

**May Bible  
Study Plan**

**May 6, 2018 ~**

**Easter 6**

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

**May 13, 2018 ~**

**Easter 7**

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

**May 20, 2018 ~**

**Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 27, 2018 ~**

**The Holy Trinity**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

# Augustana News

## May 2018



*A Mother is like a flower ~ each one is beautiful & unique...*

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On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> our worship time will be changing from 10.30am to 11.00am.

On that same Sunday, Grace Lutheran's worship time will change from 9.30am to 9.00am.



These changes have come about as a result of our discussions with Grace about sharing leadership and resources as we also talk about the two congregations coming together as one.

May 20<sup>th</sup> is also Pentecost Sunday, the day in the church year in which we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after he ascended into heaven. It was the beginning of a new chapter for God's people, as the disciples who had been with Jesus throughout his earthly ministry continued his work and mission as the early church.

I believe the Spirit is at work among us, doing a new thing with us and with Grace Lutheran. And, as a sign of that work, we will have opportunity to worship with one another more often in the coming months.

If you heard AJ Diller's temple talk about the change in summer worship times, or have heard the announcement of the time change during the parish announcements on Sunday mornings, you know that we've been telling people that if you'd like to attend an earlier worship time in the summer, attend Grace at 9am; if you'd like a later worship time, attend Augustana at 11am. The sermon and the liturgy will be the same at each parish.

As many of you know already, Pastor Dan and his wife, Kim, are expecting their first child in mid-May. Once their daughter is born, Pastor Dan will be taking three weeks of paternity

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leave. During those three weeks, I'll be covering worship at Grace and at Augustana. Once Pastor Dan returns, I'll have two weeks left before I retire, so we'll share preaching and presiding.

And then, after my last Sunday on June 17<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Dan will be serving both congregations on Sunday mornings, preaching and presiding at both churches. This will be a real gift to both congregations, but especially for Augustana, as it gives our congregation a consistent voice and presence after I leave, which is preferable to having a different person coming in each week to preach and preside, and who wouldn't know the congregation as he does.

I also believe that having Pastor Dan serve both congregations through the summer will strengthen and encourage the discussions our congregations are having about coming together as one congregation.

I am grateful for Pastor Dan's willingness to serve both Grace and Augustana. He has many good gifts for ministry, and, I believe, he has a strong vision for the future of the church. The Spirit is at work in and through him, and through our congregations. Let us make the best of this opportunity that God has set before us.

In Christ,  
Pastor Steve

### I Don't Wanna Go To Church

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning.

When she knocked on his door, he said, "I'm not going!"

"Why not?" asked his mother.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said stubbornly. "One, they don't like me. Two, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go to church. One, you're 47 years old.

Two, you're the pastor!"



GIGGLES

# I-K Lutheran

## *Where God is doing new things*

May 2018

*Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. [Ephesians 4:15]*



Across the church there is a good bit of talk these days about a “clergy shortage.” This is certainly understandable. Across the ELCA 28% of congregations are without a called pastor. As I have shared before, in this synod about 40% of our congregations are without a called pastor. As with other ELCA congregations, some of that 40% are being served by interim pastors or another form of temporary or transitional ministry. Nevertheless, it’s no wonder that the phrase “clergy shortage” slides so easily off our lips.

I must admit, however, that I am not a big fan of this phrase. It’s not that I am a Pollyanna who doesn’t see the number of faith communities that need and do not have called pastors, or a bishop who does not know and appreciate the important and key role that word and sacrament ministry has in our tradition. I also know and understand the uncertainty and struggle that congregations without pastors often experience. We need more pastors and we need them as soon as possible. I hope that you are praying along with me that God will raise them up. I also hope that, with me and many others across this church, you are doing what you can to be a part of the answer to that prayer. I hope you are inviting people you know who have the kinds of gifts needed for public ministry to consider becoming a pastor or deacon. And I hope that you are looking deep enough into your own heart to discern whether you are one of those people.

Meanwhile, sisters and brothers, we can’t just loiter in the narthex until the next wave of pastors arrives.

As concerned as I am about providing the pastors and deacons that the church needs, I am equally concerned that if we focus obsessively on what we don’t have – enough clergy, for example – we may very well succumb to the temptation to believe that until we have what we don’t have we can’t do what God needs, calls, and gifts us to do for the sake of the good news of Jesus.

So I wonder: Are we willing and able to engage the hard work of looking deeply into ourselves and our communities for what God has, in fact, given us? Are we willing and able to open ourselves to the unpredictable work of the Holy Spirit in discerning what the world needs of us, and then energetically gathering and generously and creatively sharing those gifts and resources that we have been given for the sake of God’s mission of offering the new, abundant, and lasting life of Jesus to us and to the world of which we are a part?

