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*“Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,
and a tongue rested on each of them.” Acts 2:3*

Pentecost Sunday

Worship at 10am | May 24, 2026

God Talk

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

- Acts 2:1-4



On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is not a quiet, heavenly dove, but rather a violent force that ushers the church into being with a rush of strong wind. The event brings fear and bewilderment to all who are there to witness it, as a group of foreigners are suddenly able to speak every different language needed to reach the gathered crowd. The spectacle is not just for show, but is a way to get the attention of a huge crowd, and spread the good news of Jesus for anyone willing to listen.

Have you ever had an experience when God seemed to be trying to get your attention? Was it a dramatic and unexpected act, or something more subtle? Sometimes we expect the Holy Spirit to come to us as a gentle dove or quiet breeze, but on that day of Pentecost the disciples

experienced God's Spirit in all its fullness and drama. Sometimes we all need a good shakeup to get our attention and remind us what that power can look like in our lives. Then, just like the disciples, the same Spirit can compel us to preach the good news of faith to all those willing to hear it. Pentecost Sunday falls on May 24th this year.

~ Pastor Juniper



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OUTREACH NEWS

Kim's Table resumes on Wednesday, May 20th. We are hoping for great weather so that we can be outside. Additional help is needed as a few team members won't be available. If you can help on May 20th, from

11:30 to 1 pm, please contact Nancy.

At our June event we're planning to give out cleaning supplies, items that everyone needs. Please consider donating Dawn or similar dishwashing soap in 28 oz – 30 oz size, Clorox or other brand multi-surface disinfecting wipes in a canister (around 75 count) and paper towels by June 7th. Thank you!

A blanket keeps you warm, whether you're sitting on the couch or sleeping at night. It can be part of a child's tent or fort or perhaps used for a pet blanket. The gift of a fleece tie blanket for our neighbors is special. Again, this year we will be making blankets along with our Galilee partners.

Sessions at St. Paul's are scheduled for 10 am to noon on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 27th, Saturday, June 13th, Thursday, July 30th and Saturday, August 22nd

Sign up at the Welcome Table!

That is a lot of Outreach News...and there is more!

Mark Your Calendar...

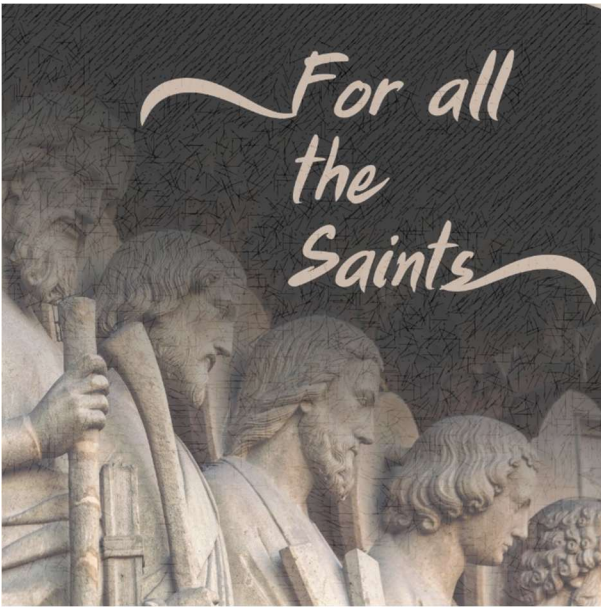
The next 5th Sunday Service Project will be held on Sunday, May 31st after worship. We will be packing kids' fun pail for the July Kim's Table event. Join us!



It's BACK! Save the date!

Mark your calendar for worship in the park this summer! We will worship at Pro Healthcare Park, New Berlin-2950 S Sunny Slope Road on June 14th. There will be a cookout afterward; hot dogs and brats provided, please consider bringing a dish to share.





For all the Saints

Julian of Norwich, a mystic in the ancient church, lived from approximately 1342 to sometime after 1416. We know her through her written work, *Showings*, which details a spiritual experience she had

while near death in 1373. A priest stood over her holding a crucifix, and she saw within it the suffering Christ who spoke to her about God's profound love for the world.

