

Cross Lutheran Church, Burlington, WI

CROSS CONNECTIONS—May, 2023

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Dear Fellow Workers in Christ,

This month we celebrate the Day of Pentecost – the day we hear how the Holy Spirit breathed on all the believers and the Church was born. The Spirit didn't just touch certain people with amazing gifts. *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.* (Acts 2:4). It had to be an amazing experience and a wonderful thing to be a part of. The experience filled them with such awe that *all who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.* (Acts 2:44-45).

We don't get to experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in quite the same way as they did some 2100 years ago. Ours is a bit more subdued and perhaps understated. Each year, at our semi-annual meeting (this year on May 7), we come together and witness the work of the Spirit as we elect our leadership for the coming year. There are no tongues of flame and no violent wind, but the same Spirit wells up in those who have stepped forward to serve.

Unfortunately, it sometimes takes work to "find" these leaders as phone calls are made, conversations had in church, and mission moments given to seek to embolden people to say, "Yes!". This year, you'll see that we have a full slate of names to fill all positions except for the Nominating Team. This, I imagine, is due to two misunderstandings; people don't see this as a "leadership" team; or they see it as too much work to try to convince people to serve. I suspect it's mostly the second.

If we truly understood the Holy Spirit and how it is at work in each one of us today, the Nominating Committee would have the easiest job of all and not have to ask anyone to serve. Their work would shift to making sure we have the best candidates for each position. If we truly understood how the Spirit works through our faith, we wouldn't be afraid to step forward and say, "I would like to ...".

We tend to forget that the gifts we have are not for hiding; nor are they to be forgotten. We are encouraged – called – to share our gifts, to live as part of the Body of Christ. *For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.* (1 Corinthians 12:12-13a). God's intention is not that we wait to be called. We are called to step up and ask where we can serve.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:7). It isn't a question of if you will serve. The question is, where will you serve? How will you serve? Yes, leadership teams are set for the year, but we still need everyone to step up and find a place to help this wonderful Body of Christ move forward in God's mission.

In Christ,
Pastor John



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CROSS PRAYERS LIST

“Pray for
another,
so that you will be
healed”



James 5:26

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Annie Bailey | Dan Konicek |
| Cody Baumgart | Milt Konicek |
| Don Brink | Ryan Larson |
| Jim Brink | Bev Leonard |
| Mary Burton | Howard Murrah |
| Pat Christopherson | John Oldenburg |
| Liam Finucane | Etta Olson |
| Tiffany Freiwald | Bob Remer |
| Jeff Gayhart | Delta Shine |
| Richard Griebel | Addison Smith |
| Jim Kohler | Ryan Tate |

Jessica, Mapenzi and Clarisse, the children
we sponsor through World Vision.

MAY VOLUNTEERS: Assisting Ministers

| DATE | TIME | ASSISTING MINISTER |
|--------|---------|-----------------------|
| May 5 | 5:00pm | Nancy Dey |
| May 6 | 10:00pm | Rachel Bennett |
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| May 12 | 5:00pm | Bob Remer |
| May 13 | 10:00am | Barb Tate |
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| May 20 | 5:00pm | Anita Mucci |
| May 21 | 10:00am | Lois Berg |
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| May 27 | 5:00pm | Brenda Belot |
| May 28 | 10:00am | Bruce Tate |
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| June 3 | 5:00am | Ryan Jazdzewski |
| June 4 | 9:00am | Rachel Bennett |

ASSISTANT MINISTERS

We are always looking for
Assisting Ministers.

If anyone is
interested, or you may know of
someone who would be interested
in, please call the church office at
262-763-6570.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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ALTAR GUILD

We are looking for
someone to set-up
before and clean-up after
service on Sundays. It
takes roughly 10 minutes
to

set-up and maybe 20
minutes to clean-up.

