

May 2023

# Fhe Disciple's Connection

### Who's Teaching the Faith?



The topic of teaching the Christian faith has been debated in the Church for Centuries. Throughout her history, the Church has had different ways of looking at & dealing with the topic. In the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Centuries for example, it was widely accepted that the Priests & Bishops were the only ones capable of teaching the faith. They were the ones who were able to read and understand Latin, the language of education in the day. They

were the ones the people went to for understanding what the Scriptures said. They were the ones who could read the Bible.

Fast forward a little to the time of Marin Luther, early 16<sup>th</sup> Century. History brought one major invention that was truly revolutionary: the Printing Press. It gave the ability to print in mass quantities, making reading materials more widely available. Luther then set out to use this technology to print the Bible in a more common, spoken language: German. No longer would people be unable to read the Bible and rely solely on Priests & Bishops to tell them what the Bible said. They could now read it on their own. Luther also put together 2 wonderful teaching tools. As he went around to different congregations, he saw how little, if anything, the people of the congregations, or even the Pastor, knew about the Christian faith. He scolded the Bishops & Pastors for being so lax on their personal learning and teaching of the Christian faith. In 1529, Luther published the Large Catechism and the Small Catechism. Look through both if you want to see the different ways they can be used.

Today, there is a wealth of information and methods for teaching the Christian faith. Whose responsibility is it to teach the Christian faith? Parents? The Church? I believe it is a team effort, parents & Church together. I like to picture the process as a circle that begins in the congregation. As families gather for worship, they hear and read the Scriptures. They hear the Scriptures proclaimed & explained. The family then is able to take what they have seen & heard in the worship & education hours and talk about them in the home. The family then can develop their own way of reading & talking about Scripture the rest of the week. By Sunday, they are ready to return to the worship and education hours to hear more of the Scriptures proclaimed and explained. The circle continues Sunday after Sunday.

To successfully teach the Christian faith, family and congregation need to be in partnership. I want to take time and thank those at St. Paul's who teach the faith, to the young and the seasoned. Our Preschool Teachers, Johanna Sistek, Amy Marizak, & Christina Cook. Our Sunday School teacher of young children, Erin Cardina. Our Sunday School teacher of Jr. High & High School Eric West. Our Sunday School Superintendent, Erin

#### WHO'S TEACHING THE FAITH? continued

Cardina. Our organizer of the Women's Bible Study, Billie Lelle. These men and women of St. Paul's believe that teaching the faith is important enough to be in the classroom, sharing their knowledge with others. I want to thank each of you and commend your Spirit-led efforts to be part of teaching the faith. I also want to recognize and celebrate the parents, the Fathers & Mothers, the grandparents, who believe in teaching and sharing their faith with their family. It is a true team effort. Parents on the front line of their family, and the Church teaching and supporting the family.

May God continue to bless the efforts of family & Church together to teach the faith to each generation!

In Christ

Pastor Sundbom



# **Believe It Your Way**

by Rev. William Cwirla

### We live in a do-it-yourself, made-to-order society. Why can't we choose our religion the same way?

Religious pollster George Barna recently remarked, "We are a designer society. We want everything customized to our personal needs—our clothing, our food, our education," he wrote. "Now it's our religion." In his recent book *Futurecast* (BarnaBooks, 2011), Barna observes that more Americans than ever name Jesus Christ as their Savior while fewer

Americans than ever go to church on a regular basis. "People say, I believe in God. I believe the Bible is a good book. And then I believe whatever I want.'"

If Barna's observations are correct, then American religious life has become a buffet of beliefs where people pile their plates with a little of this and a little of that, picking and choosing their beliefs cafeteria-style to create a so-called spirituality that is just right for them. "My plate, my way."

It seems reasonable. After all, we are a do-it-yourself, made-to-order, my-way society. Jeans, suits and shoes don't come as one size fits all, so why should personal religious beliefs? Religion is deeply personal, so how can one set of religious beliefs possibly be expected to meet everyone's deeply felt spiritual needs?

#### **BELIEVE IT YOUR WAY** continued

Television pumps a plethora of preachers and teachings directly into our living rooms. The Internet provides ready access to a veritable smorgasbord of religious information and misinformation, everything from atheism to Zoroastrianism, all at the click of a mouse. People can compare, debate and discuss beliefs into all hours of the night with electronic friends from around the world. The Internet creates a kind of electronic pluralism where all ideas and beliefs have equal footing and validity. When it comes to religion, the modern buffet table is spread wide and long.

### What's the problem?

At the heart of this do-it-yourself spirituality is a cherished American "-ism": individualism. We are a society that admires the rugged individual, the "self-made" man or woman, the courageous, self-reliant soul who pulls himself up by his own bootstraps. "I did it my way," Frank Sinatra once boasted in song. We chafe at being told what to do and what to believe. Religion is personal, private and individual, and our individual paths to enlightenment are cobbled together from bits and pieces we picked up in Sunday School, sophomore religion class and our latest Google search. The notion that there are normative creeds and confessions, standards of faith and life, challenges our inner individual like speed bumps on a stretch of open highway.

The isolated individual is the judge of his or her own truth. If it feels right, smells right, tastes good, seems like the right thing to do, then it must be good and true.

Unfortunately, many have learned this subtle art in church and Bible classes, where they have pondered the question, "What does this Bible passage mean to me?" rather than "What does this objectively mean?" Any notion that beliefs can be right or wrong offends our subjective sensitivities.

### Where did it start?

You may recall two people in a garden who succumbed to a shrewdly seductive question: "Did God really say?" How did Eve rationalize her disobedience? She made a subjective, isolated, individualized judgment. She saw that the forbidden fruit was tasty, beautiful, desirable and useful. It made a person wise. It looked and smelled good and seemed so right. What could be so wrong? Biting into their own spiritual notions, Eve and Adam became the first autonomous individualists, isolated and set against God, in whose image they were made, and set against each other, for whom they were made as partners. They had it their way instead of God's way.

In their isolation, Adam and Eve suddenly realized they were naked. Only when your eyes are focused on yourself are you aware of your nakedness. And it's been that way with us ever since. Original sin, our sinful condition, is the self turned inward. Each of us is a natural-born, self-oriented individualist bent on having things our way. St. Augustine once confessed that every infant believes he or she is the center of the universe. Each of us is the judge of our own truth, the master of our own destiny, the god of our own religion. And we follow this idolatry of self to our ruin and destruction.

#### What does this mean for us?

#### **BELIEVE IT YOUR WAY** continued

God in His mercy delivers us from ourselves. He turns us inside outto Christ in faith and to our neighbor in love. He puts us into Christ. He preaches an external Word of Gospel into our ears. He baptizes us into Jesus' death and life, a washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. He gathers us into His family–the communion of saints–in which He daily and richly forgives our sins and the sins of our fellow believers.

"None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself" (Rom. 14:7). Sin isolates and divides; God gathers and unites in His Son, Jesus Christ. Nothing of the Christian life and faith is ever purely a private, individual matter, neither our sin nor our salvation. The baptized believer is not an isolated individual but a priest in a priesthood, a citizen of God's holy nation, a living stone of God's spiritual temple, a member of the body of Christ. "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:27).

We believe, teach, confess and worship in common together. We share common creeds and confessions. We are united around common hymns and liturgy. The Bible is the Church's "community property," God's gift to the whole Church, and the Church congregates to hear the Word preached and taught. The creeds and confessions of the Church guide and govern our conversation and guard us from repeating the errors of the past. The Church is always engaged in holy conversation, hearing God's Word and repeating what was heard.

While we may go to our personal place for prayer, we nevertheless pray "our Father" in solidarity with Christ and our fellow believers. Though we may read the Bible in the privacy of our homes and studies, the Scriptures are not for our individual interpretation and application. Not even the prophets who spoke the very words of Scriptures were spouting their own sentiments and opinions, but they spoke "as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). In short, God always deals with us objectively, through the external Word, and He places us objectively next to our neighbor to serve in vocation.

So, what does this mean for our designer, "my plate, my way" age? Should we bury our eyes in a handful of "approved" books and have no conversation with the world? Should we isolate ourselves in little, closed, likeminded groups, fearful of contamination by the world? Hardly! Isolation has never served the Church well.

As Christians, we need to be sober, watchful, vigilant and discerning. We need to recognize that the old Adam in us is a rugged individualist who needs to be brought under the killing discipline of the Law. We need to learn to trust God's objective Word and not our subjective feelings, to say "no" to the desires of sinful nature to have things "my way." The old Adam won't like this one bit and will rebel within us, but we know that he needs to drown and die just as the new man in Christ needs to rise and live.

We need to practice discernment. Not all ideas are created equal; not all spiritual things are of the Holy Spirit. Some are downright dangerous. Just as we don't necessarily put unfamiliar foods into our mouths without at least sniffing them first, we should be wary of unfamiliar ideas and beliefs. They need to be studied carefully and tested against our creeds and the Lutheran Confessions. We need to study and learn the Scriptures and our confessions more deeply than the generations who came before us.

#### **BELIEVE IT YOUR WAY** continued

We need to talk with each other face-to-face. Communication is not the same as communion. We have lots of communication these days and many ways to communicate, from email to texts and Twitter, but we have precious little communion. We need fellowship in the Word. There is nothing more dangerous than an isolated individual with a Bible. We need to talk together about what we hear from the Scriptures, what our fore-fathers in the faith have handed down to us in creeds, confessions, hymns and liturgy.

Finally, we need to remember and give thanks to God that our faith in Jesus Christ is not an ever-changing, ever-evolving "spirituality," but that it is the "faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3) and handed down to us by way of tradition. We are not the first believers in Jesus Christ, and should Jesus delay in His coming, we will not be the last.

In the end, we don't really want to have things "our way," but Jesus' way. Our way leads to death. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. His way through suffering, cross and resurrection leads to life eternal. And there is no other way.

> "Americans ages 18 to 29 are considerably less religious than older Americans" (Pew Forum).

> "Fewer young adults belong to any particular faith than older people do today" (Pew Forum).

>Read Frequently Asked Questions about the LCMS' beliefs.

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Life Quotes for May

**May 7** "We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose." Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • <u>lutheransforlife.org</u>

**May 14** "This, dear friends, is why Christ's ascension is a good goodbye. Jesus leaves you with everything! He has done it all. The grave is empty. Death is defeated. Life is yours. So, people of God, 'Why do you stand here looking into the sky?' You have an ascension victory to celebrate and an ascended Savior to proclaim!" *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org* 

**May 21** "God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God's family—and not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random." *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • <u>lutheransfor-life.org</u>

**May 28** "Jesus became incarnate as embryo, fetus and teenager, infant and adult. In this way He consecrates humankind of all ages, appearances, and abilities. The Good Lord comes close in skin and bone, the same as ours. He remains near with muscle and blood like we have. He humbly bears these sicknesses and gently carries these sorrows of ours. Jesus has crucifix-ed God on you, ever the servant and once-for-all sacrifice. *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • <u>lutheransforlife.org</u>* 

# Announcements

# **Our Shepherd Annual Golf Outing**

The annual golf outing fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2023. Registration forms and information should be available at your church, at the school and on the school website - <u>www.oslpainesville.org</u>, if you would like to golf in the event. If you are not a golfer we invite congregation members to be a sponsor or make any monetary donation to offset the cost of the outing (marked envelopes have been provided). This is the only major fundraiser of the year for Our Shepherd. We are raising money for new chromebooks for the middle school and updated devices for the rest of the school. We thank you for your prayers and support. For questions or more information email <u>idrake@oslpainesville.org</u>.



