



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

The Communicator

Over 2 centuries ago on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit manipulated the words of Jesus' disciples so that their message was understood in all languages. Now, the divided could be united, the alienated could be reconciled, the human-centered could become Christ-centered. And God brought about this history making event with amazing ease, but in such a serendipitous way that the disciples were thought to be drunk!

An even greater surprise, however, is still waiting for us. John reports Jesus' announcement in the Gospel. God intends that the Holy Spirit shall engage our hearts, minds, and tongues, enabling us to witness to God's mighty deeds of loving and saving the world. We are given the privilege of being the earthly vessels that bring the message of salvation to the world. Our Lord promises that the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit will mingle with our meager witness so that we become agents of God's good news to a world that is continually covered by bad news.

The feast of Pentecost or "firstfruits" of the harvest celebrated God's gracious giving of the crops that supply our food. These crops, given by the grace of God, are indicative of or point to a more important gift of God: the ones that will be harvested at the end of the world and brought into God's storehouse. The powerful coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost provides cause for a greater celebration---a celebration of God's redemption of all humankind in Jesus, and the first gathering in or harvest of people who realize what He has done for them.

The special manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the speaking in different languages made two essential points about the work of Christ. First, the Gospel of Jesus is accomplished and effects salvation immediately in people who hear the Word. Second, the Gospel of Jesus is accomplished for all people. God's gift of the ability speak, immediately, in the languages of all these people is unmistakable evidence for God's universal redemption of all nations. All things are possible with God. If God confused the languages of people in a moment at Babel, certainly He can grant the reversal of that confusion by making the apostles able to speak in the native language of others in an instant, without previously knowing the language.

So again, this Pentecost, we are reminded that we the church are called to proclaim this gospel. We are called to be united in our mission and focus, that being the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. It should be our only focus for then the spirit of God will truly be upon us .

Pastor Wilck



SUNDAY, May 15, 2016—One Service 10:00 AM

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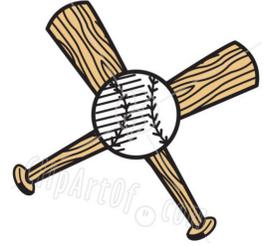
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



ADOPT THE HIGHWAY The spring Adopt the highway will be Saturday, May, 21, 2016, at 9:00 am. Please help clean-up the 2.6 mile section of Chili Ave., from Route 204 to Chili Center. Children 12 to 18 year old must have parent permission. Please check the “Adopt the highway” on tan response sheet in the bulletin or sign up on the sign-up sheet that will be on the Narthex. We will meet at Dell Hall Saturday and start the highway pickup at 9:00 am. For more formation, contact Jerry Stich.

RED WINGS BASEBALL EVENING

We are looking at a possible Red Wings baseball game for our church people this summer since Thrivent will no longer be sponsoring a game/picnic this year. We are looking for ideas and dates for this event so if anyone has any thoughts please contact Dick Ransom or Ed Jarvis. Hopefully we can plan a fun day at Frontier Stadium.



WORSHIP NEWS

May 8 - First Communion at 11:15 AM service for 5 of our young people.
Mothers Day

May 15– Pentecost-Confirmation– One Service at 10:00 AM.

May 29 - One Service at 10:00 AM - Dedication of memorial flag pole

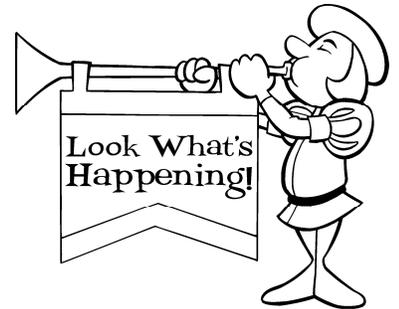
June 12- Church Picnic following the 10:00 AM Service
We will recognize Sunday School teachers and helpers, students, youth and graduates.

June 19 - Fathers day - We will honor fathers.

June 23 – The first of our Thursday evening Services.

June 26 – We begin our summer schedule with one service at 9:30 AM

September 11 – Rally Sunday and a special celebration of Grandparents day and the blessing of the children’s book bags.



The church picnic is June 12th this year. We are looking for people to donate a basket or if you know any local business owners to contact them for a donation. The money raised from this event will be used for Bible Study materials which will begin in September.



