

The Messenger

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Greetings from the Pastor

Dear friends loved by God! May is here, bringing spring fever and special events. God bless you and yours throughout this month. May the Word be at the center of our lives, keeping us rooted and grounded in Christ, the Living One! In this month's newsletter article I want to touch briefly on a number of items; please read on.

Our Beautiful Savior church and school family will soon mark the end of another academic year. Perhaps you have a graduate in your life. I'm reminded that the formal conclusion of a period of schooling is called "commencement," focusing not so much on the *end* of something as on the *beginning* of something. May God bless all those graduating and beginning new endeavors. May He guide and direct them! Above all may God keep our graduates rooted and grounded in Christ Jesus, faithfully receiving Christ's gifts in the Divine Service. As we heard on the Third Sunday of Easter, "The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:24-25). It is through the Gospel that God gives life to us all!

This month also includes Mother's Day, on May 14th. May God bless our mothers! The vocation of motherhood is a special one, to say the very least. Mothers are gifts of God to their children. Mothers are uniquely devoted and nurturing figures in their children's lives. Only God could design such a beautiful scheme for our upbringing! With our prayers and gifts and expressions of love and appreciation we honor the mothers in our lives again this year. Thank you, mothers! We thank God for you!

On a bit less glamorous note, did you know that this month is our quarterly voters' assembly? Yes, it's on Sunday, May 21st, at 10:30AM. At this month's meeting we will pass a budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Come and be part of the event, if you are able. You need not be a voting member to attend. Mike Brown, our congregational president, leads our quarterly voters meetings. You may reach out to him, or to myself, if you have specific questions about the meeting or are interested in becoming a voting member. What a blessing it would be to welcome additional voting members; please consider it with prayer.

And speaking of prayer, as of last month we discontinued our bi-monthly prayer vigils. Please give thought to what we might do, in place of these Saturday morning events, in order to encourage a culture of prayer here at Beautiful Savior. I welcome your suggestions—about this and about any other matters touching on our life together here.

Last but not least, note that: (1) There will be no Thursday service on May 18; (2) The Thursday service on May 25 (which is also Ascension Day) will be the end-of-the-school-year closing service and a non-Communion service; and (3) We will receive donations on Sunday, May 21, for the Military Bible Stick project that we have supported now for a few years. Contact me if you have questions, and please support our troops with God's Word!

The Lord be with you throughout the month!

Pastor Groth



*The grass withers
and the flowers fade.
But the word
of the Lord
Endures Forever
1 Peter 1:24-25*

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

Ushers

Dan Adams

Scott Davidson

Roger Ruff

Fred Brechbuhl

Elders

5/7 Rick Mericle & Cal Meisner

5/14 Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

5/21 Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

5/28 Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Acolytes

5/7 Henry Pawlak III

5/14 Joey Weinstock

5/21 Damien Dittrich

5/28 Nicholas Little

Altar Guild Martha Vinqvist and Shirley Quinlan



HOPE IN THE LORD

Psalm 130: 5-8

Waiting is different for everyone. For some, waiting is never easy. For others, waiting is no trouble at all. In our Psalm verses, the writer is waiting for something very important. He doesn't say it's easy waiting, he doesn't say it's hard waiting either

Psalm 130: 5-8 says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins."

The writer of the psalm tells us he is waiting for the Lord. The writer compares his waiting to the watchmen who would sit on top of city walls and keep their eyes open for trouble. That may have been long, hard waiting for them. However, they knew that once morning came, the trouble that night can bring would be long behind them. Just as these watchmen waited for the peace and comfort from the morning, so the writer waited for the peace and comfort that comes from the Lord.

We have that same peace and comfort. It is peace and comfort that comes from something the psalm writer called "full redemption." When we are redeemed, we are ransomed, or bought back, from the evil that once had hold of us. Because we are redeemed, we know our sins are forgiven. That brings peace and comfort. The devil no longer has hold of us.

Is this redemption something that we will have someday, but do not have yet? This redemption and forgiveness is ours now! They became ours when Jesus suffered, died, and rose again. Our waiting is over, and we now have sure hope of life forever in heaven.

THAT IS TRUE PEACE AND COMFORT!

Elder Cliff Evans

Resource: [Chapel Talks for Christian Children](#)





May Birthdays

- May 4 Danny Weinstock
- 7 Jim Phillips
- 10 Harley Young
- 15 Jackie Dittrich
- 17 Carolyn Lehenbauer
- 19 Gene Sylvester
- 20 Dave Esslinger
- 24 Bob Davis
- Judy Werner
- 25 Geri Albrecht
- 26 Billy Griffin
- 28 Bev Baldwin
- Sue Evans
- 29 Rachel Mbise
- Rick Mericle
- 31 Tom Ulrich



May Anniversaries

- May 1 John & Elaine Brinkey
- 26 Bob & Sandy Akmenkalns
- 28 Neil & Evelyn LaVoy



THE WOLF PACK

The Wolf Family has settled into their home in Nairobi. They have found nearby extracurricular activities for all four big kids, and are blessed with new friends. Annalise is thankful for so many girls!

John has begun varied duties in Africa. He has visited Seminary students from eight countries at the Center for Theological Studies in Togo. There they partner with LCMS medical and mercy missions to feed both body and soul. He has also worked with LCMS agricultural missionaries to explore establishing a mission station in Turkana County, one of the poorest counties in Kenya. Sean has joined him to help here, and even worshipped in a stick and grass church.

Eagerly awaited was the opening of the Project 24 site at Lenkinshon, a Christ-centered refuge for orphans in southern Kenya, which provides food, shelter, and education for up to 80 children. John has also visited the Matongo Theological Seminary in east Africa, where three LCMS missionaries serve.

The Wolf Pack has enjoyed a camping trip in the Aberdare Highlands at over 9000 feet elevation. They work up to a 39 degree temperature. They continue to ask for your prayers and thank you for your support.



Town Hall Community Information Event

Important benefit information for former workers of Rocky Flats and Coors Porcelain

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

June 7, 2017
10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Cold War Patriots – A community resource organization comprised of nuclear weapons workers and uranium workers who proudly served their country.



“The Lutheran Hour” Sermon Schedule for May 2017

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- May 7th** *“The Abundant Life of Grace”* (John 10:1-10)
Don’t leave God’s grace behind! We are still sheep who need the Good Shepherd.
(Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**)
- May 14th** *“To Know God, Look to Jesus”* (John 14:1-14)
To be saved by Jesus Christ is not religion – it is reliance upon God’s grace, God’s doing, and God’s amazing love for you. (Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**)
- May 21st** *“Comfort in the Spirit for Our Spirits”* (John 14:15-21)
To be the people God created us to be, we must be connected to His power, to His Word, by His Spirit. (Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**)
- May 28th** *“The Best of Things in the Worst of Times”* (Philippians 1:27)
As another generation comes along that knows not the Lord or what He has done, God enables His people to do the best of things in the worst of times.
(Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus: **Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**)

Please contact Mike Brown at (303) 438-5766 or mbrown_llrmd@comcast.net with any questions you may have about *“The Lutheran Hour”* or any of the numerous **Outreach Resources** available from **LHM**.

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Our Stewardship Message

(May 2017)



“It is more blessed to give than to receive,” said St. Paul, quoting our Lord (Acts 20:35). How can this be?

Jesus and His disciples withdrew to a mountain by the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The crowds followed them, for the Lord had just showered upon them the gift of His teaching, the gift of His Word. But the day was waning; the sun was setting, and it was getting late. Looking upon the crowds, Jesus had compassion on them and asked, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat” (John 6:5)? Philip said that two hundred denarii (a day’s wages for two hundred men) could not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.

But Andrew, Peter’s brother, brought a young boy forward, who had five barley loaves and two small fish. “But,” Andrew asked, “what are they for so many” (John 6:9). Jesus replied, “Have the people sit down” (John 6:10).

Then Jesus, the Son of God, gave them a second gift, a gift from what only He could give—a gift from above. He took the bread and the fish, gave thanks, blessed them, and distributed them to the crowd. Then came the miracle. As these five loaves and two fish were given out, they multiplied. He fed the hungry crowd until they were all full. And twelve baskets full were left over.

But Jesus was not the only one who gave that day. There is one person who also gave from what he had. It was the boy with the five loaves and the two fish. All the others, including the boy, received the gift of a miraculous feast. And they would look back on it with wonder. But the boy, when he would look back on it, would look back and remember not just what he received. He would look back with wonder and delight when the Son of God made his gift into something miraculous. For it is more blessed to give than to receive.

This our Lord does for each of us. He presses our gifts, no matter how big or how small, into His service and works wonders with them. He provides through what we give: water for baptism, bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, a man called and sent for the preaching of the Gospel and Absolution. He provides a building in which we can gather as His children, lights so that we might not gather in darkness. He provides funds for the care of the poor and struggling, for missionaries who preach and teach beyond our borders. He makes Christians, disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in our midst by bringing them to faith and nurturing them in that faith. He takes our gifts and turns them into something miraculous.

Indeed, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thus we give. We give of what we have. And the Lord works His wonders.

We are “Consecrated Stewards” to the Glory of God!