# It's that time again...time to spruce up the church!!



### Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 9:00 am.

We will be:

- cleaning up the yards (raking leaves, weeding)
- trimming bushes
- Spreading mulch
- cleaning windows (inside and outside)

A pizza lunch will be provided Rain date will be determined if necessary Please bring your own gardening tools.

## Mite Giving for April

Mite giving for the month of April was \$198.31 . To God be the Glory!

Please remember to feed your mite box or use the donate button at <u>http://lwmlohio.org</u> to continue to support the mission work of the LWML. Just follow the directions on the page remembering to list St. Paul's, Painesville as your church and Northeast as your zone.





### Northeast Zone Ohio District

# Savior of the Nations, Come (Based on Revelation 7:9-10)

### 2023 Northeast Zone Spring Rally

Women of St. Paul's, you won't want to miss the LWML Ohio District Northeast Zone Spring Rally on Saturday, May 6, at Bethel Lutheran Church ,32410 Willowick Drive, Fellowship and Registration begin at 9:30 am. The rally begins at 10 am.

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**Devotions/Bible Study** will be based on the theme verse: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs toour God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"; Revelation 7:9-10.

Guest Speaker: Jackie Rychel of Ministry in Mission

### **Business Meeting**

Special Guest: LWML Ohio District President, Vivian Nelson

**Ingathering:** Ronald McDonald House - Cleveland (A <u>specific list</u> of ingathering items is found on the table by the Friendship Circle board) All donations of listed items are welcome. If you choose to purchase a gift card – please be sure to label the card with the amount, put it in an envelope and give it to Billie Lelle. Other items may be deposited in the box provided by the Friendship Circle area.

**Cost:** \$6.00 (due at door) includes a light continental breakfast and lunch.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided on the Friendship Circle board by April 30.

# **Ronald McDonald House Collection**

The Friendship Circle is collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland to be taken to the Northeast Zone Spring Rally on May 6. Ronald McDonald House provides families both in the US as well as internationally a welcoming place to stay so they can focus on caring for their children that are being treated in the local hospitals. SO – grab a donation list from the Friendship Circle board, purchase some of the VERY SPECIFIC items listed and place them in the basket. If you choose to purchase a gift card, be sure to list the amount on the card, place it in an envelope and give it to Billie Lelle. Thanks for your support. All donations should be at church by April 30.



# **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Please reserve time on May 21, 2023 at 10:45 am to attend the St. Paul's Congregational Meeting. We value every member's thoughts, ideas, and opinions, and we need Congregation participation to ensure we have a quorum in order to pass our minutes and resolutions. Also please prayerfully consider running for a position on the Church Council. The following positions are up for election this May: President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Stewardship, Education, Preschool



Chairmen, 2 Pre-School Board positions. To sign up for a position please see the lists on the double doors at the back of the sanctuary.

# New Member/Lutheran Refresher Class



It's time for another offering of Lutheranism 100. Pastor will be leading the class on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. This class is highly encouraged for anyone new to Lutheranism or looking to officially become a part of St. Paul's. You can even attend if it's been a long time since your Confirmation! If you would like to attend the sign up sheet is located on the double doors at the

back of the sanctuary. We need to know how many will be attending so Pastor can prepare enough materials and supplies as well as supplying enough makings for lunch. Hope to see you in class!

# St. Paul's Preschool NSLA Accreditation

The Preschools NSL Accreditation is up for renewal and review, which will begin this summer. The preschool needs volunteers, which will be put in teams of two or three, to help to review their policies and procedures. A proofreader will also be needed



after the review process has been completed. If you would like to help please contact Amy Marizek at 440-354-3000 or <u>preschool@splcpainesville.org</u>

# **Altar Flowers**



A great way to remember any occasion is with Altar Flowers. The Altar Flower Chart is located on the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary. Just sign up next to the appropriate weekend. Clearly print the occasion being remembered, who the flowers are for and who they're from. Altar flowers are \$40.00. Please place the monies in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the date of the weekend and put it in the collection plate.





