



Pastor's Corner - May 2013

We are almost at the end of another school year. As we head into the summer months there is much to look forward to. We are very excited about our NEW SUMMER WORSHIP schedule. On Thursday evenings we will begin with a free Community Meal at 5:45 and follow with Worship at 6:30. Sunday morning worship is at 9:00am. We hope that the flexibility in our worship schedule makes it do-able for you to attend worship regularly this summer.

This summer, we will follow 3 sermon series. You will not want to want to miss these! The first one will be "Praying like Jesus: the Lord's Prayer." The second will be "The Wisdom of God: Wisdom Literature (God's Fortune Cookie)." And the third will be "Grace and Faith-filled Living: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians." We will be trying a variety of things this summer, so come and be surprised!

Blessings to you for a wonderful month of May. After a long winter, may you feel the joy and grace of new life springing up around us this month! May you also feel the breath of new life God breathes into us each day!

God's peace!

Pastor Matt

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Mon - Thurs 8:30 - 4:30 Friday 8:30 – 2:00

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Mon - Thurs 8:30 – 7:00 Need access?
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Worship

Through May 18

- Saturday Vespers 5:30 pm
- Sunday Worship 8:30am & 10:30am
- Sunday School and Coffee Hour 9:30am

Beginning May 18

- Sunday Worship 9:00am
- Thursday evening 6:30pm

June FOLLOWER deadline is May 20

Assemble the Follower at 1pm on Tues, May 28

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thursday by noon.

Radio Broadcast of Service: Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

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 Dave Altmann Gordy Blem Todd Gay
 Natasha Johnson Cindy Johnson Sandra Whited
 Keith Larson Eric Skeie Marie Rauenhorst
 Michelle Jensen David Torgelson
Treasurer: Curt Sather

VOLUNTEERS

Acolytes S Slagter, D Holland

Communion 8:30 M Rauenhorst 10:30 N Johnson

Tech Team

May 5 8:30 10:30
 May 12 8:30 10:30
 May 19 9:00
 May 26 9:00

Ushers

8:30/9:00 – K O'Neill, C & M Flemming, K van der Hagen
 10:30 – D Torgelson, K/D Flom

Altar Guild K van der Hagen, S Kubesh, S Padrnos

Coffee – sign-up on the board

5 Youth 12 _____ 19 SR Recog 26 _____

Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

5 _____ 12 _____ 19 _____ 26 _____

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wed. of each month in the Fellowship Hall. This includes the following committees: *Parish Life, Missions, Parish Ed., Property, Technology, Worship & Music, Youth Ministry, Evangelism*

- Committee Meetings—May 15 @ 7pm
- Council Meeting—May 15 @ 8pm

COMMUNION May 5, 19

PRAYERS of HEALING & STRENGTH

*Diana Adkins *Chase Lykken
 *David Louis *Jerry Root
 *Larry Amberg *Lorraine Smith
 *Judy Hanson

*Ashley Dahl – Malaysia Missionary
 *Kevin & Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries
 *Jens Gylland, Anders Gylland – deployed to Afghanistan

PRAISE *It's looking like spring!

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews & office, or use the Prayer Page at crossofcalvary.net

- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed (max of one month).
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

Large Print Bulletins can be found in the display rack.

Conserve : Please take as many bulletins for worship as needed for those with whom you worship...but take just one home. Leave the extras in the basket for the next service .

Food Shelf Donations – 2 pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*

In case of emergency: Pastor and the staff are always available, day and night, to take calls for emergencies and pastoral care. Simply call the church office at 523-1574. The answering system will direct you to the extension number for the staff member needed. Emergency numbers can be found there. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

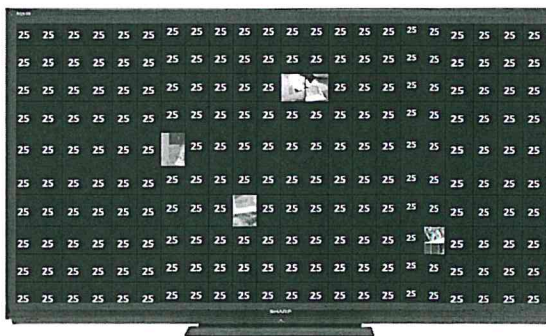
Attendance

Mar 28 137 - Maundy Th Mar 31 431 - Easter
 Mar 29 131 - Good Fri Apr 7 198

Sunday Volunteers Reminders are sent each week to all Sunday volunteers – ushers, acolytes, communion servers, Altar Guild, readers, musicians, tech and staff. Everything you need to know about the order of service, any changes or additions and who is working alongside you is included. PLEASE open and check the email.

