

"The Visitor"

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I want to share with you an "author's blessing" I discovered at the front of a book I once read. It goes like this, "If you have come to these pages for laughter, may you find it. If you are here to be offended, may your ire rise and your blood boil. If you seek an adventure, may this story sing you away to blissful escape. If you need to test or confirm your beliefs, may you reach comfortable conclusions. All books reveal perfection, by what they are or what they are not. May you find that which you seek, in these pages and outside them. May you find perfection, and know it by name."

I came across this blessing again the other day, and I was struck by how apt these words are not just for a book, but for a church. If you would read those words again and replace these words; pages, story, books, with the word church. If you, like me, see these words anew as a welcome to a church I want you to take a few moments and think about each sentence and how you might have experienced that very thing here at Our Saviour's. My hope is that in this church you have experienced joy and laughter, challenge and prodding, adventure and bliss, and finally perfection.

Finally, I want you to replace church with faith, because the reality is that our relationship with God does not end at the church doors. How has your faith made you laugh? How has your faith caused you to be offended and your ire rise? How has your faith created adventure in your life? How has your faith tested your preconceived notions? How has your faith revealed perfection? And if you find that you can't answer some of these questions, may your faith lead you to a greater understanding of your relationship with a God who knows you by name and loves you with a perfect love.

Peace, Pastor Levi April
Dates to
Remember ~

* 4/2/23-Palm
Sunday-worship
with Holy
Communion
SS children process
with palms at the
beginning of
worship.

* 4/3/23 – Memorial Gardens deadline

* 4/6/23- Maundy Thursday 7pm worship with Holy Communion

* 4/7/23- - Good <u>Friday</u> - Worship 7pm

* 4/9/23- Easter
6:30am - Sunrise
worship with Holy
Communion- choir
singing
7:30am-9:30amYouth Easter
Breakfast/Bake Sale
10:00am - worship
with Holy
Communion-choir
singing

Sonshine Worship

* 4/18/23 – Spring
Fever Youth Retreat
registration
deadline

* 4/16/23 -

* 4/28/23-4/30/23- Spring Fever Youth Retreat (Green Lake) For February 21-March 23:

Gifts/Offerings received: \$ 21,172.44

Distributions: \$19,398.21

GIVE+Online.....

We invite you to consider our new <u>electronic</u> <u>giving program</u> as a way to automate your <u>regular weekly offerings</u>. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate.

To get started you will need to sign up in the link on the front page of our website (oslcanby.org) or you may call the office 223-5528 for assistance.

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANT



Altar Assistant:

Cindy Maras

Ushers

Captain: Gary Fokken – 223-5178

Donn Peterson Larry Hulzebos



2th: Dawn Giese-Palm Sunday

9th: Milo Larson-Easter

16th: Sonshine

23rd: DeLon Clarksean

30th: Helen Schultz

For March the Eternal Lights burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of Kathryn & Donald Budahl. Given by Sharon, Nona, Lois, Marcy and their families.

Mission Work

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutherana Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go ½ toward our new mission church and ½ to our missionary.

The Mission Calendar is \$10 per day and you may designate it for birthdays, anniversaries, or any special day you may have.

Our Saviour's Lutheran offers a mission opportunity for individuals and families to partner in spreading the Gospel through financial support of our TV broadcasts. Broadcasts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones with their names being published in our weekly bulletin and our monthly newsletter. One TV broadcast costs \$50.

Newly Baptized Atley Eilers

March TV Broadcasts

5th: The **Television/Video Broadcast** is in loving memory of **Kathryn & Donald Budahl**, whose birthdays were in March. Given by Sharon, Nona, Lois Marcy and their families.

12th: The Television/Video Broadcast is in loving memory of Shirley (Tilbury) Peters. Given by Lyla Nelson.

22nd: The *Television/Video Broadcast* is in loving memory of *Lorna Rangaard*, whose birthday was today. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.

