But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”
(1 Corinthians 15:20)

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

Follow my train of logic here….I have often said the “but” of 1 Corinthians 15:20 is one of the biggest “buts” of the Bible! “But” is one of those conjunction words that is used to introduce something contrasting with what has already been mentioned. Just before this verse in 1 Corinthians 15 the Apostle Paul mentioned how some in Corinth did not believe in the resurrection of the dead…and that if the dead are not raised then neither has Jesus been raised from the dead….and if Jesus has not been raised from the dead then we are still dead in sin, there is no hope, there is no joy, the best we can hope for is to rearrange the furniture on the sinking Titanic of life because there is no future. No grace. No life. No joy. Period.

“But” Christ has been raised from the dead! I am writing this just a few days after Easter – and hopefully you are reading it with the joy of Easter still resounding in your hearts! The FACT that Jesus rose from the dead dispels all the negative things Paul was talking about in the verses before 15:20. I find it remarkable that within that first generation of Christians there were those who struggled with the truth and fact of Jesus’ resurrection. Our sophisticated culture (and throw in a bit of arrogance into this culture) can readily become the point of wondering about the truth and impact of Jesus’ resurrection…but already within the first generation of Christians? How could that be? How do we know Jesus really rose from the dead? What impact does this have on our life today….and for the future?

Beginning this coming weekend – April 27/28 – Pastor Alex and I will be doing a series of messages we are calling “The Easter Effect.” What inspired us to begin looking into this was, of all things, a Wall Street Journal article with the same name from a year ago. The article explored how the fact that Christianity spread so rapidly in the first centuries helps prove the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If a ragtag band of nobodies can change the world…what can God do through the life of the Christian today because Jesus Christ rose from the dead!?!!
The Easter Effect is the joy of people who have become convinced that they were witnesses to something inexplicable but nonetheless true. Something that gives a superabundance of meaning to life and that erases the fear of death. Something that has to be shared. Something with which to change the world and to change our lives one by one!

Pastor Alex and I invite you to join us in this series of messages as we explore what effect Easter has on us today! We begin this weekend by exploring what are some of the major arguments against the resurrection of Jesus? How do people say it never happened? And how do we prove their theories wrong? In the weeks that follow we will also talk about how nothing else is more important than this – that Jesus rose from the dead, we will explore how Easter changes my responsibilities….since Jesus is risen from the dead our outlook on life and what we do with our lives has changed. We will also examine how Easter impacts and changes how we worship God and, finally, how Easter has given our lives extreme, profound meaning!

Please join us in worship to discover “The Easter Effect.”

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Bill Mueller

(Acts 16:31)
GROWTH CELEBRATED AND CONTINUED

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

(2 Thess. 1:3)

In my April Newsletter article, I referenced the phrase, “April Showers Bring May Flowers” pointing out that April was a month of hope. In April, we looked ahead to warm weather and those wonderful May flowers! May is the month of celebration! The flowers have arrived. Proof of that is in the church office. Fresh picked yellow and white daffodils now adorn Mary Ann’s desk. Many of you are likely celebrating the new growth of lovely flowers in your flowerbeds.

The flowers are sprouting. What is even more exciting is that there is even more growth to come. Flowers and plants will continue to grow, trees will bud promising the cover of leaves, and brown fields will turn green in the first signs of a future harvest.

May is a month where we celebrate the growth of children young and old. It is a milestone month marking growth. Like other elementary schools, in May, we celebrate the graduation of our 8th grade students. It marks their educational growth and achievement to this point. It is growth celebrated but it also looks ahead to continued growth. From elementary school, students move on to high school, then to college, vocational school, or the workforce. At each level, growth is celebrated and built upon for a lifetime.

In May, we also celebrate another milestone in the lives of our 8th grade students as they make confirmation of their faith on Sunday, May 19. The seed of faith, planted at Baptism has been nurtured in God’s Word, has sprouted and is starting to blossom in the lives of these young men and women. This Confirmation, like any graduation, is not an end to growth. In celebration, they also look forward to future growth, as their faith is strengthened and matures in the years ahead.

In May, I pray that each of us celebrate faith growth in our lives. It is a good time to reflect back on our own confirmation and the vow that we made at that time “to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully.” No matter what age we might be, our growth continues.

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Daniel Bible Study  Our main Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall will be a study of the book of Daniel. Beyond three men in a fiery furnace and a night spent in a lions’ den, this book in the Old Testament shows us a great picture of God’s judgment, mercy and grace. You won’t want to miss out on the roar! Join this study each Sunday, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Bill facilitates.

Family Ministry Bible Study at 9:30 am in Room 105-Sunday morning. The Family Project by Focus on the Family explores God’s irreplaceable design for the family. Come and join in reclaiming the image of family from a changing modern-day perspective and discover how families can thrive and serve God. Everyone is invited to participate, whether you have children still at home or not.

Sunday School/Kid’s Korner (2yr old – 5th Grade). Meet at 9:15am in the gym and be part of our exploration through the New Testament. Every week we dive into God’s Word through Bible story learning review and activities.

6th-8th Grade Bible Study – “That’s In the Bible??” “No way! That’s in the Bible?!” It’s a predictable reaction when you talk about a donkey that speaks, a dude who gets killed while hanging by his hair in a tree, or a woman who drives a tent peg through a guy’s head. Come and sort through these amazing stories. Room 205, 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

Men’s Saturday Morning Bible Study 8:00 am–meets in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying the book of Isaiah. We are a small group that enjoys fellowship and the study of God’s word for an hour every Saturday morning. Come and join us! If you have any questions, please call Dan Schwarz 637-8318.

Saturday Mid–Morning Men’s Bible Study is offered from 9:30 am-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The topic for this study is “Learning To Bless Those Who Curse You and Increasing the Joy In Your Life”. Facilitated by Tim Mueller. You may contact him at 438-1149 or at timothy123mueller@gmail.com for information.

Monday Night Women’s Bible Study Please join us for a study of Psalms 9, 18, 30, 31, 32 and 106. We meet every Monday evening at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room. If you have any questions, please call/text Tina Harmeyer at 310-0367.

Women’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Upper Room-8:00 am - 9:30 am. This is a study of the Songs of Songs—Altogether Beautiful. Please contact Diana Taylor for the book at 260-413-8157.
**MAY, 2019**

**Graduation**—On Wednesday, May 29 our 8th graders will participate in a big milestone in their education. Their graduation ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. that evening in our sanctuary. Following the ceremony will be a reception for the graduates in the fellowship hall. All are invited to come and celebrate with these young folks.

**VIP Day**—Our annual VIP Morning is scheduled for Friday, May 17 for all students in grades K-8. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with the dress rehearsal for the lower grade musical, then time within the classrooms with your student, and concludes right after lunch. Each student is allowed to invite one Very Important Person in their life to spend the morning at school with them. That VIP must be at least 18 years old.

Due to space limitations in our classrooms we ask everyone to observe this limitation please. Please don’t put us in the horrible position to have to tell a VIP that we don’t have room and they can’t stay. Extra people may attend the dress rehearsal only in the morning if they want.

**Lower Grade Musical**—Friday, May 17 is also the date for the annual musical. This year the lower grade students present that musical production. “Curtain time” is 6:30 pm. Solid Rock Café is a witness to our faith in Christ through the words of our young Christians. Please come and enjoy their talents, but more importantly, hear their witness to the faith we share.

**Don’t Forget the Graft Basketball Scholarship**

If you have a child going into grades 5-8 next year at SBLS who is participating in summer basketball camps and programs, you may want to consider applying for the Graft Scholarship. It was designated to financially help SBLS students attend a shooting/skills camp or other school-related basketball program in Northeast Indiana. This scholarship is operated through the School Ministry Board and can supply funds to aid students, according to their financial need, up to 50% of the cost of these programs. Those in need and interested in applying for this financial help should speak with Mr. Brune to request an application.

