



# PARTICIPATION GUIDE

May 20 – 26, 2018

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## PRAYERS

**Request a Prayer:** Complete a HELP / PRAYER Card (available in the pews).

**Keep Our List Accurate:** All names with a (3) need to be renewed to stay on the list, so contact your people and inquire about their health; then contact the church office to renew your request. Thanks!

## Special Requests

- **Holy Spirit:** *He is with believers to teach them, guide them, and empower them, so let us listen, understand, and act!*
- **Mothers:** *Let us love them, honor them, serve them, and pray for them!*
- **In Care Facilities or At Home:** Shirley B, Doris B, Hedwig G, John & June G, Nancy H, Otto K, Eleanor K, Violet M, Marie W, Harry & Martha Z.
- **Armed Forces:** Members: James Martin; Chris Sala; Andrew Deka; Others: Warren Gellings; Nick Riviotta; Drew Tenney; Chris Weseloh.
- **Lutherans in Africa:** Pray for this week's teacher and students at the LST: Rev. Krentz (5/8-6/3).

## Members

- **Doris Bollam** (2) (breast cancer) – peace, successful treatments.
- **Janet Chilton** (3) (cancer) – comfort, successful treatments, strength.
- **Ray Dmytriw** (2) (ALS) – peace, strength, continued improvement.
- **Hedwig Giesz** (2) – pain relief, surgery – *but not until June.*
- **Otto Klos** (3) (stroke) – continued healing, rehab.
- **Sam Prochaska** (2) (fractured femur; surgery) – pain relief, healing.
- **Lily Riechert** (3) (mini stroke) – peace, proper diagnosis, cont. healing.
- **Millie Sluka** (3) – peace, proper diagnosis, healing.
- **Susanna Tischler** (2) (herniated disk) – pain relief, guidance, healing.
- **Angie Zeleznikar** (1) (severe back pain) – relief, encouragement, healing.

## Others

- **Jakob** (2) (17; cancer; needs hip replacement) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Logan Cornell** (2) (6; cancer) – peace for Logan and parents, guidance for his doctors, successful treatments.

- **Rosemary Davenport** (2) (hip repl. Sur. 6/6) – peace, success, healing.
- **Loreen Dickau** (2) (sister of Don) – peace, breathing issue, healing.
- **Larry Edris** (2) (lung cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Karsten Feda** (2) (cancer) – successful treatments.
- **Elaine Foss** (2) (broken neck) – cont. healing, patience, encouragement.
- **David Giessler** (1) (recovering from surg.) – peace, healing.
- **Marge Green** (2) (arm) – freedom from pain, encouragement, rehab.
- **Melanie Himmelberger** (2) (bone cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Nancy Mattes** (3) (chemotherapy) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Jack Pekar** (2) (leukemia) – peace, strength, guidance, healing.
- **Christina Waked** (2) – guidance, recovery.
- **Cathy Wirzylo** (2) (needs a liver transplant) – peace, organ donation.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Physical Birthdays:

\*Sorry! I missed these Birthdays last week!

- 5/15 \*Ava Cannonie  
 \*Kristyn Prochaska  
 5/19 \*David Liddy  
 5/20 Pastor Green

### Spiritual Birthdays:

5/25 Doris Chmielewski

### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 5/18 Jim & Eileen Kovach (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 5/20 Mike & Hilda Kaderle (57<sup>th</sup>)  
 5/26 Noel & Janice Martinez (39<sup>th</sup>)

## READINGS

*These are the Series B three-year lectionary readings for next Sunday.*

**OT:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**PS:** 29

**NT:** Acts 2:14a, 22-36

**GOS:** John 3:1-17

## SCHEDULE

### Mo – 5/21

- 7:00 – Receive God's Gifts: Divine Service

### Tu – 5/22

- 6:30 – Choir: Rehearsal
- 7:00 – Leadership Team Meeting

### We – 5/23

- 9:30 – Teaching: BFC Bible Time
- 10:00 – Teaching: BFC Story Time

### Th – 5/24

- 10:00 – Study: Living the Lutheran Lectionary

**Fr – 5/25** – 1:00 – Pray: With others at Bethlehem

## **Su – 5/27**

- 8:00 – Receive God's Gifts: Divine Service
- 9:30 – Study: Bible Class & Sunday School
- 10:45 – Receive God's Gifts: Divine Service