There is only one Service 10:00 AM.

Community Food Cupboard coupons

The Community Food Cupboard in downtown Rochester serves a large senior community, as well as others in emergency situations as they arise. We (The Women of the ELCA) feel that this program is another way that Our Saviour can do God's work within the community.

I will send in coupons collected on a weekly or biweekly schedule. The Food Cupboard uses the coupons to buy the products and then distributes the products to their clients. We need to watch expiration dates carefully, thus the weekly or bi-weekly mailings. Coupons requested include: canned goods (especially soups, as well as vegetables and fruits); peanut butter (they stressed this product); cereal products and dairy products. A box for the coupons is located on the table in the narthex.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.



From the Church Council:

A generous contribution is forthcoming from the estate of *John and Esther Clark*, this money has been designated for church general purposes, Council decided that a good place to deposit this money will be into the GREATER OUR SAVIOUR account. The G.O.S. fund will enable our church to support the many needs that surfaces throughout the year, like subsidizing Ministries within our church and the community, our Mission supports to the ELCA and Campus ministries and other types of emergency needs. This account has been inactive for years, Council and Pastor see this as an opportunity, with the Clark's donation, to jump start it back into an active role of our congregation's budget. As we look at our near future of paying off our mortgage we would encourage members who are presently contributing to mortgage fund to consider directing their money to G.O.S. account. More about this later this year.



JUBLIEES

The Jubilees will be having their annual progressive picnic on Friday, June 10th, for additional information and signing up watch for the sign up sheet on the Narthex table this month. Ed and Daryl Jarvis are coordinating this event.



May Birthdays

MAY BIRTHDAYS . . . HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to all these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during the month of May. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

1-Donna Evenson
1-Chloe Osterling
2-Simone Harter
2-Miakoda McEathron
3-Michael O'Connor
3-Brenda Miska
3-Kelley Gates
4-Ronald King
5-Robyn Griffin
6-Carmalena Loughlin
7-Gretchen Breon
7-James Hartfiel
7-Austin Maas
8-Bettie Curry
8-Susan Yackel
8-Emily Wyszomirski
8-John David Coval
8-Jackson Bromley
10-Dillon Griffin
10-Loretta Kramer
11-Jeffrey Blank
11-Richard Forsey
12-Jennifer Forsey



12-Lucas Noll
13-Christopher Cuyler
14-Daryl Jarvis
14-William Breon
14-Victor Harter
14-Shayna Uhl
15-Daniel Breon
15-Benjamin Morningstar
15-Sarah Henry
16-Farress Crombe
16-Donna Miller
18-Anton Suk
18-Markus Pharmakis-Keegan

20-Daniel Ford
20-Nicholas Gatto
22-Jessica Zillioux
23-James Richardson
23-Vincenzo Loughlin
24-Douglas McDonough
25-Stefanie Pharmakis
25-Savanna Sovereign
27-William Breon
27-Ann Morningstar
27-Annabelle Guiles
28-Alice Popen
29-Donald Voorhies
29-Carolyn Hane
30-Vera Suk
31-Mary Tillack



Anniversaries to Celebrate



May Anniversaries

MAY ANNIVERSARIES . . . Congratulations and Best Wishes to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate Wedding anniversaries during the month of May. May God continue to bless you and increase your love for one another!

6—Michelle and John Coval
Happy 10th Anniversary
7—Allen and Rosemary Peters
7—Michael and Deborah Ciccone
10—Richard and Carol Ransom
Happy 47th Anniversary
13—Larry and Jennifer Guiles
20—Pastor Joe and Debbie Wilck
Happy 44th Anniversary

21—Thomas and Denise Hiebler
21—Jeff and Cynthia Blank
Happy 5th Anniversary
24—Mark and Jill Evans
25—Joseph and Cori Rapone
26—David and Cheryl Stone
Happy 43rd Anniversary
28—Paul and Peggy Hamblin
29—Robert and Norma Snyder
Happy 56th Anniversary
29—Laura and John Bugajski
31—James and Linda Palmer

CONFIRMATION PROJECTS PRESENTED

Sunday, May 15, 10:00 AM



The youth of the 8th Grade Confirmation Class—*Teliab Cramer, Keely Lyons and Emily Yackel* conclude their Confirmation Program during the month of May. On Sunday, May 8, at 10:15 AM the youth present their Confirmation Projects. Confirmation families and members of the congregation are invited to attend this session. A reception follows this event.