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**Staff Changes and Updates**

A number of things to share. First, following Keith Trent’s declination of our Call for Principal, School Ministry Board (SMB) reached out to Heidi Jerry, the other candidate we had considered, to find out if she was still willing to consider a Call. Early this past week, she notified us that she is no longer able to consider a Call elsewhere. Since the receipt of Heidi’s response, SMB had decided to also consider having an Interim Principal for the upcoming school year. Of the candidates discussed, SMB felt led to reach out to Amy Greener (our current third grade teacher), and ask her to serve as Interim Principal. The SMB is very pleased to announce that Amy has agreed to serve as Interim Principal for the 2019-20 school year!

With Amy accepting the role as Interim Principal, the SMB had another teacher position to look for. This past week the SMB issued a designated Call for Tim Moses - a Spring 2019 graduate from Concordia University in Chicago for our 4th grade position. The SMB also issued a Call to Marissa Moffitt - currently teaching at Redeemer Christian School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio for our 3rd grade position. She is a 2002 graduate of Concordia University, Wisconsin with 17 years of teaching experience primarily in third grade. The SMB also issued a Call to Stephan Gonzales - currently teaching at Concordia Lutheran School in Sturtevant, Wisconsin for our Technology/IT position. He is a 2007 graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska with 12 years of teaching experience in grades 3 through 8.

The SMB thanks everyone who has been involved in both the Principal and Teacher searches and interview processes! Please continue to pray for the Lord to bless the ministry of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School!
Nine out of ten people will answer: spring! And for good reason. After months of being shut in, months typified by a growing longing to get outdoors once again, spring is almost everybody’s “get out of jail” card and May 1 is the focus of our celebration.

And because the first of May is a predictable date for delightful weather, May Day has been a day of celebration for a very long time. For decades, May Day was a Northern Hemisphere holiday that featured outdoor dancing, singing and cake shared during intermission. The ancient tradition of dancing around a maypole and crowning someone “Queen of May” goes way, way back.

In the 19th century, Socialists and Communists, not to miss a golden opportunity, renamed it International Workers Day. This is still in vogue in many such strongholds to this day.

Roman Catholics, wanting to turn the political tide, in 1955 made May 1 a festival of St Joseph the Worker, our Lord’s surrogate father. This was designed to take the emphasis off the political and re-aim it with spiritual meaning.

Finally, in the late 20th century, many neopagans began reconstructing some of the older pagan festivals and combining them with more recently developed European secular and Catholic traditions, and celebrating May Day as a pagan religious festival.

So, is there anything left of May Day that we Christians can celebrate? Well, down on the farm in early May, we were usually treated to “new life” all around us. Newborn calves, baby chicks, litters and more litters of barnyard cats that kept the mouse population controlled. There was nothing as joyful as a spring colt romping in the green grass as his mother looked on.

And maybe these images of youthful exuberance and joy have something to say about our status as “newborn believers” who have just heard the Easter Story and now have taken it to heart. Being reborn, we can jump for joy in Christ and jubilate in God’s mercy. We can celebrate our forgiveness as we live each new day to His glory. So maybe this “May Day” concept should encourage us new each year to “live joyfully for Him!”

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**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**

**Summary**

June - Dixie Cruise

Oct. - Possible Ark Encounter

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**Senior Adults Ministry** This month, our Senior Adults have already laid in plans for attending a dinner/theatre on the 16th. Next month, we are looking forward to taking a ride on the Dixie paddleboat on Lake Webster. Details will be shared as they take shape. After summer, there is a potential trip in the works to the Ark Encounter in northern Kentucky. This will be an American Heritage planned bus excursion. More later . . .

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**Bargain Bonanza Extravaganza**

BBE 2019 is set for May 2nd-4th, 2019. Come see us at the Roller Dome South 4540 Bluffton Rd. Thurs., May 2 from 9am-7pm, Fri., May 3 from 9am-5pm, and Sat., May 4 from 9am-12pm. If you need additional information, please contact Kevin Naber at 260-447-1591x2116 or by email knaber@lutheranlifevillages.org
With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation! He is risen and sends to all earth’s ends good news to save every nation.” The promise of God’s salvation and the peace that comes from Jesus’ resurrection is ours during this most special season of the church year – Easter. As far as music is concerned, there are many, many, wonderful songs and hymns written for this season. There also are dozens of other songs and hymns that are found in other sections of the hymnal and songbook collections that describe the resurrection but aren’t in the Easter section. The most obvious reason why of course: “so shall His love give us above from misery and death set free, all joy and full consolation.”

