

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ashlyn; Jim Cleveland; Aiden Snyder; Emily Slone; Wayne Sembach; Bea Myers; Walt Trier

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Tim & Becky Geary in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary!

MEN AND BOYS: we are going to begin scheduling ushers and acolytes to serve during Sunday and Wednesday services. Please see Pr. Mullet for more information and to put your name on the list! Thank you.

THE DOOR LOCKS will be changed soon. Please speak with Pr. Mullet or Linda LeFever for more information.

VICARAGE & CANDIDATE PLACEMENT SERVICES will be live-streamed this week! See the “Back Page” for more info.

TIN CAPS! We have reserved tickets for Sunday, July 11. \$10 each includes lunch at the ballpark beginning at 12:00 and the game at 1:05. Mark your calendars! We will have tickets available to purchase soon.

CALENDAR

Sun. Apr. 25 (Easter 4 - Jubilate)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Mighty Fortress (Youth Group)
Mon. Apr. 26	7:00pm Vicarage Service Live Stream
Tue. Apr. 27	7:00pm Call Service Live Stream
Wed. Apr. 28	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req'd.) 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Apr. 29	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. May 2 (Easter 5 - Cantate)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Bible Study

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The Vicarage Assignment Service and Candidate Placement Service are this Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27, respectively, both at 7:00pm. Both services can be live-streamed at this website:

callday.ctsfw.edu

(I'll put a link on our Facebook page and our website tomorrow!)

But what's this all about? What is a vicarage? What is a "call"? Perhaps these are questions you already know the answers to! Maybe you're a little unsure about the details. Or maybe you've never heard these terms before! In any case, I thought this was a good opportunity to talk about a few basics of the process.

The LCMS has a four-year seminary program through which men are educated and prepared to serve as pastors. Normally, this takes place in the following manner: two years of coursework, a one-year vicarage, and one final year of coursework. During the first two years of coursework, seminarians work with local pastors on Sundays to gain experience in the conduct of the Sunday service and also have opportunities to teach, preach, and so on. Our fieldworker, Sem. Scott Woodhouse, is nearing the end of his first year.

Vicarage (normally the third year) is essentially a one-year internship. It is like the fieldwork done in the first two years, but full-time. The vicar learns the day-to-day operations of a congregation and, while assisting the pastor with Sunday services and Bible studies, also gains deeper experience with things like hospital visits, church administration, funeral planning, and more. We will receive a vicar this year—watch Monday to meet him!

Near the end of the final year of coursework, the seminarian receives a divine call to the Office of the Holy Ministry. We say it is a divine call because we believe God has called these men to be pastors and pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the seminary and the synod administration work to place seminarians in churches that will be a good fit for them as they begin their ministry. Sem. Paul Marks has reached this point in his seminary education—watch Tuesday to see where he will serve as pastor!