

# THE LIGHT

May 2023

Grace Lutheran Church



## Fourth Annual Flower Festival is ‘Major Success!’

The Fourth Annual Flower Festival was a success in two major ways. First, the Festival brought together groups within the church to work on a project: the Flower Guild, Grace Writers, the Photography Group, musicians, and artists/crafters who donated items for the silent auction. Second, the Festival was an outreach event that brought in people from Oak Ridge/Knoxville and the surrounding area. This outreach extended northeast to Kingsport, south to Chattanooga, and west to Crossville. Two garden clubs organized a flower show with entries in both floral design and horticulture.

Kristin Oen Stone and Dean Oen, Kristin’s father, attended the Festival. Kristin and her daughter Kat are interested in joining the Flower Guild. Louise Ackerman, a retired florist owner and friend of Ruth’s, helped the Flower Guild in arranging flowers. Rob Garrick helped move furniture and supplies—the heavy lifting. Many people who attended commented on the beautiful church facilities we have, as well as the beauty of the flowers.

Flower Festival continued on Page 4; additional photos on pages 2, 8, 9, and 11.

## Blanket Workshop Sunday Moved to May 7

May is a very busy month at Grace. It is also Blanket Workshop Month and usually the third Sunday is Blanket Workshop Sunday. This year that will be the first Sunday in May—the time when the church pews are draped with the blankets that have been made since September. It was necessary to change this year due to the many activities taking place each week. A dedicated group of 7 - 10 women work together throughout the year to provide beautiful queen size quilts, baby quilts and handmade school back packs filled with school supplies. The work of OUR hands is made possible by YOUR special Love Offerings, and other cash and fabric donations. Our work benefits individuals and families in need; locally, nationally, and internationally. They bless those who receive them and those that assemble them. **May’s Love Offering will go to Blanket Workshop.**

You are cordially invited to join us at our work on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. You don’t need to sew to help. We will be happy to show you how to cut, measure, pin, fold, etc. Bring a sack lunch and join with us for lunch and a devotion at 12:00 Noon.



# JOYFUL NOISE

BY SLADE TRAMMELL



## All Church Music Groups Preparing for Season Ahead

As of this writing, all groups are busier than ever preparing for worship in the weeks ahead. New Creation just learned Robert and Debra Stewart’s deeply moving Kyrie, introduced at the April 30 combined service. The beauty of this music is just the beginning of its significance. It is a reminder to us all that contemporary and traditional music can exist together in some of the same pieces.

Ringspiration remains hard at work after having premiered a work written for them, “Christ is Hope” by Samuel Beall, at the Flower Festival. They, along with Chancel Choir, are looking ahead to Pentecost, May 28, when both ensembles will make a number of joyful noises to commemorate this joyous time.

**WE NEED MORE MEMBERS MAKING MUSIC! PLEASE JOIN US!**



**For The Beauty of the Earth**  
 Above, Ringspiration plays “For the Beauty of the Earth” and below, members of the different musical groups within the church sing it at the Fourth Annual Flower Festival, April 15.  
 Photos by Stan Long



**Pastor Paula Smith, Interim****Take Time Out for the ‘Good Stuff of Spring’**

Isaiah 43:19-20

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

Grace is an active congregation; small, but mighty! There are very few days when the office isn't alive with conversation, as people stop by to relay information for the announcement pages or simply to say hello.

We are always looking ahead, and we work hard to do the best possible job of getting information to people. April was a whirlwind of a month, and we no sooner finished up with one activity than another was knocking at the door, and now here we are at the month of May.

As we are busy working ahead, it's easy to miss the good stuff of spring. If you haven't taken a look around you in the outside world, everything is greening up nicely, (including the grass in my lawn that seems to grow in front of my very eyes). Flowers are out, people are out, rowers are out, baseball games and soccer matches are in full force, and everything feels new and fresh!

You know that saying when someone asks how things are going, and sometimes the response is, “same old, same old?” Well, there is nothing “same old” going on in this congregation. I am always excited to see and hear new thoughts and ideas! (One of those new ideas happened on April 30 as we gathered together for worship.)

During the month of May, we will be blessing quilts (7<sup>th</sup>) and we will be confirming Sheni Weber as a fresh, new member of the congregation (21<sup>st</sup>). The day of Pentecost is the 28<sup>th</sup>, so I will remind everyone to wear red, as we bring in another “new” season of the church year.

Take some time this month as God continues to do a new thing not only in the world, but in each of us!

## **Grace Mission Statement**

**Love Jesus and help others love Him  
through word and actions.**

**May Love Offering  
– Blanket Workshop –**

Flower Festival continued from Page 1

Evelyn Lorenz, a long-time member of Grace and Arissa Garden Club, was honored with a flower arrangement in recognition of her contributions in gardening and landscaping.

Thanks to the church staff for support of the Flower Festival: Pastor Paula Smith, Slade Trammel, David Hensley, Pam Woodard, and Kim Lorenz.

Below, flowers decorate the altar and floral displays lined the Narthex.

Photos by Ruth Smiley



In honor of  
*Evelyn Lorenz*  
 for her contributions to gardening and landscaping  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 Arissa Garden Club

Above, the tribute to Evelyn Lorenz greeted Flower Festival attendees in the church entrance.

Photo by Stan Long

See additional photos on Pages 1, 2, 8, 9, 11.

# May Happenings

**Sunday School** (Christian Education) for children and youth. Starts at 10:05 a.m., and is for all ages. Children start in Jacob's Ladder, next to the nursery, then move to Room 254 upstairs. If you have any questions about children's Christian Education, please see Candy Yugo (865-293-7797).

**Youth** meet in Room 213 upstairs. If you have any questions about youth Christian Education, please see Donna Gurecki (865-599-1238).

**Adults** meet in Room 101. If you have any questions regarding adult Christian Education, please see Betty Anne Domm (865-256-2502).

**Is there interest in a CPR class??** Please let Donna Gurecki know if you would be interested in a class.

**Nursery help is needed on May 28 and June 4.** Please contact Steve Johnson (mpj3233@comcast.com) if you can help out and are Safe Gatherings certified.

**Looking to spend time outdoors?** And get some exercise? – Since volunteers do our lawn maintenance, we need a group of volunteers to share the responsibility. The objective is to have a group large enough that no one needs to mow more than once every other month. All the equipment and fuel that is needed is available at the church or you can bring your own equipment. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the back entrance to the Church where you can indicate your willingness to mow on a specific week. Or contact Rick Rawl of the Property Task force (call 865-919-3230 and leave a voicemail if necessary or email rickrawl@comcast.net ) and he will coordinate scheduling and answer any questions you have.

**New Ukrainian Family:** A new (to us) Ukrainian family has come to light; four have recently been attending our morning English classes. Their sponsor is encouraging them to get involved in additional ways at Grace. The two younger children (ages 5 and 10) attended our

**Sheni Weber will be confirmed on Sunday May 21 at a 10:00 a.m. worship service.** There will be a brunch following the service to celebrate with Sheni and her family. Please RSVP for the brunch: to the church office or Donna Gurecki by Sunday, May 14. Let us celebrate Sheni in her affirmation of faith. Please join us for this special occasion in the life of the church.

Easter Egg Hunt and had a great time. The mom is Svitlana Lewis (married to an American). Please be on the lookout to welcome them to activities and worship.

**Spanish Class:** Our revived Spanish class has started with several students; there's room for more! The class is meeting on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 101. If you are interested please contact Nancy Munro or the church office.

**PUZZLES-PUZZLES-PUZZLES!** Every 2nd Thursday at Judy Joy's house from 10a.m. - 2p.m. Bring a lunch and enjoy the fun! .

**Monday Morning Bible Study**– On Hold.

**Grace Photography Club:** The club will meet on Saturday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 101. Let Stan Long (865-356-2871, Longse@aol.com) know if you're interested in participating in this group.

**Grace Writers meet** May 1 and Poetry Pie meets May 29. Email Pat Hope for link.

**The Book Discussion Group:** This group meets on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. You can call or text Diane Weaver at 828-687-0422 or email me at dgweaver7169123@comcast.net to get on the Zoom invitation list. The discussions are recorded, so anyone who wants a recording emailed to them should contact Diane.

**The prayer shawls** are now located in the Narthex credenza.

## The President's Corner by Ron Goans, MD

# Luther's Easter Teaching Urges us to 'Walk as Christians' lik-



I have been reading some of Martin Luther's writings on Easter and thought you might enjoy some additional thoughts. Martin Luther delivered an Easter sermon in 1540 based on 1 Corinthians 5:6-8. This sermon urges all of us to walk as Christians.

