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MAY NEWSLETTER

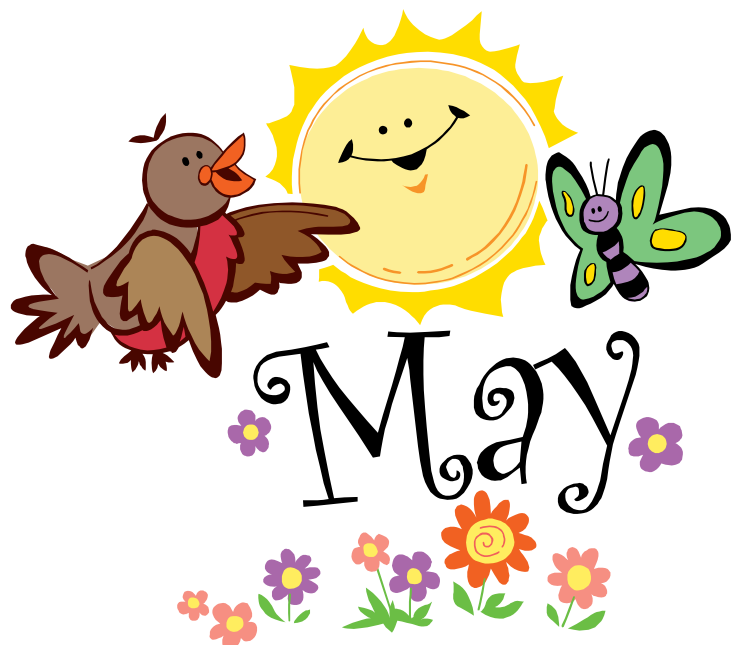
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MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3. JAMES & DONNA BILELLO | 22. BAYLEY HOLLOWAY |
| 5. ROGER & LINDA KLAUSEN | 23. JOE ANKENY |
| 6. LEROY BRUMMELS | 24. PASTOR KEN MARQUARDT |
| 7. VON SCHUSTER | 25. BRAD HARDER |
| BRITTANY HART | 26. KYLLA KLAUSEN |
| 8. LARRY MAXON | 27. JACOB LUEDTKE |
| REBA MALONEY | 28. KALEB OLSON |
| AVA CHRISTENSEN | 29. BRANDI URWILER |
| 10. MICHAEL SURBER | |
| 13. AMY CHRISTENSEN | |
| MATT JONES | |
| BEN SIECK | |
| 14. BERNITA PIGG | |
| 15. SANDY THORELL | |
| JERRY & ALVINA STANLEY | |
| LARRY & AMY KOLAR | |
| 16. DON HERRMANN | |
| 17. HEATHER KLAUSEN | |
| 18. AARON DIEDIKER | |
| CHAD JORGENSEN | |
| 18. TONY & TAMI WEISE | |
| 19. CRAIG MONSON | |



May at United Lutheran

THURSDAY, May 1

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

- 9:30 am Sarah Circle at Church
- 7:30 pm Ruth Circle at Church



SUNDAY, May 4

- 7:30 am Prayer Vigil
- 8:00 am Sr. Choir
- 9:00 am Worship with Communion
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Adult Membership Class

Reception honoring HS Graduates following Worship

WEDNESDAY, May 7

- 7:30 am Moms In Touch
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 6:45 pm Sr. High YBS at Ankeny's - last night!!!!
- 7:00 pm **First Communion Classes for 6th graders & parents**

THURSDAY, May 8

- 8:00 pm Council

SATURDAY, May 10

- 7:00 pm Baccalaureate at HS Gym



SUNDAY, May 11

MOTHER'S DAY

- 7:30 am Prayer Vigil
- 8:00 am Sr. Choir
- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Adult Membership Class



Thank you, Mom!



