

# Our Journey Together

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## The more things change...

a word from  
Pastor Teresa

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - *Hebrews 13:8*



By now, you all should have received the letter from Bryan Breitling explaining that I will be taking a short term medical leave for the month of May. Our DS, Bob Ruedebusch is working on making sure we have pastoral coverage during this time.

This month also marks confirmation, graduation, and is generally a time of transition for many. While this change can be scary, or even overwhelming, we must remember that the work of the church goes on, and, as our verse above states: Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday, today, and forever!! No matter what, Christ does not change.

No matter if you face the transitions ahead with joy and excitement or fear and trembling, this time will be a time, as all times are, in which Christ walks with us, upholds us, and guides us on our way.

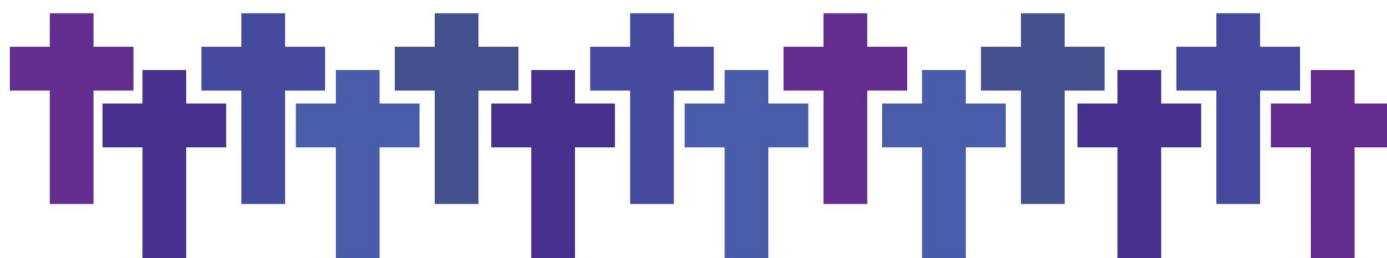
We need not fear for Christ goes with us, wherever we go. But there is something else that goes with us, no matter what...and that is the love of one another. That love, of Christ and of each other, will give us the strength to go on, to face the future unafraid. So, continue to love one another well.

That will take us through this time of transition well. We can uphold one another in love and the knowledge and love of Jesus. We will make it through this time of change, this time of transition, this time of upheaval!!



## Content Due

Do you have items you would like included in next month's newsletter? If so, please have them into the church office no later than May 20.



## Financial Update from Administrative Council



### **Financial Update as of March 31, 2022:**

2022 General Fund Income Year to Date:	\$53,586.79
2022 General Fund Expenses Year to Date:	\$42,569.30
General Fund Difference:	<b>\$11,017.49</b>



### **Challenge**

At the start of a New Year there is a time for new beginnings, for fresh starts. So, this year I have a challenge and an invitation for all of you. Would you join with me in reading through the Bible this year. Each month in the newsletter I will include a daily reading schedule. This schedule takes a bit from the Old Testament, a bit from the New Testament, and a bit from the Psalms and Proverbs each day. This is a fun way to learn and grow together as a body of faith—if we are all reading the same pieces of Scripture on the same days, and seeing how God uses that to bless us, and our community through us. If there is a desire, I would also love to hold a weekly discussion group on our readings to further our understanding of the readings. Please contact Pastor Teresa if you are interested in that.

Let's take up this challenge, and see what great things God will do!



### **Birthdays:**

May 1 Marsha Howard  
May 2 Merle Bertsch  
May 2 Riley Canham  
May 2 Mason Russell  
May 7 Beverly Cain  
May 10 Camden Breitling  
May 13 Marla Bertsch  
May 16 Jim Keeter, Sr.  
May 17 Nicholas Bertsch  
May 24 Doris Jury  
May 29 Bill Speirs  
May 31 Aidan Palmer

### **Anniversaries:**

May 2 Marvin & Pat Hasart  
May 20 Mike & Shelly Moncur  
May 28 Mason & Jaime Russell  
May 28 Rod & Mary Wagner  
May 30 Joe & Andrea Fiala

