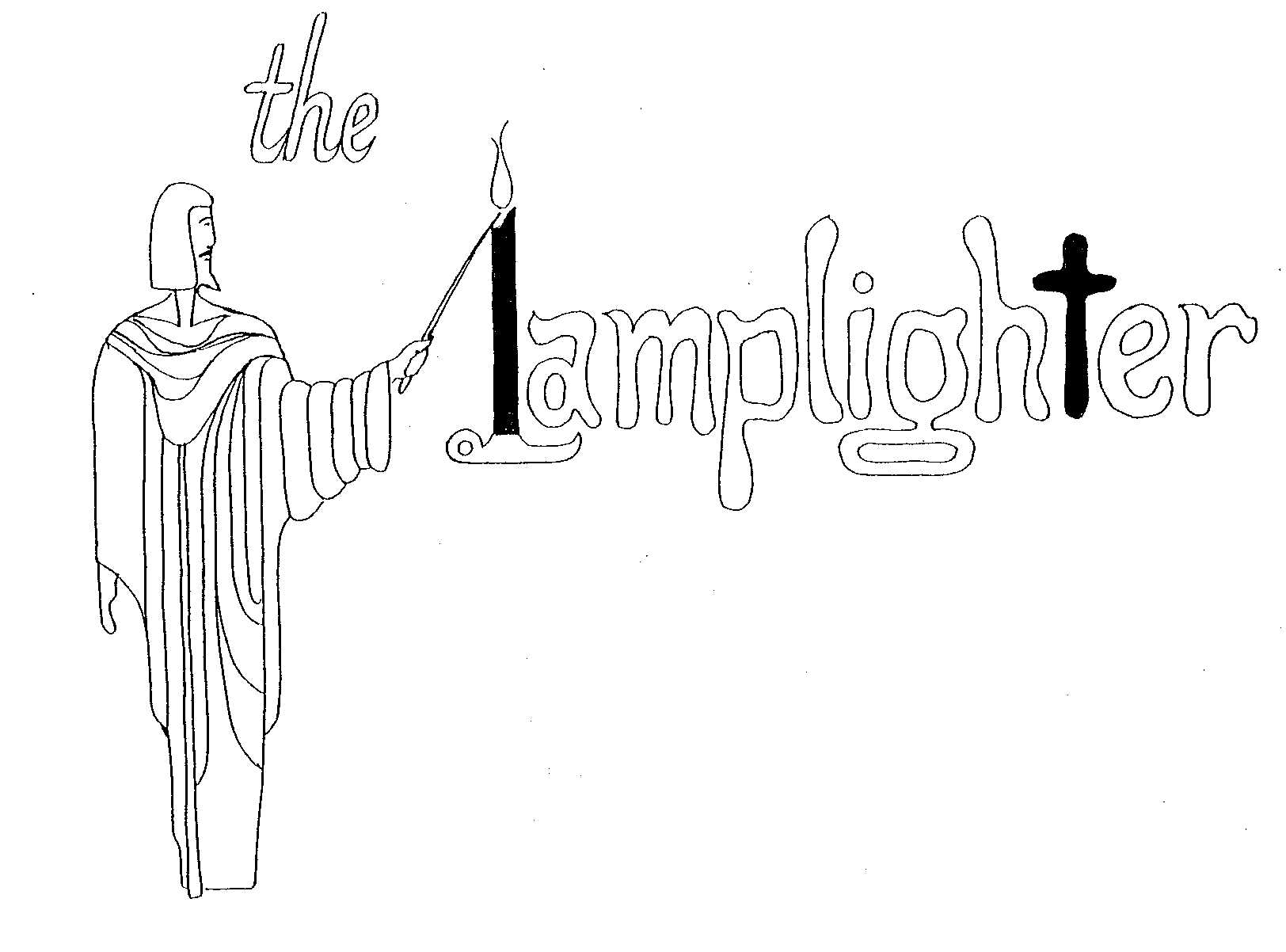
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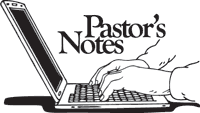
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****Pentecost**

*Jesus said, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” (John 14:26)*

The world changed that first Easter morning. When Jesus rose from the dead, He declared victory over sin, death, and the Devil for us.

