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*Our Mission Statement:*

*As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."*

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### **Prepare to be empowered**

Contrary to common perception, Jesus disciples weren't frightened and hiding during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Instead, they were actively preparing for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They "all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1: 14, NIV) and took steps to replace Judas.

After that inward focus, the disciples were ready to boldly burst forth on Pentecost, empowered and "enabled" by the Spirit. They proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection, leading 3000 people to faith that day, now known as the church's birthday.

"A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community", writes Suzanne de Dietrich in *Free Men*. "These Christians could not keep silent. Their joyful liberty had broken down all the walls behind which people would like to keep them; no prison could silence them".

### **Life immortal**

At the end of May, Americans honor those who have died for our country – and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul."

To our death – defying, death – defeating God, we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal king of the ages, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him the honor, glory, and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **Our proper role**

"We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges." This quip may bring a chuckle, but it is also a good reminder as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord on May 9 this year. Jesus directed his disciples to spread the good news he had taught them: "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8, NRSV).

Well, professional lawyers and judges certainly have their place in society and can serve God by working for genuine justice for all, we are not called in daily life to judge others' morality or relationship with God. "Do not judge," Jesus says, "and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven". (Luke 6:37, NIV). and what is one of the most powerful forms of witness to Christ? Forgiveness.

### **Resilience in the storms**

“In this world you will have trouble,” Jesus says in John 16:33(NIV). Christians, in other words, should expect suffering and setbacks that challenge their spiritual resilience. Tim Kight, in a blog post titled “The Resilient Christian,” offers these reminders for times of adversity: Trust God. Pray, fervently, deeply and boldly. Digging into God’s Word. And praise God, regardless of your circumstances. “When you were in the storm, trust God, and don’t flinch,” Kight advises.

That game plan and attitude, we can pray with a prophet Habakkuk: “Though the fig tree does not bud... and the fields produce no food... Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God, my Savior” (3:17-18 NIV).

### **Honor your mother**

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was Sunday School teacher and activist who helped lower infant – mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

Memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations – her mom’s favorite flower – to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother’s Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed, mothers, and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad – charity of mother love; it’s fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love, never dying.”

All of the above articles have been taken from churchart.com for the month of May, 2024

### **SPECIAL DAYS FOR MAY 2025**





**May 26**



**May 29**



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Grant Birmingham</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<b>Kathy LaBarge</b>	<b>May 8</b>
<b>Jonel Near</b>	<b>May 8</b>
<b>Glenn Morrison</b>	<b>May 8</b>
<b>Organization of our Congregation</b>	<b>May 13</b>
<b>Barb Streng</b>	<b>May 13</b>
<b>Jan Hoppe</b>	<b>May 17</b>
<b>Dianna Bell</b>	<b>May 20</b>

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Bob and Janeen Clarke</b>	<b>May 5</b>
<b>Rick and Ruth Ann Kamerad</b>	<b>May 23</b>

#### **Scripture readings for MAY**

May 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6(7-20) and Ps. 30 or Isa. 61:1-3 and Ps. 90:13-17; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

May 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43 and Ps. 23 or Isa. 53:1-6 and Ps. 114; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 18 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 and Ps. 148 or Lev. 19:9-18 and Ps. 24:1-6; Rev. 12:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 25 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15 and Ps. 67 or Deut. 34:1-12 and Ps. 109:21-31; Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9



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