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“Where Everybody Is Somebody Because Jesus Christ is Lord!”

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5. Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers Worship at 11 am Dr. Don & Debi Rowberg Presentation Noon	6	7 Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	8	9	10	11
12 Worship at 11 am	13	14 Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	15	16	17 Synod Assemble May 17—19. Please pray for our delegate, Rex Rutledge	18
Happy Mother's Day 						
19 .Worship at 11 am Supply Pastor— Jeannette Solimine Potluck Lunch at Noon God's Work-Our Hands 12:30	22	23 Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	24	25	26	25
26 <i>Worship at 11 am</i> Supply Pastor— Mary Daniels	27 Memorial Day 	28 Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	29 <i>Communion at the Courtyard 11 am</i>	30	31	<i>Pastor Gail & David Will be out of town May 17—May 31</i>

PEACE LINKS

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Be sure to "**Save the Date**"
for a meaningful and fun Sunday on
May 5

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. We are honored to have as our guests Dr. Don & Debi Rowberg, who currently live in Walla Walla. They will show slide presentation about what it is like to live and volunteer in a Tanzanian Lutheran hospital. Don & Debi have been instrumental in the formation of "Maasai Health Systems" which is a fundraising organization for the medical operation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania based in Arusha, Tanzania. Maasai Health Systems has raised money for special projects like buying a bus to bring patients to the hospital. They bought an ambulance and have helped improve the outlying health clinics. They raised the funds for a new generator to help with the inconsistent electricity that comes to the hospital. The current project is raising funds to modernize the hospital laundry. They will have a slide presentation on their recent time in Tanzania. *Their presentation will take place at the end of church, from 12 to 1:15.* **African Peanut Soup** will be served.



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING—
May 8 at 5:30 pm**

*The priceless gift of life is love,
For with the help of God above,
Love can change the human race
And make this world a better place.
For love dissolves all hate and fear
And makes our vision bright and
clear.*

*We we can see and rise above
Our pettiness on "wings of love."*

By Helen Steiner Rice

**Growing into God's Future—
Campaign News CAMPAIGN PRIORI-
TIES** - Since we now have a paved & lighted Parking Lot, here is the list of campaign projects in prioritized order: Repayment of Furnace Loan, Sealing of the Stucco, Youth Fund, Building Fund, Window Replacement, Part-time staff position for a Faith Formation Director, The Endowment Fund (growing it to \$25,000), Community Garden Fund, Basement Remodel, Future Roof Repairs, and a tithe to benevolences. Please note, if you designate offerings for any of these funds, they will be directed into the general campaign fund unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thanks for your generosity. **GROWING INTO GOD'S FUTURE CAMPAIGN** We've collected \$61,642.85 of the \$148,140 committed, since January 2018.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

Apr 7	36
Apr 14	80
Apr 21	123
Apr 28	55

Average Attendance -- 74

May BIRTHDAYS

May 2—Steve Teade,
Jill Whelchel
May 6—Zak Conklin
May 13—Alice Barlass
May 14—Rick Van Tine
May 17—Karly Wigen
May 18—Alexandra Boyd
May 20—Vic Roberts
May 24—Milt Klettke
May 26—Sten Larkin
May 29—Peggy Kehne
May 31—Tim Cornelius



2019 EASTERN WASHINGTON – IDAHO SYNOD ASSEMBLY MAY 17-19, 2019 – THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL – BOISE, IDAHO

GLOBAL MISSION – We Walk Together
This year's Synod Assembly is going to be something special. Our theme for the gathering will be *global mission, and how we are church together across this world that God so loves*. A highlight is sure to be welcoming guests from EWAIID's Companion Synod: The Ulanga-Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Additionally, our partnering with the ELCA to make this year's Synod Assembly an ELCA Glocal Mission Gathering. These Glocal Mission gatherings equip us for God's work in global and local realities, as well as their "glocal" intersections. Registration information will be posted on our website and emailed out to congregations by February 15. Registration costs will remain the same as last year: Single - \$535, Double - \$410, Commuter - \$360, Retired single - \$460, Retired double - \$335, Retired Commuter - \$285.

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PRAYERS FOR CLUSTER B:

Each month of the year we are going to pray for a different cluster of our Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod (there are 12 clusters) during the prayers of intercession. During the month of May we are praying for Cluster B: The Treasure Valley Clustr. It is composed of these ministry sites: Grace Lutheran, Mountain Home, ID; Redeemer Lutheran, Boise, ID; Immanuel Lutheran, Boise, ID; Shepherd of the Valley, Boise, ID; King of Glory, Boise, ID; Hope Lutheran, Eagle, ID; Grace Lutheran, Horseshoe Bend, ID; Trinity Lutheran, Nampa, ID; and Faith Lutheran, Caldwell, ID. Thanks in advance for your prayers.



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The Monday following Easter in Europe is called "Bright Monday." The term is an appropriate one, as we are probably still feeling an "afterglow" from the services yesterday. Easter day was wonderfully sunny & comfortably warm. Both Trinity & Peace welcomed members and visitors with a wonderful Easter brunch. Both churches were filled with laughter and good feelings as family members who now live in different parts of the state or world sat together as they once had done. There was an expectant feel in the air as people discussed the potential new pastor. Next week the congregations will vote & soon after that we'll hear if the candidate will become your new pastor. It is with that in mind that I'm going to share with you a story by Sandy Warner.

THE CRACKED POT

"For it is our God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and not come from us." 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it and the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water to its destination.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and one half pots of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishment. It was perfect for the task for which it was created. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, & I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaw, you have to do all this work & don't get full value from your efforts."

The water bearer replied, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path. Do you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path but not on the other pot's side? That is because I have always known about your flaw. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, & every day while we walk back from the stream, you have watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. **Without your being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.**"

Moral of the story: God can use each one of our gifts for the greater glory of God's creation. When your newly called pastor arrives, welcome them with all their gifts & occasional flaws.

My prayers are with you continuously,

Pastor Gail