*A list of categories where you can designate your money when giving Memorials to Our Saviour's Lutheran include:

> Altar Fund Building Fund Campership Fund Cemetery Fund Cornerstone Fund Eternal Lights

Foundation Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)

Mission Action Mission Calendar Music Fund Organ Fund Sunday School

TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund) Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

WELCA Projects Fund Youth

Or you may give it as: **Undesignated**

Cornerstone Fund Neva Hacker

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

President of Congregation:

Dee Benson

Vice President:

Mark Fokken

Congregational Secretary:

Karen Hacker

Congregational Treasurer:

Brenda Lothert

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director:

Dawn Ourada

Custodian:

Jesse Engesmoe

Office Manager:

Jill Winters

2023 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Cindy Maras*	2020
Sherri Grengs*	2020
Glenda Olsen	2022
Janice Zimmerman	2023

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION

Kathy Becker	2022
Jill Winters	2022
Pam Hanson	2023
Amanda Appel	2023
Josie Frank	2023
Amanda Anderson	2023

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Loren Hacker	2022
Jeff Grengs	2022
Kerri DeVos	2023
Rick Olsen	2023
Linda Blackwelder	2023

OSL Foundation

CHURC

Mark Fokken	2022
Mark Whittier	2022
Carol Gorder	2022
Linda Blackwelder	2022
Dawn Giese	2022

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council-at-Large Minutes of the March 8, 2023 Meeting

The Council at Large of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church held its regular, monthly meeting on Wed., Mar. 8, 2023. President Dee Benson called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, following the Lenten service.

Pastor Levi led the council in prayer.

The minutes from the Feb. meeting were read and approved.

A discussion was held about reviewing the Annual Meeting Minutes at the next council meeting. Jill may attach a copy of the minutes to the agenda for members to preview. A motion was made and seconded to review the minutes at the next meeting. The motion was approved.

Pastor Levi will introduce and welcome members of the council at the March 19 Sunday service.

Pastor Levi reported that he did meet with an intern candidate, but that he will not know where the candidate will be placed until the middle of April. Pastor Levi also led the first of the Sunday services at the Presbyterian Church on March 5. He will be presiding over a funeral there on Mar. 11.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the membership transfer of Meghan Hanna and Gary Olsen to Our Saviour's. The motion was approved. Welcome, Meghan and Gary.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the appointment of Linda Blackwelder to the Trustees. Motion approved.

The officers' names for each board are listed in each board's minutes. Some boards still need to choose Personnel Committee members.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.
Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2023

In attendance: Jeff Grengs, Pastor Levi, Dee Benson,

Rick Olson, Kerri DeVos, Loren Hacker,

Absent: Mark Fokken

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm
The February meeting minutes were read. In addition to
the special meeting on February 26. Motion by
Jeff, seconded by Loren, all in favor to approve the
minutes as read.

Old business:

2 Lock on the front door has been fixed.

☑ Internal Audit – still looking for someone to complete this.

The Council at Large voted and approved the addition of Linda Blackwelder to the Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy just prior to this meeting. Bills were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Loren, seconded by Rick, to pay bills as presented, motion carried. First Security Bank needs Board of Trustees to approve Jill Winters to be able to do all financial business at the bank. Including pickup cash bags, make deposits to accounts and accessing all information on the accounts at the bank wither it be in person or over the phone. Discussion was had by the board of trustees. It was also discussed to add new board members as check signers on the account including Linda Blackwelder. Motion made by Loren to approve, seconded by Jeff, motion carried.

Offering counting schedule discussed and was set thru April 9th

. Discussion on hourly vs salary for Jesse. Pastor Levi was going to talk to Jesse and get back to the board. Pastor Levi advised the Board of Trustees that the projector forms have been completed and submitted. Jeff met with Cheryl to review prior to submission.

Discussion on the eve troughs and a possible bracket to support them. Tabled for further discussion.
Linda was appointed to the personnel committee.
Loren brought up that it would be good to have an electronic version of the Staff Handbook and Church Constitution for the Board of Trustees. Discussion was had on this topic and President Dee thought there was also a Social Media form that needed to be signed by Board members. This topic will be tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

Discussion on Workplace posters, i.e. wage, employee rights, OSHA, etc. Kerri will look for updated

posters and update the bulletin board.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Rick, seconded by Loren. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kerri DeVos

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Board of Deacons meeting

Date: March 8, 2023
Deacon Meeting Minutes

Attending: Sherri Grengs Glenda Olson

Janice Zimmerman

Agenda: Communion:

Sunday, March 12: Bruce, Sherri, Glenda Sunday, March 19: Cindy, Glenda, Janice Sunday, March 26: Cindy, Sherri, Glenda Sunday, April 2: Cindy, Sherri, Janice

Maundy Thursday, April 6: Cindy, Glenda, Sherri Maundy Thursday Strip Alter: Cindy, Glenda, Sherri Easter Sunday, April 9: 1st service: Cindy, Glenda, Janice 2nd service: Cindy, Glenda, Sherri

Easter Sunday Memorial Flowers: Delivery was

discussed and it will be decided at a later date as to who will assist with this.

