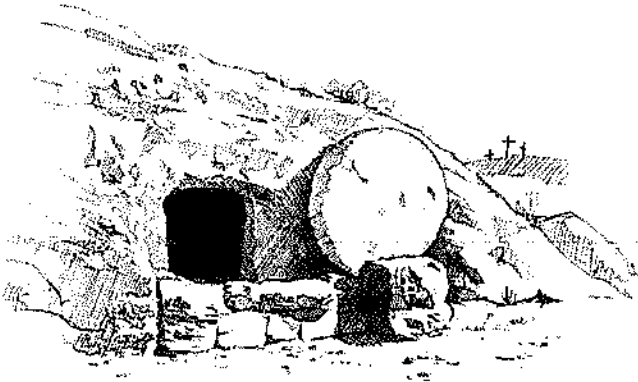


The Parish Voice

St. Thomas Lutheran Church — Streetsboro, Ohio

May 2019



We (some of us anyway) spent forty days (remembering that Sundays were not counted) in Lent getting ready for Easter. That penitential season was developed over centuries to be a time when we learn how to pay attention to our sin and its damaging effect on just about every facet of life.

This Lent, in our Sunday worship, we focused on Jesus' teaching in the Sermon the Mount. In our Midweek worship, we dove into the Book of Exodus. In both foci, the issues of sin and grace came to the fore. Jesus lays out before us the demands of a life lived to His purposes. The Exodus epic reveals that God's loving grace has always underlined everything in the Biblical witness.

All of that was to be preparation for our comprehending anew the glorious message of Easter: The sin that would destroy us has been taken to the cross in Christ and in the power of His resurrection we now have the promise of life — life abundant, life everlasting! We spent forty days "in the wilderness" of Lent, especially when it came to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, enmeshed in the shadows of sin and death.

Then it was Easter morning! The sun rose to the message that He was not in the tomb! "Christ is risen!" we cried, and echoed back, "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

So ... now that's over. Or so it is for many.

The church came to recognize that, if forty days were needed to prepare for the victory of Easter, it would take at least fifty days to celebrate His resurrection. That's where we are all this month of May — smack dab in the middle of the days of celebration. Forty of those days remind us that is how long Jesus made Himself manifest after His resurrection before He ascended to the Father. The next ten days remind us that the disciples had to wait that long for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

Leave the celebration of the greatest event in human history to a one-day festival? No way!!

We need to hear again and again how Jesus made Himself known to the disciples so we can recognize how He makes Himself known to us today. We need to doubt with Thomas so that we can be invited to touch and see that He is risen indeed. We need to sit around the fire with Him on the shoreline, eating a breakfast of fish and bread so we can realize that every meal is a time to bask in His presence. We need to recall that He is our Good Shepherd, especially in those moments in life when we are struggling. We need His command repeated to love one another. We need to know the peace that He alone can instill in us.

We need to come together in this post-Easter period as much as, if not more than, we needed to assemble during Lent. Why? Because He is risen! We cannot afford to let that powerfully joyous message to fade from our thinking, our speaking, our doing. These fifty days are a gift; make use of it.

Our Worship This Month

Because Pastor Just will be recovering from the knee replacement surgery done on April 30, we are working to have Guest Pastors for each of the Sundays in May. If we cannot secure the services of a visiting clergy for any of the Sundays, Pastor Just has provided a sermon to be read (more than likely by Steve Hlava), with others providing the worship leadership. If we have no pastor to preside, we will not offer Holy Communion on those Sundays.



May 5 — The Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon: *"A Piece of Fish — He Is among Us!"*

Texts: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

The risen Jesus meets the Twelve and sends them out with great promise.



May 12 — The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: *"Olfactory Ovinity"*

Texts: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Every year we proclaim Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Do we really understand what that means for us?

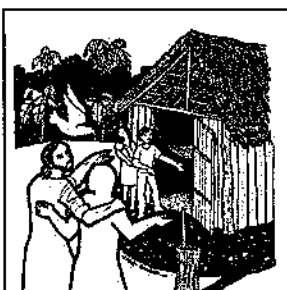


May 19 — The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: *"The Ever-New Commandment"*

Texts: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment to love. It remains ever-new as we live out His love.



May 26 — The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: *"Blessed Peace"*

Texts: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21: 10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Jesus gave the disciples the gift of peace. We have yet to comprehend how special a gift this is.



On April 7 we were pleased to welcome eight new members to our congregation, all of them former members of now-closed Epiphany Lutheran in Northfield. Pictured here (from left to right) are Kim Kinder, Bill Crile, Del Groff, Sharon Crile, Kris Just, Pat Repicky, Sherry Crile, Pastor Just, Steve Crile.

Bill and Sharon Crile live in Bedford. Bill is the President of Center Auto Repair in Maple Heights; Sharon is a homemaker.

Steve (Bill and Sharon's son) **and Sherry Crile** live in Garfield Heights. Steve is the

co-owner and head mechanic for Center Auto Repair. Sherry is Director of Administrative Services and Executive Assistant to the Chairman and the CEO at Kellison. Their grown son, Dan, lives with them; their daughter, Katie Wolfe, lives in Virginia.

Delbert Groff lives in Sagamore Hills with his wife, Donna. Their son, Alex, lives in Cleveland; their twin daughters, Holly and Julia, are in college. Dell is the Regional Risk Safety Manager for Jack Entertainment.

