

Evangelical Lutheran Church 9833 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234



**MAY 2024** 



Beloved Community,

I was finishing bulletin announcements when it dawned on me how many new people are coming to visit and how many are thinking of joining us. First off, this is 100% the work of the Lord, and I've spent a lot of time on my knees asking the Lord to grow us and flourish us here at Christus Victor, as I know you have also. Our prayers are being answered!

I am so happy that we have sprung into welcoming action. Our ushers are now "greeters," and during larger events, we greet people in the parking lot to help them park. Our Evangelism Team has put together exquisite welcome bags with a colorful brochure about our church, prayer-request cards, a hand-written bejeweled welcome note from me and a multitude of great little religious gifts: pen, pencil and writing pad, colorful cross, Scripture card, tissues, bookmark and more. In talking with our visitors who have desired to make Christus Victor their church home, they have noted how welcome and accepted they feel. When visitors come to our Sunday socials, other events, and fellowships (of which we have many in order to be a fun-loving and caring community), we make sure they never sit alone and make sure they meet as many of us by name as they can humanly stand (just kidding), and most importantly they are invited to be part of our worship service and to lend their gifts to us in volunteering when they feel ready to get involved.

We have a group of new members to welcome in an upcoming service, including our new deacon, Shelly Shrader, and her husband Tony. Shelly will be gifting us with her teaching skills for VBS as well as teaching an expanded Sunday School class for upper grades, a sort of pre-Confirmation class. She is a visitation minister for us, a regular force at pub theology, an active participant in all our social events, as well as our Gospeler and an assistant minister. We praise God for her and all the deacon training, gifts and passion she brings to us!

There is so much going on to be excited about. Please keep doing what you're doing – being friendly, accepting, welcoming, loving, caring, and inviting. God is using us for great things here at Christus Victor.

If we at Christus Victor remain silent and inactive at this time, relief, and deliverance for the people of our community who need the Lord will arise from another place, and eventually this church will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your critical position in God's plan for such a time as this? (Adapted from Esther 4:14).

Much Love, Pastor Ellen



Welcome all of the beautiful spring colors. God certainly has a wonderful palette of colorful trees, plants, and flowers to beautify our world.

Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. The founder of Mother's Day was Anna Jarvis from West Virginia, who created the holiday in 1908. President Woodrow Wilson declared it an official holiday in 1914.

In 1908, Anna Jarvis distributed 500 carnations to mothers at her church. She selected the carnation because it was her mother's favorite flower. Later, because of a shortage of white carnations, florists invented the idea of wearing a pink carnation if your mother was living or a white carnation if she was dead.

The purpose of Mother's Day is to honor, thank, or pamper mothers, grandmothers, or other maternal figures. Mother's Day is the third largest holiday to send cards.

Honor your mother or her memory; remember a woman who has made a difference in your life.

Christ remembered his mother from the cross by asking John to care for his mother, Mary.

Peace,

Linda Meyer Council President

**Environmental Note:** Do you know how bad for the environment putting batteries into the trash is? Do not put them into recycling bins either.

There are places that will collect batteries and disposed of them properly. There is a plastic container in the Fellowship Hall to collect used batteries. This is an easy thing we can do to help protect our environment.





Alexis – Friend of Joyce McMahon

JoAnn Bakie – Health issues (Daughter of Bea Walshinsky, Mother of Angela Meyers)

**Bette** -- Please pray for her new round of cancer medication to work so that she goes into remission (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

Jane Bowie\* - Pray for healing of a broken leg.

**Greg Bryant** – Son-in-law of the Stansburys

Kelly Stansbury Bryant – Daughter of the Stansburys

Janet & Tommy Burkhart – Niece & nephew of the Stansburys

**Summer Cieszynski** – Pray for healing from very serious complications of a long lupus attack (Family of Phyllis Christopher).

Renee Demski – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

**Beth F.** -- Pray for strength, peace and healing as her doctors search for an alternative chemotherapy treatment (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

Loretta Gleason – Pray for strength and healing (Birdie Patrick's sister).

Joe Gordon – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

Roberta Hanna – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

**Debra Hopple** – Undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Pray for continued success in her cancer treatments and for full healing (Daughter-in-law of Diane Hopple).

**Joe Marsheck\*** -- Pray for healing from cancer.

**Meg** – Pray for wellness of muscles and nerves and strength to cope with what she is facing (Friend of Joyce McMahon). **Pat** – Pray for healing from double breast cancer (Stepdaughter of Barbara Francis, Bible study member).

**Connie Petrovich –** Daughter-in-law of Len & Sandy Petrovich

Charlotte Pullara – Pray for healing and no need for future surgeries (Mother of Stephanie Vancura).

DebraLee Ruby - Health issues (Sister-in-law of Irene Ruby)

Erika Scarcella – Pray for healing and wellness from seizures, that they may be able to discover the cause.

(Grandaughter of the McCreas)

Joann Schoenfeld – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

Joanne Schaech – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

Terrie Sommers – Health issues (Niece of Pat Eichner).

**Rich Souders** – Pray for rehab to continue to strengthen him and enable him to return home under Carol's care. Pray also for Carol, his loving caretaker.

Harper Struntz – 9-year-old transplant patient, currently with Covid (Friend of the McCreas)

Susan Stygler - Lost everything in a house fire (Friend of the McCreas)

Michele Thompson – Health issues (Daughter of Bea Walshinsky)

Lisa Triller – Granddaughter of Len & Sandy Petrovich

**David Wilford** – Brother-in-law of Michael and Bette Schumann, recently diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for strength, comfort and effective treatment.

Laura Young – Niece of Jane Bowie

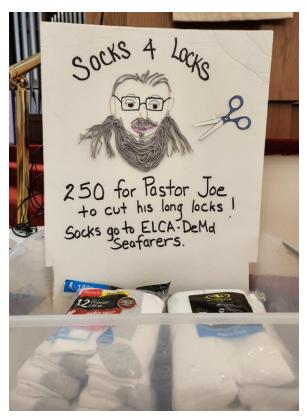
#### Members at Home:

Diane Frederick	Jeanne George	Elsie Peck
Jim Umerley	Bea Walshinsky	Jack Zimmerman



## **Gospel Lessons**

May 5	John 15:9—17	Now all the vault of heaven resounds
May 12 Pentecost	John 17:6—19	Lord, who the night you were betrayed
May 19	John 15:26—27; 16:4b—15	O living Breath of God
May 26	John 3:1—17	Come, join the dance of Trinity

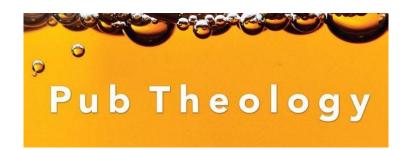


Pastor Joe Skillman has agreed to shave his long beard and cut his hair short if we can collect 250 pairs of athletic socks to donate to the seafarers who visit the Port of Baltimore.\* Socks will be collected through May 1<sup>st</sup>, so come to church on May 5<sup>th</sup> to find out whether we met our goal!

\**Update:* The synod has collected enough socks for the seafarers, so our socks will be used when we make blessing bags for the homeless.



The First Sunday Social on May 5<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by the Christian Education Team. Please come to the fellowship hall after worship for refreshments and conversation!



Please join us at The Bowman on Harford Road at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 1st**. You can order food and/or beverages, or just spend a couple of hours in conversation. All ages are welcome! Please invite friends and neighbors. We love new voices! This month's topic: Temptation.

Please keep bringing in pull tabs from aluminum cans. The money raised from recycling them is used to purchase gas for the shuttle that takes Ronald McDonald House families to and from the hospital. Every little bit helps!







#### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2 -- Wayne Spath
 5 -- Jack Zimmerman
 10 -- Linda Watkinson
 22 -- David Petersen, Hannah Krich
 26 -- Ellen Marsheck
 30 -- McKenna Dunham



#### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

**13** -- Irene & John Ruby**29** -- Don & Miriam Keyser

## **Our Nursery Has Reopened!**



Children are <u>always welcome</u> in our church; however, if you feel the need to give them a break, our church service can be viewed and heard on the nursery TV! Thank you to Marie Greb and Sandy Petrovich for cleaning and sanitizing everything. Thank you also to Braelyn Revels and Miley Collins for the beautiful painted stain glass window and Helen Tennant for the garden outside the window.

## Evangelism

Several team members have collaborated to design and produce a Welcome bag for the ushers/greeters to provide to new visitors when they see them visit. This Welcome bag includes, among many things, a hand-written note from the pastor thanking them for visiting our church and a brochure explaining what we at Christus Victor are all about and what Lutherans believe.

We are working on a dedicated mass mailing within zip 21234 down to selected streets where we can send, for less than 7 cents, a postcard with a message about our church outreach to the community. These postcards will change depending on the liturgical calendar, events throughout the year, etc.

We are looking to find opportunities for the congregation to participate more in becoming a welcoming church when visitors attend our church service. We have heard from new members that the reason they became members of Christus Victor was they felt more welcomed than at other churches they visited.

FUN FACT: Did you know the #1 reason someone visits a new church is they were invited by a friend or neighbor? We need to figure out how we, as a congregation, can do that in our community.

Respectfully submitted, David Murray



Don't the carpets and pew cushions look fantastic??? They were professionally cleaned mid-April. Please do your part to keep them looking this way. No food or drinks except water and cough drops in the sanctuary, please, and help our children learn to treat the cushions like the sofa at Great Aunt So-and-so's house---no uncapped markers or shoes!



I thought it was time to let the congregation know a little about **Christus Victor's Confirmation Program**. As most of you are aware, we have a two-year program that usually starts in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I have two separate curriculums that I rotate between the two years so that no student repeats the same material.

**Year 1:** This is my **Martin Luther** year, where we explore the historical life of Luther and the revelations that lead him to spark the Protestant reformation. Through his experience and teachings, we learn what it is to be a Lutheran and how the concepts that formed the reformation carry forward into our church and political life today. We also take a look at how the Christian church continued after Jesus's resurrection through the journey and teachings of Paul. And we end up with a look at prayer and some non-traditional ways that we can talk to God.

**Year 2:** This is our life of **Jesus** year, and we follow Jesus's journey through the New Testament in a more serious way than what the students might have experienced in Sunday School in the past. We spend a lot of time on the breakdown and meaning of the parables and we try to develop skills that allow the students to look below the surface of these important stories. We also cover the meaning and symbols behind each of the church seasons. And finally, we break down the importance of the physical layout of Christus Victor and the parts of our liturgy.

Here is what our current confirmation class looks like (from left to right):

Ryan Vancura (2<sup>nd</sup> year) (parents Stephanie & Mark) – Likes football, baseball and video games. Fav food: Chick-Fil-A. Aaron Depew (1<sup>st</sup> year) (parents Amber & Greg) – Likes soccer, baseball and pickle ball. Fav food: Shrimp & grits. Jacob Carey (1<sup>st</sup> year) (parents Michel & Devin) – Likes soccer, baseball and Fortnite. Fav food: Sushi. Nathan Walck (1<sup>st</sup> year) (parents Angela & Bob) – Likes soccer, swimming and playing guitar. Fav food: Pasta. Marcus Collins (2<sup>nd</sup> year) (parents Melissa & Matt) – Likes art and video games. Fav food: Fries. Miley Collins (2<sup>nd</sup> year) (parents Melissa & Matt) – Likes football catch, soccer and art. Fav food: Fries. Meghan Petersen (1<sup>st</sup> year) (parents Katie & Dave) – Likes reading. Fav food: Pancakes and mashed potatoes (not together).



# **Kindness Rocks!!** Spread it around like confetti! Faith, Fun and Fellowship invites you to come out and join us in painting kindness rocks to create a new rock garden! Wednesday, May 15th 6-8

## Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Flea Market





Saturday, June 22nd 9:00-2:00 9833 Harford Road Plant sale Carney, Md 21234



and bake sale

too!



To become a vendor and join in the fun call the office at 410.668.8089 between 9-1 for details & to reserve your spot!

## **Mutual Ministry**

#### **Congregational Survey**

I would like to thank everyone who completed and submitted a congregational survey. We received some great responses and feedback with respect to service, sermon and music.

The Mutual Ministry team is reviewing the data and will be compiling the results and comments to share with the appropriate teams and the congregation.

Mutual Ministry is meant to help the entire congregation better accomplish God's mission in working together for the glory of God.

The focus is on means of improvement rather than on reasons why something was or was not done and on celebrating successes and resolving the challenges.

Please utilize your Mutual Ministry team.

As always, please feel free to contact a Mutual Ministry team member if you have any concerns, issues or questions.

Your Mutual Ministry Team, Kelly, Cheryl, Joel, Ugonnaya



CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS K--GRADE 5 TO JOIN THE CUB SCOUTS PACK 183 Scouts meet Tuesday nights at Christus Victor.

They have lots of fun events and community service projects throughout the year!

Please contact Cubmaster Sarah Barrett at pack183carney@gmail.com for more information.

Please send Oakleaf submissions to the church office or directly to Karen Biedronski (charmcitystamper@verizon.net) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the current month for publication in the next month's newsletter. Photos from church events are always appreciated.



#### YIELD 8 bowls | COOK TIME 6 to 7 hours

#### Ingredients

- Ib. bulk Italian sausage, cooked and drained
- 1-2 large onions, diced
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 T. dried oregano
- 1 T. dried basil
- 1/4 t. red pepper flakes
- (6-oz.) can tomato paste
  (28-oz.) can fire-roasted tomatoes
- 2 bay leaves
- 6 c. chicken broth Sait and pepper, to taste
- oz. lasagna noodles, broken into pieces
   Ricotta and mozzarella cheeses, for topping

#### Directions

- Combine all ingredients except lasagna noodles and cheeses in slow cooker.
- Cover and cook on LOW for 6 to 7 hours.
- During the last 30 minutes, add uncooked pasta.
- 4. Top with cheese and serve.

If desired, broil in ovensafe bowl for 3 to 5 minutes to brown cheese.



Served during the Lenten luncheons and submitted by Helen Tennant.

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

— J.M. Barrie

## **Christian Education**

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, I met with the Christian Education Committee to discuss the status and future of Christian Education. We needed to reorganize since the pandemic.

Starting in September, we will have a third Sunday School pre-confirmation class starting with sixth grade. We felt this would be a helpful transition before entering the two-year confirmation program. This will not affect anyone who has already started in confirmation.

Confirmation will continue to be a two-year program with classes taking place on Sundays. With the addition of the pre-confirmation class, we felt adding back the weeknight class would not be necessary.

First Holy Communion---After much discussion and research, we agreed that anyone who has been baptized is to be welcomed at the Lord's table. However, individually the parents will decide when their child will partake. Each year, the curriculum used in the past will be taught during Sunday School. This will be a refresher for those who already take communion and prepare those who do not. First Holy Communion will be held, when necessary, once a year in the spring.

Discussion was held about holding onto our confirmed youth, and again the suggestion of a Youth Room was brought up. A place where they can just gather. Maybe sometime in the future we can find a space for that. We also would like for them to continue to serve in the church. We have some now who are readers and help with the Facebook Live Stream. With our nursery back in order, some could perhaps child sit, if the need arises.

A Youth Group mission trip was discussed. Kelly Ruby is looking into something for the future. These take commitment from parents as well as youth. These are normally week-long trips. For now, we are hoping Ms. Bea Walshinsky will have us do some yard work for her, and there is a clean-up day coming at church. We discussed the possibility of joining with other Youth Groups in the area. Thoughts of adding an afternoon or evening service with a praise band and more relaxed atmosphere was also an idea for bringing more of the younger adults and teens to church. No decisions were made.

We will be planning a fall retreat to Mar-Lu-Ridge for sixth grade and up, possibly having adults and younger children join us on Saturday afternoon with a beautiful service in the chapel before leaving.

Vacation Bible School is set for July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> for those age 4 years and up. Any youth entering sixth grade and up are encouraged to be volunteers. Our theme this year is SCUBA, Diving into Friendship with God, and we will transform our church, fellowship hall, and classrooms into undersea coral reefs and one submarine. There are plenty of decorations to be made, and as we get closer, I will be having craft days and nights. Please let me know if you are interested.

#### Sandy Petrovich Candlerich54@gmail.com / Text 410-241-8814 There's not enough darkness in the world to put out the light of one small candle!

## Faith, Fellowship & Fun Line Dancing















































## **ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY @ CHRISTUS VICTOR**

### SATURDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, STARTING AT 10 A.M.

## Please come out and help spruce up the grounds and freshen up the inside of our church. Refreshments will be provided. Many hands make light work!

CONTACT HOWARD STANSBURY, PROPERTY TEAM LEADER, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR AREAS THAT NEED ATTENTION.

I stumbled across a post saying they make pancakes out of muffin mixes and their kids love them because there are so many flavors.

Success. One packet mixed with 2/3 cups of milk and one egg will make roughly 7 good sized pancakes.

So simple, ENJOY!! Constant of the second se

Submitted by Sandy Petrovich.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!** 

This summer we will be transforming our church, classrooms, fellowship hall and hallways into a spectacular under water sensation. We can use some items you may normally throw away or **recycle**.

egg cartons cardboard drink carriers 2 liter plastic bottles with lids (washed please) plastic bottle caps ( water bottle, medicine bottle caps) packing peanuts, bubble wrap, packing paper paper towel rolls or larger cardboard tubes bowls (paper, plastic, cardboard) **Things from the Dollar Tree** pool noodles bath scrunchies/loofa colorful tissue paper paper lanterns scalloped bowls (come in colors)

I am sure we will need other items as we move forward. Thank you for your support.



## VICTOR'S VITTLES FOOD DRIVE

Kicking off on May 5th at our Cinco de Mayo First Sunday Social and ending June 2nd at our church picnic!

The following items are desperately needed: Cereal Pasta Peanut Butter Jelly Canned Fruit Noodle meal Mix (hamburger helper etc)

Our "Cinco" challenge: 5 items /5 weeks.

Bags are in the Narthex for your convenience.





## ANNUAL OUTDOOR SERVICE AND CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

## 9 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM - OUTDOOR SERVICE W/ NEW MEMBERS 11:30 AM PICNIC HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS & DRINKS BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE

END OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION! GAMES AND ACTIVITIES



#### Christus Victor Lutheran Church Council Minutes

#### March 11, 2024

Council Meetings Are Open and Everyone Is Invited to Attend. The Executive Board met Sunday, March 10, 2024, to plan the agenda.

Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good News

Attendance: Pastor Ellen Krich, Phil Biedronski via Zoom, Linda Meyer, Linda McMahon, Sandy Petrovich, Kelly Ruby, Howard Stansbury, Helen Tennant, Stephanie Vancura, Andrea Zahirsky, David Murray, and Michael Schumann

#### Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Pastor Ellen Krich opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Review of minutes, revisions made and motion to approve was made by Sandy Petrovich and seconded by David Murray, minutes were accepted. A copy of the minutes will be published in the next *Oakleaf*.

#### **Asset Account**

Phil Biedronski prepared an Asset Report for the Council and a copy was distributed to the council. The account balance was \$545,027 as of 02/29/24, an increase of 5% from the previous month.

