

Ballard Blessings

Following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, we at Ballard First Lutheran affirm the dignity and worth of all people. We believe God calls us to be a community of grace, compassion, and justice. With St. Paul, we affirm that, in Christ, "There is no longer Jew or Gentile, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28) We believe that the Gospel, that is, the good news of Jesus Christ, is God's gift for all people. Furthermore, we believe that this gift is to be shared unconditionally, without regard to age, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or family status, or physical or mental ability.

□ **Ballard First Lutheran Church** □ **Newsletter** □ **May 2010** □

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A Reconciling in Christ Community

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Jan Holm

Dear Friends in Christ,

The project is underway. Demolition of portions of our old heating system has begun in order to make way for the new. It looks like it will take a minimum of eight weeks to complete the work. But we might just have heat in time for... the Fourth of July. To add irony to injury, I heard on the radio last week that there will be unusually high temperatures in our area this coming summer.

Is it not funny how the seasons sometimes turn? Just when we needed the heat most, we lost it. And it will arrive when we need it least. It is circumstances like this that give rise to the "good news/bad news" jokes. "Hey Noah, I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that you are going to have the biggest boat in the neighborhood. The bad news is you are going to have the *only* boat in the neighborhood."

These are the jokes of realists. Recently I opened a fortune cookie and received this message: "Luck is coming your way." To the idealist in me, that sounded kind of good. But then the realist in me thought, "Wait a minute. What *kind* of luck?" I would have felt much better if the fortune had said, "**Good** luck is coming your way." As it was, I didn't know if I should frame the thing or burn it.

The season of Easter sometimes feels to me like that "good news/bad news" scenario. On the one hand, the word that Christ is risen from the dead gives me joy. It's good news! On the other hand, it scares me half to death because it means that what Christ said is coming true in the world. If Christ meant what he said about dying on the cross and rising from the dead, then it stands to reason he also meant what he said when he charged us to repent, to forgive those who have wronged us, to live sacrificially, to worship God with all of one's heart, soul, mind, and strength, to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and to care for the poor. That is not bad news, necessarily. But it is hard news.

Good news is often hard. Acceptance into college is a wonderful thing. It is good news. But it also means the beginning of many hard challenges. It is great to land that job; but it is not easy. Weddings are rightly joyful; but the marriage will not succeed without future hard work.

Christ is risen from the dead. That is good news. And now: We have been blessed with the hard task of making that news good and relevant to a world that seems pretty disinterested right now. The task is a lot like the replacement of our heating system. Our heating system worked really well for a long time. But it just doesn't work anymore. It wore out. And, before we add a new system, the old one will have to be demolished.

PASTORAL LETTER (continued)

I believe that this time in the life of the church similarly requires the demolition of some old ideas and habits that worked very well in their time, but just don't work so well anymore. It necessitates that we continue to think in new and creative ways to warmly and efficiently radiate love into every corner of God's world.

That will mean change. But we have grown accustomed to change in these recent years. Even though we are changing our furnace, the need for heat continues. It is for the sake of continuing to generate the heat that we make the change. Even as we embrace the changes that are sweeping through Christ's church, the need for God's love for a broken world remains. In fact, it is for the sake of sharing that love that we keep our hearts open for change.

In that sense, change can be good. When the history of Ballard First Lutheran Church is recorded, how will these months without a furnace be remembered? Will they be remembered simply as, "Basement Church"? Or will they be remembered as, "The Winter We Lost Our Furnace and Warmed Up"?

