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May Servants

Liturgist

1 – Liz Gerber
8 – Lynne Howe
15 – Judy Baer
22 – Rose Black
29 – Scott Stich

Audio/Video Tech

1 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
8 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
15 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
22 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
29 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon

Dial-a-Devotion

1 – Eleanor Holmes
8 – Pat Phillips
15 – Janet Lobdell
22 – Norma Klipping
29 – Eleanor Holmes

Fellowship

1 – Judy Buchenau
8 –
15 –
22 –
29 –

Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe, Lisa Dascher,
Cathy Rich



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Larry Nelson Photo

Pray for Healing: Linda Korte, Johanne Wingert, Cathy Daniels, Kathy Kramer, Joe Wede (Richard & Eleanor's grandson), Verda Werkheiser (Eleanor's cousin), Bruce Wuebben, Aleese & Rhys Stone, Rachel Zipse, Vivien Dascher, Todd Temperly (Pat Edler's son), Angie Murray (Sharon Hammill's daughter), Dennis Shultz, Debra Smith, Rich & Nancy Plager (Nancy is Eleanor's cousin), Amy Buchenau, Dean Condell (Colleen Rakowska's friend), Jeff and Judy Baer, Dana Rakowska, Lisa Wienand's family, Cindy Kerchner, Kathie Schulz, Kim Pluss (Dot Spielmann's daughter), McConnell family (Tammy Edler's sister), Norman Wybourn, Tammy Riemers, Richard Weber, Shirley Goldsmith (Pat Edler's friend), Sharon Hammill, Bert & Jessica Beverage (friends of Kirsten Hollister), Jackie Edler, Debra Smith, Gretchen Kempel, Ruth Wingert, Dave Mader, Audrey Adleman (Tam Kryder's mom), Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Dorothy Montgomery, Arlene Kryder, Mark Mader, Pauline Lutz, MaryLou Bunker-Langy (Mervin Mader's cousin), Howard Rowe (friend of Jeff and Judy Baer), Michael Reimers (Merv Mader's grandson), Kris Sanders (Barb Feiner's daughter), Sharon Schwartz, Deloris Siemens, Lisa Prindle (friend of Janice Myelle), Judy Welch, Robert Hartwig, Darryl Wybourn, Vernon Baer, Tam Kryder, Frank Edler (Marcia Pax's father) and his wife Sharon, Stacey Biehl (daughter of Sherrie Biehl).

In treatment:

Dan Kempel, Linda Farwell (friend of Ryan Stockton), Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister)

Our home-bound members and friends:

Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village); Dorothy Montgomery - Manor Court at Liberty Village
Pauline Lutz, Chris Liles, Carol Fluegel, Burdene Meyers – L L C
Joyce Brinkmeier, Ruth Wingert – Presence St. Joseph Center
Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI
Gail Mayer- Touchmark, Drive #M32 Appleton, WI



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| 5/2 | Jacob Edler | 5/11 | Larry & Judy Buchenau |
| 5/3 | Jamie Eilders | 5/11 | James & Kim Baxter |
| 5/7 | Flo Chapin, Marilyn Klever, Pauline Lutz, | 5/13 | Marvin & Terry Hixson |
| 5/8 | Michael Bollman, Ryan Buss | 5/22 | Eric & Erin Korte |
| 5/9 | Mark Voreis, Faye Wybourn | 5/25 | Cody & Taylor Rogers |
| 5/12 | Kendra Snyder, Alyssa Williams, Jennifer Wybourn | 5/27 | Dan & Sarah Todd |
| 5/13 | Sarah Edler, Kayla Lobdell | | |
| 5/14 | Anthony Knoup, Norma Robieson | | |
| 5/15 | Dana Borchardt, Kristie Flynn,
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 | | |

Note from Lena UMC Finance Committee: We will be taking donations for the Parking Lot project now through June 30th as this project is now approved. Please indicate “Parking Lot” on your envelope and in the memo section of your check. Thank you in advance for your help in funding this needed project.

Save the date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3-4:30 pm -- Northern Illinois Food Bank’s Mobile Pantry will be at St. John Lutheran Church, 625 Country Lane Drive in Lena.

Your offerings can be mailed to our P O Box 336, Lena, IL

Save the date: Pastor Keri’s ordination service – Friday, June 10 at 1:30 pm as part of 183rd Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, at Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL. As we receive information about a link that you can watch the ordination from home or that we will set up here at the Church we will keep you posted.

From the Pastor's Desk....



This year in worship we read Luke's telling of the Easter story. Very early in the morning a few women head to the tomb, ready to provide care for the dead. Death, however, wasn't to be found. The grave was still there, but it was empty. In all four gospel accounts, this moment of discovery that death is missing doesn't lead directly to life being found. It takes time. In Matthew and Mark they are told by angelic messengers that Jesus is already in Galilee. In Luke they are only told "he isn't here." Only in John does Mary meet the risen Jesus, and even there she must first run away disappointed before coming back to find him.

Easter takes time to dawn in our lives. Maybe that is why in the church calendar we spend forty days (in addition to Sundays) preparing for Easter in the season of Lent. Then we spend another fifty days after Easter Sunday in the season of Eastertide, often focusing our worship time on stories of encountering Jesus. Only after several months of preparation, celebration, and seeking do we come to the day of Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and our birth as a church living out Christ's resurrection.

Where do you find yourself in this journey of Easter? Are you in need of some "spring cleaning" that helps clean out the cobwebs keeping your Spirit from hearing the word of new life? Are you in the long, long, long, week of Holy Week when everything seems to be falling apart and death – in all its forms – is at its most powerful? Maybe you understand the disciples in Luke's telling who dismissed Easter as "an idle tale" before their eyes were finally able to open and see Jesus in their own lives. Are you in a period of joyful celebration, but not quite sure where to go now that "it is finished"? Maybe some of the graduates we celebrate this May are feeling a little of that! Are you still trying to figure this life thing out, maybe even after multiple decades of study, and are just plain confused? Are you feeling a nudge to go out and find Jesus in the strangers along the road of life?

Wherever you are on the journey, I hope that these ancient stories connect to your own story and that you can hear the truth in your own life that Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, and because He is risen, so can we also be risen. Maybe like the two disciples in Luke's story who finally see Jesus near dusk in Emmaus after a very long Easter day, we will find that Jesus has been walking with us through all the journey.

2022 Graduates

*participants at Lena UMC

High School:

Luke Benson is graduating from Le-Win. He is the son of Kyle and Heather Benson and the grandson of Wayne and Olga Benson. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin at Platteville. He will study business.

*Sarah Louisa Edler is graduating from Le-Win. She is the daughter of Brad and Heidi Edler and the granddaughter of Bruce and Lois Shelton. She will be attending North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. She will major in Electrical Engineering. She is also planning to play hockey for the NDSU Bison Women's Hockey Team. She has been awarded the Harry D. McGovern Scholarship, a full tuition STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Scholarship... This is the highest academic scholarship awarded to first year students at NDSU. It is awarded for four consecutive years of full-time undergraduate study at NDSU in a STEM related major.

*Jenica Roenneburg is graduating from Le-Win She is the daughter of Stephen and Jenica Roenneburg. Tabitha will be attending Highland Community College. She plans to teach high school math.

Highland Community College

*Kierra Lynn Schulz is graduating from Highland Community College. She is the daughter of Riley and Amy Schulz and the granddaughter of Roger and Kathie Schulz. Kierra will be going to the University of Wisconsin at Platteville. She is planning to teach.

Rawley Schulz is graduating from Highland Community College. He is the son of Robyn and Vicki Schulz of Stockton and the grandson of Roger and Kathie Schulz. He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at Platteville to study music.

College/University

*Kenny Broge is graduating from Monmouth College on May 15 with a BA in Education. Kenny is the son of Bonnie and Greg Broge. Kenny will be teaching high school math at Stockton High School.

Jamie Hass is graduating from Elmhurst University with a degree in digital marketing. Jamie is the daughter of Marc and Mary (Benson) Haas and she is the granddaughter of Wayne and Olga Benson.

2022 Graduates (continued)

*Kendall Lobdell is graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. with a BA in Psychology and Spanish. She will be missing her graduation as she is doing a semester abroad in Spain and will not return until after the graduation ceremony. Kendall is the daughter of Kelly and Janet Lobdell and the granddaughter of Patricia Gates. When she returns from Spain the end of May Kendall will be working in Madison and going back to the University to get her Masters in Psychology.

Ramsey Schulz is graduating from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. He is the son of Robyn and Vicki Schulz of Stockton and the grandson of Roger and Kathie Schulz. Ramsey has studied communications. He has been in a number of musical and theater productions at Highland Community College and at Loras College.

Joe Wede is the son of Bob and Tammy (Holmes) Wede and the grandson of Richard and Eleanor Holmes. He will be graduating with his Bachelors in Business from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

Graduate School

*Marissa Buss is graduating with her MSW (Masters in Social Work) from Aurora University. She is the daughter of Steve and Lindsay Buss and the granddaughter of Gary and Marcia Buss. Marissa has accepted a position at the Dakota Elementary School as their school social worker.

Sarah Wede is the daughter of Bob and Tammy (Holmes) Wede and the granddaughter of Richard and Eleanor Holmes. She will be graduating with her Doctorate from the Pharmacy School at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will then be doing an internship at a hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

May 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 AM Worship in person and on line through Facebook + Communion Fellowship, 9:45 Sunday School	2 10 am – UWIF meeting – Fellowship Hall	3 1 pm Quilters	4	5 5:30-8 pm – Kids Night Out	6 5-6:30 pm Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	7 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast
8 9 AM Worship in person and on line through Facebook Fellowship, 9:45 Sunday School Mother’s Day Graduate Recognition 6 pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study at the church	9 1-3:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters – Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting	10 1 pm Quilters 6:30 – Finance Mtg. 7:00 pm – Ad Council	11	12	13	14
15 9 AM Worship in person and on line through Facebook Fellowship, 9:45 Sunday School	16	17 1 pm Quilters	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 7 am – Men’s Bible Study Fellowship Hall
22 9 AM Worship in person and on line through Facebook Fellowship, 9:45 Sunday School	23	24 1 pm Quilters	25	26	27	28
29 9 AM Worship in person and on line through Facebook Fellowship, 9:45 Sunday School	30 Memorial Day Office closed	31 1 pm Quilters				



Kid's Night Out

THURSDAY, MAY 5 5:30-8:00PM

LENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 118 W. MASON ST., LENA



May Flowers

Kids 5-10 years old can come join us for crafts, games, food, friends & fun. moms & Dads, have a parent's night out too...we'll see you by 8:00pm!

invite a friend, everyone is welcome!

KIDS WILL BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY ADULTS & OLDER CHURCH YOUTH

DINNER WILL BE SERVED; PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES WHEN YOU RSVP

KID'S NIGHT IS FREE! PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY: EMAIL umclena@gmail.com OR CALL 815.369.5291



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2nd - 10 am – United Women in Faith
5th - 5:30-8 pm – Kids Night Out
6th - 5-6:30 pm – Girl Scouts
7th – 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast
8th – Mother’s Day; Graduate Recognition
9th – 1:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters;
6:30 pm - Trustees
10th – 6:30 pm – Finance; 7 pm – Ad Council meeting
20th - Newsletter Deadline

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Sunday School	9:45 A.M.		