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### May Servants

#### Greeters

3 –  
10 –  
17 –  
24 –  
31 - Gary & Marcia Buss

#### Liturgist

3 –  
10 –  
17 –  
24 –  
31 – Sally Buchenau

#### Video Tech

3 –  
10 –  
17 –  
24 –  
31 - Cathy Rich

#### Dial-a-Devotion

3 – Eleanor Holmes  
10 – Pat Phillips  
17 – Janet Lobdell  
24 – Norma Klipping  
31 - Eleanor Holmes

#### Fellowship

3 – Cookies:  
Kitchen:  
10 – Cookies:  
Kitchen:  
17 – Cookies:  
Kitchen:  
24 – Cookies:  
Kitchen:  
31 - Cookies  
Kitchen:

#### Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe  
Lisa Dascher  
Roberta Rogers  
Cathy Rich



## May 2020 Newsletter



**Pray for Healing:** Cindy Andry (Judy Baer's sister), Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Irene Smith (Pat Phillips' sister-in-law), Bonnie Vondra (friend of Sally Buchenau), , Pauline Lutz, Johanne Wingert, Larry Buchenau, Trudi Schuler, Colleen Rakowska, Eileen Snapp, Nancy Strain (friend of Gary & Cathy Rich), MaryLou Bunker-Langy (Mervin Mader's cousin), Brian Gobeli, Judy Buchenau, Howard Rowe (friend of Jeff and Judy Baer), Hailey Betthausser (Bev Lindenman's great granddaughter), Kelsey Goeke, Michael Reimers (Merv Mader's grandson), Kris Sanders (Barb Feiner's daughter), Sharon Schwartz, Bob Knight (Sharon Schwartz's brother), Ken Gritzmaker, John Andry (Judy Baer's brother-in-law), Deloris Siemens, Richard Baldino (Jeff and Judy Baer's son-in-law), Lisa Prindle (friend of Janice Myelle), Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), Verla Lobdell, Judy Welch, Robert Hartwig, Darryl Wybourn, Dave (Bonnie Broge's brother-in-law), Kim Pluss (Dot Spielmann's daughter), Loren Brown (Holly Buss' father), Vernon Baer, Myron Coaty, Tam Kryder, Vivien Rose Dascher, John Gorz (Sue Bussian's brother), Arlene Kryder, Irene Schubert

#### **In treatment:**

Triscia Nickel, Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister), Todd Miller (Myrna Seuring's nephew)

#### **Our home-bound members and friends:**

Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village/Hawthorne Inn); Lorraine Bonebright (Pearl Pavilion); Pauline Lutz, Marilyn Holmes, Al Owens, & Carol Fluegel (all at Lena Living Center); Chris Liles (Oakley Courts); Joyce Brinkmeier – Presence St. Joseph Center  
Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI

**Our condolences** to Jeff & Judy Baer and family on the death of Jeff's sister, Barbara Sandberg Morgan in Arizona on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations** to Curt & Kelsey Goeke on the birth of Lydia Alysse Goeke on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Proud big sister is Audra Goeke and grandparents are Randy and Tam Kryder.

May Servants note: Thank you to Faye Wybourn for getting greeters for 5 weeks in May. Unfortunately we will not need greeters for the first four weeks, but possibly will need them on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. In the event an in-person worship service will be held on May 31, I have listed "servants".

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### **May Birthdays**

5/1 Verla Lobdell  
5/2 Jacob Edler, Opal Ritzman  
5/3 Jamie Eilders  
5/7 Flo Chapin, Marilyn Klever, Pauline Lutz,  
Ronald Martin  
5/8 Michael Bollman, Ryan Buss  
5/9 Mark Voreis, Faye Wybourn  
5/12 Lorraine Bonebright, Kendra Snyder, Alyssa Williams  
5/13 Sarah Edler, Kayla Lobdell  
5/14 Anthony Knoup, Norma Robieson  
5/15 Dana Borchardt, Kristie Flynn, Maurice Howe,  
Jeff Morrison, Linda Scheider  
5/16 Gail Brister, Nic Bussian, Judith Polhill  
5/18 Evan Edler, Jonathan Stockton  
5/19 Beverly Lindenman, Mark Lobdell  
5/22 Marcia Buss, Jordon Oellerich  
5/23 Brian Borchardt, Jeff Knoup, Paige Williams  
5/25 Kelsey Goeke, Donald Grunder  
5/27 Randal Kryder, Emma Lampard  
5/30 Jeff Baer  
5/31 Cherie Biehl

### **May Anniversaries**

5/11 Larry & Judy Buchenau  
5/13 Marvin & Terry Hixson  
5/20 Mark & Marcia Lobdell  
5/22 Eric & Erin Korte  
5/25 Cody & Taylor Rogers  
5/27 Dan & Sarah Todd

**From the Pastor's Desk:** This time of year always reminds me of how impatient I am. Each warm sunny day is a welcome respite from the cold of winter. Yet in the beginning days of spring, it always seems like those beautiful days are just cruel teasers before winter comes roaring back with a blizzard reminder that "I'm still here!!" Eventually though, the warm sunny days get more frequent and begin to outnumber winter's frosty days. Eventually. That for me is the problem. I want them NOW!

We are also stuck in a period of waiting during the pandemic. First it was a couple of weeks. Then the end of April. Now the end of May. The waiting is perhaps harder because we do not know when life will return to "normal" or what "normal" will even look like. We want this over NOW.

In this waiting we are given little teasers. We feel connection still blowing even as we distance. We receive phone calls from friends, wave to our neighbors that walk by, and take time to appreciate the folks working to keep things functioning even as for some of us the world seems to have shut down. These teasers are wonderful, but they also leave us longing for more.

Our life with Christ should also leave us longing for even more. What we have now is a wonderful blessing for our lives, but there is still more for us around the corner, still more to come. We need to be constantly looking for ways that open us for a deepening of our faith, and ways to draw still closer to God.

This Easter season we will be exploring the invitation to go and meet Jesus in Galilee. How precious "going" and "meeting" seem in this season of pandemic. But also how incredibly risky. This season we are invited to actively wait. We relish every hint of that which is to come, glorying in what we have now. Yet we also work and strive toward what is to be. We "go" and "meet" already, even as we "shelter-in-place" and "physically distance." We are creative in how we do it, but we do it. We do it because we know that these hints of what we have now are promises of an even deeper joy to come. Eventually. Sigh.

**Worship Zoom Meeting – Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

Those Present: Pastor Keri Rainsberger, Sally Buchenau, Lisa Stich, Cathy Rich. Richard & Eleanor Holmes had problems getting into the Zoom site.

We discussed the Easter Season email that Pastor Keri sent out and what each Sunday will celebrate. We will explore what it means to “Go and Meet” as the weeks unfold and how this may be different for us now at this time.

We are praying we will all be able to be together by Pentecost, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Since we don’t know what it will be like when the Stay In order is lifted, we will offer different areas to Worship; The Sanctuary, the courtyard and on line as we have been doing.

Mother’s Day and Graduation will be celebrated differently this year. Since Graduation is postponed to later date, do we want to wait to recognize our graduates closer to the school’s date? Pastor Keri will talk to Judy about this.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30. It will most likely be a Zoom meeting again.

Cathy Rich

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**Update from Finance Committee:**

During this time of change and uncertainty, it is good to know that the church is here for all of us. With your support and giving, the church has been able to pay expenses through April. Our January-April year-to-date income to expenses showed a shortage of –(\$4,971). Expenses were held below budget. In May there will be more expenses than the usual monthly bills as there are three payrolls. As we go through May, we will continue to provide updates.

We appreciate your continued response of sending offering in the mail to our P. O. Box 366, Lena, IL, 61048. This method has been working well and enables us to continue to support the church financial ministries.

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**Save the Date:**

**July 6-9, 2020 5:30 pm-8 pm each day at LUMC – Vacation Bible School in conjunction with Good Shepherd Lutheran and Beloved churches.**

Congratulations to the following LUMC congregation's family and friends on their upcoming graduation:

High School:

Nick Haas  
Oswego High School  
Son of Marc and Mary Haas; Grandson of Wayne and Olga Benson

Jenna Robinson  
Pearl City High School  
Plans to attend Northern Illinois University to major in forensic bookkeeping  
Granddaughter of the late Ron and Sally Buchenau

Kierra Lynn Schulz  
Lena High School  
Plans to attend Knox College  
Granddaughter of Roger and Kathie Schulz

Rawley Schulz  
Stockton High School  
Plans to attend Highland Community College  
Grandson of Roger and Kathie Schulz

Abby Rich  
Harlem High School  
Daughter of Lyle and Erin Rich; Granddaughter of Gary and Cathy Rich

Izzy Osterloo  
Hillcrest International School  
Daughter of Zach and Mandy Osterloo; Granddaughter of Gary and Cathy Rich  
Plans to attend LeTourneau in Texas

Highland Community College:

Ramsey Schulz  
Associates degree in Communications  
Plans to attend Loras College  
Grandson of Roger and Kathie Schulz

Taylor Schulz  
Associates degree in History  
Plans to attend University of Wisconsin in Platteville  
Granddaughter of Roger and Kathie Schulz

College:

Katie Wede  
Masters Degree in Accountancy Data Analytics from Case Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio  
Granddaughter of Richard and Eleanor Holmes

Rachel Edler  
Graduating from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota in August 2020  
B.S. in Medical Laboratory Science degree  
and Laboratory Science Certificate from Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa in August 2020  
Daughter of Tom and Tammy Edler

Alan Myelle  
Graduating from Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas  
Criminal Justice Major  
Son of Gary and Janice Myelle

Kiley Schulz  
Graduating from University of Wisconsin in Platteville  
Majoring in theater

Charles Dean Baer  
B.S. in business administration  
from The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina on December 18, 2019  
Son of Vernon and Lisa Baer; Grandson of Jeffrey and Judy Baer

Robert Jeffrey Baldino  
B.A. in Media Studies  
from North Central College  
Son of Richard and Mary Kay Baldino; Grandson of Jeffrey Dean and Judy Baer

## May Calendar 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 AM Worship - On Line	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9 AM Worship - On Line  Happy Mother's Day!!	11  6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting (Virtual meeting)	12  6:30 pm – Finance 7 pm – Ad Council – Virtual meetings	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16
17 9 AM Worship - On Line	18	19	20	21  9:30 am – Worship (Zoom) meeting	22	23
24 9 AM Worship - On Line	25  Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 9 AM Worship - On Line or In Person??						

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15<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Deadline  
11<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Trustees (conference call or Zoom)  
12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Finance , 7 pm - Ad Council  
(Both meetings conf call or Zoom)  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 9:30 am - Worship meeting (Zoom)

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10:30 A.M.