While you are spring cleaning, please save sheets and fabrics for the quilters. They can be dropped off in the quilter's cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. Look for the "Quilting Donations" sign.

Watch the SCREEN and uncover the hidden pictures with your donations of \$25 or more!! Please designate your gift to the LED Project, so we can record it in addition to your regular offering.



SPRING FLING - May 10 and 11

Friday, May 10
 Flower orders can be picked up from 4:30 – 7:30 pm
 A Lasagna dinner will also be served 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 10
 Flower orders can be picked up from 8:00 – 10 a.m.

Check out the COMMUNITY BOARD at the East Entrance

SUMMER Coffee Hour is WIDE OPEN.

Individuals or groups from the congregation may host coffee hour. Just sign up on the BOARD.

Simple - set out the coffee and tidy up
Raising funds for church related activities and missions – set out coffee, cookies/bars and tidy up



Welcome into Membership!

Neubauer, Mark
 Neubauer, Bill and Janelle, Miranda, Alex
 Newville, Tom and DeeAnne, Joseph, Daniel
 Bruns, Nick
 Mitchell, Jena
 Bahl, Nate and Katie, Andy, Kaden, Derrick

Baptisms!

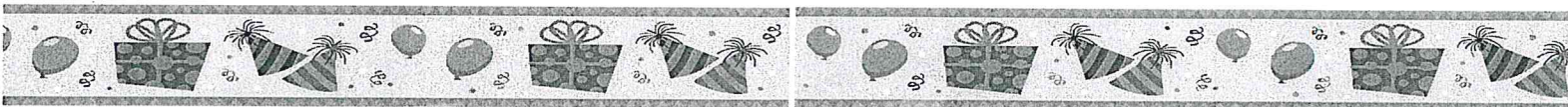
Keela Grace Grund	02/03	Jason and Jessica Grund
Lachlan Michael Robideau	03/31	Zach and Jennifer Robideau
Gio Peter Adamski	04/20	Matt and Cassandra Adamski
Leslie LaMay Marie Adamski	04/20	Matt and Cassandra Adamski
Griffin James Osthus	04/21	Tom and Alicia Osthus
Porter Joseph Youngkrantz	04/28	Joe and Siri Youngkrantz

Support Ministry – Comfort Foods: The Parish Life Committee offers blessings of food to those in need of some extra “comfort” in their lives. They bring up to 5 nights worth of meals to new moms, families suffering from loss or struggling with illness, etc. If you would like to assist with this ministry, it simply means that a few times per year you may be asked to provide one meal - feel free to share the responsibility with a friend! Please contact Laurie in the church office if you are willing to serve in this ministry.

NOTE: We depend on members of the congregation to contact the office when you are aware of a need for this service.

Where did all those quilts go? The quilters from Cross of Calvary put together enough quilts to make donations to the following:
 Lutheran World Relief, Battered Women’s Shelter, Santa’s Closet, City of Olivia (storm shelter needs), Vet’s Hospital and Vet’s Nursing Home, Union Gospel Mission, Lutheran Social Services and the Ronald Mc Donald House.

