



# THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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## May Flowers

After the rains of April, beautiful flowers will be blossoming in this month, and will display the wonder of God's creation. In fact, Jesus in his preaching would point to the flowers and teach us that it is useless for any of us to worry. Jesus compares King Solomon and the royal clothing he would have worn in his day to that of the flowers in nature; and how Solomon's clothing couldn't compare to the beauty and wonder of the flowers being clothed each year by God's good and gracious design.

In this same month our beloved mothers most often receive flowers from their families. Like the flowers that are fragrant and beautiful, so mothers are God's blessing to families and the family of Christ. It was through the mother Mary that our Savior came into the world. In this way, God's Son was clothed in flesh and blood, and therefore was able to be our Savior from sin and death. The mother of Jesus nurtured him throughout his life, and Jesus made provisions for her even as he was dying on the cross. He said to John, "Behold your mother."

Our mothers bring us life and nurture us in both body and soul. Where would any of us be without the presence and influence of a loving and caring mother? Mothers pray for us, and teach us to pray. Mothers model for us the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, self control, and more. Mothers show us unconditional love in that when others may seem to shun or ignore us, mothers assure us of their undying acceptance and support.

Mother's Day in the month of May allows each family to show appreciation and love for their mothers, and flowers may be one of the ways in expressing that appreciation. The month of May and Mothers then go together, as this is the formal month in which we pay tribute. Flowers may be one of the better gifts for this occasion, but the

very best way would be to embrace your mother, your children's mother or honor their memory by thanking God for the gift of your mom and the faithful mothers throughout the world.

A thankful son, husband, father and grandfather,  
Pastor Thomas Petersen



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have someone or something that you would like Pastor Petersen to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request card, located on the guest book stand, and place it in his box or contact him at the Church Office. It is important that all of our members receive pastoral care when it is needed, especially during times of sickness or other difficulty. If you know of an individual, even if it is a non-member, who would appreciate and benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Petersen.



**PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS:** Pastor Petersen will plan to be in the church office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are exceptions to this schedule as there will be a circuit pastors meeting on the first Monday of each month, a Wednesday morning chapel at the Aitkin nursing homes every six weeks, and other meetings or activities within the church during those morning hours. If you wish to meet with the pastor for a specific and personal reason, you can always make an appointment for most any time during the week - morning or afternoon - and if need be, in the evening. He would prefer that you call his cell phone at 608-334-5718 or email him at [sotlpastortom@gmail.com](mailto:sotlpastortom@gmail.com) to ensure prompt response to your requests or need. The Church secretary is in the office on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. if you need her for anything.



**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

Gaylord Ryg  
320-692-4789

**USHERS FOR THE MONTH**

Larry Collison  
Jessica Collison

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Jo Petersen

**FELLOWSHIP SERVERS**

- 07<sup>th</sup> Jo Petersen
- 14<sup>th</sup>
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday School Group
- 28<sup>th</sup> LWML

Many thanks to all our volunteers! If you are able to help, please see the bulletin board for opportunities. Thank you!



**BIRTHDAYS IN MAY**

- 04<sup>th</sup> Bella Morrow/Ruesch
- 08<sup>th</sup> Mary Kinzel
- 09<sup>th</sup> John Kinzel
- 12<sup>th</sup> Rev. Jon Rusnak  
Jerry Scherfenberg
- 16<sup>th</sup> TJ Gustin
- 19<sup>th</sup> Verdean Franklin
- 25<sup>th</sup> Angela Raddatz  
Dolores Whipps
- 30<sup>th</sup> Julie Rusnak



**ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY**

- 08<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Sheila Anderson
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mat & Roxanne Rasmussen
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nick & Patricia Garding



**YOUTH BIRTHDAYS IN MAY**

- 16<sup>th</sup> Isabel Spicer
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sofia Ruesch
- 19<sup>th</sup> Hannah Rasmussen  
Kahli Rasmussen
- 29<sup>th</sup> John Raddatz
- 30<sup>th</sup> Lauren Leerssen



**SMELT FRY:** We want to thank Bob & Robin Rubbelke and David and Elaine Drahosh for their work putting together this year's Smelt Fry. We also want to thank everyone who helped in any way in the preparing and serving the people for this year's Smelt Fry, all help was greatly appreciated.



**COMMUNITY LADIES LUNCHEON:** Shepherd of the Lake's LWML invites all of the women of the congregation and of other Garrison Community churches to attend a Spring Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Hanna Henson, US Administrator and Asia Liaison at Wycliffe Bible Translators. Donations will be accepted for the Garrison Food Shelf and for Wycliffe Bible Translators. There is no charge for the luncheon. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



**LAKES AREA PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER (LAPS) FUNDRAISER:** LAPS celebrates the mothers they serve and their precious babies. They are solely funded by individuals, churches and fundraisers and an occasional grant. All their services are free of charge. We will be doing the Baby Bottle Campaign. This gives the members the opportunity to help raise funds to save even more lives. The campaign runs from Mother's Day through Father's Day. We ask each of you to take a bottle home and fill it with loose change until returning them on Father's Day.



**ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING:** We are planning our yearly spring cleaning for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We will work both inside and outside (weather permitting). A lunch will be provided for all the workers. All help will be greatly appreciated.



**QUILTING GROUP:** The Ladies welcome all who would like to help in any way with putting together quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Please watch the upcoming Sunday bulletins and newsletters on when they will be meeting this year.



**FAREWELL FOR REV. ALVIN AND LINDA JESKE:** The members of Trinity Lutheran, Staples, will be hosting an open house in honor of Rev. Alvin and Linda Jeske who will soon be moving to Iowa to be closer to family. We would like to invite any who wish an opportunity to say goodbye to the Jeskes and to bless them on their way. The open house will be on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the members of Trinity. Contact Trinity church office at 218-894-2372 for more information.



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Mickelson, who entered the Church Triumphant on April 13, 2017. May our good and gracious Father comfort Dorothy's family and friends during this difficult time. Dorothy was long and active member here at Shepherd of the Lake.



We wish to extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Dick Siemers who entered the Church Triumphant on April 15, 2017. May the Lord provide a rich measure of His strength and comfort to Jerry Siemers and family during this difficult time. Dick was a long and active member of Shepherd of the Lake and will be missed by all.



We would like to extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Deb Bruckhoff who entered the Church Triumphant. May our good and gracious Father comfort her family during this difficult time.



**CHURCH LAWN MOWING:** The Trustees are looking for help with mowing the lawn at the church again this year. If you are able to help please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Larry Collison.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Be part of A "Mighty Fortress" at this year's VBS! In Jesus the Victory is Won! At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won! This year's VBS will run Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a program by the children on Friday.

If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Please contact Roxanne Rasmussen or Marge Berndt for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!



**BRAT'S SALE:** Shepherd of the Lake is scheduled to sell and serve brats at Family Value Store in Garrison on Friday and Saturday, May 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be in need of helpers. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**EASTER BREAKFAST THANK YOU!** Thank you to the members and guests of Shepherd of the Lake for your generous donations for Easter Sunday Breakfast. The Collection total was \$221.00 that went directly to the Christian Care Givers of Garrison.

Thank you also, to all those who brought in coffee cakes and hot-cross buns.

Together working and sharing God's Word-  
Arlen & Cindy Kuehl & Family



**FOOD SHELF:** Thank you to everyone who donated towards our March Food Shelf drive the items have been delivered to the Food Shelf in Garrison.



**BASKET OF PROMISE:** Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. We collected 19 kits and will get them delivered soon.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> will be our last Sunday school class until next fall. We would like to thank all the children for coming and we look forward to see them at our VBS program in June. Thank you to Marie Nelson, Roxanne Rasmussen and Sheila Anderson for their work with the children.



All congregations in the Minnesota North District are invited to collect new socks and undies for Orphan Grain Train.