Replacing candles at the front of the church: Pastor Levi spoke with the deacons and he will be looking into some possibilities for other types of candles.

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 Respectively Submitted, Sherri Grengs

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:

Board of Youth Education Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Youth Board Education Board meeting Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Meeting started at 7:45 pm and adjourned at 8:20 pm In attendance: Kathy Becker, Jill Winters, Josie Frank, Amanda Anderson, Pam Hanson, Amanda Appel and a few ladies from Confirmation class -Sophia, Reghan, Riece.

Voted for Amanda Anderson to be on Personnel Board. Motion by Kathy, Second by Jill

Topics of Discussion- Soup Suppers start in March, in need of some help with clearing tables and cleaning up. It has been a good turnout.

Jump-Start Our Youth at Sylvan for a fun day of sledding, fellowship, and fun! It is planned for Sunday

March 12 from 2-4 We will serve hot chocolate with toppings and various cookies. Josie volunteered to take pictures, video, and have some music. Kathy will have water/hot chocolate/cookies in her vehicle, set up at 1:30.

Easter Sunday Brunch—April 9th between services. We will have French toast, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee with a bake sale. Who can help in kitchen, Kathy and friend will do French toast if needed, Jill, Amanda Appel, and Josie will be available to help in kitchen if needed. Jill will put in bulletin/flyers for donations for bake sale, drop off can be Friday 9-3 or Saturday 2-3. Jill will follow up with Cheryl on who orders/picks up the supplies needed for Brunch and when we can set up. Also, follow up with confirmation class to help with pricing of donations for sale. All decorations are in back room in basement, plenty to use.

We discussed doing a weekend retreat to Shalom Hills in Windom for a weekend with youth. Along with Green Lake camp or other camps for youth, need to discuss further.



Happy Birthday to all those born in April:

2nd:

Richard Johnson Matthew Maynard

Paul Pederson

3rd:

Nadine Sorby

4th:

Maverick Maynard Ryson Schmitt Tabitha Stockman

6th:

Linda Kockelman Allan Winter Lindsey Hanson

8th:

April Geier

Sherri Grengs

Marissa Hanson

Izabelle Hulzebos

Adam Svoboda

9th:

Birgan Rogers

11th

Levi Beiningen

Easton Gagnon

Steven Grong

Nora Jeppesen

Jayden Stockmann

12th

Lance Armitage

Reid Hansen

Kacie Haugen

Camri Haugen

Brook Merritt

Tony Ourada

Kaylee Simon

14th:

Ben Drietz

Grace Drietz

Larry Christie

Mark Gorder

Payton Viessman

15th:

Maddox Kockelman

17th:

Dee Benson

18th:

Lauren Olson

19th

Trevor Beiningen

Jesse Nelson

Michelle Wollum

20th:

Nathan Anderson Tanner Mercer 22nd:

Gage Eischens

Blake Mercer

Tallen Merritt

Norris Peterson

Knox VanEck

23rd:

Sarah Hansen

Beryl Kuester

24th:

Dawson Hoffman

Samuel Knutson

Brenda Lothert

Norma Severson

Dawn Wernisch

25th:

Lucille Fokken

26th:

Brian Rangaard

Darlene Ufkin

27th:

Larry Mortenson

28th:

Dale Anhalt

Michael Erp

Josef Gislason

Pamela Weckwerth

29th:

Braeden Full

30th:

Beverly Dybsetter



Happy Anniversary in April!

1st

Kathy & Randy Westphal

4th

Ruth & Richard Johnson

7th

Cindy & Jim Hiedeman

8th

Cheryl & Randy Denelsbeck

Brooke & Duane Kockelman

14th

Marilyn & Curt Rangaard

16th

Kerri & Ryan DeVos

17th

Joy Brakke & Daniel Kraft

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Carol & Randy Jacobson

Tammy & Robert Welker

23rd

Linda & Wallace Plageman

Jennifer & Kristian Leppke

27th

Lisa & Randy Kallhoff

28th

Alicia & Andy Lee

<u>30th</u>

Beryl & Raymond Kuester Jennifer & Scott Roth

Thank You's.....

Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: communion services, special music, baptism, Sonshine worship and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are truly grateful & blessed!

Thanks to all who helped organize the youth sledding event. A fun time was had by all- what a great way to enjoy the fresh snow.

-Lindsey & Eric Hanson





MEMORIAL GARDENS

On Easter Sunday morning, the chancel of our church will be filled with flowers symbolizing new life. Our Lord said, "I am

the resurrection and the Life."

We have the faith and the hope that our loved ones who have passed away will be raised from the dead by the power of Christ.

Please fill out the following form if you wish to remember a loved one through the Memorial Gardens. You may either mail it to 108 Haarfager Ave. N, Canby, MN 56220 or drop it off at the church office. The cost of each plant is approximately \$25.00.

Memorials of <u>more</u> or <u>less</u> are graciously accepted. <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 3rd is the deadline</u> to have these submitted into the office to have information printed in the Memorial Gardens Booklet.

In loving n	 	
Given by:		
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We ask God's guidance

and prayers for all those who have special needs: Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, Ann Riekena (Ione Thorson's daughter), David Sorby, Paulette Johnson, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister). Shirley Markegard, Charlotte Thompson, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Aiden Conrad, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Ken Club, Fred Full, Myrna Tesch, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Katrina Vick, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, John Cornell, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminck and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.

We continue to pray for the Leaders of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of home: Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne



Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier and Sue Behrens. **May God**

continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families. If anyone has been omitted or you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence.



Death doesn't win

In the final hours of 2021, a wildfire near Boulder, Colorado, destroyed 1,000 homes, including one belonging to Pastor Bill Stephens. His family, out of town at the time, lost all their possessions. After months of feeling buried in debris, insurance paperwork and mourning, Stephens decided that Easter 2022 would mark a fresh start.

During worship that morning, the pastor shared a photo of vibrant daffodils emerging on his charred property. Burned remnants were visible in the background, just as Easter's backdrop includes the pain and death of Good Friday. But the empty tomb in Easter's foreground means death won't win, reminded Stephens. Even when earthly life "isn't all daffodils," we have hope and eternal life through Jesus.

Easter reveals that God will "give us the joy, and it's going to be in the heart of pain that we go through as well," added the pastor. "And that just makes me draw closer to God."



WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

Mark your calendars!!!

April 13th

Regular meeting-Fireside room 2p.m.

We are looking forward to getting started with our meetings again!! Put it on your calendars to join us in April.

Prairie Conference WELCA SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church in Ivanhoe (102 South County Road 5)

> Family of Believers Speaker: Mary Hippe "Who is family?"

Registration begins at 8:30.
Brunch served at 9:00.
\$10.00 Registration Fee
In-Kind Offering: Donation to
Ivanhoe Area Food Shelf

Sharing the load

In 1969 the Hollies released "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother." Do you know the story behind that song title?

Fifty years earlier in Omaha, Nebraska, a boy with polio was abandoned at Father Flanagan's Home for Boys, predecessor to the Boys Town organization. Soon several older residents started carrying young Howard — with his heavy leg braces — especially up stairs. Father Flanagan once saw an older boy, Reuben, doing this and asked if it was hard work. Reuben replied, "He ain't heavy, Father. He's my brother." Years later, these words and the image of one person carrying another became the Boys Town brand.

All of us have been "carried" at some point, and we've likely "carried" someone else. The Hollies' song declares: "His welfare is my concern." Jesus said it this way: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The load isn't too heavy to bear because Jesus himself is always carrying us.





Youth News

Spring Fever Youth
Retreat
Grades 2-6
Friday, April 28Sunday, April 30
Green Lake Bible



Camp

Are you getting the itch for summer? This is the retreat for you! Join in a weekend full of Bible Studies, games, arts and crafts, worships, campfires and more. This retreat is great for new campers who want to give camp a try before doing a full week. Our Saviour's will pay \$100 towards the \$175 fee. Scholarships available upon request. For more information, please contact Jill in the office 507-223-5528. The registration deadline is April 18!

9th Graders & Parents...... Reminder....Confirmation is Sunday, April 23rd.