BIBLE IN A YEAR READINGS FOR MAY

Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms/Proverbs
May 1	Joshua 19, Joshua 20, Joshua 21:1-19	John 2:1-25	Psalms 54:1-7
122	Joshua 21:20-45, Joshua 22	John 3:1-21	Psalms 55:1-11
123	Joshua 23, Joshua 24	John 3:22-36	Psalms 55:12-23
124	Judges 1, Judges 2:1-5	John 4:1-26	Proverbs 11:9-18
125	Judges 2:6-23, Judges 3	John 4:27-42	Psalms 56:1-13
126	Judges 4, Judges 5	John 4:43-54, John 5:1-15	Psalms 57:1-6
127	Judges 6, Judges 7:1-8	John 5:16-30	Psalms 57:7-11
128	Judges 7:8-25, Judges 8	John 5:31-47	Proverbs 11:19-28
129	Judges 9	John 6:1-24	Psalms 58:1-11
130	Judges 10, Judges 11	John 6:25-59	Psalms 59:1-8
131	Judges 12, Judges 13	John 6:60-71, John 7:1-13	Psalms 59:9-19
132	Judges 14, Judges 15	John 7:14-44	Proverbs 11:29-31, Proverbs 12:1-7
133	Judges 16, Judges 17	John 7:45-53, John 8:1-11	Psalms 60:1-4
134	Judges 18, Judges 19	John 8:12-30	Psalms 60:5-12
135	Judges 20, Judges 21	John 8:31-59	Psalms 61:1-8
136	Ruth 1, Ruth 2	John 9:1-34	Proverbs 12:8-17
137	Ruth 3, Ruth 4	John 9:35-41, John 10:1-21	Psalms 62:1-12
138	1 Samuel 1, 1 Samuel 2:1-26	John 10:22-42	Psalms 63:1-11
139	1 Samuel 2:27-36, 1 Samuel 3, 1 Samuel 4	John 11:1-44	Psalms 64:1-10
140	1 Samuel 5, 1 Samuel 6, 1 Samuel 7	John 11:45-57, John 12:1-11	Proverbs 12:18-27
141	1 Samuel 8, 1 Samuel 9, 1 Samuel 10:1-8	John 12:12-26	Psalms 65:1-13
142	1 Samuel 10:9-27, 1 Samuel 11, 1 Samuel 12	John 12:37-50, John 13:1-17	Psalms 66:1-12
143	1 Samuel 13, 1 Samuel 14:1-23	John 13:18-38	Psalms 66:13-20
144	1 Samuel 14:24-52, 1 Samuel 15	John 14:1-31	Proverbs 12:28, Proverbs 13:1-9
145	1 Samuel 16, 1 Samuel 17:1-37	John 15, John 16:1-4	Psalms 67:1-7
146	1 Samuel 17:38-58, 1 Samuel 18	John 16:5-33, John 17:1-5	Psalms 68:1-6
147	1 Samuel 19, 1 Samuel 20	John 17:6-26	Psalms 68:7-14
148	1 Samuel 21, 1 Samuel 22, 1 Samuel 23	John 18:1-24	Proverbs 13:10-19
149	1 Samuel 24, 1 Samuel 25	John 18:25-40	Psalms 68:15-20
150	1 Samuel 26, 1 Samuel 27, 1 Samuel 28	John 19:1-27	Psalms 68:21-27
151	1 Samuel 29, 1 Samuel 30, 1 Samuel 31	John 19:28-42, John 20:1-9	Psalms 68:28-35

## Confirmation

On May 1st we will celebrate the confirmation of:  
Marshall Conkey, Ellie Gates, Madison Kopecky, Jolie Palmer,  
& Journey Palmer. Join us at 9:30 for a reception and 10:30 for  
worship.



## Cradle Rocking

Our church family has been blessed with new life and birth  
this year. On Mother's Day, May 8th, we will be rocking Isaac  
Fink and Ayson VanDerWerff. Please join with us in this tra-  
dition of Cradle Rocking the new babies of the year.



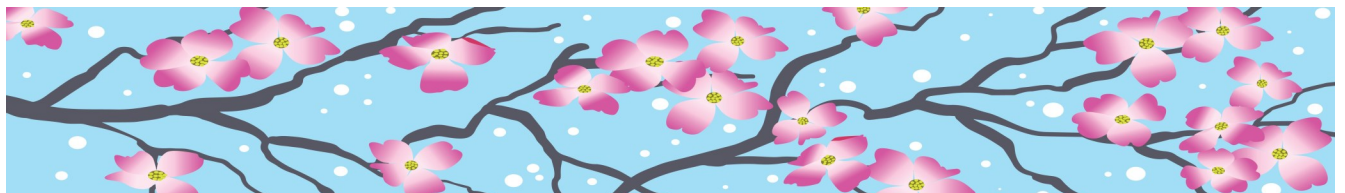
## Graduation

On May 15, we will recognize and celebrate this  
year's high school graduates: Kael Ruhnke and Brielee  
Conkey. Please make plans to join us as we celebrate  
the accomplishment of these 2 fabulous young  
women.



## Love Offering

On May 1st we will be collecting a love offering for Pastor  
Teresa and Virgil as they continue on Teresa's health  
journey. Donations can be given on May 1 at church, or if  
you are unable to be here that day, your gift can be  
mailed or brought to the church office. Pastor Teresa has  
always been here for us in our needs so let's return that  
love and care to her in this means of a love gift. Let's  
continue to keep them in constant prayer.





# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day 	9 Leadership 	10 1 United Women in Faith 	11 11 United Women in Faith 	12	13	14
15 Cradle Rocking 	16	17	18 Work Day Lutheran Church 10-2 	19 26 	20	21
22 Honor Graduates	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Spare Change Day 	30	31				

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## Lighting the way for others

When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (lggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness?  
How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?