

News of Peace



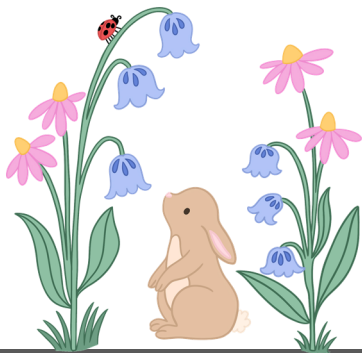
Peace Lutheran Church, Camdenton, MO

Published monthly by Peace Lutheran Church

May 2026

Inside This Issue

A Pastor's Messages.....	1-2
May Devotion.....	3
Every One His Witness	4
LWML News	5-8
Stewardship	10
Council & Voters Minutes .	11-13
Activities Page	13-14
Calendar	15



Contact Us

573-836-8141

Email: plccamdenton@gmail.com

Website: plccamdenton.org

Pastor Gary Brandt

580-421-8108

garybrandt49@gmail.com

Office Hours

Tues.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. to noon

Pudge Springer, Secretary



Like us on Facebook

A Departure to Celebrate

Caesar boasted: “I came. I saw. I conquered.” Christ can rightly say: “I came. I saved. I ascended.”

He’s ascended and what is his, will be ours. He’s ascended, and where he went, we too, are going. He’s ascended, and the doors of heaven have swung open for you, the gates of hell slammed shut. He’s ascended and heaven draws near. He’s ascended and he’s forever what for us he became. He’s ascended and we are not forgotten, for he who saved now rules. He’s ascended, yet he still sets hearts burning with Word and sacrament. He’s ascended, but he’s not gone, and never will be.

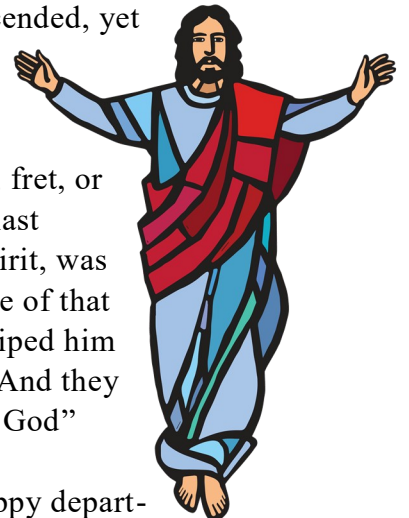
Why didn’t the disciples weep, protest, fret, or pout when Jesus ascended? They did the last time he left them, when he gave up his spirit, was buried, and descended into hell. Why none of that now? St. Luke tells us: “Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God” (Luke 24:51-53).

What a strange departure! The only happy departures most of us ever know involve difficult people or awkward situations.

Loved ones don’t like to leave or be left. But not the disciples. They rejoiced. What an odd response.

Why this joy? Why this patient eagerness? Because they knew what it means when the Church confesses: “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.” Caesar boasted: “I came. I saw. I conquered.” Christ can rightly say: “I came. I saved. I ascended.” Christ, who had befriended mankind in his incarnation, redeemed us in his crucifixion, and renewed us in his resurrection, would now ascend on high to guide us in his ascension. The disciples truly had a friend on high, and the Ascension was a reminder of all that had been fulfilled and was to come.

Remember Joseph? His brothers, jealous of their father’s love for





May

- 1 Judi Owens
- 11 Russell Schulz
- 12 Paul Bartels
- 12 Matthew & Debbie Mayes
- 15 Fran Lashley
- 18 Larry & Jayne Marie Trick
- 24 Jeff & Dawn Hedberg
- 29 Barbara Powell
- 31 Paula Emery

him, sold him into slavery. He was taken to Egypt for what seemed to be a cruel life of tiresome labor. But, with time, Joseph distinguished himself by his faithful work and wisdom. Famine struck, and it just so happened that Joseph had ascended to the right hand of the Pharaoh, with all of Pharaoh's power and authority at his disposal. Hungry and desperate, Jacob sent Joseph's brothers to Egypt to buy food. Joseph recognized them and, forgiving them, fed them with Egyptian food, and made them a home in his kingdom. So also, Christ, our Brother and the beloved Son of our heavenly Father, whom we sold into death, has been raised to the right hand of the Father and reigns with all of God's power and authority at his disposal. He has forgiven us our wrongs and now feeds us, once hungry and desperate, with heavenly food. He makes for us an eternal home in his kingdom, in Paradise.