Warmly,
Erik W2

PASTORAL ACTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Memorial Services

Margaret Mathilde Fish
April 6, 2010

Eleanor Agnes Gallagher
April 10, 2010

Wedding

Jessica Marie Cartmell and Erik Eugene Bonifatius Raman
April 9, 2010

PRAYER CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The following people were in our prayers during the month of April:

Gilla Bachelierie (cousin of Joan Peterson, Gilla died this past month)

Randy David (cousin of Joan Peterson, medical concerns)

Brenna Faye Dilley (in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Erin and Damian Dilley, granddaughter of Gaile Moe and Dave Craig)

Lester Epstein (friend of Kim and Joan Peterson, medical concerns)

Wesley Fankhauser (friend of Kim and Joan Peterson, medical concerns)

Margaret Fish (Margaret died this past month)

Eleanor Gallagher (Eleanor died this past month)

Sandy (Sam) Garvin (cancer)

Grisha Haynes (10-year-old son of a friend of Robyn Middleton, damaged pancreas)

Kellen Jones (Kellen died this past month)

Marcia Lofthus (medical concerns)

Greta Elizabeth Lorenz (in thanksgiving for her birth to David and Mary Lorenz, and older sister, Sylvia)

Spenser Millard (Spenser died this past month)

Hans Knut Petersen (son of Pastor Glenn Petersen and Carol Rowberg Petersen, Hans died this past month)

Les Phillips (recovering from eye surgery)

Brett Scott and family (friends of Cynthia McClure Hagan, Brett is battling cancer)

George Stimac (resident of Sunset West, continuing to recover from a stroke)

Doris Throness (friend of Joan Peterson, medical concerns)

Lois Trickey (friend of Joan Peterson, medical concerns)

Mike Turner (Mike died this past month)

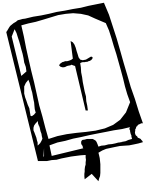
Christopher Winterstein (son of Boots Winterstein, beginning treatment for Hodgkins lymphoma)

Bruce Wylie (friend of Jennifer and John Schwartz, battling pancreatic and brain cancer)



Acolytes

May 2 Max Deckman and Devon Espy
 May 9 Clare Fahlman and Henrik Weiberg
 May 16 Kelsie Morehead and Maddy Barnes
 May 23 Sophia Ingham and Linda Stewart; Sarah Tocher, Crucifer
 May 30 Ian Svasand and Henrik Weiberg



Altar Care

Month of May Joanne Shierk, Marcia Nelson, Tina Aure, Sue Haugen.



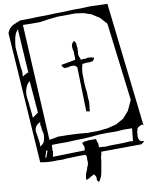
Assisting Minister

May 2 and 9 Maren Haynes
 May 16, 23 and 30 Dale Pederson



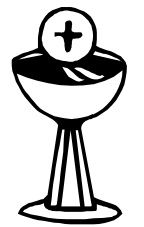
Communion Assistants

May 2 Joanne and Jerry Shierk
 May 9 Kendall Wall and Natalie McGibbon
 May 16 Patrick Hilmoe and Nick Host
 May 23 Molly Barnes and Anders Weiberg
 May 30 Jan and Jenny Holm



Counters

May 2 Karen and Malcolm Unseth, Tina Aure
 May 9 Laurie and Terry McGibbon, Ellen and Geoff Wall
 May 16 Bernice Chouery, Jamie Fera, and Rosie Hardy
 May 23 Juliet Dickens and Ken Mingeaud, Dana Cocales
 May 30 Wanda Freeman and Ramona Leer



Greeters

May 2 Steve Dreher and Gayle Solberg
 May 9 Gaile Moe and Dave Craig
 May 16 Kim and Joan Peterson
 May 23 The LaFave Family
 May 30 Bernice and Farid Chouery

Lectors

May 2 Ryan Haugo
 May 9 Gunbjorg Ladstein
 May 16 Chris Bloomquist
 May 23 Kristen Wilson Weiberg
 May 30 Kris Breton



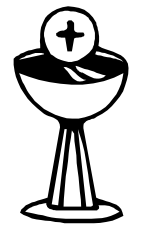
Ushers

May 2 Doug Lange and Jerry Shierk
 May 9 Laurie Flahus and Eric Green, Jennifer and John Schwartz
 May 16 Kim Peterson, Sylvia Vikingstad, Katrina Taylor
 May 23 Dave Hilmoe, Gunbjorg Ladstein, Marcia Nelson
 May 30 Gaile Moe and Dave Craig, Peter Etzold



Van Drivers

May 2 Kim Peterson
 May 9 Ray Gooch
 May 16 Dave Hilmoe
 May 23 Tina Aure
 May 30 Kim Peterson



BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

I CARE for May

The I CARE offering for the month of May will be taken up on Sunday, May 23rd and the recipient is Lutheran Community Services Northwest, a nonprofit human services agency serving communities throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Their mission is to partner with individuals, families, and communities for health, justice, and hope. The caring staff provides a wide variety of services to adults, adolescents, children, families, schools, businesses, congregations, neighborhoods and communities. Each year we serve more than 120,000 people of all ages, cultures and faiths.