May brings a temporary close to the music season at SBL – both the Bethlehem Chorale and Bethlehem Ringers music groups take a few months off as well as the school closing for the summer months. It’s a great time to look back at the season and reflect on everything that occurred and using that to look forward to the coming season beginning in August. Both of our contemporary groups, Resonate and Redeemed continue to practice and prepare music for worship regularly.

There are important events that will occur in May, however. This includes the Junior Choir’s first time trip to sing at a Choir Festival at Kings Island amusement park on Friday the 10th and Confirmation Sunday’s 10:30 service on the 19th that will include a blended music format. Bethlehem Ringers will ring at the 8am service on Mother’s Day on the 12th with a special song called, “For the Beauty of the Earth” which is fitting for Mother’s Day. The Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 1st grade classes will be singing at the 10:30 service on the 5th while the 5th-8th grade students will be singing at the 8:00 service on the 12th.

I pray the absolute message of Christ’s salvation to us is evident in your lives during the rest of our Easter season as we look forward to Pentecost and Trinity Sundays in June.

Blessings to you during the rest of our Easter season!

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠
Matt Johnston
“Don’t just do nothing…..do something!” I remember one of my former Pastor’s saying this to me about a mission trip to Indonesia. It was the first time one of our church groups went to Indonesia. Someone had given him a $40 donation to take along with the instructions to use it as God led him to. He went most of trip without feeling the right door open UNTIL the last day in Indonesia at the closing church service. One of the little girls named Herti told Pastor how badly she really wanted to go to school. Her family was poor. Going to school meant walking several miles just to catch the bus each day and then riding the bus quite a while. A semester cost $40 for books, uniforms and other items. God had opened the door! Pastor and another person donated the other $40 and she went to school for that year and continuous years, with others helping with funding. Pastor’s point was that we often times say, “I can’t go on a mission trip like others do.” Instead, we do nothing when we could offer support in the way of prayer, supplies or a small donation to take along. This principal applies in our daily life. How many opportunities come our way to step out with the love of Jesus and we do nothing? Last week, while going through the drive through at McDonald’s, I considered paying for the order of the person behind me to touch their day. When I heard the total cost, I decided it was a little higher than I had planned on. I didn’t pay it and as soon as I drove away, I deeply regretted that I missed an opportunity to do an act of kindness, to touch the person’s life in an unknown way and to open the door for a witness of Christ’s love in action. Acts 4:33 says, “With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them.” How does the resurrection of Jesus and His grace motivate us to touch others? Do we stand by and do nothing or do we find some way, whether big or small, to make a difference in someone’s life? Herti ended up finishing high school because one person originally stepped out with $40. Lord, please help us to see where you are at work daily and how we can join you on your mission. Amen.

Kay Howard

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**Little Disciples Day Camp – Information and Signs**

Who has a great fun filled summer? Little Disciples campers of course! We have openings for children ages 4-12 who would like to sign up. Camp brochures are on the Welcome Center desk at church as well as on Suburban Bethlehem’s website http://deeplyrootedtogrow.org/. Camp registration forms are also on the church website. Camp offers a wide variety of daily activities along with field trips once a week. It is a Christ centered program for the children of our community. Contact Director Rachel Gillespie for more information at 260-705-6340. We will be handing out yard signs at church. If you don’t have a sign from last year, be sure to grab one this year. The signs and word of mouth are our greatest advertisement! Thank you for your help with spreading the news about camp.