#### Status of Funds – Helen Tennant

As of 2/29/24 are as follows: the checking account balance was \$8,250.90, the balance for the Victor's Vittles account was \$6,038.88 and the Savings Account balance was \$12,048.51. Total income for February 2024 was \$32,707.39. Total Expenses for this period were \$22,793.18. Total net ordinary income for December 2023 was \$9,914.21. A Venmo account was set up for credit cards sales.

#### **Old Business**

#### **Pastor's Report**

The report outlined a list of the Pastor's suggested action items and items of interest.

Visitation Team – visits have begun and have been successful.

New Members – Tony and Shelly Shrader. Shelly is a deacon and has expressed interest in continuing in that capacity at our church.

Lent services are going well; however, Sunrise Easter Service will not be at the farm but at the church.

Pub Theology is well attended.

Bible Study will be re-addressed after Easter.

There is a memorial service pending.

#### **Property Report**

Insurance paid \$16,000.00 for roof repairs. The \$5,500.00 for the downpayment to the vendor has been reimbursed. There is a \$8,600.00 claim pending with the insurance company. Howard Stansbury suggested these funds be placed in the building fund. Andrea Zahirsky made a motion to approve and Howard Stansbury seconded it. The motion was approved.

Water was discovered in the sanctuary again; repairs are expected this month. The condition of the pews was discussed because the wood was wet. After everything dries out this issue will be re-evaluated.

A letter was received from the Baltimore County Law Office stating that Baltimore County is proposing improvements to the Jenifer Branch Sewer lines, which are located through the rear of our property easement. Baltimore County will be paying the church for the use of our property. This work should not affect our parking lot.

Lee Krich and Joyce McMahon completed the installation of new ceiling tiles in the Sunday School room.

We experienced a partial power outage last month during a storm, our on-call electrician resolved the issue. The problems were related to power lines on the street.

Repair or replacement of the AED Defibrator is being investigated.

Repairs to the bathrooms are in the investigation phase. A bid has been obtained; additional bids are being solicited. Sherri Simpkins has committed to contributing \$3000.00 for the tile replacement.

#### **Book Study**

Sandy Petrovich comments that people have become complacent and expect service from the church. Broken systems keep the church from growing, we are all trying to please everyone.

Linda Meyer discusses the issues related to conflicts with children's sporting events.

David Murray feels that there is not enough focus on worship; church sometime feels like an entertainment business.

Sandy Petrovich is looking for new ideas for our Sunday school program; she feels what we are doing now is not working.

Linda Meyer reports that she has a friend that attends the church outlined in the book and perhaps she would visit the council to discuss their approach and programs.

#### **Mutual Ministry**

Kelly Ruby reports a meeting was held on March 7 to review and approve the final draft of the Church Survey. Copies where distributed. The survey will go out via email and hard copy this month to the congregation. The Mutual Ministry team will provide support to anyone who needs help completing the survey. April 7 the finished reports are due back from the congregation and the committee will share the results with the council. After the results are discussed an action plan for moving forward will be developed.

#### **Evangelism Report**

David Murray sent out an email to set up a date for the committee to meet. Postal cards, visitor packages, and other issues will be discussed.

#### Master Calendar

The Calendar is on the website; updates will be ongoing. FFF will add Caroling.

#### FFF

Flea Market and Craft sale will not have a rain date; it will proceed rain or shine.

Line dancing class is scheduled for April 17. All decorations will be removed at the end of the event.

#### **New Business**

#### Surprises during service

Concerns regarding "surprises" during service were raised. Kelly Ruby commented that these issues should be addressed with the Mutual Ministry Committee. No changes in policy were addressed.

#### **Use of Building**

Hall rental for 6/1/24 discussed. Motion made Andrea Zahirsky and seconded by Mike and passed by council.

