

### Special Dates in May

- May 1—May Day
- May 2—Worship Time Change to 9am
- May 2—National Brothers and Sisters Day
- May 4—National Teacher Day
- May 5—Cinco de Mayo
- May 6—National Nurses Day
- May 9—Mother’s Day
- May 12—National Receptionists Day
- May 15—National Armed Forces Day
- May 17—Tax Day
- May 21—National Pizza Party Day
- May 30—Indy 500
- May 31—Memorial Day

### May Birthdays

<b>Jan Joseph</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Madalyn Martin</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Jaime Oeffinger</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Penny Kalk</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Jeanette Burbrink</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Kenneth Shake</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Kathryn Hollman</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Jessa Oeffinger</b>	
<b>Cindy Butts</b>	<b>30</b>

## Pastor’s Corner

Happy Mother’s Day to all of you Moms and Grand-moms! I pray you are able to see your family or at least call or visit in other ways. What a lovely month May is and what a lovely time to honor our mother’s. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about the history of Mother’s Day.

My mother, Judy, passed in 2014 and, like many of you who no longer have our mothers around, I miss her daily and think of her often. In the last year of my mother’s life, we always said goodbye with a kiss and a hug and the words “I love you.” She began to answer back “I loved you first!” These are words I had not heard from her before. “I loved you first” fits though as I thought about it. She did know me first, she did carry me around for 9 months.

One time when I went to visit her at the nursing home, I found her in her usual spot at the aviary (indoor bird cage). She was always fascinated by nature and ducks, birds, etc. My mom and I had never really shared or talked

much about God. But on this occasion I thought I would read some devotions to her and pray.

As she rocked with her eyes closed, I would read some Scripture and she would hum back to me and mumble words like “That’s right; that’s right!” She was enjoying my reading to her while she rocked in her chair, halfway awake. I then said to her “You know, Mom, God loved you

first! God loved you first!”

And my mom kept rocking her chair saying “That’s right; that’s right. I know honey; I know!” She passed a few weeks after this event. God loved you first my friend, and God in Christ loves us first, last and always. Happy Mother’s Day!



## Courting Justice

Speedway’s very own Pastor Bere Gil Soto was featured on the Center for Congregations Podcast. She discusses the unique challenges and opportunities of leading multi-cultural and multi-lingual congregations. Just click [HERE](#) to listen!



## Readings for May 2021

### May 2: 5th Sunday of Easter

- *1st Reading:* Acts 8:26-40
- *Psalm:* Psalm 22:25-31
- *2nd Reading:* 1 John 4:7-21
- *Gospel:* John 15:1-8

### May 23: Day of Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Acts 2:1-21
- *Psalm:* Psalm 104:24:34, 35b
- *2nd Reading:* Romans 8:22-27
- *Gospel:* John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter

- *1st Reading:* Acts 10:44-48
- *Psalm:* Psalm 98
- *2nd Reading:* 1 John 5:1-6
- *Gospel:* John 15:9-17

### May 30: The Holy Trinity

- *1st Reading:* Isaiah 6:1-8
- *Psalm:* Psalm 29
- *2nd Reading:* Romans 8:12-17
- *Gospel:* John 3:1-17

### May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter

- *1st Reading:* Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- *Psalm:* Psalm 1
- *2nd Reading:* 1 John 5:9-13
- *Gospel:* John 17:6-19



To learn more click [HERE](#).  
If you are interested in attending virtually, please reach out to Pastor Doug.



*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”*

*John 3:16*

The 33rd Annual Assembly of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held virtually Friday, June 11 through Saturday, June 12, 2021.

## Synod Assembly registration is now open!

This year’s Synod Assembly will meet under the theme “We Are Called”.

Worship and a time of fellowship will be held on Friday evening. The Assembly itself will take place on Saturday. All sessions will take place online.

## It’s time for worship time change!

On Sunday, May 2 we will once again hold worship service at 9am. Faith Lutheran will move to 11am service on this date.

We will continue to be in-person per our [guidelines set](#). Registering for worship before Sunday will continue to be encouraged. As the weather turns warmer, we will also look towards holding worship outdoors. Please be on the look out for up-

dates about this via our website, Facebook, Instagram, and email.

Invite a friend or family member to join! Share our services using the Facebook link, Sermon link on our website, or finding us on YouTube!

If you have any questions, please reach out!

*“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”*  
*John 3:17*

## INSIGHTS FROM MR. ROGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD

Are we called to respect and encourage our neighbor?

