



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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Confession of Faith Class of 2024

We believe in God. We believe he is our creator. We believe in God our father because he is the creator of heaven and earth. He created the way the world works. God gave us hope in the afterlife and wisdom. We believe God is always with us and watching us. He knows when we need him, even if we don't think we do. We Believe God is the reason for everything, that's why we believe that God loves us, and we will love him forever. We believe God is always watching over us and protecting us from evil. We believe that God loves everyone and everyone should love God and the way that he created us. We believe in God, and that he taught us to love each other and love everyone for who they are. He gives us the opportunity to live, learn and to love.

We believe that Jesus died for our sins. We believe Jesus is the son of God sent down to die for our sins. We also believe he rose from the dead and is the son of God. We believe Jesus was sent to earth to save us from our sins but also to teach us. We put our faith and trust in Jesus, that by his life, death and resurrection. We have the forgiveness of sins and hope of everlasting love. We believe Jesus offers help to those who ask no matter what. We believe Jesus will always love us and watch over us no matter what we are going through. No matter the situation we can always pray to God and Jesus about our problems. We believe that Jesus will always love everyone and will always forgive everyone. We believe that Jesus Christ will be a part of us forever.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is sent from the Father and Son. We believe the Holy Spirit is there to guide us. We believe The Holy Spirit is the kindness and goodness in the world. We believe the Holy Spirit listens to our prayers. We believe that the Holy Spirit is God's messenger. We believe the Holy Spirit is always listening. Whenever you are lost or don't know what to do we believe that the Holy Spirit is always there guiding us. We believe that The Holy Spirit will always help us make hard decisions. We believe that God, Jesus, and The Holy Spirit will always forgive our sins. We believe The Holy Spirit can give you the power to push through your hardest obstacles. We believe the Holy Spirit works through people to share the love and power of God.

Now that we are confirmed we will try to stay closer with God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Confirmation has taught us a lot about our faith, so with our confirmation we think we will going to be able to better understand the church and its teachings. We also believe it makes our connection with God even stronger. One big thing we want to do through Confirmation is share God's work with the world. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit deserve to get shared too and not get hidden away. We plan to grow our faith throughout our lives, and to help others grow their faith as well. Now that we are confirmed, we will use our faith more. This is our class statement of faith.

May Dates to Remember...

***5/2:** 2:00p Circle
at Sylvan Place

***5/5:** 9:00a
Worship w/ Holy
Communion.
10:00a-Sunday
School

***5/8:** 7:00p-
Council Meeting at
Large

***5/11:** 6:00p
Mother Daughter
Banquet

***5/12:** 9:00a
Worship
10:00a-Sunday
School-Kids
Singing in Church

***5/17:** 7:00p High
School Graduation

***5/19:** 9:00a
Worship with Holy
Communion-**Senior
Recognition**

***5/20:** 9:00a
Quilting

***5/26:** 9:00a
Worship w/ Holy
Communion

For March 29th – April 26th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$20,892.01
Distributions: \$23,850.59

GIVE+Online.....

We invite you to consider our new electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate.

To get started you will need to sign up in the link on the front page of our website (oslcanby.org) or you may call the office 223-5528 for assistance.

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANT



May Altar Assistant:

Dee Benson

May Ushers:

Donn Peterson
Larry Hulzebos
Jeff Grengs



- 5th: Dee Benson
- 12th: Sonshine
- 19th: Jan Jeremiason
- 26th: Mary Melby



Wednesday, May 8th

- 10:30 a.m.** Holy Communion at Sylvan Court Chapel
- 12:45 p.m.** Holy Communion at Sylvan Place
- 3:00 p.m.** Holy Communion at Twinwood A and Twinwood B

Women's Circle Meeting Date & Time

Tuesday, May 2nd

2:00p.m. – Sylvan Place Dining Room

Mission Work

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutherana Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go ½ toward our new mission church and ½ to our missionary.

The Mission Calendar is \$10 per day and you may designate it for birthdays, anniversaries, or any special day you may have.

