St Paul Lutheran Church

Maryville, TN

The Good News

May 2014 Edition

The month of May marks the kickoff of our 60th anniversary celebration.
From now through our big celebration in December, we will both remember our past and think about what God has in store for our future.
A lot has changed in 60 years.
Here is a small of list of some things that were not around in 1954:

- Interstates
- Cable TV -- some people still had no TV in 1954
- Microwave ovens
- Computers
- Cell phones
- Walmart -- not all new things are good
- Most of the restaurant chains we have now
- DVDs & VCRs
- CDs -- the kind on which you listen to music
- the Dallas Cowboys -- your pastor's favorite team
- Habitat for Humanity
- Family Promise

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Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
9:15am

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

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The world was also a different place. New countries have been formed since 1954. Some countries have split (Korea), while others have come back together (Germany). Great strides have been made in civil rights and equality for all in our country and in places like South Africa. Russia even started to play nicely with other countries (until recently).

In the 1950's, the percentage of Americans who regularly attended church was much higher than it is now. This is a rather odd statistic since most polls show that a greater percentage of U.S. citizens claim to be Christians than was claimed 60 years ago. The 1950's and 1960's saw us starting many new congregations in our synod and across the country. Unfortunately, we now seem to have more congregations dying than we do ones being reborn.

How do we, as an entire church, change this outlook? I suggest we go back in time to find our future. God has not changed in 60 years (or 2000 for that matter). The same missionary spirit that sent the early apostles to the ends of the earth is the same Spirit that nudged people to start a congregation in Maryville. It is also the same Spirit that still "calls, gathers, unites, & sanctifies" us to be the presence of the risen Christ in our hurting world. We might think that everyone has heard the Good News, but people are still hungering and thirsting to hear it.

My prayer is that we not just celebrate this anniversary as a milestone of how long we've been here, but that we also use this milestone as a way to rededicate our lives and our congregation to living out the Great Commission each and every day.

Peace,
Pastor Rick

60th Anniversary

The 60th Anniversary logo was painted by Jacqueline Conzemius with design help from Laura Mallette and Sue Tyler. The scripture verse, 2 Timothy 1:6 was chosen by the planning team. *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

If you know of former members who would like to be part of the Dec.7th celebration, please provide the name and address of the individuals to the church office.

The St. Paul Church Council meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 7:30pm.

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message From the Council President

Dear Friends of St. Paul

Spring has sprung and so has our weather. It's that time of the year when the rain comes and the temperature gets hotter but the grass gets greener and the flowers bloom with bright rainbow colors. The Lord makes this season magical. St. Paul just finished the spring cleaning on April 5th and I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help. I especially want to thank the students from the Gustavus Adolphus College who stayed around to help clean the kitchen, vacuum floors and even helped weed. I spoke to a number of the students and they truly appreciated the hospitality and look forward to returning to St. Paul next year.

As you all know I continue to push for more open communication with our members. With that being said I need your help, we need volunteers to help us with our Ministry Teams, this is by no means a full time job but it is a rewarding way to help St. Paul Ministries and a way to become more active within the church. Please contact any of the Council members or the Ministry Team coordinators for more information. Please join us to help make St. Paul Lutheran Church a stronger and better place to worship.

Pay close attention to the St. Paul calendar we have a number of events coming in the next few months. Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Council President.

I would like to give a big thank you to Rene Zimmer and Joel Searfoss for the outstanding Easter Breakfast. These gentleman put in a lot of time to make sure this was a successful event. I also want to thank those volunteers who helped prepare food and helped clean up after the breakfast. Way to go team!

Yours in Christ
Rick Anger
Council President

Other Council News

Treasurer's Report

Loda Wylie submitted a detailed written report. March Income: $39,192.16; Expenses: $36,693.88 for a gain of $2,498.28. Year to date income: $85,563.47, Expenses: $81,275.67 for a gain of $4,287.80.

Other Business

Men in Mission have agreed to place a 40 inch television screen in the Welcome Center that can be used to display information about coming activities and special events. The 60th Anniversary Committee will use it to display interviews with members.

Stand of Luther - 11 Day Tour of Germany

September 19-29, 2014

8 Seats still available!

- Learn more about Martin Luther!
- Visit the beautiful sites of Germany!
- Enjoy yourself with St. Paul members, friends and family.

We have 30 seats and only 22 filled.
Brochures and information are located at the church or go on line at:
http://pilgrimtours.com/groups/splcgermany.htm

You can also call Jan or Erika Hanes at 865-980-3353.

DISCIPLESHIP

Darla Kaufman - Coordinator

Welcome new members!

On May 4th St Paul welcomed 11 new members into our church family.

Barbara Chumley comes to St. Paul from Christ Lutheran Chapel in Elizabethtown Ky. Barbara is retired from civil service with the Department of Army at Ft. Knox, KY.

Ken and Neenah Dresser come to St. Paul from Resurrection Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN. Ken is a retired engineer and Neenah is a retired nurse.

Doris Hite comes to St. Paul from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Marion, IA. Doris is retired as an office assistant in the insurance industry.

Dave and Kathy Kaun come to St. Paul from Bethel Lutheran Church in Hudson, WI. David is employed as a Technology Consultant with Elbrt and Associates, Stillwater, MN. Kathy enjoys quilting.

David Lanzer comes to ST. Paul from The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Monroe PA. David is a retired engineer for PPG Industries Inc.

Elizabeth Runkle comes to Sr. Paul from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Palm Harbor, FL. Elizabeth is and actor and writer.

Robert, Linda, and Kristi Ullom come to St. Paul from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Palm Harbor, FL. Linda is a retired Air Force air traffic control officer and David is a retired Air Force pilot and Continental Airlines pilot.

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Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 1st–Thursday, June 5th

6:00pm - 8:15pm

At WEIRD ANIMAL VBS God's kids of all ages will travel in multi-age "Zoo Crews" to discover that Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind. WEIRD ANIMALS is a habitat filled with incredible Bible-learning, music and team-building games. Kids will discover how to look for God-sightings – evidence of God in everyday life. There will be a program for adults as well, so plan to stay and then join the Zoo Crews for the "Tail End Celebration" each evening at 8:00 pm.

Encourage your kids to invite a friend to join the fun. All are welcome, but please let us know so we have plenty of material for all participants. (Call Sue in the office at 982-4285)

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Adult VBS Class

"The Palestine I Know"

During VBS, Sister Sylvia will present "The Palestine I Know" a 5 night series about her experiences living in Jerusalem and working in the West Bank Occupied Palestinian Territories in which she will attempt to describe the various factors influencing life in Palestine/Israel.

Sister Sylvia Countess is a rostered deaconess of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Sylvia served with the ELCA's Global Mission Unit as Assistant to the Director of Education in the Lutheran Schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) from 2005-2009. Upon her return to the United States, she served four years as the Director of Vocation and Education for the Deaconess Community and a part-time hospital chaplain, retiring in 2013. A former high school French teacher, she once again lives in Oak Ridge. This past September, Sylvia returned to the Holy Land to volunteer, working with English teachers in the ELCJHL schools.

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High School Graduation Recognition Sunday, May 18th 10:30 Service

A reception in their honor will be held after the service

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations 2014 Graduates!

High School

Jenna Burts - Graduates from

William Blount High School Monday, May 19, 2014. She was on the dance team all four years, Co Cap her Jr year, Captain her senior year. She also was a part of WBHS's Senior Athletic Leadership Team; French Honors Society; Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America; and the dual enrollment program. Jenna plans to pursue a degree in Child and Family Development and Child Psychology.

Carl Bell- Graduates from

Maryville High School on Monday, May 12th. Maryville will have a Baccalaureate service on Friday, May 9th. He is happy to be graduating and will attend Pellissippi State in the Fall. He plans to continues his studies in Computer/Digital Media.

College

Rachel Kaufman - Graduates from

Maryville College Sunday, May 18th.

Major: English
Minor: Psychology

She will be finishing her Thesis this fall and then plans to attend graduate school next year

Hannah Fry - Graduates from

Maryville College Sunday, May 18th.

Major: Mathematics

Chase Hatmaker - Graduates from Maryville College Sunday, May 18th. Major: Music

PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion- Coordinator

Wednesday Night Faith -N- Family

May
7th, 14, & 21st

Family Meal - 5:45pm
Activities - 6:15pm

Let us do the cooking, so you can sit down with your family and enjoy a meal together after a busy day of work and school.

Closing Celebration ~ May 21st ~ 5:45pm
Everyone Welcome!

Cookout
Sing-N-Sign
Hand chimes
Devotions
Singing
Outdoor Games

55+ Adults

Next meeting May 20th ~ NOON

Potluck Luncheon bring a covered dish, Spam will supply the Meat.

Merl and Judy Krull will host the program.

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization will tell us how we can help with the a local reading program.

June we will go to Crossville to see "Annie Get Your Gun" and eat at the lodge. Look for more information on the SPAM bulletin board.

10:30 Service Fellowship Teams

May 11 Mother's Day - Men in Mission

May 18 Graduation Recognition - Council

May 25 Al & Dawn Hutchinson
Rick & Elizabeth Anger

June 1 Judy & Jerry Sorenson
JB & Sylvia Johnson

Each team is responsible for setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service. Contact Sylvia Johnson for more information.

Keep'em In Stitches

Thursday, May 8th, 15th(11:00am), & 29th
10:00am-1:00pm
Bring a sack lunch and join us for any kind of needlework/stitching.

SERVING

- Coordinator

Community Food Connection of Blount County, Inc.

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 10th

Have your non-perishable food by your mail box by 9:00am. A volunteer from the Food Connection will pick it up.

SUPPORTING

Tom Sims - Coordinator

Financial Secretary Update

The St. Paul Council recently approved a recommendation to change the stewardship year from July 1– June 30 to January 1 – December 31. This change will align the stewardship year with the budget/ spending plan year and eliminate current confusion in how member statements are presented.

The pledge/estimate of giving campaign will be conducted in the fall (September timeframe) rather than the spring. Commitments received during this campaign will cover calendar year 2015.

Two items associated with this change are worthy of note.

For those using envelopes, your current envelope book expires at the end of June.

Prior to July 1 you will receive a new envelope book covering an 18 month period from July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. For 2016 and beyond books will revert back to the traditional 12 month calendar year period.

Although a formal pledge/estimate of giving commitment will not be in effect during the period from July 1 – December 31, 2014, **it is anticipated that members will continue to give at their current or an increased rate.** However, if you would like to make in change in your commitment for this 6 month period, please notify the Financial Secretary, Robert Bryant, at 865-977-4070 or rdbryantpe@bellsouth.net.

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding during this important transition. Please don't hesitate to direct any questions/comments to the financial secretary or other church staff.

WORSHIP

Merl Krull & Jean Beck - Coordinators

Notes from the Worship Ministry Team

Merl Krull/Jean Beck-Coordinators

It has been said that this 2014 Lenten Season was one of the more meaningful times in the life of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The Lenten Devotional Book, the Mid Week Lenten Service Setting, the weekly monologues, and the wonderful Festival Services created a worship filled journey to the cross. Thank you to all who offered their time and talents and to everyone who worshipped during this Lenten Season. We have all been blessed.

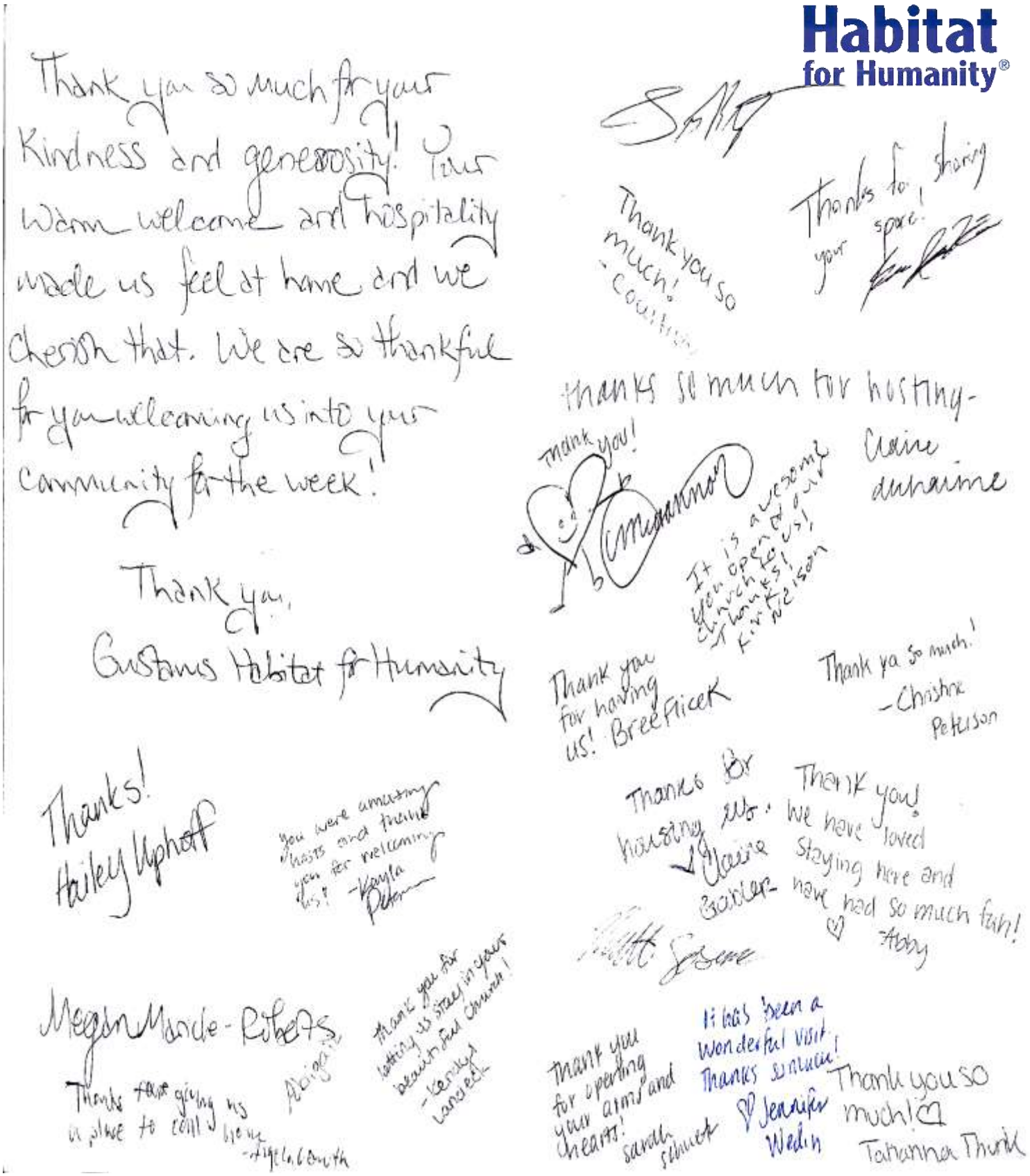
There is still a need for a Lead Usher. If there is anyone who would consider serving in this way, please contact someone on the Worship Ministry Team, Merl Krull, or Jean Beck. Thank you.

The Columbarium was dedicated between services on Sunday, May 4, 2014.

