



May 2024

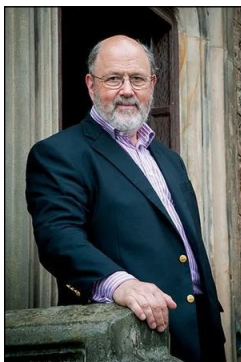
WORD & SPIRIT

Gathered to Worship, Sent to Serve

When the Spirit Comes

Acts 2:1-21; John 16:4b-11

The point about Pentecost is that it's where two worlds collide, and look like they are going to be together for keeps. The two worlds are of course Heaven and Earth; and in the first century as in the twenty-first many people supposed that these two worlds were to stay firmly and safely apart. We live on Earth; God lives in Heaven; we hope there may be some commerce between the two.



Bishop N.T. Wright

In ancient Israel the place of that commerce was the Temple, the spot on *terra firma* where Heaven actually overlapped with Earth; and the Temple thus functioned for the rest of Israel rather like the fireplace functions in a living room, where that which is normally dangerous can be safely located and dealt with.

See **PENTECOST**, Page 4



Excerpts from a sermon on Pentecost by the Bishop N.T. Wright, Anglican Church.

GETTING TO KNOW...



This month we meet Darby Parks. Read about her on Page 5.

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DAILY PRAYERS

One of the ways we live out our Christian faith is through a life of prayer. Sometimes, however, it's easy for us to neglect prayer—to let it get crowded out by all the other things that demand our attention at work, at school, or at home.

To help us be more intentional in our lives of prayer, we encourage all members of Gloria Dei to pray the **Prayer of the Week together at 9 a.m. each day.**

If you can't pray some days at 9 a.m., you can choose an alternate time, or if you forget, you can still know that the rest of your brothers and sisters in Christ have been praying with you and for you.



The following prayers will be used for the Sundays indicated and for the week following:

(May 5) Almighty God, open our lips to proclaim the power of Christ our risen Lord; and grant that we, who have received this pledge of his love, may at the last attain the riches that it promises; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen

(May 12) Grant, Almighty God, that the commemoration of our

Lord's death and resurrection may continually transform our lives and be manifested in our deeds; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(May 19) Almighty God, you fulfill the promise of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit to unite the races and nations on Earth and thus to proclaim your glory. May your Spirit come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(May 26) Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to redeem us, and the Spirit to grant us faith. Help us to worship and proclaim you, one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

CHURCH COUNCIL *Minutes of the April 22, 2024, Meeting*

PRESENT: Jana Abbott, Pastor Jacobson, Steve Aker, Jennifer Thorpe, Melanie Chase, Brandon Parks, Carol O'Hara, Kent Koehler, Kathy Person, Tim Denk, Jackie Proffitt (staff)

ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Finance Committee – Jackie Proffitt presented a request to obtain a Remote Deposit Scanner. This will allow weekly deposits to be made from the office computer. A motion was made and seconded and was unanimously approved at a cost of \$25/month.

Finance Committee – Jim Sherwood was recommended by the committee to replace Ross Tidemann on the Intrust General Checking. The following individuals have been approved by council to be signers on our bank accounts:

- ⇒ Intrust General Checking: Jana Abbott, Brandon Parks, Pastor Jacobson, Jim Sherwood, Kent Koehler
- ⇒ Intrust Endowment Savings: Elizabeth Sherwood, Jana Abbott, Pastor Jacobson, Steve Aker, Kent Koehler
- ⇒ ELCA Endowment Account: Elizabeth Sherwood, Jana Abbott, Pastor Jacobson, Steve Aker, Kent Koehler
- ⇒ Charles Schwab Account: Pastor Jacobson, Jim Sherwood, Kent Koehler, Brandon Parks, Jana Abbott

OLD BUSINESS

Council approved the rebooking of the Youth Israel Trip for July 13-22, 2025, by an email vote of 7 to 1. Jackie Proffitt is working on the trip's financial information.

BUDGET UPDATE

(As of 3/31/2024)

Year to Date Budget: \$121,500

Year to Date Actual: \$122,196



Property provided information about updating the HVAC. CM3 declined to quote on our project and the Property Committee declined Basis Engineering providing a quote because of a \$2,500 upfront charge.