Our Saviour's Lutheran offers a mission opportunity for individuals and families to partner in spreading the Gospel through financial support of our TV broadcasts. Broadcasts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones with their names being published in our weekly bulletin and our monthly newsletter. One TV broadcast costs \$50.

April TV Broadcasts

21st: In loving memory of **Roy Rangaard**. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.

Dearly Departed

*Roger Birner
Norma Severson*

Newly Baptized in April

Leo Revett Fuhrman

**A list of categories where you can designate your money when giving Memorials to Our Saviour's*

Lutheran include:

- Altar Fund**
- Building Fund**
- Campership Fund**
- Cemetery Fund**
- Cornerstone Fund**
- Eternal Lights Foundation**

Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)

- Mission Action**
- Mission Calendar**
- Music Fund**
- Organ Fund**
- Sunday School**

TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund)

Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

WELCA Projects Fund Youth

Or you may give it as:

Undesignated

Cemetery Fund

Lorraine Kamrath

Lauren & Dorothy Gjovig

Howard Gjovig

Earl & Gladys Kompelien

Harlod & Blanche Hoseck

Irene Javorka

Eternal Lights

Charlotte Thompson

Mission Calendar

Ann Riekena

Organ Fund

Steve Schanning

Ann Riekena

Roger Birner

Norma Severson

TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund)

Steve Schanning

Ann Riekena

Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

Steve Schanning

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

President of Congregation:

Dee Benson

Vice President:

Mark Fokken

Congregational Secretary:

Karen Hacker

Congregational Treasurer:

Brenda Lothert

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director:

Dawn Ourada

Custodian:

Jesse Engesmoe

Office Manager:

Jill Winters

2024 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Glenda Olsen	2022
Janice Zimmerman	2023
Missy Hanson	2024
Lois Lensing	2024
Tierney Viessman	2024

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION

Amanda Anderson	2023
Amanda Appel	2023
Pam Hanson	2023
Jon Hanson	2024
Riece Sanow	2024

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Loren Hacker	2022
Kerri DeVos	2023
Rick Olsen	2023
Linda Blackwelder	2023
Kari Harding	2024

OSL Foundation

Mark Fokken	2022
Mark Whittier	2022
Carol Gorder	2022
Linda Blackwelder	2022
Dawn Giese	2022



***Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council-at-Large Minutes of
the April 10, 2024 Meeting***

These are the minutes of the Council at Large of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for April 10, 2024.

President Dee Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Levi led the council in prayer to be good stewards.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Quilts for Graduating Seniors will be distributed on Sunday, May 19, rather than on May 12. The parents have been notified.

A motion was made and seconded to acknowledge new members Chelsey and Luke Furhman who are joining our OSL family. Their son was recently baptized at Our Saviour's. The motion was approved. Welcome to the Furhmans!

The cemetery at St. Stephen's has many fallen branches. A donation to the National Youth Gathering has been suggested as a reward for picking up branches and general clean of the cemetery up by the youth.

A couple of volunteers have helped with answering the phone and taking messages in the office in case of Jill's absence, and more volunteers would be welcome on an incidental basis. A question was raised about whether the answering machine message has been updated, but the process is cumbersome.

Motion and second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024

Present: Mark Fokken, Pastor Levi Bollerud, Loren Hacker, Rick Olson, Dee Benson, Linda Blackwelder,

Kari Harding and Kerri DeVos

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 by Loren Hacker.

Meeting minutes read and approved as read.

Financials were reviewed and discussed. Kari Harding made a motion to approve the financials. Rick 2nd. Motion carried to pay bills.

Money counting schedule was set for the next month. April 14th – Rick, April 21st – Loren, April 28th – Kari, May 5th – Mark.

Loren informed the Board of Trustees the Our Saviours Lutheran Church was listed as a beneficiary on Charlotte Thompson's life insurance policy through Allianz Life Insurance Company. The council wishes

to thank Charlotte Thompson's family on behalf of the Our Saviours Lutheran Church congregation for the gift. The board of trustees is reviewing our "Gift policy" to determine allocations. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting in May.