Julian later requested to live in an anchor-hold in St. Julian's Church in Norwich, England. (We do not know her real name, scholars called her Julian because of this connection!) An anchor-hold was a place where "holy people" could reside and attend Mass through a window on one side, and offer counsel and prayer over people through a window on the other side.

Julian writes of the profound power of God's grace: "First the fall, and then the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God."

She also writes about experiencing God as both

mother and father. She was not the first theologian to use feminine language for God, but perhaps the first to associate all three parts of the trinity (Creator God, Savior Christ, and Holy Spirit) with Motherhood.

While we do not know very much about the rest of her life,

Julian's *Showings* is a moving and inspiring testimony that continues to speak to Christians today. She experienced Jesus as unconditional love and personal savior, and wanted to ensure the rest of the world could understand the power of God's presence in the same way.



May Birthdays

4th Jane Prahlow

11th Bella Lewis – 5 years!

13th Caleb Micheel

13th Dave Pearson

20th Nancy Anderson

21st Joyce Nordbeck

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Since 1973, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has remained grounded in their mission to share God's hope, healing and renewal with people impacted by disasters.

Every disaster begins and ends locally, with neighbors caring for each other. In a crisis, local leadership and community networks are the first and last lines of care. Because every community and disaster is unique, LDR's approach is accompaniment: walking with communities before, during and after.

Domestically, LDR works in collaboration with synods, social ministry organizations (SMOs), ecumenical partners, tribal nations and community-based organizations. LDR is always there to provide disaster and crisis support through the disaster cycle.

Internationally, LDR works through companion churches, the Lutheran World Federation and other ecumenical partners. Everywhere, LDR funds and builds at the request of local partners, coordinating with Regional Area Desks to strengthen communities' ability to respond and recover.

For this and more information please visit their website at https://community.elca.org/givenow?_ga=2.28894588.1165874007.1775596571-648315233.1747752627



May

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Easter 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship	4	5	6 	7	8	9
10 Mom's Day 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship	11	12  7pm Council	13	14 	15	16 
17 8:30am Bible Study 10am Worship	18	19	20 10am June Messenger Deadline	21 	22	23
24 31 8:30am Bible Study 0am Worship 5 th Sunday Outreach Task	25 Memorial Day! 	26	27	28 	29	30

Synod Assembly

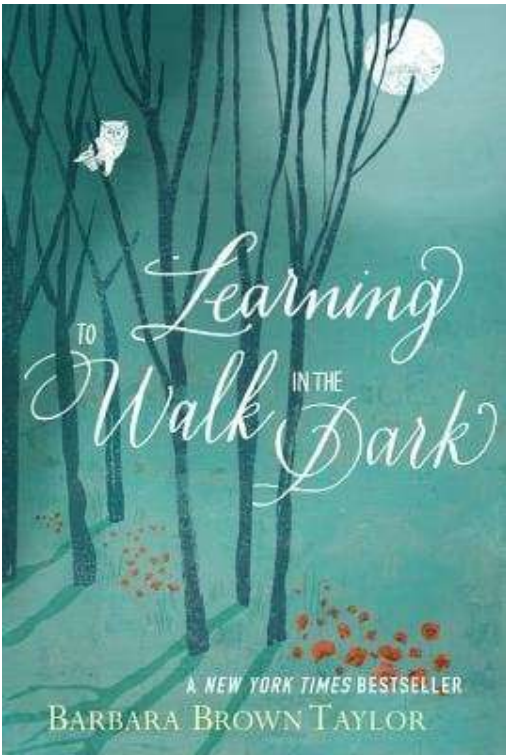
Synod Assembly takes place each spring and brings together voting members from congregations to discuss and vote on resolutions, elect synod council and committee representatives, consider finances, and other business.



May 29th at 4pm thru May 30st at 4pm
Brookfield Conference Center
325 South Moorland Road
Brookfield, WI 53005

On Friday evening, we will welcome Rev. Khader El-Yateem as our keynote dinner speaker. Synod Assembly registrants will receive a dinner ticket when they arrive. Following the dinner, Tyra Dennis will lead an energetic and contemporary-style worship; this service is open to all, and it is not necessary to register to attend worship.

