

The Weekly 05.06.12

☞ **I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.**

John 15:15b (NIV)

☞ **Understanding Jesus: Our True Friend**

John 15:9-17

Pastor Marty Strohschein



☞ **Readings for Next Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

☞ **For Reflection before Worship**

Yes, since you, O Jesus, live, I have in you a faithful and constant friend. You will provide for me while I live, sustain me while I suffer, protect me from my enemies, gladden me in affliction, refresh me in my dying hour, keep me while in the grave, and finally receive me to glory and adorn me with the crown of life, which you have promised to me.

Johann Starck in *Starck's Prayer Book*.

☞ **Welcome Guests! Here is what's going on at Living Water:**

- For general information, such as our nursery during the service and our communion practice, please see the back of the The Weekly.
- **Happy Mother's Day!** To express our appreciation for mom's on Mother's Day, everyone is invited to a complimentary brunch after the service, catered by Millstone Café. We also have a photographer on hand to take family pictures at no cost to you. Pictures will be taken before and after the service in the North classroom building.
- **May 20 – Last Sunday of Growth Hour before Summer.**
- **May 27** - Each month on the 4th Sunday we offer a traditional Christian-Lutheran worship service. We will do our best to explain the meaning behind the service so that you can be spiritually enriched even if you aren't familiar with it.
- **June 11-15 – Vacation Bible School!** Learn more and register your children at our website, www.livingwateraz.org.

☞ **Sermon Series: Understanding Jesus.** Today we focus on John 15:9-17, with the theme, "Jesus, Our True Friend."

☞ **Would you like to hear what help God's Word gives for parents?** If so, you're invited to the adult Growth Hour class after the service next Sunday, May 20! We will discuss specific parenting goals for each stage of development, as well as how to use biblical methods of parenting to achieve those goals. Even if your children are almost or already on their own, please join us! Not only because parenting challenges don't end when kids move out, but because you've been in the trenches and can encourage parents who are where you have been. This class meets in the gym from 10:30-11:30am and is led by Pastor Marty. If you're wondering what your kids can do during class, we also have classes during Growth Hour for elementary, Jr. and Sr. High Youth, as well as a nursery for the little ones. In other words, your kids will have a great opportunity to grow in God's Word with people their age while you do the same!

☞ **Growth Hour Classes NEXT WEEK after the Service (10:30-11:30am):** The theme for Growth Hour this year (Fall 11 – Spring 12) is "Home Grown Faith".

- **Adult Class:** Led by Pastor Marty on Proverbs and parenting (meeting in the gym)
- **Jr. & Sr. High Youth:** (6-12th grade) Led by Kathy Choitz on the book of Proverbs (north classroom building)
- **Promise Land:** (K-5th grade) led by Amanda Strohschein and Holly Miles (north classroom building)
- **Nursery:** (Preschool and under) led by rotating volunteers (north classroom building)

☞ **About Holy Communion:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as he says, not only bread and wine, but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table baptized Christians who trust his words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. If you share our confession of faith, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. All who have not yet received communion instruction are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, or to remain where you are and use this as a time for reflection, song or prayer. Guests who have questions about communion are encouraged to speak with Pastor Marty.

5-6-12 Attendance: 53 Giving: \$2781

Set-up 5-20-12 7:15 am Tricka, Grabau, Kris