Departures are often sad, but this is no time for tears. This is a time for joy, for patient eagerness, for though Christ has left us, he is as close as ever. His ascension is not so much "goodbye" as "see you soon." In the midst of this world's fallen chaos and the upheaval of our daily lives, we can take a deep breath and reassure ourselves always: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father."

by Wade Johnston, from website 1517

Book of Revelation & the Middle East

Every time there is a conflict in the Middle East—large or small—someone inevitably opens the Book of Revelation and declares, "This is the fulfillment of prophecy!"

But that's not how the Bible works.

Revelation, and Daniel before it, were not written as a running commentary on modern geopolitics or the State of Israel. They were written to the Church—to Christians living under pressure, persecution, and uncertainty. Their purpose was not to give believers a newspaper decoder ring, but to reveal Christ's victory over sin, death, and the powers of this world.

The center of Revelation is not

modern nations. The center is the Lamb who was slain.

When we turn these books into predictions about today's political events, we actually miss their real message. Revelation shows the ongoing struggle between Christ and the forces opposed to Him throughout the entire age of the Church. Its comfort is this: no matter how chaotic the world appears, Christ reigns and His Church endures.

The promises of God were fulfilled in Christ, not in the establishment of a modern political state. The true Israel of God is the people gathered to Christ through faith—Jews and Gentiles alike.

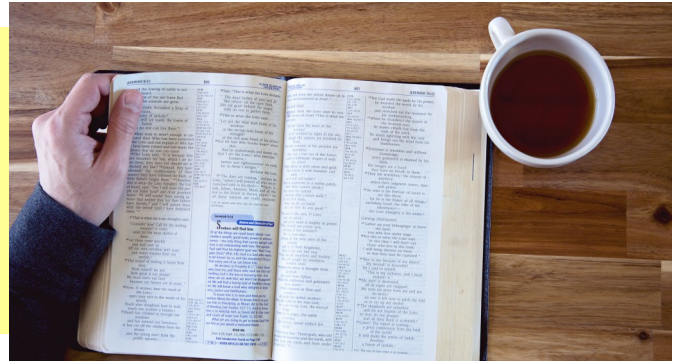
So instead of trying to map

today's headlines onto Revelation, read it the way it was meant to be read: as a book of comfort and victory for the Church, proclaiming that the crucified and risen Jesus is already King.

And that is far better news than any prophecy chart.
Pastor Johnathan Charles Watt
Life in Christ Lutheran Church
Grand Marias, MN



May Devotion



It's Unnecessary

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself as a ransom...

1 Timothy 2:3-6a



It has been a number of decades since the man and his wife were found frozen to death in their automobile.

They had been traveling when they were trapped by a blizzard that dumped tons of snow and stranded a multitude of motorists. For long hours the couple had waited for rescue -- rescue which never came. When it appeared hope was gone, the wife had, with near frozen fingers, managed to scribble a note on a piece of paper and stuff it into the glove compartment.

Her message was simple, she wrote, "I don't want to die this way."

That sad note doesn't end the story. Tragically, neither the husband nor wife really had to die, at least not that day. Less than six feet from the couple's snow-covered car was another vehicle, a stranded bus.

Inside that bus the passengers almost had a festive mood. They

were comfortable, warm, almost toasty, through that snowy night. When the newspapers got wind of that story, they asked the questions most people were thinking: "Why? Why hadn't the couple seen the bus? Why hadn't they checked to see if they might be welcomed? Why did that couple have to die, while the others lived?"

It occurs to me that scene is being played out in almost every neighborhood in our country. Death is coming and some people, the people who are spiritually alone, the people without a Savior, are afraid of its arrival.

The truth is they don't have to die -- not eternally. Throughout our nation there are churches, churches in the countryside and on the street corners, churches in the city and the suburbs. These churches come in all colors and sizes. And, if Word and Sacrament are properly administered, there is life and hope inside the fellowship of those churches.

Like the newspapers, we Chris-

tians ask, "Why? Why don't these people see our churches? Why don't they check to see if they might be welcomed? Why do they insist on dying, when God has sent His Son to do everything necessary, so they can live?"

