

# THE MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY!**

Volunteers are needed to help with registration and distribution of voting devices at the Nebraska Synod Assembly on Friday morning June 3 (6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) at the Younes Center.

Sign-up is by Sign-up Genius.

The link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EABAF2CA5FECF8-2022>



## **A REMINDER ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ASSEMBLY**

This will be an exciting assembly as a new Bishop for the Nebraska Synod will be elected. In addition to our three pastors, the following members of First Lutheran will serve as assembly delegates: Adam Akerson, Christine Fisher, Judy Henning, Lori McArthur, and Myron Riddle.

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Prayer Ventures for May can be found:

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.



<http://www.elca.org>  
800-638-3522



<http://www.nebraskasynod.org>  
402-896-5311



Lutheran World Relief

<http://www.lwr.org>  
800-597-5972



LUTHERAN  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

<http://www.nelcm.com/>  
(308) 234-1828



<http://www.nlom.org>  
402-944-2544

## Lutheran World Relief at work in Eastern Europe



Want to help? Go to  
<https://firstlutheranearney.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response/>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Children sing at 11:00 a.m. service. If you have any questions, text Amanda at (308) 240-0872.



## DEDICATION OF THE MILITARY WALL

Thanks to Mike Rafferty, Meressa Bayley, and Stacy Bean, we have a new Military Wall in the narthex which honors our members who served in the military or parents of members who likewise served. The dedication of our Military Wall will take place on Sunday May 22 at 9:50 a.m.



## BOY SCOUT TROOP 139 BRUNCH

Boy Scout Troop 139 will be serving a brunch on Sunday May 22 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The menu will include pancakes, breakfast casseroles, sausage, and fruit. There will be a free will offering as a fundraiser for our Boy Scout troop.



## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

**What's in a name?** In the Bible we read many names for Jesus. Why so many names? What do they mean? And, **what do they mean for me?** We will be talking about the names for Jesus? Are you curious? If this piques your interest, you might join us on Wednesday nights. We meet at 6:00 in the conference room. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Ruth Ellen.

[sister.ruth.ellen.rebelein@gmail.com](mailto:sister.ruth.ellen.rebelein@gmail.com)



## MISSION OUTREACH

### May's Donation of the Month: SOAP!

**Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Hand Soap, and  
Dishwashing Soap!**



The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education Center. The S.A.F.E. Center's mission is to provide free and confidential services for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.

**Please place items on the "Sharing Shelf" in the narthex.  
Thank you!**



**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm/**Address:** 620 E. 25th Suite 14, Kearney NE, 68847  
**Phone:** 308-237-2599/**24 Hour Toll-Free Crisis Line:** 877-237-2513

### LEADING WORSHIP @ Brookstone Gardens

First Sunday of the Month @ 1:30pm  
Two Brief Worship Services

Volunteers Welcome!

If interested, please contact Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein.  
[sister.ruth.ellen.rebelein@gmail.com](mailto:sister.ruth.ellen.rebelein@gmail.com)

## MISSION OUTREACH (continued)

### HABITAT NEWS

Build Season has begun. The walls on the first house are up, the trusses are in place and the roof is sheathed. We are looking forward to windows, siding, the roofer, and footings to be dug for the second house. Our three housebuilders are excited to be working on their new houses. Cindy Hayes is scheduling volunteers for Saturdays and groups or organizations to provide the noon meal. Contact her at 308-627-6127. For additional information visit **habitat.kearney.net**

There are other ways to support Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity even if you can't hammer or paint. We are always looking for enthusiastic board members and committee members with special knowledge/skills to support our mission, "Simple decent housing."

**Save the date: June 25, 2022.** The designated date for First Lutheran Church to help build. Begins at 8:00 with a break at 9:30 a.m. for devotion and rolls. Lunch is provided. No experience necessary. In addition to volunteering you can serve on the board, help with fundraising, planning and organization.



