



The Messenger

June 2026



Join The Plot

What is the Pollinator Project?

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod in 2023 committed to becoming a Pollinator Synod, with the goal of creating pollinator friendly habitat (pollinator plots) on church and camp grounds and elsewhere, and of serving to pollinate the care of creation throughout the synod. Congregations participate in the synod-wide pollinator plot by developing their own pollinator plot. By doing so, they can be designated as Pollinator Sanctuaries.

So, what is a pollinator plot?

A "pollinator plot"



- is a dedicated area of land planted with a mix of native wildflowers and grasses
- is specifically designed to attract and support pollinators like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds
- provides a continuous food source throughout the growing season by including plants that bloom in spring, summer and fall
- is free of chemicals, insecticides and commercial synthetic products
- has a diverse population of plants to appeal to insects who may have specific needs. Monarch butterflies need milkweed; rusty patch bumblebees need goldenrods and/or mint.
- has no plants or seeds that have been treated with pesticides including chemicals such as neonicotinoids
- is left intact throughout the winter to provide shelter for nesting insects and food for birds



What's next?

Now, thanks to the efforts of Sophia Krikava and Peggy DeCaigny, a matching grant has been secured for Our Savior's to **Join The Plot!** We will join 53 other congregations in the NEMN Syond by providing sanctuary for God's pollinators. To kick off the effort, we will have a special worship service on Sunday, June 7, 2026. We will also bless the plot that day. Donations for the Plot's development can be brought to the office or dropped into the offering plate (please clearly designate donations for "pollinator plot").

Let us pray

God, our Provider, We praise you for pollinators, bringing food to our tables - birds, bats, beetles, their flowering, fruiting, and feeding of this patched and yellow-banded bumble bees. Bless and health of this land. Bless the web of life, our our giving and receiving. Amen.

prayer written Wendy Janzen



for the many beings who are indispensable in butterflies and bees...Bless native plants-ecosystem. Bless species at risk: rusty-our attempts to partner in the restoration deep connections, our interdependence,

Pastor Luke



Need some help with some small projects around the house?
Let the new ministry here at OSLC help with things like:

- minor painting
- light bulb replacement
- air filters change
- small plumbing jobs
- simple carpentry
- electrical (replace fuses, change wall outlets or light switch)
- yard work
- replace batteries in clocks, smoke detectors or CO monitors

A designated fund has been established to support this ministry. To support it, send a check or cash to Our Savior's with the designation "Our Savior's Handyman Group" in the memo line for a check or with a note for cash. Also consider this as a place to designate memorial funds.

If you have a work request, call or text Duane Buytaert at 218-576-9467.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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FOR RENT

GREAT SPACE AVAILABLE! 2,865 Sq Ft R-2 Zoned

Now seeking interested person(s) to rent the former preschool space AND/OR the Classrooms located in the Horizon Hall.

Area available may be rented in full or as 2 separate units.



Want more info? Contact: Church Office Sue Stahl

Jill Elwood Kathy Rye Sarah Klyve Shannon Matzdorf



Radio Broadcasts for June 2026

- 06/07 Linda Holmstrand in memory of Ken Holmstrand's birthday 6-6
- 06/14 The Hecht Family in celebration of all those baptized and confirmed with special love from Lisa, Krista, and Karin!
- 06/21 Jane Oswald in honor of my birthday!
- 06/28 Sherri Waller in memory of Don Waller



OSLC is planning already for September 20, 2026 and our participation in God's Work, Our Hands projects and we'd like to start collecting donations now and through the summer to help our neighbors.

If you are able to help us out, for the month of June we will be collecting baby care items for ages 3 months to 24 months:

- Sleepers
- Socks
- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Sweaters
- Receiving Blankets

Summer is a GREAT time to find these items at rummage sales!

These items can be brought to the church office.

Thank you!

Haiti Update

We continue receiving support from our local area, including CMH and the Medicine Shoppe. All donations and discounts are valuable! If you have medical supplies, particularly wound care supplies, that you are no longer needing, consider donating them to MMM.