Oh, there needs to be one more question asked: "Why didn't the people on that bus, that is, in our churches, get out and invite these dying souls in to safety?"

It is such a little thing, such an easy thing for us to do, and the results can be incredibly wonderful and eternal.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, by the life, death and resurrection of the Savior, we have been rescued from eternal death. Now we pray for those who don't know Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit upon them, so they may be moved toward acknowledging their Lord. At the same time, move us to invite and welcome them to our church, where they might find the safety which comes in knowing the Savior. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,
Pastor Ken Klaus, 1948-2023 former speaker of The Lutheran Hour®, March 25, 2011

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

Invite to Worship?

Worship may not be the best option for certain people.

There was a time when inviting a person to worship was an effective invitation. But for the most part, that time has passed.

Unlike a generation or two ago, more and more people in our society have no experience with the church. Most of them are going to be reluctant to start with a worship service. It's simply to foreign to them.

Another reason is that we lack the relationships that we used to have. There was a time when nonchurched people were engaged in a community that included many church people. Inviting them to worship meant inviting them to an activity that included people who were already connected to them.

Today it is likely they won't know each other.

The following are some other reasons that an invite to worship may not be best.

- **The person is not a believer.** Simply put, worship is for believers, not unbelievers. Now an unbeliever could come to a worship service, hear the Word, and come to faith, evangelism is not the purpose for worship. Instead, worship involves the gathering of God's people to receive His good gifts, who will respond to God's mercy and grace in praise and thanksgiving, and His wit-

nesses being equipped for living in and serving the world as the scattered church.

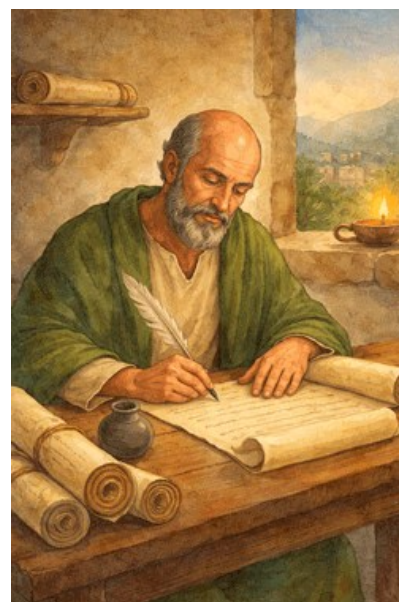
- **The person might be put off by liturgical worship.** Lutheran worship is not worldly. People who have no experience with worship that embraces the unworldly may be confused or troubled by liturgical worship. It may take some time to prepare someone to attend a Lutheran worship service so that he can appreciate its beauty, Christ-centeredness, and biblical foundation.
- **The person might be offended by closed Communion.** There are aspects of our Communion practice that are difficult for nonchurched people to understand. Many people don't appreciate why, in love, we limit participation in Holy Communion to those who are able to receive it in a worthy manner. First one must explain why the person can't participate until instructed in the faith. If trouble, you shouldn't invite to worship service that includes Communion.
- **The congregation isn't welcoming to guests.** You'd like for someone you invite to a worship service to have a good experience and feel welcomed by the congregation. If your church is not effective at welcoming strangers (something that may be a challenge to some

congregations!), it would be better to work on building relationships between the person and members before he attends a worship service.

Next month: INVITE TO WORSHIP? ...but for others, worship may make for an effective invitation.

by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry

Bible Quiz



Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)

Meeting Held April 13, 2026

2026 Officers: President Dawn Hedberg, Vice-President Cindy Neibur, Treasurer Susan Kral, Secretary Jayne Marie Trick

We began the meeting with a prayer by President Dawn Hedberg. Roll call word for the month of April was “heaven”. Eight members were in attendance and answered the roll call with their chosen Bible verses.

Reminder

Here are some of the items that Hope Chapel Swaddling Clothes mission has on hand. We are collecting items for the year. Below are some of the items that can be donated. Photos submitted by Cindy Niebur.

- *diapers
- *diaper wipe
- *bibs
- *coats
- *bottles
- *onesies
- *burp cloths
- *blankets
- *socks
- *hats/mittens



The secretary’s March minutes were briefly examined, and a few high points were mentioned. Treasurer Susan Kral read and discussed the March Treasurer’s Report. Collection was taken for Mites, rally and general fund.