If there was ever a time, the time is now for us to look deep within and around the gathered community of disciples, however large or small that local assembly might be, to see the many gifts God has given to engage the mission and ministry for which we exist. Now is the time, whether we have a pastor alongside us or not, to look around the neighborhood for both what’s needed and for what God has already placed there to address those needs. Now is the time to be the ones – even those of us who are shy Lutherans – to initiate conversation and partnership with anyone and everyone in our vicinity who is committed to the good news of Jesus and the well-being of our world.

I wonder: Can we trust the One who has marked us with the cross of Christ and gifted and sealed us with the Spirit just enough to let go of the idea that we are not a real congregation unless we have a full-time (or even part-time) pastor to ourselves?

Can we use our baptized, Spirit-opened eyes to look around the neighborhood and into our full-communion partner denominations, even if that neighborhood is miles across, to see who God might have already given to us as partners in mission and ministry – and perhaps even to share the leadership of pastors and deacons – for the sake of God’s gospel mission in the corner of God’s kingdom that we share?

Can we listen deeply enough to the Spirit to imagine new – or old and renewed – ways of engaging public ministry shared by clusters of congregations, or partnerships of pastors (word and sacrament) and deacons (word and service).

Is our imagination broad enough to include effective leadership, energetic evangelism, and compassionate outreach by lay people, by the priesthood that includes all the baptized?

All across this territory many of our congregations and other communities of faith are answering questions like these with an enthusiastic “Yes!” Where that “yes” resounds, where God’s people trust God’s promises and take a leap of faith to step toward an unfamiliar, but God-formed future, new life is blooming. Now is the time, sisters and brothers, for every one of us and all of us together to be the church in all its Christ-centered, Spirit-soaked, hope-fueled, abundantly-gifted fullness.

{This article is an excerpt from Bishop Gafkjen’s report to the 2018 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly. The full report may soon be accessed via the Synod Assembly section of the synod website: <http://www.iksynod.org>}

*Bishop Bill Gafkjen*



**Indiana-Kentucky Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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Present: *Pastor Steve, Deb Rowland, Janet Ermis, A.J. Diller, Brenda Miller, Doris Koontz, Bonnie Rice, Brad Ganczak, Amanda Ganczak, Randy Tinder, Kathy Nowak, Pastor Dan Forehand, Heidi Scupham, and Sean Diller*

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with devotions. He then noted that Pastor Dan was sitting in on the meeting to get a feel for the council meetings because he would be attending them over the summer after Pastor Steve retires.

Minutes from the last Council Meeting- Brad Ganczak asked if there were any questions or concerns on the minutes. AJ Diller and Bonnie Rice noted that they had agreed to make a move on committees that they would be liaisons for. AJ Diller will take over as Music & Worship liaison for Bonnie Rice, and Bonnie would move over to take the opening for Finance liaison. Doris Koontz moved to accept the minutes, AJ Diller seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pledge/Giving report- Brad Ganczak asked if there were any questions or concerns on the report. Janet Ermis moved to accept the Pledge/Giving report, Deb Rowland seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Treasurer's report- Brad Ganczak asked if there were any questions or concerns on the Treasurer's report. Randy Tinder reported that Chase Bank had returned two of the service fees, but that they would continue to charge the fee going forward, so he was still looking at going to a different bank. There was discussion and Randy noted he would look at going to 1<sup>st</sup> Source. Janet Ermis moved to accept the report, AJ Diller seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pastor's report-

\*Pastor Steve noted that he had sent out a letter of transfer for Bonnie Lindsey to her new church home in Lake Placid, Florida.

\*Pastor Steve then spoke about an email that Augustana had received from Redeemer asking if Augustana would consider a merger. Redeemer had also sent the same message to Grace. The council went through the letter and discussed the implications of taking on Redeemer's assets and liabilities and where the IK Synod would be able to assist and direct some of the mission. Pastor Dan gave some input on how Grace may move forward, although they had not yet met on it. After consideration the council decided Augustana was not in a position at this time to attempt this type of mission. Doris Koontz made a motion to reject their offer but are welcoming and supportive of their congregation as they move forward. Amanda Ganczak seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote carried.

\*Pastor then spoke about confirmation camp- Pastor Randy from St. Paul's in Middlebury will be with the three Augustana youth as well as Faith (in Goshen) youth, for the camp week of June 17 through 22.