Text for Easter Sunday, 1540: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NRSV in context)

For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present I have already pronounced judgment in the name of the Lord Jesus on the man who has done such a thing. When you are assembled, and my spirit is present with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? lean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Thoughts from the sermon:

Here are some excerpts from the sermon that I found interesting: (<http://www.liturgies.net/Easter/Sermons/Luther3.htm>).

When God was about to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, he commanded, shortly before their departure, that they should eat the Passover the night they started; and as a perpetual memorial of their redemption, they were annually, on the recurrence of the season, to celebrate the feast of Easter for seven days... Paul admonishes the Corinthians that, possessing the Gospel and having become Christians, they ought, as becomes Christians, to live according to the Gospel, avoiding everything not consistent with the faith and with Christian character... So the apostle uses the figure of the Paschal lamb and unleavened bread requisite at the Jews' Feast of the Passover, in his effort to point the Corinthians to the true character and purpose of the New Testament made with us in the kingdom of Christ. He explains what is the true Paschal Lamb and what the unleavened bread, and how to observe the real Passover, wherein all must be new and spiritual. In the joy and wealth of his mind he presents this analogy to remind them that they are Christians and to consider what that means.

### A Trip to Corinth

In 2010, Judy and I went to Greece and Crete and were able to take the train up to Corinth. I thought you would enjoy seeing a couple of pictures of the Bema in Corinth where Paul gave his sermons (Figures 1 and 2). A bema is an elevated platform used as an orator's podium in ancient Athens. The term also refers to the raised area in a sanctuary or in Jewish synagogues where the Torah is read. As a historical note, Figure 3 shows ruins from the Temple of Apollo at Corinth.



Figure 1 Bema in Corinth



Figure 2 Closeup of the bema sign



Figure 3 Temple of Apollo at Corinth

**ELCA Assembly**

I need a couple of people who would like to attend the upcoming Synod Assembly in Chattanooga June 3-5, 2023. Grace will cover expenses.

**Mark your calendar** for **Sunday, Sept. 10**, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, our annual day of service.

**This year marks the 10th anniversary of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday!**

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA's 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day. **This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place.**



**Friday Lunch Ladies**

The Friday Lunch Ladies met at Panera Bread recently where nine of them ate lunch, including Judy Joy, Claudia Lever, Joyce Fox, Lorraine Huynh, Pat Hope, Carol Donath, Audrey Elam, Ruth Smiley, and Jimenez Goich.

# Flowers Flowers and More Flowers



Ruth Smiley won third place for her creative petite design in the Flower Show class "With Statues on the Terraces," pictured left.

All Photos on Pages 8-9 by Stan Long

More photos on Pages 1 2, 4, and 11.







# Grace Writers Contest 2023

## Grace Writers Excellence in Poetry Prize (54 entries)

First: *Lilacs for Vivian* by Linda Holmes, Oak Ridge, TN

Second: *Funnyman* by Carol Grametbauer, Kingston, TN

Third: *Lunar Eclipse* by Sherry Poff, Ooltewah, TN

HM: *At Length, Time* by Carol Grametbauer, Kingston TN

HM: *Birds, in Those Days* by Carol Grametbauer, Kingston, TN

HM: *Spring Hike in Southern Appalachia* by Laura G. Miller, Soddy Daisy, TN

HM: *Color of Water* by Wes D. Sims, Oak Ridge, TN

**Judge's Comments:** *Usually there are less than five to ten per cent that rise to the top. But here, I am delighted to have read so many more poems worthy of placement in this contest and therefore publication.*