Fellowship Coffee follows Worship

- 2:00 pm Commencement at HS Gym

MONDAY, May 12

- 7:00 pm Trustees meet

WEDNESDAY, May 14

- 7:30 am Moms In Touch
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Young Women's Bible Study

FRIDAY, May 16

Last Day of School



SUNDAY, May 18

- 7:30 am Prayer Vigil
 - 8:00 am Sr. Choir
 - 9:00 am Worship
 - 10:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:15 am Adult Membership Class
- Fellowship Coffee follows Worship*

MONDAY, May 19

- 7:00 pm Parish Ed meets

WEDNESDAY, May 21

- 7:30 am Moms In Touch
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 10:00 am **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!**

NewsLetter DEADLINE

- 7:00 pm **First Communion Classes for 6th graders & parents**

SUNDAY, May 25

- 7:30 am Prayer Vigil
 - 8:00 am Sr. Choir
 - 9:00 am Worship
 - 10:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:15 am Adult Membership Class
- Fellowship Coffee follows Worship*

MONDAY, May 26 MEMORIAL DAY

WEDNESDAY, May 28

- 7:30 am Moms In Touch
- 9:30 am Bible Study

**Memorial Day
May 26th**



United Lutheran Church Council Minutes
April 10, 2008 @ 8:00pm

The meeting was called to order by President Lathan Detlefsen. Members present: Lathan Detlefsen, Doug Olson, Karen Thompson, Marlin Bose, Jerry Johnson, Roseanne Hintz, Robyn Hirschman, Joe Ankeny, Scott Urwiler, Walt Urwiler, Joe Ankeny, Pastor Davidson and Gwen Jorgensen.

Devotions - -Walt U.

Secretary's Report - - Gwen J.

The minutes of the March meeting were read. Jerry J. made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Scott U. seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - - Karen T.

Reg. Benevolences-
Reaching the Unreached.....200.00
Haven House..... 200.00
AFLC College Campus Ministry.....200.00
AFLC Reg Benevolence.....1166.80
VISION..... 583.40

Gwen J. made a motion to approve the report as given, Marlin B. seconded. Motion carried.

Deacon's Report - - Joe A.

No March meeting was held.

-Robert Patefield has a list of names for volunteers for choir housing. Choir will be here Friday, April 18.

-Sound of the Trumpet Concert will be here Sunday evening April 13, 2008

-Walt U. has meeting scheduled for music choices for Sunday worship. Lathan D. will contribute suggestions at the meeting. Council also decided that we will have more than 1 song sung during communion, then possibly only the first & last verses of the closing hymn.

-Communion for organist...First or Last or when??? Decided that Organist would go first for communion, Joe A. will pass the information on to Anita G. and Glenda J.

Trustee's Report - -Scott U.

---Memorial Committee Report --

Scott U. contacted Shirley Haase in regards to memorial monies for the 10 Commandments as she requested at an earlier date. Discussion was held. Scott U. made a motion to accept the memorial from Shirley Haase for the 10 Commandments, Joe A. seconded. Motion carried.

-Scott U. reported that the piano in the Sanctuary and the Sunday school room have both been tuned

-Property issue...more discussion. Scott U. made a motion to submit a bid of \$500.00 for the said property, Joe A. seconded. Motion carried.

-Water drainage problem discussed with City Administrator...no decisions made

-Parking lot issue...cost of asphalt

Lathan D. and Gary Schmitt made recommendations after surveying the problems. They recommend that we begin with the alley, in doing this will help with the water problem and also address some upcoming issues. Lathan D. will follow-up with the City and Scott U.

Parish Ed Report - - Robyn H.

-VBS - -now being held July 20 thru July 24 with Parish Ed, parents & volunteers hosting.

-Curriculum for VBS –theological issues...we need control of the curriculum, possibly same curriculum as what the Bible School students would have used. Robyn H. will bring suggestions to the next Council meeting, some information she had researched.

- Lock-in was a huge success. Thank you to Clark & Penny Maxon and all of their helpers for all of their hard work.
- Sunday School for the year will end May 25, 2008
- Activities scheduled every month through the Summer instead of Sunday School for the kids...the activities held last year were a big success

Pastor's Report - -

- Choir will be arriving around 5:30 pm on Friday, plan to eat at 6:30 at the Pizza Ranch. Gwen J. made a motion that we (ULC) provide the meal at the Pizza Ranch, Doug O. seconded. Motion carried. Approximately 51 kids attending. Doug O. will take responsibility for this. Then Saturday around 11:00 the ladies plan to feed them a Pot Luck dinner, then they will leave for the next destination.
- First Communion instruction content...discussion held
- New members - - Instruction should be confirmation like, same content...4-1 hour sessions or 2-2 hour sessions and an Adult class manual.
- Confirmation class will be finished in 1 week
- Baptism request by prospective new members

Vice-President's Report - - Doug O.