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**LWML Updates**

**LWML 38th Biennial Convention**

June 20-23, 2019
Mobile, Alabama
Theme: “In Praise to the Lord,” I Chron.16:23-24a

**LWML Treatshop**

Saturday, August 17, 2019
Location will be announced

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**Women’s 6 at 6 Dining Out Opportunity**

Ladies, you are invited to attend our 6@6 dining opportunity, Monday evening, May 6th at 6 o’clock at Hall’s Tavern at Coventry located at 5745 Coventry Lane, Fort Wayne, IN, 46804. Phone: (260) 459-2893. The Women’s 6@6 monthly event gives our ladies an opportunity to get out and meet others from our church.
A Message from the Chairman

Can We Learn To Think Well?

How often have we seen examples in the press or media or politics of an expression of being a victim? We all know what happens when a person locks on to seeing life play out in terms of victimhood. If you embrace victimhood, you never have to take responsibility for anything that happens to you. It’s always somebody else’s fault. You are off the hook. It’s not my job. You look for causes but never admit that you also make choices.

Could it be that some of us see ourselves as being on the short end of the stick when it comes to viewing our many financial commitments and simply have nothing “left over” at the end of the month to give to the church? I know there was I time when I felt EXACTLY that way and contributed nothing to my local Church. I saw myself as a victim, having lost my job of ten years, I had a poor outlook on life and Jesus played no role in the way I thought. What a difference it made to see things in a new light! For a time, due to loan payments, we were unable to contribute what we intended. Even giving at a 2% level was a struggle.

The question for me became: How do you make it possible to develop a vision of living where Jesus begins to occupy the center of your being? How can you choose to follow His path?

Here are some of the passages from scripture that “opened my eyes” and led to “opening my heart” and waving the white flag of surrender (to my own way of doing things) and grabbing hold of the cross of Christ, where my old life could die out and a new creation could blossom.

There is no substitute for developing a “passion” for living in the Kingdom of God the way Jesus describes it in his Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-6-7); a passion in which one sees the Magnificence and Magnetism of this Incredible Being so that the only response to him becomes:

THIS IS IT!............HE’S IT!............I’VE FOUND HIM!............THERE IS NOTHING ELSE!
I WOULD BE A FOOL TO NOT FOLLOW HIM!

Listen to these words:

“…..choose this day whom you will serve.....as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

So when this thought grips you, you take hold of it, but in the same vein, strangely, it takes hold of you:

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples. (John 8:31 ESV)

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. (John 15:4 ESV)

He said to them, But who do you say that I am?"Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."(Matthew 16:15-16 ESV)

Of course that brings to mind another closely related question: Who is your teacher?

Having lost my job when Harvester left town, I became angry, afraid, resentful, and jealous, especially of those who were able to remain employed—in other words, I was struggling with negative emotions; the fault was in the way I was thinking. Jesus established himself as the all-time Genius of how to focus our minds on the truly important things in life. Paul said it perfectly:

“Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you?” (2 Cor. 13:5 ESV)

When those first apprentices of our Master Teacher and Risen Savior finally grasped that idea—they went off like a rocket! Following Jesus lead can be an inspirational walk into discipleship (apprenticeship) with him. Not just for a minute or an hour, but for an eternal lifetime. Distorted thoughts can get in the way of focusing on our mission. My thinking at the time ran something like this:

- If things don't go the way I expect them to, then I am very disappointed.
- It's easier to avoid a problem than to deal with the challenge ahead of me.
- What has happened in the past will determine the future.
- If I make a mistake, it means that I won’t stack up compared to others.
- Things always turn out poorly.
- I am never treated the way I deserve to be.

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Jesus teaches us how to learn the lessons we read about in Scripture. I am cleansed and renewed by the shedding of His blood and the renewing of my mind with the reassurance of resurrection to life eternal.

He taught me things like:
- Not taking offense when our feelings have been hurt.
- Don’t worry about tomorrow.
  My brothers and sisters in Christ will look out for me.
- Bearing my sins, His wounds heal me.
- It’s OK if I don’t get my way.
- I can trust God, so I can feel safe in His hands for all eternity.
- The love that flows from God into my life makes me blessed.
- It is with heartfelt joy that I willingly share my blessings with others.