Currently we are sorting and packing supplies for the next shipment to Sante' 2000. We expect to send our next shipment to Dr. Manno by the end of May. The clinic is telling us that in addition to the constant need for diabetic wound supplies, they typically use between 50-60 glucose test strips per day with their diabetic patients. So test strips are on the high priority list for shipment.

Thanks again for your continued support for the Haiti mission. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated!

Thanks so very much from the Ministry in Medical Mission!

Mary Krohn for Ministry in Medical Mission
 Want to add your support for Haiti?
 Scan here and donate through Vanco: -->



PLAN TO ATTEND

VBS MEGA SPORTS CAMP

Register for Vacation Bible School
 June 22-25
 8:30a to 12:30p
 Our Savior's Lutheran Church
 Cloquet, MN

ATHLETES PRE-K THRU 4TH GRADE!

Register here!

Lunch and Snack included!
 Questions: Contact OSLC Office
 218-879-1535



Welcome Bishop-Elect Montgomery!

The Reverend Taryn Montgomery was elected April 25, 2026 at the synod assembly held at the Breezy Point Resort, to serve a six year term as bishop of the Northeast Minnesota Synod of the ELCA effective August 1, 2026.

Some background about the bishop elect:

- The bishop elect has served as synod minister since 2023.
- Reverend Montgomery previously served as hospice chaplain at Ecumen Lakeshore senior living in Duluth from 2021 to 2023.
- Pastor of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church in Center City, Minnesota, from 2018 to 2021.
- Pastor of Bread of Life Lutheran Church in Minot, North Dakota from 2011 to 2018.

The installation service will be held Saturday, September 12, 2026 with time and location details to come.



Bishop Amy Odgren (left) and Bishop-Elect Taryn Montgomery (right)

AUGUST 21-22, 2026 OSU Rummage Sale

SAVE THE DATE! JOIN THE FUN!

Items **NOT ACCEPTED**
for the 2026 sale:

- TVs
- Playpens
- Cribs
- Car Seats
- Stuffed Animals
- For any large items you will need permission PRIOR to dropping off
- Computers / Electronics
- Helmets
- Encyclopedias / Textbooks
- Large Furniture

Bring in your good/working condition items. New or GENTLY used will do!

Sale Setup:
August 19-20
VOLUNTEERS Needed!

Questions?
Contact
Sue Stahl
218
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7356

Drop off Donations AFTER
August 5, 2026
to Room #18 off Door #3

Bee kind support the pollinator plot

We thank you
for prayers
and all of you
sharing your
Faith with us.
God Bless,
Rae & Judy

Congregation Council Minutes 05/19/2026

Present: Brad Browers (Worship, Arts and Music), Bob DeCaigny (Secretary), Jill Elwood (Youth), Roxanne Frederick (Christian Education via Zoom), Connor Hecht (Past President), Lisa Hecht (Stewardship), Linda Holmstrand (Fellowship and WELCA), Kobe Kadelbach (Vice President), Sarah Klyve (President), Pastor Luke Lekander (via Zoom), Shannon Matzdorf (Welcome), Kathy Rye (Palanca Mutual Ministry and Church in Society), Marty Rye (Properties), Deb Templeton (Treasurer)

Unable to attend: NHCP

1. Welcome and Sharing of Highs and Lows: As an alternative, each member shared their favorite thing about spring.

2. Devotion and Opening Prayer: Welcome (Shannon) – Centered on Hebrews 13:15-16. Bob distributed the devotion schedule, noted a previous incorrect schedule was sent with the agenda and the correct schedule will be sent electronically with next month's meeting agenda.

3. Approval of May 19, 2026 agenda: The agenda was amended with addition of New Business item b. Pollinator plot location approval and c. Handbell Choir Director hiring. Jill made a motion and Connor seconded to approve the agenda as amended, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes were approved via email.

5. Treasurer's Report/ Financials

- Deb provided the following information from Bruce's report: for April income was \$23,766 compared to our budget of \$25,038 (\$1,272 below plan) and expenses were \$23,316 compared to our budget of \$21,929 (\$1,387 over plan) for a loss of \$2,659. Year-to-date 2026 is \$786 ahead of plan. Exceptions noted for April: Easter giving was \$1,000 short of plan and snowplowing for the winter of '25 – '26 was \$2,000 over plan.