Jana Abbott reported the Variance Application for the LED sign is nearly finalized (with late changes) and ready to be submitted shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Annette Lindal requested a free-will offering be taken at the Wartburg College Wind Ensemble concert. This was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Proffitt, Office Manager

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

Gloria Dei Social Ministry Happenings



Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Lenten offering. Gloria Dei was able to give \$2,790 to the ICT Street Team because of your generous donation. Their mission is to provide medical help to those who are unhoused in our community.



Family Promise received a check in the amount of \$2,735 for our Easter offering. Thanks to all our members for contributing to this worthwhile charity. They provide food and shelter to homeless families with children, as well as community involvement to find solutions for their housing insecurity.



Your Social Ministry Team was able to give Camp Tomah Shinga \$500 to go toward the purchase of a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the camp. Many of our youth attend this camp during the summer.



Open Door feeds approximately 82,000 people in poverty in Sedgwick County. To help support their efforts to feed the hungry, Gloria Dei Social Ministry Team sent them a check for \$1,000 this month.

Partners of Wichita held a Trivia Night Fundraiser on April 13. We sponsored two tables and gave them \$500 to purchase items for the event. The proceeds will go to “Bags of Blessings” and “Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids.”

The Gloria Dei Social Ministry Team wants to thank everyone who helps out by contributing money, purchasing items, attending events and donating time to help our neighbors in Wichita. We welcome anyone to join our team. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the library.

Open your heart to Open Door

In Kansas, 71 percent of families using food pantries have incomes at or below the federal poverty level. And 54 percent of families served through Open Door’s Community Food Ministry have yearly incomes of less than \$10,000. You can help by donating needed food items to Open Door: peanut butter, pasta, fruits and vegetables, cereal and nonfat dry milk. The donation grocery cart is across from Fellowship Hall B. As our Lord reminds us, “for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25). Would you show your welcoming spirit with your donations?

— Pastor Tom Schaefer

CANTOR NEWS & NOTES

“ALMOST”
CINCO
DE MAYO
DINNER AND PARTY

The congregation is invited.
Come and celebrate with the Gloria Dei Musicians
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Potluck, Spanish-language Bingo, Prizes, Pinata
Sign-up sheet is on the Music Bulletin Board.

SUNDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 5	Parish Choir and Gloria Dei Ringers
May 12	Parish Choir and Christian Education Choir
May 19	Parish Choir
May 26	Solo anthem

ATTENTION, MUSICIANS

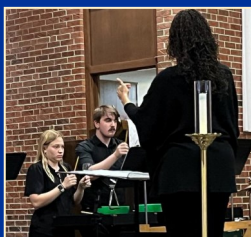
During the summer months you are invited to share an instrumental or vocal solo at the time of the offertory. Duets and small ensembles are also welcome. Annette and Galen will serve as accompanists. **The sign-up sheet is on the music bulletin board.**

The Parish Choir, Children and Youth Choir, and the Bell Choirs will be taking a break from rehearsals.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Special Thanks ...

to the 17 families who hosted the students of the Wartburg Ensemble. Thank you to the members of the Property Committee and Bob Frahm for the chancel set-up. We received a Thrivent Action Grant to help cover the cost of the evening meal.



The concert was super!

An audience of approximately 100 gave a standing ovation to the 44 musicians and their director, Lia Snead. The ensemble's next stop was Colorado Springs.



PENTECOST, from Pg. 1

But if you think of the Temple as the fireplace, providing warmth and light to the room while being in a safe spot, then the imagery of Pentecost stands out in all its starkness: Here are the tongues of fire, touching down not on the Temple or the priests. but on the disciples in the upper room! The fire has leapt out of the fireplace and seems to be setting light to the rest of the house!

The whole point of Heaven and Earth in Jewish thought is that they are meant to meet and merge. **And the point of the gospel story as Luke has told it is that Jesus had come to bring the life of Heaven and Earth together.** That is the meaning of the “kingdom of God.” Thy kingdom come, he taught us to pray, **on Earth as in Heaven.**

The disciples, we may presume, had been praying that prayer, among others, in the fifty days since Easter. And now the prayer is answered: like so many answered prayers, answered not in the way they might have imagined but in the much greater way which takes up their prayers and welds them into a new reality, the reality God intended all along and toward which their prayers were advance signposts.

