

# St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield



## May 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

March winds bring April showers. April showers bring May flowers. And as the "Dad joke" goes, "What do May flowers bring?" . . . Pilgrims!

It is May already. We began our new year, our new Church Year that is, back at the end of November of last year. We celebrated our Lord's birth in December. We began the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday back on February 17. We celebrated the Lord's giving us His Holy Supper, Jesus' suffering and death, and on Easter we celebrated our Lord's resurrection and the defeat of sin, death and the devil. We are now in the Easter Season and soon we will be back to what we call the non-festival portion of our Church Year, the Pentecost season. The Pentecost, non-festival portion of our Church Year, which is the bulk of our Church Year, some 26 Sundays is the time we use to grow in our Christian faith and life, thus the liturgical color of green.

May is the month in which schools typically let out for the Summer. Memorial Day is the day which is also, typically when the "vacation" season begins and families take time to vacate, to leave town, to visit family and friends or interesting destinations for a time to relax and rejuvenate. As I usually encourage you at this time of the year, so this year as well, as you travel and if you are away on the weekends and Sunday, be sure to find a sister Lutheran Congregation to join for worship. If you do not know if there will be a Lutheran Church where you will be staying, either check the LCMS.org web page or call the church office and we can look up your destination and let you know. And please bring a bulletin back so we can see what others are doing as well.

May is the month that celebrates motherhood, on the second Sunday (May 9), and normally we would have the church picnic, which because of the circumstances is canceled as such. However, the Youth Group will be offering somewhat of an alternative to the usual picnic by having a hamburger and hot dog picnic of sorts on that third Sunday in May (16). Watch the bulletin and listen in church for further announcements.

It is my prayer and encouragement that, as the world strives to get back to "normal" with all that has been going on, we all seek to get back to our regular routine of being in the Lord's House every Sunday for Divine Service. While good habits are easy to break, sometimes it is difficult to reestablish those good habits. So, as you feel safe and with whatever safeguards you deem necessary, I would encourage you, when you are ready, to come to the Lord's House to be given the gifts He has to give.

God's richest blessings.  
In His Service,

Pastor Bogs  
1 Cor. 15:3-5

Don't forget, if you miss a Sunday, you can read the sermon on my blog:  
<http://rabswritings.blogspot.com>.

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## Happy Birthday to You

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05-06	Naatah Mollel	05-22	Pastor Mendez
05-08	Phillip Williamson & Jan Stayton	05-25	Sonny French
05-09	Caleb Bogs	05-26	Eugene Meyer
05-13	Karen French	05-28	Kelly Gentes
05-16	Melissa Sindlinger	05-29	Shawn Goss
05-20	Isdell Birnbaum	05-30	Larry Harvey, Amina Lesso & Paul Nitz
		05-31	Nicole Poppenhusen

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## Baptismal Birthday

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05-03 Gary McCorquodale II  
 05-04 Marie Fischer  
 05-14 Caleb Bogs, Yair Mendez, &  
 Barbara Newbould  
 05-15 Don Cornman  
 05-19 Mark LaShomb  
 05-21 Justin Msampha



05-24 Barbara Ellis & Dwayne Lilley  
 05-25 Scott Gentes  
 05-28 Isdell Birnbaum  
 05-29 Mary Garrett  
 05-30 Melissa Sindlinger  
 05-31 Karen French

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## Confirmation Anniversaries

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05-01 Sharol Aikman, Tess Clark, Trent Clark, Dale  
 Haude, Mark LaShomb, & Troy Lilley  
 05-02 Chad Lilley, Lester Sentesi, & Holly Williamson  
 05-04 Amanda Goss & Cindy Sentesi  
 05-05 Marcia Carr  
 05-06 Clay Lilley  
 05-07 Scott Gentes  
 05-09 Mikaela Reese  
 05-14 Melissa Sindlinger & John Tautenhahn  
 05-15 Marie Fischer & Luke Tusing, Jr.  
 05-16 Sandra Pedersen & John Stayton

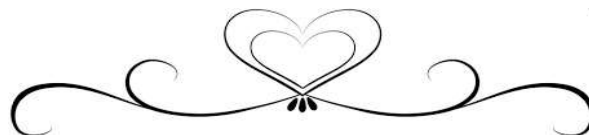
05-17 Virginia Lawrence  
 05-18 Jennifer Cornman  
 05-21 Kristyn Christie, Brent Harvey, John Lisius,  
 & Eugene Meyer  
 05-22 Rose Goebel  
 05-24 Gloria Meyer  
 05-25 Carolyn McCorquodale  
 05-28 Sharon Gace  
 05-29 Carol Gentes, George Gentes &  
 05-30 Frances Gale Bell



## Wedding Anniversaries

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05-09	Shawn & Amanda Goss (7 yrs)	05-15	Mario & Becky Reyes (11 yrs)
05-11	David & Kathy Honerkamp (29 yrs)	05-27	Pastor & Gayle Bogs (32 yrs)



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## Holy Days and Holidays in May

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May 1 ~ St. Philip and St. James, Apostles  
May 6 ~ National Day of Prayer  
May 9 ~ Mother's Day  
May 13 ~ The Ascension of Our Lord  
May 15 ~ Armed Forces Day  
May 16 ~ Picnic by the Youth  
May 23 ~ Day of Pentecost  
May 31 ~ Memorial Day / The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

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## *Picnic Sunday*

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May 16, 2021  
after Divine Service

Even though we will not be able to have our annual BBQ dinner again this year, we will still have the much loved fellowship and reunion we have had for over 120 years here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield. We will have Hamburgers & Hot Dogs and all the fixings; cooked by Holy Smokes member/Picnic Chair and safely served by the S.M.A.R.T. Youth Group.



Sign up in the Narthex.

RSVP by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*All proceeds will go to the youth group's Higher Things Youth Gathering Fund.\*\***

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## *Memory Garden*

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"Thank you to all who supported my project by purchasing a brick as well as all those who pitched in and volunteered to come and help. I couldn't have done it without you!"

~ Hannah Bogs

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## *From Pastor Mendez*

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Blessing from God and Savior Jesus Christ to all of you, I will like to inform, regarding the ESL program, we would like to start in this year in the month of August, since Covid started we have to put it on a standby, now more people were asking me if we would like to start again, as you know we have around 90 or 95 persons show up, so this is a great opportunity to share the gospel to them, I will like to encourage you to keep praying for this program, for all the volunteers who are willing to help in response to the love of God, and in the love to the neighbor, if you would like to have the opportunity to meet new people, to know about their culture, and the most important thing to share the gospel with them, this is a great opportunity for you, the Lord Jesus Christ tells us in Matthew 28:19 go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. Please keeps us in your prayers.

The Lord Almighty be with all of you in Jesus name we pray amen!!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:45am – Sunday School & Bible Class 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	3	4	5 10am-Bible Class 7pm-Evening Bible Class	6 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	7 Church Office Closed	8 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am- Elder's Meeting
9 Mother's Day 8:45am – Sunday School & Bible Class 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	10	11	12 10am-Bible Class 7pm-Evening Bible Class	13 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	14 Church Office Closed	15 10am- Trustee's Meeting
16 8:45am – Sunday School & Bible Class 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	17	18	19 10am-Bible Class 7pm-Evening Bible Class	20 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 8:45am – Sunday School & Bible Class 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	24	25	26 10am-Bible Class 7pm-Evening Bible Class	27 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	28 Church Office Closed	29
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