

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Cindy; Darlene Welsh; Ken Keily, Brenda LeFever

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY! We give thanks to God for our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and mothers in the faith!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Linda Hammel in celebration of Jeremy & Janet Hammel's 25th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

VBS: our first VBS evening of the year will be Tuesday, June 14, beginning with a potluck supper at 5:30pm. Bring the whole family! There will be activities and Bible lessons for all age groups! If you're interested in helping out, please talk with Pr. Mullet. Thank you!

THE MEN'S GROUP meets this Saturday, May 14. Breakfast at 8:00am with fellowship to follow. Join us!

TURTLE DAYS PARADE: 11am on Saturday, June 18. We'd like to have even more from our congregation participate in the parade this year! Perhaps a truck and trailer so we can sit? Let Pr. Mullet know if you're interested, if you'd like to lend your services as a driver, or if you have any other ideas!

CALENDAR

Sun. May 8 (Easter 4 - Jubilate)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Choir rehearsal
Tue. May 10	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. May 11	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. May 12	7:00pm Bible Study (Ephesians)
Sat. May 14	8:00am Men's Group
Sun. May 15 (Easter 5 - Cantate)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Choir rehearsal

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Happy Mothers' Day! We give thanks to God for our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and mothers in the faith. This holiday is not a "church holiday" the way that Christmas and Easter are, but we as Christians still have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate on days like Mothers' Day.

Our mothers are a gift from God—indeed, they give us life and nurture us in a most intimate way for the first nine months of our earthly existence (and well into the rest of our lives)! Throughout the Scriptures we have many wonderful examples of faithful women and mothers: Sarah, Rachel, Naomi, Hannah, Elizabeth, and the Virgin Mary, to name just a few. St. Paul mentions the faithfulness of Lois and Eunice, the grandmother and mother of St. Timothy (2 Tim. 1:5)!

We know, however, that mothers are not perfect. Since our first mother Eve fell into sin with her husband Adam, all motherhood has been afflicted by hardship, pain, and sorrow. Some of us may have grown up without our mothers, or perhaps lost our mothers at a young age. On the other hand, there are also many women who desire the godly vocation of motherhood and who, for reasons known only to the wisdom of God, have not been given that gift. Mothers' Day is, for some, a day of sadness, too.

In all these situations, the good and the not-so-good, God continues to provide faithful mothers for His people. Many of the women listed above were, by all worldly accounts, unable to have children. And yet these women are found in the very lineage of our Lord Jesus Christ! The last of these, the Virgin Mary, was as Gabriel said, blessed among women. For Mary bore the Savior of the world, the One who comes to make all things new, to bind up broken hearts, to provide for mothers and children in miraculous ways (Jn. 19:25-27!).

Whether our mothers are ours by birth, by adoption, or simply by friendship in the household of faith, we give thanks to God for this wonderful gift. And, indeed, we give thanks to the women in our lives who care so deeply for us. To the mothers, grandmothers, and mothers in the faith of our family at Faith: thank you, and may God bless you!