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## May 2021 Newsletter



### *From Lay Minister Mike: Ascension and Pentecost*

As May begins, farmers and agriculture workers are in the middle of planting season. There is a great rush to get much work done in a short period of time. For the workers, please be careful in the dangerous work you do. For the rest of us, please be careful on the roads and watch out for the farm equipment.

May is a busy month for school. Kids finish up their work looking forward to the summer. Teachers finish up grading and get ready for the next year. Spring sports wrap up and summer sports start. There is so much work that needs to get done in a short amount of time.

May is also a busy time for the church. At the beginning of May, we are still in the Easter season. Ascension Day is on May 13. Pentecost is on May 23. We end the month on Trinity Sunday on May 30.

Ascension Day is forty days after Easter. On Ascension Day, Jesus ascends into heaven. Although it is tempting for the disciples to just stand there and gaze up at heaven after Jesus has left, they have been told that the Holy Spirit will be upon them to help them in their missionary journeys. We too need to let the Holy Spirit work through us as we journey through our daily lives.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fills the disciples and they begin to speak in tongues. Although speaking in tongues may be a rare occurrence today, the Holy Spirit does help us to reach out to our neighbors, especially those that are different from us. The Spirit helps us to reach out in kindness to all of God's people.

On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Trinity. We celebrate one God in three parts: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We remember the Trinity every Sunday in the Apostles Creed, but this Sunday puts special emphasis on the Trinity.

In the midst of all the things going on in our world, it is important to stop and take a breath once in a while. Stop and remember who gave all of this to us. Stop and remember to thank God for all that we have. Amen.



### **West Clermont Lutheran Church Council Meeting - April 14, 2021**

Present: Amy Cummings, Mark Nelson, Vernon Oakland, Gene Ruckdashel, Wendy Larson, Kathy Wander, Jed Dean, Sue Zimmer, Mary Amundson and Pastor Mike Erickson

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Motion made by Wendy to approve agenda. Jed second, motion carried.

Kathy sent out the monthly financial statement for review prior to the meeting. Motion made by Amy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Wendy second, motion carried.

On a TEEM update, Pastor Mike has 1 week of his current class left and will be starting three more classes in the summer. He will be present at the church, however, in the event he is in class he will have his door shut and will not be available during this time. Pastor Mike is looking around to update the confirmation material to start using in the fall. Sue made a motion to allow Mike to look for an electronics recycling center and recycle any old electronics.

Vernon made a motion to send \$600.00 to Jake Borntreger from Sunset Tree Service for cutting down the trees and grinding the stumps. Wendy second, motion carried.

The council discussed the estimates for various projects and we are obtaining estimates for the roof, bat removal, tuckpointing and other interior repairs.

The council discussed moving forward with live music, organ playing and singing. Jed made a motion to go back to signing and hiring an organist, Wendy will take the information to the music committee. Mary second, motion carried.

Amy made a motion to contact Matt Chicken for his help in connecting all the speakers to work together and the TV in the addition. Gene second, motion carried.

Boiler Inspection is set for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Vernon volunteered to be in attendance during the inspection. There were two scholarship applications received. Senior Sunday is set for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation is Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Rogation Sunday will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

First Communion Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Newsletter items are due to the office by April 21st.

Next meeting will be held **Wednesday, May 12th, at 6:30 pm.**

Motion made by Jed to accept the minutes as read. Wendy second, motion carried.

Motion made by Amy to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Sue second, motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



## **Offerings: March 21, 2021 – April 18, 2021**

### **Sunday, March 21, 2021**

Regular: \$675.00  
**Total General Fund: \$769.09**  
Building Fund: 85.00 - roof fund

**Attendance: 41**  
Loose: \$27.00  
Noisy Can: \$67.09

### **Sunday, March 28, 2021**

Noisy Can: \$92.56  
Loose: \$10.00  
Initial: \$16.00  
Regular: \$1,482.00  
**Total General Fund: \$1,837.56**  
Building Fund: \$85.00 - roof fund

**Attendance: 62**  
Lenten: \$60.00  
Loose (refund for lighting): \$140.00  
Children's Bucket: \$37.00

### **Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021**

Regular: \$325.00  
Initial: \$5.00  
**Total General Fund: \$380.00**  
Building Fund: \$85.00  
Roof: \$85.00

**Attendance: 19**  
Maundy Thursday: \$50.00

### **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**

Children's Bucket: \$22.00  
Regular: \$975.00  
**Total General Fund: \$1,340.93**

**Attendance: 66**  
Noisy Can: \$28.93  
Easter: \$315.00

### **Sunday, April 11, 2021**

Regular: \$2,745.00  
Children's Bucket: \$5.00  
Easter: \$40.00  
**Total General Fund: \$2,818.66**  
Building Fund: \$110.00 (*Regular: \$25.00 / Roof: \$85.00*)

**Attendance: 45**  
Loose: \$5.00  
Noisy Can: \$23.66

### **Confirmation Sunday, April 18, 2021**

Loose: \$90.00  
Noisy Can: \$10.19  
**Total General Fund: \$1,193.19**  
Building fund: \$85.00 - roof

**Attendance: 120**  
Children's Bucket: \$3.00  
Regular: \$1,090.00



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Average Facebook Live views per Sunday in March: **33**  
Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten Service: **61**

## Prayer List

**Requested:** Carlos Delgado, Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Daniel Guyer, Vivian Guyer, Pr. Phil Olson, Beth Zimmer, Heidi Henriksen, Betty Erickson, Devin Schrad, Richard Schrad, John Yauslin, Bob Kress, Kyle Wander, Khaki Nelson, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson.

**Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins:** Clarice Gass, Albert Schave, Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Khaki Nelson.

**In the Military:** Jeff Kleppe, Nathan Guyer, Captain Stephanie Wilkins, Kennedy White.



## May 2021

DATE	READERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
May 2* ( <i>First Communion</i> )	Layne Kleppe	Teagan Schrader	Rick or Marsha Swenson
May 9 ( <i>Mother's Day</i> )	Stacy Cummings	Mark Erickson	
May 16 ( <i>Senior Sunday</i> )	Seniors	Lainy Donnelly	
May 23* ( <i>Baptism</i> )	Taylor Dean	Cece Cummings	Deb Jacobsen
May 30	Mark Erickson	Lainy Donnelly	

\*Holy Communion

**May Ushers:** Rodney Wagner, Derrick & Layne Kleppe



05/01 Schneider Laynee  
 05/04 Cummings Amy  
 05/05 Wiedenhoff Marcia  
 05/11 Shipton John  
 05/19 Schneider Marcy  
 05/26 Larson Greg  
 05/28 Klemp Keegan

05/02 Jacobsen Bob  
 05/05 Follett Karen  
 05/08 Guyer Karen  
 05/12 Erickson Mala  
 05/23 Herman Gail  
 05/26 Siebrecht Lori  
 05/30 Kerner Steven

05/03 Oakland Vernon  
 05/05 Patterson Victor  
 05/11 Kohls Kenneth  
 05/17 Kleppe Derrick  
 05/23 Nelson Mark  
 05/27 Schneider Sydney  
 05/30 Klemp Celia

\*If you have a May birthday & do not see your name, please let the office know.

# The Bulletin Board



Mike Erickson has **office hours** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **9:30am-noon**. To schedule an appointment you may contact the office. Drop ins welcome. You may also contact Mike @ 423-5122 (home) or 563-422-1687 (cell) at any time.



**Mobile Food Pantry** @ Crossfire Church will be on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm.



West Clermont is **Live** on the **RADIO**. Please tune into FM 99.5 @ 9:30am to listen to the service. We are not sure how far the reception will go on any given day. We know that the parking lot and most of town are able to receive the service.



**Noisy Can Offering** for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (April-June) has been designated to raising funds for gas cards to have on hand in the event a parishioner needs one for medical travel, an emergency, or if anyone knows of someone in need.



**Congratulations** to Isabella & Brailynn Dirksen who have received camperships to attend Village Creek Bible Camp in Lansing this summer!



**EWALU Summer Camp & Other Camp Program Guides** are now available. **WCLC Camperships are still available** to assist with costs. Guides are available in the downstairs entry. Please contact the office for campership information.



**LWR Truck** will be in Decorah on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-10:30am.



**First Communion Sunday** is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Boy Scout Troop 53 Drive-Thru Omelet Breakfast & Canned Food Drive** is Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am – Noon at the NFV Middle School. Adults: \$10. Children 10 & under: \$8. Serving: made to order omelets, hash browns, homemade cinnamon rolls. Canned items will be donated to the Open Hands Food Pantry.



**Highland Lutheran Church Drive-Thru Pancake Brunch** is Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am-Noon @ the Elgin Legion Hall. Menu: pancakes, sausage, eggs & applesauce. Free Will Donation.



Let's go **BOWLING!** At the beginning of the year, West Clermont was gifted some fun money for the youth of our church. Parish Ed has coordinated a bowling day for **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **1-3pm** @ the Lilac Lanes in West Union. Please RSVP with Kay Schrader @ 563-380-9097 or email her @ [kayschrader\\_13@hotmail.com](mailto:kayschrader_13@hotmail.com) by Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested.



The organ has been cleaned and put back together. West Clermont will **return to organ music** on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.



Looking for new or gently used baby flannel receiving blankets and sleepers for Baby Care Kits. Items can be dropped off at church during office hours. Thank you!