\*On April 29<sup>th</sup> after worship he will have a meeting with the congregation on how to work through the grief of his leaving after 27 years of shared ministry.

\*Pastor Steve then asked how the 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee was coming along. A reminder- Bishop Bill will be here for worship on November 4<sup>th</sup>, All Saints' Sunday.

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\*Pastor has been meeting with Pastor Dan about transitional issues, and the Augustana and Grace Worship committees and Hymn Selection committees will be meeting to plan out the summer worship schedule. He also talked about contracting with Pathways in Goshen to help with the process of coming together. They helped Faith in Goshen when Trinity and First Lutheran came together. The small group will meet again on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Finance Committee** – No report, Bonnie Rice is new liaison.

**Stewardship Committee** – John Metz was not at meeting to give a report.

**Parish Education Committee** – John Metz was not at meeting, but Pastor Steve then asked Heidi Scupham if she had an issue to bring up since she was visiting the meeting. She noted that she just wanted to get an idea of how the Sunday School program may be affected in the fall since Grace and Augustana are looking at more shared programs. She then reported on the Lock-In/Family Game Night that had happened the Friday Night before. She said it went very well. There were 25+ people there, including some Daly families. Twelve girls stayed the night, no boys. She described the activities they did and said she was hopeful that they would do it again.

**Worship & Music Committee** – No report, AJ Diller is new liaison

**Social Ministry & Evangelism Committee** – Deb Rowland said there was nothing new to report at this time.

**Endowment Committee** – Brenda Miller said there was nothing new to report at this time.

**Memorial Committee** – Janet Ermis said there was nothing new to report at this time.

**Property Committee** – Brad Ganczak said there was nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business:

\*Note: Financial committee liaison chosen.

New Business:

\*The council discussed the compensation that Augustana will be providing to Pastor Dan after Pastor Steve retires. Synod guidelines are for vacancy pastors to receive \$300/month, mileage, plus \$150/service, with other services being open for negotiation. During discussions it was suggested for there to be a car allowance instead of miles paid (Pastor Steve now has a car allowance). The motion was made by AJ Diller to provide Pastor Dan with \$400/month (includes car allowance), and \$150/service that is paid on a bi-monthly schedule (twice a month). Doris Koontz seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried.

\*Reminders of the upcoming service time change to 11am on May 20<sup>th</sup> will be put in the bulletins and newsletter.

\*There will be a gathering for a farewell lunch for Pastor Steve and Carol Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> after worship.

AJ Diller motioned to adjourn, Doris Koontz seconded. A unanimous in favor carried.

Pastor Steve led closing devotions.

When you think about your church commitment, do you think in terms of how much the church budget is - or whether the church spends it wisely - or how much can I afford to give?

Or, do you think in terms of how many blessings the Lord has showered on your life and the privilege of saying "thank you" through your financial response to the church's work?



from Stewardship May 2018

## MAY CRAFT: MOTHER'S DAY DAFFODILS

Materials:

- \*two toilet paper rolls
- \*scissors
- \*green straw
- \*yellow paint and paintbrush
- \*hot glue gun



Instructions:

- 1) Cut six triangles on one end of a toilet roll and four one-inch lines on the other end.
- 2) Cut a two-inch section off of another toilet roll and cut a line opening the roll up, then cut several small lines around one edge of the roll.
- 3) Fold the petals back on both rolls.
- 4) Turn the larger tube over and fold the rectangular flaps over each other to close the back. Hot glue in place.
- 5) Place the smaller tube inside of the larger one, hot gluing in place. Use the hot glue gun to attach your straw stem to the flower.
- 6) Finish your daffodil off with some yellow paint. Place a collection of toilet roll daffodils in a recycled jar or bottle and brighten up your day!



## KID'S PAGE

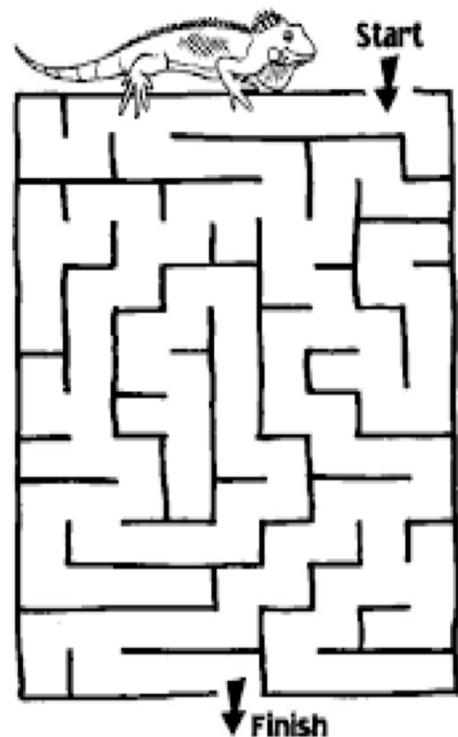
I heard a story about a broken pencil that I'd tell you, but it's pointless.