### EVENTS

- **Catechism Appendix**: **I will preach through that content – beginning in June.** These are the important and exciting topics: Who Is Jesus?; Reading God's Word; What Is Worship?; Simple Prayer; Salvation Outline; Luther's Preface; Explanation of Luther's Seal; Books of the Bible; The Time between the Testaments (432-5 BC); The Church Year; Terms Relating to Worship and God's House; Symbols and Their Meanings; and Catechism Glossary. You are invited to bring your Catechism copy!
- **Missionary in Africa**: Rev. James May, his wife, Tiina, and their children, Maggie, Tristan, Sarai, Sophia, Jonas, and Matthew will be with us on Sunday, June 10. Rev. May will be preaching as well as doing a presentation at 9:30; *join us and bring a friend!!*

### SERVE

- **Usher**: Sundays at 8:00 or 10:45; contact Matt Kussmaul.
- **Leadership Team**: Openings in Education and Outreach.

### NEWS

- **Special Voters Meeting**: to discuss Boiler and Roof Issues; Sunday, June 3 at 9:30 in the CLR.
- **Mite Box**: Next collection: June 3; boxes available on the bulletin board.
- **Thrivent Financial Members**: Please take note for the future: The Thrivent Choice® program encourages benefit members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes an amount of its charitable grant funds. Members make this recommendation by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches. You can direct your Choice Dollars® to BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH or an organization directed to previously; but you MUST DESIGNATE each year between January 1 and March 30.

### GROWTH and OUTREACH

- **Many Resources**: Sermons, brochures, magazines, books, etc.; see what's available in the Narthex and across from the church office.
- **Facebook**: Check-in, like BLC, and write a positive comment!
- **Lutheran Hour**: Sun 6:30 a.m. – WTAM 1100 AM; Sun 8:00 a.m. – The Word 1220 AM

- **Worship Anew** – Sun 11:30 AM: Direct TV: 67, 377
- **Issues Etc.:** Is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)
- **Lutherans for** “We celebrate when a mother has second thoughts concerning abortion and keeps her baby. We sing ‘Alleluia’ when an orphaned child once abandoned is adopted and lives in a home filled with the presence of Christ’s love reflected through a mother and father.” *Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## College Scholarships / Loans

*Information and Applications are Available in the Church Office.*

- ⇒ **Pierstorf College Interest-Free Loan:** Download application at [www.pierstorf.org](http://www.pierstorf.org) Deadline is 5/30.
- ⇒ **Elementary School Scholarship:** Deadline 5/30.
- ⇒ **Mikitta College Scholarship:** Deadline 6/30.
- ⇒ **Barrick Nursing Scholarship:** Deadline 6/30.

## NUMBERS – FROM LAST WEEK

- **Divine Services:**
  - ✦ Sunday: 8:00 = 42; 10:45 = 32; Monday: 7:00 = 9
- **Classes:**
  - ✦ Sunday: 9:30 (BC & SS) = 36
  - ✦ Wednesday: 11 & 7 = 15
  - ✦ Thursday: 10:00 = 5
- **Giving:**
  - ✦ Last Week Actual: \$3,894
  - ✦ Budget YTD: \$ -7,318
  - ✦ YTD Actual thru March: -8,200 (Revenue: \$75,695; Expenses: \$83,743)

## MEMBER CARE PLAN

*For those who desire to attend, but are not able to attend!*

**Hospitalized, Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Shut-In**

- Mailing: Every two weeks – last two sermons and last Participation Guide.
- Normal Visiting: Once each month – by Pastor / Jerry H and Others.
- Hospital Visiting: More often – by Pastor.
- Note: If you or someone you know is in any situation noted above, *but is not receiving what is noted*, please contact the church office for help!