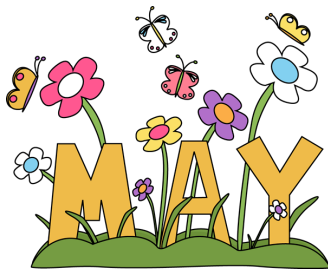


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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

(Sanctuary, Parking Lot and Facebook)

(May 16—Outdoor and Facebook)

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sundays — 10:00-10:45 a.m. Faithbuilders will meet in person May 2 and May 9 and then take a break for the summer—be sure to put VBS, July 28-Aug. 1 on your calendar!



Sunday, May 16th – Outdoor Worship followed by A Creation Celebration at Holy Cross

(see page 2 for details)

WORSHIP UPDATES

With the current rate of Covid-19 cases going down in Gage County (as of 4/19 the rolling average of daily cases was 1 in 100,000*) and vaccination rates going well with approximately 30% vaccinated, a special meeting was called by the Church Council to consider modifications to current worship protocols. This will continue to be monitored and if spikes occur, protocols will be reviewed.

- Masks continue to be highly recommended, especially if social distancing is not possible. Masks are not required on small children.
- Hand sanitizing stations are available as you enter and exit the East Door and the sanctuary.
- Social distancing of 6' will be encouraged in all areas. The sanctuary will continue to be seating at every other pew with family units sitting together. We will share the peace socially distanced.
- Offering plates will remain in the back of the sanctuary.
- Singing will resume as long as social distancing is possible.
- Beginning in May, coffee fellowship following Sunday worship will resume in the Fellowship Hall.
- Worship will be inside the sanctuary with Facebook Live and FM 90.9 in the parking lot available as options. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and worship with us on Facebook or in the Parking Lot.
- Once a month, we will worship outdoors on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Chairs will be provided. May 16th will be outdoors as we have our Creation Celebration.

* <https://www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/map/nebraska>

CROSSROADS+

This month's article is a medley of words that have highlighted this week:

Evangelism=Invitation – Yes, the “E” word is often scary for us Lutherans. Yet evangelism is part of who we are: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This is a particularly wonderful time to be evangelical – “Evangelical” comes from the Greek word *evangelion*, meaning simply “good news” or “gospel.” What a great opportunity for us to invite and share the good news on Sunday, May 16th. Outdoor worship in the parking lot and creation activities all around the green spaces. A simple invitation like, “Come and worship with me at Holy Cross” opens up an opportunity to share the good news with others.

Baccalaureate Ceremony is the worship service that will be held for the BHS Class of 2021 on May 5th. Last year Holy Cross planned for singer-songwriter Rachel Kurtz to lead a Christmas sing-along, since we could not sing or carol together. Then came quarantine for Eric and I - the concert was put on hold. With no guest preacher for Baccalaureate, it seemed the perfect time for Rachel Kurtz to sing, proclaim and encourage the BHS Class of 2021, a class that has experienced so many losses in their last 2 years of high school. And so, Holy Cross is graciously sponsoring Rachel for such a time as this. Thank you, Holy Cross!

Plastics – In my Earth Day sermon I mentioned plastic pollution, much of which is single-use, everyday plastic items that we take for granted – they are everywhere! My attempt to stop using plastic straws didn't work out. I forgot the word “Refuse” when I ordered to-go drinks. I have now ordered stainless steel straws- Sign up for the Drawing at our Creation Celebration May 16th to take home a set! Ending plastic pollution starts with the first step. To learn more about plastic pollution, go to <https://www.earthday.org/campaign/end-plastic-pollution/>

In Christ's mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee



SUNDAY, MAY 16 - CELEBRATION OF THE EARTH EVENT at Holy Cross following worship. Bring your family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate the earth all around our beautiful Holy Cross Lutheran Church campus. Highlights will include:

Presentations

Bluebird Boxes - Denny Russell

Gardening for Pollinators - Gail Russell

Feeding Hummingbirds and Orioles - Diane and Larry Cole

Activities/Self-Guided Tours/Q&A

Bluebird Boxes

Pollinator Garden

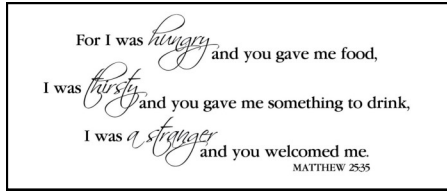
Register for the Bluebird Box and Stainless Steel Straws Giveaway

Herb Planting Station to take home or donate to Community Food Pantry - Confirmation youth/
Gail Russell

Bee Snack Craft for Kids - Confirmation youth with Pastor Kathee

And more...

Would you like to sponsor an activity to celebrate God's creation? If so, please call the church office.



MATT 25 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Two \$500 Matt 25 Scholarships have been awarded this year.

- Averil Kolb is the daughter of Lance and Jackie Kolb. Averil intends to study Sports Medicine at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.
- Haley Price is the daughter of Tim and Kim Price. Haley plans to major in Social Sciences and Secondary Education at Wayne State College.

We pray that the Lord bless these young people, and all graduates, on their journeys. Angie Vogel and the Middle School Sunday School class would like to thank our entire congregation for their support and contributions to the Matt 25 Scholarship. Without all of your help, we would not be able to make this scholarship happen. We plan to continue this good work next year, as well!



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Please keep these young people in your prayers: Kylie Belt, Austin Hein, Cole Karlin and Danny Otto. The congregation is invited to congratulate them at the reception following worship.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans for VBS are moving forward for July 28—August 1 in partnership with Centenary United Methodist Church. Lots of volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please call the church office.

PRAYER FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

We ask God's blessings on these graduates and their families:

Nolan Bahnsen, Cole Miller, Waylon Chenoweth and Austin Wolken

Dear God, we pray that you give these graduates wisdom and direction in making decisions, and in each new situation and journey you have for them now. Teach them to listen closely to your voice, that they would have a heart to obey your word and have a desire for right choices.

We pray that these children of yours would walk faithfully and diligently in all your ways. We ask that you make their footsteps firm, that your Word would be a constant lamp for their feet and a light to their path. May they sense the freshness of your Spirit in their lives in amazing ways, may they be strengthened and instilled with hope for the new roads you have in store.

We ask for your wisdom and clear direction over their lives, that you would give them understanding beyond their years. We ask for you to open doors that need to be opened and close every one that should be shut tight. Allow every gift and treasure you have placed in their lives to grow and flourish, to bring you glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Let your Faithbuilder teacher know you appreciate her on **TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY**, Sunday, May 2, at 9:00 a.m. worship!

Our **last day of Sunday School** will be Sunday, May 9.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



This month we will have our Hope Circle Bible Study on May 10th in the fellowship hall. We have a small, faithful group attending and would love to have more ladies join us. The next board meeting will be held in August as we break for summer. Just a reminder...the spring gathering is scheduled for Trinity Lutheran Church on June 27th beginning at 3:00 p.m. Please see Sheryl Harrington for further information. Many blessings, Jody Helton WELCA President

2021 SPRING WELCA GATHERING—THEME: CREATION AND PRAISE: The 2021 Spring Gathering for the Southeast District of Nebraska WELCA will be held June 27, 2021 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 209 N Quince St, DeWitt. Registration forms are in the narthex. They are due by June 20th.

If you are unable to attend and would like to donate for the in-kind offering, we will have a box in the narthex and take the items to DeWitt.

Items needed are:

Mother to Mother Ministry: diapers (all sizes, pull-ups), wipes, kids' clothes sizes 0-8, baby items, formula cans, baby food, gift cards to restaurants, movies, haircuts, etc, monetary donations

DeWitt Food Pantry: paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, peanut butter, cereal, pancake mix, macaroni & cheese.

Recycle opportunity: We will be collecting used cell phones for Hope Crisis Center—a resource for victims of domestic violence. The phones are given to clients who need them so they can call 911 if necessary.

OUR CONGREGATION WILL BE DOING AN INGATHERING OF ITEMS FOR MOTHER TO MOTHER MINISTRY during May along with the Women of the ELCA. Please bring your items to Holy Cross and leave them in the box in the narthex. Thank you!

**God's work.
Our hands.**

We need your help! Tom Karlin is again leading a team to do repairs for "God's work. Our hands" Sunday in early September. Know of anyone who might need some help around the house? Please give your recommendations for work projects around the home of members, the family of members or even the friends of members (with their permission) by calling the church office or emailing holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com.

Projects could include something as small as replacing a dripping faucet, deck or porch repair, or painting of a home or room. The projects will be reviewed for the skills and ability of members to complete as "God's Work. Our Hands." projects.



Pollinator Garden – Plant Markers

Plant markers have been purchased and the common names and scientific names of the plants will be added beginning in the Prayer Garden in May. Remember, when you are looking for a plant, it is best to use the scientific name. Several different plants may have the same common name. If you have any questions about any of the plants in landscape at Holy Cross, please ask Gail or Denny Russell.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Plastic Shopping Bags - Used to make sleeping mats for Orphan Grain Train. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

Aluminum Cans – Proceeds go to the Youth Fund. There are collections barrels outside the kitchen entryway.

