

MAY MOUNTAIN MESSENGER

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Education Hour 10:00, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00

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Our Purpose: By God's grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to learning, loving, and living Christ.

The Shepherd's Staff

NOW AND NOT YET

May has two important holy days this year. The Ascension of Jesus is a BIG deal. The Easter season is seven weeks long according to the church calendar. (That is because it marks the Biblical 50 days until Pentecost from Easter.) During the first 40 days until the Ascension Jesus was showing himself to the disciples to prove that he was alive. He wanted them to be very sure of that fact because on the day that he would ascend to heaven bodily he would commission them as his witnesses.

At the 40 day mark during the Easter season Jesus ascends to heaven. The disciples of course are staring up into heaven in awe. This is really a critical transition day. It is a "now and not yet" moment. The "now" is that Christ is risen from the dead. The "not yet" portion is because the second great event is still coming. Jesus said wait. Wait in Jerusalem for the Pentecost. Fifty days after Easter (Pente =50) is the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

You and I live in a "now and not yet" time. We live in between Christ's first and second coming. We know the fruits of salvation, forgiveness and the assurance of eternal life. Our "not yet" is the knowing and experiencing the fullness of eternal life, the consummation of our salvation. In the mean time we rejoice in the resurrection but await our resurrection. In the mean time we have that same task as the disciples. Though not physical eyewitnesses we have the life and faith giving gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives leading us to the final moment of either our death and resurrection or Christ's visible return. In the mean time we wait and work serving our Lord and those around us spreading the great good news.

On Sunday May 20nd we will celebrate the Ascension and then on May 27th we will celebrate Pentecost. Come and enrich your faith on those special holy days.

Pastor Randy

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Sunday Adult Bible Study 10:00am OSLC
Tuesday Women's Group 3:15 PM (Recess until June)
Wednesday 7:00 pm (Recess)

SCHEDULE OF THOSE SERVING IN THE LORD IN HIS HOUSE

ELDER OF THE MONTH OF MAY: John L.

MAY- SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

COMM. SERVERS	COMM. SET-UP	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READER	GREETER	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
06 Gary/Bill	Evelyn	Larry/John L.	Bill	Bill W.	Joy
13		Rey/Gary	Larry	Larry	Joy
20 Gary/John L.	John L.	Bill/	Rey	Maggie	Joy
27		Rey/Larry	John B.	Bielenbergs	Joy

Ten Ways to Build Up Your Church

1. Ignite the spiritual fires of your own soul.
2. Study your Bible with the aid of good resource materials.
3. Remember that **people** are the church; the place where you worship is a building.
4. Support your church with regular attendance.
5. Pray for your church's leaders & pastor.
6. Look for ways to encourage others in Christ.
7. Discover your unique way of witnessing to others, and do it often.
8. Give generously of your time, talents, money, and prayers.
9. Believe in your church and speak highly of its possibilities.
10. Invite people to attend church with you on Sunday.