



The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

May Newsletter

Happy May St. Paul Family,

Happy May Day!! The weather is getting warmer and summer is on the way! Sometimes when I am pondering what to put in the newsletter, what do people want to read or know about? I Pray for insight or intuition and then take a walk. During my walk this morning the thought of how long has Pastor Dobberstein been serving at St. Paul's, came to mind. It is often those small whispers or gentle nudges that lead to the next thing and the next. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and the history behind our Church Services, celebrations and traditions. Seeing where it began and shedding light on why. I also hope you will share some of your ideas and traditions.

Calendar of Worship, Fellowship and Events!

5/5	9:30	The 6 th Sunday of Easter	Pastor Dobberstein
	10:30	Give Thanks Breakfast in Honor of Pastor Dobberstein!	
5/12	9:30	The 7 th Sunday of Easter	Pastor Fluechtling
	10:30	Happy Mother's Day Coffee and.....	
5/19	9:30	The Day of Pentecost	Pastor Udoekong
	10:30	Coffee and.....	
4/26	9:30	Trinity Sunday	Pastor Fluechtling
	10:30	Coffee and.....	

Give Thanks Breakfast for Pastor Paul Dobberstein!! Pastor and Pam will be moving to Paris Illinois this month! We have been blessed to have Pastor leading us in Worship since March 21, 2021. Pastor has also blessed us with Bible Study's. We want to wish Pastor and Pam all the best and God's Blessings on your new journey and your new home. Thank you for making a difference here at St. Paul's through all you have done.

Happy Mother's Day!! We would like to share in the celebration of Mother's Day with a little special Coffee and... for all the wonderful women in our lives! We are very blessed and thankful for **You!!** A Little Mother's Day History. Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to **honor her late mother** on May 12, 1907 at her mother's **church** in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna's mother had organized women's groups to **promote friendship and health**. Within 5 years virtually every state was observing the day and in 1914 US. President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. Over time the day was expanded to include grandmothers, aunts, and other women in our lives who also provided mothering roles in our lives. (Mother's Day encyclopedia Britannica.com)

As a history buff and a tradition tracer. I like to know where and why some of our celebrations/traditions occurred and this one is **amazing!** One woman wanted to honor her late mother's life work of promoting friendship and health. This began in her **church!** Mother's Day can be sad for some of us, who are missing those wonderful women in our lives, who are now in Heaven. But knowing the reason behind this holiday makes me smile as I can **honor** the wonderful women in my life **who made a difference** today in my **Church**

The Day of Pentecost A little more History this is from, calendar.lcms.org **What Is Pentecost?**
The word "Pentecost comes from the Greek word pentekostos which means "fiftieth". Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire. The altar will be adorned with Red. **Red** is the power color and is appropriate for use on Pentecost as we remember the power and fire of "the Lord and Giver of Life," who revealed himself as the promised one. The color **red** communicates the motif of strength-strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

Trinity Sunday-Confessing the Holy Trinity. And the History continues, from calendar.lcms.org
The Athanasian Creed which was written by an anonymous author in the fifth century, is the Church's confession of the Holy Trinity. On Trinity Sunday, the Church proclaims the Christian faith through the words of the Athanasian Creed.

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has given Himself for our Salvation.

The altar will be adorned with **white**, which is the color of **purity** and **completeness**. This color assists in bearing the message that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection Day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

The Power of Prayer! We thank everyone who participated in the April Weekly Bible discussion on Take My Life and Let it Be. As I listened to the discussion around the table I was inspired to thank Jesus of all the gifts in my life and try to find ways to use them to serve. I also really enjoy the Hymn we sang!

May we continue to take a few minutes during fellowship to share our practices or traditions around Prayer? My New Year commitment was 3 things Scripture encourages me to do daily! "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12 (I will post on the Board). Pray continuously is a work in progress!

Save the Date! Saturday July 20, 2024 "Chrismons in July!

Join us for a morning of discovery, discussion and creating Crismon ornaments. We are mailing Post Cards to area churches and churches in our circuit, as well as to those members who live locally. There are extra postcards on the table, please take one or two and invite a friend. Coffee, tea, light snacks and a Salad Luncheon will be provided. Stay Tuned more to follow! (PS. If you want to know the **History and Tradition** of Crismon Ornaments and **How they Point to Jesus!** You will have to join us on July 20!)

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