The Lord’s blessings flowed upon us and as we retired our debt and our finances improved, we were able to steadily increase our level of giving and it is with all humility that we were able to exceed the tithe so commonly referred to in scripture for over 10 years now. Looking back over the past, I can see the Lord was gently nudging me to adopt a path of embracing responsibility for following His teachings. The past 17 years of walking with the Lord have demonstrated what an amazing thing it is to have Him as my Teacher and think in new ways, seeing Him as His Majesty, the King of all creation. My prayer is for your life’s journey to be filled with His presence in every facet of your life.

*Tim Mueller*
*SBL Chair*

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**OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**News**

**Pictorial Directory:** The Pictorial Directory has been edited and submitted to Lifetouch for printing! We look forward to seeing all our smiling faces soon! Thank you for your patience through this process.

**Opportunities**

**“I Love My Church” Cards:** Business size cards have been printed for use to invite those that God brings into your life to worship at Suburban Bethlehem. The cards are available in the church office and in the Welcome Center area.

**Footprints of Love Event**

May 4, 9:30am-11:30am, “Great American Cleanup”: Be part of the nation’s largest community improvement program that Fort Wayne has participated in for over 20 years. It is a time when we can show our community pride by lending a hand to clean up littered roadsides, parks, trails and river ways.

**Evangelism:**

**Missional Community Small Group:** Are you interested in being equipped and supported in reaching others with the Gospel. We are in the beginning stages of establishing an outreach minded small group as we work together to “join Jesus on His mission” of sharing the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Contact Pastor Alex with interest or questions. (alexduff58@gmail.com, 260-484-7873)

God Bless!

*Pastor Alex*
On the Horizon

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Elders’ Examination 5
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8th Grade Graduation 29

JUNE
Little Disciples Day Camp begins 5
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Retirement Celebration for Rich Brune and Gary Ely 23

JULY
Church Holiday 4

Apple Tree Located in the church entrance, you will find apples to pick. If you wish to express your appreciation for our staff of teachers as well as teachers in our church family, you may do so. All items requested are $20 or less. Once you fill the request, please place the apple tag back onto the gift, and return to the box provided. Gifts need not be wrapped. If you have questions contact Linda Grepke at 484-7302 or Bethany Carter at 740-8200 Thank you!

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Friedheim, is hosting a hymn and choir service under the theme, All God’s People Sing, on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. The service will feature the Lutheran Chorale, under the direction of Deb Miller, and a mixed choir from St. John’s Bingen, St. Paul Preble, and Zion (Friedheim). There will be no sermon and no offering. All are welcome to sing the praises of Jesus. Invite your family and friends!!

May Birthdays

1 A.J. Bridges III
1 Evan Burns
1 James Davis Jr
1 Aiden Kincaid
2 Adam Gable
2 Jennifer Hinkel
2 Samuel Hullinger
2 Jordan Mallmann
2 Chris Stevens
3 Daniel Esterline
3 Shannon Krocker
3 Zachary Schaefer
3 Elise Yoder
4 Timothy Knepple
5 Ariel Frederick
5 Michael Grepke
5 Eric Howell
5 Terry Hudson
5 Linda Toth
6 Doug Ely
6 Laura Fairfield
6 Jacklyn Kidd
7 Matthew Freimark
7 Ella Garrison
7 Diana Greener
7 Jared Ostrander
7 Teddie Sauer
7 Diana Taylor
7 Mary Wolf
8 August Bickle
8 Timothy Burridge-Waymoth
8 Anthony Gillespie
8 Anna Ousley
8 Kathryn Reid
9 Jeff Arnold
10 Shiloh Mullendore
10 Elmer D Schaefer
10 John Yarnelle
11 Nancy Perl
12 Olivia Fabian
12 Emmett Yoder
13 Kaylee Fairfield
13 Gary Gilmore
13 Susan Werner
14 Bobbie Detar
14 Ayden Frederick
14 Douglas Hook
14 Marcia Kohn
14 Aaron Miller
14 Candice Stahl
15 Gabriel Gardner
16 Heather Lutton
16 Kristy Schaefer
17 Matthew Furniss
17 Justin Hoffman
17 Ryker Schoenle
18 Pamela Dreyer
18 Russell Harmeyer
19 Brenda Breidinger
19 Matthew Brice
19 Carter Johnson
20 Jill Branning
20 Alina Gillespie
20 Nancy Krumm
20 Mike Messmann
20 Kristi Perl
21 Nicholas McKinley
22 Sophie Gotz
23 Jennifer King
23 Baylin Muller
24 Isaac Beiswanger
24 Gerald Bickle
24 Norman Linnemeier
25 Harley Jett
26 Dean Bobay
26 William Fairfield
26 Nicholas Schwarz
27 Grace Belschner
27 Kayce Mallmann
27 Tam Sunderland
28 Bradley Eberbach
29 Karen Bolyard
29 Haley Hoffman
30 Nan Castle
30 Carrie Lukins
30 Michelle Stahlhut
31 Kyle Fuelling

