

The Visitor - May 2019



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“April showers bring May flowers, and what do May flowers bring?” NO! Not Pilgrims! They bring signs of new life all around us. It is resurrection time!



The lawn was mowed the other day. The smell of the fresh cut grass was wonderful. Yankee Candle used to offer a candle that had the scent of fresh mowed grass that was very realistic. It enabled you to enjoy the smell without the watery, itchy eyes, and runny nose.

The scents coming from the hyacinths and the blooming tree in front of the parsonage have been filling the air. It is a sign of Spring! That along with the lengthening daylight and the chirping of the birds tells us that we have turned the corner on Winter.

Winter brings a sense of dormancy and death. The trees drop their leaves and go dormant,

the vegetation dies off and rests, the days shorten, and the wildlife is left to scarp for food.

Lent and winter walk hand in hand. During the Wednesday evening services and Sunday mornings, we have witnessed the journey Jesus took towards the cross. This journey, though painful, brought us to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. I say this because the Resurrection of Jesus is new life, and well, you know, Spring brings forth new life.

It is a continuing reminder that, though we cannot always see what God is up to, God is busy working behind the scenes. We have buried a dear sister in Christ this week, but the resurrection of Jesus brings us to a place of joy in the promise that there is new life; that death does not have the final word, and the sting of death has been taken away.

This season is a time of resurrection! Alleluia, Christ is risen; He is Risen indeed, Alleluia. We see the signs of new life all around us.

Rejoice.

Pastor Martha

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

will be held on **Sunday, May 19th** following Worship. Please plan to attend.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

We will be combining June and July Newsletters so please have any articles and information to Anna for both months by **May 20th**. Thank you.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Pastor Martha will be attending Synod Assembly May 16-18th in Mount Pleasant.

OUTREACH

NOISY OFFERING:

Thank you for your Noisy Offering on Sunday, April 21st of \$102.83 this will go toward the Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your generosity!



Our next Noisy Offering will be on **Sunday, May 19th** and will be designated to the Refugee House. Karen Dale will be the temple talk guest on **May 12th**. Don't forget to bring your loose change to make a joyful noise!



At Work at St. James God's Plans...Our Hands in April



Type of Outreach/Fellowship	April
Communion Visit	2
Hospice Visit	3
Hospital Visit	1
Confirmation	2
Summit Worship	13
Funeral	1

Please send us the stats for what you would like to report each week, so we can recognize the great work done by St. James members.

EDUCATION

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

Led by Susan Thornton

The Thursday Study Group is going to be experiencing the 16th Century for the last month. There is so much to learn about the many ideas and people who changed the church, reforming it and creating Protestantism. Our focus in March was Martin Luther who started the whole thing off in 1517. Then last month we learned about Ulrich Zwingli who was leading the reformation in Switzerland in 1523. Not long after the Anabaptist Movement that began because they felt Zwingli wasn't moving fast enough. We learned about Henry VIII of England and John Calvin. This month we will discuss the Counter Reformation when the Catholic Church tried to win back the Protestants. The Jesuits were part of that movement. Thomas Cranmer was burned at the stake in England by Bloody Queen Mary and John Knox led the reform in Scotland when was the foundation for the Presbyterian church. Can you imagine that not even 20 years after Luther's Ninety-Five Theses, all of these men were speaking up, braving the call of heresy and death. Our reference books are The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History by Curtis, Land and Petersen and Turning Points by Mark A. Noll as well as other sources. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary at **1:30 on Thursday, May 2nd**. This will be our last class this year. Next fall we will continue with the foundation of the Baptists, the Pilgrims and people who stood up for what they perceived was God's Truth.

FELLOWSHIP

DINING OUT GROUP

We will be meeting every other month, so the next date will be on **Thursday, May 16h** at



Lucero's Mexican at 6258 Jefferson Rd, Brooklyn, MI 49230 We will meet at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Chris Zebarah by Monday, May 13th at 734-790-0671 or czebarah@gmail.com. Join in for a night out of fun and fellowship.

Servant List – May 2019 – June 2019

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Greeter(s)	Help Needed	Melinda & Neil Robb	Matt & Deb Schroeder	Jim & Edna Souder
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Chuck Thor & Help Needed	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly
Assisting Minister	Laura Trombley	DeAnna McMillin	Deb Schroeder	Pat Reynolds
Reader	Nancy DeGryse	Laura Trombley	Deb Schroeder	Becky Stevick
Projectionist	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Fellowship Time	Sara & Mike Tackett	Help Needed	Kim Hurley	Help Needed
Counters	Mike King & Pat Reynolds	Jim Souder & Mike King	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen
Altar Care	Sara Tackett	Sara Tackett	Pat Reynolds	Becky Stevick

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Greeter(s)	Becky Stevick	Mike & Sara Tackett	Jeanne Thomas	Chuck Thor	Bill & Joyce Anderson
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Chuck Thor & Help Needed	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly	Chuck Thor & Help Needed
Assisting Minister	Laura Trombley	Deanna McMillin	Pat Reynolds	Laura Trombley	Mike Tackett
Reader	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
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May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2 1:30pm— Thursday Study Group--	3	4
5 9:30am— Worship 10:45am— Adult Forum	6	7 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	8	9	10	11
12 9:30am— Worship 10:45am— Adult Forum	13 9:00am— Prayer Shawl Group 7:00pm— Church Council	14 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	15	16 6:00pm— Dining Out at Lucero's Mexican	17	18
Noisy Offering 19 9:30am— Worship 10:45am— Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 3:30pm— Confirmation at Christ Lutheran	20 1:00pm— Life Changes	21 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am— Worship 2:00pm— Summit Worship	27 Memorial Day 9:00am— Women's Breakfast at Denny's	28 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	29 6:00pm— Book Group	30	31	1

05/27 Tom Gaffney
05/27 Carol Wilson
05/29 Kristi Laird
05/29 Linda Rasmussen

05/08 Krisit & David Laird (26)
05/17 Terri & Paul Swihart (45)
05/21 Neil & Melinda Robb (53)
05/28 Laura & David Trombley



Worship with us:
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion

Staff Listing:

Rev. Martha Porter-Reid	Jan Lehman and Robin Vogel
Anna Pedrotte	Jim Skrocki
Pastor	Organist
Parish Administrator	Custodians

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