**The Rite of Confirmation
is Sunday, May 15
at the 10:00 AM Service.
Only One Service that Sunday †**



BINGO PRIZES FOR WESTGATE NURSING HOME

The Women of the ELCA here at Our Saviour continue to collect items to be used as bingo prizes at Westgate Nursing Home. Members of the congregation are invited (and encouraged) to participate in this activity. A plastic box for donations is located on the large table in the narthex. The suggestions that follow were provided by the Recreation Leader at Westgate Nursing Home.

Stuffed animals

Playing cards, large print

Non-slip stocking slippers

Large Print Word Search Books

Jewelry (Women) clip-on earrings only, necklaces must be long enough to fit over the head, and bracelets large enough to fit over the hand. Jewelry with clasps is difficult to handle.

Thank you for your support of this activity and to Donna Evenson who delivers our donations.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

Recommended by the Long Range Planning committee on October 27, 2010



BIBLE STUDY

10:00 AM TUESDAY MORNING

BIBLE STUDY

Will end

Wednesday, June 15



to be held June 12 beginning at 11:30 AM. The morning worship will be one service at 10:00 AM.

During the worship we will recognize graduating seniors, Sunday school staff, Sunday school students, youth and the various youth groups in the congregation. It is a day to celebrate our commitment to youth ministry and our young people as well as enjoy a picnic (yes deep fried turkey is on the menu). Make sure to mark your calendars for one service at 10:00 AM and the picnic to follow.



We rejoice at the increasing number of young people in our congregation. This has also provided a need to be fulfilled. Increasingly we need to develop a Nursery during our worship services. We are looking for mothers, grand parents or others

to organize nursery care for the 9:00 and 11:15 worship services. We would especially want to get one group for the 10:00 worship on May 15 (Confirmation Sunday). If you can help please sign up on the tan response sheet or speak to Pastor. Our hope is to have a schedule in place by September.

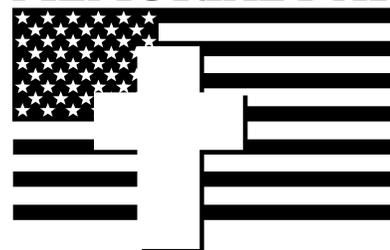


Congratulations to the following couple who unite in marriage during the month of MAY.

Deborah Ann Pfeiffer and Glenn Trevor Osman unite in marriage, Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 2:00 PM.

Please include Deborah and Trevor in your prayers during the coming month. ❧

MEMORIAL DAY



Monday, May 30th



THANK YOU

* **Alexandra Pond, Cheryl Stone, Gordon and Ann Seppa, Mary Ellen Saur, Linda Loughlin, Daryl Jarvis, Jean Lombard, Madison Johnson** for collating, stapling, ad-

addressing and mailing the April newsletter.

- * **Marielies Renke** for continuing to care and water the plants in the narthex. Marielies also purchased new plants for the planter by the door going into the sanctuary.
- * **To the Altar Guild members** for all the additional work during the Easter season and the Spring Cleaning.
- * **Richard and Sharon Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur** for assembling the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter bulletins.
- * **Richard and Sharon Yackel** for assembling the Memorial Service bulletin.
- * **Ayden Plowe** for continuing to fill the oil candles.
- * **Mary Ellen Saur** for continuing to update the sign in the front yard of the Church.
- * Thank you to the Adult Choir, and Bell Choir for their special music during the Easter Services. Also, thank you to **Johannes Witt** for playing the trumpet and **Shelby**

Gear on French Horn.

- * Thanks to the **Women of the ELCA** for providing the funds for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- * **Mary Ellen Saur, Janeen Oliver, Ed Jarvis and Rod Potter** for helping during the Maunday Thursday and Good Friday Services. Special thanks to **Johannes and Jakob Witt** for lighting the candles at the Good Friday Service.
- * **Brayden Spencer, Ethan Oliver; Connor Large, Chloe Evans and Ella Lewis** for our Banner bearers and Crucifiers.
- * **Linda Loughlin** for proofing the Newsletter.
- * **Ed Jarvis** overseeing the new phone installation.
- * **Jim Flick** for overseeing the boiler inspections.
- * **Brian and Pam Spencer** for assisting at Communion during the Distaffan Funeral. Also for preparing the light supper before the Congregational Meeting.
- * To **Everyone** who helped with the Disteffan reception.