President’s Report

- We will be receiving new LWML Quarterlies in June.
- The in-gathering for the Spring Rally will be for the outreach Swaddling Clothes at Hope Lutheran in Osage Beach. Pastor Williams’ wife, Christina has agreed to give a short mission statement concerning the Swaddling Clothes program.
- We agreed to donate funds to the Life Long LWML Memorial set up for lifelong members who have passed. The general offering at the rally will be in honor of lifelong LWML members.
- Missouri Convention June 12-14 theme is “Rooted”.
- Other convention activities for members participation are the Mission Walk, Giving from the Heart, and gift basket auction.

Vice President’s Report

A thank you was voiced to members who helped with the

funeral food and meal for our dear member Cathie Mueller. She will be greatly missed and was an inspiration to us all.

- Visitor bags have been restocked and the bags have a new and decorative design! Members greatly approved the colorful bags. We are asked to look for items to add to the visitor bags and purchase them in amounts of one dozen.
- We were asked to review the mission suggestions list for 2026. We also discussed taking time together for a few fun days.
- Our members discussed ways to utilize the used greeting card collection. Handmade Christmas greetings for nursing homes was one suggestion that was well received.

Correspondence

- The secretary received a letter and form for our “Sponsor a Seminary Student” project from the St. Louis Seminary.

Committee Reports

- **Pop Tabs:** Pop tabs were taken to McDonalds for the Ronald McDonald House.
- **Best Choice Labels:** We

need more Best Choice labels to fill our required amount.

- **Kitchen Committee:** We are going to create an inventory list after the Spring Rally.
- **Human Care:** No report.
- **Stamps Committee:** No report
- **Photography Committee:** No report
- **Visitor Bag Committee:** We are ready with new visitor bags for spring and summer guests.

Old Business

- Cleaning the kitchenette in the Narthex is being done in small phases.
- Committees for the Spring Rally discussed their final instructions, dates and time.
- Skit members for the rally discussed their final plans.

New Business

- We will review the grant proposals for the Missouri Convention in May or June. Each society will vote for eight charities.

- Songs have been chosen for the Spring Rally, and Rev. Dr. Kristopher Morris will be our rally speaker and head the Bible study.
- We discussed looking at replacing the old dishes, bowls and side plates with new white dishes that are lighter in weight.

Bible Study

Bible study was titled, “Be Faithful - The Way to Heaven”, taken in part from a 2017 LWML Bible study on “The Crown of Life”. We closed our meeting with a prayer from the Bible study.

After the Meeting

- Several members prepared floral baskets for the rally.
- Several members cleaned up the salt and pepper shakers in preparation for the rally luncheon.
- Easter lilies that were left from Sunday were taken home by several members to plant.

Memorial Service Held



Catherine (Cathie) Mary Mueller of Camdenton, MO, passed away at the age of eighty-three on March 26, 2026.

She was born in Mountain View, MO, to parents Herbert and Mary Gregory, on November 14, 1942.

She graduated from Mountain View High School in the class of 1960. After graduation, she moved to St. Louis, MO to attend cosmetology school, to become a hair dresser. Cathie would then own and operate her own shop for thirty years until 1996, when she and her husband Ken, moved to The Lake of the Ozarks.

Cathie married Ken on June 14, 1980, in St. Louis, MO and together they shared forty-five years of marriage.

She is survived by her husband Ken; son, Jeff; and daughter, Kim. She is also survived by two grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was very active in the Peace Lutheran Church, in Greenview, MO and the Fun Runners Car Club of Camdenton, MO.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”. Matthew 11:28-30



This beautiful bouquet of flowers was given to the LWML by Cathie’s sister Sherry.



For the month of April, we collected \$47.22 in pocket change for Mites. Thank you for your continued support of this ongoing project. You can bring the change anytime to church. Place it in the box provided at the back of the church.

Sedalia Zone Rally Results

April 28, 2026

A total of 57 ladies including pastors, individual members and guests attend the Spring Rally at Peace. Thank you to the host churches of Faith Warsaw, Peace Camdenton, and St. Paul's Stover who made this rally a huge success. Photos submitted by Diane Borgmann, Pudge Springer and Sheryl Bald.