- Call Committee Report - -prospective pastoral candidate Marc Rakow will be here on Saturday, April 19 for an interview, also giving the sermon on Sunday morning. A brief question and answer time will be shared after fellowship coffee in the sanctuary for any congregational members.

President's Report - - Lathan D.

- Funeral services & responsibilities of the Council
- Sound System - -additional people need to be able to operate the system...possibly setting up a rotation schedule
- Pension Board...waiting for more information
- Project Extra Mile Coalition

Council Responsibilities

- Communion Steward for May.....Marlin Bose
- Communion Steward for June.....Doug Olson
- Devotions for May.....Doug Olson
- Devotions for June.....Karen Thompson
- The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Gwen Jorgensen, Secretary



Attention!!!
*6th Grade Students
 and Parents*
Communion Classes
May 7, 14 & 21 7:00 pm
United Lutheran Church



ADULT MEMBERSHIP CLASSES
SUNDAY MORNINGS
May 4, 11, 18, & 25
10:15 am, following Worship

If interested in becoming a member of United Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Brian Davidson or the church office.

FROM THE



John 17:13-19 "I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of My joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them Your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."

Pastor

Jesus wanted His disciples to experience joy, the full measure of His joy. In order for that to happen, He had to train them and He had to equip them. His training method was that of example, as He had them follow Him throughout His entire public ministry. He equipped them with the one thing that would thwart the world, flesh, and devil: His Word.

The Christian has equipment that has proven itself for twenty centuries. Jesus' words were recorded by men, led by the Holy Spirit, who were eyewitnesses of His life, death, and resurrection. Their writings were faithfully and carefully preserved and we have in the New Testament an accurate record of the truth that God gave to the gospel writers, Luke, Peter, John, and Paul.

Having this inerrant and sufficient Word, we should be experiencing the JOY for which Jesus prayed. A Christian's life should be one marked by JOY. I am not referring to that transient feeling of happiness which even the world can supply. I am referring to the intensely personal serenity that transcends any and all circumstance. I speak of that joy that gives to us the pleasure of God's presence when our situation suggests that God is far away and is no longer interested in our lives.

In studying the history and lives of God's people, I have seen one thread common to all of their testimonies: JOY. Richard Wurmbrand endured such physical abuse while in a Romanian prison that he could not stand up without pain for the rest of his life. Helen Roseveare endured torture, rape, and abuse while in the hands of Congolese rebels. Yet both testified for the rest of their lives of the JOY that they experienced even while in the hands of those who abused them.

Jesus endured the cross for the JOY that was set before Him. That JOY was no pipe dream. That JOY was more real and far longer lasting than anything that the world might offer us. God is not offering us anything less than the full measure of Jesus' JOY and if that is true, we should be willing to give up anything to get it. Even if we traded all we have in this world, we would still be getting the better bargain.

In Christ,
Pastor Davidson



Contemporary Worship Service

*Sunday evenings,
June 1 thru August 31 at 7:30 pm*

Practices for Worship team will begin in May.
Any musically minded volunteers are welcome



To the men and women who died for our freedom:

We Thank You

Servicemen from Gethsemane Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran and now the merged Church (in 1957) of United Lutheran who have passed on —

Bingham, George
Duane Brockmoller
Carstensen, Otto
Christensen, Carl
Cross, Ray
Dahl, Darrell
Dahl, Lester
Dahl, Victor
Detlefsen, Howard
Ebmeier, Benjamin
Galvin, James
Graf, James
Graffis, Elmer
Graffis, Emory
Granquist, Roland
Graverholt, Carsten
Graverholt, Chris
Grella, Donald
Hansen, Alfred
Hansen, Lloyd
Hansen, Martin
Hansen, William
Haahr, Ted
Jacobsen, Eugene
Jacobsen, Harold
Jensen, Chris

Jensen, Donald
Jensen, Jens
Jensen, Knud
Jensen, Norman
Johnson, Daryl W.
Kastrup, Viggo
Knudsen, Vernon
Korbacher, Henry
Krie, Gilbert
Madsen, Godfred
Maxon, Floyd
Maxon, John
Munter, Elmer
Nissen, August
Nissen, Ole
Norvell, William
Pedersen, Carl
Pedersen, J. I.
Schrieber, Herman
Schrieber, Raymond
Schutte, Bill
Schutte, Keith
Schultz, Delos
Scovbo, Paul
Thomas, John (Jack)
Thomsen, Kai
Todd, Edward
Weiger, Sam