Pentecost enables the disciples to announce to the whole world, symbolically present in the many nations who hear the message in their own languages, that God has raised Jesus from the dead, that he is Israel's Messiah and the world's true Lord. The Spirit is given to us so God's work may be done **through us.**

Read the entire sermon online at

When the Spirit Comes

NTWrightPage

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**ntwrightpage.com/2016/03/30/
when-the-spirit-comes/**

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

Interview by Pastor Tom Schaefer

Her junior year at Andale High School was a breakout year for 18-year-old **Darby Parks**. Though reluctant at first, she decided to try out for her school's production of "Murder on the Orient Express."

She had been interested in theater before but wondered: "Would I be good enough for it?" After trying out for a part in the play, she was glad she took the plunge.

"I've made so much positive change in my life because of it. I've grown so much. My only regret is that I didn't do it sooner."

Graduating this month, Darby plans to attend Wichita State and hopes to pursue her interest in theater. In addition, Darby enjoys photography and performing in the school's combined choir and the women's choir.

Last summer was a special time when her parents, Brandon and Lori, her brother, Will, and Darby traveled to England, Scotland and Wales. "It was so pretty in the countryside and



DARBY PARKS

to see all the cathedrals and historical castles."

As for values important to her, she lists three: integrity ("it shows the type of person you are when no one is watching"), empathy ("being understanding of others"), and gratitude ("the more gratitude you have about your life, the happier you can be about your life").

Those values have been shaped in part at Gloria Dei. She said the church is about worship, "but it's

also being close to everyone and having that support from your church," especially the youth group. "It's such a big part of my life."

For her, faith means worshipping God and being assured that He guides you through life, "pushing you forward."

"I'm really glad Gloria Dei is my church."

More about Darby:



1. Do you have a pet?

A black cat named Mittens

2. What is a favorite book and movie?

"Monsters of Men" by Patrick Ness, and The Star War series. "My Dad used to watch them with me and my brother."

3. Do you have a favorite Bible story?

David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17); "I like how he was this little kid who defeated this big monster."

4. What's a favorite food?

Sushi. "Sometimes we go to Dillons to get it. It's pretty good, for Dillons."

5. What are you most grateful for?

Family: "They love me a lot, and they taught me to be a good person."

Friends at school: "They put a smile on my face every day."

WE ARE A PENTECOST CHURCH

"There is a very real sense in which every true church is Pentecostal—not in the sense that it needs to witness the same signs and wonders displayed that day in Jerusalem, but in the fact that the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit continues as He accompanies the gospel preached throughout the world.

"So, too, the Spirit works in the lives of God's people who comprise the church. In the aftermath of Pentecost in Acts, the Spirit gathered those who had professed faith into worshiping communities of the church (Acts 2:42-47), and this is true for the church in all places and all times. He is the One who not only effects salvation, but who also sanctifies God's people in His Son.

As He enfolds us into saving union with Christ, so He is the guarantor of our salvation's being perfected in the world to come."

—Mark Johnston, Ligonier.org



I wish to express many thanks to our Gloria Dei family for the many thoughts, prayers,

and memorial gifts for Howard. He appreciated them and so does his whole family.

The Gloria Dei family is extra special to us, and our hearts are so full of love to you all. Much blessings and love,

—Ruth Johnson & family



WE HAD A GREAT YEAR IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!
 Thank you for your participation and support. Great thanks to all of our teachers – your willingness to guide our children in their faith is commendable! Rally Day will be Sunday, September 8, and the first day of Sunday school in the new school year will be September 15. See you then!



CROSS AND CROWN SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AWARDS

will be presented on May 12 during worship to children who attended 75 percent or more

of our Sunday School classes this year.

Congratulations, kids!



Preschoolers' Sunday School learned so much during their lesson about Jesus and the disciples on the Road to Emmaus.

H.A.S. class attendees enjoyed a visit from **Odin, the screech owl**, and **Todd Volkmann** from the **Kansas Wildlife Exhibit** in **Riverside Park**.



