



*May 2023*

# Good News

**Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran**

## May 2023

**5-1 Bible Study @**  
6:00p.m.  
(Study of Galatians)

**5-3 Soup Kitchen @ Noon**  
(Karen Hatten)

**5-7 Sunday School**  
10:00a.m.  
Worship Service at  
11:00 a.m.w/online option

**5-8 Bible Study@**  
6:00p.m.

**5-14 Council Meeting @**  
**8:45a.m.**  
Sunday School @  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service @  
11:00 a.m. w/online option

**5-15 Bible Study @**  
6:00p.m.

**5-21 Sunday School @**  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service @  
11:00 a.m. w/online option  
**Family Day Dinner**  
**Newsletter Deadline**

**5-22 Bible Study @**  
6:00p.m.

**5-28 Sunday School @**  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service @  
11:00 a.m. w/online option

**5-29 No Bible Study**



*May then is the month, if not of fulfillment, at least of promise.*  
Cardinal John Henry Newman

May is one of those months that year after year comes with the fulfillment of so many promises – just enough rain, more blooms than one can count, the end of the school year/graduations, honoring our military on Memorial Day, spring weddings, and so on. It's hard to talk about the Month of May without a smile on your face.

I came across this Cardinal Newman quote while searching for an idea for this newsletter article. I was interested in the connection between the Month of May and our relationship with God. While it is true the Resurrection Day has yet to occur, it is most certainly true that God's promise of our resurrection has been given to us in our Holy Baptism. While it is true that the gates of Heaven have yet to be opened because the Christ has not come for the second time, Jesus' promise of eternal presence with us is an important reminder that even in death as we await the opening of Heaven's gates, we are not abandoned by the Son of God.

While God's promise of our own resurrection has yet to be fulfilled, this does not concern us because, after all, look at the One who is making the promise! Jesus Christ, who IS Truth, has assured us that his Father will fulfill God's promise – will fulfill God's covenant – soon and very soon.

So, we wait as we do every May for great things to happen because they always do. And today we await the fulfillment of God's promise of the Second Coming, and it WILL happen because God has said so through Jesus Christ.

To God be the Glory for all God has done,  
Pastor Steve

## *Worship Service Changes*

We have resumed our normal practice of worship following the changes we made for COVID. The offering plates will be passed in service, we will come to the altar rail for communion, and we will pass the peace with our neighbors in the pews. I hope you are as happy as I am to worship in a “post-COVID” world.

*Tommy Martin, Worship/Music Chairman*

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## *The Book of Galatians Bible Study*

In his Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul declared that we are justified by grace through faith apart from the works of the law! Our salvation will come because of what Jesus did and not from what we have done. Pastor Steve will lead us in a Bible study beginning on April 24th and on subsequent Monday nights at 6:00 PM. Classes will last for one hour.



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## *Call Committee Info*

The Call Committee (Jon, Katie, Arthur, Angie, Joy, Aiden, and Pastor Steve) continues to develop our Ministry Site Profile for the Synod as we also create the initial assessment for our 2023 MZSL Strategic Plan which will be shared at the May luncheon after worship. This is an exciting time!



## Serving Our Lord in May

**Altar Guild**

Wendi Martin and Julia Snipes

**Lectors**

Mary Haigler and Tommy Martin

**Alcolyte**

Alita Godfrey

**Family Day:** May 21, 2023 Billy & Ginny Martin, Brenden Fitzgerald  
& Jeremy & Susan Martin

**Coffee Hour:** 5-7 Renee Collier      5-14 Jon Coogle  
5-21 NO Coffee Hour      5-28 Arthur Jackson

### **Flowers**

5-07 Myrtle Joiner in loving memory of Ralph and Josh Joiner

5-14 Tommy and Wendi Martin in memory of William and Virginia  
Martin

5-21 Mack and Nancy McCarty in honor of their grandchildren

5-28 Julia Snipes in memory of her mother, Louise Snipes

**Soup Kitchen:** May 3, 2023 (Karen Hatten)

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

5-02 Dale Godfrey

5-17 Katie Felker

5-03 Tracy Choppla

5-17 Laney Martin

5-13 Trey & Laura Coogle

5-22 Susan Martin

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**Please help keep *this prayer list current. Contact the Church Office to update the list.***

***Pray for Members:*** Callie Coogle, Debra Coogle & Family, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, David Haigler, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner, Billy Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George & Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, and for all the ministries of our church.

***For Friends and Family:*** Pam Cole, Carl Ethridge, Dan Harvill Jr., Carol Jacobs, Cleveland Hobbs, Bob Melvin, Patricia Morgan, Buddy Murph, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Leigh Powel, Jerry Riddle, Ann Roberts, Judy Stegall, Lamar Yoder, Marina's friend Crystal, our nation, Ukraine and the world.

***Serving our Nation:*** John Edwards