(Note the new time and location!)**

Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Table Talk is a great time to take advantage of the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Our next Table Talk will be held on **Thursday, May 16 at 7:45 p.m. at Braveheart's Pub** in Downtown Alma.

Hope you can join us!



### REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

We all love to receive greetings from people who care for us. What better way to remember our shut-ins (when it is difficult for us to make a personal visit) than to send a note or a card periodically to let them know we are thinking of them and to give them something to look forward to in the mail, and especially at this time of the year! Please consider dropping a few lines to our shut-ins during the course of each month.

Marlene Wiltshire  
Warwick Living Center  
842 W. Warwick Dr.  
Alma, MI 48801

Vivian Strom  
Masonic Pathways  
1200 Wright Ave.  
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Joan Burch  
Schnepp Health Care Center  
427 E. Washington  
St. Louis, MI 48880

Also, while correspondence is not requested for him, please remember our dear brother in Christ, Dick Wiser, who is at Pine River in St. Louis, in your prayers.

### LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

Ladies' lunch bunch is taking a break for the summer. Stay tuned for more information as we resume in the fall.

### LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE SUNDAY, JUNE 2

*To be reconvened in  
September . . .*

# Ladies' Guild

## Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild will meet on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 at 12:00 pm.** with Lois Ramsey as hostess. All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our Guild meetings. If you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you are a member of Guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the Guild.

## PLC Women's Prayer Chain

The current list is posted on the Ladies' Guild Bulletin Board. All participants should have a copy. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, or if you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," please see or call Marlene Miller at 463-3710.

## Altar Flowers

There is a flower calendar for 2013 is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We are now working toward ordering altar flower arrangements that coordinate with and enhance the liturgical colors of each Season of the Church year. Depending on the dates, flowers may not always be displayed for a calendar month. Some Seasons of the Church year cross calendar months. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please put your name on the calendar. A bouquet costs \$25. We encourage two persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, attach a note marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Any questions may be directed to Carol Zeile or Coaline Luplow. Thank you for helping to beautify our chancel.

## PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD



The Ladies' Guild is collecting the following items to send to Lutheran World Relief:

## PERSONAL CARE KIT

- 1- BATH SIZE TOWEL
- 2- BATH SIZE BARS OF SOAP
- 1 TOOTHBRUSH (IN ORIGINAL PKG)\*\*
- 1- STURDY COMB
- 1 METAL NAIL CLIPPER (REMOVE FROM PKG.)

\*\*TOOTHBRUSH MULTIPACKS MAY BE USED BY SEALING AN INDIVIDUAL TOOTHBRUSH IN A BUSINESS ENVELOPE.

## COLLECTION DATES:

**April 1 - June 30**

## PEACE LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are available for \$10.00 and can be purchased during fellowship time from any member of the Guild. Please see Coaline Luplow with any questions.

## LADIES GUILD SELLS CUTLERY

Rada cutlery is on display the 3rd Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall during the coffee hour. We have seven different items in stock: Paring Knife, Large Slicer Knife, Tomato Slicer, Serrated Steak Knife, Spatula, Pie Server, and Veggie Peeler. A product catalogue is available for viewing and orders may also be placed through the catalog.



## May

Megan Brown

## June

### Altar Care

Carol Zeile

### Coffee Hostesses

- 2 Janice Sager
- 9 Andrea Elliott
- 16 Gretchen Harrison
- 23 M. Isaksson/H. Meyers
- 30 Katie Logan-Dinco

## July

Carol Zeile

- 7 Shawanna Greening
- 14 Miriam Corss
- 21 Barb DeGrandchamp
- 28 Lisa Messer



- 5 Carol Zeile
- 12 Peace Youth Group
- 19 S Greening/M.Brown
- 26 Dorothy Trgina



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

## Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class (currently studying *Revelation*) is offered on **Sundays at 11:15 a.m.**

## Together in the Word

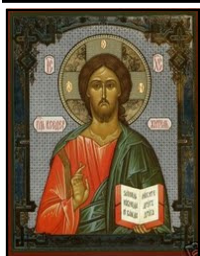
- We meet every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** We are currently studying *2 Kings*. All are welcome to join us!

## Wednesday Bible Study

- Meets every Wednesday at 6 pm for a study of *Acts*.

## First Communion and Confirmation Classes

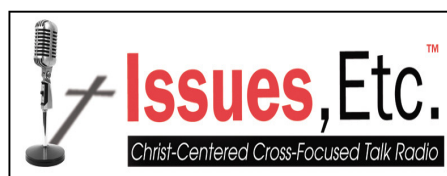
- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); Confirmation Class meets Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



### PASTOR MESSER IS BLOGGING!

[www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com](http://www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com)

*Check in from time to time  
to see what's on his mind.*



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### PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 4/30/13)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 144; Confirmed - 113

Membership gains: 0

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report through 4/30/13

YTD Budgeted.....\$36,975.00

YTD Receipts.....\$35,350.11

Difference.....-\$1,624.89

### "Now Panic and Meltdown" - a blog post by Adriane Dorr

My friend and I drive 40 minutes to church every week. And then we drive 40 minutes home.