Discussion on phone bill. Loren was able to research our current bill and obtained a usage report for all the phone lines. After some discussion, Loren is going to see if we can drop 3 lines and sign up for a 5

year contract with the phone company. By doing so, it will have a significant annual savings benefit.

Discussion on Marco copier contract. Loren was able to contact a representative for Marco and review

our contract. The Board is looking suggestions to lower the copier expenses. The board noticed an increase in copier costs last year and that related to the church anniversary celebration. We have some time to look into this topic as our current contract doesn't expire until 02/2026. The board will research

company options and costs for future reference.

Pipe organ repairs – The Board continues to explore other options for a 2nd quote on the repairs for the pipe organ. Due to the extensive cost of repair, a 2nd quote will be obtained from J.F. Nordlie in Sioux Falls SD. We will also ask Aadland Pipe organ for a more detailed quote and a breakdown of the phases we could possibly separate. Aadland has historically done all the

repairs on the organ, but relating to the large expense of the repairs the board would like to look at options.

The cook top in the kitchen has a few burners that are not working. If we replace the cooktops, it will be about \$1,400 roughly. Loren was going to call the "Wells" customer service line to see if they could service the cooktops vs replacing them.

The church is in need of some landscaping work. There are some window wells that need some work so that when it rains significantly we do not have water in the basement. Rick and Mark looked at them and the wells are starting to pull away from the building and needs some dirt work done around them. The board will explore a spring workday to tend to this task and some other small tasks around the church.

Pastor Levi asked the Board of Trustees was ok with Isaac going as a Youth Representative at the Synod Assembly the 2nd week in June. The Board was in favor and recommended that.

Loren entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kari Harding made a motion to adjourn. Kerri DeVos seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kerri DeVos

BOARD OF DEACONS:

April 2024. Glenda, Missy and Tierney in attendance.

Discussed the senior picture board. Missy and Glenda will contact the remaining seniors discussed. Glenda will message the group when wanting to complete.

Following communion dates discussed. April 21- Tierney, Missy, and Glenda

April 28th Tierney and Missy

May 5th Tierney and Missy. Glenda will talk with Lois about availability.

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Meeting started at 7:15 pm and adjourned at 8:40 pm.

In attendance: Amanda Anderson, Amanda Appel, Jon Hanson, Pam Hanson, Riece Sanow
Topics of Discussion-

Upcoming events, Confirmation for 9th graders is set for April 21st, will need 2 of us to help hand out gifts.

Senior Recognition was moved back to May 19th.

Easter Brunch held on March 31st, was a success. We will need to add more eggs for next year and less Orange juice.

Vacation Bible School will be 3 days this year, July 29th, 30th, and 31st from 6:00-7:30pm for youth starting preschool-6th grade this fall. Will provide a light meal, look at advertising soon with flyers. More information to come.

A motion was made by Amanda Anderson to reimburse Amanda Appel for Easter Brunch supplies, Sunday movie popcorn and supplies, and Sunday School treats, seconded by Pam Hanson.



**Happy Birthday to all those born in:
May**

1st:

David McDonald
Allison Michaelis
Nancy Nordquist

2nd:

Julie Berghorst
Jon Gorder
Sherry Olson

3rd:

Bonnie Mobery
Rodney Viessman

4th:

Finley DeSmet
Chantz Engesmoe

5th:

Gary Baer
Joshua Fokken
Jay Gislason
Marilyn Rangaard

6th:

Menno Fokken
Lisa Hansen
Raymond Kuester
Andrew Winter

7th:

Kaden Lacek
Virginia VanDerostyne

8th:

Jill Eilers

9th:

Deanna Naer
Jennifer Engesmoe
Dylan Lacek
Andrew Lee
Joanne Nelson
Alex Wahl
Janice Zimmerman

11th:

Anton Millner
Nicholas Wagner

12th:

Emma Vernlund

13th:

Leon VanDerostyne
Mathew Wagner

14th:

Noah Hoffman
Noah Nelson
Brynn Rogers

15th:

Jennifer Sansavour
Jace Brusven
Danielle Olson
Dale Zimmerman

16th:

Kelly Anderson
Natalie Kallhoff
Shirley Svoboda
Scarlet Thorston

17th:

Nancy DeVos
Nora VanEck

20th:

Rose Olson
Louis Sherlin

21st:

Oliver Jeppesen
Zachary Ourada
John Reyerson

22nd:

Joy Brakke
Bethany Richter

23rd:

Brian Beutler
Richard Birk

24th:

Mitchell Groen
Hannah Groenhoff
Eric Winkelman

26th:

Amanda Appel
Dawn Giese
Courtney Isfeld
Steven Vernlund

27th:

Delores Anhalt
Jaden Haugen
John Rogers

28th:

Riley Kockelman

29th:

James Hiedeman
Gavin Maynard

30th:

Jeff Grengs
Beth Hansen
Brenna Pridal
Stevie Schwartz
Dean Ward
Michael Weckwerth

31st:

Kyson Arndt



10th:

Lucille & Menno Fokken

17th:

Linda & Greg Kockelman
Kirsten & Stephen Ufkin

18th:

Darlene & Charles Oellien

20th:

Michelle & Travis Wahl

25th:

Konnie & Lance Anderson

29th:

Sharon & Richard Birk
Patricia & Curtis Hoseck
Kari & Jeff Harding

Thank You's.....

Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: communion services, special music, baptism, Sonshine worship and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are truly grateful & blessed!

Thank you Our Saviour's Church and the Wornson's for the beautiful plant that was delivered to my home on Easter Sunday. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

-Bernice Nordseth



We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Kyle Lieser, Randy Westphal, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, David Sorby, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Fred Full, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, John Cornell, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminck and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.



PRAYERS
for our
Military

We continue to pray for the Leaders of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of

home: Justin Gislason, Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier and Sue Behrens. **May God continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families.** If anyone has been omitted or you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence.



WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

May 11th: Mother Daughter Banquet at 6:00p.m.

No Regular Meeting for May



The Mother Daughter banquet will be on Saturday, May 11th beginning at 6:00 in the dining hall of Our

Saviour's. Tickets will be on sale soon. Rest assured we will have a great program for you! We are hoping to have a large turnout. As always, we are in need of some men to help with serving. If you are able to do so, you will get your meal as compensation. Also, if there are any ladies who would like to be part of the program [being the MC, doing devotions, etc.] please let Beth Richter know ASAP. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, May 11th!

You are my witnesses

John White (1924-2002) was a medical missionary, psychiatry professor, church planter and prolific author who wrote about faith and outreach. He refuted the notion that being an effective witness for Christ is akin to being a salesperson. Christians are representing and sharing a person, he said, not touting a product.

"A good witness is like a signpost," he added. "It doesn't matter whether it is old, young, pretty, ugly. It has to point the right direction and be able to be understood. We are witnesses to Christ; we point to him."



FRIDAY, JULY 26

- **Quilt Review** 3:00-8:00 PM
- **Silent Auction Opens** at 3:00 PM
- **Makers Market** 3:00-8:00 PM
- **Hotdish Supper** 4:30-7:00 PM
- **Beachfront Concert** 5:30-7:00 PM

Fresh Doughnuts & Concessions both days!

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- **Quilt Review** 9:00-11:00 AM
- **Makers Market** 9:00-11:00 AM
- **Bounce House** 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
- **Pulled Pork Lunch** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Live Auction Begins** at 12:00 PM
- **Silent Auction Closes** at 4:00 PM
- **Online Quilt Auction Closes** at 5:00 PM

If you would like more information about the Quilt Auction it can be found on the bulletin board by the office.

Youth News



Acolyte Sign up:
We invite and encourage ALL youth to sign up to acolyte.

This ministry is a fun privilege, that our youth get to engage in every Sunday! If your youth would like to acolyte, please sign up in the office. Pastor Levi will assist younger children if they'd like to have a turn.



Sunday School Teachers:

We are taking a co-teaching approach to Sunday School this year. We are looking for volunteers to help co-teach our youth. If you or your older youth are willing to help co-teach or be a "fill-in" teacher as needed,

please connect with Jill in the church office or reach out to one of the members of the Board of Youth and Education. Weekly lesson plans and supplies will be prepared ahead of time so no prep work or planning would be required by you.

Usher Ministry: We are looking for families to help usher during Sunday Services. Some things ushers are responsible for are: handing out bulletins as church starts, collecting offering and excusing the congregation by rows for communion. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the office. What a great way for **YOUR** family to be involved. Please consider helping out with this ministry.



2023-2024- Sunday School 3 year olds-6th Grade



May:

5th- Class

12th- Class--Sunday School Kids Sing in Church!

Last Day of Sunday School



Senior Recognition DATE CHANGE!!

Sunday, May 19, 2024, our high school seniors will be recognized in church. We are asking our senior students to arrive to church by 8:45 am, wearing your cap and gown if available. Please join our seniors and their families in the church basement dining hall following service for cake and coffee.



GLOW Party- VBS will be on July 29th-July 31st from 6:00p-7:30p here at Our Saviour's. Children ages 3 years -6th grade are able to attend. **MUST REGISTER BEFORE JULY 1st**.

To register or if you have any questions, please feel free to give Jill a call in the office at 507-223-5528 from 9:00a-3:00p Monday-Friday or you can send an email to

oslcanbymn@gmail.com and she will be happy to help. We are looking forward to seeing you at VBS this summer!

Youth Puzzle & Activity

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.



UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment. How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong. Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| flower, stem, bee, leaf | —○— |
| pink, red, yellow, blue | —○— |
| mother, sister, brother, aunt | —○— |
| purple, dress, skirt, blouse | —○— |
| necklace, ring, bracelet, braid | —○— |
| diamond, emerald, heart, ruby | —○— |
| orange, cherry, potato, kiwi | —○— |
| my, our, she, your | —○— |
| faith, family, love, hope | —○— |
| sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature | —○— |
| cookie, cake, pie, sandwich | —○— |
| silver, white, gold, bronze | —○— |

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a g _____ and qu _____ p _____, which is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, leaf, yellow, blue, brother, aunt, blouse, braid, heart, ruby, kiwi, our, she, your, hope, temperature, sandwich, bronze

a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

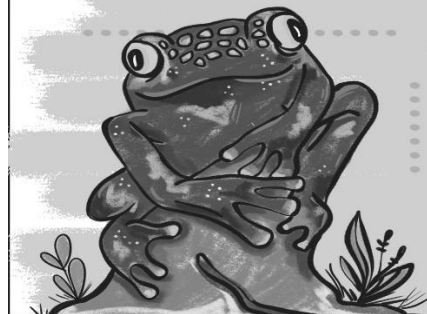
What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



What you do:



1. Roll out a portion of clay to about 1/2-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



May 2024



	<h1>May 2024</h1>
Wednesday 1	
Thursday 2	2:00 p.m. Circle at Sylvan Place (Dining Room) 2:00 p.m. Hendricks Communion
Friday 3	
Saturday 4	
Sunday 5	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk
Monday 6	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7	
Wednesday 8	<u>COMMUNION SERVICES</u> 10:30 a.m. Sylvan Court Communion 12:45 p.m. Sylvan Place Communion 3:00 p.m. TWA/TWB Communion 7:00 p.m. Council at Large Meeting
Thursday 9	
Friday 10	
Saturday 11	6:00 p.m. Mother Daughter Banquet
Sunday 12	 <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: top; margin-left: 10px;"> 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Sonshine Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School- Last Day-Kids Singing in Church 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk </div>
Monday 13	<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 14	
Wednesday 15	8:30 a.m. Hospital Board Meeting
Thursday 16	
Friday 17	7:00 p.m. Canby High School Graduation

Saturday 18	
Sunday 19	 <p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk</p>
Monday 20	<p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Quilting</p>
Tuesday 21	
Wednesday 22	
Thursday 23	
Friday 24	
Saturday 25	
Sunday 26	<p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk</p>
Monday 27	<p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</p> 
Tuesday 28	Articles due for June Newsletter
Wednesday 29	
Thursday 30	
Friday 31	<i>Assembly of June Newsletter</i>