

The Holy Helper
EBEN-EZER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eben-Ezer Lutheran Church – May 2018 Newsletter

Ministry Message: Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God. (NRSV)

Jesus’ final command to his disciples before ascending into heaven was “that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem (Luke 24:47). This is Jesus’ commission given to his disciples in the Gospel of Luke. After Jesus gave this commission to his disciples, he led them out of Jerusalem and then he ascended into heaven.

And the disciples returned to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit, 10 days later, on the Day of Pentecost. When they had received the Holy Spirit, they burst forth into the city, proclaiming Jesus crucified and resurrected to new life. And the message of good news which they had for all people was that Jesus offered that new life to all who were baptized and believed in him as their Lord and as their Savior. This was, indeed, good news for a hurting world.

And this is the good news which we are called to share with all the world also. As the Church, the people of God in this world, our commission is to proclaim Christ crucified and resurrected so that all people may know the love and forgiveness of God. Christ has sacrificed himself for the sins of all people so that we may have life with God. This is the great and gracious message that we are to share with all people.

On Thursday, May 10 we will celebrate Ascension Day at Eben-Ezer Lutheran. We will gather for an outdoor worship service at 7:00 pm as we remember Christ’s ascension into heaven and our call to share the good news of his love and forgiveness for all people. I hope that you will join us for that service of worship and praise of Christ. And afterwards, we will gather for an ice cream social as we celebrate our call to be the people of God who are privileged to share this great and glorious message of salvation.

Peace,

Pastor Ken

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL, THURSDAY, MAY 10 AT 7:00 PM.

Please join us for worship on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm as we remember Christ's ascension into heaven and his promise to return again in glory. We will have an outdoor service (weather permitting) followed by an Ice Cream Social. Please bring your lawn chairs, dress casually and invite your friends and neighbors!

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI DRIVE THRU DINNER – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and helped prepare and serve the meal. It was a great success and we really appreciate all of your support. The proceeds of the meal will help send our High School youth and Adult Sponsors to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston on June 27-July 1 this summer. Thank You!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN HOUSTON: THURSDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 17-19

Synod Assembly is May 17-19 in Houston. We need 2 lay voting members from Eben-Ezer to attend. This is an important event in which we must participate. Let Pastor Ken know if you are interested in attending.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING STOCKHOLDER'S FUNDRAISER BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 6

Everyone is invited to make a donation toward sending our High School Youth and Adult Sponsors to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Donations of any amount will be accepted before and after worship for four Sundays, beginning on May 6. For your donation you will receive a Stockholder's Certificate and hear all about the trip at a special event later in the summer. Thank you for your support!



MOTHER'S DAY ~ MAY 13th

Reception to Honor Mothers
Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.



Congratulations to BHS Graduates

Payton Hauerland * Noah Huston * Alyssa Talamantez



Immanuel Lutheran Church is making plans for Vacation Bible School to be held in June....and we are invited! Additional information will be in the June newsletter and in the Sunday morning announcements.

Thank You

To Our Church Family,

Thank You so much for everything you did for us during our time of loss. Your prayers, text messages, love and support was appreciated more than you will ever know. You have made an awful time in our life more bearable. Pastor Ken, thank you for your hospital visits and prayers. Funeral Group 4, thank you for preparing and serving our fellowship after the memorial service. We truly appreciate what a wonderful Church Family we have.

Mark, Debbie,
J.C., Tara & family,
and Layton Knipstein

Thank You to all who provided meals and desserts for the Wednesday Evening Lent Services and Maundy Thursday. All money raised thru free-will donations will be used to send the Confirmation students to Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill in July.

Easter Sunday: Easter Breakfast was a huge success! Thank You to everyone who donated and/or cooked the food. Thank You to those who stayed to clean-up afterwards. All money raised thru free-will donations will be used to send our Youth to the National Youth Gathering in Houston.

Thank You to everyone who donated candy and plastic eggs for the children's annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had lots of children who enjoyed looking for all the candy!

Thank You to everyone, especially Martha and Maxwell Weidner, who worked very hard cleaning out the flowerbeds and planting all the new plants and flowers. The new flowerbeds are beautiful!

May Celebrations and Special Occasions

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

5th	Noah Vasquez
9th	Payton Hauerland
10th	Cookie Loesch
12th	Wanda Kramer
12th	Annell Meyer
13th	Clifton Green
19th	Lou Mae Neumann
19th	Jessica Schwartz
20th	Pat Schwartz
24th	Kailyn Cole
24th	Christina Wiesepape
25th	Lena Ruemke
25th	C J Wallace
26th	Matthew Danesi
28th	Dorothy Vogler
29th	Taylor Goerlitz

BIRTHDAYS

1st	Michael Brister
7th	Janice Steinfeld
10th	Layton Knipstein
10th	Trey Meyer
11th	Jamie Ahrens
14th	Betty Goerlitz
16th	Martin Gessner Jr
23rd	Mischelle Schwartz
24th	Christina Wiesepape
24th	Shelby Wiesepape
25th	Herman Ahrens
26th	Shawna Goerlitz
27th	Brady Griffin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4th	Jake & Pauline Jacobs	16 years
8th	Harold & Ida Mae Weidner	58 years
13th	Troy & Tracy Draehn	23 years
16th	Dan & Dot Borchgardt	53 years
23rd	Carl & JoAnne Hynes	26 years
28th	David & Doris Roehling	57 years
31st	Troy & Melissa Grimm	15 years



Remember In Prayer

Our Members

Joyce Ahrens
Sheila Bradshaw - High Hope Care Center
Tracy Draehn

Woodville Felscher
Ann Franke
Betty Goerlitz
Albert Green
Cookie Grimm
Bernice Hanath
Jamie Haws
David Hohlt
Dorothy Hohlt
Wanda Meier
Clarence Steinfeld
Debora Talamantez
Dorothy Vogler

Friends of The Congregation

Jennifer Baker
Eric Baranowski
Marchel Brennan
Ruth Brister
Susan Broesche
Nichole Carr
Coy Cass
Mary Cass
Judi Cole
Sterling Crabtree
Pastor Bill Derrick
David Draehn
Elaine Duron
Sam Engman
Carol Fenton
Laura Fiesler
Archie Gandy
Beryl Glessing
Arvin Gresham
Verlin Grimm
Patrick Harper
Mattie Haynes

Ryan Hegefeld
Gene Hermann
Jeremy Higgs
Betty Hohlt
Lena Jacks
Gilbert Janner
Leslie Kelm
Ora Nell Kuretsch
McKenzie Lasagna
Harold Lanford
Tara Limmer
Eddy Longhofer
Cindy Lyles
Elizabeth Meinholdt
Grant Milton
Jennifer Moore
Arlin Naegeli
Jay Neumann
Lisa Paholek
Sue Perry
De'tasia Phillips
Wes Phillips

Ralph Poehlmann
Mike Pope
Lana Powell
Macee Prause
Sharon Preuss
David Reimer
Joyce Schaefer
Amanda Sebastian
Kyree Koehne Shaver
Bobby Smith
Hannah Smith
Carol Sorelle
Jim Sorelle
Sherri Stegent
Melissa Stokes
Connie Talamantez
David Talamantez
Jimmy Tiemann
Gene Urban
Mary Winkelmann
Glenda Wise

Serving in The Military

Steven Burgoon - nephew of Scott & Sara Gresham
Justin Hawkins - husband of Kristin Hawkins and son-in-law of Linda Koonce
Lindsey Thiele - daughter of Larry Grebe



HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Please remember to bring canned goods for
Bread Partners of Washington County