

Renewal through the Word of God

This past March, I went on a six day retreat at the Benedictine Center in St. Paul. I was feeling burned out and very weary. I was feeling empty and needed time alone with God.

The retreat was on Lectio Divina – a way to read the scriptures with your whole self – mind, body, heart and spirit. I chose to meditate on Psalm 51:12 'Restore to me the Joy of Thy Salvation'. I prayed for renewal. In the middle of the night, I awoke with a revelation that no matter what I had been through, God had been faithful to me. Time and time again he restored my joy and renewed my spirit. I wrote this poem. Pastor Deb

Lectio Divina

Reading the Bible with your heart

Felicia W. Smith

Restore to Me the Joy of Thy Salvation

I am welcomed I am safe I am in the House of God

I am accepted I am beloved I have seen the risen Lord

I am chosen I am called I have heard the voice of God

I am blest I am gifted I have been born of the Holy Spirit

I am led I am filled with joy I have danced with the Lord

I have been bonded with love Two Hearts knitted and tied as one We have been married by God

I am grief stricken I was given a blanket of peace I was touched by the hand of God

I was on the brink of death Floating on a cloud I am resurrected

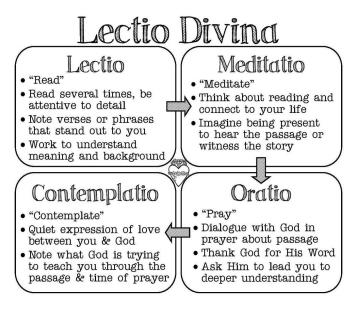
I was broken I could not walk I walked in the strength of the Lord

I was weary I was in the desert In the black of the night my joy was restored.

Lectio Divina Bible Study

Join with me this summer in the study of the Sunday scriptures. Each Sunday we will read and meditate on the scripture for the following week. We will use the method of Lectio Divina as shown below.

Sunday Mornings June 5-26, and July 17-August 28 at 8:45 a.m.







Last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 8th. Thank you to the teachers and all the Sunday School students who made this year a great one! We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Sunday, May 8th



Four Young women were confirmed into the Faith of Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

Anyssa Briann Christ-daughter of Jeff and Krista Christ

Confirmation Verse: Colossians 3:14 Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything together.

Ashlynn Marie Dhaene-daughter of Dan and Paula Dhaene

Confirmation Verse: Daniel 4:34

I praise and honor God most High. He lives forever, and his kingdom will never end.

Alexia Ann Schroeder-daughter of Lynn Schroeder

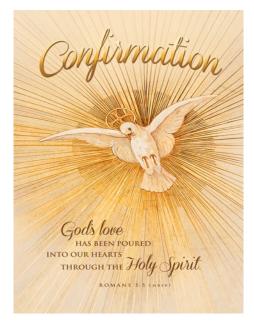
Confirmation Verse: Psalm 56:3

Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you.

Lauren Elizabeth Stueber-daughter of Mark and Erin Stueber

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 15:1 A kind answer soothes angry feelings, but harsh words stir them up.

Confirmation classes with Anyssa, Ashlynn, Lauren and Lexi were an absolute joy. We were together for 3 years, yes even during the pandemic when we did zoom classes. I pray that these young women will continue to grow in their faith and to become active members of St. Paul's. Pastor Deb





Pastor Deb will be on vacation May 10th through May 24th and June 28th through July 12th. Please contact Rev Kent Meyer at 507-458-0757 in case of an emergency.

HENDERSON AREA FOOD SHARE Drive-by FOOD DISTRIBUTION Sponsored by MNCS and Churches

NEED HELP MAKING ENDS MEET? MINNESOTA NEW COUNTRY SCHOOL 210 Main Street, Henderson

> Thursday, May 19th 4:00 pm—till food lasts

Thursday, June 16th St.Paul's Supplies Workers

SCRIP ORDERS

Thank you to everyone who placed a scrip order in April. Our profit was \$46.16

Please check your mail box in the friendship room. Your giving envelopes, statements, and other correspondence is put in these mail boxes to save on postage.

Folding Chairs —We will be sorting through the folding chairs in the social hall and selling those that we no longer need for \$3 each. Please let a church council member know if you are interested in purchasing chairs.

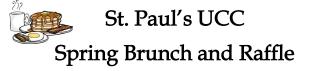


Welcome Glad you're here! We welcome new member Kristine Tullis who joined the church on Sunday, May 1st.

Vice President and Worship

Team Member—We are looking for someone to fill the vice president spot on the church council and also a spot on the Worship Team. Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please let the church office know if you are interested in filling either of these vacancies.





THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the annual brunch either through a food or cash donation, provided help in any way or attended the brunch, it all helps make this annual fundraiser a success.

Adults	175
Students	5
Free	2

Income

Door Meal Ticket Sales	\$2	2,532.00
Quilt Raffle Sales	\$	733.00
Bucket Raffle Sales	\$	421.00
Brunch Cash Donations	\$	680.00
Sale of Extra Food	\$	147.50
Thrivent Financial	\$	250.00
Total	\$4	,763.50

<u>Expenses</u>

PROFIT	\$4,542.47
Total	\$ 221.03
True Value	\$ 13.58
Sysco Foods	\$ 114.02
Henderson Independent	\$ 64.00
Sibley Shopper	\$ 29.43

Raffle

The lucky winner of the beautiful quilt donated by Anita Tiegs was Travis Trimbo.

We had 15 items on the bucket raffle, thank you Conley Mediger for the donations and those who helped put the raffle together.