Immediate Needs of the Compass Housing Alliance

The Compass Housing Alliance has an immediate need for a few important items in many of our programs. Please take a look at the list provided below to see if your church, organization, group or family may be able to contribute. I've also attached an updated donation flyer for your use as well.

1. The greatest need currently is quilts – either twin or double sized are appreciated. Many of the transitional houses and apartments are in need.
2. New socks. CHA is always in need of this particular item but with the rainy weather the past few weeks it has become an even greater need.
3. New Flip flops or shower shoes for the Men's Transitional Program - sizes XL and M.
4. Cereal bowls & mugs for the Men's Transitional Program.

Donations can be dropped off at 210 Alaskan Way Seattle, WA 98104. It is appreciated if you call ahead so a staff member will be available to assist with donation drop-off. Please call either Kristi Weber at 206.357.3108 or Lindsey Lund at 206.357.3105

An Update on "Purses for Purdy"

Rachel Circle has been collecting gently used purses for women released from the Washington Corrections Center for Women located northwest of Tacoma, just outside the town of Purdy. The purses are a new beginning for women re-entering society. The goal is to collect 100 purses by May 17th and we are well on our way. We are also gathering toiletries, small mirrors, pens, small note pads, coffee cards, travel size tooth paste and tooth brushes, etc., to put in these purses. Bring your purses and other items to Haavik Hall and place them in the bin. Please call Bernice Furdal Chouery at 206-383-8872 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us to make a difference in the lives of these women.

The Market Street Singers to Perform at BFL

Every century has had its 60s. The Market Street Singers rocks through them all, covering 700 years of evolving choral traditions. It's not every concert where you can hear Palestrina and Pete Seeger, Machaut and the Beatles, and Thomas Tallis and the Beach Boys. Besides having something for every musical taste, this performance is designed to intrigue the mind and, at times, get the audience grooving to the music. For the first time we offer two performance dates to accommodate our growing audiences. This is a free event. Donations gratefully accepted. The concerts will be on Saturday, June 5th, beginning at 7:30pm and again on Sunday, June 6th beginning at 3:00pm here at Ballard First.

National Director of LVC

Pastor Michael Wilker of Washington D.C., National Director for Lutheran Volunteer Corps, will be in worship at Ballard First Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 16th. He will bring the sermon.

Vacation Bible School

Ballard First Lutheran
together with
Queen Anne Lutheran Church
2006 Northwest 65th Street
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www.bflcs.org
July 12-16, 2010



ReNew Vacation Bible School!

ReNew Vacation Bible School is coming to BFL this summer! Mark your calendars for the week of July 12-16 from 9 am to noon. Preparations and plans are already underway for BFL to host VBS together with Queen Anne Lutheran Church. This week-long adventure is for ages three years old through children entering 5th grade. All are invited to come and be a part of the fun. We will learn about the ways in which Jesus calls us to care for creation through arts and crafts, outdoor games, music, storytelling, snacks and more. Cost is \$20 per child, with a family cap of \$50. Registration forms are available in the narthex and basement. In order to help us plan, please register by June 20. Volunteers are needed to teach, provide snacks, work in the kitchen, help with decorations, and more. Please consider how you can help with this exciting ministry for children! Invite your friends and neighborhood children. Contact the church office at BFL at (206) 784-1306 with questions or for further information.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FAITH TEACHERS AND LEADERS

On Sunday May 16th we will celebrate the conclusion of another year of education classes under the theme "**Stick your neck out.**" Many thanks to our teachers and leaders and to all who taught Block Classes this past year, and a special thank you to Rheta Rabe who led our All Age Activities during the year. Throughout the year, our children/youth have learned to stick their necks out like a giraffe and stand up for what's right with the vision and heart of our God.