### JUBILEE CENTER

May is a month for celebrations. There is always a need for dressier clothes for adults and children. The Jubilee Center would be delighted to receive gently used dresses and slacks, special tops and shirts. Play clothes for kids are always welcome.

We are also looking for volunteers to work on Saturday mornings, to take in donations, sort items that have come in or serve customers. Contact Cheri Clark at 308-234-3880 or [info@kearneyjubilee.org](mailto:info@kearneyjubilee.org).

We need tomato products and rice. Thank you!



# OFFICE UPDATES



## FLC STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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## MARCH FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Budget:	Mar 2022	YTD '21-'22'	YTD '20-'21
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 50,355	\$ 537,146	\$ 525,462
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (60,087)	\$ (611,586)	\$ (578,405)

Total 2021-2022 Ministry Budget: \$788,736.95

Facilities Budget:	MAR 2022	YTD '21-'22	YTD '20-'21
Revenue	\$ 5,685	\$ 66,578	\$ 66,939
Expenditures	\$ (2,832)	\$ (31,955)	\$ (23,004)

Total 2021-2022 Facilities Budget: \$30,000



## GIVING OPTIONS

In addition to traditional giving options for your convenience First Lutheran offers electronic giving!

**VANCO Faith:** which allows people to make financial contributions to the church electronically in the following ways:

1. Online (just go to the First Lutheran website under the "Resources" tab), and
2. Mobile App (download the Vanco Mobile app on the iPhone or Android, create a profile and search for "First Lutheran").

If you have any questions or would like assistance in using any of the above electronic giving options or would like to receive offering envelopes, please contact Marti in the church office.

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity to First Lutheran Church's ministry!

May 31<sup>st</sup> will mark the end of the current fiscal year. Is your pledge current and up-to-date? Now is the time to do that "catch-up" as we complete this year and journey forward. Thank you for participating in all that God is doing among us and helping our ministry!

# COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings from Church Council,

In 1996, the first *Mission Impossible* movie was released. Five other *Mission Impossible* movies have since become a part of the series. Each of the movies have a common theme. The main character (Tom Cruise) is given a mission to accomplish. Each mission is thought to be an impossible task. Yet, somehow, he is able to get the mission accomplished. Of course, Hollywood endings might have a little to do with this.

What does this have to do with First Lutheran? Back in January, the council had its annual leadership retreat. Our focus at the retreat was to update the church mission statement. A mission statement basically explains in one sentence why our church exists and what our overall intention is. Mission statements are important because they can give an organization meaning, purpose and direction. We had a very productive day and thought we had a great start on a new mission statement. At our March meeting, we revisited our work and put the finishing touches on it. Finally, at our April meeting the council approved the new mission statement. This is what we came up with:

“Growing in God’s grace, reflecting Christ’s love, and living in the Spirit.”

A lot of businesses, organizations and churches have mission statements and there are a lot of mission statements that sound great. However, it can’t be something that simply sounds great. In order for a mission statement to truly have meaning, we need to bring it to life by what we do. How do we do this? How can we demonstrate that our mission statement is more than just words? Well, this is just a small sample. We can grow in God’s grace by worshiping, praying, studying God’s word and reaching out to all of God’s children. We can reflect Christ’s love by serving others and caring for others. We can live in the Spirit by realizing that we are imperfect people; we are an imperfect church and we live in an imperfect world. Yet, we still have hope and we can still celebrate because of God’s forgiveness of our imperfections.

We want people to know our mission statement not only by the words that they hear or read, but by the actions that they see. We are fully capable of making our mission statement more than just a bunch of words. In the movie, the mission was viewed as impossible. However, at First Lutheran our mission is possible!

Peace to All,

Dave Zimmer, Council President



## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Dave Zimmer  
*President*

Miranda  
Obermeier  
*Vice President*

Lee Fritson  
*Treasurer*

Judy Henning  
*Secretary*

Mark Kottmeyer

Rachel Leach

Michael Rafferty

Kelly Russman

Kyle Means

### Have questions?

If you want to speak to a council member, please contact the office or find their information in the Narthex on the wall.



