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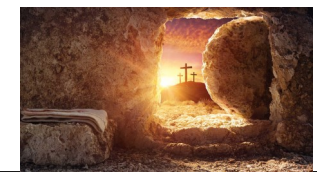
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In May...

- **Sunday, May 2** -
EASTER 5
10:30 AM
Holy Communion
- **Thursday, May 6** -
2:30PM , Small Group/
In-person Bible Study
resumes
- Fellowship Hall -
- **Sunday, May 9** -
EASTER 6
10:30AM - Worship
- **Monday, May 10** -
Church Council - 7PM
- **Sunday, May 16** -
EASTER 7
10:30 AM - Worship
- **Sunday, May 23** -
DAY OF PENTECOST
10:30 AM - Communion
- **Sunday, May 30** -
10:30 AM - Worship
11:45 AM - Memorial
Weekend Ceremony in
Cemetery

EVANGEL



**May
2021**

"GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT LEADS AND GUIDES US"

The Easter Season continues through Sunday, May 16

(Although Every Sunday is Easter Sunday).

Christ is risen and has come to his followers!

Our Risen Lord has blasted through the empty tomb and breathed the Holy Spirit into all his followers - including us.

On Sunday, May 23, PENTECOST DAY, we will celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

Our world is slowly being vaccinated and emerging from COVID-19. We are back inside again. We are resuming some human connections we have missed since March of 2020.

The Holy Spirit has remained with us and sustained us throughout. And now the Holy Spirit is urging us, empowering us, to go forth into a hurting world. As a church, we will utilize the spiritual gifts granted us to worship, to pray, to encourage, to serve, to give, to include those who have felt isolated or left out, to proclaim Christ everywhere.

God's Holy Spirit will lead and guide us!

~ *Pastor David Deal*

EVANGEL



2021

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 2021

- WORSHIP CELEBRATED every Sunday at 10:30AM In-person and On-line (Facebook or YouTube)
- "Whirl" Sunday School broadcast every week via Facebook
- Sunday, May 2 - HOLY COMMUNION
INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
(elected April 11, 2021 at Annual Meeting)
Kathy Hlavaty, Barbara Naska, Becky Praster and Dianna Streletz
10:30 AM at Worship Service.
- SMALL GROUP/ BIBLE STUDY to resume in-person downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- Beginning **May 6th!** THURSDAY afternoons at 2:30PM
Bring your Bible and Wear a Mask
- PENTECOST SUNDAY - May 23 -- at 10:30 AM
Celebration of the Spirit - Holy Communion
- MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - May 30
11:45 AM - Riegelsville VFW will conduct a special
Memorial Day Sunday Ceremony in the Durham cemetery - All are invited!

Council Corner

Hello to everyone from all of us on council! Council would like to welcome new council members, Becky Praster, Barb Naska, & Dianne Streletz! Barb Naska has agreed to be our Council Secretary which we are very thankful for. Returning as our Council President is Scott Gaun and our returning Vice-President is Val McGinn. If you ever have any questions for council we are always available. Everyone has a great May!

	MAY BIRTHDAYS		MAY ANNIVERSARIES		MAY BAPTISMS
1	Tim Leichter				
2	Frank Erceg				
				3	Kelvin De Walt
4	Sara Aquino				
5	Hunter Aquino				
		7	Becky and Tom Praster (43)		
		9	Barb and Ben Naska (51)	9	Bryant Hlavaty, Donald V. Seipt
				10	Patricia Zion
				12	Jack Pyne
13	Chris Mueller			13	Katie Aquino
14	Luke Snyder				
15	Beth Snyder				
				18	Frank Erceg
19	Annabel Williams				
				21	Jim Altemose
				22	Dianna Streletz
23	Bethany Michl				
24	Brian Ashmore, Sr.				
25	Joel Roney	25	Sara and Joe Aquino		
		26	Kristy Lee and Dane Reiman (9)		
		27	Maggie Fischer and Bob Starling (43)		

HIGHLIGHTS from April 11, 2021 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- With gratitude, we recognized Beth Snyder, Cathy Mueller and Matthew Mueller for their years of service on Church Council. Beth and Cathy had completed 2 3-year terms and were ineligible for re-election. Matthew will begin as a student at Penn State University this Fall.
- Election of Council Members: Kathy Hlavaty- Kathy has completed one 3-year term, but graciously accepted nomination to a second 3-year term. Barb Naska, Becky Praster and Dianna Streletz accepted a nomination to serve. Barb has served on Council before, but has been off for a few years. Becky Praster will be a new Council Member, serving a 3-year term. Dianna Streletz will complete Matthew Mueller's unexpired term- 1 year.
- Discussion of extensive work to the outer portions of the church building (painting). It was agreed to immediately inspect all the wood involved for cracking, rotting, etc. Don Seipt very graciously offered to pay for the inspection which hopefully will happen before the end of April this year. Based on recommendations from the inspector, we will then make a decision whether to strip and repaint existing wood or replace with maintenance- free vinyl. Either way this will be expensive (in the 10's of \$1,000). We are seeking to build up our building fund for the project. PLEASE USE YOUR MONTHLY BUILDING FUND ENVELOPE TO HELP!