Pre-K / Kindergarten: Terry LaFave, Louise Thomas, and Kari Fera

Grades 1-3: Kristen Wilson Weiberg and Jenny Holm

Grades 4-5: Sue Clauson and Gayle Solberg

Middle School: Pastor Laurie

High School: Guest Speakers in the fall and Katrina Taylor in the winter/spring

Adults: Pastor Erik

All Age Activity Coordinator: Rheta Rabe

Minister of Music: Maren Haynes

Nursery: Emily Eddy

FROM OUR CHILDCARE DIRECTOR

Our annual Silent Auction and dinner is only weeks away! Friday, May 14th the bidding tables will open at 5:30pm in the Lower Social Hall. Close to 6pm, we will enjoy a dinner prepared by the BFLCC Board, consisting of pulled pork sandwiches, salads, baked beans, and cookies. ☺ We're hoping for some 'bidding wars' on some of the items! I have completed the seven blankets with handprints which represent each classroom, and we are beginning to see auction items come in. Thank you to those from the church who have helped us with donations - they are appreciated! Please join us for an evening (I can't say it will be quiet!) of fun, laughter, and good food, with bidding tables closing by 7:30pm at the latest.

Everything went very well with our relicensing visit. ☺ I just have a few cupboards to paint and some shelf liner to put down. Otherwise, things are in fairly good order! When a Licensor leaves saying, "Thank you so, so, so, much!" and giving a big hug, I think it's a good sign that she was happy with the whole of BFLCC! A nice feeling for all. ☺

Take Care, Ms. Karen & Staff

Address Changes

Please make the following change in your directory:

Signy Floathe Stornes
Brighton Gardens
15241 NE 20th Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

425-401-0300

Harold and Shirley Peterson
Valley View
1130 North Allumbaugh #168
Boise, Idaho 83704

208-327-1168

Words of Appreciation to our Volunteer Caretakers

A very special "thank you" to Wanda Freeman, Jill and Scott Jacobson, and Peter Etzold for their generosity of time and talent as they stepped in to help with the caretaking responsibilities as Dale recovered from his injury. All of your dedication and countless hours of fussing were truly appreciated!

"Friendly Diehards" Meeting in May

Everyone is invited to join WELCA (Women of the ELCA) and friends for a gathering of food, fun, and fellowship on Thursday afternoon, May 13th in Haavik Hall beginning at 1:00pm. Please call the church office (206-784-1306) by Wednesday, May 12th to arrange for a ride.

**STEWARSHIP
CONNECTIONS:**
**Connecting
Sunday to Monday
through Saturday**



An Opportunity to be Content

"Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these."

1 Timothy 6:6-8

As we get older, we find that we have to change the way we do some of the things that were important to us. We have to spend less time at work, spend less time with friends, and once we have children, there will even be fewer opportunities to be involved in the community.

The verse above advises us to "focus on the things that last." Nothing came into the world with us, so trying to accumulate success and other rewards won't last. The only thing that really lasts is God and the gifts that God gives.

This is a real opportunity for assessment for all of us. What things has God given to each of us that will last? When we take a longer view, our priorities change. An outward orientation toward not only our own well-being, but also the well-being of the people around us becomes much more possible. We see possibilities for not only giving of ourselves, but also *investing* ourselves and what God has given us in various situations and opportunities. What might this mean for your life?

Gracious God, you are the giver of all things. Thanks for the opportunity to partner with you on things that might have everlasting effect. Please open our eyes to the larger picture and to what opportunities we have to focus on the things that will last. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In Peace, Ann Maki

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 23rd (consider wearing red)

The following young people will be confirmed at the 10:00 a.m. service at Ballard First on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd: Maddy Barnes, Clare Bawden, Max Deckman, Clare Fahlman, Karson Gronvold, Amanda Koskinen, Ian Svasand, and Henrik Weiberg from BFL; Ryan Smith and Corey Stever from Luther Memorial; and Jacob Parisi and Chris Ryder from Denny Park. A dessert reception in honor of these young men and women will be held at 7:00pm on Saturday, May 22nd at Luther Memorial. All are welcome. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they prepare to share their faith statements and publicly affirm their baptismal covenant.

Mid-week Bible Study Continues

Our Bible study on the Prison Letters of St. Paul, based on Tom Wright's *Paul for Everyone*, will continue each Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Haavik Hall through June 16th. Participants are invited to bring a sack lunch as we share a meal together and immerse ourselves in God's Word

Ballard First Lutheran Book Club

BFL book club will NOT meet in May. The meeting is postponed to Monday, June 21, when we will meet at 7 PM in the church office building to discuss "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder. These books will be in the room across from Renee's office after Sunday, May 2 for sign out. It is a true and engaging story about Paul Farmer. Doctor, Harvard professor, renowned infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, the recipient of a MacArthur "genius" grant, and world-class Robin Hood. His goal is redressing the "steep gradient of inequality" in medical service to the desperately poor. He started out establishing a complex of public health facilities on the central plateau of Haiti, and now is involved in initiatives on three continents as well as earthquake relief in Haiti. For your summer reading pleasure, BFL book club will continue on the third Monday of the month throughout the summer months: July 19 - The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein; August 16 - The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen; September 20 - The Ghost Map by Steven Johnson. All are welcome.

Worship & Music: Serve With Us

Jan Holm and Tina Aure are co-chairing this committee. It is the committee's responsibility to assist the ministers with church service issues – music, altar, special services, etc. If you would like to join the committee or have suggestions, please contact Jan, Tina or Renee in the office. We will be sharing our work plan for the year at All Committee Night on May 4th and would love to have you join us.

Altar Guild

There are five altar guild teams that prepare for communion and tidy up after the service. Each team covers two months of the year and takes a weekend in April and one in December. Through preparing for the sacred rite of communion, guild members have a chance to participate in a meaningful task and to enjoy serving with each other. If you would like to join a team, please let Tina, Jan, or Renee know. Albert Schweitzer wrote these meaningful words about service: "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." Contact info: janholm@comcast.net/351-4942 and taure@msn.com/784-4707.

Easter Breakfast Thank you!

Thanks to all who worked to make the Easter Breakfast a huge success and for contributing so generously to support our youth and Avivara. Thanks to our youth and parents who set-up and did food prep on Saturday, and to all who served breakfast Sunday and helped with clean-up afterwards. And a very special thank you to Lance LaFave for food preparations before and during the breakfast, to Anders Weiberg, Logan LaFave, and Skylar Turner for flipping pancakes, and to Katrina Taylor for helping to organize us!

BFL FURNACE UPDATE

The BFL Furnace Task Force has good news. After much discussion, we have selected MM Comfort Systems as our contractor for the furnace replacement project. To recap, after our 70 year old furnace was flooded this past fall, we realized that we would need to replace the entire system. We had tentatively decided to use McKinstry as our contractor because their preliminary proposal was the most affordable. Their plan was to build a raised platform outside between the sanctuary and the childcare, and install the new furnace on top of the platform. Their final bid came in at approximately \$148,000 with tax. We had some concerns about the bid: it was significantly higher than their original estimate; it put the furnace outside, and would encroach on the childcare play area; and it was clear that they would not have the project completed by Holy Week.

With this in mind the Task Force decided to reopen the bidding process. We received a bid from Merit Mechanical for an outside installation of two separate furnaces on a raised platform, with a warranty on the furnaces of 1 year. The total with tax would be around \$119,000, but there were a number of items not addressed in the bid, and no assurances that there would not be change orders. The other bid was from MM Comfort Systems for a boiler with a 10 year warranty, using an inside installation, for a total with tax of approximately \$151,000. MM Comfort Systems' proposal was complete, the installation was esthetically cleaner, and their bid addressed almost all potential costs in the project. The Task Force felt very confident that they would deliver the final product on time and on budget. We voted unanimously in favor of MM Comfort Systems' bid, and the contract agreement was signed on 4-13-10. MM has said that the project should be completed within 8 weeks.

I would like to thank everyone who has participated in this long and sometimes arduous process: Jim Cole, Doug Lange, Scott Jacobson, and Dana Cocales, who served on the Task Force; the pastors and BFL Staff, who had to deal with Advent and Christmas without heat in the sanctuary; and all the members of the congregation who have graciously put up with basement church all these months.

We will be funding this project using \$84,000 of designated gifts for the heating system, which means that \$67,000 will need to be funded from the BFL endowment or from additional gifts. If you are considering making a special gift to the furnace fund, now would be an excellent time to step forward. Any amount you can contribute will reduce the amount we will need to pull from the endowment, and go toward building a high quality heating system that will last our congregation for many years to come. It will be our legacy for the future and a source of immediate comfort as well. We'll be God's Frozen People no more!

In Peace

Tom Tocher

BFL Member accepted to Lutheran Summer Music Academy

Molly Barnes, a member of BFL and a junior at Ballard High School, auditioned and has been accepted into the prestigious Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival. This academy brings together more than 150 young people from throughout the United States for four weeks of rigorous musical study and performance. The academy this year will be held at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. To help offset the more than \$3,000 cost of this trip, a fundraising benefit concert was held on Sunday, May 2. If you were unable to attend but would like to help defray some of the expenses, your donations would be gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to Ballard First Lutheran Church and just note on the check that the money is earmarked for Molly Barnes' Lutheran Summer Music Academy trip.

Congratulations to Molly Barnes on this wonderful, well deserved opportunity! You will be in our congregation's prayers as you embark on this terrific experience and we look forward to having you share your gifts with the congregation upon your return.

**March 2010 Financial Report
General Fund**

	March Actual	March Budget	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year To Date Variance
Envelope/ Loose Giving	\$24,125.33	\$22,333.33	\$70,019.03	\$66,999.99	\$3,019.04
Other Income	\$30,889.00	\$9,768.34	\$42,109.41	\$25,505.02	\$16,604.39
Total Income	\$55,014.33	\$32,101.67	\$112,128.44	\$92,505.01	\$19,623.43
Expenses	\$37,805.58	\$39,828.48	\$113,802.60	\$118,685.44	(\$4,882.84)
Surplus / (Loss)	\$17,208.75	(\$7,726.81)	(\$1,674.16)	(\$26,180.43)	\$24,506.27
Cash Balance	\$98,103.56				

Each month, this report will show income and expenses for both the current month and year-to-date. In addition, the last column shows the variance (actual vs. budget). We are also reporting our current general fund balance. We hope this helps you to better understand our overall financial situation. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact: your Finance Committee members...

In March, these are some of the ways our financial support to the mission and ministry budget became Christ's hands and feet in the world: hosted Wednesday noontime and evening Lenten worship services and soup, hosted 82nd Annual Blessing of the Fleet, provided van, drivers, and a meal for BEM, held two BFL clean-up days, financially supported Compass Housing Alliance, held a quilt raffle for Mission Projects, held an adult forum on *Avivara*, continued BFL Book Club meetings, provided space for text study for area pastors, held Wednesday confirmation classes, provided space for Ballard Little League.

Capital Campaign II Update

March – 2010

Total Loan Balance as of 1/1/2010 \$245,073

Month	Year	Monthly Giving	Loan Balance
January	2010	\$4,021	\$242,357
February	2010	\$4,270	\$239,250
March	2010	\$3,020	\$237,500
April	2010		

Only a part of the payment is applied to the principle. The rest is interest. The monthly payment is based on the amount of capital campaign contributions received from the previous month. Thank you for your continuous generous giving toward retiring our Capital Improvement loan from the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund.



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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship

Coffee Hour Fellowship following Worship

Nursery care available throughout the morning

Special Events in May

Childcare Dinner and Auction: Friday, May 14th – 5:30 p.m.

Dessert Reception for Confirmands: Saturday, May 22nd at Luther Memorial – 7:00 p.m.

Affirmation of Baptism/Rite of Confirmation: Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd - 10:00am Worship Service