# WORSHIP THEMES

**May 1, 2022**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 9:1-6[7-20]; PSALM 30; REVELATION 5:11-14; JOHN 21:1-19;

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

**May 8, 2022**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 9:36-43; PSALM 23; REVELATION 7:9-17; JOHN 10:22-30

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**May 15, 2022**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 11:1-18; PSALM 148; REVELATION 21:1-6; JOHN 13:31-35

Easter invites a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light – through the lens of love.

**May 22, 2022**

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 16:9-15; PSALM 67; REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5; JOHN 14:23-29;

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

**May 29, 2022**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 16:16-34; PSALM 97; REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, JOHN 17:20-26

It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history-to our day-and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.





# WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY HERE AT FIRST



## Prayers of Peace and Comfort for...

Milt Lockwood on the loss of his brother.

Marilyn Parks on the death of her husband, Larry.

Lola Rasmussen on the death of her husband, Roy Rasmussen.

Randy & Robyn Jackson on the death of Robyn's mom, Eunice Adam.

Evonne & Mark Montgomery on the death of Evonne's mom, Eunice Adam.

## Congratulations to our May Volunteers of the Month: Jim & Jeanette Andersen!

Jim and Jeanette joined First Lutheran in 1967 and quickly became involved in all aspects of the church: Vacation Bible School Volunteers, Coffee Fellowship Hosts, Greeters, Ushers, Stewardship – home visitors, offering depositors, funeral lunch preparation. Jim even helped lead daily discipleship on Sunday mornings. Jeanette helped as a Telephone Prayer Chain Leader. Taking calls and spreading the word to the other ladies on the prayer chain and praying for those who didn't want to be on the Sunday morning worship prayer list.

Jim and Jeanette even took the month of December to handle the offering so that no one would have to worry about all the "extra services" during the month and could spend Christmas Eve with their families.

Even though Jim is no longer with us, we still remember and appreciate the kindness, time and generosity of all of the years the Andersens have given to First Lutheran Church. **THANK YOU!**

## WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A FROG COORDINATOR

For the 2022-23 school year, FLC needs a **new FROG Coordinator!** FROG ("Fully Rely On God") is Wednesday evening programming for Pre-K through 5th grade children, running late August through late April. Our Care & Growth Committee will provide lots of support, teaching curriculum, and a pre-set calendar. Please email Stefani Wegner ([StefaniDWegner@gmail.com](mailto:StefaniDWegner@gmail.com)) or contact the church office for more information.

# WOMEN of the ELCA

Hello Members of the WELCA Group,

As I write this article our two events for women have yet to be held. I am looking forward to meeting other ladies from around the Southern Prairie Conference and getting to know other women here at First Lutheran at our Fellowship with Friends at First event. It will be great to gather in person to share our faith and fellowship.

Nominations for officers will be taken on at our board meeting on June 6th. We are needing a Vice Chair, and Treasurer. Circle Chairs need to schedule their election of officers in May and ask for nominations for the Board positions including representatives on the W.E.L.C. A. Committees. We need YOU to help serve on the W.E.L.C.A. board and committees to continue W.E.L.C.A.

A big welcome to the new members of First Lutheran. If you wish to join a circle, please feel free to join the one that works best for your schedule. The circles are listed on the right side with their meeting times and contact information. A circle meets monthly, and during that time, they have a Bible study, a short meeting and most of all share fellowship with each other. However, you do not need to be a member of a circle to participate in the W.E.L.C.A. activities.

## Events for 2022

June 6 – 7:00 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting Classrooms 21 & 22

July 6 - 7:00 pm - W.E.L.C.A. - General Meeting & Elections – Fellowship Hall - *Hostess* - Abigail & Deborah



Ladies who are interested in joining a monthly Bible study are invited to attend a women's circle. Circles can be joined at any time during the year.