6. Pastor's Report

- We wrapped up confirmation until the fall. It was a good year. I may alter our post-Easter gatherings going forward due to scheduling issues. We had a productive Synod Assembly. Connor and Laec accompanied me as we elected Rev. Taryn Montgomery our new bishop. Another highlight of the assembly was the passing of a resolution to allow an additional voting member to participate if they are under 18 and confirmed. I toured the Carlton County Jail to explore potential ministries we can do there. Feel free to ask me about the tour, there are some good things happening there. I led the monthly service at Inter-Faith Care Center. Again, I invite anyone to join me if they would like to on the first Tuesday of every month at 11 a.m. I had two visits this month and presided over two funerals.

7. Team Leader Reports

- **Christian Education:** Sunday School ended May 3rd with ice cream sundaes, activities, fun and the children sang at the service that day. Many thanks to all who helped with Sunday School! The team met May 3rd; Adult Education Bible Studies, book groups and walking at church continue. Confirmation has wrapped up for the year. VBS registrations are coming in, spread the word for June 22-25 from 8:30-12:30. Listening sessions notes were reviewed regarding the future of Sunday School. Beginning Fall 2026 Sunday school will take place during service. Watch for details in the Messenger.
 - Sunday school will take place during service.
 - Pastor Luke will move the children's sermon up and release pre-k through grade 6 so they will be out for remainder of service.
 - Pastor will offer communion to those participating in Sunday School after service.
 - The nursery will be open for infant – age 4. Nursery attendants are needed. If we do not have volunteers, this may need to be a paid attendant. This is needed as we have more growing, younger families in our church.
 - The third Sunday of the month our service will be a "family service" where ALL children will be actively taking part to include greeting, reading, helping with communion, singing, etc. Age-appropriate children's bulletins will be given out. There will be no Sunday School on this Sunday, and the nursery will only be open to infant – age 4.
 - Music for Sunday School will take place at end of Sunday School hour.
 - We will need six – eight teachers each Sunday (possible classes; pre-k, grades 1- 3 & 4-6).
 - We will be promoting the above throughout summer and requesting teachers/volunteers to make this change happen.
 - Dates to remember: Rally Sunday: Sept 13 | Family Service: Sept 20 | 1st day of Sunday School: Sept 27
- **Church Properties:** Church cleanup May 30th, start at 8 a.m. Thanks to Randy Stahl and Conrad Kiehn for volunteering to cut grass this summer. Thanks to Joe Randall for replacing a bad thermocouple in the oven.
- **Palanca Mutual Ministry:** We have officially changed our name. We have 8 members and Pastor Luke. Juli Latner and Roy Ober joined our team. Looking for one more member. We meet on Wednesdays at 5:30. Along with prayers and devotions and pastoral support we are exploring what mutual ministry means. Currently, we remain open to feedback on how our congregation and Pastor Luke are doing. Pray ceaselessly.
- **Welcome:** Provided My Mother's Day perks of candy bars at the service on May 10th.

