



Pray and Go May 5

Put on those walking shoes and join us as we pray over homes in our community.

Church Council

Church Council meets May 19. If you have any items you would like included in the agenda, please speak with Mary Shulak, our council president.

Food Pantry

Breakfast foods seem to be popular right now. Pop tarts, oatmeal, cereal bars, fruit bars, pancake mixes. Also, peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars please, no glass) and canned chicken are always in demand. We appreciate anything offered!

The Gathering and St. Luke Guys May 17

The Gathering will meet on Friday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. at the Joyners home. St. Luke Guys will meet Friday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Jimmy's in Jackson.

2024 Southeastern Synod Assembly

May 31 - June 2, 2024

Columbus Convention & Trade Center

Columbus, GA

The Southeastern Synod will gather for Assembly in Columbus, GA, at the Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center, May 31 - June 2, 2024. For our keynote speakers, we are welcoming: **Mr. Bryan Stevenson**, founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, **Deacon Ross Murray**, GLAAD Media and author of several works on Advocacy, and **Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer**, Rector and Dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. We will also welcome **Rev. Amy Reuman**, ELCA Director for Advocacy as our Churchwide Representative.

Upcoming Commemorations

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

May 8 Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

May 8 Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

May 9 Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

May 14 Matthias, Apostle

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

May 18 Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

May 21 Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

May 24 Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

May 27 John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564

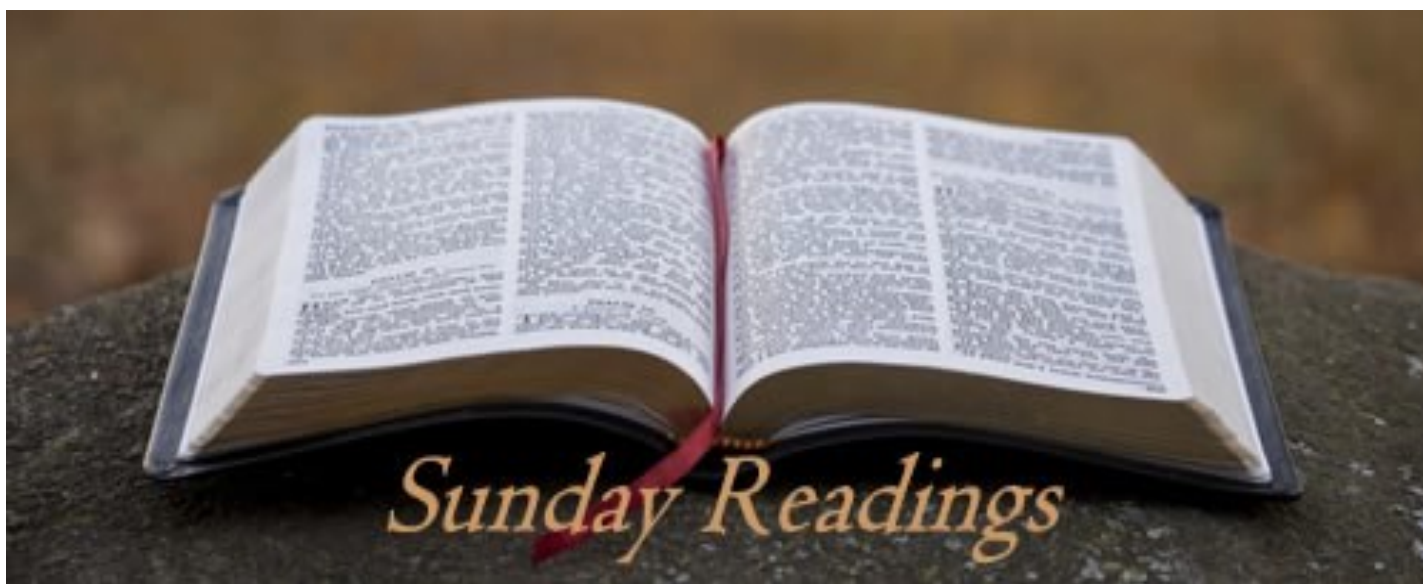
Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

May 29 Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

May 31 Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.



May 5

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 17:20-26

May 12

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalms 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 19

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b)

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

May/June 2024 Sunday Servants

May 5

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Greeters: Kelly Glow and Wilma Nace

Ushers: John Shaw and Erick Heckman

Counters: Paul Egas and Eric Heckman

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

May 12

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Greeters: Ed and Judy Joyner

Ushers: Wilma Nace and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

June 2

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Greeters: Kelly Glow and Wilma Nace

Ushers: John Shaw and Erick Heckman

Counters: Paul Egas and Eric Heckman

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

June 9

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Greeters: Ed and Judy Joyner

Ushers: Wilma Nace and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

May 19

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Greeters: Mark Rettig and Erick Heckman

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Bev Rettig and Caren Shih

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

May 26

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Greeters: Mary Shulak and Connie Capell

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

June 16

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Greeters: Mark Rettig and Erick Heckman

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Bev Rettig and Caren Shih

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

June 23

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Greeters: Mary Shulak and Connie Capell

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

June 30

Assistant: Barbara Little

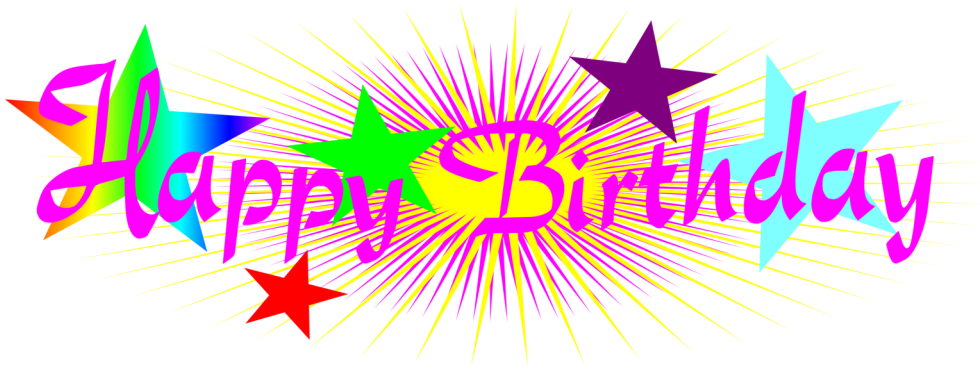
Lector: Eric Heckman

Greeters:

Ushers: John and John

Counters: Barbara Little

Cleaning: The Joyners and the Sparrows



May Birthdays

14 Beverly Rettig

18 Mary Beth Egas



St. Luke
Please pray for...

Nina Kouri

Carolyn Crawford

Annette Schlicht

John Ellis

Barbara Carroll

Lenore LeFranque

Rose Denzin

Judy Jenkins

Ron and Chong Brauer

Joyce Smalley

Angelina DeWent

Freddie Clark

Steven Pridemore

Layla Kemp

Louise Harrison

Nancy Voss

Hiltunen and Johnston
families

May 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am | Al-Anon 12 pm | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 AA 9 am |
| 5 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am | 6 Al-Anon 12 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 AA 9 am |
| 12 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am | 13 Al-Anon 12 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Gathering 11 am Joyners' home | 18 AA 9 am |
| 19 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am Council | 20 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for newsletter submissions | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 AA 9 am |
| 26 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am | 27 Al-Anon 12 pm | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 AA 9 am |
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