IN HIS SERVICE
Rachel Schober
 Director of Youth and Christian Education

W.E.M.

Wednesday Evening Ministries will return September 11.

More info to come!

Sending a HUGE thank you to all of our fabulous cooking teams, nursery attendants, HAS class presenters, and GLORY Kids teachers for all you do.



You are SO APPRECIATED!!!!

HAS Class met a new friend, Happy the Pitbull, and his foster, Wendy, from Beauties and Beasts Dog and Cat Rescue.

The rescue houses 45 dogs at any given time, plus many people foster them in their homes. Beauties has many ways to be involved as a volunteer. A few things they need are:

- ♥ Walkers – You come in and walk the dogs who need some extra outdoors time.
- ♥ Boarding Buddies – You are matched one on one with a dog that lives in the boarding kennel. You take him for walks, playtime, car rides, visits to your house, and any other way to socialize him.
- ♥ Fosters – You take an animal into your home and family until she is permanently adopted. Beauties provides all food and medical care.
- ♥ Respite Fosters – You relieve full-time fosters when they are out of town or need someone to watch their animal.
- ♥ Fospice – Like “Foster Hospice”, you take an animal for the remainder of his life. He is unadoptable due to medical or behavior issues.
- ♥ Events – Volunteer to work adoption events, or present educational programs at schools and in the community. For more information on volunteering, please visit beautiesandbeasts.org and fill out a volunteer application.



Thank you for the pet supplies you donated – we were able to give the rescue four giant boxes of needed items.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS!



May 4-5:
 LOCK-IN. Friends welcome.
 Please sign up on the bulletin board.

May 12:
 GRADUATION SUNDAY.
 We will honor our high school and college graduates with a reception at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall A.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP
 July 14-19 at Camp Tomah Shinga
 Cost per person: \$75
Registration will be done all together, just let me know you want to go.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP
 July 20-27 at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
 Cost per person: \$250
 Register at [Login | Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp \(campbrainregistration.com\)](http://Login | Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp (campbrainregistration.com))

We had such fun at The Sandbox in Derby for our F3!

Congratulations to Mike Florio and Kris Knuth on winning the NCAA March Madness Bracket Tournament! Mike won the men's bracket and Kris won the women's bracket.

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Thank you for your support of our Youth! Our Pizza Hut fundraiser earned over \$300 toward the Israel trip.

NURSERY ATTENDANT SCHEDULE

MAY 5
 KATIE AND DARBY

MAY 12
 WILLIAM AND JOSEPH

MAY 19
 NIKO AND KATIE

MAY 26
 CAMPBELL AND DARBY

YOUTH Sunday

Thank you to our Youth who helped lead worship on Youth Sunday. Your participation is appreciated!

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY

Non-fiction Recommendations for May

ADULT SELECTIONS

1 *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. The women of the Bible lived timeless stories. By examining them, we can understand what it means to be a woman of faith.

2 *Seven Kinds of People You Find in Bookshops* by Shaun Bythell. More than 20 years ago, Shaun Bythell bought The Bookshop, the largest secondhand bookshop in Scotland and over the years he's met every kind of customer imaginable.

3 *Slow Dancing with a Stranger: Lost and Found in the Age of Alzheimer's* by Meryl Comer. From Emmy award winning broadcast journalist and leading Alzheimer's advocate Meryl Comer comes a profound account of her husband's battle with Alzheimer's disease.

4 *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore. The incredible true story of the women who fought America's undark danger while painting watch faces amidst the glowing dust of the radium-dial factories.

5 *Sisters First* by Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush. Former First daughters Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush share intimate stories and reflections from the Texas country-side to the storied halls of the White House and beyond.

CHILDREN'S SELECTIONS

1 *The Amazing Story of Noah's Ark* by Marcia Williams. This is a reissue of the comic-strip retelling of the Bible story about Noah and the Flood. It is one of a series of retellings of Old Testament stories as if they happened yesterday.

2 *Waiting For Wings* by Lois Ehlert. Complete with butterfly and flower facts and identification tips, as well as a guide to planting a butterfly garden, this butterfly book is like no other.

3 *Crocodiles and Alligators* by Simon Seymour. Join award-winning science writer Seymour Simon in this picture book introduction to some of the world's fiercest reptiles: crocodiles and alligators!

4 *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* by Mordecai Gerstein. In 1974, French aerialist Philippe Petit threw a tightrope between the two towers of the World Trade Center and spent an hour walking, dancing, and performing high-wire tricks a quarter mile in the sky.

5 *The Way Things Work* by David Macauley. Get to grips with how things work inside hundreds of machines with this extraordinary book for kids that explains the science behind technologies and inventions.

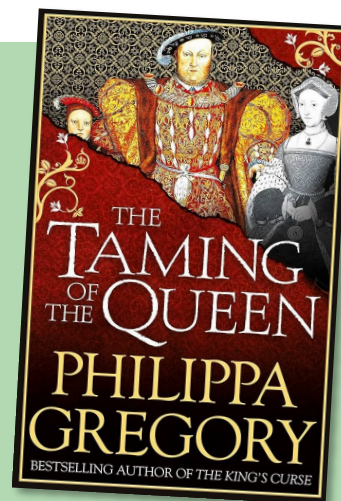
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Women's Ministries

MAY 11, 11 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL B

- ♥ We will be discussing "The Taming of the Queen" by Philippa Gregory
- ♥ Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.
- ♥ Please note that in June, we will meet the third Saturday, June 15. "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger will be discussed at the June meeting.
- ♥ Please contact Annette Lindal, alindal@gloriadeiwichita.com or (316) 215-4402 for more information.



CHARLES SPURGEON:

The apostle (Paul) speaking to Timothy, "Give thyself unto reading."

CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH

Baptism Anniversaries

Stan Chase	5/1
Joan Laswell	5/1
Laura Lund	5/1
Jim Cox	5/1
Chris Anderson	5/1
Susan Johnson	5/13
William McCandless	5/14
Andrew Koehler	5/14
Chris O'Hara	5/14
Pam Spears	5/14
Kaitlin Campbell	5/14
Tim Denk	5/15
Leah Combs	5/15
Lainey O'Hara	5/15
Dan True	5/17
Arlice Davenport	5/21
Reilly True	5/21
Una Hakenholz	5/22
Lori Parks	5/22
Kelly Shriner	5/23
Ben Sherwood	5/26
Jeremy Koehler	5/31

Wedding Anniversaries



Larry & Rosanne Kelley	5/9
Bruce & Nancy Johnson	5/14
Dan & Jean Hogan	5/26
Tim & Elise Lane	5/26
Randy & Susan Johnson	5/28
Clint & Tara Davis	5/30



Dennis Erickson	5/1
Hai Pheng	5/1
Chris Krimm	5/3
Mark Jones	5/3
Abe Krumm	5/4
Caroline Gering	5/4
Harlow Sabala	5/4
Cera Magana	5/6
Nancy Johnson	5/7
Amy Timmons	5/9
Lori Parks	5/9
John Axtell	5/9
Doris Ylander	5/10
Pat Lynch-Smith	5/12
Janet Reathaford	5/12
Deanna Schremmer	5/13
Karen Just	5/19
Arlice Davenport	5/21
Pat True	5/23
Mary Schaefer	5/23
John Person	5/23
Frances Narramore	5/23
Vera Bothner	5/24
Rod Feil	5/24
Don Sundeen	5/24
Tom Schaefer	5/25
Deb Cook	5/26
Sam Griffitt	5/28
Bob Hoyle	5/29
Gary Grippin	5/30
Erik Donham	5/31



SERVING THIS MONTH

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 4 Bob Hoyle
 May 5 Jean Carey
 Valarie Magana
 Diane Awbrey
 Karma Tidemann

May 11 Zoe Hoyle
 May 12 Kelly Shriner
 Nancy Johnson,
 Bruce Johnson
 Annette Lindal

May 18 Zoe Hoyle
 May 19 Vickie Gannon
 Sandra Haugen
 Ryan Schober
 Rach Schober

May 25 Jackie Proffitt
 May 26 Lisa Denk
 Candy Ashcraft
 Amy Timmons
 Mark Jones

LAY VISITORS

May 5 John & Kathy Person
 May 12 Dean & Marilyn
 Wasser
 May 19 Dan & Pat True
 May 26 John & Kathy Person

FLOWER ARRANGERS

May 4/5 Kris Knuth
 11/12 Deb West
 18/19 Zoe Hoyle
 25/26 Rosanne Kelley

FLOWER DELIVERY

May 5 Ben Griffitt
 May 12 Valarie Magana
 May 19 Gene & Karen Weaver
 May 26 Dean & Marilyn
 Wasser



ASSISTING MINISTERS

May 4 Steve Aker
 May 5 Rod Feil
 May 11 Diane Ellis
 May 12 Jenette Drake
 May 18 Dennis Kinkaid
 May 19 Cheryl Huggins
 May 25 John Person
 May 26 Dennis Kinkaid

LAY READERS

May 4 Elizabeth Sherwood
 May 5 Angie Salmon
 May 11 John Person
 May 12 Ryan Salmon
 May 18 Elizabeth Sherwood
 May 19 Sandra Haugen
 May 25 Jan Knuth
 May 26 Fran Narramore

GREETERS

May 5 Tom & Mary Schaefer
 John & Donna Lann
 May 12 Grant & Anita
 Tidemann
 Eleanor Cork
 May 19 Gene & Karen Weaver
 Marge Holloway
 May 26 Bruce & Nancy
 Johnson
 Della Curtis

SACRISTANS

Sat Kris Knuth
 Sun Vickie Gannon

ASSISTING CANTORS

May 4 Galen Shriner
 May 5 Barb Almy
 May 11 Anne Jacobson
 May 12 Kari Weller
 May 18 Alan Lindal
 May 19 Kari Schmidt
 May 25 Galen Shriner
 May 26 Jane Hyde

ACOLYTES*

May 4 Kristina Layman
 May 5 Niko Schober
 May 12 Wesley Combs
 May 18 Robert Layman
 May 19 Savannah Gering
 May 26 Caroline Gering

USHER TEAM

John Lann
 Steve Aker, Stan Chase
 Tim Denk, Bob Hoyle
 Phil Morgan, Duane Patrick
 Phil Seemann, Ryan Schober
 Linda Timmons, Ray Vernon

COUNTING TEAM

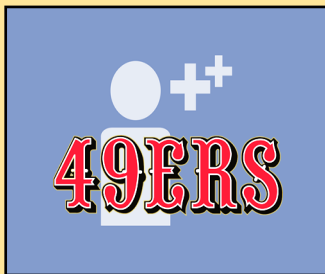
Brandon Parks, Head Counter
 Diane Ellis, Anita Tidemann



* If you would like to serve as an Acolyte, please contact Jackie or Pastor Jacobson for more information.

MAY 2024 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15am Christian Education 9:15am Women's FIKA Event 9:15am Youth Car Wash 10:30am Eucharist	29 9:30am Eucharist 10:00am Staff Mtg.	30 12:00pm Eucharist	1 Lann Usher Team 5:30pm Almost Cinco de Mayo 5:30pm Eucharist 6:00pm Social Ministry 6:30pm Parish Choir	2 10:00am Matins 10:30am Study Group 11:40am Eucharist 1:00pm Quilters 4:30pm Girl Scouts	3	4 5:00pm Eucharist 6:00pm Youth Lock In
5 9:15am Christian Education 9:15am Finance Committee Mtg. 10:30am Eucharist	6 9:30am Eucharist 10:00am Staff Mtg. 6:00pm Christian Education Committee 6:00pm Women's Ministry 6:00pm Worship & Music Committee	7 12:00pm Eucharist	8 10:00am Ruth Rebekah Guild 5:30pm Eucharist	9 10:00am Matins 10:30am Study Group 11:40am Eucharist 1:00pm Quilters	10 6:00pm Scandinavian Society	11 11:00am Pages & Sages Book Club in FHB 5:00pm Eucharist
12 9:15am Christian Education 9:15am Graduation Reception 10:30am Eucharist	13 9:30am Eucharist 10:00am Staff Mtg. 6:00pm Property Committee Mtg	14 12:00pm Eucharist 7:00pm RCA Mtg	15 5:30pm Eucharist	16 10:00am Matins 10:30am Study Group 11:40am Eucharist 1:00pm Quilters 4:30pm Girl Scouts	17	18 9:30am Library Volunteer Team 5:00pm Eucharist
19 Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Leah Guild 9:15am Christian Education 10:30am Eucharist	20 10:00am 49ers+ 10:00am Staff Mtg. 6:00pm Church Council Mtg.	21 1:00pm Tabitha Guild	22	23 1:00pm Quilters	24	25 5:00pm Eucharist
26 9:15am Christian Education 10:30am Eucharist	27 Memorial Day - Office Closed	28	29	30 1:00pm Quilters 4:30pm Girl Scouts	31	1 True Usher Team 5:00pm Eucharist