People absolutely freak out when they hear this. By the time I explain that I live in Missouri but go to church in Illinois, they are in full-on meltdown mode.

Their reactions usually involve some kind of gasp, a look of horror, a little bit of confusion, and a Jim Gaffigan-style voice that whispers, "That doesn't make any sense!"

But here's the dirty little secret: Lutheranism doesn't make sense. It's a theology that is based on believing what you can't see, getting what you don't deserve, living when you should be dead. It's all about being acquitted when you ought to be condemned, receiving what you should be giving, rejoicing when you could be suffering.

That doesn't make sense. And yet it does. And that's why we are Lutheran.

I grew up in northwest Iowa where nothing is close to anything. But my parents drove us an hour to a faithful Lutheran church, because they believed that what our Lord has to give was worth it. In college, I drove a half hour to a church because I believed it too. Now my parents drive an hour and 15 minutes, into another state, and I drive 40 minutes, across a river and into Illinois, because I get the good stuff at that church.

There I'm given Christ and His cross. I get the Lord's Supper every Sunday. I sit in on a killer Bible study that leaves ME with a gasp, a look of horror, a little bit of confusion, and a Jim Gaffigan-style voice that whispers, "No, really. That doesn't make any sense!"

For that, I would drive hours. Days even. Whatever it took.

We live in a culture where people will drive an entire Saturday to go to their kid's volleyball game. They'll battle 45 minutes of eight lanes of traffic to get to work. They'll speed just as far to get to the mall or the latest restaurant or to see Kenny Chesney's bald head in concert. {Just kidding. He's never gonna take off that baseball hat.}

Those people know that forty minutes is nothing. Really. For what the Lord has to give, those minutes are actually a joy. No meltdown required.



# CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION



**WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 5, 12:30 P.M.**

**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WHAT: A TACO BAR FUNDRAISER FOR SALT**

**PLEASE JOIN US AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY ON MAY 5 FOR A TACO AND NACHO BAR AND OTHER MEXICAN TREATS. A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN AS A FUNDRAISER FOR SALT. IT WILL BE A TIME OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. GUESTS ARE WELCOME, SO INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**





**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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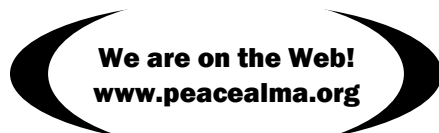
# May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 12:00 pm - Ladies' Guild 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Serv. St. Philip & St. James	<b>2</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers <i>No Confirmation Class</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Rogate (Easter 6)</b> 8:30 am - Choir Practice <b>9:30 am - Divine Service</b> 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 12:30 am - Cinco de Mayo fundraiser 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm - Council	<b>8</b> 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service C.F.W. Walther (Obs.)	<b>9</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6 pm - Confirmation Class 7 pm - Divine Service Ascension of Our Lord	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11:00 a.m. - Spring Tea
<b>12 Exaudi (Easter 7)</b> 8:30 am - Choir Practice <b>9:30 am - Divine Service</b> 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>No Bible Study or Service</i>	<b>16</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6 pm - Confirmation Class 7:45 pm - Table Talk (@ Braveheart's Pub)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. - Sewing/ Knitting Group
<b>19 Feast of Pentecost</b> 8:30 am - Choir Practice <b>9:30 am - Divine Service</b> 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm - Peace Book Club @ Sharyn's house	<b>22</b> 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7:00 pm - Divine Service Pentecost Mon. & Tues. (Obs.)	<b>23</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6 pm - Confirmation Class	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Feast of The Holy Trinity</b> Confirmation Sunday 8:15 am - Matins w/ Questioning <b>9:30 am - Divine Service</b> 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 p.m. - SALT	<b>29</b> 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7:00 pm - Divine Service St. Justin Martyr (Obs.)	<b>30</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - WW	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b>

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## *Serving in May*

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS
<b>May</b>				
5 - 9:30 am <i>Rogate (Easter 6)</i>	Larry Elliott	Paige Harwager Myka Luplow	Gabriel Blair Gary Miller	Yvonne Elenbaas Mary Girard
9 - 7:00 pm <i>Ascension Day</i>	Larry Elliott	Savannah Blair Aaron Messer	Vern Jakolat Bill Hendrick	
12 - 9:30 am <i>Exaudi (Easter 7)</i>	Terry Luplow	Aaron Cross Farrah Blair	Chris Brown Troy Cross	Sharyn Greening
19 - 9:30 am <i>Whitsunday (Feast of Pentecost)</i>	Miguel Ortiz	Morgan Johnson Natalie Penzien	Tyrel Harwager Daren Johnson	Elliott family
26 - 9:30 am <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	Gabriel Blair	Sierra Luplow Savannah Blair	Miguel Ortiz John Lemmermann	Terry & Coaline Luplow
<b>June</b>				
2 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 1</i>	Larry Elliott	Paige Harwager Aaron Messer	Terry Luplow Jon Penzien	Lillian Manns Lois Ramsey

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