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Pastor, Tell Us What You Really Think.?

Christians Don't "Pass Away"

The expression "pass away" is a ubiquitous term among English speakers. It's a euphemism intended, in kindness, to soften the blow of death. I'm certain. No one uses "pass away" to mislead anyone. But, the term conceals reality. And, it fails to confess the great news for Christians in the bitterness of death.

A euphemism is simply a good sounding word to use in place of a term that may be profane, uncomfortable, hurtful, or off-putting. The Greek rooting of "euphemism" means nearly the same: good speaking. The good speaking serves to conceal or soften uncomfortable things.

I can't speak to the origin of "pass away" in common parlance for death. The funeral industry has certainly embraced the use of it. Again, this isn't a malicious use of the euphemism. They are likely trying to protect people's feelings. But, there may have been a theological driver here too.

For some folks, we may not be able to confidently speak well of their state after death. With no evidence of Christianity, there's no hope of salvation or resurrection to eternal life. We should and do hope that something is hidden from us. But, some dwell in sin and separation from God by their own doing.

Other Christian traditions place great importance on our actions regarding God. A Baptist may be disinclined to trust in infant baptism. They believe that, contrary to the scriptures, a person must make a public confession as an adult and be baptized for the first time, or again, as an outward sign of the internal decision to accept Jesus. When a Romanist or a Lutheran dies, the Baptist may not have a full-throated confidence in their rest in Christ. This finds confidence in the works and words of man, not God.

We begin the funeral service with a remembrance of Baptism. That's the key for Christianity.

Pastor starts, "In Holy Baptism [*the deceased*] was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all *his or her* sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3) The congregation speaks along, "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." (Roman 6:4)

But I digress. Let's get back to the euphemistic "passing away" as a term for death. Do the scriptures speak about passing away? Yup, they sure do.

“Terrors are turned upon me; my honor is pursued as by the wind, and my prosperity has passed away like a cloud.” (Job 30:15) This is negative. For Job, all the good things of his life, before his affliction, have passed away.

“I have seen a wicked, ruthless man, spreading himself like a green laurel tree. But he passed away, and behold, he was no more; though I sought him, he could not be found.” (Psalm 37:35-36) This is negative. In the Psalms, wicked things, wicked people, and the brokenness of a fallen creation pass away.

“[The Assyrian’s] rock shall pass away in terror, and his officers desert the standard in panic,” declares the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 31:9) This is negative. The power of Israel’s oppressor is the thing passing away.

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches... Therefore, they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away. (Amos 6:4a, 7) This is negative. In the minor prophets, things that pass away are wicked or sinful.

(See also - Job 6:14-16; Job 11:16; Job 34:18-20; Psalm 90:7-9; Psalm 102:3-5; Psalm 148:5-6; Isaiah 2:17-18; Jeremiah 8:14; Daniel 7:13-14; Nahum 1:12-13; Zephaniah 2:1-2)

Speaking the way the scriptures speak, we are saying that those things which pass away are wicked, evil, sinful, oppressive, or in need of destruction. We ought to speak well of those who have died, even in our simple expressions.

They who rest in Christ have not passed away.

- Pastor

What About the Disposition of Our Bodies?

Gnostics, pagans, agnostics, and atheists all tell us that the body is meaningless. The atheists will say that there is nothing beyond death. The gnostics and pagans will say that the soul is the true nature of a person. Now, freed from this mortal coil, the dead are on to a permanent spiritual existence.

This is not so, dear Christians!

The unnatural, violent separation of body and soul in death is a temporary state. In the resurrection of the dead, the final judgement, and the life everlasting that follows thereafter, we will be reunited with our bodies in perfected glory.

“Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” (Job 19:23-27 - KJV)

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.” (Philippians 3:20-21 - ESV)

So, what do we do between now and then?

In Christianity, we have maintained a high view of the body of those who die in faith in Christ. our treatment of the dead flows out of two understandings. First, we confess that our Lord is not done with this body. He will restore life and vigor to our bodies, and imperfection of our souls to the same. Second, we confess the resurrection in the way we treat the bodies of the blessed dead.

We practice rites and rituals at the time of death These include: the commendation of the dying, comforting of the bereaved, the funeral service, and the committal at the graveside. It's erroneous to say these things are only for the living. We practice these rights for the living and the dead both. Now, there would be no confusion here. The disposition of the dead is determined entirely by the forgiveness of sins by the atoning work of Jesus and faith trusting in that same promise. But, God is not done with the remains. So, we take great care to place the bodies of our loved ones into a safe resting place until the day of resurrection.