Computer Ink Cartridges – Proceeds go to the Matt 25 Project Fund. Sorry – we are no longer able to recycle toner cartridges. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

Cell Phones – Donated to the Hope Crisis Center. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

CHANGES IN LOCAL RECYCLING

We also encourage you to recycle other items. There have been some changes at the Beatrice Recycling Center noted in bold below.

Beatrice Recycling Center - 11th & Caldwell Streets, Beatrice, NE 68310

Please notice that the days and hours for the

Hours of Operation: **Monday thru Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Please use the south gate.

After hours and weekends, recycling can be dropped at one of the recycling trailers located at:

Standing Bear Trailhead (near the intersection of South 6th Street & Perkins Street) or

Beatrice Skate Park (near the intersection of Center Street & West Court Street).

Items Accepted: Plastic, newspapers, phone books, cardboard, paper, aluminum, batteries, bi-metal cans, oil, and fluorescent light bulbs. **Glass is also still accepted.**





MAY BIRTHDAYS

(If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know. Thank you.)

May 1 Larry Wolken
 May 5 Kirsten Baete
 May 8 Cecilia Dunker
 Alysia Karlin
 May 9 Aaron Nielsen
 May 10 Becky Behrends
 Ina Jurgens*
 Rick Koenig
 May 12 Jackie Nielsen
 Chandra Vitosh
 May 17 Steve Smith
 Bentley Wolken
 May 18 Chris Baete
 May 21 Braxton Gartner
 Matthew Griffeth
 Willy Hofeling*
 Alex Ideus
 May 24 Glennys Lienemann
 May 28 Ken Sillman
 May 29 Morgan Nielsen
 May 30 Deb Forke
 May 31 Raven Mann
 CJ Wehrbein

Special Birthday Greetings to:

Ina Jurgens who will be 94 on May 10..... and to Willy Hofeling who will be 88 on May 21.

God's blessings to you both—may you have a happy & healthy year!



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5- 1-1982 Ken & Lillian Fritch
 5- 4-2002 J.T. & Alysia Karlin
 5- 7-2004 Roger & Helen Huls
 5- 8-1960 Burley & Genell Copas
 5- 9-1981 Richard & Carol Fielder
 5-13-1960 Elmer & Diane Waltke
 5-16-1992 Jon & Teri Zimmerman
 5-23-1965 Robert & Joyce Haecker
 5-26-2007 Grant & Sara Buss
 5-27-1972 Jay & Susan Kreft

Those celebrating 25, 50, 60 and above years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Burley & Genell Copas who will celebrate their 61st Wedding Anniversary on May 8!

CONGRATULATIONS to Elmer & Diane Waltke who will celebrate their 61st Wedding Anniversary on May 13!

God's blessings to you—may you have many more happy and healthy years together!



MARCH 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT
Robert Ames-Woolsey, Treasurer

2021	MARCH	Year to Date
Income	\$10,692.87	\$36,936.15
Expenses	\$13,950.97	\$40,954.89
Balance	-\$3,258.10	-\$4,018.74

2021 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$15,007.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,573.25	\$2,433.77	\$2,433.77
FEBRUARY	\$2,433.77	\$11,236.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,430.67	-\$3,194.41	-\$760.64
MARCH	-\$760.64	\$10,692.87			\$13,950.97	-\$3,258.10	-\$4,018.74
TOTAL		\$36,936.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,954.89		

WAYS TO GIVE

Financial offerings may be given in a number of ways:

- ♦ You can send your donations by mail to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1918 Garfield St, Beatrice, NE 68310. If you would like pre-addressed envelopes, please call the church office.
- ♦ You can drop your offering off in the mail slot at the southeast end of the church.
- ♦ You can give online.....
 - Apps make life easier. With Give+ you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!
 - Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
 - Make one-time or recurring donations using your checking/savings account or credit/debit card
 - Log in or donate as a guest.
 - To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church" or contact the church office.
 - Or, go to the Holy Cross website, holycrossbeatrice.com, and click on the "GIVE TO HCLC" button at the bottom of the home page.