**President:**

**Deb Schauer (308) 233-2669**

**Secretary:**

**Bev Vacha (308)-468-6239**

**Treasurer:**

**Jo Smallcomb (308)-234-3053**



**ABIGAIL CIRCLE (SEPT.– MAY)**

9:00 am—3rd Monday  
Co-Chairs: Joan Swanson  
(308-234-2835) and Evy Kuecker  
(308-237-5651)

**DEBORAH CIRCLE**

7:00 pm—3rd Monday  
Co-Chairs: Deb Schauer  
(308-233-2669) and  
Ellen Epp (308-234-5696)

**GLORIA CIRCLE**

12:00pm—3rd Thursday  
Chair: Judy Workman  
(308-237-2781)

**NAOMI CIRCLE**

7:30pm—4th Thursday  
(3rd Thurs. in Nov.)  
Chair: Judy Niemann  
(308)-234-4332

# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ELISABETH

Dear First Lutheran,

Christ is risen! There is much to celebrate as new life springs forth from the ground. This month, we especially celebrate new life in the journey of our graduates! God has created and called them to take their next faithful step in their journey, and if that's not a promise of new life, I don't know what is! Come celebrate with us on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the 8:45 service!

In hope, Pastor Elisabeth

## congrats grads!

**We celebrate the high school graduation of:**

Kaleb Andersen  
Caty Bartholomew  
Kylee Erpelding

Ashton Krohn  
Grant Lewis  
Dylan Merz

Charlie Shea  
Brooklyn Slaymaker  
Austin Young



JOIN US IN WORSHIP FOR  
BLESSING & CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES:  
SUNDAY, MAY 15 @ 8:45AM

**Bring your family & wear your cap & gown!**

**Send your senior pic & future plans**

**(school, work, military, etc.)**

**for our graduate slideshow to**

**Pastor Elisabeth by 5/8/22 [ehimmelman@firstlutherankearney.org](mailto:ehimmelman@firstlutherankearney.org).**

# CAMPUS LUTHERAN

One of the great joys I have in my call to Campus Lutheran is to share the Good News with congregations throughout our synod. In 2022, I've had the honor to lead worship, preach, and share stories about campus ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney; Adullum & Immanuel Lutheran Churches, Bertrand; & Family of Christ, Kearney. When I'm not at First Lutheran on a weekend, it's most often so I can go and tell the story of God's love for all people, especially the faith journeys of young adults at University of Nebraska-Kearney. I appreciate the flexibility of Pastors Rick and Michelle to be able to do this – and sometimes, I'm even able to convince a college student to get up early and join me to tell their stories from their time at Campus Lutheran.

Thank you to all who are supporting our Feeding the Faith campaign! We've raised \$18,000 to date because of the gifts of individuals, endowments, and even a few congregational budget lines. Our kitchen/lounge remodel begins this month – there was no seminary class on construction management – so I'm relying on the wisdom and creativity of the Campus Lutheran Stewardship Team to help navigate the project, and oh, how wise and creative they are!

Can't wait to show you our new digs in time for fall semester! In the meantime, join us for:

- Church Nerd Trivia during Synod Assembly weekend, Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Golf Scramble, June 10<sup>th</sup> (see page 14)
- Porch Ponderings throughout the summer (all are welcome, not just college students!)

Joy abounds! Pastor Elisabeth

upcoming events



## TRIVIA NIGHT CHURCH NERD EDITION!

**Friday, June 3 @ 8pm**

**drinks & prizes!**

**Bring a team or join a team when you arrive**

**2715 - 9th Ave**

**\*free will offering to support Campus Lutheran \***



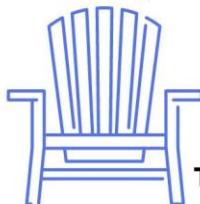
with top-rated trivia  
master,  
The Askin' Nebraskan  
Jim Fields!

