



**THE VOICE OF OUR REDEEMER &
 ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCHES**
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May/June 2026

May the Light of Christ continue to shine in our hearts this Easter Season and beyond!

Matthew 28:18-20 “Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.’” (*Evangelical Heritage Version*)

As we conclude Easter and begin the “Season of the Church” over these next two months, one of our readings will be the “Great Commission” above. In many ways it gives a good summary of what Jesus tells us these weeks.

1) Jesus has Authority – our relationship with Him needs to be the priority in our lives as He is the one who sustains and supplies us with all we need. The first commandment about “having other Gods” is first for a reason. May is a busy month. I pray our priorities as we pass through it in worship and stewardship of Jesus’ gifts will give honor to Him.

2) We are provided by Jesus to help our neighbor rejoice in Jesus’ invitation in Baptism to live in forgiveness won by Him and to grow in their understanding of all Jesus teaches us.

3) Jesus will not leave us. He has joined Himself to us and shown us how much value He places on each of us by dying in our place.

We’ll be learning all these things in our services and Bible Study these months (as we do always). We need these reminders just as much as our neighbor does, so please join us and encourage others to do the same.

Christ is Risen!

- Pastor Jacobsen

Our attendances for the past two months were:

	2/28-3/1	3/7-8	3/14-15	3/21-22	3/28-29	4/4-5	4/11-12	4/18-19
5 PM	5	9	15	14	9	17	9	7
9AM	38	25	28	40	35	77	37	36

Special Services: 3/4 -17, 3/11 [RJ1]-6, 3/18 -8, 3/25 -12, 4/2 16 {14}, 4/3 – 25, [4/5 combines 45{33} (6:30 AM) & 32{24} (9 AM)]

Parents are strongly encouraged to bring their children to Sunday School whenever possible. It would be a great encouragement in the faith for your children and for all the other children of our church as well.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will finish the Convention Bible Study (On the Resurrection and Tell the next Generation) and begin a new study in May.

Wednesday Ladies Bible Study continues in May to look at several studies from LWML.org

Vacation Bible School will likely be in June or July at both churches. Plans need to be made soon as Pastor’s schedule is challenging. Join us as we plan in the coming month

We are again having a three – night VBS from 5:30-8 PM each night. We will also have extra registration forms in the church entryway soon. Please invite friends and neighbors.

Upcoming Youth Events

We need to make plans for the coming months and to elect an officer to help coordinate events. We can always use volunteers to help with VBS week.

Camp Wartburg (near Waterloo, IL) and **Camp Cilca** (near Springfield) have information available on-line. Consider a week at camp this summer.



Ladies Aid

President Joyce Grizzle

Thanks to all who helped with Easter week activities, decorations, and the delicious breakfast.

On April 11th we hosted the Zone Spring Rally.

The Ladies will be planning their Mother's Day program and all ladies of the church are invited. And bring your daughters!

Updates will be in the bulletin.

Coming up in June will be Lunch on Us. Help is always appreciated. Watch for details on this also. Usually start work at 9:30 AM. Thanks!

July will be our summer outing. All are welcome to join us. Watch the bulletin in late June for the date and location.

MAY WORSHIP PLANS:

2nd & 3rd – The Fifth Sunday Easter

1 Peter 2:2-10 But Now

9th & 10th – The Sixth Sunday in Easter /Mother's Day

1 Peter 3:13-22 Apologies to the World

17th – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

(No Saturday Service/ Kampsville at 10:30 AM)

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11 A Roaring Lion

23rd & 24th – Pentecost

John 7:37-39 Field and Stream

30th & 31st Trinity (Memorial Day & Confirmation)

Isaiah 11:1-12 Full of the Knowledge of the LORD

JUNE WORSHIP PLANS:

6th & 7th – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 9:9-13 Go and Learn

13th & 14th – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Fisher Preaches (Kampsville is on Saturday)

20th & 21st – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 Worth More

27th & 28th – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 7:1-13 Joined to Another



Thanks to Roy Becker and all those who helped decorate at both churches for Easter!

Spring Re-Fresh Trustee Gordon has designated Saturday, May 9 (Rain date May 16) as a Spring Re-Fresh day at church. There is plenty to do outside and some deep cleaning that can be done inside. The outside jobs consist of moving rock into the landscaping, cleaning out the shed, and power washing the siding of the hall, and the sign. Some inside jobs might be cleaning the inside and outside of the kitchen cabinets, washing the windows inside and out, and other deep-cleaning jobs. Please bring a shovel and a wheelbarrow, if you have one, for the rock.

Gordon also has some other projects planned this summer to help our church look its best. The fence on the north side of the church needs to be replaced and then painted and the shed also needs to be stained. If anyone would like to donate specifically for any of these projects, please let Gordon know, as the budget is already tight and in a deficit.

Happy Birthday May:

1- Glenda Howland
3 Reed Rusten
6 Roy Becker
Marty Knight
7 Terri White
8 Phyllis Darr
9 Jody Nuss
11 Keeley Varble
12 Diana Varble
13 Evan Rahe
Leona Freand
15 Tony Purcell
18 Vicky Vetter
21 Mark Childress
25 Ben Petri
27 Ellen Logsdon
30 Jordan Davis
Blake Struble

June:

3 Craig Jones
4 Martha Bland
5 Brett Lehr
7 Judy Tepen
8 John Quandt
11 Austin Rahe
Zach Jones
12 Butch Purcell
18 Cale Kunzeman
Tyler Jones
21 Kelli Rahe
24 Brenda Berry
28 Remington Stott

Happy Baptismal Birthday - May:

8 Nathan Coonrod
10 Rachel Coonrod
Linda Sullivan
11 Ryan Riechmann
13 Alfonso Sasieta
14 Doris Camerer
Leslie Range
16 Ryan Reno
Dorothy Ray
Wesley Fanning
17 Jody Woods
21 Karen Schnelt
Terri White
27 Blake Struble
28 Cindy Howard
30 Brian White
31 Eric Thaxton

June:

1 Leona Freand
3 Glenda Howland
6 Taylor Sullivan
7 Alexandra Flatt
Rosemary Sexton
10 Frank Custer
13 Taylor Rusten
Jody Nuss
Alex Baker
15 Linda Russell
Reed Rusten
16 Byron Berry
18 Jordan Davis
John Quandt
20 Jessica Jones
25 Diana Varble
Joe Terpening

Join us online for our next

FOSTER & ADOPT 101 WORKSHOPS



the
RESTORE NETWORK
changing the culture of foster care

May is Foster Care Awareness Month.

This year we are planning to support our local foster families with some extra meals during this month. An opportunity to sign up for preparation and/or delivery will be available soon.

Every Eye Opened

We want everyone who attends our churches to know about the kids in our community who are suffering in the foster care system. We will be praying for these Real Kids. You might also attend a 101 Workshop or join a volunteer team – see the link above or volunteer at <https://therestorenetwork.org/volunteer/>

Thank you for partnering with us to push back the darkness!

Jordan Bird
Executive Director



Above is the QR code to lead you to our District President's 90 page booklet on Stewardship that was mentioned in the Kampsville Voter's Meeting in April.

It should be a good read on your phone or other device. If you want to find it for yourself online, it should show up on top in any search for; "lcms.org stewardship under the cross"

In it, (Now) District President Curtis writes; "the resources in this book include a series of Bible Studies and corresponding newsletter articles. But more than that, this book includes a discussion of how to think about stewardship as a Lutheran. The idea is to provide the teaching to the people in doses and then allow time for them to consider it, formulate questions, and come back to learn more. I recommend using one of the Bible Studies on a Sunday morning about once a month and printing the corresponding article in the monthly newsletter."

We'll do that considering how God desires Stewardship to be done:

1. Voluntarily and Cheerfully.
2. First Fruits.
3. Proportionally. (*Something our Adjusted Gross Income from a recent 1040 form might help us figure*)
4. Faithfully.

Then, hopefully, we'll each be guided to:

1. Receive God's gifts - faithfully hear God's Word, receive His forgiveness, and partake of His body and blood. God does not want your money – He wants you, all of you.
2. Pray. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength to follow the Lord faithfully.
3. Consider what the Church does- spread the Good News about Jesus by preaching the Gospel to all who will hear it and administering the Sacraments to the faithful.
4. Examine yourself. Consider the commands of God from the New Testament about supporting the work of the Church.
5. Decide on your proportion.

So, His thoughts for this month:

Stewardship Under the Cross **God's Word on How We Use His Gifts** **What is Stewardship?**

Christian stewardship is the faithful management of our financial resources and all we have. First, understanding that all we have is God's (Ps. 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it") and that "we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1Tim 6:7).

Since all we have is God's, we should use it for His purposes. God's purpose for us in our lives is expressed in the various vocations, or callings, that we have. So, for example, a father and mother use their income to feed, clothe, and protect their children.

Besides the vocations that each of us have in our family life and in society, we are also all Christians and members of this parish. How do we use our income faithfully in regard to this vocation? To learn this we must look to God's Word.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Luke 16:13 Jesus said, "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Matthew 6:19-21 Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

(Also Malachi 3:8-9, 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9:6-8)

What does this mean?

Your heart always goes where you put God's money.

Stewardship is not an optional subcategory of the Christian life; it is the living out of a Christian's dependence on God. As such, faith and finances are inseparable. True joy is found not in storing up the things of this world, for the things of this world won't last. True joy is found in clinging to Christ who poured out His life for you on the cross and now gives you His Life in Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. The things of this world are temporarily given to us by God. We will be called to account for how we manage the Owner's things (Rom.14:10-12, 2 Cor. 5:10).

THIS MONTH: Prayerfully Consider Your Giving

Are you faithfully giving a first-fruits tithe (10%) of your income to the work of God? Are you, as St. Paul says, "excelling in this grace of giving"? If not, why not? In our next newsletter we'll consider more of what God says about Stewardship – specifically more about tithing (the Biblical practice of giving a tenth of our income to God's work in the Church) – and provide steps for planning your giving for next year.

May 2026

Services with Holy Communion every Saturday at 5 PM in Kampsville & at 9 A.M. every Sunday in Carrollton Bible Study every Sunday at 10:15 A.M.					1	2
3	4	5	6 9:30 AM Ladies Study 6 PM Church Council Mtg.	7	8	9 10 AM Evangelism
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13 9:30 AM Ladies Study	14	15	16 NO Service this night
17 10:30 AM Kampsville Communion Service	18 1 PM LWML Mother's Day Program	19	20 9:30 AM Last Ladies Study till Sept.	21	22	23
24 Pentecost	25	26	27 5:30 PM Elders Meeting 6:30 PM VBS Prep Meeting	28	29	30
31 Holy Trinity Confirmation Service						

June 2026

	1	2	3 6 PM Church Voters Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 5 PM Pastor Fisher Preaches - Kampsville
14 9 AM Pastor Fisher Preaches - Carrollton	15 1 PM Ladies Aid Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 1-3 PM We Host the Carrollton Food Pantry 5:30 PM Elders Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30	Services with Holy Communion every Saturday at 5 PM in Kampsville & at 9 A.M. every Sunday in Carrollton Bible Study every Sunday at 10:15 A.M.			