The scriptures have some indications of the practices we mimic. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, and Jacob are all buried in the cave of Machpelah in the field of Ephron the Hittite in Mamre. (Genesis ch. 23, 35, 49, & 50) The Cave of the Patriarchs is a religious pilgrimage site to this day. It is Jews, Christians, and Islamists. The Islamist side of the Herodian building has a wall separating it from the other side.

The committal at the grave site is a significant part of these collected rites. You pastor blesses the body in its casket/coffin for the last time. He blesses the grave itself. In many cases, the Pastor will remain with the body from its entrance into the church, though the funeral and interment, and leave only when the grave it being filled. He does this to serve as a visual representation of Jesus in whose stead and by whose command he speaks. In burial, we place our deceased loved ones to rest in a bed in the earth. There their bodies rest securely under a blanket of earth until the Lord's return.

It is best for us to bury a body in a casket/coffin. Our Christian burial practices are different than the pagans. We confess the resurrection of all flesh. The pagans confess the end of the flesh. In their confession, burning the remains, scattering the remains, or exposing the dead for scavenging are all "natural" treatments of an empty vessel. Since they do not believe in a resurrection, they treat the body like refuse.

Christians have only recently begun to embrace cremation as an acceptable practice. It is not the best option.

"But, Pastor, can't God put them back together?" Yes, but that's the wrong question. What's the best option? Burial of the body with great reverence and care, confesses the resurrection in word AND in deed.

"What about those burned in fire/destroyed in combat/buried at sea?" We will often go to extreme examples to carve-out defenses for less-than-defensible positions. We do our best based upon circumstances. When there's near total loss, we bury what we can. Even the military will place limited remains into a casket.

Burial at sea is also a deliberate, careful practice. The body is sent to rest in "the deep." Davey Jones' Locker or some other euphemism is a place. It's not a place like cemetery. But, it is a place in its concept. All of the dead buried at sea go to rest together like those buried in a cemetery.

Mandy and I have intent for each other. For our bodies, we prefer to be buried without embalming in meager wooden boxes, preferably a coffin in style. The eight surfaces of a coffin continue to confess the eighth day baptismal promise in which we rest. We do not want a viewing of any sort or an open casket. Everyone knows what's in that box. There's no need to imply something else. And, lastly, bury us among other Christians awaiting the resurrection on the last day.

Let us confess Jesus Christ, even in death.

- Pastor



STEWARDSHIP

More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

*"If you obey my voice and
keep my covenant,*



*you shall be my
treasured possession
out of all the peoples."*

Exodus 19:5, NRSV

For Your Information



For the **month of April 2022**, the AMEN Pantry served **242 families**. (Totals for April 2023 not available.) For the **first two weeks of April 2024**, we've served **just over 200 families**, with three additional shopping days available for the month. At this rate we will set a new April record for total number of families seeking assistance.

Sincere thanks to all the faithful donors who help keep the shelves stocked. Items always in demand include boxes of cereal, pasta, white rice, complete baking mixes, canned fruit/juice, canned/dried beans, canned meat, soups, saltine crackers, jelly, syrup. Shelf stable items can be placed in the gray plastic bin in the church narthex any time; if you have an abundance of fresh garden vegetables to donate, they can be taken directly to the Pantry Monday mornings (8:30) or Thursday mornings (10:00 am – 12:00 noon).

Mt. Calvary volunteers will next work at the Pantry on Monday, June 10 (early shift).

Please call Stell (979-966-2319) or Beverly (979-250-1718) if you have any questions.



THE HAPPY SCRAPPERS will take a break from their Quilting - Lutheran World Relief activities during the month May to focus their energy and time supporting the Mt. Calvary Spring Picnic scheduled for Sunday, May 19th and other spring activities and social events. We will return to our regular schedule beginning Monday, June 3rd @ 9:30 AM

MARY MARTHA GUILD MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH - 8:00 AM
IN FRONT OF THE NATIONAL BANK & TRUST
ON THE LA GRANGE SQUARE
FEATURING HOME BAKED CAKES, PIES, COOKIES & OTHER GOODIES.

Funds raised will be used to support various projects in the community.
YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE APPRECIATED



THE MARY MARTHA GUILD MINUTE

Monday, May 6th

Multipurpose Room

Social —5:30 PM
 Dinner—6:00 PM

Welcome
Pantry Item
Hostesses:

Beverly Albers
 saltine crackers
 Beverly Albers, Sylvia Hebert, Marilyn Spillane,
 Linda Streicher, & Debbie Wilson

Project/Activity

Mother's Day Bake Sale, Friday May 10th

BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES

(14) Nancy Lehmann, (26) Stell Midgett
 (23) Sharon Pietsch

All ladies of the congregation are invited. Guild Members, bring yourself and a friend.