*'Encourage each other every day.'*  
*Hebrews 3:13* *we treat others demonstrates what we believe about Jesus.*" God known author

Fred McFeely Rogers (March 20, 1928-February 27, 2003) was a television host, author, producer, and Presbyterian minister. He created Mr. Roger's Neighborhood (1968-2001). He is quoted as saying, *"I went into television because I hated it so, and I thought there's some way of using this fabulous instrument to nurture those who would watch and listen."* He proceeded to elevate the lives of any and all who participated in watching and hearing what was offered. One young person said, *"My family did not teach me to be a good citizen. If I do anything good, I learned it from watching Mr. Rogers."*

Let's consider what insights we might gain from hearing from Mr. Rogers and how it connects with our faith. Fred Rogers said: *"As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has—or*

*ever will have—something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression."*

Recently, I was walking with my granddaughter around the neighborhood where I live. She lives out in the country, and her main exposure to suburban neighborhood living takes place when she is spending the day with us. She feels free to wander on the lawns of my neighbors and I am in the process of attempting to help her learn respect for the property of others. As we were chatting, she interrupted to make note of the pretty houses with yellow flowers on their lawns. I found myself smiling at her observation and pondering the significance of the role that dandelions play in our world. We people are truly divided when it comes to dandelions. Some insist that all evidence of dandelions be eliminated from a well-manicured lawn because they are unsightly and their seed distribution encourages the growth of more

dandelions. Others see beauty in the yellow color and are aware that they are a significant resource for much needed pollinators. And one side is not well able to see the role of dandelions in the same way as the other side.

In Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, each side would be able to recognize and even encourage the other side—out of mutual respect and love. And that sounds a lot like the kind of neighborhood that Jesus longs for us to inhabit. The question I find myself asking is: what kind of neighbor am I and how can I fulfill my calling as a follower of Jesus?

*"If the whole world followed you, followed you to the letter—tell me—if it followed you, would the world be better?"* God known author



## Interested in having your very own hymnal at home?

Did you know that you can actually purchase our hymnals online? This is a great way to have access to all of the hymns we sing (ok, listen to right now) during worship.

[This link](#) allows you access to purchase the LBW, ELW

and WOV hymnals. You will also find ebooks as well. Another bonus is the availability of large print books too! Spanish versions are able to be purchased as well.

Be sure to check out the other resources you can buy or download while you are browsing Augsburg Fortress!



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## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

*Submitted by Kelli Steurer*

Can you believe that it is already May? Where has this year gone?!

The new Church Management System is making progress. Tithe.ly has information to be imported. Once we have all of that completed, you will receive more information about how to access and your role with this platform.

Don't forget that worship is moving to 9am starting this month. And with the warmer weather, we look forward to worshipping outside as we are

able! This is one of my favorite ways to worship. I feel a different connection. Do you feel it too?

I'm always on the look out for those who want to join our Tech Team—no experience needed! Or anyone who would contribute an article for our newsletter and/or social media accounts.

Remember to keep sharing and commenting on our posts. This is all important as we continue our mission of walking with our community!

As always, please [reach out](#) with any questions or concerns!



## GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS—NEW DATE

*Submitted by Suzy Henschen*

*“But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.”  
John 17:13*

asked us to do it the week after the break, when the need is greater. Wheeler has about 77%

You may recall last fall, prior to their break, we provided food to Wheeler School families. At that time we discussed doing it again prior to Spring Break. The school has

free and reduced lunch population, so we know many need our help. And we are happy to help with offering fresh food for the families! **Our new date, at the request of the school, is Thursday, May 13th.** And all of us can participate. **Can you help?** If so, please make a donation either through Tithely, putting it in the offering on Sunday, when we are worshipping in person, or by mailing a check to the church. In order to do the shopping, **we need your contribution by May 7 if possible.** That allows us to know how much we have to spend!

Additionally, you can be a volun-

teer that day. We ask that volunteers be at the school at noon that day with mask in hand. Families will remain in their cards during the distribution. We hope you can help us! If you are able to volunteer that day, please contact Karen Hill, the chairperson of the project.

⇒ 260 312-0224

⇒ [foodgal01@gmail.com](mailto:foodgal01@gmail.com)

**Be a part of Gods Work, Our Hands and help the families at Wheeler! Thank you!**

## FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY NEWS

*Submitted by Suzy Henschen*

FBS will conclude the year on May 18th with our eyes set on re-opening in person in October, our normal starting time. We are grateful that we have been able to meet on Zoom this entire year and that we were able to enjoy several drive throughs. We hope to gather in July with Messiah FBS in Brownsburg. We will also check in

on Zoom during the summer with our friends to stay in touch.

We thank all of our volunteers and members who have helped in many ways to stay in touch with our special friends. Thank you for sending cards to our friends, who love receiving mail, and for participating in our drive throughs. As you can imagine the pandemic has been especially difficult for our special friends.

We look forward to returning to the Fellowship Hall in the fall!



## FAREWELL!

*Submitted by Suzy Henschen*

Farewell to Phil Langholz and his wife as they move to Cambridge City, his wife’s home town. Phil is a longtime member of St. Andrew’s and after retirement he became a Council member and

co-chair of the Building & Grounds Committee. Phil’s positive attitude and willingness to jump in and just get the job done will be greatly missed. We wish Phil and his wife the very best in their new home. Come back and see us, Phil, and

thank you for all that you have done for St. Andrew’s!