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
TUMBLER! Enjoy your favorite beverage in our new insulated cup. Available in 4 colors – red, blue, orange and purple. Proceeds go to Passing on the Faith, in support of various ministries of the congregation! Available in the office



05/01 Trunnell, Mindy
 05/01 Knudson, Hannah
 05/01 Weis, Ethan
 05/01 Weis, Peyton
 05/01 Stovern, Shelby
 05/02 Bellig, Nancy
 05/02 Schultze, Laurie
 05/02 Kopel, Aaron
 05/03 Morse, Heide
 05/03 Mages, Jesse
 05/04 Vogt, Eric
 05/04 Lothert, Jamie
 05/04 Elfering, Kenley
 05/06 Hatch, Dick
 05/06 Wertish, Kaley
 05/08 Flom, Gavin
 05/09 Bratsch, Damon
 05/09 Johnson, Luke
 05/10 Wogen, Jan
 05/10 Johnson, Brittany
 05/10 Hanson, Olivia

05/20 Johnson, Gavin
 05/21 Wallert, Alma
 05/21 Stratton, Ava
 05/22 Gross, Sadie
 05/24 Siems, Sheila
 05/25 Schlomann, Kyle
 05/25 Thorpe, Amber
 05/26 Sullivan, Matthew
 05/26 Jimenez, Amarii
 05/27 Schultze, Dennis
 05/27 Elfering, Casey
 05/27 Sigurdson, Carly
 05/27 Sunvold, Cody
 05/28 Walberg, Laura
 05/28 Mathison, Terry
 05/28 Grasmon, Sonia
 05/28 Johnson, Leah
 05/28 Amsden, Tyler
 05/30 Hausken, Leif
 05/30 Johnson, Gracie
 05/31 Vesterby, Peg
 05/31 Meyer, Larry

05/10 Stovern, Abby
 05/11 Faiman, Ginny
 05/12 Whited, Benjamin
 05/13 Brustuen, Lori
 05/13 Holland, Katy
 05/13 Dale, Kelsey
 05/13 Johnson, Daniel
 05/14 Hennen, Betsy
 05/14 Fliflet, Amy
 05/14 Flemming, Carla
 05/15 Johnson, Bernie
 05/15 Blem, Gordy
 05/15 Iverson, Emily
 05/16 Boen, Dana
 05/18 Flom, Karen
 05/18 Amsden, Andrew
 05/18 Perkins, Madison
 05/19 Kopel, Bill
 05/20 Schnobrich, Dotty
 05/20 Holland, Kole

Youth and Family Ministry

May 2013

Spring has sprung at Cross of Calvary!

Each month brings its own unique blend of activities and opportunities to build faith. Where are your interests? Can any of your gifts be used or lifted up? Join us for any and all!

- Chelsey Plumley, Minister of Faith Formation

cofcyouth@gmail.com Facebook: Chels Plumley Check out the Faith Blog at www.crossofcalvary.net

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

MAY - 5th - Rachel Kurtz/Agape concert 6 PM
Buffalo Lake

10th - Spring Fling Flower pick up 4:30-7:30
Supper and auction

11th - Spring Fling Flower pick up 8-10 AM

12th - Last day of Sunday School

16th - Final Breakfast Club

19th - **Senior Recognition**

23rd - First Thursday evening service

JUNE - 13th - Relay for Life Youth team meeting
6 pm - grab some food and meet
in the library

19th - Water games at the church! Gr 2-6

28th - FUEL + Night games + s'mores!

STINGERS BASEBALL GAME

July 8th 7 PM

Included in cost of \$18:

*1 Ticket

*All you can eat picnic and fun!

**Bring the whole family, invite your friends!

We must have at least **25** participants to get the best deal.



Programs ending:

Sunday School: May 12th

Breakfast Club: May 16th 7:07am
at the Chatterbox

Senior Recognition is May 19th.

Congrats to our 2012 graduates!

Steven Bellig

Cole Mertens

Matthew Crow

Tyler Rock

Brody Enestvedt

Tyler Slagter

Lucas Wertish



Relay for Life Youth team

Meeting for a YOUTH team:
June 13th 6 pm Cross of Calvary.
Relay for life is August 2nd

Spring Fling!

Spring Fling flower order pickups are
being offered at two different times
to accommodate your schedule.

Friday 4:30-7:30 PM

Grab your flowers and grab a plate!

Lasagna, bread, salad and beverage offered

Check out Kids auction inside.

Our youth group will be there to help with all your
plant and food needs.

This is a GREAT WAY TO Support ALL our youth.

Pick up is also offered Saturday 8-10 AM

HEY KIDS

Tired of always having to SELL
something to raise money?
Would you rather work for the
money earned for your
account?

Here is your chance!

Think of one, or two, or ten things you
ROCK at and fill out a form. Turn it in
to Chelsey to be a part of our
Kids for Kash auction coming

Council Meeting Minutes - Apr 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm by Council President Brian Boen.

Members present: *Dave Altmann, Gordy Blem, Cindy Johnson, Sandy Whited, Natashaia Johnson, Brian Boen, Keith Larson, Eric Skeie, Michelle Jensen, Marie Rauenhorst*

Staff members present: *Matt Hausken, Laurie Schultze, Chelsey Plumley*

Devotions were led by Eric

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Michelle, seconded by Natashaia, motion carried.

Financial Secretary / Treasurer Report -

Gordy reported that we have been gifted in the general fund. Disbursements are in line with budget. It would be good to head into summer maintaining a healthy balance. It would be nice to start a savings account, perhaps for something like a church mission trip.

A motion to approve the Fin. Sec. / Treasurer Report was made by Dave A, seconded by Eric, motion carried.

Pastor's Report-

Lent went very well. Will include the Lenten devotions throughout the year. Using the Blog for Lenten devotions went well. Excited to start podcasting in May. Grateful to the congregations for their prayers during Bjorn's surgery.

Minister of Faith Formation's Report-

March was very full, as there were 5 full weekends. Only one was not filled with youth events. Chelsey is looking toward summer for a time of renewal and time to focus on some new things.

Youth Ministry- Natashaia

Natashia shared that the budget was increased, so they are able to do more. Pizza sales went well. They are looking into finding extra funding for camp for 12 kids. Spring Fling is Mother's Day Weekend and is to include a "Kids for Cash" auction. They are working on setting up a process for background checks and may look into a Relay for Life team. A Corn Capital Days Parade float may be considered.

Worship & Music- Cindy

Thursday night services were discussed. Wedding coordinator was discussed - Laurie to email Gladie and Cindy the wedding guidelines.

Parish Life- Eric

This was Eric's first meeting, and he is learning what this committee does. Council discussed a new directory.

Property- Michelle, Dave, Keith

The committee created a list of projects. Dave reported that the roof has been sealed and expects no other leakage. Sanctuary widows to be replaced as soon as the weather warms to above 60 degrees. Dave will check into the estimate for maintenance free soffit and fascia.

Stewardship/Finance – Gordy

Gordy has been looking at stewardship materials from Luther Seminary.

World Missions - Marie

The committee discussed some local disbursements. Marie to get Laurie the list. Mission minutes were discussed. *A motion to approve the mission distributions was made by Gordy, seconded by Cindy. Motion passed.*

Parish Education- Sandy

Sunday school ends May 12 with various activities planned. VBS will be *GO FISH-Gotta Move* and take place on Aug 5-8, for age 4 -grade 6.

Technology- Todd

Laurie Submitted a report – see attached

Evangelism – David No report

New Business-

- New Members – New Disciple Sunday may not be welcoming. Other ideas may need to be considered.
 - Pastor and Chelsey are attending a seminar called *How to Stop the Revolving Door* - focusing on how to welcome and engage new members in ways that may look different than what we are doing now.
 - Council is interested in learning more about how to put energy into mentorship and inviting new members into the life of the congregation through their gifts and talents.
- Summer Worship times were determined – Sun (9:00am) starting May 19. Thurs (6:30pm) starting on May 23. New this year - a simple, free dinner will be held prior to worship as a celebration and service to the community, encouraging activity in parish life, evangelism and worship! The meal will be served from 5:45 – 6:30. A free-will donation will be accepted to cover costs. Any extra will go to the Renville County Food Shelf. Thurs worship will continue to utilize the Narrative Lectionary, include special music and occasional outdoor services. Brian and Pastor will present this opportunity to the congregation in the next few weeks, and advertising will follow.
- Blue Jeans Sunday, when the congregation takes time to clean the church, will occur between VBS and Sunday school. Brian and Gordy to coordinate.

