

VBS presents a Mighty Fortress

Yes! It's time to start preparing for VBS again! This year is extra special because we will be celebrating Martin Luther and 500 years of The Reformation. Our theme is "Mighty Fortress", In Jesus, the Victory is Won!

VBS is scheduled for July 17th to the 21st, which gives us time to plan a great week for our children. As usual, we will need VOLUNTEERS for VBS to be a success. Bonus! This is also a great way for teens (12 and over) to get community service project credits for high school or college!

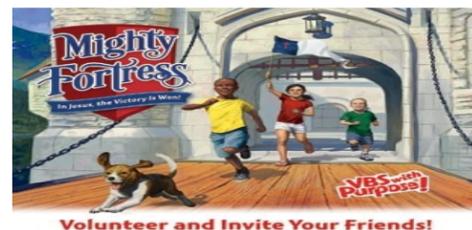
Volunteers are needed for; decorating and props (this will need to start early), teaching and singing songs, snacks, crafts, Bible Storytelling, and games. We also need team leaders to take the children to each of the rotations.

Please see either me or Amie Buel if interested!

On May 21st, Sunday School will present a VBS Preview. We will reveal our theme, "Mighty Fortress". Please attend and invite a friend.

This will also be our last Sunday School until next Fall.

God Bless you! Michelle Williams



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

Greetings All,

I hope that you are having a blessed Easter Holiday! I have recently visited the local dollar store, and found so many wonderful things for children, that I thought that it would also be an advantage to us at First Lutheran to begin to fulfill our Operation Child gift lists too.

To give you some ideas, I took several photos of items around the store: Cups with straws, flip-flops, hats, t-shirts, childrens' dishware, etc.

Please consider picking up a few items if you have the chance. If you can, please buy items in 5s or 10s. They do not have to match or be identical!

The manager told me that more flip-flops will be out the week after Easter. She also recommended that people can go to www.dollartree.com and shop online. As long as your order is shipped to the store for pick-up, shipping is free!

I will have a Christmas decorated box in the office where you may place your donations. If you have any other questions or suggestions, e-mail me at michellea.w64@gmail.com.

Blessings Always,

Michelle Williams

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Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior

Pastoral Perspectives May 2017

Christ has risen! Grace and peace to you from God the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit, amen!

Once again our church experienced a remarkable Lenten season. The midweek services at noon were welcomed with tasty made meals from our ladies of the church; I have decided not to give up pie next year for Lent so I can enjoy those homemade delicacies! The night brought forth the Compline service which is beautiful with the chanting back and forth during the service. Our Maundy Thursday and two Good Friday services were powerful and brought us to the Easter Vigil service with Zion Lutheran in Brentwood. Then on Easter Sunday morning, with a church that was filled to well over two hundred gathered, Lay Pastor Judd Lacko preached a powerful sermon on not being afraid for Christ has risen! The service continued with two new members being adopted into God the Father's family in their baptism and we celebrated with the Lord's Supper! A true day of miracles that were in God's church and all around us!

As First Lutheran continues to grow with both new members and returning members I pray that you will all journey with us as we move closer month-by-month to the 500th year anniversary celebration of Luther's actions of beginning a church that was focused only on the Word of God and the two Holy Sacraments given to us by God Himself!

Easter blessings to you and your families from Kimberly and I as we grow together more and more as a church family and church body in Christ Jesus who has risen from the dead! He has risen indeed!

Rev. Robert Grewe

2017 Confirmation Class

Nathaniel Black , Pastor Grewe & Andrew Serbak



Embracing Hope Ethiopia

Embracing Hope Ethiopia will be visiting First Lutheran Church on June 20, 2017. Pastor is hoping to invite all the Mission Districts WNALC to our church which would make it easier on the family and since both First Lutheran Church and our Mission District WNALC all support the same cause, we can work as one in this ministry.

Pastor Rob

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|------|--------------------|------|-------------------|
| 5/2 | Carlin Gerba | 5/17 | Sandra Martin |
| 5/3 | Jessica Muise | 5/18 | Robert Christian |
| 5/5 | Kathy Arlia | 5/19 | Kim Chadwick |
| 5/8 | Alfred Davidson | | Todd Shumaker |
| | Jack Metcalf | 5/20 | Laren Jobes |
| | Cathy Allinder | | Melissa Carpenter |
| 5/10 | Matthew Popovich | | Missy Cunko |
| | Klaus Behrens | 5/21 | June Jones |
| | Rexanna Quedenfeld | | Sarah Bittner |
| 5/11 | Christian Umbach | 5/23 | Keith Bassi |
| 5/12 | Ryan Allinder | 5/24 | Teresa Maust |
| 5/13 | Beverly King | 5/26 | Joshua Finney |
| | Cristina Serbak | 5/27 | Vickie Group |
| | Derek Ford | | John Sakerka |
| 5/14 | Maxwell Dragich | | Kelly Gosnell |
| 5/15 | Laura Piecknick | | Erica Pollo |
| | Jennifer McWreath | 5/28 | Casie Trabucco |
| | Helen Swank | 5/30 | Brian Gavazzi |
| | | | Justin Gavazzi |
| | | 5/31 | Marianne West |
| | | | Mark Sterrett |