Pastor's Monthly Report – January 2022	Pastor's Monthly Report – February 2022	
Annual Meeting 1	Baptism 1	
Bible Study with Dylan 4	Beckett Jackson Wigand 2/6/22	
Confirmation 4	Parents: Connor & Nicole Wigand	
Council 1	Bible Study with Dylan 4	
Food Distribution 1	Clergy Meeting 2	
Membership Team 1	Confirmation 4	
Pastoral Visits 10	Council 1	
Sunday School 1	Food Distribution 1	
Women's Guild 1	Pastoral Visits 8	
Worship Services 4	Sunday School 3	
Worship Team 1	Women's Guild 1	
The Confirmation class is learning Video Tech for	Worship Services 6	
worship and preparing for Confirmation. I am with Dylan in Bible Studies with Pastor Kent.	My retreat dates have changed to March 18- March 23. I am doing an intensive scripture study called 'Lectio Divina' at the Benedictine Center in Maplewood, MN.	
Sunday School took 4 weeks break because several families had Covid-19.	Confirmation students are participating in worship on Sundays and Wednesdays. They are working on their	
Lenten Services will be reflections on events during Holy Week. Sundays and Wednesdays. They are working of faith statements. They will be confirmed on Pain Sunday, April 10.		
I will be going on a Spiritual Retreat March 17-March 20. I will be taking a week off March 17 to March 23. Pastor Kent Meyer will supply preach on March 20.		
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Floors in the social hall, meting room and downstairs hall have been refinished and waxed. Thank you to all those who helped prepare the areas for refinishing and setting the areas back up. Money raised from Young At Heart fund raisers and the brunch funded this project.

Prayer Corner

In Our Prayers: Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf, Bill Jones, Tammy Meyer, Michelle Buck, Pastor Rosemary Rucha, Adriel Ramirez

Homebound: Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor Le Sueur Ed Nye – Ridgeview Nursing Home Sharon Nagel—Ridgeview Nursing Home Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home: Larry McConnell

Those who Serve: Flower Committee:

<u>May & June</u> JoAnne Martens Ellie Fabel

Sympathy Committee:

<u>March, April, May</u> Glenna Fries, Lois Dvorak Ruth Ann Buck, Margaret Ceminsky

<u>June, July, August</u> Sharon Ban, Mary Ann Tesch Lyla Smith, Linda Duzan

Usher Schedule

Sign-up sheet for ushers is on the table at the top of the stairs outside the sanctuary.

- May 8 Roger & Lorraine Just
- May 15 Ruth Ann Buck & Lyla Smith
- June 5 Irene Doerr & Marvin Petzel



Danielle Rice	05/01
Jody Hornaman	05/10
Kayla Champagne	05/11
Jacqueline McConnell	05/11
Chance Wigand	05/12
Levi Mende	05/13
Carmen Wigand	05/13
Fredrick Braun	05/15
Reed Creighten	05/15
Henry Hanna-Dyb	05/15
Roger Pivec	05/18
Eileen Brandt	05/20
Donald Adams	05/23
Hailey Ehlers	05/25
Amanda Meierbachtol	05/25
Mary Ann Tesch	05/27
Ruth Dvorak	05/29
Cameron Braun	05/31
Ron Schroeder	05/31

Church Council minutes and financial reports are available on the landing at the top of the steps going to the sanctuary or upon request from the church office.



Sandi Andersen	06/02
Maxine Petzel	06/02
Owen Fries	06/03
Lyla Smith	06/03
Lois Schroeder	06/04
Mia Ehlers	06/09
Phillip Champagne	06/10
Lauren Hanna-Dyb	06/10
Hannah Oestreich	06/10
Brooke Hornaman	06/11
Beverly Stueber	06/11
Mandy Pivec	06/15
Larry Ross	06/15
Cheryl Blaschko	06/17
Don Meierbachtol	06/20
Cindy Hoppe	06/21
Larry McConnell	06/23
Diane Todnem	06/24
Crystal Fries	06/25
Tim Hornaman	06/27
Abigail Fries	06/28
Larry Von Lehe	06/28
Samantha Ehlers	06/30

May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	2	3	4	5 12:00 p.m. Women's Guild Schutte's Lunch	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Last Day 9:30 a.m. Worship	9	10 Pastor Deb on vacation	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 a.m. Worship Pastor Deb on Vacation —	16	17 6:30 p.m. Church Council	18	19 4:00 p.m. Food Distribution MNCS	20	21
22 9:30 a.m. Worship Pastor Deb on Vacation	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 a.m. Worship	30 Memorial Day	31				

June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 11:00 a.m. Women's Guild	3	4
5 8:45 a.m. Lectio Divina 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:45 a.m. Lectio Divina 9:30 a.m. Worship	13	14	15	16 4:00 p.m. Food Distribution MNCS St.Paul's provides workers	17	18
19 8:45 a.m. Lectio Divina 9:30 a.m. Worship	20	21 6:30 p.m. Church Council	22	23	24	25
26 8:45 a.m. Lectio Divina 9:30 a.m. Worship	27	28 Pastor Deb on vacation through July 12th	29	30		

2022 Church Council

President:	Larry Wigand
Vice President:	
Secretary:	Sandi Braun Ziemer
Building & Grounds	
Worship	
Membership	Carol Reiter, Tammy Meyer, Sharon Ban
Christian Education	Lynnsay McCormick, Sydnie Graff, Crystal Creighton, Paula Dhaene
Witness & Mission	Glenna Fries, Brianna Petzel, Mary Ann Tesch
Budget & Finance	Irene Doerr, John Meierbachtol, Larry Wigand, Deb Boettcher
Pastor Relations	Arden Kroehler, Arlene Busse, Cherie Mattson

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