For 40 days following the resurrection, Jesus appeared to numerous people. He appeared to the women at the tomb on the morning that He rose. Later that day, He appeared to two of His followers on the road to Emmaus *(Luke 24:13-35)*, and that evening, He appeared to His disciples in the upper room. Saint Paul tells us that Jesus *“appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.”* *(1 Corinthians 15:6)*. After 40 days, Jesus brought His Disciples to a hill outside the city of Jerusalem. There, He foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then ascended into heaven.

Ten days later, 50 days after the resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples. Tongues of fire rested on each of them, and they were able to speak in the languages of the people who were gathered in Jerusalem. The Disciples spoke of the mighty works of God. From then on, the Disciples went out into the world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus crucified and risen to save sinful people like us. The day is called Pentecost, which means “fiftieth,” because the Spirit came 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead.

In the next couple of weeks, we will celebrate the Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. **The Ascension is on Thursday, May 9th**. We will celebrate the Ascension the previous day at our Midweek Service on **May 8th at 6:30pm.** We will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 19th as we remember the coming of the Spirit.

We sometimes refer to Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. This is true in the sense that Pentecost is the day that the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples and sent them to carry the Gospel out to all the world. However, the Church was already there, and the Spirit was already at work prior to Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit did not do anything new on the Day of Pentecost, nor at any other time. The Spirit simply speaks that which the Father and the Son have given Him to speak. He brings to mind the mighty wonders of God in sending Jesus to be our Savior. He reminds us that Jesus was crucified for our transgressions and raised from the dead for our redemption. The Spirit calls us to faith, leads us to repentance, and brings us the forgiveness that Jesus won for us on the cross. He does His work of sanctification - that is, making us holy - by nurturing us with God’s Word and through the Sacraments of Baptism and The Lord’s Supper.

The Spirit continues this work of pointing us to Jesus every time we gather together for worship. Come and receive the Lord’s gifts given to us on Sundays at 10:00am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Pastor Jonathan Schultz

**June Lamplighter DEADLINE**

*Please have your calendar items into the church office by:*

**Monday, May 20th!!**

**A person and kids planting plants

Description automatically generatedA group of people running towards a cross

Description automatically generatedWEE DISCIPLES**

*He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark 10:14*

Spring has finally arrived! The Wee Disciples students have been busy learning about different bugs and watching them hatch and grow. Soon the children will get an opportunity to learn about planting seeds, watering, weeding, and watching their plants grow as they learn about gardening with our new, above-ground garden box that is going to be situated near the playground. The children will also be planting a garden at the Pea Pods Community Gardens again this year.

Another school year is quickly coming to an end. Thank you for sharing your child or children with us this year! The last day of school will be on June 6. Plans are tentatively being made to have our family picnic that day. Watch for more information concerning this event! Our **End-of-year/Graduation Family Chapel** will be held on **June 4th at 6:30pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the chapel service.

**May 6th -10th** will be **Staff Appreciation Week**. We are thankful for the many wonderful staff members and volunteers at Wee Disciples. Currently we have 16 staff members—some full-time and some part-time. ***Thank You*** to all of you for all you do for Wee Disciples! The Board of Early Childhood Education will be providing an appreciation luncheon for our staff one day during that week.

**Wee Disciples will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.**

Due to lack of staff, Wee Disciples will not be able to offer a summer program for school age children this year. School age children are invited to attend VBS at Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church. Watch for more details in the June Lamplighter and in the *Grace Notes* concerning dates, times, and registration.

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact Debbie Lee for information about class openings. Also, Trinity has a scholarship program available to congregational members who have a child attending Wee Disciples. Scholarship applications for next school year are due ASAP prior to the beginning of the school year. Application forms can be obtained from Debbie Lee or can be found on the church website for Wee Disciples.

Do you, or someone you know, enjoy working with children? Wee Disciples has three openings for full-time staff members. Starting wage will be determined based on applicant’s education and experience. Applicants must be able to pass a background check. For more information, contact Debbie Lee, Director at (406) 799-5881 or weedisciples@gmail.com. Job application form is available on our website: **www.trinity-MT.org**.

The Board of Early Childhood Education will meet on Thursday, May 2nd, at 6:30pm in the Stahlecker Room.

The third Tuesday in May, **May 21st**, is our next **Fuddruckers’ fundraiser night**. Thank you to everyone who has participated in these events. Coupons are available on the announcement board by the church office. You can also take a picture of the coupon with your phone and show it to the cashier, or you can just tell the cashier that you are there for the Wee Disciples’ fundraising activity. Dine-in or carry out!