May- Communion 8:30 Marie 10:30 Natashaia
- Devotions Sandy

May 15 meetings- Council at 8pm Committees at 7pm

Close in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Schultze, Council Secretary



Busy summer weekends making it
difficult to attend church?

Join us for a
light supper
and worship

Thursday Evenings

May 23–Aug 29

5:45–6:30 meal 6:30 worship

Free will offering to cover meal
costs. Any extra will go to the
Renville County Food Shelf.

Rotating Menu:

- Hot dogs
- BBQ

Served with chips,
cookie, lemonade



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You are called to JOIN the EXCITEMENT!!!

But let us answer your questions first!

1. Why provide meals on Thursday evening?

A community meals encompasses God's call to the church—Evangelism, Community Service, Fellowship, Relationship Building, Worship.

2. How many meals will be served?

12 meals will be served (no meal/worship on July 4, 25, or Aug 8)

3. What will be served?

The main entrée will rotate every-other week during the summer—Hot dogs and BBQs. Served each time will be chips, cookies and lemonade.

4. Where will be meals come from?

The church will front the costs of the meals. A free-will offering to be taken to offset the cost. Any additional monies will be given to the Renville County Food Shelf.

Donations of chips of various varieties will be asked of the congregation.

5. Who will serve the meals and clean up?

- *Members of Cross of Calvary will be asked to volunteer to serve and clean up.*
- *All preparation will be done so that volunteers can begin at 5:40 (meal at 5:45).*
 - *A cart will be stocked with paper-ware, buns, chips and cookies.*
 - *Lemonade and condiments will be in the refrigerator.*
 - *Hotdogs or BBQs will be in a roaster/crockpot.*
 - *Note: If servers want to provide homemade cookies or bars, they are welcome.*
- *Clean up consists of paper plates, paper cups and napkins, refrigeration of leftovers, washing out a roaster or crockpot, and wiping down counters and tables.*

I WANT TO HELP!!!!!!

Watch for donation information in the bulletins.

Watch for an email and signs for scheduling servers.

- An email link to a website called "VOLUNTEER SPOT" will be sent to members so you can sign up on-line to serve.
- Be sure Laurie has your email address.
- If you do not have email, simply call Laurie at the office, 523-1574, and she will gladly add you to the schedule.



A change in perspective which Laurie found in *Living Lutheran...* It's worth the read.



Body of Christ, given for you (or: Why kids act differently in church, and that's OK)

By [Jason Chesnut](#) on April 4, 2013 4:35 AM

I walked into a Lenten worship on Wednesday night this past month, and I came upon three confirmation kids looking with interest at a YouTube video on an iPod Touch.

I asked the one in the middle what time it was — he looked up, terrified when he realized it was a pastor, and all three were silent. They had been caught.

I asked again - “What time is it, dude?” “Oh. It’s 5:27, PJ.” A wave of relief cascades over these youth. Whew. I walk away.

It’s an interesting world we live in. Many of these kids, who have been raised with electronics as their first language, often encounter adults who see their heads buried in a screen and either silently judge them — or openly scold them.

It’s difficult, I know, to see this ubiquitous sight, especially in a sanctuary. It seems as though these future people of the church are not paying attention. Like they don’t care.

But then, I think about a couple of things:

1. For better or worse, this is the new reality in which we live. Notice I say for better or worse. Multitasking isn’t inherently bad, and newer generations are simply better at it than older generations.
2. Anytime a cellphone goes off in church, I can almost guarantee you that it is not someone 20 years old or younger. The younger generations might have their electronics as an inseparable extension of them, but they are much more aware of their appropriateness.

And then there’s the other reality that’s tough to swallow: For younger generations, what it means to be in church is fundamentally different than it is for their parents and grandparents.

