

The Mustard Seed

May 2019

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are ever mindful of the loved ones who have traveled this life ahead of us, and on May 27th, Memorial Day, we as a nation take time to remember and honor them. We also pay tribute to those who have given and are giving of themselves for the good of all.

We remember and give thanks for as Father Dennis Edwards O'Brien puts it:

“It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us
freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet,
who has given us
freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given us the freedom
to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer,
who has given us the
right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag,
who serves under the flag,
and whose coffin is draped in the flag,
who allows the protester to burn the flag.”

We remember our soldiers, past and present, as we give thanks to God for His gift to us of the soldier. We ask God to guide, protect and hold safe those who are called to serve for the good of all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John

HELPERS FOR MAY 2019

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 12
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart
May 26
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones
June 2
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

WORSHIP HOSTS

May 5
 Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Judy Waytashek
May 12
 Dick & Elaine Asmus & Dennis DeFrang
May 19
 Dwight & Bette Hagman & Marian Veasen
May 26
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Chuck Anderson
June 2
 Bruce & Dixie Peterson & Norma Thompson

OFFERING COUNTERS

May 5
 Bruce Peterson & Ed Stukey
May 12
 Sandy Kephart & Marian Veasen
May 19
 Bruce Peterson & Charleen Dahlgren
May 26
 Ed Stukey & Sandy Kephart
June 2
 Bruce Peterson & Charleen Dahlgren

LECTORS

May 5
 Patti Hook
May 12
 Colleen Kightlinger
May 19
 Arden Virnig
May 26
 Joani Ellingson
June 2
 Judy Waytashek

PIANISTS

May 5 Barb
May 12 Joan S.
May 19 NEEDED
May 26 Barb
June 2 Barb

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

May 5
May 12
May 19 Hillman Group
May 26
June 2

If you can help out in providing treats for fellowship after worship, please call the church office to be put on the list. THANK YOU!



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES	
<u>MAY</u>	
May 1st	Carol Kephart's Birthday
May 7th	June Dahlgren's Birthday
May 10th	Marlis Saker's Birthday
May 28th	Maverine Anderson's Birthday

HOMEBOUND OR RELOCATED?

If a family member or friend has become homebound or has been moved into Assisted Living or the Nursing Home, please share that information with the church office. THANK YOU!!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 9am-3pm

Pastor John is in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
 Pastor John's phone: 320.676.3130

DEADLINE for the June 2019 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, May 26th.
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for April 16, 2019 Council Meeting

Members present: D. DeFrang, V. Jones, P. Olson, D. Peterson and Pastor John.

Members absent: P. Hook, R. Kephart

Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business: A. La Moreaux Committee 3rd Member- Pam Olson has joined Velma Jones and Judy Vogtlin on the LaMoreaux committee. The group met and awarded two \$250 scholarships and five projects \$150 each. The council approved the distribution of these funds. B. Synod Assembly Representatives- Carolyn Swanson and Sandy Kephart will be Bethany's representatives at the Northeastern Synod Assembly the first weekend in May. Pastor John and Judy Lundberg will also be attending. C. Update Pastoral Future- The council discussed several pastoral options. Arrangements are being made to meet with synod leaders in June.

New Business: A. Annual Meeting- The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19 after the 9:30 service. Muffins and juice will be served right after the service. The council is looking for 4 new council members. There was also discussion about filling other positions besides the council. The agenda was discussed and will be finalized at the May 14 council meeting.

Project Updates by Council Members: A. Harvest of the Earth Dinner-The Harvest of the Earth Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 17 @Holy Cross Center at 6:00. Volunteers and bars have been organized.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Dixie Peterson, council secretary

MAY Council meeting is **Tuesday, May 14th at 7pm**

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - Tuesday, May 7th at 4pm

Quilting - May 21st from 9am-3pm.

Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14st**

Senior Companions is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14th at 7pm.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Bethany Lutheran Annual Meeting will be Sunday, May 19th immediately following worship!
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!! Council will provide muffins, juice & coffee.