These items will be taken to Texas border missions and other places where new items are allowed. All sizes of undies and socks (for men, women, and children) are being collected, but children's socks (for ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are very much needed, as children in Mexico cannot go to school without socks and shoes.

Please send new socks and undies with your pastor when he attends the MN State Pastoral Conference on May 15-17, 2017, at Madden's Resort, Brainerd, MN. Drop Off Point: Orphan Grain Train Booth. Money to help with shipping costs is also welcome. Monetary donations can be mailed to Orphan Grain Train, P.O. Box 61, Morris, MN 56267, or brought to the OGT Booth. You will find a basket by the Cross in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/HELP WANTED**

This year's VBS program is set for the week of June 12-16 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We need volunteers to serve as teachers and helpers. If you would be willing to serve in any areas listed below please fill in the form below and return it to the church office or contact Roxanne Rasmussen or Marge Berndt. Please watch for upcoming meetings and information.

**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH VBS AS:**

- Teaching
- Music
- Preparing Snacks
- Outdoor Activities
- Teaching Assistant
- Decorating
- Arts and Crafts
- Outdoor Activities Helper



We wish to welcome new members Lance & Joanie Rengo who transferred here from Peace in Christ Church in Hermantown, MN; Anna Leerssen and daughter Lauren; and Susan Raddatz. Let us all welcome them and introduce ourselves to them.

**BAKED BEANS FOR 50 PEOPLE**

**From the kitchen of:** *Judy Stahl*

- 4 large (commercial size) cans Baked Beans
- 2 lbs. Brown Sugar
- 1 small Onion, diced
- ½ c. Catsup
- 1 small jar (12 oz.) Molasses
- 2 lbs. Bacon
- ½ c. Mustard



Cut bacon into small bits and brown with the onion. Drain. Put all ingredients into large electric roaster oven. Bake at medium temperature for at least 4 hours (better if baked longer). Stir occasionally.



**RECIPES WANTED:** *If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please write it down and put it in Sue Raddatz' mailbox.*



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church  
1 mile north of Garrison on 169



June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Children: 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_/Church Member: Yes/No  
 Person(s) to contact in case of emergency (name & Number): \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN TO BE ENROLLED**

Name	Age	Grade in School (Fall)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

If your child has any medical condition we should know about, Please list them here:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
	<b>1</b> 6PM-Brd of Elders Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM-Wed. Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9AM Yearly Spring Cleaning @ SOTL					
<b>7</b> 8:30AM-Bible Study & Sunday School 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hour Evangelism Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9AM-Board & Committee Meetings 10AM-Church Council 1PM- LWML Meeting	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM-Wed. Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9AM-5PM Brats Sale	<b>13</b> 9AM-5PM Brats Sale					
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> 8:30AM-Bible Study & Sunday School 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hour		<b>15</b>  <b>MN</b>					<b>16</b> 12Noon-Community Ladies Luncheon @SOTL  <b>Pastor's</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Conference</b>	<b>18</b> June Newsletter Articles Due  <b>@ Maddens</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:30AM-Bible Study & Sunday School 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hour		<b>22</b>  <b>Continuing Education</b>					<b>23</b> Printing June Newsletter  <b>For Pastor's</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>@ Plymouth</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:30 AM-Bible Study 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hour		<b>29 Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>					<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 AM-Wed. Bible Study			





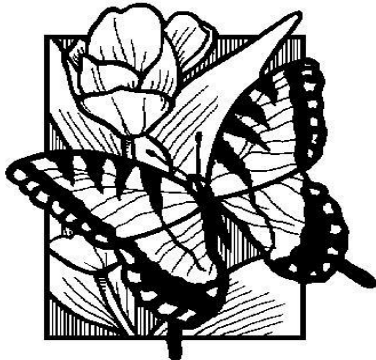
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**To Those Loved by Christ:**



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**Pastor's Cell #:** 608-334-5718

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Education Hour:** 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday School Hour:** 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday Divine Service:** 10:00 a.m.

**Fellowship Hour:** 11:00 a.m.