Dawn provided the welcome and housekeeping.



Paula provided the devotion.



Zone President Roberta conducted our meeting.



Rev. Dr. Kristopher Morris was our guest speaker.



Christina Williams spoke about the ingathering Swaddling Clothes.



Brett provided transportation for those ladies who were not able to use the stairs.



Rev. Tessone is our Pastoral Counselor.



Rev. Brandt played the organ.



Each lady attending received a table favor made by Paula.





Ladies, guests, pastors, and individuals who attended.



Our ingathering items for Swaddling Clothes.



Our various decorations.



Lunch was provided after the morning session.



Various crosses giving to each lady attending the rally, provided by Verona Goetz of St. Paul's Stover.

Mark your calendar for the fall rally scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at Trinity, Cole Camp. The theme is "Bless Our Lips."

Former Member Passes Away

Doris Bert Lawson (nee Brown) passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at the age of 90 years. She was born on October 21, 1934 in St. Louis, MO to the late Frances (Waechtler) and Taylor Brown.

Doris married the love of her life, Dale Eli Lawson on April 18, 1953, and they were blessed with four children. Dale preceded her in death on January 21, 2022.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by two brothers, Taylor and David Brown, and her sister, Nancy (Brown) Nilhas.

Doris was the beloved mother of Linda (Thomas) Mengel, Gregory (Andrea) Lawson, Kathleen (Patrick) Porter, and James (Stephanie) Lawson. She was cherished by her grandchildren, Angela (Joseph) Zawisza, Amy (Michael) Lynn, Adrienne (Bradley) Neckermann, Nicholas (Cassidy) Mengel, Whitney (Benjamin) Luerding, Samuel Lawson, Delaney Lawson, David (Aaryanna) King, Emily King, Jonathan King, Daniel King; and “GiGi” to Mackenzie, Adam, Rylee, Nicholas, Hadley, Joshua, Everly, Everett, Benjamin, and Mila.

Doris is also survived by her dear sister, Susan (Brown) Geibe, her brother Mark Brown, and many nieces and nephews.

Doris and Dale had a loving marriage, focused on their family, long friendships, and their deep faith in the Lord. Doris also enjoyed her career in marketing research at Fleishman Hillard and Maritz until they retired to “The



Lake”. She volunteered at the Lake Hospital Gift Shop.

Doris was happiest with a house full of family and friends, playing cards and games, going on boat rides, or swimming off the dock. She would cook amazing meals that were truly legendary, and nobody could ever leave hungry!

As Dale retold his hilarious stories, although she’d heard them before, she would shake her head and smile at his antics. She loved seeing him as the ringmaster, and he relied on her amused disapproval. Their dynamic was a joy to behold!

In addition to the joyful commotion of a full house, she was happy and content just sitting quietly on the deck watching the calm waters.

Doris and Dale dedicated their lives to serving Our Lord, and were active members in Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Interment was at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Waynesville, MO.

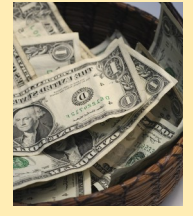
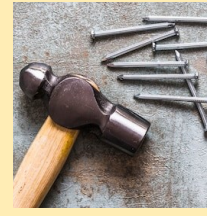
Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please contact Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Pastor Brandt is available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having.



Our Elders: Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229) and Larry Trick (573-286-4423) will assist the pastor to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family.

Stewardship



St. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn

of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament.

We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10). May 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULES

Sunday Worship* 9:00 am
Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday* 6:00 pm
 - Good Friday Service 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday* 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm
**Holy Communion*

The Lord's Servants

- **Elders—First Sunday of Each Month**
Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Larry Trick
- **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:30 pm**
 - ◆ **President:** Brock Kliewer (two yr term)
 - ◆ **Vice President:** Noah Estes (two yr term)
 - ◆ **Secretary:** Susan Kral (two yr term)
 - ◆ **Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur
 - ◆ **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan (two yr term)
- **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism:** Paula Emery
- **Education:** Open
- **Organists:** Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab
- **Trustees:** Kyle Wright, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
Chuck Kral
- LWML—2nd Monday of each month 9:00 am**
 - President:** Dawn Hedberg
 - Altar Guild:** Dawn Hedberg
- Bible Studies** As announced
- *Elected Offices*