With deep gratitude we thank all who support Christ's mission at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Our ministry continues to make a difference in the world by supporting so many ministries locally, nationally and around the world. There are many ways to give:

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ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Faithbuilders Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
March 24	19	\$288.00—Midweek Lenten offering		
March 27/28	13 -35	\$1037.00		
April 1	27	\$320.00—Holy Week Offering		
April 2	27	\$250.00—Holy Week Offering		
April 3/4	16-8-75	\$2385.00—Regular, \$2140.00—Easter		
April 10/11	16-45	\$3515.90	7	\$10.00
April 17/18	18-45	\$4401.00	10	\$10.00

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$200.00, Holy Cross only-\$826.00, Food Pantry-\$260.00, ELCA World Hunger-\$15.00, Initial Offering Envelopes-\$13.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$10.00, Matt 25 Fund-\$315.00, Recycling Aluminum Cans-\$45.60, Easter Lilies-\$32.00, Noisy Offering-\$10.36, Copies-\$5.00. Facility Use-\$40.00, Pastor's Salary-\$25.00, Memorials: Kathy Volle Memorial-\$300.00



WORSHIP HELPERS
INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORSHIP HELPERS: Please re-

member that if you cannot serve on the day that you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find someone else to take your place. The easiest way is usually to trade with someone on another date. Please make the church office **402-228-3172** aware of the change so the right names can be put in the church newsletter & bulletin. If you absolutely cannot find a replacement, for Saturday nights – please call Tom or Carol Karlin at 402-223-3992, for Sunday mornings, please call Nancy Johnsen 402-806-0376 and they will find someone to replace you. Worship helpers – please be at church 30 minutes before worship begins. Instructions will be in the back window of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Johnsen 402-806-0376 or ask the Pastor. Thank you for your ministry!

Saturday, May 1

Ushers: Robert & Matthew Ames-Woolsey

Reader: Susie Brown

Sunday, May 2

Ushers: Chris & Bonnie Baete

Reader: Natalie Brauer

Saturday, May 8

Ushers: Sally Diekman, Norma Huls

Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, May 9

Ushers: Roger & Helen Huls

Reader: Terri Huls

Saturday, May 15

Ushers: Glennys Lienemann, Adonna Otto

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, May 16

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Saturday, May 22

Ushers: Ruth Siems, Renee Griffeth-Splitter

Reader: Denny Russell

Sunday, May 23

Ushers: Rondi Mettscher, Gloria Paben

Reader: Gloria Paben

Saturday, May 29

Ushers: Ken & Deb Sillman

Reader: June Seitz

Sunday, May 30

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen family

Reader: Jackie Nielsen

Saturday, June 5

Ushers: Robert & Matthew Ames-Woolsey

Reader: Susie Brown

Sunday, June 6

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Reader: Rebecca Behrends

Saturday, June 12

Ushers: Neil & Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker

Sunday, June 13

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Reader: Dianne Cole

Saturday, June 19

Ushers: Norma Huls, Glennys Lienemann

Reader: Berlita Grell

Sunday, June 20

Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas

Reader: Burley Copas

Saturday, June 26

Ushers: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Sunday, June 27

Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne

Reader: Gloria Paben





DEAR FRIENDS: What a blessing your gift of in-kind items are! Such gifts are crucial in saving this Mission valuable operating funds, as well as just adding another touch to the ministry here, enriching the lives of kids. We have benefitted greatly over the years by such generosity, yet another way our ministry partners have expressed their love for the children the Oaks serves. Thank you for sharing your blessings and through such faith active in love, making a difference here, helping to keep this Mission the special place for kids that it has long been and continues to be. What a nice & tasty gift—thanks for thinking of our sweet tooth here, friends! The kids are enjoying the goodies. Blessed be the Lord of all! Rev. Don Marshall, Executive Director, Oaks Indian Mission

EASTER LILIES: Thank you to everyone who shared lilies and added beauty to our Easter celebration. Jerry & Karen Stevens in memory of Milton & Jeannie Meckem (Jerry's parents)
Jerry & Karen Stevens in memory of LeRoy Schultz and Arlene Schultz (Karen's parents)
Dallen & Nancy Johnsen in memory of JoHanna & Elmer Johnsen and Lily & LaVern Free
LaNette Klostermeier in memory of my husband, Kim
Eric & Pastor Kathee Forrest in memory of Luella Forest
Eric & Pastor Kathee Forrest in praise to God for the people and ministry of Holy Cross Lutheran Church

DEAR FRIENDS, Thank you so much for your gift of \$504.37 to the Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc. Your gift is sincerely appreciated and will directly benefit the ministry of helping others seeking assistance from the Pantry. The Pantry is solely supported by donations of food, time, and monetary gifts. Thank you again for your generous support and making a difference in our community!
- The Community Pantry and Emergency Services



FOOD PANTRY INGATHERING: Holy Cross Lutheran Church gathers food and monetary donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. All non-perishable items are deeply appreciated. No glass jars, please! If you would like to give to this ministry, please leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the narthex or your monetary donation in an envelope in the offering plate. 15 items were donated to the Food Pantry in March. **THANK YOU for your continued support to this ministry!**

SUNMART RECEIPTS: Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes. When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached this goal eight times so far! Our thanks to Terri Huls and Gloria Paben who add the receipts up and submit them to Spartan Nash Co. and to all of you who keep your receipts and put them in the collection box in the narthex! We have started over again and are at \$130,636.00.

