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Monthly Newsletter
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Worship, with Communion @ 10:30 am
Fellowship (after Worship Service)

Happy Mother's Day!



Sunday, May 12

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Great Commandment, Great Commission

by Pastor Steve Hagler

Ascension Day is Thursday, May 9, but the Easter season this year goes through May 12. Pentecost Sunday is May 19 and will be the last Sunday until this fall that there will be Sunday school. Then, we end the month with Holy Trinity Sunday on May 26, with worship at 9:30. The celebration of Pentecost reminds us that God has “poured out His Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit accomplishes His work through believers like you and me.

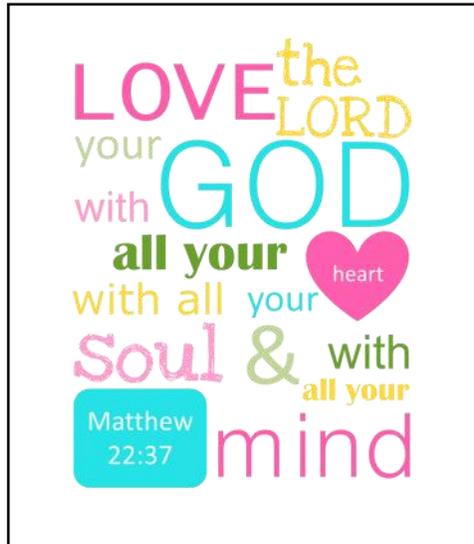
When the risen Jesus appeared to His disciples that first night in the upper room, He empowered them with His Holy Spirit and sent them out. Before His Ascension, Jesus sent them again in what we call The Great Commission: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Earlier in Matthew’s Gospel Jesus gives us the great commandment, which sums up all the Commandments, law, and prophets saying, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39). A great commandment and a great commission which informs the Church how to be great for God by what we are to be doing.

1) Love the Lord with everything you’ve got! The Church does this through worship. On Easter Sunday over 70 people were at worship. Why aren’t there that many people at every other Sunday as well, since every Sunday we celebrate Christ’s resurrection? Worship also gives the Holy Spirit opportunity to open our hearts and minds, working through Word and Sacraments.

2) Love your neighbor! This is the Church’s ministry, serving others in need by sharing God’s love for them and attending to their physical and spiritual needs. God has established a personal, loving relationship with us. Because of that relationship we can build those kinds of relationships with the people around us as we share His love.

3) Go and make disciples! Share the Good News and tell others what Jesus has done for you. Let people know what Jesus has done for them, too. We do this at home, at work, and at school by sharing our faith stories and being living examples of our faith.



4) Baptize them! In Baptism God forgives sin, claims us as His children, gives us His Holy Spirit, and gives us eternal life. When people are aware of the awesome gifts and promises God makes in Baptism, they want to receive all that God offers.

5) Teach them to obey God’s Word! Jesus taught His disciples everything they needed to know for life and salvation. The Church teaches through Bible studies, classes, and fellowship. Every time

we are together we should be sharing what Christ has taught us. When people know God’s Word and the Word lives in them, they will become eager to do His will.

As this Easter Season comes to an end, it reminds us that we have a living Lord and Savior. Christ is alive! The world needs to know that. God uses the Church, you and me, to tell them and show them. When we’re living in a right relationship with our living Lord, it’s easy, because Jesus does it through us. We are never left on our own, as Jesus has promised, “I am with you always!”

**By God’s Grace,
Pastor Steve**

Pastor Call Committee Update

by Marcia Taes

The Call Committee has had three zoom meetings with interested candidates for a call to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. One was before Easter and two were after Holy week. God has blessed us with these Christian leaders who are considering us. Please help us pray for direction in this call.

Brian Lord Zoomed in with us before Easter. He lives in Kent, Washington and is currently an engineer who is working on his ministry degree. He will be finished with his degree this Fall. Denel has been in contact with Brian for over a year. Brian and his family will be visiting us on the weekend of June 8-9, and he will preach our Sunday service on June 9, 2024.

We also had Zoom meetings with a young pastor from Ontario, Canada and a pastor who lives in Salem, Oregon. This was an initial meeting, and we are looking at sermons on the computer to consider the next step.

Several of the Call Committee members have been absent from meetings. We have always tried to have meetings when all are in attendance. It's important that all members have the information to make decisions. The council has requested that we continue with meetings if there might be members absent and that we have a co-chairperson to take over the leadership of the committee if the chairperson is absent. George Simon will take over the co-chairperson responsibility.