The commitment and dedication of all members of Our Saviour are important to the congregation's mission and ministry. We want to recognize the tasks done by members. Committee/Board Chairs and others are asked to share these names with Office Manager, Mary Pleten for inclusion in future issues of the **Communicator**.

CHURCH COUNCIL
Monday, May 9, 6:30 PM

ELDERS
Sunday, May 1, meet at 12:30 PM

CONFIRMATION PROJECTS
Sunday, May 8, 10:15AM

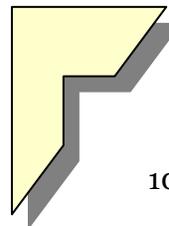


EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 12, 7:00 PM

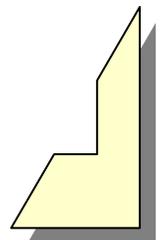
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 19, 7:00 PM

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
SATURDAY, MAY 21, AT 9:00 AM

WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.
Women of the E.L.C.A. meet Tuesday,
May 10 at 6:30 PM.
The meeting is open to all.



CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 12
FOLLOWING THE
10:00 AM SERVICE
One Service



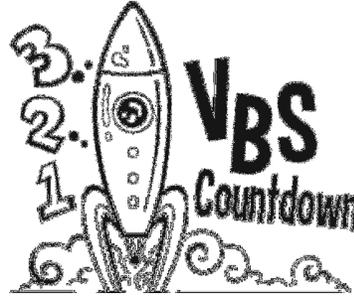
ATTENTION GRADUATES



Are you graduating from college or high school? Have you received an advanced degree or professional certificate during this past year?

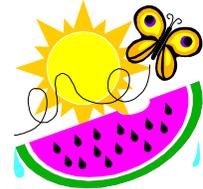
We would like to acknowledge and celebrate your accomplishment. In the next *Communicator*, we plan to include a short piece on our “graduates”. Please call the office 247-7824, or drop us a note LCOSRochester@frontiernet.net.

Let us know where, when, what field, where you are headed—things like that, and then, we can celebrate your milestone and give thanks to God! 🙌



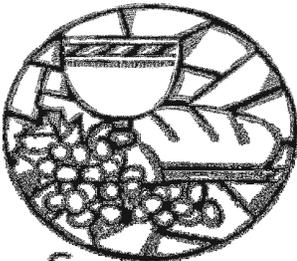
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School Committee is working on the Vacation Bible School Program. Watch for more details in the June *Communicator*. 🙌



THE CHURCH SERVICES ARE RECORDED AND ARE ON YOUTUBE
GO TO WWW.OURSAVIOURROCHESTER.ORG AND
CLICK ON [WATCH AND LISTEN](#)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION May 8, 11:15 AM Service



Sacrament
of Communion

The First Communion Class prepares youth of the congregation to begin receiving Holy Communion. The classes study passages in Scripture that help build an understanding of what Holy Communion is. There are activities that help the youth grow in appreciation for the gifts God gives in Holy Communion. And, time is devoted to the “how-to” of receiving Holy Communion.

This year's first communion candidates are *Jacob Foltz, Annabelle Guiles, Katherine Cuyler, Victor Harter, and Jayden Borzilleri*. 🙌

NG'sUs & LYO Happenings

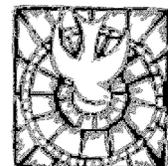


SUMMER WORSHIP
SCHEDULE BEGINS
THURSDAY, June 23, AT 7:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN June 26

One service
9:30 AM Worship
Through Labor Day

In the month of April the youth have been preparing for the Annual Garage Sale. We want to thank the congregation for their donations. On Wednesday nights the youth have been studying the story of Pentecost. We have been busy making preparations for the birthday of the church and look forward to Pentecost Sunday!