**LWML News**

*All ladies of the congregation, including our new members and confirmed young women,*

*are invited and encouraged to attend all LWML happenings here at Trinity.*

*Please contact Sylvia Adams or Amy Schultz for more information.*

**Saturday, May 4th ~ 9:30 am ~** Group Gathering with elections (in Stahlecker Room)

**Thank you!** Thanks to your generous donations we will be taking over a dozen boxes of items to give to *Orphan Grain Train* at our District Convention. There are also several shoes for the convention in-gathering that will be distributed alongside school supplies that will benefit a local Native tribe in the fall.

Our LWML ladies have been busy the past few months. We toured *Grace Haven* (a local homeless shelter for women veterans and their kids), have been actively praying for our confirmand buddies, and hosted speaker Sara Graft (*Peace Hospice*). Thanks to all of our ladies for their help and support!

Our next Group Gathering will be **Saturday, May 4th at 9:30 am** in the Stahlecker Room. There will be a devotion, planning, and fellowship time. **We will be voting for officers as well**. Up for election are the positions of President and Vice President/Christian Life. \* Please note the change of date! \*

**Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study** ~ The Wednesday Morning Ladies’ Bible study group will be finishing up the Bible study titled ***Focus Lost…Focus Restored*** by the end of May. A new Bible study has not yet been chosen. Join us for a morning of fellowship as we study God’s Word each Wednesday from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Stahlecker Room.

**Men’s Bible Study** continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 8:30am** for an hour of fellowship and study of God’s Word. All the men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

After our long winter how anxious we are to plant a garden (at least some tomato plants) and set out a big pot of colorful flowers. Perhaps you have some perennials that are coming up, now that daffodils and tulips are finished blooming for the year. The Lord's perennials decorate the mountain meadows in May. Look for shooting stars, calypso orchids, leather flower, larkspur, lupines, pussytoes, bluebells, and glacier lilies. You will find a sample of these posies in the church office.

**The Friday Ladies Bible study** ~ Some of the Montana wildflowers will be on the table during the Friday Ladies Bible study. Join them as they meet May 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 1:00-3:00pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave. S., when they finish Donna Snow's study, *Love's Priceless Gift*.

**Assisted Living Ministry** ~ Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be at the following locations. **Friday, May 3rd from 10:00-10:45am** they will be at ***The Lodge***, 1801 9th St. S. **Friday, May 24th at 11:45am** the no host lunch will be held at ***Hardee's***, 2615 10th Ave. S. Afterward they will go to ***Highgate Senior Living***, 3000 11th Ave. S. Spend an hour sharing God's love with the residents!

Pastor Reinke will hold worship services on the following dates. On **Wednesday, May 8th** he will be at ***The Lodge***. On **Monday, May 20th** he will be at ***Highgate Senior Living***. This is another opportunity to share your presence with some of "God's older children" as Pastor brings God's word.

The May Trinity - Peace hike will focus on wildflowers. Hikers will gather at 7:45am at the Peace parking lot on **Saturday, May 11th**, leaving for the Little Belt Mountains at 8:00am. The group will drive up the Dry Fork Road to collect meadow flowers and on up Villar's Creek Road to find blooms in the higher moist woods. Bring containers to pick a sample of your favorites. Pack a lunch or snacks for the trail. Perhaps some of the hikers would like to have lunch at Monarch on the way back to Great Falls. Those who are planning to join the hike are asked to call Marge Johnsten at (406) 788-0180. This is a family hike in which we hope you will invite neighbors and friends. Let's explore God's flower garden!

***Called Home to Glory***

*February 2, 2024*

*Sherrie Ann (Tynes) Blomstrom*

*April 9, 2024*

# *Flo Winter*

# *April 19, 2024*

# *Wallace R. (Wally) Thompson*

# *April 19, 2024*

# *Diane Thompson*

**Bob Blomstrom**

2801 Colonial Dr. Apt 329

Helena, MT 59601-8047

***Our shut-ins***

**Millie Birkholz** (The Lodge), **Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle’s Manor), **Anita Erickson** (at home). **Ed Hickel** (at home), **Arleen Nelson** (Bee Hive Homes-Pine Tree), **George Pence** (The Rainbow), **Myrtle Pence** (at Benefis Extended Care), **Lauretta Stanfield** (at home); **Juanita Winter** (Bee Hive Homes-Clover)

