



WCC UPDATE

MAY, 2021

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WORSHIP, SERVICE & SHARING LIFE

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 6TH

We encourage you to join with Christians across our nation on this day to pray for our country, needs of our congregation, and personal prayers. The church will be open from 9 am - 2:30 pm. Swing by the church anytime during that period to pray. We will also be live-streaming the sanctuary so you can join virtually if you would like to do so.

CHURCH WORKDAY ON MAY 8TH AT 9:00 AM

It's time for Spring Cleaning and we will need your help as we spruce up our building and grounds. There will surely be plenty of jobs to be done. Please plan to join us as we work together.

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 9TH

"The phrase 'working mother' is redundant." – Jane Sellman. We look forward to honoring mothers on this special day.

JOIN US AT THE SPAGHETTI FACTORY!

The Kids' Ministry invites everyone to join them for lunch at 11:30 am at the Spaghetti Factory (92nd and Sheridan). Please RSVP by turning in the form in Sunday's bulletin or by calling the church. We hope you can join the fun!

MAY 23RD IS PENTECOST

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:1-4, NRSV).

As we celebrate the Church's birthday, we pray that the Holy Spirit may empower us and unify us so that we are truly "one in Christ."

FIRST STEPS TO MEET ON MAY 23RD

For those of you who are newer to our church we invite you to “First Steps.” Pastor Matt will lead this informal discussion group to answer your questions about our church: who we are, what we believe, what baptism is all about, and any other questions at all any one may have. Please use the sign up form in Sunday’s worship bulletin to RSVP.

GRADUATION SUNDAY IS MAY 23RD

Are you graduating this year? Please let us know of anyone who will be graduating from high school, college, or a graduate/doctoral programs will be honored during the worship service.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY WILL BE MAY 30TH

We will take time to remember those our community has lost in the past year. Please let us know if there is someone special that you would like for us to remember.

This will be the first of two special Sundays. The other will be on June 6th – New Beginning Sunday. Please see Pastor Matt’s letter on the following page for more information.

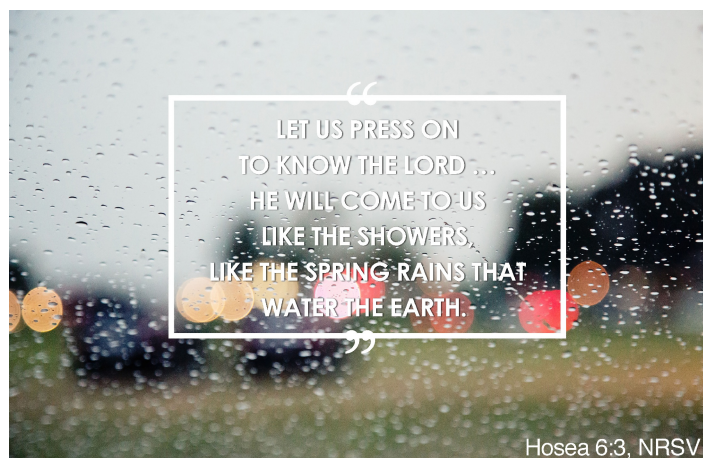
SCRIPTURE READING FOR MAY

Check out the list below if you would like to read the scriptures before each Sunday’s sermon:

- May 2: Luke 20
 - May 9: Luke 24
 - May 16: Acts 1
 - May 23: Acts 2
 - May 30: Acts 3
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COMPASSION SUNDAY

Our annual Compassion International emphasis was this past Sunday. There are still a few child packets available. If you would like to sponsor a child call the church office or pick up a packet this Sunday.



FROM THE PASTOR.....

To My Church Family,

On Easter Sunday, I spoke about the undeniable power, the unparalleled possibility, and the unimaginable promise of new life that the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, offers to us—new life that’s available to us, not just when we die, but here and now in the present as well. In the latter portion of May, we will begin a study of the book of Acts and will have an in-depth look at what the power, possibility, and promise of new life entails!

Our study of Acts will begin on May 16. Then on the following week, May 23, we will be reading Acts 2 and talking about Pentecost, the day the Church was born and the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to Jesus’ disciples. But get this: May 23 happens to be Pentecost Sunday. That means we’ll be learning about the very first Pentecost on Pentecost! May 23 is also the day that we’ll be inviting newer members of our community to join us to learn more about our church during our First Steps group. I honestly didn’t plan this at all! In my mind, this is a sign to all of us that God is indeed at work in our church, bringing restoration and renewal to all of our lives! I am so grateful that God gives us such tangible reminders of His grace.

Speaking of restoration and renewal, we will be hosting two very special worship services on May 30 and June 6. On May 30, Memorial Sunday, we will take time during service to acknowledge and lament all of the loss that our community has experienced over the course of the past year. The loss of life. The loss of normalcy. The loss of peace. But then, on June 6, we will gather for what we are calling New Beginning Sunday. It will be a service designed to help us all remember that God is in the business of fresh starts—that even though we have lost much in the past, God offers us the power, possibility, and promise of new life for both the present and the future. I hope you all can join us for New Beginning Sunday, especially those of you who are fully vaccinated and haven’t had the opportunity to rejoin us for in-person worship yet!

In Christ,

Matt Stiveson

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV).