

May - June 2019

Worship Themes for May and June

During the month of May, we continue to sit at Jesus' feet under the theme "Easter: Fact or Fiction." We are considering the historical truths of the resurrection and how they impact our faith



May 5 – The Eye Witness
Preaching of the Disciple
(Confirmation)

May 12 – The Witness of
Affected Believers

May 19 – The Witness of Our
Hope Filled Future

We then start a new theme: "Limitless Life." God promises to pour his blessings into our lives until our "cup runs over." But what does that mean? How can we be struggling if we have a limitless life? Together, we will reach to the outer limits of what it means to be a Christian.

May 26- Limitless Obedience

June 9 – Limitless Preparation

June 16- Limitless Witness

June 23 – Guest Preacher

June 30 -Guest Preacher

July 7 – Guest Preacher

MEMORIAL GARDEN

UPDATE: Since the voter's meeting in April an additional \$180.00 has been received for the landscaping project. 20 families have contributed a total of \$2,539.43. This leaves a balance needed of \$206.02. If you would still like to make a donation you may use one of the envelopes on the display in the narthex and place your gift in the offering plate.



The voters also set Saturday, June 8 at 9:00am for planting the new design. Whether you made a donation or not you are ALL welcome to come and help plant the new design. Catechism students are encouraged to use this project towards your church project service hours.

If you are planning to attend please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. This will help in the planning of the day.

Mark your calendar today and join us for planting and dedicating

this new garden to the glory of God!!!



Confirmation

We rejoice with Emma Haller on her confirmation May 5th. Emma chose Joshua 1:9 as her confirmation verse.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

A wonderful verse to keep close to your heart Emma as you walk in faith!

MEETING SCHEDULE

- May 6 - Discipleship Mtg 6:30pm
- May 7 - Elders Mtg 7:00pm
- May 14 - Property 6:30pm
- May 28 - Council Mtg 6:30pm

Sewing Circle's last meeting date before the summer months will be Wednesday, May 22.

For the summer months meetings will be held as needed.

VOTERS MEET

On April 14th the voter's of the congregation made the following decisions:

1) Restructuring of the Memorial Garden. The voters

would like to give the members the opportunity to give to this project if they have not yet been able to do so. Thank you, to the members who donated their generous gifts to the church and Lord! It is hoped that this Memorial Garden will continue to serve as a haven for remembering our loved ones.



Voters Meeting

2) The council recommended spending \$30,000 for the parsonage remodeling of residing, 17 new windows, gutters and soffits. This project was not approved due to the priority jobs that need to be completed.

3) The voter's approved the plot owned in St. Louis be returned to the City of St. Louis. The property was offered to anyone in the congregation. However, there was no interest in the property.

4) The voter's approved using the new Evangelical Heritage Bible when it is released in publication this summer. This Bible will be used for all learning and worship here at

Good Shepherd.

The voter's also approved purchasing 70 Bibles.

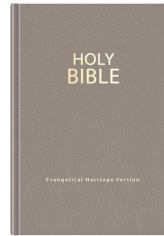
Members will be able to donate a Bible at a cost of \$20.

5) Parking lot repairs were approved for up to \$1,700.00.

The cracks will be filled along with painting of lines. D & M of St. Louis will be contracted to do the work. This is the same company that was contracted a couple of years ago.

6) The Fire Suppression continues to be a major priority with the leaking pipes. Voter's approved \$1,400.00 for the yearly inspection to be completed and have the Jimco Company find the current leaks. The voter's will then meet to discuss the findings before any contracted work is done.

It was reported that the lighting has been completed on the road sign. Special thanks to the members who donated the \$360 to complete the project.



Treasurer's Financial Report YTD Budgetary Finances Thru 04-30-19

Member Budgetary Support Received:	\$ 78,740.54
<i>(General, Loose, CMO, LACE, Reimbursements)</i>	
Member Budgetary Support Expected at this time:	\$ 81,736.00
Member Budgetary Support in excess of Expected:	\$ (2,995.46)
Other Income:	\$ 800.00
<i>(Income not related to member giving)</i>	
Total Member Support plus Other Income	\$ 79,540.04
YTD thru 4-30-2019 Actual Budgetary Expense	\$ 85,492.82
Income in excess of Expense	\$ (5,952.28)

YTD Savings Account Income/Expense Summary (Non-Budgetary)