Thank You

Below is a thank you note left by the 28 college kids from Gustavus Adolphus. They spent their Spring Break week here working for Habitat for Humanity.

They also pitched in on our work day before heading home.



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

	May 4		**May 11**		**May 18**		**May 25**	
Duties	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Don Burnett	Art Hafner	Mike Culross	Merl Krull	Jean Beck	Marsha Wynn	Don Burnett	Elaine Fisher
Communion Assistants	Marianne Searfoss	Merl Krull	Don Burnett Steve Zrioka	Tom Sims	Jackie Kreider	Brenda McClellan	Laura Mallette	Carla McMillion
Lector	Laura Mallette	Merl Krull	Chris Mallette	Art Hafner	Don Burnett	Ann Hall	Winnie Johnson	Sue Tyler
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Floyd Johnson	Perry McClellan Roy Johnson René Zimmer	Greg Caldwell Will Ludwig	James Hall Bob Block Herb Perry	Tami and Greg Wyatt	Tom Sims Al Hutchison Robert Bryant	Will and Betty Ludwig	John Beck Bob Block James McMillion
Altar Guild	Jackie Kreider	Carolyn Speck	Bertha Franks	Marsha Wynn	Leigh Caldwell	Valari Burts Jenna Burts	Betty Ludwig Sandi Weber	Karin Bell
Acolyte/Crucifer	Isabella Burnett	Drew Ohsiek		Scottie Lindquist	Jean Beck	Noah Ohsiek	Autumn Burnett	Emily Kaufman
Nursery		Carol Perry Jody Ohsiek		Eric Walker Jenna Burts		Chris Mallette Laura Mallette		Dorine Keeble Carla McMillion
Greeters			Greg & Cole Wyatt	Rick Anger Rene Zimmer	Cathy & Taylor LeBlanc	Mary Frank Juanita Morrow	Ed & Jackie Kreider	Thelma Fastner Christel Pfister
Sound Room	Will Ludwig	Mark Fisher	Steve Zrioka		Don Burnett	Bob Block	Greg Caldwell	Mark Fisher
Tellers		Tom Sims Will Ludwig		Dee Dee Walker Kris Zimmer		John Walker Roy Johnson		Herb Perry Merl Krull

May 2014

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2 Ramona Bishop
May 2 Melissa Sherman
May 2 Linda Zrioka
May 4 Brianna Mandrekas
May 5 Barb Miller
May 14 Laura Mallette
May 16 Sara Wainwright
May 17 Kris Zimmer
May 18 Norma Watson
May 19 David Walker
May 19 Kristen Walker
May 23 John Walker
May 24 Anne Sims

May 26 Kara Birdwell
May 27 Ann Mann
May 27 Dana Conzemius
May 29 Ken Dressler
May 29 Brian Kaufman
May 30 Gail Hafner

ANNIVERSARIES

May 4 Bill & Beth Drane
May 11 Kevin & Donna Dornfeld
May 15 Steve & Jacqueline Conzemius
May 17 Tom & Lyla Lindquist
May 24 Ramona & Danny Bishop
May 29 Cathy & Chris LeBlanc

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Sharing Christ's Love
With the World

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Council

Monday, May 19th ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting
Friday, May 30th-June 1st ~ Synod Assembly

Discipleship:

Tuesday, May 13th ~ High School Youth Breakfast
Tuesday, May 13th ~ Creative Play
Wednesdays, May 7th, 14th, & 21st ~ Fait-N-Family Activities
Sunday, June 1st-5th ~ VBS

Parish Life:

Wednesdays, May 7th, 14th, & 21st ~ Fait-N-Family Meal
Thursdays, May 8th, 15th, & 29th ~ Keep'em in Stitches
Thursday, May 22nd ~ Women's Bible Study

Worship:

Sunday, May 11th ~ Mother's Day Service
Sunday, May 18th ~ Graduation Recognition