MEN'S CLUB PIT STOP

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Men's Club
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2024

Opening:

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Roensch at 6:00 pm with nineteen members in attendance. Jason Lehmann opened with devotion/prayer.

Minutes:

Minutes from the March 4, 2024, meeting was emailed and posted in the April Mt. Calvary newsletter. A motion was made by Justin Hollek and seconded by Danny Olenick to except the minutes as printed. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Randy Alberts presented the Treasurer's report. The balance as of 03/31/2024 was \$19,827.78. Income for March was \$75.09, and expenses were \$1,553.52. The motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed was made by Justin Hollek and seconded by Lummus Hannes. The motion passed.

Old Business:

At the March meeting it was approved to donate \$500.00 towards the raffle and \$500.00 towards an auction item for the Church Picnic. The \$500.00 was paid toward the raffle but no decision was made on the auction item. After some discussion, a motion was made by Daniel Fischer and seconded by Jason Lehmann to let Aaron Muniz and Danny Olenick find an auction item or items.

The preschool pull pork bake potato dinner is Tuesday April 9, 2024. Men's Club members will be preparing BBQ pork and BBQ sauce on Saturday April 6th starting at 8:00 am with the fire being started at 6:00 am. The preschool parents will be helping on Saturday to wash and wrap the potatoes, fill the containers with butter and cheese, and include any other jobs needing to be done. The BBQ pork will be pulled apart on Saturday and placed in the cooler. On Tuesday, the club members will be baking the potatoes in the pits starting at 8:00 am. Will also be warming up the BBQ pork and adding the BBQ sauce. Preschool parents will be helping to fill the plates.

New Business:

Will be planning a date and time to get BBQ wood for the picnic. Daniel Fischer, Dennis Schnell, and August Pietsch will bring wood from trees cut from their homes. Randy Albers brought a load of wood from trees that were lost in La Grange during last month's storms. Lee Tienert has several trees from his property which can cut and split. Will setup a time before the picnic to get this accomplished.

The motion was made by Justin Hollek and seconded by Daniel Fischer to accept Milton Bamsch as a new member of the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Men's Club. Motion Passed.

Miscellaneous:

The next scheduled meeting is set for Monday May 6th at 6:00 pm. There will be no meal.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Justin Hollek and seconded by Jason Lehmann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

August Pietsch

Men's Club Secretary



CHURCH PICNIC NEWS

THE CHURCH PICNIC IS ALMOST HERE! Mt. Calvary's annual church picnic and live auction will be held Sunday, May 19th at the KC Hall. Mark your calendars and tell all of your friends and family to join us! The worship service will also be held at the KC Hall, beginning at 9:00 AM. Attendees may dress in "picnic casual" attire. We will once again have a dine-in option, as well as the drive through. Children's games and activities are being planned. Live music and a live and silent auction will also take place indoors at the KC Hall.

The barbecue dinner and auction are the church's only fundraiser, and we need everyone's help to make it a success. We need you, whether you can help for a couple of hours, or all day! You cannot imagine the fun you are missing if you aren't helping with all the day's activities!

- We need auction items! Please bring them to the church office on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.
- Since all raffle prizes were sponsored, ticket sales are pure profit. If we can sell all 500 tickets, the profit would be \$10,000. So please help us sell raffle tickets (or buy some yourself).

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

MEAL

- Selling meal tickets (contact Brenda Fischer 979-249-3467 to get your tickets)
- Meal preparation on Saturday May 18th (contact Dennis Schnell or Willie Ahlschlager)
- Helping in the drive through line (contact Gladys Teinert)
- Helping in the dine-in serving line (contact Rosalie Moerbe)
- Filling drinks at the dine-in (contact Rosalie Moerbe)
- Shuttling plates from outside to the dine-in (contact Gladys Teinert)
- Selling meal tickets inside (contact Rosalie Moerbe)
- Selling meal tickets outside (contact Brenda Fischer)
- Traffic control (contact August Pietsch)

LIVE AUCTION

- Helping with the auction (contact Janice Teinert or Linda Streicher) by:
 - being a "walker"
 - being a "spotter"
 - being a cashier
 - registering bidders

RAFFLE

- Buying/Selling raffle tickets prior to and day of picnic (contact Brenda Fischer)