Mike Polinske, Pastor Juniper and Gray Stanson will be attending.



Summer Book Club!

Join us on Wednesdays this summer as we read and discuss together Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor. Taylor is a bestselling author and speaker, having also served as an Episcopal priest as well as a professor at Piedmont University. Through this book, Taylor explores 'the treasures of darkness' that the Bible speaks

about. What can we learn about the ways of God when we cannot see the way ahead, are lost, alone, frightened, not in control or when the world around us seems to have descended into darkness? Is darkness always bad, or are there things the darkness might be able to teach us?

You can purchase a copy of the book on Bookshop.org, thriftbooks.com, or anywhere books are sold. If you need assistance purchasing a copy, please reach out to Pastor Juniper. Funds are available, as we would like everyone who is interested to be able to participate!

We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 starting June 24th. Stay tuned for locations and further details.



MOUNT MERU COFFEE
PREMIUM TANZANIAN COFFEE

Mt. Meru Coffee Project

Mt Meru Coffee ensures Fair Trade process for Tanzanian coffee farmers. In 1999, the

Bishop of the Meru Diocese in Tanzania asked a visiting delegation from Milwaukee the simple question; “We grow coffee; you drink coffee; would you buy your coffee from us?” With an answer of “Yes”, the Mt. Meru Coffee Project was born in this developing country.

This non-profit Project is managed by volunteers and imports Fair-Trade Premium Tanzanian coffee from these small-scale producers. The Project imports, roasts, packages and distributes the coffee grown by over 1000 coffee farmers. The Project has enabled farm families to have funds available to support local farm villages, markets, and merchants.

All of us can continue to support the Project by purchasing and drinking Mt. Meru Premium Tanzanian Coffee! The coffee is roasted every week in Milwaukee and then ground, packaged, and shipped from our facility at Martin Luther Lutheran Church - 9235 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee.

Purchase Mt. Meru Premium Coffee at info1@mtmerucoffee.org

May Anniversaries

1st Howard and MaryEllen Voelz
5th Steve and Nancy Day



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International Family Equality Day



International Family Equality Day celebrates the diversity of LGBT+ families around the world, and takes place every year on the first Sunday of May, this year May 3rd. All over the world, children grow up in families where one or both parents identify as LGBT+ or Queer. Each family has their own unique lived experience, depending not only on what country they live in but some-times what neighborhood they call home.

Despite significant progress in LGBTQ+ rights in many countries, LGBTQ+ families still face legal barriers, social stigma, and discrimination in much of the world. In many nations, same-sex couples cannot legally adopt, access assisted reproduction, or have both parents legally recognized on a child's birth certificate. Even in countries with progressive legislation, LGBTQ+ families may encounter prejudice in schools, healthcare settings, and in their communities.



**International
Family
Equality
Day**

This day recognizes and celebrates the ways that “family” can look different for everyone.

GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

May 3 – 31, 2026



<p><u>May 3</u></p> <p>Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14</p>	<p><u>May 10</u></p> <p>Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21</p>
<p><u>May 17</u></p> <p>Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11</p>	<p><u>May 24 - Pentecost</u></p> <p>Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23</p>

May 31 – Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: May 2026

	May 3 Easter 5	May 10 Easter 6	May 17 Easter 7	May 24 Pentecost	May 31 Holy Trinity
Assisting Minister	Bob Bromberek	Tim Kitzman	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek
Usher Team	2	3	4	5	1
Altar Guild	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Micheel Family	Matt and Jane Prahlow	Marcia Mikich
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	MaryEllen V. Mary Klug	Matt Prahlow	Kurt Ruehrmund	Tim Kitzman	Bob Bromberek
Open	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Matt and Jane Prahlow	Bob Bromberek
Close	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Mark Voelz	Matt and Jane Prahlow	Bob Bromberek
Live Stream Team	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen	Brett Gluth	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen

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