**Bob Blomstrom** (Helena), **Darlene Murray** (at son’s home in Kansas), **Vi-Nell** (at son’s home in Spokane, WA)

***Our members who continue to battle health issues and their caregivers***

Chuck & Judy Lively, Chuck & Elsie Lorenz

Jerry & Colleen Mans, Henry & Alice Schuman

***We pray for our expectant mothers and their families:***

Kelli & Zach Lynch

Chris & Meredith Wiegert (Bauer’s nephew)

***We pray for those serving in law enforcement and the military***

**Sam Birkett**, Cascade County Sheriff’s Deputy; **Joshua Graham**, (Blomstrom’s grandson-in-law) Helena Police Department

**Evan Brenner**, USAF; **Nathan Brenner**, USAF; **Scott Broberg**, USAF; **Daniel Crème’**, USAF; **Matthew Erickson**, USAF (Anita Erickson’s grandson); **Howard Filbert**, USAF; **Kelli Lynch**, USAF; **Kale Martin**, USAF; **Isaac Monroe**, USAF; **Martin Shabaan,** USAF; **Chaplain Jonathan Schultz**, USAF; **Kalainee Teaney**, USAF; **Julie Timms** (Waetzig’s granddaughter)

***Our Seminary Student***

**Aaron Ferguson**, 6600 N. Clinton St. Box 245, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Birthdate: January 16th

Home Church: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Hyannis, NE

Special Ministry Interests: Rural Ministry, Parish/Congregational

**Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus ~** Eurasia (Romania)

**Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul** ~ Cayman Islands

**Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett** ~ Ethiopia

**John & Jenn Wolf** ~ Kenya

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Comparison of Giving Report ~ 2024

**For the period March 25, 2024 through April 21st, 2024**

March 28th/29th Maundy Thursday & Good Friday $ 960

March 31st Easter Sunrise & Divine Service $5,670

April 7th $5,154

April 14th $3,287

April 21st $2,320

Vanco $1,675

**Actual giving for report period: $19,066**

Roof Repair Fund –through 04/21/2024 $49,174

If you have any questions, please call me at (406) 868-2260 ~ *James Lautenschlager, Assistant Treasurer*

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**Montana District Red Lodge Camp 2024**

**Family Camp**: June 21st ~ 23rd

registration is $125 / family

**Church Worker Camp:** June 24th ~ 26th

registration is $125 / family

**Catechism Camp**: June 27th ~ 29th (youth entering 7th or 8th grade and a parent)

registration is $75 / parent & child

**Remember -** Trinity will pay half of the registration fee for your student so register early! **Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.**

**Trinity Lutheran Camp ~ Big Fork ~** Online registration is now open for Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork, MT at: **www.TrinityLutheranCamp.org. *Trinity’s discount code is “GFALLS”***

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| ***Worship Assistants*** |
| ***Serving this Month***  ***Altar Guild*** ~ Denise Wegner / Barb Going / Sandy Baranko / Candace Tanksley  ***Ushers*** ~ Alan Wegner / Elders |
| **Mid-week Services** |
| **May 1, 2024** Duty Elder Martin Bauer  **May 8, 2024** **(The Ascension of Our Lord)** Duty Elder Martin Bauer  **May 15, 2024** Duty Elder Martin Bauer  **May 22, 2024** Duty Elder Martin Bauer  **May 29, 2024** Duty Elder **TBA** |
| **May 5, 2024 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter (white)** |
| Duty Elders Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel  Audio/Video Isaac Schultz  Organist Joy Suek  Acolytes Meredith Tabbert / Laney Wied  Counters Frank & Shelley Rossberg |
| **May 12, 2024 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter (white) ~ Mother’s Day** |
| Duty Elders Roy Arves / Bill Sybrant  Audio/Video Barry Eastley  Organist Jeannine Eastley  Acolytes Caitee Miesmer / Samuel Schultz  Counters Frank & Shelley Rossberg |
| **May 19, 2024 ~ The Day of Pentecost (red)** |
| Duty Elders Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw  Audio/Video Barry Eastley  Organist Jeannine Eastley  Acolytes Leif Tanksley / Bryson Wied  Counters Frank & Shelley Rossberg |
| **May 26, 2024 ~ The Holy Trinity (white)** |
| Duty Elders Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant  Audio/Video Josh Schultz  Organist Joy Suek  Acolytes Ross Broberg / Molly Jones-Bishop  Counters Frank & Shelley Rossberg |

*If unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please contact the church office (406-452-2121) as soon as possible to allow time to find a substitute.*