OPERATION COMMUNITY CONNECT

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd FROM 10AM-2PM at Onamia Elementary Gym. Multiple free items and services including: Haircuts, Dental Services, Children's shoes, Door Prizes, Car Seat Clinic, Meal Served and much more! EVERYONE is welcome!!

FISHIN' WITH ABEL - MAY 18th at Bayview

Registration at 8am. Door prizes and drawings at 4 pm. Proceeds are given to the Fairview Foundation in memory of Abel Vanderpoel. Call Judy for more information at 532-3938.

QUILT RAFFLE

Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition is having a quilt raffle. Quilt was made and donated by Kim Kucera and is displayed in the Narthex. Tickets are \$1. THANK YOU for supporting our projects!!

Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition 4th Annual Rum River Rubber Ducky Race

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th - Ducks will be dropped in at the Rum River launch site in Onamia at 11 a.m. and retrieved at the Soo Line Trail bridge. Prizes awarded to the top 10 ducks. Adopt a duck for \$5. See Darcy or Susan.

Little Free LIBRARY!

We are always collecting books for our little free library! We are in need of infant/ toddler/ preschool books and also teen books. We do not need any adult books at this time. Thank you for donating!

Little Free PANTRY!

Bring canned & dry foods & hygiene products whenever you can for our little free pantry.

For more Information about Little Free Pantries visit littlefreepantry.org.

OUR LITTLE FREE PANTRY CURRENTLY NEEDS DONATIONS OF DRY GOODS OR HYGEINE PRODUCTS

RUBY'S PANTRY

Food Distribution Program. Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items for a \$20 donation. Bring your own baskets or boxes for food. Located at the Lions Community Center, Onamia beginning at 10:30 am the **FIRST Monday of the month. Registration begins at 10am.**

Next three dates will be and May 6th, June 3rd and July 1st

THANK YOU... to those who are giving through Thrivent Dollars!! Much appreciation!

COUNCIL NEWS

WE NEED YOU!!

BETHANY IS LOOKING FOR 4 MEMBERS TO JOIN THE COUNCIL!!

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~Author Unknown

If you are interested please talk to one of our current members - Pam Olson, Velma Jones, Dixie Peterson, Patti Hook, Ray Kephart and Dennis DeFrang

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 19th

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Instead of having Mother's Day revolve around only mothers, we should celebrate the many fantastic roles *all* women out there have. Women who have mothered, guided, supported, and loved people that they didn't give birth to. Having a family isn't a right; it's a privilege. Sometimes sharing DNA with someone makes you family, and sometimes it doesn't. It's about how you treat people. You can have a mother figure in your life, a best friend that's more like a sister, or a boss who's mentored you from day one, and that woman is just as important (and for some, more so) as the one who did or didn't raise you. Look all around you — next to you at a traffic light, behind you in line at the coffee shop, ahead of you on the running trail — and I guarantee you'll find women worth celebrating!



YOUTH HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth are dismissed immediately following the gospel reading during worship on Sunday mornings
LAST DAY of Sunday School is May 12th. We will resume this Fall.

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:30am Word & Prayer S. S. following the Gospel	6 10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY	7 4pm - Prayer Shawl	8	9 5pm - Bible study at UMC	10	11 8:30am - Men's breakfast at UMC
12 9:30am Holy Communion S. S. following the Gospel	13	14	15	16 5pm - Bible study at UMC	17	18
19 9:30am Word & Prayer Annual Meeting	20	21 7pm - Council Meeting 9am-3pm - Quilting	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am Holy Communion	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	June 1
2 9:30am Holy Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8

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Council Members:

**President - Pam Olson
Vice President - Velma Jones
Secretary - Dixie Peterson
Treasurer - Ray Kephart
Patti Hook - Dennis DeFrang**

**Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken
Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer**

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 5

9:30am - Word & Prayer

Sunday School following the Gospel Reading

SUNDAY, MAY 12 - MOTHER'S DAY

9:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday School following the Gospel Reading

SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:30am - Word & Prayer

ANNUAL MEETING following Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:30am - Holy Communion

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, May 19th

Meeting immediately following worship