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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 30	May 1	2 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 9:00am Thrift Shop	3 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	4 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	5	6 6:00pm Movie Night "Amazing Grace"
7 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Zoom	8	9 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 9:00am Thrift Shop	10 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	11 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	12	13 Community Yard Sale
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From the Pastor's Desk – May 2023 “Religion and Politics”

⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:42-45 (NIV)

So . . . the two topics you should never talk about in polite company are what?

Of course the answer is: religion and politics. Why? Undoubtedly because these topics are most likely to unearth disagreements. Those disagreements will lead to arguments and those arguments will lead to bad feelings, even within family and friends. Better, then, to just avoid the subjects altogether . . . or so we've been told.

But what if we just can't? What if we really shouldn't? What if, as Christians, it is necessary for us not just to talk about religion (that is, to share our faith) but all that follows from our faith and trust in God through Christ Jesus our risen Savior and Lord?

I'm going to imagine that I don't need to tell you what religion is, right? But as for that other topic . . . yeah . . . what exactly IS politics? As I see it, politics is the working out of our life together in community. We've come to believe that politics is a bad word but it is a necessary thing. We need to live

together and, so, we need to figure out how to do that. What are the rules we need to govern our life together? How can we agree on certain principles and values? Who will lead us? How will those people be chosen? How will we work out our differences?

As the people of God in Christ, we need to be involved in those conversations, believing that our faith informs how we see the needs and provides answers to those questions. In the world nearly every question boils down to one of power and authority. The ones with the power will do whatever they can to maintain authority and to impose their answers in such a way that they become THE answers. Jesus speaks to that on a number of occasions in his ministry. He recognizes the way the world works but, then, says that disciples of Jesus need to be different, to find different answers. The powerful in the world will lord it over everyone else but God's people will live to serve the needs of others, as Jesus did. Systems of power will always define “us” and “them” in such a way as to marginalize and demonize “them” (whoever they are and however they've been defined). Jesus, throughout his ministry, sought out the lost and marginalized, those declared to be unclean and unworthy, welcoming them into relationship with God and into the kingdom ruled by principles very different from those that had oppressed and abused them for so long.

If God's people in Christ avoid politics as if it is hopelessly corrupt, we abandon so many to the way it's always been. That, God's Word declares, is unacceptable. We must stand with those who have been robbed of a voice and of a place at the table. We must speak with

them and for them until the community comes to understand that they can no longer be ignored and abandoned.

It has become difficult to be involved in the morass of politics because of the polarization that forces everything into R vs D and liberal vs conservative as if there is nothing else, no other way to view people and the important issues of the day. Jesus call us, compels us into the mess – not to fight to win – not to do anything necessary to gain power – but to serve the needs of the community as a whole and, particularly, those the community so easily forgets or intentionally ignores. Some may choose, in this mission, to run for office so that they might be in the front lines of the work. Others may believe their calling is to be an advocate in other ways for those people and those issues they care about. How will you serve? What can you do?

This is primary election month here in Pennsylvania and while it is an off year election (as they say), there are important concerns. Local elections are no less important than state and national ones. School boards are vitally important in our life together. As Christians citizens, I believe it is important for us to be informed on the issues and the candidates and to cast our votes – not merely along party lines – but for the right people and the right views. You and I may not agree on who the right people are or what the most important issues are but I encourage you to cast your informed votes. It is one way that you serve your neighbors and your community. May God grant us the leaders we need rather than the ones we want.

See you in church,
Pastor Mike Frost



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 10	Michael & Sharon Bowman	43 years
May 17	Ronald & Kristine Keblish	26 years
May 24	Douglas & Lori Ruch	09 years
May 28	Barbara & Joseph Herman	17 years

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Addie Ring	May		02
Ray Talamantes	May		04
Diane Williams	May		04
Kristine Keblish	May		05
Sharon Bonser	May		09
Nadine Schmidt	May 09		
Brynn Merkel	May 13		
Marian Roberts	May 15		
Lisa Engle	May 16		
Nicole Pryce	May 17		
Seth Mertz	May 18		
Joe Solt	May 19		
Morris Bloomfield	May 20		
Kara Matsco	May 23		
Marlene Bollinger	May 24		
Jennifer Engle	May 24		
Lorene LaRose	May 25		
Evan Tayntor	May 26		
Carol Borger	May 28		
Kay Elyse Gerhart	May 28		
Frederick Young III	May 28		
Garrett Kunkle	May 31		
Connie Reinhart	May 31		

[NOTE: If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.]