## Carol Oen Memorial Fiction Prize (17 entries)

First: *Possum* by Jennie Ivey, Cookeville, TN

Second: *Don't* by Anne Thornfield-Long, Norris, TN

Third: *The Red Umbrella*, by Linda Claborn Clarke, Seymour, TN

**Judge's Comments:** *I (am) delighted and honored -- Thank you again for inviting me to do this!*

## The Cleva Marrow Memorial Non-Fiction Prize (19 entries)

First: *A Day to Remember* by Ruth Johnson Smiley, Oak Ridge, TN

Second: *Tenderizing Our Hearts* by Kellie D. Brown, Kingsport, TN

Third: *Patricia* by Bethany Lemons, Oak Ridge, TN

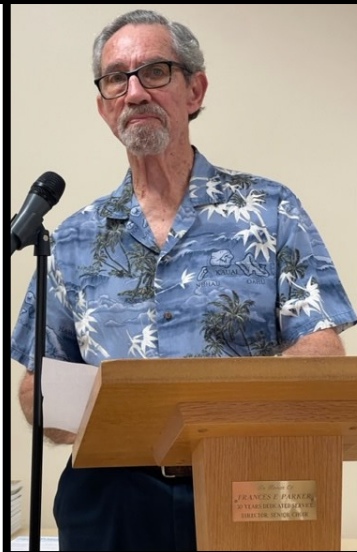
HM: *A Piece of Ground* by Sherry Poff, Ooltewah, TN

HM: *Beautiful Excerpts* by Bethany Lemons, Oak Ridge, TN

HM: *Life as a UT Freshman Coed* by Ruth Johnson Smiley, Oak Ridge, TN

HM: *Handkerchiefs* by Chrissie Anderson Peters, Bristol, TN

**Judge's Comments:** *All the entries were good, so it was hard to choose. I enjoyed reading them.*



**Seven of the 12**  
Grace Writer Contest  
winners read at the  
Awards Lunch. Pic-  
tured above are Ruth  
Smiley, Annie Long,  
Sherry Poff, Bethany  
Lemons, Carol  
Grametbauer, Linda  
Holmes, and Wes  
Sims.

**Group picture by Stan  
Long; individual shots  
by Kristin Oen.**



The picnic was lovely. Despite cloudy skies in Oak Ridge, we arrived at Frozen Head State Park to beautiful sunny, blue skies. The sunlight, dappled through the new growth green leaves, made for a lovely afternoon gathering for 26 members of Grace, their friends and family. A good time was had by all. Some hiked up to the falls and beyond while others just sat around the shelter and visited. We all enjoyed a feast of shared dishes to accompany our choice of meat. We missed those who could not come and encourage you to consider doing so next year. (At least one attendee suggested we consider having another picnic in the fall!)

Betty Anne Domm



## Spring Picnic at Frozen Head

Photos above by Betty Anne Domm. Wildflower photos, including pink ladies slipper, wild geranium, crested dwarf iris and jack-in-the-pulpit by Donna Gurecki



# What Easter Season Looks Like



**Maundy Thursday**

**Palm Sunday Skit**



**Good Friday Service at left and below, the re-draping of the cross.**



**Below the two services on Easter Sunday—inside, and the outside Sunrise Service.**

Photos by Stan Long



Easter Worship Service



## Member Enjoys CREATE IN ME 2023 at Lutheridge

By Donna Gurecki

I had the pleasure and honor to be a part of the "CREATE IN ME" weekend at Lutheridge in April. This is a camp located in Arden, NC. "Create In Me" is for creating works of art, worshipping the Lord, and making new friendships. The theme for the weekend was "Creation of Chaos" Noah's Ark. This program had a 3 year hiatus due to Covid, so it was so good to be back together. I was able to display my Noah's Ark Banner. I made pillows of felt that also displayed steps in the Noah's ark story.

These were used at our quiet stations. This weekend allowed me to try other art forms that I may not have tried before, learning new ways to work with a particular art form such a textile art (some folks may call it hand sewing). There was much to choose from the drop in stations such as wool felting (looks easier than it really is), creating things out of cardboard and paints, jewelry making, using reclaimed wood and other up-cycled, recycled items to make whimsical owls, using water color to make rainbow doves, creating signs, how to weave an 8 pointed star, Matariki star weaving, making mandala's, creating prayer beads (which were used for a morning devotion and meditation), ink painting/creating art form, wool weavings, creating with clay and this was not all the stations. There was also workshops such as banner making using canvas and acrylic paints, creating stained glass, and learning how to play the dulcimer (what fun!!) There were many other workshops but I just listed the ones I attended.

We had morning devotions and singing. We had a pastor lead a Bible study each morning about Noah and the chaos created; how God always loves and redeems his people; how do we see God working through the chaos in our lives. We also had a lively discussion as to whether God changes!!