Serving in God's House

	Elder	Altar Guild
January	Jeff Hedberg	Dawn Hedberg
February	Jeff Emery	Paula Emery
March	Larry Trick	Dawn Hedberg
April	Jeff Hedberg	Dawn Hedberg
May	Jeff Emery	Paula Emery
June	Larry Trick	Carol Croft
July	Jeff Hedberg	Dawn Hedberg
August	Jeff Emery	Paula Emery
September	Larry Trick	Diane Borgmann
October	Jeff Hedberg	Cindy Niebur
November	Jeff Emery	Paula Emery
December	Larry Trick	Dawn Hedberg
Minister	Rev. Gary Brandt	
Organists	Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab	

Ushers

1st Sunday	Robert & Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels
2nd Sunday	Earl Hartenstein, Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Diane Borgmann, Rodney Schulz
4th Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg, Russ Schulz
5th Sunday	Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg

Counters

1st Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg
2nd Sunday	Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Brett & Cindy Niebur
4th Sunday	Matt & Deb Mayes
5th Sunday	Pudge McCloud

4/2026

Council Met April 14, 2026

Vice President Noah Estes called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: **Pastor** Brandt, **President** Brock Kliewer, **Vice President** Noah Estes, **Financial Secretary** Brett Niebur, **Secretary** Susan Kral, **Elder** Jeff Hedberg, **Trustee** Chuck Kral, **Evangelism** Paula Emery and **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann

Absent: Treasurer Peg Callahan

The minutes from the March 10, 2026 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Brett presented financial statements. He reminded the council that the 2025 mission offerings have not been distributed. The agreed amount of five percent of yearly weekly offerings is approximately \$5400.00. That amount needs to be divided and sent to the organizations that were chosen. Brett's report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Brett presented Peg's report.

- All bills are paid.
- The new vacuuming system has been installed. The council thanks the anonymous donor who paid for the system.

The report was accepted and approved.

Board of Elders: Jeff reported the following:

- The elders met on March 28, 2026. Pastor Brandt, Brock Kliever, Jeff Hedberg, Larry Trick and Jeff Emery attended.
- Pastor Brandt discussed changes to be made to the Sunday bulletins. Larry requested that birthdays and anniversaries be added. The proposed changes were approved.
- Pastor discussed arrangements needed for the Easter service.
- There was discussion regarding Ken Mueller's special requests to be implemented at Cathie Mueller's funeral.
- Pastor Brandt closed with prayer.

Jeff's report was accepted and approved.

Trustees: Chuck reported the following:

- Pat Callahan has completed many tasks. He repaired the hand railing that leads to the fellowship hall. He replaced burnt out light bulbs in the fellowship hall. He repaired the pew that had come loose. Pat serviced the lawn mower.
- Pat removed the dishwasher that stopped working. He installed a new one. Chuck made some adjustments to the dishwasher door.
- Chuck will spray weeds behind the cemetery fence.
- The lid to our outside trash bin is broken.
- The cemetery fence needs repair.

The report was accepted and approved.

Evangelism: Paula reported the following:

- She placed an ad in the Lake Sun newspaper for our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services. The cost was \$65.00.
- Seventy-six people attended our Easter service. Of that number, forty-two were members; thirty-four were visitors.
- Peace will host a Lifeline screening on Tuesday, July 28. Three certificates will be available for church members.

Paula's report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: Jeff reported that Dawn Hedberg is willing to fill the position.

Member at Large: Vacant

Cemetery: Diane reported the following:

- Rodney Schulz has been removing leaves.
- Rodney also filled four holes with dirt and added dirt to Don Schmidt's grave site.
- Rodney applied pre-emergent fertilizer on cemetery and church grounds.

Diane's report was accepted and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- Pastor is very pleased with the attendance at Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services.
- Cathie Mueller is now rejoicing with our Lord in heaven. Pastor thanks all who prepared the fellowship hall and brought food for her funeral luncheon. More than one hundred people enjoyed the meal. Now it's time to share our love with Ken.
- Pastor thanks all who decorated the fellowship hall and provided food for a fantastic Easter brunch. He feels blessed to serve such a wonderful, caring and hardworking congregation.
- On April 14, Pastor attended the monthly Circuit Pastors' conference that was held at Trinity Lutheran in Jefferson City.

Pastor's report was accepted and approved.

President's Reports

Old Business:

- Jeff Hedberg is checking sources to find more sayings for our electronic sign.
- Very few visitor cards are being turned in. Either Pastor or an elder will ask visitors to fill them out.

New Business:

Members will be asked at the April 19 Voters Meeting to help clean our crèche figures so that Jayne Marie Trick can repaint them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M. Pastor led the closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary

Don't keep God in a box;
include him at the table.

—Focus on the Family

Voters Meeting Held April 19, 2026

President Brock Kliewer called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Twenty-four members were present. Thank you to everyone who provided rolls, muffins, and coffee. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer. The minutes of the January 18, 2026 Voters Meeting were approved as printed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Peg Callahan's reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

Financial Secretary's Report: Brett Niebur's reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

Board of Elders: Jeff Hedberg reported that the elders have decided that our faithful organist, Diana Schwab, will be given off one Sunday each month. Our recorded music will be played on those Sundays.

Board of Trustees: The reports are published in the monthly newsletter.

Evangelism: The reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

Stewardship: The reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

Auxiliary Organizations:

Cemetery: The reports are printed in the monthly newsletters. Diane Borgmann thanked all who work to keep the cemetery looking attractive.

LWML: No report was given.

Pastor's Reports: In addition to what is printed in the monthly newsletters Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- Nearly 80 people attended our Easter Resurrection service.
- Nearly 120 people attended the funeral service for Cathie Mueller. Our love and condolences go to Ken Mueller.
- Pastor thanks everyone who set up for and prepared food for the funeral luncheon and the Easter brunch.
- He attended the Circuit Pastors' Conferences in March and April.

President's Report: The president's reports are published in our monthly newsletters.

Old Business:

- Pat Callahan volunteered to clean the crèche figures so that Jayne Marie Trick can repaint them.

- Dawn Hedberg will get addresses and amounts to Peg Callahan so that checks can be sent to the organizations that were selected for our 2025 mission projects.

New Business:

- Pat Callahan purchased and installed a new dishwasher.
- Chuck Kral made adjustments to the dishwasher door.

Closing: Pastor Brandt closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary

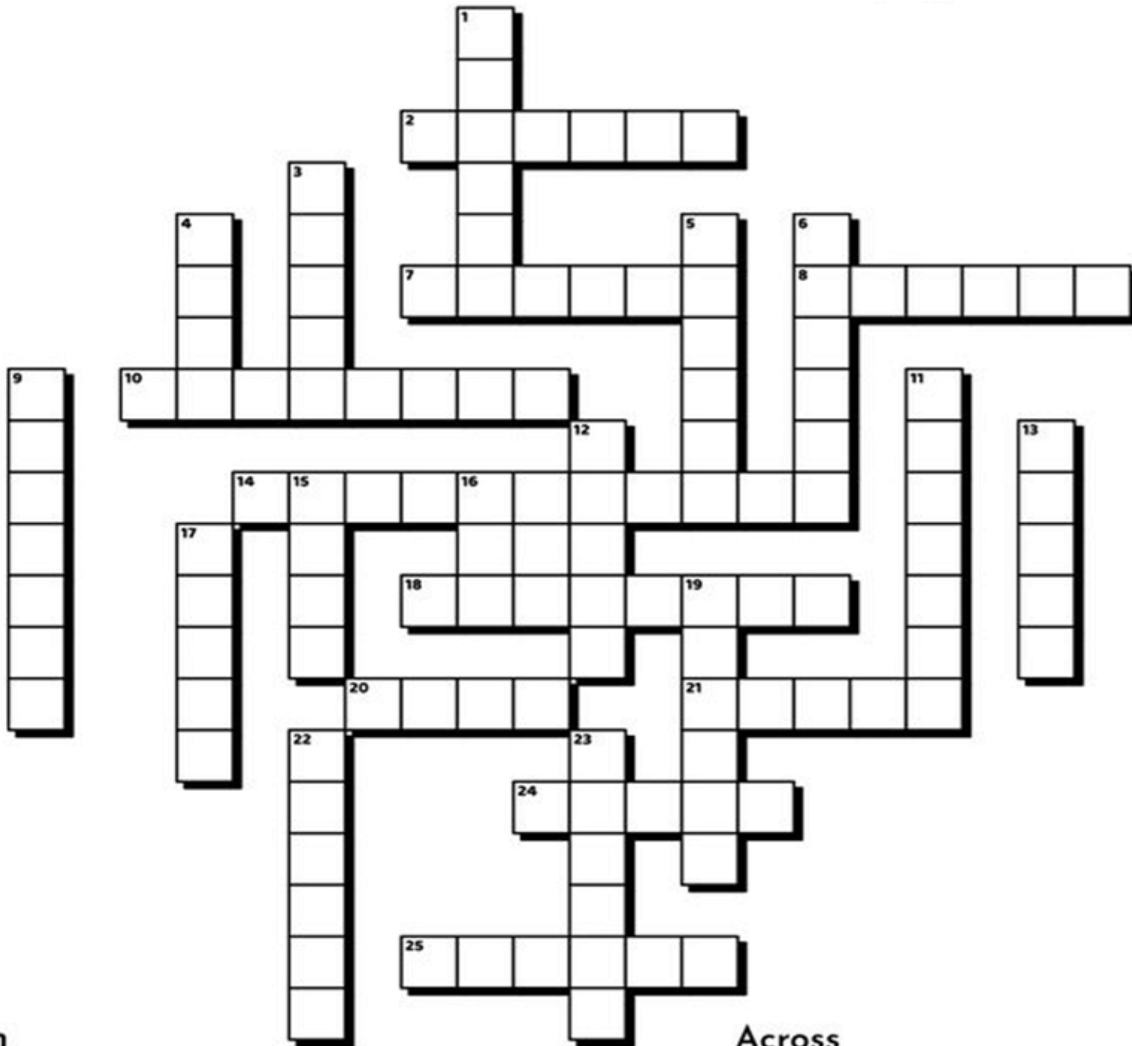
In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A _____
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	___ C _____
John the disciple (Matthew 4:21)	_____ D ___
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	__ E _____
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G _____
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H _____
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I _____
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J _____
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	_____ K ____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	__ L _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M _____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	_____ N ____
Jesse (Matthew 1:5)	O _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	_____ P _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	R _____
Isaac (Genesis 21:3)	S _____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	_____ T ___
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	___ U ___
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	___ V ____
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	___ Y ____
James (Matthew 4:21)	Z _____

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Zebedee

Bible People



Down

1. Take the place of Elijah
3. Fought Goliath with power of God
4. Rainbow symbolizes
5. Spread good news power of the priesthood
6. Saved the Jews from her husbands permission
9. Wife of Isaac
11. Know " the wisest man ever" Davids son and had 300 affairs
12. Freed Hebrews from slavery
13. Son of Abraham
15. Great grandmother of king David
16. First women to be tempted by satan
17. Working for 7 years in return of his wife
19. Volunteered when God said " Whom shall I send "
22. Mother of Joesph
23. Thrown into the lion den for believing in God

Across

2. Sister of Moses and aaron
7. Anointed Saul and David as kings
8. Strength in hair
10. Thrown into fire did not get burned. One of the three men who did not bow to statue
14. Watched all 7 her sons die
18. " put your words into my mouth "
20. 1st man to be made from God
21. Spoke on behalf of Moses to Pharaohs
24. Father of Rachel
25. Sold into slavery by his brothers

Word Bank

Adam	Eve	Jacob	Rachel	Laban	Samson	Esther
Ruth	Samuel	David	Elijah	Elicia	Solomon	Isaiah
Jeremiah	Brave Mother	Shadrack	Noah	Isaac	Rebecca	Joseph
Moses	Aaron	Miriam	Daniel			

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2
3 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am. Elders Mtg. Mites Collection	4	5 Pastor's Circuit Mtg.	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Mother's Day	11 LWML Mtg 9 a.m. Roll call word trust	12 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Ascension of the Lord	15	16 
17 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	18 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship 9 am Day of Pentecost Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	25 Memorial Day Observed	26	27	28	29	30 
31 Worship 9 am Trinity Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m.						