A person sitting in grass

Description automatically generatedMacie Wheeler will graduate with honors from CM Russell High School on June 1, 2024. Her high school diploma is received with a concentration in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and Arts. Macie is a three-year varsity letter winner for Rustler basketball and a two-year letter winner for Rustler volleyball. Macie received 2023-2024 honors in AA Girls Basketball All State Tournament Team as well as Second Team AA All Conference Team honors. She is an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, maintains a 4.0 GPA and has earned Academic All-State all four years of her high school career. Macie has committed to playing volleyball and basketball at Dickinson State University in Dickinson, ND. She plans to major in biology and seek a future career in the medical field.

Macie is the daughter of Seth and Jamey Wheeler. She has two older brothers, Trey and Tyson, and a puppy named Dozer. The Wheelers thank the Trinity Lutheran family for all the support provided to Macie during her youth. We look forward to seeing what her future holds.

A person and person standing next to a dog

Description automatically generatedWilliam Harr is graduating on May 4th from Concordia University in Mequon, WI with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Theology and Theological Languages. He has been accepted into the Masters’ Program at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN where he will continue his theological training to earn a Master of Divinity in preparation for the pastoral office.

William is the son of Reverend Wade Harr and Dayna Van Vleet and grandson of Ed and Sherri Van Vleet. He and his fiancé Grace Fleming will be married at Trinity in Great Falls on June 29, 2024.

A person standing next to a tree

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May 16, 2007, we were blessed by the birth of Carter Talon Bicsak. His parents are Michael and Lindsay Bicsak. He has two older brothers, Caden and Caleb who are both attending school at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Carter attended Riverview Elementary and North Middle School where he was a talented musician, playing cello, viola and piano.

Carter has achieved his goal of graduating a year early from CMR High School on June 1, 2024, just two weeks after his 17th birthday. Early graduation will give him the opportunity to work for a year before attending Montana State University with his brothers. He plans on majoring in the computer field.

A person wearing glasses smiling

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John Henry Shaw graduated from Montana State University in December 2023 with a degree in Civil Engineering. John is currently working for the Washington State Department of Transportation and is living in Spokane, WA.

John was born December 14, 2000 to Shawn and Jenny Shaw. John has two sisters; Mikaela Neill and Morgan Shaw, a brother-in-law, Josh Neill and one niece, Amelie Bleu Neill.

April 27, 2006, Treve Brody Mans was born in Great Falls to Chad and Michele Mans, brother to Trey and Trevyn Mans, grandson to Jan and Keith Bicsak and Colleen and Jerry Mans.

Treve Mans will graduate from CM Russell High School on June 1, 2024.

Treve has enjoyed playing on the high school soccer team all four years along with other extracurricular activities. He will be graduating with plans to attend college in-state next year with a concentration in computers and business.