THE POWER OF PRAYER: If you have a prayer request for our prayer team, please call or email Holy Cross at holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com or fill out a prayer slip found next to the prayer box located on the rack in the narthex. Thank you and God's blessings!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Council meeting minutes

March 11, 2021

Council met via Zoom: present -- Tom Karlin, Dallen Johnsen, Kodi Higgins, Mathew Ames-Woolsey, Pastor Kathee Forrest, and Joyce Haecker. Absent – Ryan Vogel

A. Call to order: 7:07 p.m. by Tom Karlin

B. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee: A prayer to mark one year of the pandemic.

C. Agenda:

1. Motion by Dallen J. to add to the agenda the Facebook team. A second by Mathew W. to approve the agenda with the addition, and motion carried.
2. Motion made by Dallen J. and a second by Kodi H. to approve the council meeting minutes. Motion was approved.

D. Information:

1. Pastor Kathee presented her report. Connections Church would like to use the parking lot for overflow for their Easter Egg Hunt on March 20th. Information was received for Synod Ambassadors, if anyone would be interested.
2. Kodi presented the financial report on behalf of Robert Ames-Woolsey. Motion was made by Matthew W. with a second by Dallen J. to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

E. Committee Reports:

Financial – Expenses were higher than income this last month. Memorials & Gifts – will have a meeting April 6th. Some funds may be needed for landscaping, and could possibly request money from the memorials & gifts fund. Nominating – Jay Kreft and Larry Cole have agreed to serve a 3-year term on the auditing committee. Tom K. made a motion to approve with a 2nd from Dallen J. Motion carried. Evangelism & Social Ministry – May put in the bulletin and announce that team leaders are needed. Property – The play set needs to be repaired if possible or need replacing. Will first check to see if repairs can be made. Trees have been trimmed. Mutual Ministry will be meeting soon. Stewardship, Youth, Parish Education, Worship – no report

F. Unfinished Business:

1. Will continue with worship as we have been. Considering having an outdoor service on Easter Sunday if weather permits.
2. Will have council leadership training beginning 6:30 before next council meeting and go over the council books.
3. Checked on the current paycheck protection plan, but we do not qualify at this time.

G. New Business:

1. Larry Cole and Stacy Bruns will be added to the Facebook team. Dallen will set up a schedule and will train on use of the video camera. Also, need helpers with running the power point.
2. For God's Work our Hands, a suggestion was made that we could possibly assist if someone in the congregation needs help with a project.
3. Dallen J. made a motion to investigate whether to repair or dispose the church van. Matthew W. seconded the motion and motion carried.

H. Adjournment and closing with Lord's Prayer

Dallen J. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kodi H. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:10.

Joyce Haecker,
Council Secretary

May 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted.. </div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Social Distancing and Masks are highly recommended for all indoor gatherings and meetings. </div>			1 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
2 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY 9:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, Parking Lot, Facebook Live) 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship	3	4	5 5:30 pm Confirmation via Zoom	6 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	7 8:00 p.m. N.A.	8 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary, Parking Lot, Facebook Live) 10:15 a.m. Last day of Faithbuilders, Fellowship	10 7:00 p.m. Hope Circle	11	12 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 5:30 pm Confirmation	13 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	14 8:00 p.m. N.A.	15 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
16 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship followed by A Creation Celebration	17 NO WELCA Board Meeting	18	19 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Picnic	20 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	21 8:00 p.m. N.A.	22 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering/ Food Pantry Ingathering (Sanctuary)
23 PENTECOST/ CONFIRMATION DAY 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Confirmation/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering (Sanctuary, Parking Lot, Facebook Live) 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	24	25	26	27 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Country Cookin' 8:15 p.m. N.A.	31 8:00 p.m. N.A.	

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A mother's prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let your light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive your glory. Amen.

—St. Philip Episcopal Church, Rochester, Minnesota

A Memorial Day Prayer

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion - their very lives - for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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