Please pray for…

Our Church Family: Week of 5/7/23— family of Hugh Wyatt, Bill Craig 4/30—Norma Bennett, Earl Bunker, 4/23—Dennis Brown 4/16—Dick Duhn, Family of Rick Miller, Beth Brown

Our friends and relatives: Week of 5/7/23—Kathryn Bitner, Larry Thomas, 4/30—Dietmar Bennett, 4/23—Maxton, Rick McAdam, Judy Collins, family of Annette Lorino, 4/16— Ike, The Lokay family, Frank Bassett, Tom Cecil,Ray Schnur, Philip Boettcher, Jeremy Perry

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Mona Argentini, Pat Griffith, John Holdrich, Carolyn Chamberlin, Don Randolph, Karen Smith, Sandra Santello, Dick Williams, Jerry Wiedewitsch, Ruth Metzger, Audrey Stamps, Gary Krueger, Willa Francis, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert, Amy Meyer, Travis Cook, Beth Cook, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins-Kline, Ron Kline, Scott Evrard, Walt Helling, Julian Fenwick, Jim Miller, Gregg Kobliska, Tom Schroeder, Wagner family

Please also pray for Our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Valerie's House, Ministry of Tender Hearts, all who serve in the military and their families, all law enforcement officers and first responders

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS: *GREAT IS HIS LOVE*

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.—Psalm 57:10 (NIV)

Dwell on this verse until it becomes an unshakeable truth in your life. Build up your spirit, day by day, with the power of God's presence in your life and His eternal love for you. No matter what happens, nothing can separate you from His love and protection.

Lord, I praise You for Your faithfulness! Amen

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad YOU are here!

Are You a Visitor or Guest? We welcome you in the name of our risen Savior and we rejoice that you are here today to praise God with us. Please complete a **CONNECTION CARD** in your pew. Either place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors so we can serve you better.

Special Needs? - If you have any special needs, our ushers are available to assist you. They are stationed at the doors going in/out of the narthex.

Large Print Service Slide Booklet—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a notebook for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the front doors for the notebook. Please return the notebook at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance – We have a limited supply of hearing devices available for use. If you feel you need one, please see the sound booth attendant.

Holy Communion—We believe that Christ is present in this meal freely given to all who are baptized. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host *(gluten Free wafers are available for the asking)* and eat. Then pick up a cup of either the red wine or the white grape juice and drink. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing if they do not normally receive communion. Return to your seat (or pause at the altar) for a time of prayer. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like communion in your pew, please let an usher or a pastor know.

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Pastor Ken Barrios

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Pastor Carl Fischer

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SUNDAY STAR

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

9:00am: GREETER: TBA **BULLETINS:** Dusty & Jackie Rector

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Dale & Rita Meyer

10:45am: GREETER: Elaine Johnson **BULLETINS:** TBA

OFFERING: Richard Schnur, Sandi Witzke

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lois Deland, Nadine King

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Cindy Kilian **Late:** Barbara Turri/Janet Zourek

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR NEXT MONTH ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our 9 and 1045 services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the bold, black print.

Our 10:45 liturgy is from the ELW Setting 4 pg. 147

HYMNS @ 10:45am: Call to Worship ELW 807, **Opening** ELW 597

Praise ELW 184 **Sending** ELW 660

Bible Readings: Romans 5:1-11 , Matthew 11:28-30

Next Week: Romans 6:1-14 , Matthew 6:24

Motherhood has the greatest potential influence in human life.

GOD'S STORY CLERGY STUFF OUR STORY™ Family Take-home Devotions

This week reflect on the Romans reading with special attention to:

Romans 5:1-11

As you reflect, think about the scripture… How can you make a difference this week? How can you share God's love?

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul wrote to the Romans at a time when they were suffering greatly. Not to worry—their suffering could lead to endurance, character, and even hope.

How are communal sins different from individual sins? How are they alike? Which are worse? Why?

How do you know God loves you? How is God's love evident your daily life?