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS FOR THE 2021-2022

were elected at the April 12, 2021 church Council Meeting.



According to the Constitution, these officers are elected to a 1-year term. They may be re-elected. President, Vice- President, and Secretary must be current Council Members. The Treasurer and Financial Secretary may or may not be Council Members. Here are those elected:

- President - Scott Gaun
- Vice President - Val McGinn
- Secretary - Barbara Naska
- Treasurer - Beth Snyder
- Financial Secretary - Kathy Hlavaty

NOTE: New Council Members and Officers will be installed at the May 2, 2021 Worship Service



WELCA

During our April meeting we discussed leadership and how we can step up to help during this time of Pandemic and pandemonium. We did a little brainstorming, but want to consider ways we can help our community during our May meeting.

During our business meeting we voted to donate \$100.00 to Women of the ELCA, churchwide's Thankoffering. We also designated \$100 for the Blanket Sunday collection and \$100 for the Tool Sunday collection. Finally, we voted to donate \$200 towards the playground renovation.

Blanket Sunday will be celebrated on Mother's Day May 9th (but we will accept donations all month.) This is an opportunity to make a donation to Church World Service to buy blankets which they give to victims of disasters. Please consider making a donation in your mother's name; you will be honoring her and helping someone in distress. (Note: we will also be collecting money for tools on Father's Day.) Please **use your Outreach Envelope**, and write the memorial on the outside of the envelope.

May meeting will be held on Tuesday evening from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We are going to have a prayer session and then talk about projects and programs we would like to accomplish. We are doing this in the evening to open the meeting up to working women. Please bring your ideas with you.

Outreach

Thank you for your donations through our Outreach envelopes. We are helping our neighbors in need by our contributions. We will be collecting money for Blanket Sunday as we traditionally do for Mother's Day; but we will be using our Outreach envelopes. The money will go to Church World Service to help people forced from their homes by tornedoes, covid, war. There has been so much upheaval and there are so many hurting people. We will be collecting all month. We continue with this same tradition to collect money for tools for Father's Day in June.

-Helen Dungan

PRAYER

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Chris Mueller; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Jason Bigley; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Deb Carmichael; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Aleena Lang; Barbara Lynch; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merckham; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Randy Rilling; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Alex Ulrey; and Linda Willson

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe.

For the Grieving: The families of Reta Bieber; Julia Bizon; Helen, Robert and Glenn Eby; Craig Hartzell; Jane Kemmerer; Leah Kneebone; Dean Litzenberger; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; Sarah Rhine; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; Alex Trebek; and Rudolf von Watzdorf.

For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharron Streletz.

Essential Food Workers: Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

Essential Postal Workers: Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

New Baby: Please keep Brittany and Dan Froehlich and their newborn daughter, Olivia Dawn Froehlich, in your prayers. Olivia was born December 4, 2020. Please keep Alyse and Andrew Hales, along with big brother Ashton and their newborn daughter, Aria Leighton Hales, in your prayers. Aria was born March 2, 2021. (grandparents are Cheryl and Wayne Mesko) Please keep Tabitha and David Weiner and their newborn daughter, Abigail Rae Weiner, in your prayers. Abigail was born March 18, 2021. (grandparents are Beth and Luke Snyder)

On Memorial Day Weekend we remember Veterans deceased and those still living!

James H. Altemose - US Army Reserves - 1958-1964

Austin Apgar - Newly Enlisted in the US Army

Edward J. Ballek - US Army, Battery C, 75th Gun Battalion - 1948-1954

Edward Crouse - (Deceased) Private, US Army - 1948-1954

Leo P. Fox - (Deceased) US Navy, Ship's Cook Class 3 - 1944-1946

Robert Fox - US Army

Scott Gaun - Senior Airman, US Air Force - 1984-1988

Gene Gribbin - (Deceased) Sergeant, US Army - 1950-1952

Michael Hesser - Sergeant, US Marine Corps - 2010-2014

David H. Holland - (Deceased) US Marine Corps - Killed in action 1967

Myron Kressman - (Deceased) US Army - 1969-1971

W. Robert Litzenberger - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army - 1950-1952

John Luther - (Deceased) Private, US Army 351st Infantry, 88th Division, KIA Italy 1944

Paul McGinn - Specialist 4, US Army - 1970's

Wayne Mesko - Staff Sergeant, US Air Force, 99th Bomb Wing - 1966-1970

James Miller - US Navy - 1965-1968

Robert J Newcomb - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army, Medical Technician - 1951-1953

Harold E. Nicholas - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army, 2nd Armored Division - 1951-1953

David Pyne - Petty Officer 2nd Class E-4, US Navy, USS Gettysburg - 1994-1998

Blake Rodd - US Army - 2010-2014

Silas Rodenbach - US Army - 1952-1954

Christopher S Seifert - (Deceased) Captain, US Army, 101st Airborne, KIA 2003

Hal Taylor - Lieutenant, US Navy, Field Intelligence - 1966-1969

Edward H Xander - Corporal, US Marine Corps - 1955-1959