**Memorial Day
Prayer**

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion - their very lives - for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

On the Beaches of Normandy

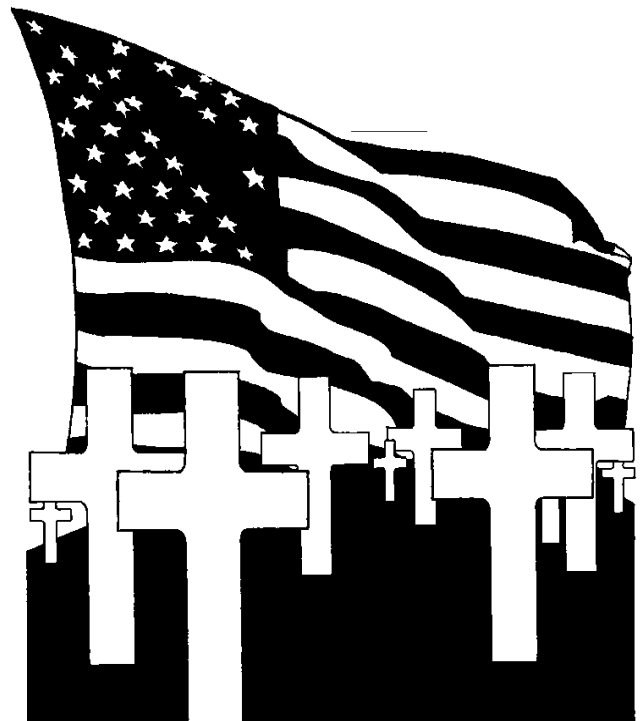
During World War II, the Allies carried out amphibious assault landings on June 6, 1944. In the ensuing battle, thousands of young men and women lost their lives. Not far from the landing site, there is now a very large well-groomed cemetery with a beautiful chapel at one end. In the chapel one finds an altar of black and gold Pyrenees marble engraved with the inscription: ***I Give Unto Them Eternal Life And They Shall Never Perish.***

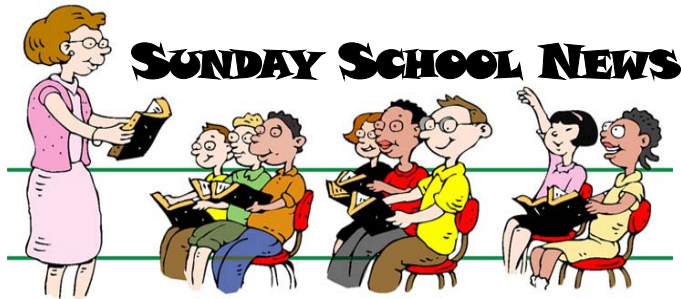
In graves in front of the chapel, lie the bodies of 9,387 service men and women. Each headstone identifies the person buried there, with the exception of 307 whose bodies were unidentified. Nearby there is a stone tablet telling of 1,557 men and women who died in battle but whose bodies were never found.

Walking through the cemetery is a heart-rending experience. Tears come easily. Here are generals buried beside privates, blacks beside whites, Jews beside Christians, Americans from 49 states plus the District of Columbia and Guam. Each paid the ultimate sacrifice.

***All died for freedom.
All died on our behalf.***

As we prepare for Memorial Day, we might well ask ourselves: "Am I worth their sacrifice? Am I grateful to them? What might I be willing to give to bring peace and freedom to the world?"





The Sunday School Year is soon coming to a close. We will continue to have regular classes through May with May 25th being our last Sunday.

Please mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School - July 20th – 24th. Watch for further updates in the June and July Newsletters. Please invite your friends to attend and be sure to include any new neighbors in our community as well.

Racquel Holloway & Mindy Christensen
ULC Sunday School Superintendents



Circles will be meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2008. Our lesson will be "Grace and Marriage" as we study to First Corinthians and the GIFT OF GRACE.