Monday - May 15
9:00a—Food Pantry

Tuesday—May 16
10:00a—Bible Study

Wednesday - May 17
9:00a—Food Pantry
1:30p—Council Mtg.
6:30p—Chancel Choir

Thursday - May 18
9:00a—Quilters
5:30p—Praise Team

Friday - May 19
Office closed

Saturday –May 20
Office closed

Sunday - May 21
9:00a - Celebration Worship
9:15a - Let's Talk
9:45a - Sunday School
10:45a - Traditional Worship
12:00p—Hannah's Graduation Celebration

In-person Attendance
May 7, 2023—300
Last year 2022—250

Altar flowers are given by:
Joy Fetch & family in memory of Al Fletch on his birthday

Chuck & Sandi Witzke,
all moms are so special, especially ours!

The communion wine is presented To the Glory of God

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

May14—Gail Busch, Jennifer Glabe,
May 16—Charles Reinl
May17—James Rose
May 18—Amy Newkirk, Joe Dubbert
May 19—Dale Berntsen, Noah Furnas
May 20—Lindi Magnuson

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

May 14—Beau & Heidi Beaudine	18yrs
May 15—Bob & Miriam Boden	41yrs
May 17—Harry & Patricia Wachter	36yrs
May 20—Ron & Sharon Messinese	34yrs

Stewardship is (HEART) WORK

Our Financial Stewardship

Donations YTD: Actual donations compared to spending plan. Each week is added to give a cumulative total. (000s)

APR Actual	$225.4	**15 year Mortgage**—as of 1/1/23	$367.6
Needed	$213.1	as of 4/30/23	$343.3
Over/(Under)	**($ 12.3)**	**YTD reduction**	**$ 24.3**
NET YTD—Apr 23—$18.7			
Apr 22—$21.1			

Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost Sunday. Please try to wear something RED to help celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Reminder

Today is the last day to sign up for Hannah's Graduation Celebration.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in

New Ministry for Single Women

HTLC would like to begin a new ministry for all single women. If you are single, you know how uncomfortable situations can be because you are alone. We need each other. Friends are important. We have scheduled a kick-off meeting of coffee and donuts for **Monday, June 5 at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall to discuss what this exciting new ministry could look like.

We need your participation and input. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity to put names with faces and be part of the direction for this new ministry.

If you have any questions, please call either Sally Simpson @ 941.661.4373 and Maryrose Risner 765.230.6603

We are in need of Greeters, Bulletins, Offering, and Communion Assistants. For both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex to sign up today. Starting **May 21, 2023**, for the 10:45 service, we will be bringing back a "Reader". The reader will read the scripture verse for the day. It will be e-mailed to you prior to Sunday. Please sign up only once a month. Thank you !

Faith
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

FAITH PREPARATORY SCHOOL GRADUATION

Faith Prep will hold their annual graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 24th at 6pm. Our building overflows with the joys of almost 100 children AND their families.

We would love to host them with cookies following the graduation. If you are able to make or bring cookies for this (NO NUTS/NO PEANUT BUTTER), please have them to the church office no later than the morning of 5/21.

Thank you for being such a supporter of Faith Prep's ministry and keeping them in your prayers each week.

Let's Talk is an adult forum that meets every Sunday in Classroom E (off the courtyard) at 9:15. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

This week's topic:

"Ten Reasons Why People are Turning their Back on Religion".

All are welcome.

A blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers and all women who share motherly love! We are blessed by you! We thank God for you!

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown

Bible Study

We are studying the book of Genesis. Please bring your Bible, paper to take notes with, and a friend as we begin this journey through the first book of our Bible and the first book of Torah.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10am.

If you are unable to make this time in person, please join us on Zoom at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84944981327?pwd=cHNZTWdSUkpRVEIzbVlCNWU5UldOdz09

(or) Meeting ID: 849 4498 1327
Passcode: 084684

NEW: We are recording the study and posting it to the WEB page. 5/9s class is on there now.

One of our 2023 Graduates

Payten "Pax" Cornelius is graduating from Port Charlotte High School in Port Charlotte, FL on May 17th at 7pm. Pax enjoyed being a part of the Thespian Club and performed in the play "Mash". Pax loves art, digital design, computer games, talking with their friends online from around the world and their dog Duncan. Pax works at Michael's craft store. Pax will be attending Ringling College of Art and Design in the fall of 2023 in Sarasota, FL.

Thank you for sharing your generosity to our local sheriffs and police. Donations will be delivered this week.