



Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water

# Lake George Lutheran Chapel

May 2019 Newsletter



## From Your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the time of year when we are thinking about all of our flowers and other plants. That is exactly what I was thinking about on Easter Sunday. Like Charles Dickens, who wrote *A Tale of Two Cities*, I shared a tale of two flowers.



The red one is one that we have been nurturing in our home since Christmas. It was one of the poinsettias that we donated for Christmas. It is a beautiful plant, especially when it is in its prime and bright red. It is also a symbolic plant, reminding us not only of the birth of

Jesus, but with its red color, the blood Jesus would shed to save us from our sins.

The second flower is the lily. We place them in the altar area for Easter. They are very beautiful. They also have a beautiful aroma. But the best part is the symbolism of the white flower- a reminder of Easter and the celebration of resurrection! In addition to the resurrection, the lily also is a reminder of the cleansing given to us through Jesus' death. We now know all is well with God, and that we have a place with him in heaven. John reminds us of the significance of white with these words:

**After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**  
(Revelation 7:9-10)

We are also now given the promise of our day of resurrection! Our Easter cry is important: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

There it is, a tale of two flowers. Both are very significant to us in our faith journey. One reminds us of Jesus' birth, and the other of His resurrection and our resurrection. I encourage you to take time not only to smell the roses, but especially to smell the lilies, the reminder of resurrection and eternal life!

Pastor Easterday

## Thank You!



We appreciate all who donated lilies for our Easter service:

Jim & Robin Bertram

In memory of Rebecca Cober

Hap & Carol Saalfrank

In memory of their parents

Bill Scheele

In memory of John & Marian Scheele

Velda Dose

In memory of Arnold Dose

Terry & Shannah Messmann

In memory of Brent Messmann

Rene Scheimann

In memory of Don Scheimann

Charlotte Baker

In memory of Dave Baker

James & Robbie Clary

In memory of Jeanine Urton

Pastor & Joyce Easterday

In memory of Nelson & Jean Black and  
George & Louise Easterday

Todd Scherer

In memory of Bill & Peg Scherer

Tom & Jennifer Moberg

In memory of Bill & Peg Scherer

Thank you so much for adding to the beauty of our Easter celebration. The day of resurrection is also a great day to remember our loved ones who are with Jesus who will also one day rise from the dead with new and glorious bodies forever!

## Worship Schedule- May/June

May 5 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Easter

Saul was persecuting the Christians when he had his confrontation with Jesus. He became one who would suffer for the sake of the Gospel. We consider the voice of the martyrs in our worship this week. (Acts 9:1-22, Revelation 5:8-14, John 21:1-14).

May 12 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter

Mothers' Day

The role of the shepherd was important. The Apostle Paul sensed his calling to be a shepherd to the flock called the church. As he served, he directed the flock to a greater shepherd, Jesus, the Good Shepherd. (Acts 20:17-35, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30).

May 19 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit continue to speak with a united voice. Just as God worked with Peter to understand that this united voice shared a message of forgiveness that is offered to all with no distinction, so God speaks with this same united voice proclaiming forgiveness for us and for all others. (Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22).

May 26 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter

Jesus tells us "whatever you ask of the Father in My name, he will give it to you." We consider the kinds of things we can ask the Father in the name of Jesus. (Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27, John 16:23-33).

**Note: This is the Sunday for our Welcome Back Brunch immediately after church.**

June 2 Ascension Celebrated

The 40 days of His ministry on earth after His resurrection were complete. Now Jesus departed to be at the right hand of the Father for all eternity. (Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53)

June 9 Pentecost Sunday

In the early days after creation, the world only had one language until the day God confused the language because the people were building a tower to make a name for themselves. On the day of Pentecost, God revealed his love for the people as He sent them the Holy Spirit to speak to them in all languages! (Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31)

June 16 Trinity Sunday/Father's Day

Each year, on the Sunday after Pentecost, we remember the Holy Trinity, as God works on our behalf as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Acts 2:14a, 22-36, John 8:48-59)