Kristine Just lives in Macedonia with her husband (who happens to be our Pastor) and grown son, Levi. Their daughter, Gretchen, lives in Bedford; their daughter, Rachel, lives in Broadview Heights. Kristine is a retired Registered Nurse.

Kim (née Crile) **Kinder** (daughter of Bill and Sharon, and thus sister to Steve) lives in Garfield Heights with her husband, Rocky. They have six grown children: Sarah Park, Tom Tolodzieski, Steven Tolodzieski, Brandon Kinder, Matthew Kinder, and Cody Kinder. Kim is a receptionist at Northcoast Dermatology in Independence.

Patricia Repicky lives in Streetsboro. She works as a package processor at the Amazon facility in Twinsburg.

If you have not yet had a chance to greet these new members, please do so in the next several weeks, so that they can become fully incorporated into our fellowship.

OFFICIAL PASTORAL ACTS:

Baptized:

McKenna Harper Wolfe, infant daughter of David Tyler and Kaitlyn Elizabeth (nee Crile) Wolfe, born July 9, 2018 in Roanoke, Virginia was baptized into the Triune God on April 7, 2019. Sponsors: Tyler Goodman, Josie Santos, Tina and Ben Barczak.

Buried:

Marilyn Rose Rider, born September 27, 1941, died April 10, 2019, was provided a Christian burial in April 13. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery in Streetsboro.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

6-Lorene Kozar
14-Mike Phillip
16-Ron Stenglein
24-Deb Earle



MAY BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Baptism Birthdays

1-Deb Wolff
13-Nicole Johnson
14-Ian Phillips
19-Tim Nicely
23-Jen Jones

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We, along with other English District congregations, are raising money to help our missionaries spread the good news of Jesus. 1+1+1 means \$1 per member each Sunday. There is a plastic box in the narthex under the bulletins for you to place your \$1 each Sunday. We empty the box at the end of each month and are excited to fill it again! Thank you for your donations!

Also being collected are bottle caps for the Campfire Girls and can tabs for Thrivent and cancelled postage stamps for an organization in Kent. Thank you for your donations!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Anyone interested in participating in the Memorial Day parade to be held on Sunday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m. We could borrow someone's truck and decorate it and put chairs in the back for those who can't walk the route. Those who can walk we can purchase candy to pass out to the children. Any ideas on a banner to show who we are? This is a great way to reintroduce ourselves to the community. See Marla Manijak with your ideas!

Our April-June Portal of Prayers devotionals are available now. You can find them on the table by the door.

Council will be meeting in May on the 19th at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. All members are welcome to sit in on the meeting. New ideas are always appreciated.

Contact Person: Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays from 8:00-4:00.



*"A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her.
Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."*

Proverbs 31:10, 28, 30

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Abigail Ayers	Madeline Ayers	Trudy Ayers	Deb Earle
Edna Earle	Cory Hautmann	Linda Hautmann	Pastor Just
Lorene Kozar	Joe Lenno	Ken Nicely II	Ken Nicely III
Kenny Nicely IV	Carol Poston	Heather Poston	Amy Rohaley
Ron Stenglein	Agnes Whinnie	Rory Wolff	Barb Alcorn
Michael Brooks	Warren Burgess	Franklin Conn	Leona Corban
Scott Corban	Tom Corban	Christine Combs	Dan Crile
David Drahos	Chuck Defer	Billy Earle	Martin Goss
Hanna & Zane	Sancy Hoover	Mr. Joe	Steve Kolar
Brad Kozar	Suzanne Latham	Frank Manijak	Art Robinson
Deb Rosenlib	Mildred Slanina	Lad Svadba	Dylynn Szeaks
Tara Vargo	Sam, Denise & Delilah		

Our College Students—Grace Rohaley and Stephen Nicely
Our College Graduate—Haley Rohaley

If there is anyone you would like to add or delete from this list, please let Marla Manijak know. You can reach her at 330-626-5120 or fill out one of the cards in the pew and put in offering plate.

SPECIAL PRAYERS...

...for **Edna Earle** who is dealing with throat cancer. Cards or a visit would be loved. Her address is 9769 S.R. 43, Streetsboro, 44241

...for Madelyn Ayers who is doing great from her leg surgeries.

...for our cancer survivors **Lorene Kozar and Amy Rohaley**. To send thinking of you cards the addresses are for Lorene, 681 Sweetnut Ct., Streetsboro, 44241 and for Amy, 2187 Summers Ave., Streetsboro, 44241.

...for those who have moved and are missed. **Marcy Harrison** is at 11500 Huffman Rd, #313, Parma, OH 44130. Our dear sweet **Agnes Whinnie** is at 219 Locust Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.

Continued prayers for our shut-ins:

Mr. Steve Gerhard
The Gardens of Western Reserve
9975 Greentree Parkway
Streetsboro, OH 44241-4328

Mrs. Audrey Holland
4552 Aspen Lake Road
Apartment 102
Brunswick, OH 44212-4582

Mrs. Eunice Haschak
Avenue at Macedonia
9730 Valley View Road
Macedonia, Ohio 44056

FLOWER AND CANDLE CHARTS

Please check the bulletin board to purchase Altar Flowers for \$25 or Vigil Candles for \$3.00. Please mark them in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special family member or friend.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.