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## The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018



**PRAY FOR** We remember in our prayers this morning and ask for God's continued comfort, strength and healing: Jackie Dubois, Barb Fuhr, Janet Hill, Donna Huber, Dorothy Keller, Cathy Ongpin, Wanda Rosenzweig, Marian Schuk, Carol Sullivan.

➤ We remember Gloria Miller in our prayers. She was admitted to ICU this past week to the University Hospital, We pray for the Lord's protection, healing and strength.

- We remember Doug Miller in our prayers and ask for the Lord's strength and hand of healing according to His mercy. Doug has been in ICU at The Christ Hospital since April 11.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Mary Senger in loving honor and memory of her father, Gerhard.

**SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS** We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Please remember our "Peace Family" and send a card or give a call to wish them blessings on their special day.

May 2 Paul Graver

May 13 Bill Fisher

May 3 Jesse & Julie Koelling

May 13 David & Karen Ringshauser

May 7 Garry Laaker

**GUEST MINISTER** A special thanks to Rev. Dr. Brent Smith for being with us this morning and sharing with us the work of our missionaries throughout the world creating for us an awareness of who they are, where they're at, and the need for their support in prayer and in our offerings. Pastor Smith has served as a missionary to Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan) and then later in Russia as well as serving as the regional director for the LCMS Eurasia region. He currently lives in Omaha, NE and works through Mission Central. More information can be seen at <https://missioncentral.us/>  
*Our sincere thanks for Pastor Smith being with us this weekend for our Saturday workshop and Sunday worship.*

### **Date: April 29**

This year the LWML Spring Rally will be Sunday April 29 from 2:00–4:00. There will be a dessert reception and a short presentation about a Lutheran VBS mission to Poland. The Spring Rally will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church located at 5433 Madison Rd., 45227.

***“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).***



## **God Calls Us To Be His Stewards**

To accomplish his purposes here on earth, God has made us his stewards. Through faith, he enables us to be his hands, feet, and mouth. *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”* (2 Corinthians 9:8). Through God’s abounding grace, he enables us to do his work. *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us*

*to do”* (Ephesians 2:10).

As stewards, we are the recipients of God’s goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Through faith, we acknowledge God as the source and owner of all things. Because God is the source of everything, we understand that it is only by God’s grace that we are given the privilege and the opportunity to be his stewards. By grace, he has chosen to work through us. *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit ... fruit that will last”* (John 15:16).

As God’s stewards, we are to bear fruit that extends his kingdom and gives him honor and glory. God calls us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, provide hospitality to the stranger, clothe the needy, and care for the prisoner. An integral part of loving and serving God as faithful stewards is the serving others. In the words of Jesus, *“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40). We are to comfort as we have been comforted (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

May we as his chosen stewards serve him with what we have, what we are, and what he will make us.