“God Bless and Keep You the Whole Year Through”
If your birthday is not listed or is incorrectly listed, please call the church office at 260-484-7873 Thank you!
MAY

May 5, 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter
“From Grief to Gladness” - Sermon Text: Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

May 12, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
“Plain Talk” - Sermon Text: John 16:23-33 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Worship Anew Viewing Schedule
Sundays
7:00 a.m. NBC 21.2, FiOS4, Comcast 13, Mediacom 8
8:00 a.m. MyTV 21.3, FiOS 9, Comcast 252
11:30 am DIRECTV 377 & WINM 12/38
4:00 p.m. Comcast 55 & FiOS 25

Mondays
10:00 a.m. Comcast 55 & FiOS 25

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Summer Camps and Classes at Concordia Lutheran High School is hosting summer camps for all ages this summer. Camps range from athletics to band to robotics and everything in between including new camps in art, Spanish, track and sign language. Concordia is also offering summer classes for all area students in grades 8-12. Registration is now open, and online registration is now available this year. For more information and to register, visit www.clhscadets.com/summer.

Sign up now for the AJ Arnett 5K Honor Run Join us for the A.J. Arnett 5K Honor Run on May 25, 2019 at the Concordia Lutheran High School. The run is organized by JROTC students and will benefit Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana and Shepherd's House Fort Wayne. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. Students in K-8th grade run FREE! Visit www.ajarnetthonorrun.com to learn more and to register.

CLHS Graduation—Concordia will host its graduation ceremony for the Class of 2019 at 1 p.m. June 2 at the Historic Embassy Theatre in Downtown Fort Wayne. There is assigned seating this year for seniors and their families, but tickets will available in May for other seats. Please contact the Embassy Box Office to learn more.

Spring Concerts—The Jazz, Concert and Symphonic Bands, and Orchestra will present their final concert Friday, May 17 at 7:00PM in Auer Hall on the IPFW campus. The concert will recognize and say farewell to their senior members who have contributed so much! Come and share the evening of great music and just plain fun in an acoustically wonderful hall!

We are looking for auction donations! - We are already hard at work on our Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction! We are looking for donations in addition to the ones that have already come in. Do you have a unique trip or experience that you can donate? Maybe a fun night out with the family? Contact us! You can fill out the form at www.CadetsinCadence.com or drop off your item in the school office. The auction is December 7. Save the date!

Camp Lutherhaven
Camp Lutherhaven is a place where you can experience how awesome God is while having fun, enjoying His creation, and making new friends. We are making the final touches on an awesome summer experience at Lutherhaven. Are you signed up yet? It is not too late to register! Visit us online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call for more information at 260-636-7101
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**Activities:**
- **Worship Service:** 8:00 & 10:30 am
- **Fellowship:** 9:15 am
- **Bible Study:** 9:30 am
- **Education Hour:** 9:30 am
- **Confirmation Sunday:** 9:30 am
- **8th Grade DC Trip:** May 20 to May 24
- **8th Grade Graduation:** 7:00 pm
- **Redeemed:** 7:00 pm
- **SBLS Spring Sports Awards:** 6:00 pm
- **Memorial Day Church & School Offices Closed:** 7:00 pm