*porch*

## PONDERINGS

Join Pastor Elisabeth on her porch to ponder and wonder about God at work in us and in the world. Reflect on scripture alongside the writings of Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury (author of "Being Christian" and "Being Disciples"). All are welcome! Drinks and space for questions will be provided.

Come as your schedule allows.



**Sunday, May 22 @ 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, June 21 @ 6:30pm**

**Sunday, July 17 @ 6:30pm**

**Thursday, August 4 @ 6:30pm**



# FLY (FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH)



***Our last Wednesday Night Youth Group for the school year is May 11th! FLY Sunday School is on summer break. FLY will not meet on Wed. nights during the summer, but will get together for the following special events. Stay tuned for details!***



## JUNE

Wed 6/8 @ 9a-5p: Lake Day at Harlan Co. Reservoir | \$10

Tues 6/21 @ 1-5pm: Service Day at Campus Lutheran  
*Build a Little Free Pantry*

## JULY

Sun 7/10 @ 9:55a: Parent & Student Meeting: mission trip participants  
*Fellowship Hall*

Fri 7/15 @ 9a-5p: Eat & Explore in Lincoln | \$20

Mon 7/18-Thurs 7/21 @ 6-8p: Vacation Bible School at FLC

Sat 7/23 - Wed 7/27: Mission Trip to Kansas City

## AUGUST

Sat 8/6 & Sun 8/7: Worship Days - Youth Led Worship Weekend

Wed 8/17: FLY Wed. Night Youth Group resumes for school year!

***Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> - graduated 12<sup>th</sup> students welcome all summer!***



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY –  
SYNOD PARTNER OF CAMPUS LUTHERAN

**GOLF SCRAMBLE**



NEBRASKA

LUTHERAN  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

**GOLF SCRAMBLE: FRI, JUNE 10**

HOLMES GOLF COURSE, LINCOLN

REGISTRATION AT 8:30AM, SHOTGUN START AT 9AM

HOLE-IN-ONE FOR \$10K!

4-PERSON TEAMS, \$400/TEAM

PIN PRIZES, LUNCH, CART ALL INCLUDED - COME JOIN THE FUN!

NEBRASKA LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY IS TEEING OFF  
SUMMER WITH THIS EVENT TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF OUR  
CAMPUS MINISTRIES ACROSS NEBRASKA!

NELCM IS THE SYNOD-SERVING ARM RELATING TO CAMPUS LUTHERAN AND  
8 OTHER ELCA CAMPUS MINISTRIES ACROSS NEBRASKA

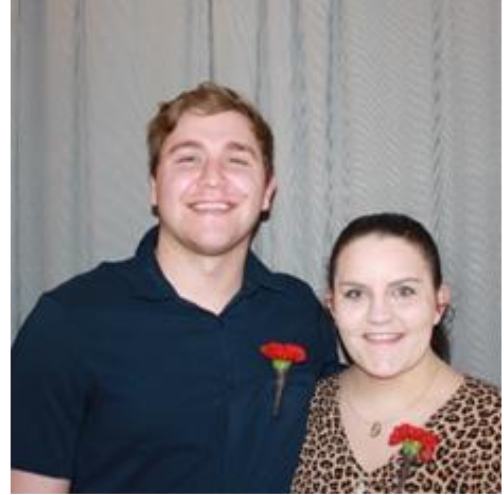
register: [shorturl.at/osvxk](https://shorturl.at/osvxk)

q's: [j.fredricks@nelcm.com](mailto:j.fredricks@nelcm.com)

## NEW MEMBERS – April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Dan & Carly Brooks, Lanee**



**Tanner Ellingson & Whitley Straka**



**Pam Epperson**



**Brandon Gebel & Jessica Huhman**



**Tom & Cheryl Hedstrom**

## NEW MEMBERS – April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Joe & Brooke Lambert,  
McCoy, Lincoln, Connor, Thomas**



**Garrett Piper & Katie Montgomery,  
Alayna**



**John (joined 11-28-21) & Judy Gosswein  
and Phyllis Sawyer**



**Bryan & Monica Mueller, Giana,  
Colvin, Emilia, Zobrie**

**WELCOME**  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ready to cook up some fun? First Lutheran Church of Kearney is calling all incoming pre-school through fifth grade students to get on a roll with God and join our **Food Truck Party** Vacation Bible School! Young Chefs will be invited to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11: "**Give us this day our daily bread.**" These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

**Mon, July 18th - Thursday, July 21st**  
**6:00-8:00pm**  
**AND**  
**Sunday, July 24th 10:30am Service**

***Special church performance and party Sunday, July 24th at 10:30am***

On Sunday, family and friends are encouraged to attend with their campers to hear the final VBS lesson, watch the campers perform their choreographed songs, and view our closing slideshow. We will also celebrate with a party after church service! A free-will donation meal is available each weeknight prior to VBS for campers, families and volunteers from 5:15pm-5:50pm.

**To Register, visit: [FirstLutheranKearney.org](http://FirstLutheranKearney.org)**

As with any large event, volunteers are vital to the success of VBS.

**Please volunteer at [FirstLutheranKearney.org](http://FirstLutheranKearney.org).** For more information email Stefani Wegner at [StefaniDWegner@gmail.com](mailto:StefaniDWegner@gmail.com).



# NOTES FROM THE PRESCHOOL: A MINISTRY OF FLC

Hello First Lutheran Families,

We have had an exciting spring so far. We learned all about oviparous animals and got to crack open a hard-boiled egg (we colored it first) and a regular egg to see the white and the yolk. We topped off our week by having a visit from some real tropical birds.

It has been a special time to talk about the true meaning of Easter. We had a very cool chapel time where the kids got to follow and walk on palm branches to get to chapel, and we sang, "Here Comes Jesus, Riding into Town". In the classroom, we made an Easter Story wheel and Jesus on a wooden cross. The kids also got to go on an Easter egg hunt outside.

We now have caterpillars and are anxiously awaiting their transformation into butterflies. Our school year has come down to the last month and we will close it out by talking about Earth Day, Recycling and the 5 senses. These kids sure are special!

God Bless,

Mrs. Lora and Mrs. Lindi

Happy May!

The week after Easter, we celebrated our Earth and ways we can take care of it! We took a field trip to the Recycling Center, continue to plant seeds, water seeds and plants in our science center. They have a science discovery book where they draw something they see in the center and now write the word. They are getting so good at drawing and sounding out words.

The following week, we had fun with transportation! It is fun to learn about all kinds of inventions that have been made! Our last speaker of the month is Jaime Banzhaf and she is coming to teach the kids about the business work force in human resources. They are learning so much!

We started our year learning about the 7 days of creation and in May we come back around to talk more in depth about it. The first week in May, we will discover that God made dinosaurs. Then we will talk about how important it is that God made their parents and grandparents! Then we will celebrate, on the last week, that God made them! We are so grateful that God made all these children and families!

We are trying something new in our Pre-K class. We are having end-of-the-year parent/teacher conferences with their child. We want to sit down and celebrate all their growth! Plus, their graduation will happen the following week! There are so many exciting things coming up!

Go out and take care of God's planet!  
Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Jane



# MAY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Weekends** – Laying on of Hands for Healing during Worship

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Affirmation of Baptism, Reception for Confirmation Students

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Worship at Brookstone Gardens w/ Sister Ruth Ellen 1:30 PM

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Children's Choir Sings at 11:00 AM service

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Blessing of the Graduates at 8:45 AM service

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Messenger articles due to church office

**Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Dedication of the Military Wall at 9:50 AM

**Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Boy Scout Troop 139 Brunch 9:00-11:00 AM

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Porch Ponderings at Pastor Elisabeth's (house/porch) 6:30 PM

**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Day, Church Office Closed

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