Please consider being
part of the Altar Guild
team. If interested or
have

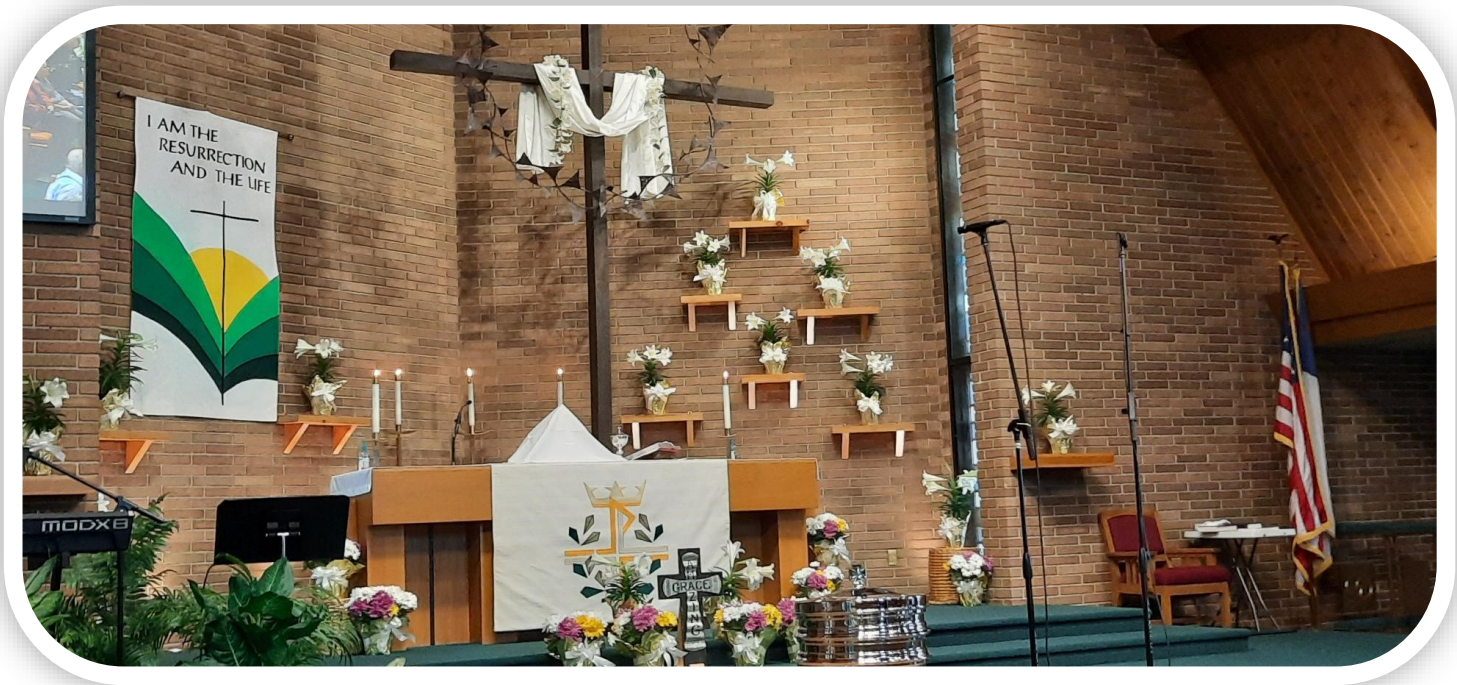
questions, please call
Marlene Remer at
262-210-7465