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Bal. 1-1-19</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance 4-30-19</u>
Church Projects	\$67,858.85	\$ 2,539.43	\$ 2,147.00	\$ 68,251.28
YES Fund	\$10,093.30	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 10,093.30
Scholarship	\$40,017.21	\$ 635.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 36,652.21
Memorials	\$ 2,147.00	\$ 2,825.00	\$ -0-	\$ 4,972.00
Reserve	\$ 5,159.17	\$ 15.30	\$ -0-	\$ 5,174.47
YTD Total	\$125,275.53	\$6,014.73	\$ 6,147.00	\$125,143.26

LACE Loan Balance: \$ 312,450.98

Note: The Memorial Fund has been added to assist in book keeping and balancing between the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

“From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.”

John 1:16





2019 GRADUATES

Congratulations to our Spring graduates:

College
Mallory Munderloh

High School
Nicholas Harry
Abigail Haller
Tyler Kinnunen
Logan Schultz

Mallory Munderloh graduated with an Education Degree (BA) and will begin searching for a teaching position.

Nicholas Harry and Abigail Haller will continue their education at Michigan State University. Nicholas is currently narrowing down his major in agricultural engineering. Abigail will enter the science field and is interested in veterinarian medicine.

Tyler Kinnunen will be attending Northern Michigan University to study Marketing/ Communications. We also hope that Tyler does not have to endure a winter like our last one up in the U.P.!

Logan Schultz will be attending Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. He will be enrolled in the Pastor Track Program.

God bless these graduates as they continue to grow in knowledge and faith.

CONGREGATION INVITES

The Kinnunen family invites all the members of the congregation to attend Tyler's graduation Open House on Saturday, June 1st between 12:00pm-3:00pm here at the church.



The Schultz family also invites the congregation to an Open House for Logan on Sunday, June 2nd after the worship service for some ice cream, cake and congratulations!

WELS GRADUATES

Michigan Lutheran Seminary will hold their graduation on Saturday, May 25th beginning at 10:30am

Martin Luther College will hold their graduation/call day on Saturday, May 18th. There

are 116 candidates for calls.



Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's graduation will be on Friday, May 24th. There are 21 candidates for calls.

Members of the Synod have been encouraged with next year's enrollment. It could reach as high as 50 incoming students studying to be Pastors. We thank the Lord of the church for these men who have decided to walk the path of becoming at WELS pastor.

Please keep all of our WELS ministerial students in your prayers as they have committed their service to the Lord's church.



Pastor Eich reported that there are currently 13 pastoral vacancies in the Michigan District. The Synod as a whole has 117 vacancies.

The following churches in the Michigan District have closed:
Mt. Olive, Detroit
Cedarville, MI
Hope, Swartz Creek, MI
New Hope, Toledo, OH

In the process of closing:
Good Shepherd, Girard, OH
Christ, Imlay City, MI
Trinity School Bangor, MI

Van Varner was granted transfer of membership to St. Peters Plymouth, MI

District President Snowden Sims has appointed Pastor Eich to begin serving on the District Board of Appels. This Board handles inter church/ congregation problems and makes recommendations.



Love. Grow. Serve.

DISCIPLESHIP WORK

The Discipleship Committee continues to work hard!

Community outreach is the priority. After submitting paid outreach boosts on the church's FACEBOOK page, an increase in "LIKES" continues to grow! We are gaining and reaching more souls through social media. If you follow the church page please consider reaching out and hit the "like" AND "share" button to help spread the Gospel! Sermons, daily devotions and activities are posted on this page.

The Committee has scheduled the following fellowship and service activities:

Community Outdoor Movie Night
August 16th at 9:30pm

Church/Community Worship and Picnic
September 8

Community and Church Shredding Truck
September 21

Mission Festival with Zion Broomfield
October 13

Advent Potlucks
December 4,11,18

It was also reported that over the past 11 years the original 1 million dollars LACE loan has dropped to \$360,924.29. To God be the glory!

Good Shepherd's monthly payment to LACE is \$5,000.

Since that reporting Duane Stacey's estate recently contributed \$44,403.26 to the principal of the LACE Loan. This leaves a balance of \$312,450.98



As those of us who have loans know, the faster you pay toward the principal the quicker the loan is paid up!

If anyone wishes to give an "extra" donation to help pay off the loan more quickly, you may mark that on your church envelope.