We gathered in the evenings for some fun together playing games, worshipping, singing, and a group of us gave a dulcimer concert. The group decides on a community project and is worked on while we are gathered. The project this year was to create a mosaic baptismal bowl. The stand had been created and the group tiled the bowl. The inside represents the swirl of water as a re-

membrance of our baptismal promise. I coordinated this project since I had had some experience previously working with creating mosaics. We did create a bowl prior to the weekend as a demo. This was a lot of fun and I was so happy how the bowl turned out. The outside was painted with blue glass paint. The baptismal bowls were given the Lutheridge as gifts. We used one of the bowls in our Sunday worship.

Next year's CREATE IN ME will be April 4-7, 2024 with the theme of "The ART of Friendship. I am excited for next year!! I would like to take a group with me if there is any interest. This was a wonderful time for me and great get-a-way!



## Spring Cluster Meeting Attended by 36 Participants

The Spring cluster meeting of Cluster 6 Agape of the Women of the ELCA was held at Grace on Saturday, April 22. There were 36 in attendance with 8 churches represented. Judy Goans led the Bible study and Pastor Paula presided at the closing worship service. During the business meeting, Sarah Stewart of Ascension Lutheran Church, Chattanooga was elected Coordinator.



At left, Debbie Hampstead, Recorder; Sarah Stewart, Coordinator; Patty Harmon, Member-at-Large, were installed as Cluster Leaders.

The two pictures on the right were taken during the morning part of the meeting.

Photos by Donna Hoglund

**2023 Annual Convention of Southeastern Synod**

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

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**It's Good For the Soul**

**September 15-17, 2023**  
**Augusta Marriott**  
**at the Convention Center**

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# Easter Egg Hunt



Photos by Marla Weber



Top picture, from left, Kennedy Weber, Landon Roberts, Sheni Weber, and Bria Weber .

Far left photo is Nick, Chelsea and Cyrus, and immediate left is Landon Roberts showing the eggs he found.

The Egg hunt was fun for all. The children decorated their own collection bag. Cyrus had a whole fan club following him and Landon's sisters made it a little harder for him by hiding eggs deep in the leaves.

- **Food Pantries in Oak Ridge**—There are food pantries in town every weekday but Monday. Clients may want to call ahead to be sure of hours and requirements. There are other resources available; interested people should call the office and we'll see if we can direct them. Ours is open Fridays, 10-12 noon.



# Staying Safe?!? Emergency.....Emergency....

By Donna Gurecki

No one likes emergencies but they happen! We must be ready for them or as much as we can be ready. I recently took a CPR class offered by another church in the community. The presenters were Charlie and Chip from the Oak Ridge Fire Department. The event came about because one of the church's members had experienced several emergencies and he was unclear/felt uncomfortable acting other than calling for help. I think we can all relate here about how uncomfortable it would be not helping our neighbor who is in an emergency need. I also marveled how I could see the work of God in this act of learning CPR and as other shared their stories of emergencies and needing to act.



As a retired nurse, my CPR certification had long expired and I thought it was important to see if there had been any changes made in what I had already learned as they make changes all the time after research has shown a better made. The American Heart Association has made emphasis on the community acting... through calling for help (activating the emergency medical system), starting CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and applying the AED (automated external defibrillator). The American Heart Association is moving away from doing mouth to mouth breathing (for disease transmission reasons). If one has a mouth cover and feels comfortable then mouth to mouth breathing may be performed. The rule has always been that CPR is done until help arrives or you are physically exhausted. After only doing 2 minutes of chest compressions (about 100-120 compressions a minute) I was starting to feel fatigued....I couldn't imagine doing 20 minutes. Of course, the adrenal rush of an emergency might have kept me going longer.

Do you know how to do CPR? Are you interested in learning how to do CPR? If there is enough interest, then we as a community could provide a class for us to learn it. Please let me know if you would like a class. Do you know where the AED is located at church??

The AED (automated external defibrillator) is located on the wall next to our mailboxes in a glass case. When you take it out it will make an alarm sound....once the door closes it will stop. There is a package beside the AED which has a mouthpiece, gloves, a shaver, alcohol swabs and scissors, etc. which may be needed so if someone asks you to go after the AED, do bring the package along with the AED. As you turn on the AED, it will walk you through your steps for placement. The chest will need to be bare; may mean that clothing will need to be cut to bare the chest. If a male (males usually have hairy chests), you may need to shave chest to get good electrical contact and for pads to stick and stay in place. Follow the correct placement for the pads as shown. NOTE: these pads are for adults, if you are hooking up and placing pads on a child, place one pad on the left side of the chest and the other pad on the back.