## Mother's Day—How did this tradition begin?

*“Let your father and  
mother be glad;  
let her who bore you  
rejoice.”  
Proverbs 23:25*

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2021 will occur on Sunday, May 9. The American incarnation of Mother's Day

was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and

other gifts.

Read more [HERE](#).

Need a gift idea? Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

## Indy 500 Sunday Worship

It's that time of year again! The Indy 500 will take place on May 30 at 12:45pm. As in years past, we expect there to be some traffic. **To this end, we will again have worship service on Thursday, May 27 at 7pm.**

If you would prefer to worship

on Sunday morning, Faith Lutheran will have worship at 11am. All are welcome!



Curious to find some of the limited tickets for the race? Click [HERE](#).

Did you know the first Indy 500 was held on May 30, 1911? Read more [HERE](#).

Going to be watching from home? [HERE](#) are some food ideas.

## A history of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting

cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



Please remember those who have served that have passed in this last year:

Paul Hermerding from St. Andrew's and Jerry Curry from Faith Lutheran.

Learn more [HERE](#).

For the kiddos, click [HERE](#).

## FELLOWSHIP HALL USE REQUIREMENTS

The below requirements must be adhered to for the use of the Fellowship Hall. Any requests for use or exceptions, as outlined below, should be sent to Audra Blasdel at [audra.blasdel@gmail.com](mailto:audra.blasdel@gmail.com).

- ⇒ The Fellowship Hall is the only space available for use at this time. Groups may access other areas for the purposes of supplies, but any group activities and time spent together may only happen in the Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ There are 8 tables with 2 chairs per table (opposite sides of the table) available for use.
- ⇒ The Fellowship Hall has been set up to provide adequate social distancing and work surfaces. The tables and chairs should be kept in their locations and no other furniture should be moved.
- ⇒ Instructions and cleaning supplies will be provided for groups to wipe down areas when they are done. This can be as simple as clorox wipes with a request they do all table tops and chairs used.
- ⇒ Groups should request use at least a week ahead of time in order to provide ample time for notification and scheduling. Groups should request and have use approved prior to communicating with their groups.
- ⇒ Groups can meet for up to 1 hour, unless otherwise approved.
- ⇒ Masks will be required, regardless of vaccination status.
- ⇒ Group members will need to maintain a social distance.
- ⇒ All persons must perform a self-check before coming (download these requirements and the self-check PDF from our website by clicking [HERE](#)). Anyone who cannot clear the self-check should not come to the building.
- ⇒ Someone in the group will be required to keep attendance in case there is any need for contact tracing.
- ⇒ At this time, group usage will be for St. Andrew's and Faith Lutheran members only. Outside groups and guests are not permitted, unless advance notice is given and permission granted.
- ⇒ Groups should not plan on using the church during MJ's office hours of 10-4, T-W-Th. MJ will be notified of all groups using the Fellowship Hall, as a matter of courtesy.
- ⇒ The Fellowship Hall will not be available starting 10am on Saturday until after church service on Sunday to accommodate the building cleaning schedule.
- ⇒ The sanctuary is completely off limits. Other spaces in the building may be accessed for the purposes of obtaining supplies, materials, and equipment, but gathering should only happen in the Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ The kitchen is NOT available for use.

*Use Requirements Established as of 4.14.21*

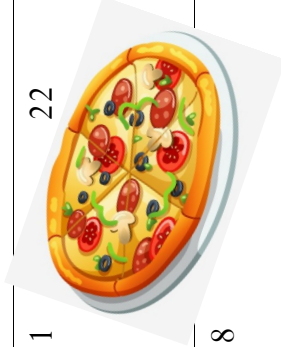
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# May 2021

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1pm Staff Mtg  
4:30pm L&F  
7pm FBS

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9am Worship  
11am Fellowship  
7pm Faith Formation

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1pm Staff Meeting  
7pm FBS

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Mother's Day  
9am Worship  
11am Fellowship  
7pm Faith Formation

Newsletter Article.  
Due to Kelli

12pm Wheeler  
Food Project



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1pm Staff Meeting  
4:30pm L&F  
7pm FBS

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9am Worship  
11am Fellowship  
7pm Faith Formation

6pm Council

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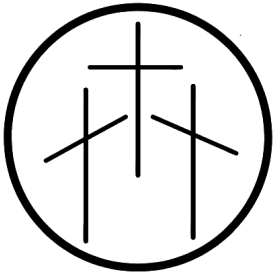
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11am Fellowship  
11am Worship at Faith  
7pm Faith Formation

Remember to watch the **color code system for Marion County**. We will continue with in-person worship unless we are red. Also, don't forget that we go to 9am worship beginning in May!





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**Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus and walk with our community.**

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