We will be working on a congregational profile for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Once it is complete, NALC will help us work on our call process.

Respectfully Submitted, Marcia Taes, Chairperson



Call Team Members

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| Marcia Taes, HTLC Member, <i>Chairperson</i> | (509) 434-4470 |
| Denel Ingraham, HTLC Council Member | (509) 951-2325 |
| Squeaky May, HTLC Member | (509) 951-7512 |
| George Simon, HTLC Council President, <i>Co-Chairperson</i> | (509) 939-0652 |
| LaLita Tadena, HTLC Council Vice President | (509) 475-1899 |



**Summer worship schedule begins on
Sunday, May 26.**

***We will take a break from
Sunday School during the summer.***

Worship Services will begin at 9:30 am.

Summer worship schedule runs the Sunday before Memorial Day until the Sunday after Labor Day.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2024 — “Subject to Approval”

Respectfully Submitted by Sandy Hoveskeland, Secretary

Present: George Simon, Marcia Taes, Diane Fried, Charlie May, LaLita Tadena, Nancy Purcell, Dan Olson, Pastor Steve and Sandy Hoveskeland. Denel Ingraham and Pat Woods were absent.

Call to Order: President, George Simon, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed our newest Council member, Sandy Hoveskeland.

Devotional: LaLita led the devotionals based on the book “Comfort for a Child’s Heart” with reference to the 23rd Psalm and closed with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by LaLita and seconded by Charlie to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Dan distributed the Treasurer’s report, which was reviewed and discussed by Council. Dan noted that in unearned giving, 1/12 of an individual’s annual donation is recognized per month. The Balance Sheet also recognizes the cost of bringing in a new pastor. Total income is up over \$3,000 compared to one year ago. Building use is up from a year ago with first quarter donations of \$3,560. Total 2023 donations were \$10,042.

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| STCU Checking: | \$ 55,685.09 |
| C. Schwab Building Fund | 22,371.63 |
| C. Schwab Savings | 69,313.72 |
| Savings – Vanguard | 39,074.02 |



Pastor’s Report: Pastor Steve reported that additional time was spent preparing for Holy Week. He prepared four sermons in eight days. He writes the prayers for Sunday services to go along with the text for each sermon. Sunday School preparation is going well. We will finish Philemon and will move into Titus this Sunday. He also writes the article for the monthly Newsletter on some subject of theology. He meets weekly with Tracy on Thursdays and will meet with Karen Tenney, who is replacing Tracy while Tracy is on vacation. He attends the monthly Council meeting and Worship and Music Committee meeting. He also regularly attends the Friday morning breakfast and Bible study.

Pastor Steve noted that he would like to spend more time doing visitations. We discussed several who have not attended church recently, and Pastor would like to visit them. It was also discussed that during inclement weather Pastor might like to attend council meetings via Zoom. The group agreed that Pastor would make that determination himself during harsh weather. He likes to attend in person, weather permitting.

Properties and Maintenance: See report submitted by Charlie May. Another load of gravel was delivered and spread on the overflow lot. The Cherry tree has been cut down and a stump grinder will take care of the stump. Discussion was held regarding planting a Dogwood tree in that area plus one in another area. Charlie

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distributed two estimates for cleaning and sealing cracks in the parking lot and for re-striping. They will pour hot tar in the cracks to prevent water from getting in. The two bids were from Accurate Striping and Arrow. Accurate Striping was the most reasonable and that company was used the last time this was done. Charlie asked for a motion to approve Accurate Striping to do the work. This will include adding two additional ADA parking spots. George made a motion to go with Accurate Striping and LaLita seconded. This work will happen soon. Charlie reported our insurance company is requiring that the water heater off the Fellowship Hall be secured to the wall. Discussion was held whether Holy Trinity is required to pay Washington State sales tax. George will investigate.

Worship and Music: See report submitted by Nancy Purcell. Squeaky is the worship assistant for April and Nancy for May. The church was decorated for Easter on March 30. The cost for Easter breakfast was \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. 71 people attended church on Easter Sunday and 67 had signed up for breakfast.

Congregational Ministries: See report submitted by LaLita Tadena.

Christian Education: See report submitted by Pat Woods.