This has always been the case, of course. There have always been matriarchs like Meryl Streep in the film “Doubt” who walk up the aisle, smacking kids (or simply wishing they could) who are falling asleep during the pastor’s sermon. There are always generations who lament the younger generation’s lack of respect, attention, silence — the list goes on.

Then again, I have walked right past grown adults who are talking during video prayers that are being projected on the screen during worship, oblivious to the carrying power of their (not-so) hushed tones.

It’s a difficult line to walk. We worship a God who, in Jesus, shows us the abundant love that spills out over rigid piety and time-tested ideas of worship decorum.

I tell you, a smirking Jesus reminded the religious authorities during the procession of palms into Jerusalem a few weeks ago, even if these were silent, the stones would shout out.

When we share in the body of Christ, and hear that it has been given for us, we are formed in that image and become what we eat. We are the body of Christ in the world. I don't know about your situation, but our communion gets pretty messy, with crumbs spilling out all over the place.

And I think our theology should recognize that chaotic messiness and realize that this sacred meal isn't meant to be shut up in silent drones that are quiet and obedient. It's a wild feast beyond our limited imaginations.

Back to that YouTube video on the iPod Touch. The younger generations often know precisely what's going on, and what's being said, even whilst their faces are being illuminated by their digital handheld devices.

And here's the deal. If they don't know, or aren't paying attention, it's sometimes because what's being done or said isn't compelling enough to require that attention.

And that might be an opportunity for us to look at how the ancient tradition, as well as the future Jesus is leading us into, needs to speak to newer and newer generations — instead of just scolding them.

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<http://www.livinglutheran.com/blog/2013/04/body-of-christ-given-for-you-or-why-kids-act-differently-in-church-and-thats-ok.html>

April 17, 2013

Technology Report

- Fellowship Hall Audio-Visual Project
 - Electrical and tech wiring is almost completed
 - Components for audio to be installed within the next two weeks
 - Ordered ear-piece mic for Chelsey and the lapel mic is to be moved to FH
 - Screen and projector to be installed in conjunction with the LED project
- LED progress (\$5,500.00).
 - Current gifts = \$3620
 - Met with Dave A and Jeff Thole regarding the swing-arm structure and placement of the LED panel. Jeff to work on the design.
- Replaced cord for lectern mic. Should no longer get "fuzzy"
- Speaker in the Narthex is on loan from Sound Image until the new one arrives
- Welcome our new clicker, Nathan Cole
- Sound Board issues
 - Failed Good Friday morning Matens and at 6:30 Easter service
 - Have had intermittent issues with the sound system for over a year.
 - While Sound Image is working on the FH, Art is doing diagnostics on the sound system.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Schultze – Technology Coordinator

May 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Sr Choir 7pm	2 Breakfast Club 7:07am	3	4 Worship 5:30pm
5 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Sunday School 9:30am CLOCK @ CCOC 6:10pm	6 Library reserved 2-4pm Scouts 6:30-7:30 Rm2 Scouts 6:30-7:30 FH Scouts 5:30-6:30 Rm 8 Scouts 5:30-6:30 FH Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm	7 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	8 Sr Choir 7pm Altar Guild 7pm	9 Breakfast Club 7:07am Quilt Tying 9:00am	10 Spring Fling Lasagna Dinner	11 Spring Fling Worship 5:30pm
12 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Mother's Day	13 Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm	14 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	15 Committees 7pm & Council 8pm Sr Choir 7pm	16 Breakfast Club 7:07am	17	18 Sr Recognition set-up after 1pm Private Event 8:30am- 12:30pm Worship 5:30pm
19 FOLLOWER deadline Senior Recognition 9:00 Worship	20 Ruth Study Noot at Parkview (pot luck) Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm	21 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	22 Sr Choir 7pm	23 Dorcas Unit Community Meal 5:45 (free-will offering) Summer Worship 6:30pm	24	25
26 9:00 Worship	27 Office Closed for Memorial Day Library reserved 6:30-8:00pm	28 Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Assemble the FOLLOWER at 1pm	29 Sr Choir 7pm	30 Community Meal 5:45 (free-will offering) Summer Worship 6:30pm	31	