***Birthdays and***

***Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries***

*May 1st Jacob Green*

*Kyla Nelson, Christian Neumann*

*May 2nd Zachary Smith*

*May3rd Helyn O’Meara*

*Lisa Romig*

*May 5th Barry Eastley*

*May 6th Lacey Mans, Cheri Zrawka*

*May 7th Morgan Shaw*

*May 8th* ***Henry Schuman (90+),*** *Ruby Willey*

*May 9th Michele Mans*

*May 11th Collette Grina, Ryan Neumann*

*May 12th Baylie Isakson*

*May13th Linda Bergan, Isaac Lee*

*Lindsay Rudolph*

*May 15th  Kayla Kelly, Dash Lewis*

*May 17th Brydger Ginnaty*

*Delaney Lautenschlager*

*May 19th James Lautenschlager*

*Chance Lee*

*May 21st Kristen Mansch*

*Trey Wheeler*

*May 22nd* ***Alice Schuman (90+)***

*May 23rd Otto Brenner*

*May 25th Donna Hartelius, Kane Smith*

*May 27th Zachary Martin*

*May 28th Jon Chapman*

*Colton Martello, Russell Martello*

*May 30th Carter Bicsak,* ***Joyce Bush (80+)***

*Kim Kimmerle*

*May 31st* ***Judy Boyce (80+)****, Cory Phillips*

*Robert Voegel*

*May 2nd Christian ♥ Stephanie Neumann (5)*

*May 8th Steven ♥ Jane Green (48)*

*Russell ♥ Tracy Martello (19)*

*May 9th Mychal ♥ Ericka Taylor (4)*

*May 22nd*  *Justin ♥ Kati Lee (20)*

*May 25th Josh ♥ Denise Rutledge (11)*

***May 26th Kenneth ♥ Sandra Heinert (51)***

*May 27th Patrick ♥ Lucy Hall (20)*

*May 28th Alan ♥ Denise Wegner (31)*



*May 1st Ron VanVoast*

*May 2nd Wes Bauer, Kaci Felstet*

*May 3rd Rachel Schultz*

*May 4th Rayn Ginnaty*

*May 8th Len Christianson*

*Brian Felstet, Nathan Green*

*Trinity Legg, Rev. Gerald Paul*

*May 9th Ryan Copp, Jeffrey Williams*

*May 11th Melissa Soldano*

*May 12th Jacob Green, Randy Klatt*

*Ryan Nommensen*

*May 16th Kristie Nelson*

*May 18th Marlyn Gersak*

*May 20th Gary Vik*

*May 21st Dani Carlstadt*

*May 22nd Don Lee, Taylyn Voegel*

*May 23rd Lucy Ann Hall, Helyn O’Meara*

*May 24th Lisa Romig*

*May 25th Lindsay Rudolph*

*May 30th Carter Bicsak, Randy Bogden*

*May 31st Otto Brenner*

A logo with purple flowers

Description automatically generated*May 1st Carolyn Arves, Barry Eastley, Jeannine Eastley*

*Jacob Mansch, Zeke Morrison, Joseph Nommensen*

*Alicia O’Meara, Jessi Payne, Austin Webb*

*May 2nd Kayla Christianson, Emily Neumann, Payton Romig*

*Courtney Schroeder, Morgan Shaw, Alexandria Thompson*

*May 3rd Pam Grosenick, Haley Hansen, Austin Johnson*

*Lacey Mans, Christian Neumann, Ryan Nommensen*

*Mitchell Romig, Mychal Taylor, Blaize Wegner*

*May 4th  Cortnee Doll, Cally Felstet, Nathan Green, Trinity Legg*

*Zach Lynch, Kelly Norris, Samantha Williams*

*May 5th Laura Filson, Kristen Mansch, Gary Somerfeld*

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Description automatically generated*May 6th Wes Bauer, Patty Jones, Mikaela Neill, Brad Norris*

*May 7th Alec Jones, Tracy Martello*

*May 8th Jim Going*

*May 9th Karla Adelmeyer, Randy Bogden, OD Jones*

*May 11th Clifton Grilley, Collette Grina*

*May 14th Carter Bicsak, Brian Felstet, Kaci Felstet*

*Delaney Lautenschlager, Sarah Lautenschlager, Trevyn Mans*

*Helyn O’Meara, Isaac Schultz, Gunnar Tanksley*

*May 15th Bonnie Bauer, Michael Bicsak, Tim Chapman, Rachel Hill, Samarah Hill*

*Maryanne Kingland, Michele Mans, Melissa Soldano, Brent Stanger*

*May 16th Joyce Bush, Ken Chapman, Jacob Green, Mick Jones, Treve Mans*

*Trey Mans, Amanda Miesmer, Charlotte Morrison, Kristie Nelson*

A logo with purple flowers

Description automatically generated*Jimmy Norris, Patrick Norris, Matthias Paul, Shawn Shaw, Adalyn Voegel*

*May 17th Chad Mans*

*May 18th Cheryl Bauer, Bayley Ginnaty, William Harr, John Shaw, Trey Wheeler*

*May 19th Dillon Neumann, Laurel Neumann, Logan Stene, Ericka Taylor*

*May 21st Connie Felstet, Rayn Ginnaty, Justin Lee*

*Tyson Wheeler, Jeffrey Williams, Mattie Young*

*May 22nd Jenny Eberly, Tim Guderjahn, Pam Nommensen*

*May 23rd Roy Craven, Deborah Farris, Jillian Homen, Chris Magis*

*May 24th Cheryl Dalla Mura, Jane Green, Gary Neumann*

*May 25th Keith Bicsak, Bob Nommensen*

*May 26th Ed Hickel*

*May 27th Jon Chapman, Shayna Kellogg, Zachary Martin*

*May 28th Martin Bauer, Ada Burkstrand, Ellen Carpenter, Marlyn Gersack*

*May 30th Jan Bicsak, Scott Broberg, Lisa Romig*

*May 31st Doug Nelson, Cody Stene*