# **April Meeting Notes**

- 1) Pastor's Report: Pastor reported making 30 calls, 3 shut-in visits, 1 hospital call, performed 2 baptisms, and 2 funerals. He also mentioned the worship opportunities coming up for Holy Week and Easter. He stated that the nominations for Synod Convention are closed.
- President's Report: Eric reported the following council positions will be up for election in May and to start looking for candidates: Pres., Vice-Pres., Building & Grounds, Educ., Membership, Outreach, and 3 Preschool.
- Education Report: Erin reported average weekly attendance for the past couple of months have been steady, Easter bags will be handed out to kids, and that Sunday school kids will hand out a Mothers' Day item.
- 4) Preschool report: Star reported Preschool will need 2 new assistants for next year, enrollment has begun with 23 pre-enrollments, Easter Egg Hunt will be April 6, and that they are still looking at options for Power boards for classrooms. She also said they are starting to spend their grant money and that accreditation will need renewing next year.
- 5) Stewardship report: Ken reported that the Senior Lunch was a success with 9 in attendance; he thanked Diane Wayner for organizing the event and plans are to continue this.
- 6) Financial Secretary Report: Jenn said there are still openings for counters during summer months.
- 7) Outreach Report: Kristi reported there will not be a need for backpacks this fall, Easter eggs for Preschool Easter Egg Hunt April 6 have been filled and delivered, Door Tag distribution was called off due to weather, and the Fire Dept. dinner is still in the works. Kristi also is termed out and would like to see someone with new ideas take over.
- 8) Building & Grounds Report: Craig reported new locks have been installed in classrooms, all furnaces have been cleaned & serviced, kitchen drain has been unclogged, outlet in classroom 1 has been replaced, and light fixture outside office door has been replace with LED bulbs(Thanks to Dennis for all his work on all these projects!). He said soap and paper towel dispensers will be upgraded to automated units, and that Spring Clean-up tentatively set for Sat, May 20.
- 9) Contribution Secretary Report: Dennis reported that contributions in March was \$15,043.50 up from \$13,220 last year; thru the first 13 weeks contributions are down \$11,745 (-21%) from 2022 <<this does not include the transfer from the Preschool grant>>. Number of contributors in March was the same as 2022, 26.

### **APRIL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** continued

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Pastor said the completed By-Law changes are being reviewed by District office.

### **NEW BUSINES:**

- 1) Holy Week services will be Maundy Thursday, April 6 @ 7pm with communion, Good Friday April 7 @ 7pm, Easter Vigil Sat, April 8 @ 6pm, and Easter Worship Sun. April 9 @ 9:30am.
- 2) Nominations for Council positions and budget for Annual Meeting May 21: President, Vice President (Brian will serve another term), Education (Erin might serve again), Buildings & Grounds Craig will serve again), Outreach, Membership Secretary, and 3 Preschool Board.
- 3) Eric presented 1st draft of updated employee contracts. During discussion several corrections were noted; will continue to review.
- 4) Choir Director: Reviewing contract and options; might look into college students (Lake Erie or Lakeland music majors) thru Indeed program. On that note, Pastor brought up a computer program thru Concordia Organ Substitute Service providing pre-programmed liturgy & hymns from Lutheran Service Book for services when we may not have an organist available. Cost is \$270 per year. Jenn made a motion to purchase this program. Ken 2nd. Motion passed.
- 5) Ken presented an outreach proposal involving Val Pak Mailing. He said he contacted Val Pak about advertising insert of church and preschool to cost \$300 for 10,000 customers (3 cents per customer). He would suggest a mailing of 10,000 in Painesville and a mailing of 10,000 in Perry/Madison maybe twice a year for \$600 per mailing to 44077 & 44081 areas. He will head up a group to look into this further.
- 6) Dale said he is looking into Lake County Captains outing July 14 or 28 Tickets will be \$25 which includes seat and picnic lunch; he will also ask Zion and Faith to see if they might like to be included.
- 7) Church Picnic tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 13 @ Townline Park, North Perry, 12-4pm.
- 8) OSLS Golf Outing will be Sat. June 17. St. Paul's will again furnish lunch.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 3 @ 6;30pm.