Once the AED has assessed the rhythm, it will provide a shock which is typically preset. Everyone must stand back and not have contact with the person at the time of the shock, otherwise they could receive an electrical shock themselves. Whoever is running the AED should remember to have everyone stand clear. After shocking, the chest compressions continue.

I want people to feel comfortable in using the AED and this is why I have outlined its use as a mode in helping in a CPR emergency. We are an aging congregation and it's likely that its use may be required sometime in the near future.

CPR for infants and children is different from adults. The choking procedure is different for infants and children than adults. The procedures will not be addressed here but a class on the procedures would be helpful.

In case of a fire would you know what to do?? Do you know where the fire extinguishers are located in the church?? Do you know how to use a fire extinguisher? This is another emergency that we should know how to handle.

More about this later in another writing; except to say here.... when you are at church, take a look to see where the closest fire extinguisher is located.

# Worshipping in the Great Fifty Days of Easter

Judy Goans, Worshipping Commission

I hope everyone was as moved and refreshed as I was by our worship during Holy Week and Easter. It seemed to me that there was an energy in our gathering that transcended our numbers. Now as we look forward to experiencing Easter for a full fifty days, ending with Pentecost, it's appropriate to think about the role of worship in our lives.

One of the joys of being a member of a congregation is the ability to participate in public worship, as we do each Sunday. But worship can also be a private matter, and while both refresh us and help us obey God, one does not replace the other.

Martin Luther offered us suggestions on morning devotions, one of which is the following:

*"I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen."* (quoted at <https://lutheranreformation.org/theology/luthers-morning-prayer-model-christians-daily-life/>)

Or perhaps we might rejoice over the resurrection of our Lord as Mary did over his expected birth, using the words of the Magnificat:

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.  
50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever. (Luke 1:46-55, NRSV)*

Wishing you all a blessed fifty days of Easter.

## May Birthdays

Paul Gurecki	05/01	Joyce Fox	05/15	Sigrid Ludemann	05/24
Tammy Conti	05/02	Elizabeth Gipson	05/15	Mark Lassen	05/27
Bob Johnston	05/03	Long Moua	05/15	Stacey Garrick	05/28
Betty Anne Domm	05/09	Caryl Thompson	05/15	Dick Lorenz	05/29
Katherine Moehl	05/10	Paul Mueller	05/19		
Syd Ball	05/10	Barbie Schmitt	05/18		
Noemi Vila	05/11	Tom Allen	05/18		
Zander Weber	05/11	Slade Trammell	05/23		
Olaf Storaasli	05/12	Demitrius Moua	05/23		
Glen Weight	05/14	Steve Damos	05/24		

If you have a name you would like to add to the birthday list or a correction, please call the church office at 483-3787.



# News From the Call Committee

The Call Committee is continuing to work on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). There are many sections to the MSP and the committee is ready to tackle one of the final sections. It is hoped that the committee can have a draft of the MSP by the end of May or early June.

## Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate?



YES!

LWR Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate for sale

EVERY DAY.

*Thanks for the beautiful organ music, choir, bells + also the drummer music, for our loving pastor + readers*  
*Joan Erickson*

*Eileen your printing 😊*



# TRUTH & HEALING MOVEMENT

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## Condolences

April 14

### John Munro

Please keep his family in your prayers at this difficult time. Cards can be sent to Nancy at 1351 Tuskegee Dr. Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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**Want to win a gift card?**  
**Find the three hearts.**

May is the month we celebrate mothers. This month, see if you can find the three "mom" hearts.

The three eggs in April were on Pages 5, 11, and 12.

Please send the page numbers where you find them to Pat Hope ([thetwohopes@aol.com](mailto:thetwohopes@aol.com)) by May 31. Only email or text messages (865-310-0722) accepted. Prize to be

awarded in June. The one pictured here doesn't count.

**Congratulations to past winners:**

- Donna Hoglund — March Clocks
- Paula Smith — February Hearts
- Lorraine Huynh — January Hats
- Crista Froeling — December Snowmen
- Emilie Damos — Nov. Turkeys
- Rhonda Ashburn — Oct. pumpkins
- Debra Stewart — Sept. Music Notes
- Teresa Mustafa — August Ice Cream
- Ingrid Busch — July Bibles
- Angelique Pope — June ties