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 3	4:15PM	Worship & Music
May 21	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting

2023 SPONSOR SHEETS

Please sign up!

2023 sponsor sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office: **Altar Flowers \$25, Weekly Bulletin \$10, Weekly Communion Bread \$2.50 Altar Guild. May, July, October, November & December**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

May 7, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner
Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich
Altar Guild: VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Worship Service 10:15 AM

May 14, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish
Ushers: Rich Hyer & Terry Holland
Altar Guild: VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Worship Service 10:15 AM

May 21, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Debbie Hansut
Ushers: Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger
Altar Guild: VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Worship Service 10:15 AM

May 28, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone
Ushers: Mary & Gordon Walls
Altar Guild: VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Worship Service 10:15 AM

MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 14th following our 10:15 am service the men are fixing brunch for the ladies. All are invited to the fellowship hall for food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet so we can get an approximate head count to know how much food to make.

FINANCE

Mar. Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 5,909
Mar. St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,308
Mar. Additional Income	\$ 1,321
Mar. Monthly Expenses:	\$ 11,194
Attendance:	
March 5, 2023	42+11
March 12, 2023	31+6
March 19, 2023	39+7
March 26, 2023	45+4

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner Treasurer
 Carol Heffelfinger Financial Sec

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rich Hyer President
 Don Delich Vice-President
 Karen Talamantes Secretary
 Larry Arner Treasurer
 Teri Delich
 Scott Heinrich
 Terry Holland
 Krissy Keblish
 Ron Keblish
 Jim Miller
 Eric Reif
 Ray Talamantes

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's special involvement will resume when it is safe to do so.



HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY

Tues. 9AM- 12:30 PM Thrift Shop



Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity

- May 07 Marlene Bollinger
- May 14 Keblish Family
- May 21 Keblish Family
- May 28 Carol Borger



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 KNOEBEL'S AMUSEMENT PARK

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the picnic, carpooling, and food. Please join us for a day of fun food and fellowship.



Sunday Bulletin

Sponsors

- May 07
- May 14 Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield
- May 21
- May 28 Barb & Joe Herman

USHERS

THIS MONTH

- May 07 Scott & Kelly Heinrich
- May 14 Ron Keblish w/ Taylor & Terry Holland
- May 21 Carol Heffelfinger & Loren LaRose
- May 28 Mary & Gordon Walls

- May 07 Larry Arner
- May 14 Krissy Keblish
- May 21 Debbie Hansut
- May 28 Lynn Perone



MINISTRY ASSISTANTS



Communion Bread Sponsors

- May 07 Kay Elyse Gerhart
- May 14
- May 21
- May 28

HOME VISITS

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for May. If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.

Bible Study

Mondays 1:30 PM - 3 PM at St. Matthew's
Thursdays 10:30 AM - Noon at Holy Trinity



SNAPPLE FACTS



The first lighthouse to use electricity was the Statue of Liberty in 1886.
The Statue of Liberty features 7 points in her crown -- one for each of the continents.

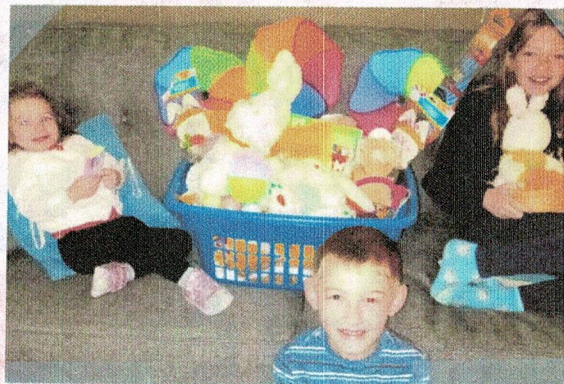
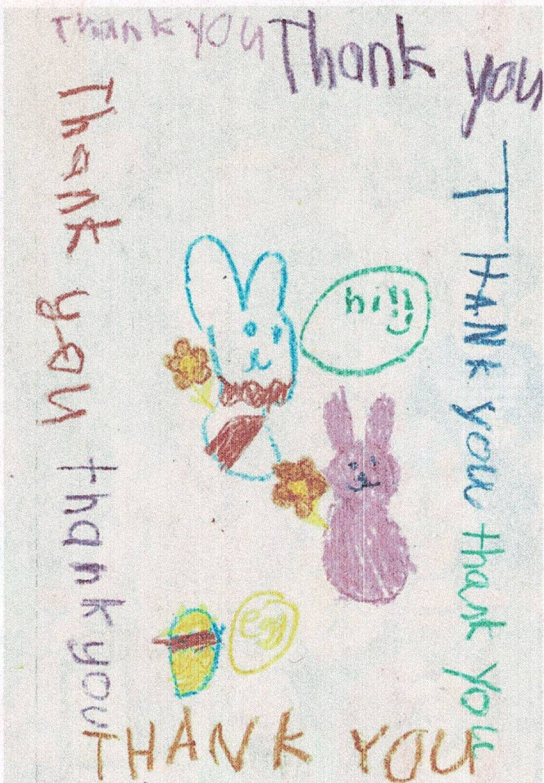
Sip on some knowledge. Most of these are the Real Facts