7. Team Leader Reports - continued

- Fellowship: At the May meeting, we welcomed Cindy Raun and Sue Stahl as new members. Preliminary plans were made for the picnic Wednesday July 29th at 5:30 p.m. We plan to serve Sunday coffee after services throughout the summer, discussed possible ways to encourage volunteers to donate treats and to help serve. The team will not meet in June.
- NHCP: No report
- Stewardship Team: Working with Kristen on a postcard mailing which will go out with reminders of the church's summer events: VBS, church picnic, rummage sale, etc. and encouragement to be sustaining givers, especially through the summer. We have decided to once again organize a "free will offering" rummage sale in August with a discussion of funds designation, e.g., half to a local charity/half to general fund. We will look for opportunities to encourage steady giving through the summer months to avoid the "summer slump."
- Worship, Arts & Music: The music teams have wrapped up their performances until September. The team is excited to have a new handbell director, Regina Roemhildt, starting immediately. The Handbell Choir is planning to have their first performance under Regina's direction on Rally Sunday in September. Our Savior's will be hosting the New Wine group on May 31st for a portion of the Sunday morning service.
- Youth Ministry: The Middle School Youth Group wrapped up the year on May 6th by going to the Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Duluth, 19 kids attended, which included two from Confirmation. All 8th graders received a pocket prayer cross and inspirational card from the adult leaders. These ten kids are still hoping that we can start a Sr. High Youth Group in the Fall. Numerous Middle Schoolers said that they will return, and we have heard of a few future 5th graders intending to join as well. The success of youth ministry at Our Savior's depends on the adults who lead and help every week. **We need an adult, or two, that would guide our Sr. High Youth. Please prayerfully consider this ministry - it is very rewarding and fun! If you have any questions, please contact Jill Elwood or Pastor Luke.
- WELCA: Nothing new to report.
- Church in Society: We welcome Katy Buytaert and Sophia Krikava to the Team. Our next meeting is May 20th at 6:30 to discuss the pollinator garden, the blanket exercise, and to look at other needs in the community.

8. Old Business

- Community of Hope: Dinners during the summer are being discussed.
- New Horizons committee findings: report to CAT next month.
- Painting the Narthex paneling: Some people have expressed interest in serving on a committee to research painting the Narthex paneling and do some touch up staining of wood surfaces to freshen up the area. An invitation will be extended to the Congregation for others to join the committee. Andy Elias will provide an additional quote to include new ideas suggested.
- Network server and internet: The network server has been cutting out. Brad performed a major software and minor hardware updates to keep the system operable. For internet, our provider Air Fiber, will no longer be available May 31. Starlink will be the provider going forward.

9. New Business

- Narrative budget feedback: Mary Krohn was requesting feedback to determine if another edition should be created. The Council endorses doing so. The feedback individual members have received has been positive.
- Pollinator plot location approval: These have been done in 53 other congregations. The plot will be managed by Church in Society. Marty requested there be no 90* turns for grass mowing. The plot is currently flagged south of the preschool playground. The area will be rototilled, covered with plastic for summer and planted this fall.
- Handbell choir director hiring: Brad recommends hiring Regina Roemhildt to replace Roni Dinwiddie as Handbell Choir Director since Roni has resigned. Regina has a long history of 40+ years in music education and directing choirs at multiple locations. Compensation would be \$46.58/rehearsal and \$43.48/service or performance. Brad communicated to Regina that the group rehearses once a week and performs once a month during the "school year" between September and May but left it open for her to decide upon a rehearsal and performance schedule that was agreeable between her and the Handbell Choir, should they like to perform more often. Jill made a motion and Lisa seconded to recommend to the Congregation Council to approve hiring Regina Roemhildt as the Handbell Choir Director with the terms stated directly above.

10. **Action item review**: The list was reviewed and updated as needed.

11. **Next Meeting June 16, 2026, 6:30 p.m.:** Devotion and opening prayer--Kobe Kadelbach

12. **Closing Prayer**: The Lord's Prayer

12. **Adjournment**: Connor made a motion and Deb seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., the motion carried unanimously.

Our Savior's Lutheran

Church Picnic

Wednesday
July 29, 2026 | 5-7pm

Free Family-Fun Event!

Food!

Music!

Activities!

All Are Welcome!

FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

The first Sunday of the month is designated as Food Shelf Sunday.

Monetary gifts collected help BOTH



Second Harvest and Cloquet Salvation Army.



Every \$1 donated ensures 3 meals for families, children, and seniors in need.

THANK YOU!