I had a dream I was a muffler and I woke up exhausted.

Q: Why did God make only one Yogi Bear?

A: Because when he tried to make a second one he made a Boo-Boo.

Help Lizzy through the maze!



Kate Fann Contact Information

To send notes of encouragement and support to Kate Fann, her address is:

Kate Fann  
2186 East Main Street  
Apt. F  
Bexley, OH 43209

*Altar Flowers for  
May*



*Sunday, May 6*

*In honor of Chloe Cornwell and  
Chuck Miller's Birthdays*

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*The Sundays of May 13th, 20th  
and 27th  
are still available*

**Notice:**

*Beginning in January 2018 the sign up sheet for the altar flowers will be in the church office. To schedule altar flowers please contact Kathy in the office, or drop off an envelope with requested date and payment. Payment will be required before altar flowers are ordered. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you.*

**Family Fun Night-April 7**



**April 7th was  
the first  
Family Fun  
Night and  
Youth Lock-In  
and everyone  
had a lot of  
fun!  
The next  
Family Fun  
Night and  
Lock-In will  
be May 18th.  
Join the FUN!**

**The Knots Prayer**

Dear God:

Please untie the knots  
that are in my mind,  
my heart and my life.

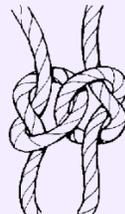
Remove the have nots,  
the can nots and the do nots  
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,  
may nots,  
might nots that may find  
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,  
would nots and  
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God,  
I ask that you remove from my mind,  
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'  
that I have allowed to hold me back,  
especially the thought  
that I am not good enough.  
Amen

Author Unknown



Breakfast Club  
Wednesday, May 2nd at 9am  
at The Golden Egg



Everyone is Welcome!

Year-to-Date Noisy  
Offering: \$455.27



## Church News



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 12th at  
8:30am at Bendix Restaurant

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday School will plant flowers at the Fellowship Hall entrance. Planting will be at 10am, before 11am service. Please bring a small hand shovel or spade if you have them. Plants will be provided.  
(Rain day May 27<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday mornings after services, join us for coffee hour!



### Confirmation Classes

Tuesdays at **5:16pm**

May 1 - Ten Commandments  
5 & 6

May 15 - Ten Commandments  
7 & 8

May 22 - Ten Commandments  
9 & 10

### Important Dates

Sunday, May 6 at 12:30pm ~ Hymn Selection Committee meeting with Grace's Committee

Thursday, May 10 at 6:30pm ~ Ascension of Our Lord Service at St. John's Episcopal Church

Friday/Saturday, May 18/19 starting at 7pm ~ Family Game Night, followed by Youth Lock-In at 9pm

Sunday, May 20 at 10am ~ Sunday School Classes will plant flowers and Services start at new time 11am

Sunday, May 27 ~ Last day for Sunday School

Monday, May 28 ~ Memorial Day - Church office closed

Reminder: New worship service times beginning Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Grace will begin at 9am ~ Augustana will begin at 11am

### Special Funds 2016-19 Status

[as of 4/29/2018]

(Total Cost of Renovation: \$45,000)

April 2018 <u>beginning</u> balance: \$43,481.34	April 2018 <u>ending</u> balance: \$43,676.34
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Total April Pledges: \$63.36	Total April Giving: \$195.00
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### Special Funds 2016-19 Loan Status

(Loan from Parsonage Fund)

Total Original Loan Amount: \$35,000.00	Total Pay-off Balance Amount (as of 4/29/18): \$1,320.00
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### Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement

\$46,019.94

### April Monthly Budget

\$15,084.23

### April Weekly Budget

\$3,016.85

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Offerings to General Fund

[as of 4/29/2018]

\$44,202.83

### April Offerings to General Fund

[as of 4/29/2018]

\$15,534.51

### April Average Weekly Attendance

83

[Fiscal Year runs Feb.1 thru Jan. 31]

# Congregation Care Corner



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**May Anniversaries**  
*Mace & Vera Companion 5/3*  
*Michael & Connie Forte 5/8*  
*Don & Dee Smith 5/12*



**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!**  
 Acts 2.4



**May Birthdays**  
 Brian Peterson 5/1  
 Chloe Cornwell 5/1  
 Janee Hickman 5/1  
 Emily Moyer 5/3  
 Roy Powell 5/5  
 Chuck Miller 5/8  
 Lilly Ganczak 5/8  
 Dawn Mills 5/12  
 Jean Rombke 5/19  
 Paige Barker 5/20  
 George Scupham 5/22  
 John Paul Iavagnilio 5/24  
 Jay Rice 5/29  
 Priscilla Powell 5/29



**Happy Mother's Day!**

*Prayer List* Russ & Pauline Anderson; Jim & Judy Bower; Christy Bradley; Dick & Mary Cassel; Ann Checkley; Rich Cliett; Elaine Conley; Tyler Conley; Cindy Creighton; Iris Curras; Gary & Cathy Davis; Barbara Dills; Christopher Dudley; Sister Nora Frost; Amy Garl; Jacquie Guest; Daryl & Vicki Hickman; Matt Hickman; Howard Holmes; Gina Iannarelli; Betty Iavagnilio; Stephanie Iavagnilio; Betty Johnson; Jared Kauffman; Gayle Mallon; Diane Mann; Amy Miller; Kathy Miller; Marie Moberg; Janet Moyer; Leah Reshan; Jean & Harry Rombke; Jim Schenb; Juanita Schumaker; Thom Swanson; Debra Trapp; Gene Williamson

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To add someone's name you may email requests to [secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net](mailto:secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net) or drop off new requests to the church office.

MAY 2018

SERVER'S SCHEDULE



*God has sent the  
Spirit of His Son  
into our hearts.*

*Galatians 4:6*

**May 6, 2018 ~ Easter 6**

*Greeters:* Ron Johnson & Art Senne

*Ushers:* Brenda Miller & Deb Rowland

*Server:* Liam Peterson

*Lector:* Maralee Macumber

*Nursery:* Nancy Tinder

*Sound:* Chuck Miller

**May 13, 2018 ~ Easter 7**

*Greeters:* George Scupham & Gunnar Erickson

*Ushers:* Dave & Janet Ermis

*Server:* Samantha Barker

*Lector:* Julie Knepper

*Nursery:* Jillian Scupham

*Sound:* Keith Johnson

**May 20, 2018 ~ Day of Pentecost**

*[Worship time changes to 11am]*

*Greeters:* Ed & Janie Williams

*Ushers:* Ron Johnson & Jay Rice

*Server:* Garrett Ganczak

*Lector:* Lynn Winters

*Nursery:* Emily Moyer

*Sound:* Mark Moyer

**Assisting Minister:**

Scott Watson

**Communion Assistant:**

Melanie Watson

**Altar Guild:**

Bonnie Rice & Deb Roland

**Coffee Hostesses:**

Bonnie Rice & Dee Smith

**Counter:**

Chris Mills



**May 27, 2018 ~ Holy Trinity**

*Greeters:* Don & Dee Smith

*Ushers:* Jerry & Judy Duck

*Server:* Keegan Peterson

*Lector:* Dawn Mills

*Nursery:* Christine Jeffirs

*Sound:* Chuck Miller

*Reminder: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement – and to let the church office know who the replacement is. Contact information:*

*[secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net](mailto:secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net) or  
574.294.3823. Thank you.*

# May 2018

*Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved.*

*-Erich Fromm*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Remember: New Service Times beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> Grace Lutheran 9am Augustana Lutheran 11am</p>		1	2	3	4	5
		5:16PM to 6:31- Confirmation Class	9AM-Breakfast Club meets at Golden Egg			
Easter 6 6	7	8	9	Ascension of Our Lord 10	11	12
10:30AM- Worship/Sunday School ~Noisy Offering- After Service: BP Checks, Coffee Hour 12:30PM-Hymn Selection Committee meets with Grace Committee	5PM-Monday Night Meals	7PM-Church Council		6:30PM-Ascension of Our Lord Service at St. John's Episcopal Church – All are invited		8:30AM-Men's Breakfast at Bendix
Easter 7 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:30AM- Worship/Sunday School After Service: Coffee Hour  MOTHER'S DAY	5PM-Monday Night Meals	9:30AM- Ministerium at Augustana 5:16PM to 6:31- Confirmation Class			7PM-Family Game Night 9PM-Youth Lock-In	
Day of Pentecost 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NEW SERVICE TIME 9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship/Sunday School ~Noisy Offering~ After Service: Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals	5:16PM to 6:31- Confirmation Class				
The Holy Trinity 27	28	29	30	31		
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship/Sunday School After Service: Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals  MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	7PM-Peer Supervision at Augustana				