

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5

THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS GIVEN TODAY by the Sacco family in memory of Aunt Betty's birthday.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – Betty Dietrich, Richard Panzer (5/6); Charlotte Bogdan (6/10); Suzanne Grimes (6/12)

BAPTISM – Today we celebrate the baptism of Jacob Edward Ellertson, son of Derek and Cheryl Ellertson.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS IN MAY – Charlotte Bogdan turns 90 on May 10th. Please send her birthday greets at 8532 N. Olcott, Niles, IL, 60714. Phyllis Begun turns 94 on May 18th. Phyllis is moving to Alaska May 1. Please send her birthday greetings c/o Claudia Braden at 1961 Koehling Road, Northbrook IL 60062.

MOTHERS' DAY BAKE SALE – The Mother's Day bake sale will take place Sunday, May 12, after the service. Proceeds will be used to fund summer programming at River Trails and Robert Frost Schools. Please stop by the table in the atrium at pick up a special treat for your mother (or yourself). Donations of baked good are appreciated and can be dropped off before the service.

HYGIENE KITS- Starting next Sunday, we will be collecting items to put together hygiene kits for LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) to distribute to women leaving prison. Items needed are: toothpaste, deodorant, feminine wipes (20 count box), moisturizing lotion, band-aids (10 to a bag), shampoo, conditioner, soap, disposable razors, shaving cream and hand sanitizer. There will be a poster and collection box in the atrium. Items are needed by June 9

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED -- Please consider volunteering as a Sunday School Teacher or Assistant Teacher. We currently have two teacher teams led by Margit Willis and Dan Reimann. More teams are needed to handle the September to May Sunday School Season. No experience needed, just enthusiasm! Please contact Margit or Dan.

THE BIRDS ARE BACK- The flamingos have returned with our warmer weather! If you'd like to have the flamingos in your yard or would like them to visit a friend's yard, please call Barb at 847-951-1499. This is a free will donation fundraiser for the ELCA youth gathering in New Orleans in July. Thanks for your support!

WIRED WORD – will meet Tuesday, May 5th in person and via Zoom at 11:45.a.m. "More Arericans are Dropping Out of Communal Participation" will be the topic of discussion.

GRACE COOKBOOK – After many, many years, we are once again collecting recipes for a church cookbook. From now through June 30, please bring in copies of your favorite recipes and put them in the basket provided in the atrium. Thank you.

BOOK DISCUSSION- Beginning May 21st, Pastor Kathie Bender-Swisch will be moderating a discussion of the book Mostly What God Does by Savannah Guthrie. The book study sessions will take place every other Tuesday at 7 pm (zoom) and Wednesday at 1 pm (in person and by zoom) You can choose which session works best for you. Watch the announcements for further information.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - Highlights of the Church Council Meeting of April 23, 2024

- Members of grace are encouraged to attend the June 8 Living Green Expo III. Church Council and members of the congregation are being asked to sign up to help on the day of the Expo.
- Church Council President Dan Reimann has signed a Usage Agreement with the River Trails Park District for use of our church space, from June 3-August 9, 2024, for Summer Day Camp, at a cost of \$95.00 per day.
- The Council approved the Property Committee's recommendation to accept the New Taylor Windows and Doors estimate of \$9,157.85 to replace three exterior doors this summer, when Grace Preschool is not in session. The Council agreed with the Property Committee recommendation to not install a handicap opener/button on the west doors of the building at this time.
- Bill Rovani and Dan Reimann are in the process of installing a new cable and connectors for the security camera at the north door of the church, and an additional internet access point in Charter Hall, to provide for better internet coverage throughout the building.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism/ Sunday School
11: a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Petra Church
4:30 p.m. La Iglesia

Monday May 6

7:00 p.m. Green Expo Committee (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 7

11:45 a.m. Wired Word
6:00 p.m. La Iglesia

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. A.A.

Thursday, May 9

4:30 p.m. La Iglesia

Friday, May 10

7:00 p.m. Petra Church

Saturday, May 11

4:30 p.m. La Iglesia

Sunday, May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

9:15 a.m. Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship/Sunday School
11 a.m. Mother's Day Bake Sale
1:00 p.m. Petra Church
4:30 p.m. La Iglesia

Monday, May 13

7:15 p.m. Preschool Board (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 14

11:45 a.m. Wired Word
6:00 p.m. La Iglesia

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. A.A.

Thursday, May 16

4:30 p.m. La Iglesia

Friday, May 17

7:00 p.m. Petra Church

Saturday, May 18

4:30 p.m. La Iglesia