Let's share our blessings.
Thank you from Katie Nisula,
Irene Rudnicki, and Jen Behrens

Contributions
04-27-2026 to 05-24-2026

\$479.00

June Volunteers



Altar Guild

- 06/07 9:30 Linda Boyd
- 06/14 9:30 Sherri Waller
- 06/21 9:30 Linda Boyd
- 06/28 9:30 Rob Macaulay

Communion Servers (Palanca Mutual Ministry):

- 06/07 9:30 Cindy Haglin, Dean Haglin, Linda Holmstrand
- 06/14 9:30 Sherri Waller, Linda Jankowski, Curt Nelson
- 06/21 9:30 Duane Buytaert, Denny Painter, Roy Ober
- 06/28 9:30 Kathy Rye, Denise Mykkanen, Rob Macaulay

Readers

- 06/07 9:30 Becky Anderson
- 06/14 9:30 Rich Krikava
- 06/21 9:30 Ann and Evie Lindner
- 06/28 9:30 Keith Matzdorf

Ushers

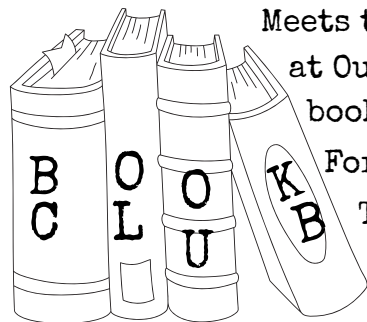
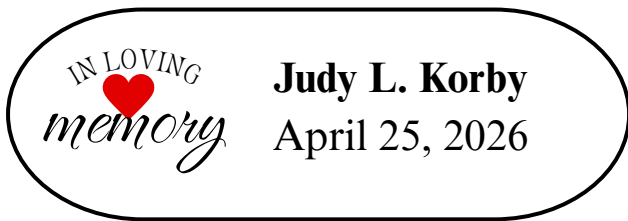
- 06/07 9:30 Hagen Family
- 06/14 9:30 Randall Family
- 06/21 9:30 Matzdorf Family
- 06/28 9:30 Jim and Linda Boyd, Sherri Waller

Sound Board Operators

- 06/07 9:30 **HEAR NEED VOLUNTEER!**
- 06/14 9:30 Terry and Sue Nanti
- 06/21 9:30 **HEAR NEED VOLUNTEER!**
- 06/28 9:30 Randy and Amy Stahl

Video Booth Operator / Video Editor

- 06/07 9:30 **NEED OPERATOR / NEED EDITOR**
- 06/14 9:30 **NEED OPERATOR / NEED EDITOR**
- 06/21 9:30 **NEED OPERATOR / NEED EDITOR**
- 06/28 9:30 Bruce Larson / **NEED EDITOR**



Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm

at Our Savior's in the Fireside room to discuss various books of interest for both men and women.

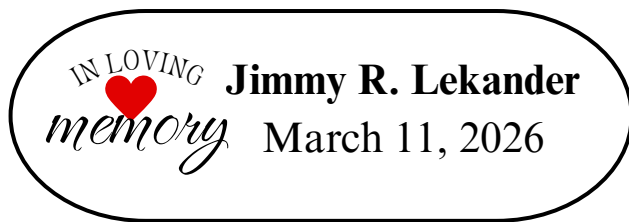
For more information contact Jan Larson or Mary Krohn.

The June book is "Growing an Inch" by Stanley Gordon West.

The July book is "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

| | <u>April 26 Budget</u> | <u>April 26 Actual</u> | <u>YTD 2026 Budget</u> | <u>YTD 2026 Actual</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Income | 25,038 | 23,766 | 88,588 | 90,457 |
| Expenses | 21,929 | 23,316 | 91,153 | 92,236 |
| 2026 Net Income | 3,110 | 450 | (2,564) | (1,779) |
| 2025 Net Income | 4,710 | 6,697 | (4,210) | 3,072 |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> | <u>Offering Needed</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| May 3 | 121 | 7,817 | 3,915 |
| May 10 | 109 | 3,872 | 3,915 |
| May 17 | 111 | 4,807 | 3,915 |
| May 24 | 62 | 719 | 3,915 |
| Totals | 403 | 17,215 | 15,660 |





Gifts & Memorials:

- Carolyn Watson in memory of Jimmy Lekander-Pastor Luke's father-to Gifts and Memorials
- Jane Oswald in memory of Judy Korby to the New Roof Fund
- Linda Holmstrand in celebration of Ray and Judy Wiles' 50th Anniversary!
- Steve Korby and Jan Salo-Korby in honor and memory of Judy Korby to Gifts and Memorials
- Jim and Linda Boyd in memory of Greg Vadnais-Chuck Vadnais' son to Gifts and Memorials
- Linda Holmstrand in memory of Jimmy Lekander-Pastor Luke's father to Gifts and Memorials
- Robert and Peggy DeCaigny in memory of Judy Korby to Gifts and Memorials

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 Become a sustainer the easy way by signing up to use Vanco today.