If you are not able or comfortable meeting in person stay home, stay safe, and join us on FACEBOOK LIVE.

We received a very nice Thank You card from the Weimert children, it is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

THANK YOU for the Easter basket. We all liked the games inside and the candy. It was SO nice of you all to make a good surprise for us.

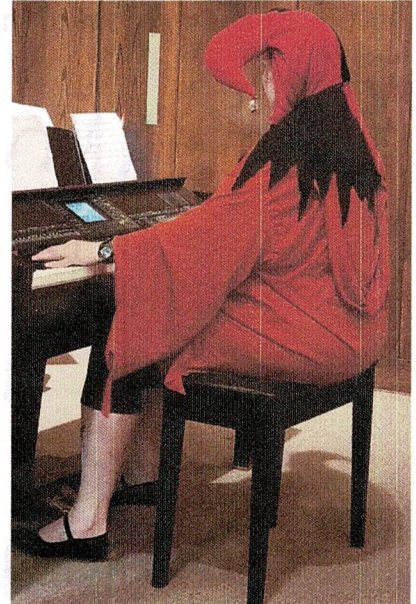
From: Mikayla,
Maggie, and
Jaxson



We had a lot of fun on Humor Sunday here are a few photos. We certainly laughed at the devil and also at ourselves.

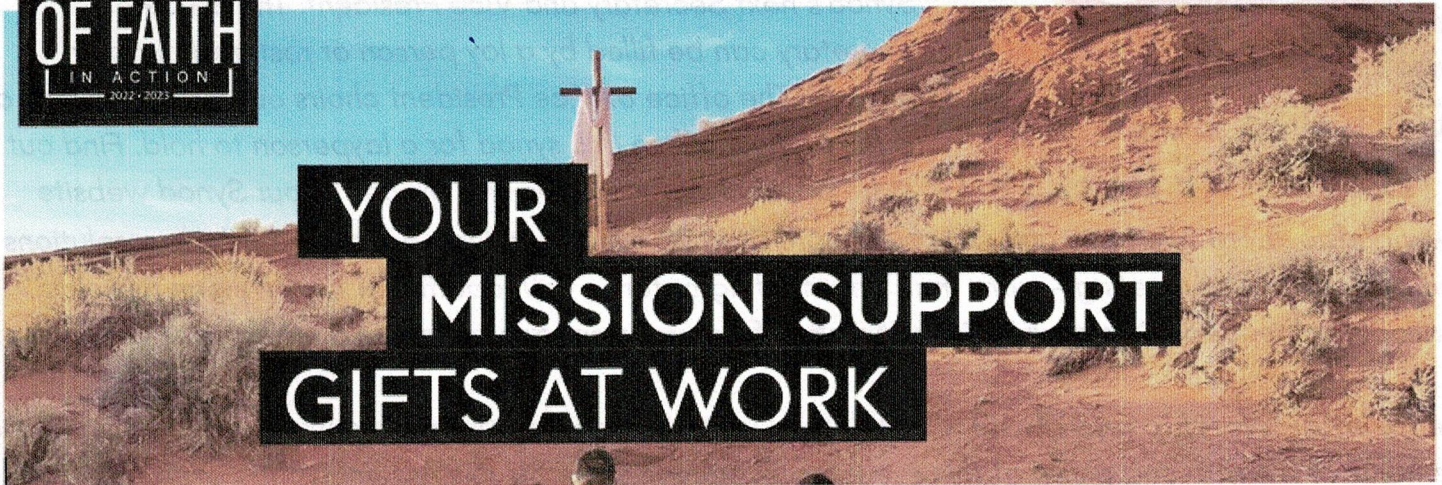
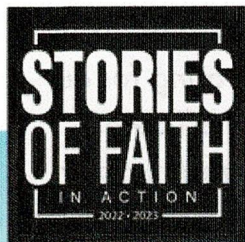
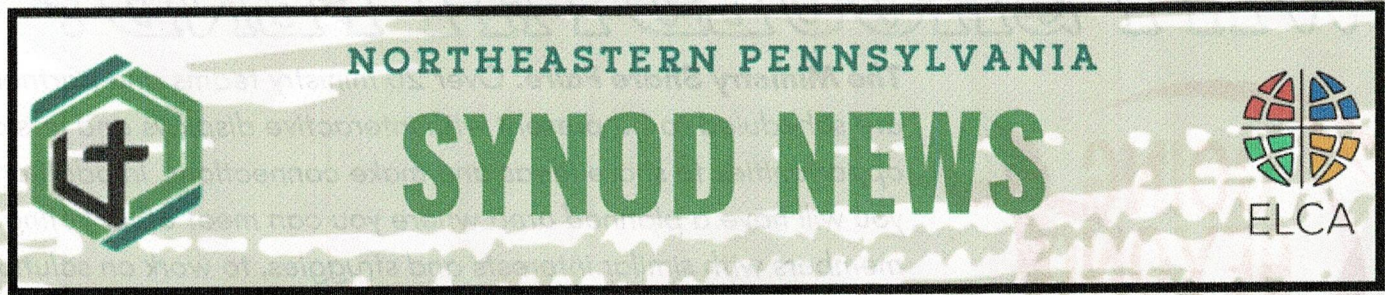
The Choir

Our Organist Lizzie



The Congregation





Wednesday may be a slump day for some, but at the La Crosse LuMin Lutheran Campus it's all about grace through free cookie Wednesday. Want a cookie? Take a cookie! They just give out cookies to make folks' day better – no strings attached. As he's giving out the cookies, it's not unusual for Pastor Ben Morris to be asked, "Where do the cookies come from?" The answer is Lutheran grandmas up in the bluffs and hills made them with real butter and real love. Each week congregations throughout the La Crosse Area Synod drop off 500 cookies to be given away. Pastor Ben says, "It's like manna in the wilderness; there always seems to be enough," and these cookies taste better.

LuMin La Crosse is a place to gather in worship, connect to study, grab a cup of coffee, share a family-style meal, sit in prayer, make bread for the women's shelter, take walks together, and explore places afar in service to others. They advocate for others, share space with multicultural student groups, proudly display the pride flag, and mostly reconnect with humanity and each other. Oh, and give out cookies! Like all ELCA LuMin campus ministry sites across our synods, this ministry happens because congregations share food – yes, cookies – and also through Mission Support that is shared with our synods and churchwide organization to support these vital, transformative, grace-filled ministries with students. Mission Support is just one way campus ministry is funded, so learn more, and pray for local campus ministry by checking out luminelca.org/.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?



**JUNE 1-3 2023 AT
KALAHARI RESORT**

www.godslove.org. We have also set aside more than 90 minutes in the agenda to address resolutions and motions at this meeting - more than any meeting before - with additional time we can make available as needed. **Come as Voting Member from your congregation and make your voice heard.**

The Inspiring Worship and Music. Our talented worship team has been 6 months in the planning for all elements of worship and music at this event - with more in store for this Assembly than ever. Music will be led by the celebrated group "Chasing Daylight," with added highlights from David Scherer (known nationally as "AGAPE"). Also featured will be works of art, dance, poetry, lights and colors, and sights, and sounds to move and uplift from floor to ceiling!

The Speakers, Preachers & Presenters. **Never before have we been able to offer such an impressive line-up** for learning and bringing back ideas and inspirations for you and your congregations: A wide range of hands-on workshops led by local and churchwide experts.

- Joe Davis and David Scherer - nationally acclaimed speakers, recording artists and educators; and featured performers at ELCA Youth Gatherings. They plan to power up our workshops AND main sessions (AKA plenaries) - getting us on our feet, interacting, and understanding better some of the biggest challenges we face today: including engaging with young people; finding new energy in worship and ministry; and having conversations around tough topics, especially racism. T
- Bishop Michael Girlinghouse - author of the new book: *Embracing God's Future without Forgetting the Past*. Drawing on more than 30 years of research and experience - Bishop Girlinghouse will show us how we and our congregations can work through our collective grief without forgetting or devaluing our past. He will offer a practical, step-by-step process for engaging and embracing God's future for each congregation.
- AND SO MUCH MORE!