Social Care and Concerns and Care Team: See report submitted by Diane Fried. Diane prepared a detailed report of items delivered to UGM from our Lenten service project, "Easter Blessings for UGM". She will give a complete report with totals during church on April 14. For Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank, she noted the focus for April will be fruit cups, canned fruit and boxed macaroni and cheese. Diane will continue trying to contact Cher Brown.

Old Business:

Pastoral Call Committee: Charlie spoke about keeping in close contact with a potential pastor. One person from the committee needs to communicate on a regular basis with the applicant. Denel and Pat are attending the LCMC gathering this week in Lebanon, Oregon and will be meeting with Brian Lord, the pastor from Kent. Brian and his family will drive to Spokane so methods of reimbursing him for mileage were discussed. The Council agreed to reimburse mileage at the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 67 cents per mile. Charlie and Squeaky have offered housing for his family while they are here for an interview. He will preach our Sunday service on June 9.

New Business:

Review Welcome Packet from NALC and Propose Change in Constitution to Include NALC: The Welcome Packet from NALC was provided to Council for review. The HTLC Constitution and Bylaws refers only to LCMC. A change will be needed to add the word "jointly" in Item #4 of Chapter C-1 Name and Incorporation, to read "This congregation is jointly affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC and NALC). The cover page should note LCMC/NALC. George will work with Tracy on these changes and send to Council for review.

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Discuss Training on the Use of the AED: An AED has been installed by the coat rack in the narthex. George will check into procuring a tutorial on how to use it. If it is a video, it would be advantageous to watch it in a group of interested people.

Repair/Replace Fellowship Chairs: Several chairs in the Fellowship Hall are damaged and Brent has repaired at least 25 chairs. Discussion was held about the possible need to purchase more chairs.

Member Items: Audit Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on April 18. LaLita Tadena, George Simon and Lester Boudewyns will participate.

Dan noted the UGM Annual Gathering will be at 11:30 a.m. on April 23. He asked for 10 attendees. A sign-up sheet will be available at church on Sunday.

Discussion was held concerning user groups using the Fellowship Hall versus the room they have been assigned. Also of concern are unsupervised children in the Fellowship and Kitchen area. Some groups tend to open the door which blocks the camera. This is not acceptable, and each group will be reminded that they have responsibilities when they use our church. Five groups are approved to use the Fellowship Hall: AA-Valley Noon Group (M-F), AA-Saturday Night Miracles (Sat), NA-Wednesday Night Recovery (Wed), INW Jr. Fiddlers (Thu), and TOPS (Mon). Other groups are to meet in the classrooms.

Next Month Devotional: Nancy Purcell

Counters: George Simon and LaLita Tadena

Adjournment: The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:30 p.m.



Spring Fiddle Recital

Saturday, May 18 @ 3:00 pm

Presented by:
INW Junior Fiddlers



The Junior Fiddlers have been working on some new tunes.

All are invited to come and enjoy the music of these talented young fiddlers in the HTLC Sanctuary.

Beverages and cookies will be served after in the fellowship hall.

Easter Blessings for UGM Results

Thrivent Action Teams Lenten Service Project



Thank you so much to all who contributed items and money.



Here is a grand total of the items donated:

Towels:

20 bath towels
6 hand towels
6 washcloths
8 kitchen towels

Men's Items:

38 underwear
15 scrub style pants
10 deodorants
11 packages razors
8 Dickie's belts

Women's Items:

10 blankets
8 sheet sets
7 pairs of shoes
5 packages children's diapers

Medical Items:

2 boxes cough medicine
7 bottles Vitamin C
6 bottles Zinc
4 boxes Tylenol
2 boxes Ibuprofen
8 packages cough drops

Additional Items:

2 quilts with bed skirts, pillows & pillow cases
3 pillows
3 jeans (size 4)
12 toothbrushes
2 men's shirts
1 men's work outfit



*The following people delivered the items to UGM (from left to right):
Linda Ziehnert, Dan Olson, LaLita Tadena, Marla Simon, George Simon, Ilene Benham*



May Birthdays

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| Chuck Taes | May 2 |
| Jack Tiley | May 6 |
| Rita Moore | May 7 |
| Ken Stoop | May 11 |
| Mark Haas | May 13 |
| Stephanie Bowen | May 19 |
| Drew Taes | May 25 |



Don & Arlene Russell

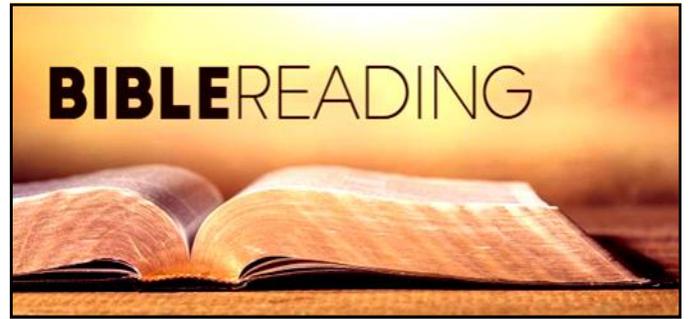
Married May 1, 2021 – celebrating 3 years

Jim & Sue Abitz

Married May 5, 1990 – celebrating 34 years

Charlie & Squeaky May

Married May 25, 1985 – celebrating 39 years



May 5 (6th Sunday of Easter):

- ✚ Acts 10:44-48
- ✚ 1 John 5:1-6
- ✚ John 15:9-17

May 12 (7th Sunday of Easter):

- ✚ Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- ✚ 1 John 5:9-13
- ✚ John 17:6-19

May 19 (Day of Pentecost):

- ✚ Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
- ✚ Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
- ✚ John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26 (Holy Trinity Sunday):

- ✚ Isaiah 6:1-8
- ✚ Romans 8:12-17
- ✚ John 3:1-17

Happy Memorial Day!
Monday, May 27



May 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|  | | | <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—WNW</p> | <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>3:00 pm INW Jr Fiddlers</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> | <p>7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study</p> <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>6:00—9:00 AA-HHG Game Night</p> | <p>8:00 am AA—MWU</p> <p>10:00 am AA—SMM</p> <p>8:00 pm AA—SNM</p> |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| <p>6th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Service & Fellowship</p> <p>10:00 am AA—SMG</p> <p>2:00 pm AA—CAYA</p> <p>7:00 pm AA—SRG</p> | <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm TOPS</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—MNM</p> | <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> | <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—WNW</p> | <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm</p> <p>11:15 am—1:00 pm Serving Lunch @ Men's Shelter</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>3:00 pm INW Jr Fiddlers</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> | <p>7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study</p> <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> | <p>8:00 am AA—MWU</p> <p>10:00 am AA—SMM</p> <p>8:00 pm AA—SNM</p> |
| 12-Mother's Day | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| <p>7th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Service & Fellowship</p> <p>10:00 am AA—SMG</p> <p>2:00 pm AA—CAYA</p> <p>7:00 pm AA—SRG</p> | <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm TOPS</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—MNM</p> | <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 pm Council Meeting</p> | <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—WNW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Articles Due</p> | <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>3:00 pm INW Jr Fiddlers</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> | <p>7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study</p> <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> | <p>8:00 am AA—MWU</p> <p>10:00 am AA—SMM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:00 pm—5:00 pm Spring Fiddle Recital</p> <p>8:00 pm AA—SNM</p> |
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| 26 | 27-Memorial Day | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| <p>Holy Trinity Sunday</p> <p><i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service & Fellowship</p> <p>10:00 am AA—SMG</p> <p>2:00 pm AA—CAYA</p> <p>7:00 pm AA—SRG</p> | <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm TOPS</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—MNM</p> | <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> | <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—WNW</p> | <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>3:00 pm INW Jr Fiddlers</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> | <p>7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study</p> <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> |  |

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May Events

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| Serving Lunch at UGM Men’s Shelter | Thursday, May 9 11:15 am—1:00 pm |
| Happy Mother’s Day | Sunday, May 12 |
| Council Meeting | Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:30 pm |
| Newsletter Articles Due | Wednesday, May 15 |
| Spring Fiddle Recital (INW Jr Fiddlers) | Saturday, May 18 @ 3:00 pm |
| Worship & Music Committee Meeting | Thursday, May 23 @ 1:30 pm |
| Happy Memorial Day | Monday, May 27 |
| Mid-week Bible Study | Wednesdays @ 10:00 am |
| Breakfast & Bible Study | Fridays @ 7:30 am |

Regular Worship Schedule— ends Sunday, May 19

*9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship w/Communion, fellowship after*

Summer Worship Schedule — begins Sunday, May 26

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 9:30 am Worship w/Communion, fellowship after*