BAKE SALE

- Baking desserts for sale at the drive-thru line, for the dine-in plates, and/or for the cake walk (contact Janice Teinert 979-966-3186)
- Selling cakes in the drive through line (contact Susie Polasek or Lee Herbrich)

CLEAN UP

- Washing dishes (contact Daniel Fischer 979-249-3467)
- Clean up inside after the picnic (contact Daniel Fischer 979-249-3467)
- Scrub the pits after the meal (contact Daniel Fischer 979-249-3467)

LYF

- Food booth in afternoon (contact Shannon Herbrich)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (contact Shannon Herbrich)

- Set up/clean up games at KC Hall on Saturday/Sunday.
- Cake & Plant Walk

To volunteer in any way, or if you have any questions about the picnic activities, please call the contacts listed above, or the church office at 979-968-3938 or email secretary@mtcalvary-lcms.org. Any and all help is greatly needed and appreciated!

Celebrate Mites with the Mary Martha Guild

“Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But the poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on.” Mark 12:41-43

Mite boxes - that is what came out of the widow giving her last coins. The first Sunday in October is LWML Sunday, and we usually put out the “big” Mite box for collection of offerings. Last year we gave members their own Mite box for collection to be added to the “big” Mite box the first Sunday of each month. Well, once again, we are asking the congregation to participate with us. Personal Mite boxes will be available for pick up starting May 5th. If you still have your Mite box from last year, and have been adding to it, please feel free to empty it that Sunday, and continue to collecting your coins. If you don't have a Mite box, please pick one up May 5th and return your coins on the first Sunday in June, July, August, September, and October!

Last year you were given a list of mission grants funded by Mite money so you could see where your pennies were going. Well this year the mission grants will be voted on in June at the District Convention, so the approved list will not be available until July. **Prior to receiving that list, please note that \$40,000 is automatically designated for seminary students.**

We hope you will join us in this ritual by giving your end of the day coins. The “big” Mite box will be out the first Sunday of each month for your convenience. But please note we are requesting that all Mites be turned in on or before October 6th. If you have any questions, please ask a Mary Martha Guild member.



**“She out of
her poverty has
put in everything
she had.”**

MARK 12:44



Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one.

HOME OF THE FALCONS!
Better Together—Romans 15:5-6

The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present the Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students’ work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 8th, at 7pm.

TAAPS State Music Competition

The FLHS Handbell Choir competed in the TAPPS state music competition on Tuesday, March 26 in Waco. Students performed level two pieces of music, and received a Superior (I) Rating. Great job students!

Graduation

Graduation will be Saturday, May 25th at 1:30pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Please join us as we celebrate these seniors and celebrate this momentous event in their life.

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

May 28-May 30—Volleyball—Grades 3 to 8—\$25

June 10-12—Basketball—Grades K to 8 - \$25

June 17-19—STEM Camp—Grades K to 6—\$50

June 24-26—Art Camp—Grades K to 6—\$50

July 1-2—Archery—Grades 4 to 8—\$20

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don’t wait — Sign up today!! Space is limited!!

7th Annual Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 31st at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM with the possibility of an afternoon flight also. For more information on entering a 4 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org. or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. Five new students have already enrolled. We would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you for all the support you have showered upon Faith Lutheran HS! We are so blessed! Whether you remembered us in your prayers, time, talents, or gifts, we are forever grateful and your gifts make a bigger impact that you know! THANK YOU!

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST | **FRISCH AUF COUNTRY CLUB LA GRANGE, TX** | **SHOTGUN START 8AM LUNCH 1PM**

4 Man Team Registration \$400

PRIZES

- 1ST TEAM
- 2ND TEAM
- LONGEST DRIVE
- CLOSEST TO PIN
- LONGEST PUTT

SPONSORSHIPS

- Platinum \$500 Course sponsor recognition on banner, hole, and food & drink sponsor.
- Gold \$250 Banner, longest drive, putt, or closest to pin sponsor.
- Silver \$100 Hole sign

*Potential afternoon flight based on numbers

Register Now
 Make checks payable/send to:
 Faith Lutheran High School
 P.O. Box 138
 Wards, TX 78960

For More Information Contact:
 Jonathan Kueck (979)-242-2889 kueckj@flhstx.org
 or Layne Schramm (979)-966-3527 layneschramm@hotmail.com

HOLY CROSS, WARDA BBQ CHICKEN

The Holy Cross Couples Club will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mothers Day, May 12th. Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds in Warda from 10:30 to 12:00. Chickens are \$12.00 and cups of sauce are \$3.00. Place your order by calling the church office at (979) 242-3333. Advance orders only **by Monday, May 6th.**



HELP WANTED

The **Texas Wendish Heritage Museum** is looking to add to our amazing staff. If you are interested in applying to be our director, please contact Richard Gruetzner at pzfahrer@aol.com or (512)423-5760. We are looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person to fill the position of director or co-director of the museum. Anyone looking to fill this position must be available to work a minimum of Tuesday- Friday and some Saturdays from 1:00-5:00pm as well as all TWHS events (including set up and clean up). When you contact us, please let us know how much time you are able to commit to the TWHS beyond the hours the museum is open. Our director is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the society & museum and wears many hats including staff management, working with our board of directors, event planning (including Wendish Fest), some light accounting work, managing the gift shop in the museum and online, advertising the museum and TWHS events, working with vendors to maintain the museum complex's many buildings and artifacts, website and social media management, and other duties as assigned. Candidates must have basic computer skills (Google Suite & Microsoft Office primarily), be an excellent communicator, possess top-notch customer service skills and preferably an appreciation of history and Wendish heritage & culture. Pay will be dependent upon experience.

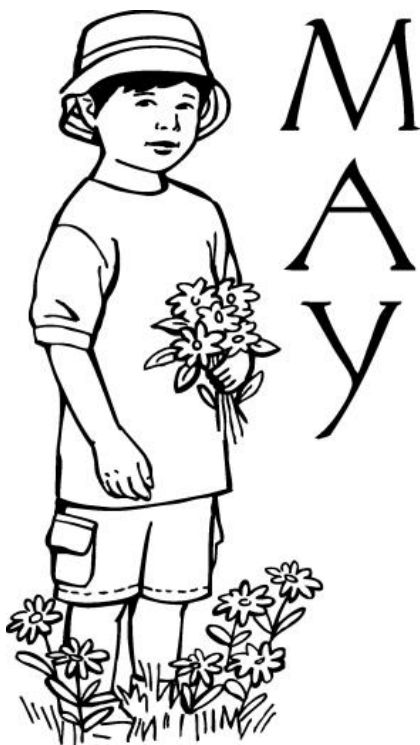




GEMS

(Girls Embracing Mission Service)

The Post Oak GEMS will meet on Sunday afternoon, April 28th, at 2:00 pm. Girls grades 5th—12th are welcome to join us at the Holy Cross Warda Fellowship Hall. We will be gearing up for the LWML Convention, which will be held in Corpus Christi June 13—15.



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

FLOWER CHART OPENINGS

Don't forget that we have a Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the narthex hallway. You can sign up to provide flowers for a special occasion or simply to the glory of God.

Call the church office if you would like more info.

BIRTHDAYS

Leslie Johnson
Karen Pietsch
Amanda Olguin
Corbin Rinald
Jeff Cook
Gabe Huelsebusch
Nancy Lehmann
Mara Weikel
Joyce Newman
Sherry Winkler
Stell Midgett
Justin Schnell
Randy Pietsch
Kathy Glaiser
Luke Olguin

ANNIVERSARIES

Aaron & Coni Mouton (15)
Randy & Karen Pietsch (46)
Kevin & Theresia Karstedt 15
James & Sharon Pietsch (54)



MAY
BIRTHDAYS

Remembering

We praise God for the blessing of baptism for Emily Jane Zahradnik on April 7th.

We thank God for the much needed rain on our land, and we continue to pray for more as we begin summer.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool

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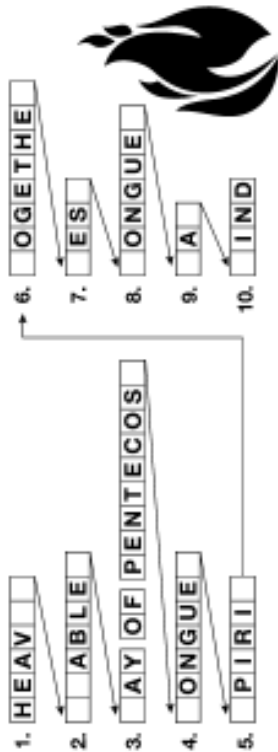
“Committed to Reaching Out With The Love Of Jesus”

PUZZLE

Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.



“When the _____³ came, they were all _____⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____¹⁰ came from _____¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____⁹ what seemed to be _____⁴ of fire that separated and came to _____⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____⁶ and began to speak in other _____⁸ as the Spirit _____² them.”

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind