



THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

.....
Saturday Service
5:00 PM

Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion
is celebrated at
all services.

.....
Music Rehearsal
Rehearsals meet on
Sunday mornings @
9:40 am. Choir sings
at the 10:30 service
monthly/seasonally.
New singers are
always welcome!

PASTOR'S PAGE

As we begin our May Worship the readings for the 5th inspire and compel us to love one another and to see one another as God sees us.

As the Holy Spirit falls on those outside the inner circle of the circumcised, Peter asks how the water of baptism can be withheld from them. In 1 John we hear that those who love God the parent love God the child. Jesus says followers are no longer servants but friends. So whether they are a stranger with different customs and practices, our family member, or closest friend, we are called today with the challenge and opportunity to love them. The promise is that this unconditional love that comes first from our Creator and Parent, expressed through the person of Jesus and through the Spirit, is splashed all over us, and will make our joy complete.

May is a month that we focus on relationships, especially with our moms. Ask any child who has moved to a new place, and they will most likely share that their biggest worry was whether or not they'd make new friends. Parents worry for their teenager and young adult in each stage of growth, wondering if new friends will be kind and generous, if their child will find mutually beneficial relationships. Adults are not immune from their own relationship trials. Busy lives, competing priorities, transitions and death can mean the end of sustaining relationships. Bullying, fear-tactics and misuse of others are common problems, so friendship is precious. We treasure new friendships and work to keep tending those that last for many years—because we need them.

For those who have experienced great relationships in their lives and for those who have never yet quite tasted that sustaining fruit, Jesus shows how much he loves us and the ways to cultivate deeper relationships. Jesus laid down his life to show his great love. We're invited to love expansively and experience the joy of friendship with Jesus and through the body of Christ.

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

May will see us transition from the Easter Season to the long season of ordinary time referred to as The Trinity Season, or the Season of Creation or simply the Sundays after Pentecost.

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that the Holy Spirit will accompany them, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words that day. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba, his daddy, the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Meanwhile ... Peace in the Journey of Faith!

Pastor Andy

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 2024

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	3 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	4 5:00 Worship
5 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship	6 AA Meeting	7	8 6:30 Council Meeting	9 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	10 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	11 8:00-Noon Clean Communities Day 5:00 Worship
12 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	13 AA Meeting	14 VBS meeting 7:30 pm (Memorial Presbyterian)	15	16 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	17 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	18 2:00-10:30 pm Porchfest 5:00 Worship
19 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	20 AA Meeting	21	22 NARCAN class— 6:30 pm	23 11:00 Bible Study	24 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	25 5:00 Worship
26 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27 AA Meeting	28	29	30 11:00 Bible Study	31 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	

Church Email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com

Church Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/HNLWCWenonah/>

Pastor Andy Gordon Cell Phone: 609-206-7839

Church Office: 856-468-5760

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

May 2024

PRAYER LIST

John Austino, The family of Bill Bartleson as they mourn his death, Nicholas Baud, John Brecht, The family of 3 year-old Cameron Bruder as they mourn his death, Max Belko, The family of Kaz Bielecki's son-in-law as they mourn his death, Cathy Buccarelli, Sal Castelli, Sherwood Cotton, The friends and family of Gladys Crooker as they mourn her death, Milton Cuevas, Jr., Pastor Bruce Ewen, Barbara Facchine, The family of Anne Fatum as they mourn her death, Scott Fey, Francis, John Forsman, Bobby G., Alma Garcia, Tony Garr, Gavin Gigliotti, The family of Michael Gilletti as they mourn his death, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, the family of Doris Gordon as they mourn her death, Randi Gordon, The family of Don Halterman as they mourn his death, The family and friends of Lynette Huntsinger as they mourn her death, The family of Jennifer Jeffers as they mourn her death, Marilyn Kaiser, The family of Robert Keen as they mourn his passing, The family of Joseph Kelleher as they mourn his passing, The family of George Lofmark as they mourn his death, Joseph Lonia, Jessie MacGregor, Joseph Mansfield, The McCall family in their time of grief and loss, Michael McKee, The family of Robert O'Connor, The O'Donald family as they mourn the passing of their young adult female family member, Laszlo Orosze, Janet Ostrowski, The family of Joseph Ostrowski as they mourn his death, Otis, Danielle Peters, Harry Rees, Carole Rund and family on the death of her sister Joan, Billy Shea, Ken Silver, Brian Solt, Joy Stagliano, Samantha Sumner, Richard Sylvester, Eileen Simpson, Dot Stagg, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Corey Temean, Sue Willard, The family of Madeline Williams as they mourn her death, Jerry, Pat, who are battling cancer, and Jerry, Pat and Kelly who are battling cancer.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-to-date received--\$43220.45 Year-to-Date needed to meet spending plan--\$46325.00.

SOCIAL AND EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH EVENTS:

- ***Saturday, May 11—8 am to noon Wenonah Clean Community Day of Service***
- ***Saturday, May 18--Wenonah Porchfest—2-10:30 pm.***
- ***Tuesday July 30—5:30-7:00 pm Church Picnic; Burgers, hot dogs, sides, etc.***
- ***Sunday, September 8—God's Work, Our Hands Sunday—Fall clean-up at church***

COMMUNITY WIDE VBS MEETING

Tuesday May 14, 2024—7:30-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Memorial Presbyterian.

COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services Sunday May 5th and the first Sunday of the month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Cindee Kollmeier, Suzanne LaGrange, Doris Lail, Brett Montana, Doris Rink, John Stanz, Jr., Lauren Stanz, Steve Vinciguerra

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Collin Crawford & Rachel Cooper, Don & Marianne Halterman, Sam & Pam Kincaid, Suzanne LaGrange, Mark & Diane Yandach

FOOD PANTRY

At this time, the food pantry is in need of boxed cereal, pancake mix, syrup, grape jelly and loaves of bread. Other items needed include: canned goods, non-perishable items, toiletries, laundry soap, etc.

PLANET AID CLOTHING DONATIONS

The church now has two Planet Aid clothing bins in the parking lot. The following clean items may be placed in the yellow bins: clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, curtains, sleeping bags, socks, underwear, bras. They cannot accept items that are tattered beyond repair, dirty, wet or moldy. They do not accept yarn, thread-bare items, spools of thread or similar cast-offs. They also do not accept toys, stuffed animals, furniture or electronics.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY

This is one of our ministry partners in the Gloucester County Faith in Prevention initiative. They are here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you (or someone you know) are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let St. Peter's try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. They are open every 4th Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM.



**Holy Nativity
Lutheran Church**
3 Lenape Trail
Wenonah, NJ 08090

Please Deliver This Copy of THE HERALD To:

**In-Person and Facebook Live
WORSHIP TIMES:**
SATURDAY — 5:00 PM
SUNDAY — 8:30 & 10:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE:
PHONE: 856-468-5760
hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com