9:30 am Sarah Circle meets at the Church
 Norma Brockmoller, Hostess

7:30 pm Ruth Circle meets at the Church
 Rozanne Hintz, Hostess

A reception for our High School graduates (Tayler Cunningham, Josh Hangman, Alyssa Lundahl, Jessica Pigg, Zach Spahr and Chet Suing) will be on Sunday, May 4th following the Worship service. Please come and congratulate our graduates on their accomplishments.

Judy Harrington



We will be
 honoring our
 High School Graduates
 Sunday,
 May 4, 2008

Our graduates are:

Tayler Brooke Cunningham
 daughter of
 Todd & Karla Cunningham

Joshua Michael Hangman
 son of
 Mary Jo Hangman

Jessica Lynn Pigg
 daughter of
 Kent & Bernita Pigg

Alyssa Lucille Lundahl
 daughter of
 Ken & Diane Lundahl

Zachary Spencer Spahr
 son of
 Dan & Sheila Spahr

Chet Tyler Suing
 son of
 Chuck & Cindy Suing

Please join them in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a reception in their honor.



Remember
 your creator
 in the days of
 your youth.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

**Baccalaureate
 Services**

May 10, 2008
 7:00 pm

Commencement

May 11, 2008
 2:00 pm

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ALTAR GUILD:

Mina Young, Sandy Thorell,

May 4 (White) Communion

Ascension Sunday

Honoring the High School Graduates of 2008

GREETERS - Class of 2008 - Tayler Cunningham, Josh Hangman, Alyssa Lundahl, Jessica Pigg, Zach Spahr, Chet Suing

LECTOR - Les Owen

USHERS - Greg & Deb Urwiler, Kody Urwiler, Don, Erica & Arik Diediker

ACOLYTES - Gabe Agts, Nathan Schmitt

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNER - Walt Urwiler

NURSERY - Teresa & Haley Granquist

COMMUNION STEWARD - Marlin Bose

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE - Jim & Karen Thompson*, Paul & Diane Peterson, Bill Heitman, John & Nancy Abts, Drew & Kayla Detlefsen

May 11 (Red)

Mother's Day

Day of Pentecost

GREETERS - Tony & Tami Wiese, Kayla, Cassidy & Marissa

LECTOR - Norma Brockmoller

USHERS - Lathan Detlefsen, Robert Patefield, Ken & Matt Lundahl, Scott Urwiler, Jace Granquist

ACOLYTES - Nathan Schmitt, Devin Hirschman

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS - Diane Peterson & family

NURSERY - Lisa Bathke

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE - Scott & Barb Pigg*, Don & Joy Herrmann, Gordon & Verna Mae Dennis, Norma Brockmoller, Charlie & Wilma Paulsen

May 18 (Green)

First Sunday after Pentecost

GREETERS - Dan & Sheila Spahr, Zach & Erica

LECTOR - Jan Twiford

USHERS - Lloyd & Sharyl Luedtke, Doug Olson, Dave Bathke, Ron Lundahl, Robert Bowder

ACOLYTES - Devin Hirschman, Gabe Abts

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNER - Ron Lundahl

NURSERY - Racquel Holloway

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: Don & Sharolyn Cunningham*, Gwen Jorgensen, Claire Hansen, Rod Erwin, Tony & Tami Wiese, Leland & Laurie Carson

May 25 (Green)

Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Communion for 6th graders

GREETERS - Don & Erica Diediker

LECTOR - Gene Twiford

USHERS - John & Nancy Abts, Les Owen, Tom Holloway, Verneal Gade, Patrick Peterson

ACOLYTES - Gabe Abts, Nathan Schmitt

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS - Verneal G., Joan J.

NURSERY - Jen Schmitt

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE - Verneal & Anita Gade*, Dave & Lisa Bathke, Steve & Mitzi Urwiler, Joe & Mary Ankeny, Roger & Linda Klausen

ALTAR GUILD for June:

Judi Harrington, Diane Urwiler

June 1 (Green) Communion

Third Sunday after Pentecost

GREETERS - Dave & Lisa Bathke & Ryan

LECTOR - Mindy Christensen

USHERS - Marlin Bose, Leland Carson, Gary Bottolfsen, Josh Ankeny, Steve Luedtke, Tyler Surber

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS - Larry & Norma Maxon

NURSERY - Mindy Christensen

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE - Doug & Keila Olson*, Bryan & Racquel Holloway, Tim & Teresa Granquist, Ron & Robyn Hirschman, Steve & Jen Schmitt

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