WOMEN OF ELCA

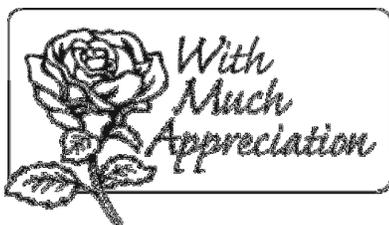
Our April meeting was a dinner out at the D&R Depot Restaurant in LeRoy. Thirteen women attended and the food, as well as the fellowship, was enjoyed by all.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm. We are fortunate to have Mike Deming as our guest speaker. Mr. Deming is an antiques appraiser. Everyone, including husbands, are invited to attend this very special and interesting meeting. A special thank you to AnnMarie MacBride for arranging for our guest speaker. Everyone is allowed to bring "one" antique for appraisal by Mr. Deming. If interested in attending, please sign-up on the sheet on the table in the Narthex so that we make sure that we have enough refreshments for all! Daryl Jarvis will be the hostess for this meeting.

On Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30 pm, we will hold our annual end of the year potluck dinner at the home of Ann Seppa. It is really hard to believe that this will be our last meeting before we adjourn for the summer. If you would like to attend this meeting, a sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Mother's Day!

Ann Seppa, Secretary



Our words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the help you gave the Distaffen-Renke family during our recent tragedy

We thank you all for the work and effort given on our behalf for a wonderful Memorial Service and gathering. As hard as this time is for us, we know we were comforted by actions of the Church. We thank you all for being there for us. The cards, prayers, and calls were much appreciated.

Love and Gratitude, Wendy and Gary

Distaffen and Marielies Renke



The members of Our Saviour extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Wanda Russell-Lutz and Joe Distaffen.

Wanda was a long time member of Our Saviour and she died on April 9, 2016. Her funeral service was held at Our Saviour on Saturday, April 16.

Joe was the grandson of Marielies Renke. His Funeral Service was at Our Saviour on Saturday, April 2. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

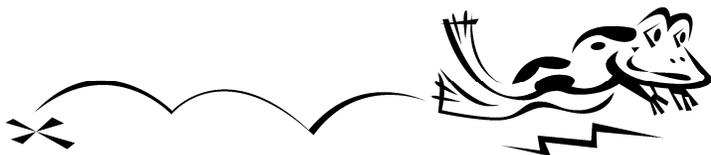
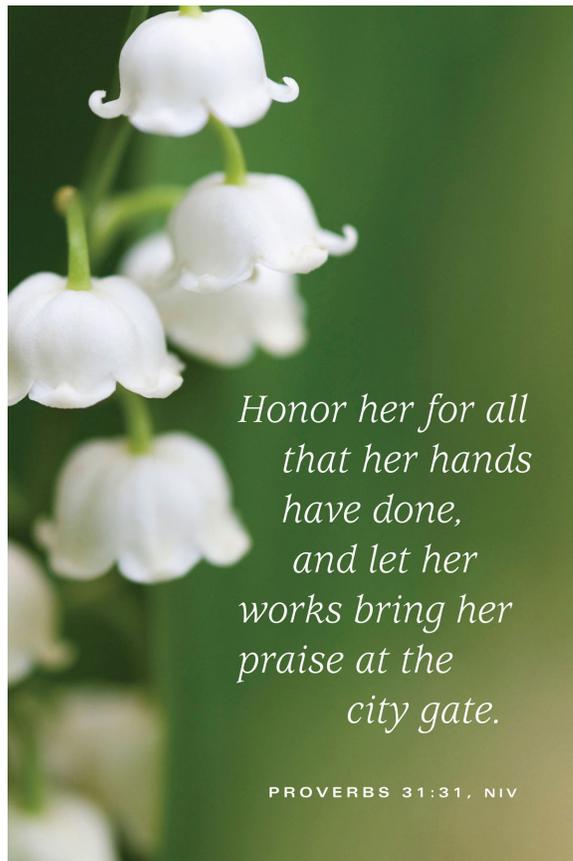
Equal Exchange orders will be taken on Sunday, May 22

The products available for sale by Equal Exchange have increased tremendously. There are whole bean and ground coffees, percolator coffees, single serve cups, organic coffees, decaffeinated coffees and flavored coffees. There are 14 types of black, green or herbal teas. There are 3.5 oz. chocolate bars, mini chocolates, candy bars, chocolate chips and cocoas. There are natural and roasted almonds and cashews, dried fruits (mango, pineapple and raisins) and three types of fruit and nut bars, as well as honey, marmalade, strawberry jam, trail mix, rice cakes and extra virgin olive oil!

