

May 2025



## Readings for May 2025

May 4 Third Sunday of Easter	Act 9: 1-6	Psalm 30	Revelation 5: 11-14	John 21: 1-19
May 11 Fourth Sun- day of Easter	Acts 9: 36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7: 9-17	John 10: 22-30
May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11: 1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13: 31-35
May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16: 9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21: 10, 21:22- 22:5	John 5: 1-9



The call person for  
May is

Teresa Raisland

406-949-2101

### Greeters and Ushers for May

May 4	Ed and Wanda Watson
May 11	Laura Ascherman & Teresa Raisland
May 18	Teresa Raisland
May 25	Tom Helm and Alieda Stone

### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Breakfast Blessings: meets Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Book: *Christ in our Home*—available at the church

Revelation Bible Study: meets Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

at Shepherd of the Valley





## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF TRUCK

We will need helpers to load the truck with our mission quilts, personal care kits, school kits, sewing kits, and layettes on Friday, May 9th. Time is approximately 11:15. We have nearly 160 boxes to load. If we can form an assembly line, it will be great!



Good, clean, saleable items are needed for the church yard sale.

Please bring your items to the church  
Thursday or Friday morning  
May 15th and 16th (9-11)

Helpers are needed!

Please sign up for a shift to help.

## May 17th Indoor Yard Sale

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

301 N. Cherry Street

Prices are Donations

## ELCA GOOD GIFTS



ELCA GOOD GIFTS (catalog and online) provides a variety of options for helping those in real need throughout the world. The Memorial Committee met to purchase a *Good Gifts* memorial in memory of Tom Arensmeyer who always advocated that our church support this program.

To help break the cycle of hunger and poverty, a Family Farm was purchased. Along with agricultural training, this can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty. Thank you to the Memorial Committee investing in the lives of people!

Men's Breakfast — Cooks are needed

May 20th 6:00 a.m.

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Thank you to Lisa and Dave Rowell for writing grants to sponsor soap for the Personal Care Kits and the Baby Kits. The soap is put to such good use and it's a blessing to have that element for our kits!







I think we all notice how beautiful our church yard looks. Our grass is not just cut; our lawn is beautifully manicured by Teresa Raisland. This wonderful lady has volunteered for this chore for years! Please thank her for all she does to keep our church beautiful!

Busy as a bee! Diane Johnson can be found picking up trash and pine cones in our yard! We could be overwhelmed with the debris, but we appreciate that she keeps things tidy and plants flowers near the sign!



## Women of the ELCA



WELCA ladies stuffed Easter eggs with candy, Bible verses and bits of love! WELCA always has a project and works to better our church, our community, and the world. The camaraderie and service enriches all of our lives! The next project will be the church yard sale! Join us in our community outreach! The second Tuesday of each month, 4:00 p.m. at the church.



Photo credit: Deb Arnold



**We Love Vacation Bible School!**  
Join Us  
this Summer

The next practice scheduled for choir is  
**May 15th, 12:00 noon.**

The last Sunday for Sunday School is March 4th.  
It's a special day! It's a Sundae Sunday!  
Volunteers are always needed.

### Vacation Bible School

June 10th and 11th with a dinner and a  
program for families on June 12th.

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Interested in lending a hand?  
See Julie Mikula



*In Fellowship with Christ we celebrate and give thanks:*



**Sunday School children and their teachers are an integral part of our church family!  
We love them and encourage their faith!**



**Our Lenten Soup Suppers are an opportunity to share a simple meal and share the message that Christ will come again! We thank those who shared their faith stories and those who participated in the events.  
Special thanks to Aubra and Linda who provided music and Jim for the preparation each week.  
We averaged 30-35 people, but there was always soup to welcome more!**



**Ella introduces *The Addy Show* and Addy interviews Alieda about her faith journey at our soup supper.**



**Pastor Kendra illustrates how **CHRIST MAKES ALL THINGS NEW** on Easter Sunday. (photo: Addy M.)**

## **April 13, 2025 Meeting of the SVLC Council**

**Council members present: Clint Watson, Dave Rowell, Julie Mikula, Virgil Binkley, Jim Beck, and Rick Arnold**

**Council members absent: Aiden Mosher and James Lucas**

**Others attending the meeting: Treasurer Mike Colbert and Ross Johnson**

**The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am by President Rick Arnold. Rick led the council in prayer.**

**Church member comments: There was no correspondence from a member or a member present at the meeting.**

**Julie Mikula made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2025 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Rowell, and passed.**

**Treasurer's report: Mike Colbert reported:**

**Offering for March was \$7363 or \$1473 per service**

**Other income for March was \$1228**

**The monthly expenses were \$11,851, of which, \$5627, was the annual insurance premium**

**The rental income was \$1900, with expenses of \$1662, which included a \$1312 insurance premium  
\$2310 was in the checking account**

**The money market balance was \$43,570, with \$3500 of that encumbered**

**The CD balance was \$210,000, with \$30,000 in plumbing reserve**

**Mike announced that John Mundinger asked that his stipend be given to the local food bank.**

**It was noted that we received a thank you for the church's contribution to the California wildfire relief.**

**Virgil Binkley made and Jim Beck seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed.**

**SAM Report: On behalf of Steve Ward, Rick Arnold read a letter from Associate to the Bishop, Brenda Frelsi. Pastor Frelsi offered to do the May 18 service and probably meet with the congregation after the service.**

**Call Committee Report: See the SAM report.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Clint Watson noted that he had shown photos of the meter base at the parsonage to Drew Moos (Lite Electric), and Drew said that the existing meter base was acceptable. The Memorial Committee purchased a Good Gifts memorial on behalf of Tom Arensmeyer.**

**Continuing Business:**

**Treasurer Colbert told the council that a debit card application required specific authorized signees and that cash and spending limits had to be identified.**

**Clint Watson made and Dave Rowell seconded a motion to limit the debit card, authorized at the March 9, 2025 meeting, to a \$300.00 per day cash withdrawal, and purchases of no more than \$5000.00 per day. The authorized signees are to be Rick Arnold and Jim Beck. The motion passed.**

**Ross Johnson explained that in cases where the church membership shrinks below a constitutionally specified quorum, the Montana Synod takes over the church's property and other assets. He suggested that there may be ways to avoid that process for the real property and specify where the real property or the yield from their sale is to go. President Arnold appointed a committee of Ross Johnson (chairman), Dave Rowell, Erick Sorenson, and Shirley Wilson to explore succession and ownership options for the church. This may involve, in part, the selected review and suggested amendments for the church constitution.**

**Jim Beck reported that Wi-Fi is available at the drain sump/well at the northwest corner of the church. He was instructed to further investigate a system to provide an alarm for high sump water levels.**



Virgil Binkley presented a report on the church rental properties showing current rents and expenses, management options, inspection reports, and recommendations. After discussion of the report, the general consensus was that the church would retain the rental properties and continue to rent them. President Arnold appointed a committee of Clint Watson (chairman), Dave Rowell, and Daryl Blumhagen to provide information to the council with respect to the rentals. Specifically, the committee was asked to suggest rental rates, review the rental agreements, and to propose repairs (beginning with the rental [307 N Cherry St.]). Mike Colbert's efforts to separate the financial records of the church and the rentals was commended. Additional records detail may be added as this review proceeds.

#### New Business:

Jim Beck reported that the \$378 yearly subscription for Quick Books will be due on May 27. It will be billed to his credit card. The subscription version of Quick Books has never been used because the church's data from the stand-alone version currently being used has not be transferred to the subscription version, even after lengthy attempts to make the transfer. Mike Colbert suggested either subscribing to the more advanced Quick Books subscription which includes customer support or to seek local assistance with Quick Books problems. No further action was taken.

#### Council Member Concerns:

There were no council member concerns.

The meeting was adjourned by President Rick Arnold with general consent at 1:10 pm. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Beck, Secretary

Rick Arnold, President

May 4	Church Council Meeting— Following church The last day of Sunday School- It's a Sundae Sunday for the children!
May 9	Please help load the truck for Lutheran World Relief! <u>11:15</u>
May 11	Happy Mother's Day!
May 13	WELCA meets at 4:00 p.m. at the church
May 15	Choir Practice— 12:00 noon
May 16	Set up for church Yard Sale— Bring items— 9:00— 11:00 a.m.
May 17	Church Yard Sale- 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
May 18	Bishop Freisi scheduled to visit
May 20	Men's Breakfast- at Shepherd of the Valley—Cooks are needed! 6 a.m.
June 10-12	Vacation Bible School 4:00-6:00 p.m.



Pharo Stiles 5/7

Sharon Borer 5/14

Virgil Binkley 5/15

Haley Funkhouser 5/21

Dylan Lancello 5/25

Gretchen Carells 5/27

Lee Lewis 5/31



Daryl & Marilyn Bloomhagen 5/2

Steve & Beth Ward 5/19

Ed & Wanda Watson 5/27