#### **Emergency Plan**

The need for an emergency evacuation plan was proposed by Linda McMahon. Fire extinguisher inspections, evacuation map, CPR training, and other safety issues were discussed. The council proposed that a committee be created to resolve these outstanding issues led by Linda McMahon. An announcement will occur at the next church service to recruit members.

#### **Boy Scout request**

The Boy Scouts have requested to sell Coupon books and have a bake sale to support their troop on Sunday, April 28. It was suggested that we also invite them to take a table on 6/22 at the Flea Market and Craft Sale event.

#### **Use of Building Rooms**

It was discussed that too many materials are currently stored in the meeting rooms. The rooms are currently being cleaned out and re-organized. Howard Stansbury stated that the Boy Scouts are moving all their items except the flags to the shed. There is a leak in the garage and Lee Krich and Joyce McMahon will be addressing that issue. Nursery to be done next week. Altar guild working on their clean up.

#### Ads in Weekly Bulletin and Oakleaf

Ads in the Bulletin was not approved. Linda McMahon proposed a motion to allow \$5.00 ads in the *Oakleaf*. Andrea seconded the motion and the council passed the motion.

#### **Grant Money for Victor's Vittles**

Hunger Task Force has given Victor's Vittles a \$1000.00 grant and Carol Stansbury is working to locate matching funds from local sources.

#### Approval to Partner on The Chosen Bible Studies

The Chosen TV series is being offered in partnership with other Lutheran churches in the area. We would be hosting the event for two nights, providing a small meal. There was a motion to approve by Linda Meyer seconded by David Murray, approved by Council.

#### Next Steps of Deacon Shelly and Closure with Rodger

Pastor Ellen Krich to meet with Shelly 4/15 to discuss next steps. She will also meet with Rodger to discuss the closure of his deacon services. It was recommended that Shelly come to next month's Council meeting so we can get to know her better.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike and seconded by Sandy. Motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned and it ended with the Lord's Prayer.

#### Reminder: Next Council Meeting April 8, 2024, 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda McMahon, Secretary

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

— Leo Buscaglia

# May

## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 – 8:30 pm Pub Theology at the Bowman Topic: Temptation	2 7:30 pm NA Group	3 7 pm New Beginnings	4 9-11 am Victor's Vittles
5 9 am - Sunday School and Confirmation 10 am - Worship 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Social	6 7 pm Women's NA Group	7 9:30 am Quilting 11 am VV Vols. 5:30 pm Chosen event at St. John's 6:30 pm Scouts	6-8 pm Youth Group	9 11 am - Nancy Kohlman's Memorial Service 7:30 pm NA Group	10 7 pm New Beginnings	11 9-11 am Victor's Vittles
12 9 am - Sunday School and Confirmation 10 am - Worship MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH	13 7 pm Council Meeting 7 pm Women's NA Group	14 9:30 am Quilting 11 am VV Vols. 5:30 pm Chosen event at People's Community 6:30 pm Scouts	15 LMS Pickup 6-8 pm FFF Event: Kindness Rock Painting	16 7:30 pm NA Group	17 7 pm New Beginnings	18 9-11 am Victor's Vittles 10 am-1 pm Church Grounds Cleanup
19 9 am - Sunday School and Confirmation 10 am - Worship	20 7 pm Women's NA Group	21 9:30 am Quilting 11 am VV Vols. 5:30 pm Chosen event at People's Community 6:30 pm Scouts	6-8 pm Youth Group	23 7:30 pm NA Group	24 7 pm New Beginnings	25 9-11 am Victor's Vittles
26 No Sunday School and Confirmation 10 am - Special Worship for Memorial Day	27 MEMORIAL DAY Office closed 7 pm Women's NA Group	28 9:30 am Quilting 11 am. VV Vols. 5:30 – 7 pm Chosen event at CVLC 7 pm PCRC	29	30 7:30 pm NA Group	31 7 pm New Beginnings	

Sunday, May 12, wear **RED** for Pentecost!

## 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

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