Stop by the table in the narthex between services on **May 22** to check out the catalog and place your order. We do need to order in case lots, but individuals can join together to order a case. The number of items per case is noted in the catalog. Purchases are typically available on the following Sunday between services. You pay for your purchase upon receipt. **This is the last day to place orders until September!**

CHRISTMAS CHILD

On June 5th the Women of the LCOS will be kicking off a fund raiser for Christmas 2016 called the "Christmas Child" which works with local churches and ministries. We will be collecting small toys, hygiene products and school supplies until the end of October at which time we will pack the Christmas shoe boxes, which will be sent to 130 countries all over the world in time for Christmas. Additional information forthcoming in the Sunday bulletins and newsletters.



TRUSTEES NEWS FOR MAY

Our attention has turned to outdoor activities as the weather has become more spring like. We could use some help on Saturday May 14th (9-noon) to spread some new mulch around the church and also do some other landscape maintenance chores. Grass mowing has started for the season and the mowing team will take over the weekly task even as you read this note; thanks to all those who participate. Dell Hall could use some paint in places as we started re-painting two years ago but we did not finish the job. More on the painting project next month.

THE DICK MITCHELL MEMORIAL FLAG POLE

"The Dick Mitchell Memorial Flag Pole "- A very big. THANK YOU, to Helga Mitchell's gracious donation to our church for purchasing and installing a memorial flag in the name of her husband, Richard W. Mitchell. This flag pole will be installed on the Kernwood Rd side (west side entrance) of the building, The Trustees are presently working on having this completed for our Memorial Day Service on May 29th, we will start off our service with a dedication of this Memorial Flag. A second phase of this project will be to dedicate inscription bricks at the base of the flag pole honoring our military veterans, who were members of Our Saviour church, who have passed away. Details of this endeavor are forthcoming.



Those who are homebound or reside in nursing homes... Audrey Citro (St. John's Home), Hans Strasser (Jewish Home, Winton Road) Helen Pleten (Emeritus Home on Long Pond Road) Edith Pharmakis (Ridgedge Apt. 535 Mt. Hope Ave—part of the Episcopal Home)

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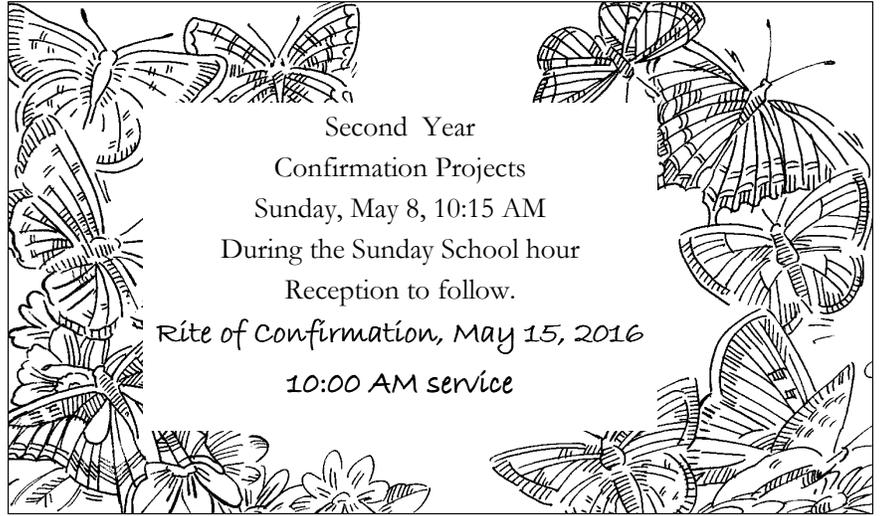
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*Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00AM to 1:00 PM*

Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. On Friday Pastor's day off, he is available for pastoral emergencies. When calling the church after hours, and wishing to leave a message for Pastor Wilck, when prompted dial Extension 311 for his personal voice mail.

Please inform Pastor Wilck whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office.]



Second Year
Confirmation Projects
Sunday, May 8, 10:15 AM
During the Sunday School hour
Reception to follow.
Rite of Confirmation, May 15, 2016
10:00 AM service



MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 8th
Worship as a family on this special day
Traditional 11:15 AM
Modern Traditional 9:00 AM
As we give thanks to God

Mothers Day



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