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|------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 5/1 | Bailey, Mrs Annette V. (Annie) | 5/15 | Goodman, Mr Jerome R. |
| 5/1 | Rozeski, Ms Patricia (Patti) | 5/16 | Lee, Mr Josh |
| 5/2 | Sime, Mr John | 5/16 | Deans, Evan |
| 5/2 | Owen, Mr Jared | 5/16 | Owen, Edison Craig |
| 5/2 | Hammitt, John Jacob | 5/18 | Bohnsack, Mrs Reta Mae |
| 5/3 | Duesing, Mr Christopher (Chris) | 5/18 | Rasmussen, Ms Diane |
| 5/3 | Tate, Emily | 5/18 | Knutowski, Ms Barbara Kuehn |
| 5/4 | Vorpagel, Mrs Kelly | 5/19 | Currah, Mr Patrick |
| 5/4 | Sagedal, Hunter | 5/19 | Richards, Jacob Tyler |
| 5/4 | Sagedal, Ty | 5/19 | Krueger, Jake |
| 5/5 | Duesing, Emily | 5/19 | Sagedal, Brenna |
| 5/5 | Koldeway, Austin | 5/20 | Rachwal, Mrs Teri |
| 5/6 | Currah, Jacob | 5/21 | Holle, Quentin |
| 5/7 | Hefty, Walter Hayes | 5/22 | Gesteland, Mr Zachary Earl (Zach) |
| 5/7 | Plehn, Adalynn Rae | 5/23 | Brink, Mrs Charlotte |
| 5/8 | James, Mrs Christine (Chris) | 5/23 | Diggins, Molly A. |
| 5/9 | Bandoli, Mrs Theresa (Terrie) | 5/24 | Burright, Mrs Polly |
| 5/9 | Henning, Logan Alan | 5/24 | Dummer, Jake Michael |
| 5/10 | Seering, Mrs Darlene | 5/25 | Cramer, Mrs Jill |
| 5/10 | Fox, Mrs Paula Jo | 5/25 | Wendorf, Mrs Christi |
| 5/10 | Oldenburg, Aiden Harold | 5/26 | Belau, Mr Robert (Bob) |
| 5/11 | Hintz, Mr Jerry | 5/26 | Nelson, Mr Gary |
| 5/11 | White, Mr Thomas (Tom) | 5/27 | Krueger, Mrs Sharon |
| 5/11 | Brink, Rev John (Pr John) | 5/27 | Lejcar, Mrs Kristi Lynn |
| 5/11 | Bochat, Mr Doug | 5/28 | Jacobs, Mrs Annabelle (Ann) |
| 5/11 | Tate, Mrs Lisa | 5/28 | Hennegan, Amelia |
| 5/11 | Robshaw, Lilianna (Lily) | 5/28 | Jones, Sawyer Lucas |
| 5/11 | Jones, Lillian Nichole | 5/29 | DeRosia, Mr Joseph (Joe) |
| 5/12 | Burton, Mrs Barbara (Barb) | 5/29 | Oliver, Mr Rodney |
| 5/13 | Mucci, Mrs Anita | 5/30 | Dixon, Mrs Keri Anne |
| 5/13 | Jones, McKenna Ryleigh | 5/30 | Chart, Charlotte Ann |
| 5/14 | Moericke, Morgan Ella | 5/31 | O'Reilly, Mrs Nancy L. |

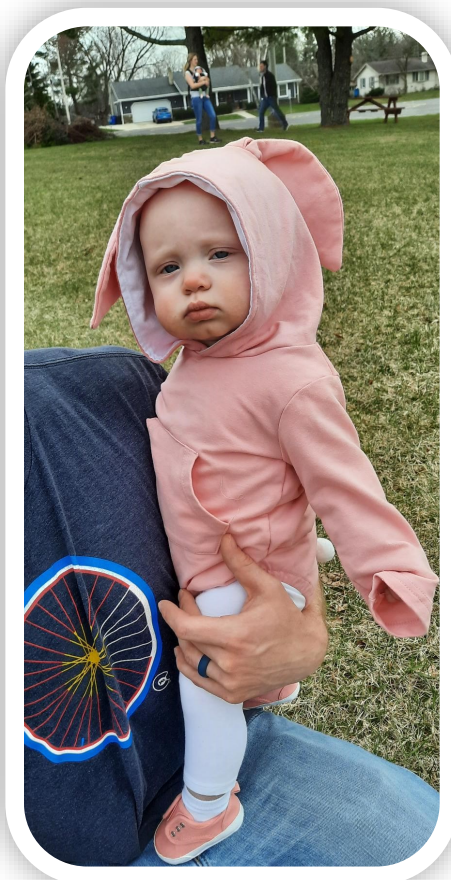
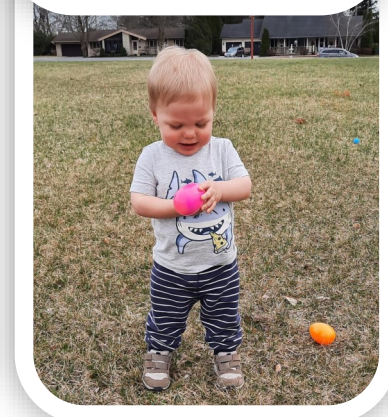
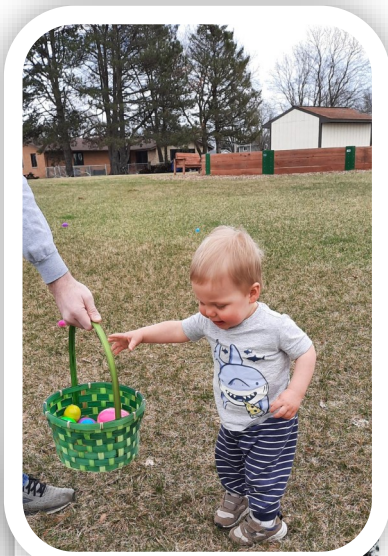
EPHESIANS 2:10

***“For we are God’s workmanship,
Created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
Which God prepared in advance for us to do.”***

Easter Sunday Worship at Cross Lutheran Church—April 9, 2023



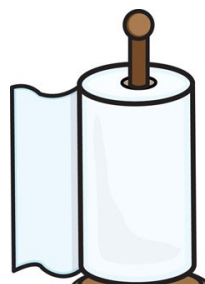
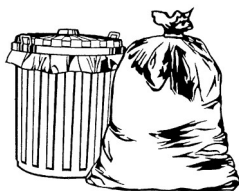
Easter Egg Hunt at Cross Lutheran Church—April 8, 2023



SERVING TEAM—COLLECTION EVENT FOR MAY

The collection of **Paper and Household Products** for Love, Inc. that began in April will be continued during May. The items wanted: Toilet paper, Facial tissues, Napkins, Paper towels, Trash bags, Dish soap, Laundry Detergent, Fabric softener. These are nonfood items that cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamp) benefits. **The donations may be placed in front of the "Welcome Desk" in the narthex.**

Serving Team (Marilynn, Barb and Terrie)



CONNECTING TEAM— BIG THANK YOU!!

thank you

Thank you to all who helped make our Lenten Soup Suppers so successful! Thank you to the soup makers, dessert bakers, salad creators and those who volunteered to help and to host and clean up.

A special thanks to Marlene Remer for setting up each Wednesday and creating a welcome addition of a salad bar.

Thank you to those of you who gathered with us and we hope it was a positive experience for all.

The goodwill offering for an electric sign fund was \$1,158.00. Thank you for your support.

*The righteous
person faces
many troubles,
but the Lord
comes to the
rescue each
time.*

Psalms 34:19

SUPPORT GROUPS

◇For **Women's AA** contact Marlene K. at 262-210-5918 for more information.

◇The **Family Caregiver Support Group** that met at Cross the 3rd Wednesday of each month is a part of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Racine County. This group is not meeting at this time. When they resume meetings, we will share information.

◇**Healing Hearts Support Group** (normally met the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the upper level at the Coffee House) is currently not meeting. For future information on reopening, contact: healinghearts@mail.com.

SAFE FAMILIES

This organization is dedicated to help families in crisis. It helps give temporary aid when needed. If you can help in any way, please call Terry Erb of our congregation for more info at 262-492-8615.

LOVE INC.

Love, Inc. is always in need of volunteers to help in their food pantry or sorting through donations.

Please visit love-inc.net/volunteer/opportunities for the most up to date list of volunteers needed.

For more information on how to donate and what to donate, please visit love-inc.net/donate.

Make sure to follow Love, Inc. on Facebook (@Loveincwi) for the most up to date information on hours of operation, donations being accepted and more.

World Vision is a Christian Humanitarian Organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, we serve alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God’s unconditional love for all people. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

Sponsors are needed for Mapenzi, Jessica and Clarisse, the three World Vision girls sponsored by Cross. **Sponsors are needed for September, October, November and December. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the welcome desk.** One girl can be sponsored for \$40 a month or all three girls for \$120 a month. Designate “World Vision Sponsor” on the memo line of your check. “Your donations get combined with other sponsors’ gifts to support community-wide projects that benefit” Mapenzi, Jessica and Clarisse and other vulnerable children in areas like “CHILD PROTECTION, CLEAN WATER, HEALTH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT and SPIRITUAL NURTURE.” “This approach means more kids can thrive, not just those who are sponsored!”

~Serving Team Members

Mission Council Minutes—April 11, 2023

Present: Pr. John Brink, President Andy Johnson, Vice President Marie Way, Rachel Bennett, Joyce Etter, Secretary Patty Oldenburg.

Excused: Terry Erb

6:36 – Called to order.

Opening Prayer – Pastor John

MOTION – by Marie Way, second by Joyce Etter, to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2023 meeting. – **Approved**

Pastors' Highlights:

- **Pastor John**, Holy week was fun and Easter was awesome! There were 163 in attendance which was so good to see.
There are three classes left of confirmation. The remaining sessions will focus on discussing difficult questions about being a Lutheran.
The Saturday service liturgy will be changing to Setting 10.
Pastor John and Bob will be installing security cameras, one overlooking the narthex and the other at the carport doors. The carport door will also have a doorbell. Pastor will look for some type of doorbell for the new narthex sliding doors, and possibly an additional camera for the education doors.

Major Ministries

- **RIC Discussion** – Pastor John was pleased with the conversation he had with Ashlei, the Director of Program and Engagement of the ELCA. She was able to answer all of the questions he and the council had. Next, we will put together a core group of volunteers who are passionate about welcoming and inclusion at Cross. In May look for a newsletter item and a Mission Moment to let people know we are looking for volunteers for the core group leadership roles.
- **Electronic Sign** – Marie will get some current quotes for the sign and she will do the leg work with the city specifications. The Business Board approved that \$11,000 from the Undesignated Memorial Fund be used for the purchase of the sign. This is in addition to the approved \$5000.00 from the Endowment Board along with the profits from the turkey dinner. Marie will be in contact with the Building and Grounds Committee regarding permits, sign placement, etc.
- **Solar Panels** – A motion was made at the annual meeting to have the church look into the use of solar panels. Marie has agreed to be the point person to research the solar panels and the heat pump option.
- **Mission Council Leadership** – Tonight is Marie Way's last Mission Council meeting after fulfilling a six-year term. Council discussed her replacement as Vice President. It was decided to table further discussion until the May meeting with our two new council representatives. Terry Erb has also completed her six-year term. We will miss the leadership and enthusiasm that both Marie and Terry have given to the Mission Council over these past six years.

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Mission Council Minutes— *Continued*

- **Minor Ministries/Other Business**

Spring Semi-Annual Meeting, May 7th – The meeting will take place after the 10:00 service in the sanctuary. Andy will connect with Dorothy Hakala regarding the completed revised election ballot. Marie will take notes at the meeting in Patty’s absence.

Thank You Notes – Marie

Closing with The Lord’s Prayer – All

Meeting adjourned – 7:43 p.m.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 16, 2023 - 6:30 in person, church library.

Respectfully submitted, Patty Oldenburg - Mission Council Secretary

“TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST”

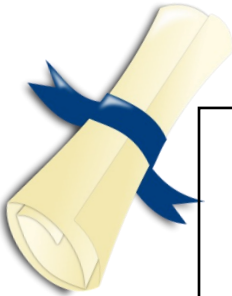


Congregational Meeting -
The Semi-annual Congregational Meeting
is Sunday May 7th at 11:00.

FINANCIAL REPORT—As of 03/31/2023

| | | EXPENSES | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Jan. | \$22,793.76 | \$33,431.50 | -\$10,637.74 |
| Feb. | \$26,787.59 | \$25,281.34 | \$1,506.25 |
| Mar. | \$25,204.32 | \$23,948.74 | \$1,255.58 |
| Apr. | | | \$0.00 |
| May | | | \$0.00 |
| Jun. | | | \$0.00 |
| Jul. | | | \$0.00 |
| Aug. | | | \$0.00 |
| Sept. | | | \$0.00 |
| Oct. | | | \$0.00 |
| Nov. | | | \$0.00 |
| Dec. | | | \$0.00 |
| Totals | | | -\$7,875.91 |
| Major Maintenance | Major Maintenance | | \$85,279.15 |
| Parking Lot Fund | | | \$38,892.59 |
| Parking Lot CD | | | \$125,000.00 |
| General Scholarship | | 2023 | \$1,090.00 |

***ENDOWMENT FUND**
 The Endowment Fund Memorial Book is displayed in a stand in the narthex. Thank you to Carol Fischer, the Church Office Administrator, for updating it to list the memorials given to the Endowment Fund during 2021 and 2022.



Calling all graduates! We will be honoring our graduates—
 both High School and College -
Saturday, May 20 at 5pm Worship
&
Sunday, May 21 at 10am Worship



Cross Lutheran Staff & Ministry Leadership Teams

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays In-person - 5pm

Sundays In-person & On-line - 10am (9am Summer)

* Facebook: [@crossburlington](#)

* YouTube Channel

* Website: www.cross-church.org

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor - Pastor John Brink

Church Office Administrator - Carol Fischer

Financial Administrator - Bobbie Abel

Custodian - Bob Remer

CHURCH MUSIC STAFF

Organist - Ginny Richards

Part-time Organist - Brian Plehn

Contemporary Music Director - Brian Plehn

Joyful Voice Director - Brian Plehn

Chapel Bells Director - Open position

CONTACT INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday—9:30am to 2:30pm

Cross Office: 262-763-6570

Emergency: 262-757-8111

E-mail: crossbur@cross-church.org.

Noah's Ark: 262-767-9095

Website: www.cross-church.org.

Facebook: [@crossburlington](#)

Instagram: [@crosslutheranburlington](#)

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Call the office for further information

LUTHERDALE REPRESENTATIVES

John Hakala

Blaine Warren

LIFETIME LEARNERS SCHOLARSHIP

Dorothy Hakala

Matt Nie

SYNOD VOTING MEMBERS

Cheryl Theis

THRIVENT REPRESENTATIVES

Scott Herrmann: 262-716-5454

Call 800-Thrivent to direct your "choice" dollars

MISSION COUNCIL

Andy Johnson, President

Marie Way, Vice-President

Patty Oldenburg, Secretary

Rachel Bennett

Terry Erb

John Hakala

BUSINESS BOARD

Lois Berg, Director

Chuck Stublely, Secretary

Doug Bouchat, Treasurer

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Scott Bourassa John Oldenburg

Brian Erb Rodney Oliver

Terry Long Bob Remer

CONNECTING TEAM

Anita Mucci

Pam Murphy

Marlene Remer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dorothy Hakala Pam Murphy

Anita Mucci Beth Oliver

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Patricia Christopherson John Oldenburg

John Hakala Chuck Stublely

SERVING TEAM

Theresa Bandoli

Marilynn Hansen

Barb Tate

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Bonnie Flitcroft

Suzanne Sorenson

Amy Warren

ENDOWMENT BOARD

Marilynn Hansen, President

Doug Belot, Vice President

Blaine Warren, Secretary



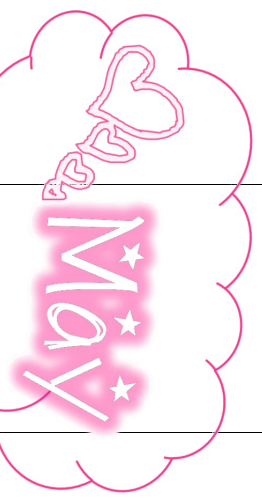
Chuck Stublely, Treasurer

Annie Bailey, Trustee

Sharon Johnson, Trustee

Beth Oliver, Trustee

May 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 7 8:50am Sunday School Singst 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 11:00am Semi-Annual Meeting | 1 6:30pm Tiger Den Meeting | 2 9:30am Gospel Gathering 10:45pm Staff Meeting 4pm Connecting Team Meeting 4pm Serving Team Meeting 6:30pm Scouts Committee | 3 6pm Confirmation Class 6pm Praise Team 7pm Choir Practice | 4 6:30pm Bear Den Meeting | 5 Circo de Mayo | 6 9:00am Men's Ministry 9:00am Fireside—Grumpier Old Men 5pm Worship |
| 14— Mother's Day 8:50am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship  | 15 | 16 9:30am Gospel Gathering 10:45pm Staff Meeting 1:30pm Pastor John at Pine Brook Pointe 6pm Building & Grounds Meeting | 17 NO CONFIRMATION 6pm Praise Team 7pm Choir Practice | 18 6:30pm Ruth Circle | 19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 20 9:00am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship |
| 21 8:50am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship— Choir sings! w/Graduation Recognition 11:00am Communications | 22 | 23 9:30am Gospel Gathering 10:45pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Business Board Meeting | 24 2pm Pastor John @ The Bay NO CONFIRMATION | 25 4pm Noah's Ark Moving Up Ceremony | 26 9am Quilting Ministry | 27 9:00am Men's Ministry 5pm Worship w/ Graduation Recognition |
| 28 8:50am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship | 29— Memorial Day  | 30 9:30am Gospel Gathering 10:45pm Staff Meeting | 31 |  | | |



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Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Saturday: Open for worship at 5pm until after service.
Sunday: Open for worship at 10am service

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