You will be practicing during confirmation on

Wednesday, April 19th at 5:30p.m.



Easter
Sunday
Brunch
The youth
(3yr olds 12th grade) will

be serving Easter Sunday morning breakfast in between services on Sunday, April 9th from 7:30a.m.-9:30a.m. The menu includes French toast; sausage; - scrambled eggs; coffee and juice. This event will be a free will offering. Hope to see you there! We will also have a <u>bake sale</u> to accompany this breakfast during the hours of 7:30a.m.9:30a.m. or however long the baked goodies last. If you'd like to bring an item for the bake sale, and/or help with serving of the breakfast please contact a member of the Board of Youth Education or Jill in the office.



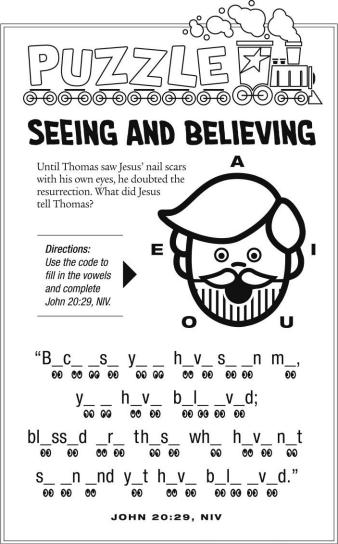
2023 Graduating

<u>Seniors:</u> Please drop off your Sr. picture,

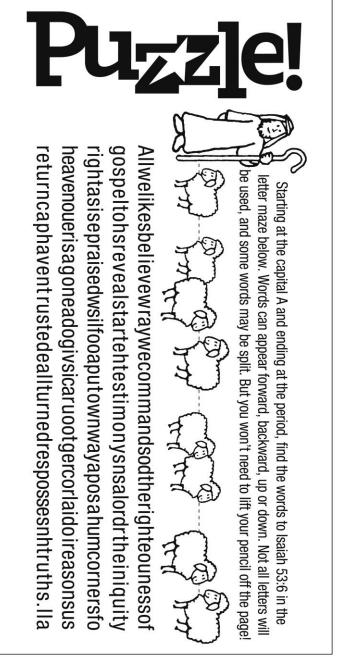
labeled with your name, at the church office by May 1st to be posted on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance from the Board of Deacons

Youth Puzzle & Activity

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.



Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, MIV



Isaiah 53:6, NRSV

Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

0515-0904-0722-4425	April 2023
Saturday 1	
Sunday of the	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church
Passion/Psalm	9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
2	10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m
3	Last day to put in your order for Memorial Gardens
Tuesday 4	2:00p.m. Women's Circle in the Fireside Room
Wednesday 5	5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation
Maundy Thursday	Maundy Thursday- 7:00p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
6	2:00 p.m. Hendricks Nursing Home Communion Service
Good Friday 7	
Saturday 8	
Resurrection of	6:30a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
Our Lord/Easter	7:30 a.m9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast/Youth Bake Sale
Sunday	Coffee Bar open prior to church services
9	10:00 a.m. Easter Service with Holy Communion
	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Monday 10	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11	
Wednesday	5:30p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation/Confirmation practice
12	7:00 p.m. Council at Large Meeting
Thursday	WELCA meeting 2:00p.m.
13	
Friday	
14	
Saturday 15	

Second Sunday	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church		
of Easter	9:00 a.m. Sonshine Worship		
16	10:00 a.m. Sunday School		
	10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk		
Monday	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00a.m3:00p.m.		
17	9:00 a.m. Quilting		
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Tuesday	Last day to sign up for Spring Fever Youth Retreat		
18			
Wednesday	9 th Grade Confirmation Practice 5:30p-6:30p		
19			
Thursday			
20			
Friday			
21			
Saturday			
22			
Third Sunday	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church		
of Easter	9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy communion/Confirmation		
23	10:00 a.m. Sunday School		
	10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk		
Monday	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.		
24			
Tuesday	May Newsletter articles due		
25			
Wednesday			
26			
Thursday			
27			
Friday	May Newsletter Assembled		
28	Spring Fever Youth Retreat-Green Lake, Spicer		
Saturday			
29			
Fourth Sunday	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church		
Of Easter	9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion		
30	10:00 a.m. Sunday School		
	10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk		