



CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

eNews & Notes

MAY 5, 2021

*We come together to receive and celebrate
The good news of God in Christ
Through worship and learning
So that we grow in faith and are sent to serve.*

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 - 3:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.

CURRENTLY CLOSED TO WALK-INS

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Update: Pre-registration and Waivers no longer required

Waivers will no longer be required for those who attend in-person worship.

Pre-registration is discontinued until such time as growing attendance may make it necessary again.

Thank you for your compliance with these requirements when we returned to in-person worship.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m

Pastor Bruce Falksen

10:30 Service Live on Facebook



FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT



I don't know anything about producing good grapes but enjoy the fruit of the vine.

In this week's gospel, John 15:1-8, we read that Jesus said, "**I am the true vine.**" In Jesus' day, the relationship of the vinedresser and the vine, and how the vineyard worked would be familiar to the people. Jesus uses this metaphor to explain about the kingdom of God and how God's system works in this world by relating it to the vineyard's system.

The vine is the permanent, wooden part of the plant that remains in the trellis. Jesus says that's the part He is, the permanent part. He says that His Father is the vinedresser, owner, caretaker. God owns the land, sustains the vine, prunes its branches, and reaps the rewards of the harvest. The branches are the annual, green leafy stem that grows from the vine. The branches only exist for one season, their lifetime.

During our lifetimes, connected to Jesus, we are the branches that God uses to produce fruit in this world. We are to generate the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). We create the product of the harvest for God our Father, the vinedresser.

No matter who we are, young or old, if we are connected to Jesus, the true vine, He provides all we need to live a life to God's glory and honor. As branches, we take our nourishment and direction from Him for the purpose of a harvest for God's kingdom.

As branches, may we trust in Jesus for everything and may His Spirit flow through us to produce fruit and a rich harvest for God's kingdom.

Your sister in Christ,

Susan Schierstedt

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CHURCH CALENDAR LINK
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Weekly Calendar

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Sunday, May 2

8:00 a.m. ☪ Worship Service with Communion ☪ Pastor Bruce Falksen

9:15 a.m. ☪ Sunday School

9:15-9:45 a.m. ☪ Communion Distribution (drive-thru)

10:30 a.m. ☪ Worship Service with Communion ☪ Pastor Bruce Falksen

Monday, May 3

12:00 p.m. ☪ 1:30 p.m. ☪ Book Study ☪ *A Simple Path* by Mother Teresa ☪ Zoom -

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81332407680?pwd=YVpuT0haaGJSSHRiLzhIR3V6NFZOOQT09>

1:30 p.m. ☪ WELCA Board Meeting

5:30 p.m. ☪ Property Committee meeting

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 a.m. ☪ 12:00 p.m. ☪ Quilters ☪ Stecker Hall

Wednesday, May 5

4:45 p.m. ☪ Handbell Ensemble

7:00 p.m. ☪ Confirmation ☪ Stecker Hall

Sunday, May 9 ☪ Recognition Sunday

8:00 a.m. ☪ Worship Service with Communion ☪ Pastor Bruce Falksen

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THOSE WHO SERVE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ASSISTING MIN.</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
May 2	8:00 a.m.	Sydney Schlagenhaft	Ramona Bennett	Richie Haegler	Ramona Bennett	Janet Radke	Sydney Schlagenhaft
	10:30 a.m.	Christine Carew	Janet Radke	Gia Anthony	Christie Kaufman & Randy Redlin	Bonnie Bosin	Marcia Snyder
May 9	8:00 a.m.	Randy Redlin	Glen Pahnke	Layton Pahnke	Glen & Layton Pahnke	Roxane Buerger	Libby Reinbold
	10:30 a.m.	Marcia Snyder	Corey Calvey	Emma McAuly	Christie Kaufman & Randy Redlin	Bruce Nyberg	Dan Fee



SUNDAY FORUM (BYOC) "ON HOLD" UNTIL JUNE

After polling those who have participated in our Sunday coffee hour and forum on Zoom, the consensus was to take a break for the month of May, and resume our 10:30 a.m. Zoom meetings on June 6, at which time we will be back to our summer worship schedule of one service at 9 a.m. The schedule through the summer will include some sessions with Bible study and others that are purely social in nature. Watch the announcements for further details.



Prayers for God's people:

We pray for healing and comfort for Carson, Christina, Ted Bennett, Walter Blumke, Linda Calvey, Carol Desing, Fran Farley, Barb Flatt, Leo Fleischman, Vivian Gordon, Mandy Graves, Sheri Greeno, Dee Gremminger, Fran Hamilton, Ruth Hendricks, Joan Herwig, Sheila Hodgden, Brad Holmes, Ronnie Hultgren, Diana Jewson, Maureen Kelm, Dave Klahn, Wendy Koepp, Renee Kraus, Laurie Kumba, Lynch, Brian Mahoney, Kevin Mahoney, Rachel Mahoney, Sandy Mahoney, Bob Martin, Dennis Mertens, David Metzger, Rachel Metzger, Kay Mullins, Kim Moss, Don Rabbitt, Jan Rabbitt, Nanci Schweik, Larry Schweik, Charm Searl, Roger Searl, Joanne Talaska, Fran Templin, Pauline Wallendal, and Delia Ziegler. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

To add or remove names from the prayer list, please contact Kay at the office, 922-0020 or office@oursavioursfdl.org.



Extra! Extra!

The Sunday School children will sing on May 9 for the 10:30 worship service.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 25: In-person Worship

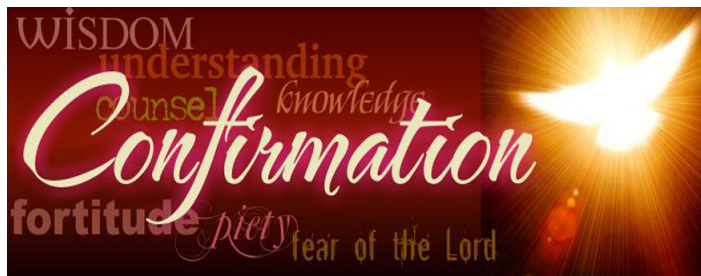
8:00 a.m. – 16

10:30 a.m. – 31

Drive-thru Communion – 7

Confirmation

The last Confirmation session for this school year is on May 5th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Stecker Hall.



Volunteer Recognition Sunday – May 9th

All volunteers will be thanked and recognized on May 9 at the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services.

Lutheran World Relief -- Baby Care Kits

Baby Care kits are our focus in May and June. A new baby is a blessing. Bringing a baby into the world can also be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean and comfortable can take a lot of resources. Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits provide the basics a family needs to care for their newest members and introduce them to the world with pride.

The items needed in each kit include: 2 cotton t-shirts. 2 gowns or sleepers, 2 receiving blankets, 4 cloth diapers, 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap, 2 pairs of



socks, 1 hand towel, 2 bars of soap in original wrapping and 2 diaper pins or large safety pins. The collection basket is on the table by the elevator upstairs.



Another Service Opportunity – Communion to Homebound Members

Many of our older members are still staying home. We would like to be able to offer them communion. At this time, we are using the disposable communion kits when we go out. Members are contacted in advance of getting a communion visitor and can indicate whether they wish a drop-off at their door, a brief inside visit, or no visit at this time. If you could be available once a month to take communion to one of more members, please call Jill Bjornstad at 920-922-1556.



Have you ever had an old car, one that didn't run very well? One that would often stall in the most inopportune places? You often wondered when leaving home, if you would get to your destination. The worst that would happen, you'd be dropping the kids off at school on your way to work and the old jalopy would die right there in front of school. Now what? I'm sure we all had something similar happen at one time or another. Embarrassing and frustrating, isn't it?

Well, somedays do you feel that way? Like that old jalopy, going about your morning routine and you just stall. You can't go forward and you can't go back. You're just stuck! Frustrating, isn't it?

Thinking about those days, the book of Isaiah has some encouraging words. Isaiah 43:19 reminds us that when we find ourselves stuck or stalled in our faith, the Lord is behind the wheel... *"Watch for the new*

thing I am going to do. It happened already - you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there."

Like the people of Judah, we are in need of constant reassurance that God does fill his promises. Maybe it's because we often find ourselves in situations where we just don't know what to do. If we do this, then what? Or, if we do that, then what?

Today, I'm sure you're ready to get back on the road and put these days of uncertainty behind you. We look forward to getting out to our favorite restaurant, or traveling to visit friends and relatives. And especially getting rid of this mask mandate. I can't wait to see smiling faces again!!!

However, we are not in control, are we? All we can do is follow along the path and watch for the Lord. He will direct us down the road. He will make the road through the wilderness safe and give us streams of water to quench our thirst. We just need to be patient and look to the Lord.

So once again, wash your hands, fold them, bow your head, and pray with me... Dear Lord, give us patience when we find ourselves "stuck". Help us to look to You for guidance as we head down the road, because we know you are at the wheel and will keep us safe until we reach our destination. Amen



Camping Time is Approaching! Get your registrations in.

Church camp is an excellent experience for our children, youth, adults and families. Both of the Schierstedt children attended from early age through working at camp as young adults. I looked forward to Women's Bible Camp each summer. Learning about God's love in His beautiful creation alongside others, helps develop and mature faith for our lifetimes.

Our Crossways Camping Ministry has three locations – Imago Dei Village (Clintonville, WI), Pine Lake (Waupaca, WI) and Waypost (Mission Lake, WI) – and a wide variety of camping experiences. If you haven't considered summer camp before, visit [CrosswaysCamps.org](https://www.CrosswaysCamps.org) to explore the options. They are accepting registration now.



**In case of emergency or pastoral needs, call the church office, 920.922.0020,
and follow the prompts.**

**"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your
ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of
escape, that you may be able to endure it."**

1 Corinthians 10:13



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