June 23 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, Jesus, to redeem us. Now we are sons and daughters of God, and now heirs of all of God's gifts. (Isaiah 65:1-9, Galatians 3:23-4:7, Luke 8:26-39)

June 30 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Independence Day Weekend

God has set us free from our struggles with sin and now leads us to demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit. (1 Kings 19:9b-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62)

**Note: We will be blessed with two special activities in our worship. Dick Randall will be providing a mission moment concerning the work of the Gideons. We will receive a door offering afterward. Also, the Lutheran Men of Song will be presenting special music for the service.**

### ***Welcome Back Brunch***

Mark your calendars for our annual Welcome Back Brunch. This will be on Memorial Day Weekend (May 26) right after the worship service. This is a great way to welcome back our summer friends. It is also a great time to invite unchurched friends to join with us!



*(Formerly known as Worship For Shutins)*

#### **May 5, 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12; Epistle: Revelation 5:8-14; Gospel: John 21:1-14

“From Grief to Gladness” - Sermon Text:

Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Grief is a very real part of our life. Each of us to a certain extent is mourning, for various reasons. The good news is that Christ came to change our grief to gladness.

#### **May 12, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 23; Epistle: Acts 20:17-35; Gospel: John 10:22-30

“The Voice of the Shepherd” - Sermon Text:

John 10:27-28 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, came to call us with the Gospel. He came to lay down His life for the sheep. He came to "seek and save that which was lost," and in the voice of our Good Shepherd, we are drawn to the Father.

#### **May 19, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 148; Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7; Gospel: John 16:12-22

“Hearts Will Rejoice!” - Sermon Text: John 16:20 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

“You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.” You will have sorrow because this is a fallen world. But your sorrow will turn into joy because Jesus has taken your sorrow into Himself on the cross and to the grave. But He is risen, victorious over sin, death and the devil, and yes even your sorrow.

## **May 26, 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 67; Gospel: John 16:23-33

“Plain Talk” - Sermon Text: John 16:23-33 -  
Rev. Paul Shoemaker

It is refreshing when a leader gives a clear, plain, understandable answer to a question. Too often we hear nuanced responses and are left wondering what was really said, if anything at all. Jesus speaks plainly. His word and meaning are clear. So what does He have to say to you?

### ***Birthdays- May/June***

Peggy Schreiber	05-07
Billie Thomas	05-08
Keith Schreiber	05-15
Jake Hull	05-16
Samantha Schreiber	05-19
Gary Mullendore	05-27
Sarah Hoover	05-27
Hap Saalfrank	05-28
Joyce Saalfrank	05-30
Velda Dose	06-11
Esther Hein	06-11
Melanie Krauter	06-19
Carol Saalfrank	06-25

### ***Anniversaries- May/June***

Jennifer & Cory Hull	05-21
Marilyn & Denny Motz	05-25
Jana & Mike Gepfert	06-05
Peggy & Keith Schreiber	06-10
Joyce & Pastor Easterday	06-11
Jeri & Jerry Threlkeld	06-13
Edna & Edgar Schaefer	06-13
Joyce & Mike Saalfrank	06-21
Pam & Greg Bultemeier	06-25

## ***Shutins***

Remember our shut-ins with cards of encouragement!

Esther Hein  
440 Lane 201 Lake Pleasant  
Fremont, IN 46737

Ruth Lehman  
Lakeland Skilled Nursing And Rehab  
500 N. Williams Street  
Angola, IN 46703

Earnie Pfeiffer  
527 Harbaugh Drive  
Coldwater, MI 49036

Todd Scherer  
12701 Grand Station Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Jerry Threlkeld  
23005 Woodburn Road Apt. 131  
Woodburn, IN 46797S

## ***Membership Information***

Weekly Attendance Average

2019	24.0/week	(409/17 weeks)
2018	26.2/week	(446/17 weeks)