Memorial for April

In Memory of: Eva Shearer

Given by: George & Emogene Salvucci

Richard & Lisa Hager

MUSIC HISTORY



Arthur Sullivan

Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan [MVO](#) (13 May 1842 – 22 November 1900) was an English composer. He is best known for his series of 14 [operatic collaborations](#) with the dramatist [W. S. Gilbert](#), including [H.M.S. Pinafore](#), [The Pirates of Penzance](#) and [The Mikado](#). His works comprise 23 operas, 13 major orchestral works, eight choral works and [oratorios](#), two ballets, [incidental music](#) to several plays, and numerous hymns and other church pieces, songs, and piano and chamber pieces. The best known of his hymns and songs include "[Onward Christian Soldiers](#)" and "[The Lost Chord](#)".

The son of a military bandmaster, Sullivan composed his first anthem at age eight. He was selected as soloist in the boys' choir of the [Chapel Royal](#). In 1856, the [Royal Academy of Music](#) awarded the first [Mendelssohn Scholarship](#) to the 14-year-old Sullivan, allowing him to study first at the Academy and then in Germany, at the [Leipzig Conservatoire](#). His graduation piece was a suite of incidental music to [Shakespeare's The Tempest](#). When it was performed in London in 1862, it was an immediate sensation. Sullivan began his composing career with a series of ambitious works, interspersed with hymns, [parlour ballads](#) and other light pieces. Among his best received early pieces were a ballet, [L'Île Enchantée](#) (1864), and his [Irish Symphony](#), [Cello Concerto](#) and [Overture in C \(In Memoriam\)](#) (all in 1866). From 1861 to 1872, he supplemented his income by working as a church organist and music teacher, and writing hymns and songs.

Mission District Summer Youth Camp July 24th-27th

St. Thomas Church grove (near Hooversville PA),1341 Ridge Road.

\$40.00 (meals included) New showers installed at facility for 2016, Tent and sleeping bag required.

July 24th – Dedication of our official Mission District NALC Camp

1st Lutheran Evangelism Report

May 2017

One individual taking a stand and influencing others happened in Scripture. Joshua said that he and his family would serve the Lord, not idols. Elijah challenged the prophets of Israel to serve God instead of Baal. And Andrew stepped out and followed Jesus, then recruited his brother, Peter. They influenced Philip who told Nathanael, and so on. It can be discouraging to be the only one ready to stand for God, especially in one's own family or circle of friends.

But you may represent the tipping point. Your stand for Christ can create a revival among those who are lukewarm. Your revival of your own spiritual life may cause others to do the same. Make a commitment to be the one----the only one if necessary. Ask God to let you be a tipping point for revival.

God Bless.

George Salvucci



WNALC

The WNALC board meeting will be held Monday, May 1 at 10:00 AM in the lounge. Please note change of day and time.

We are collecting items for gift boxes to be given to women in the abuse shelter. Items needed are tweezers, nail clippers, emery boards, Q Tips, lotion, chapstick, razors, deodorant, bath puffs, fluffy or regular socks.

We will pack boxes on Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00 AM.

You may leave items in the box in the narthex or church office. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase an items we don't collect.

A special thank you to Dennis Schmidt for supplying Gideon Bibles for each box.

Tickets for our Mother-Daughter Banquet are on sale now. Adult tickets are \$12.00, ages 6-12 are \$7.00 and 5 and under free. Tickets are available from Joyce Streator, Emogene Salvucci, Caroline Wright and Sonie Rea.

The Banquet will be held Monday, May 15th at 6:30 pm in the social room. Danny's Catering will supply the food. Always delicious!

All friends are welcome as we are grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts or cousins. Come and bring a friend to enjoy a delicious meal (we don't have to prepare) and an entertaining program.

Thank you to everyone that donated bake goods, crafts, and time to help make the vendor sale a success.

The circle meeting will be held Thursday, May 25th at noon in the social room. Hostesses will be Helen Swank and Joyce Streator. Leader will be Sonie Rea.

Thanks to God for His many blessings.

Sonie Rea

May Lay Readers

7th Sonie Rea
14th Kris Briggs
21st Karen Gavazzi
28th Ashley McCartney

May Altar Flowers

7th Eric & Heather Quedenfeld
14th Larry Sten & Olivia Lyons
21st Bridget & John
28th Judy & Joe Sarver

May Acolytes

7th Logan Williams & Andrew Serbak
14th Caroline & Rexanna Quedenfeld
21st A.J. Chadwick & Josh Hoffer
28th Brice Berry & Andrew Serbak

May Altar Team

Kelly Gosnell & Julie Tracht

May Ushers

7th K. Behrens; T. Fritz; D. Looman; E. Oliver; H. Snyder
14th J. Hoffer; C. Krcil; R. Williams; N. & L. Williams
21th C. Gosnell; J. Luketich; S. Ringer; D. Schmidt
28th T. Bernhart; E. Goga; R. Johnson; K. Oravetz; J. Ulanich