### **Preschool Closing Program**

St. Paul's Preschool cordially invites the congregation to attend the Preschool's closing program on Thursday, May 18,2023 at 9:00 am

Hope to see you there!!



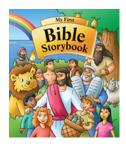


# 2023-2024 Preschool Registration

Classes for the 2023-2024 preschool year are filling up fast. Currently there are openings in the T/TH 3's class and the T/W/TH 4's class with a waiting list for Pre-K. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary by the double doors. If you know someone who may be interested in classes at St. Paul's Preschool please take a registration form and pass it along. If you have any questions please contact preschool director Amy Marizek at 440-354-3000.

### **Bible Buddies**

It's time for the St. Paul's Preschool to replenish the children's bibles that are distributed to new students. The cost is \$16 each and we need about 50. This is a joyous outreach. Let's spread Gods word to our new preschool families. Please make checks out to St. Paul's Preschool. Thank You for your continued support!





## St. Paul's Preschool Job Opportunity

St. Paul's Preschool is accepting resumes for anyone interested in working in our preschool program. We are interviewing candidates for assistant teachers. The opportunity is part time and preschool experience is preferred but not required. If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact our Preschool Director, Amy Marizek at preschool@splcpainesville.org or (440)354-3000.

# May Birthdays

Jensen Rossi Keith Krueger Laura Vosicky Matthew West Diane Wayner Laura Harris Scott Shaw May 4th May 5th May 7th May 8th May 9th May 17th May 17th

Kaylee Szoradi	Ma
Frank McVan	Ma
Pat Shutic	Ma
Eric Drake	Ma
Heather Bennington	Ma
Dave Murphy	Ma
Jeff Salminen	Ma

May 17th May 19th May 19th May 21st May 29th May 29th May 31st

May Anniversaries

Craig and Kristi McConnell Dale and Judith Kerver 33 years on May 19th47 years on May 22nd

### Those Who Serve: May 2023

### **ELDERS**:

6:00 P Saturday Dale Kerver 9:30 A Sunday Craig McConnell

### LECTORS:

6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
9:30 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
9:30 A	Sunday	Ken Chaffe
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### COUNTERS: Tom Cardina

### **GREETERS**:

6:00 P	Saturday
9:30 A	Sunday

# SIGN UP IN MAY TO GREET YOUR FELLOW DISCIPLES.

Sign-up sheet located an the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary.

### Scripture Readings for May



May 6/7 Acts 6:1-9; 7:2, 51-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

May 13/14 Acts 17:16-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

#### May 20/21

Acts 1:1-26 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

### May 27/28 [Pentecost]

Numbers 11:24-30 Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39





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# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays	1 May Day National Bike Month National Mental Awareness Month	<b>2</b> Preschool Chapel National Teacher Day	3 6:30 pm Council Meeting	4 7 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Preschool Mom and Me	5	6 9:30 am LWML Spring Rally
<b>7</b> World Laughter Day	8	9 9:30 am Circuit Meeting	1 O 6:30 Woman's Bible Study and Servant Event 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting	1 1 7 pm Virtual Bible Study	12	13 Y New member/ Refresher Class 9:00—3:00
14 P HAPPY Mothers Day Mothers	15 National Chocolate Chip Day	16	17	18 Preschool Last Day and Closing Program 6 pm Outreach Meeting	19	20 ARMED FORCES DAY Church Clean-up Day 9:00 am
2 1 10:45 am Annual Congregational Meeting	22	23	24 6:30 Woman's Bible Study	25 7 pm Virtual Bible Study	26	27 •
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