THE 2023-24 YEAR FOR THE 49ERS+ WILL END MONDAY, MAY 20, AT 10 A.M. IN FHA.

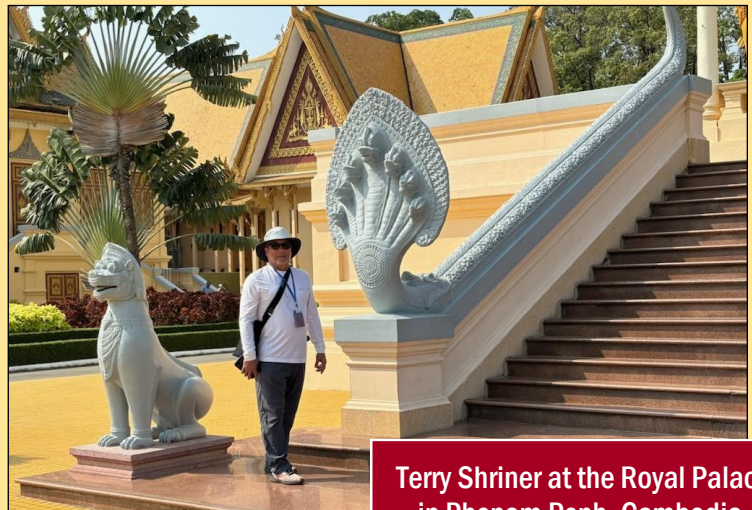
Terry Shriner will discuss his trip to India and through the Suez Canal. Pirates, tigers, and pyramids. Oh my!

Everyone is invited to join us in this fun time of fellowship. Coffee and donuts will be served.

— *Gwen Strayer*



Learning how to "USE IT OR LOSE IT" on April 15.



Terry Shriner at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

WORD & SPIRIT



May 2024 Newsletter

Our Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Peter C. Jacobson, STS
Cantor (Director of Music)	Annette Lindal
Assist. Director of Music	Deacon Galen Shriner
Director of Youth/Christian Ed.	Rachel Schober
Office Manager	Jackie Proffitt

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Important Message From Pastor Jacobson

In just a few weeks, I will begin my three-month sabbatical. My first Sunday off will be May 19, and my first Sunday back will be August 18.

I am most grateful to the Mutual Ministry Committee, the Congregation Council and indeed the entire congregation for supporting and approving this sabbatical.

My time away will begin with some medical recuperation, as I am scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on May 14.

For some continuing education, I will be attending a conference in Rochester, Minnesota, on "Nature on the Human Body" and a seminar at Hillsdale College on the "History of Christianity." My plans also include an online class on "The World of Biblical Israel," some free reading, and some time spent at a monastery.



During my time away, the Rev. Tom Schaefer and the Rev. Alan Lindal will be sharing the responsibilities of leading worship, preaching, and providing pastoral care and oversight. I am grateful to them for their willingness to serve in my absence. I am blessed to have them as brother pastors in our congregation, and the congregation is surely blessed by their presence and ministry.

Please note that during the sabbatical there will be no mid-week Eucharists. They will resume when I return.

I am looking forward to this time of refreshment and renewal, but I also know that I will miss my regular interaction with you. I will continue to pray for you, and I ask you to pray for me as well.

In Christ's service,
—Pastor Jacobson,

Synod Assembly

Anyone interested in attending the 2024 Synod Assembly may contact Jana Abbott or Pastor Jacobson. The Assembly will be June 6-8 in Olathe KS.