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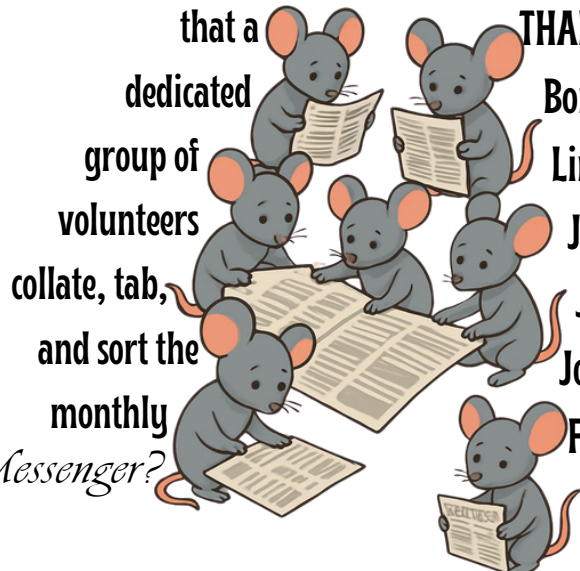
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Did you know...


that a dedicated group of volunteers collate, tab, and sort the monthly Messenger?

THANK YOU,
 Bonnie C.,
 Linda E.,
 Joyce J.,
 Julie L.,
 Joe P., and
 Faith S.





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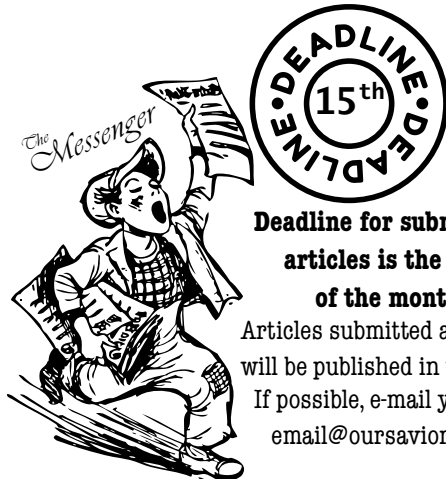
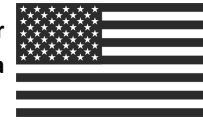
Church Website: oursaviorscloquet.org

Church Office Hours: Sat-Sun: CLOSED
 Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
 Friday: 8 am - Noon

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation that are former or current military. Please contact the Church office for any other members we may have missed or if any of these names should be removed.

Tim Schlenvogt
 Tim Larson

Erika Blesner
 River Krikava




Deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month.


Articles submitted after the 15th will be published in the next issue. If possible, e-mail your article to: email@oursaviorscloquet.org.




Join us for Worship!

In Person and on  Sundays at 9:30am

 **YouTube**
 By 3:00 pm Sundays

 **Radio**
 WKLK AM 1230
 @ 11:00am Sundays

CAT-7 Broadcast 
 2:00pm - Tuesday
 3:30pm - Wednesdays
 3:30pm - The Following Sunday
 9:00am - Monday

Please remember the following friends below not always able to join us on Sundays:

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| Mabel Clemens | Sharon Harney |
| Robert Fountain | Lyle and Candy Hultgren |
| Ray Manisto | Carol Maki |
| Joan Essen | Karen Splett |
| Carolyn Watson | Donna Redding |
| Jeanne Brenna | |

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May 2026

Upcoming Events!

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See all the colors; zoom in for easy reading.
Let the office you'd like to be added to the email list. You can even get the PRINT and the E-Version!

