

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm Choir	2	3	4 8:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:15 am WOC Meeting
5 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Bible Study & Sunday School	6 3:30 pm Deacons' Meeting	7 6:00 pm Choir	8	9	10	11
12 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Bible Study & Sunday School	13	14 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	15 6:00 pm Choir	16	17	18
19 <i>Spring Chicks</i> 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Bible Study & Sunday School	20	21	22 6:00 pm Choir	23 5:00 p.m. CGES Meeting	24	25
26 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Bible Study & Sunday School	27	28	29 6:00 pm Choir	30 The Ascension of our Lord	31	

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The Ascension of our Lord
May 30

St. Peter's Worship Schedule:
Worship Service -8:30 AM
Bible Class &
Sunday School-9:45 AM



On Christ's Ascension
I Now Build
LSB 492

St. Peter's Posts

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1 Corinthians 15:51-55
"Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must be clothed with the imperishable, and this mortal body must be clothed with immortality. When the perishable is clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal is clothed with immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."
"O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

What a crazy month April was! My family and I relocated. I started my work with all of you after a wonderful installation. Then, we went straight into Holy Week. What a joy it was to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with all of you this last month.

On Christ's ascension I now build
The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.

With all of these major events and changes, there has been a great deal of clarity for me in the work I am doing. Goals for the last few weeks have been obvious. Each day was fairly well defined. But now that the initial joy and celebration (and, in some respects, the hectic rush) of the last few weeks is fading, a question begins to rise, "What now?"

I do not mean this to be a question based on loss of direction, or a question of hopelessness. Rather, this is an important question that reflects on, "Who are we and what are we going to be about?" "What are our goals?" "Where are we headed together?" Maybe you have felt that similar question regarding our life together. As the days and weeks pass, as we work on navigating our relationship and life together, we may be asking ourselves, "What now?"

I find it fitting that as we finished Holy Week and Easter, that Easter is not done. Easter is not simply a day, it is a season. For the entirety of May and into June we will be proclaiming, "Hallelujah, Christ is

Since Christ returned to claim His throne,
Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart will rest in Him alone,
No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before,
There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

Risen. He is risen indeed, Hallelujah." This lengthy celebration of Easter serves as a reminder that, as part of the people of God, we are always about praising the crucified and risen Lord. We are always Easter people because we still trust in the Lord who is bodily alive. We are those who continually hope for the day of his return when our bodies will be clothed with immortality. We trust Christ has conquered death, and soon we will too. Thus, we hope and praise.

As we continually work together on that question, "What now?" my prayer is that the Holy Spirit would keep us grounded in Jesus. As we make decisions about our life together and our future, may we remind each other that at the heart of who we are and what we do is the risen Lord of all. There are specifics in our answers as a unique congregation that we will have to work on and rehash again and again, but at our foundation we do so as Easter people. "What now?" Now we continue to praise. Now we continue to trust. Now we continue to shape our lives around Jesus, as the church has done for centuries, because he is still alive. He is still Lord of all.

Pastor Weber

O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully
In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

Serving this Month

Greeters

- May 5 Steve & Helen Mikle
- May 12 Mark & Karen Lehner
- May 19 Christian Growth Committee
- May 26 Mark & Karen Lehner

Coffee & Treats

- May 12 Mark & Karen Lehner
- May 19 Christian Growth Committee
- May 26 Mark & Karen Lehner

Scripture Readers

- May 5 Rod Nelson
- May 12 Gerry Morse
- May 19 Becki Hamilton
- May 26 Anneke van Oosterom

Altar Guild

Gail Stemig

Inside Our Church

Spring Chicks: On Sunday, May 19, 2019, St. Peter's will honor the spring chicks. These are members who are 80 years old or older. The Christian Growth Committee will be the hosts. Please join us to honor these special members.

Recognition: Please join us in recognizing Isaac van Oosterom. Isaac is a 6th grader at Nova Classical Academy. He was in the regional History Bee and won 4th place. He is now qualified for nationals which will be held in Chicago the end of May. He is also now qualified for the International History Bee in 2020, which is held every other year. Please congratulate Isaac on these accomplishments!

Inside Our Community

Concordia Academy Spring Concerts: Concordia Academy will hold their spring choir concert on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 7:30 pm. The spring band concert will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Concordia University St. Paul: CSP will hold their annual spring dance concert featuring original choreography of both faculty and students in a wide variety of dance styles including Contemporary, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theatre, Hmong, Hip Hop, Swing, and Ballroom. The dates for the concerts are May 2, 3, and 4 at 7:30 pm; and May 5 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online through ticketworks.com. All are welcome to attend.

Prayer List

Steven Appenzeller; Judy McGinn; Milton Deilke; Cheryl Mikle Murray (daughter of Helen Mikle); Deb Richardson (Friend of Al and Trish Malcolm); Adam McDonald (grandson of Midge Bendix); Anna Jeters, 2017 Bethel nursing graduate

Memorial given in memory of Sam Spielman: Helen Mikle (General Fund); Helen Cleary (General Fund); Gerry Morse (Organ Fund); Carolyn Mars (Organ Fund)

Memorial given in memory of Ed and Bev Morse: Gerry Morse (General Fund)

Memorial given in memory of Freda Matson: Shirley Neudahl (General Fund)

Birthdays

- 2 Nancy Appenzeller
- 2 Elizabeth Montgomery
- 14 Steve Mikle
- 14 Rod Nelson
- 19 Lynne Singelmann
- 30 Aria Weber

Anniversaries

- 24 Chris & Sonja Weber
- 26 Rod & Cindy Nelson

Baptism Birthdays

- 13 Zachary Peterson
- 21 Benjamin Appenzeller



April Financial Summary

	General	Koins 4 Kids	Savings Account	Total
Week 1	\$1,830.00	\$2.36	\$125.00	\$1,957.36
Week 2	\$ 5,163.00	\$8.64	\$245.00	\$5,416.64
Week 3	\$4,659.52	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$4,661.52
Week 4	\$4,023.00	\$8.18	\$20.00	\$4,051.18
Total				\$16,086.70