

The Redeemer Reporter

A Note From the Pastor

POST RESURRECTION

Jesus stayed around with His eleven disciples for a while after the resurrection trying to get them ready to be His “hands and feet” in the world once He was gone. Then, when He was leaving, He took them up on a mountain to say good bye. “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth,” Jesus instructed them. “I will be with you to the close of the age,” Jesus added. Not only were the eleven NOT ready to let Jesus go but they asked the wrong questions. “When are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?” they wanted to know.

“What?” Jesus seemed to say, “haven’t you heard anything I’ve been telling you?”

If you aren’t sure it happened exactly that way, read Acts 1.

Folks who are wanting renewal in the Christian church are challenging us. They say that if we are asking questions about numbers in our congregation, cost questions, where are younger members, who’s going to get this or that done, or can’t things stay as they were, then we, like the eleven, are asking the wrong questions.

When we read the stories about the early church in Acts and the Epistles it becomes clear that those eleven did get it together. We owe our existence here at Redeemer to them. They did get on with the work of Christ’s church. Their experience was filled with surprise and delight. It seemed that everywhere they went they were met by God: in prison cells, standing in the kitchen of a Gentile soldier, in an Athenian public square, even on a river bank and on the road.

As a result of these encounters with God, can’t you see the wheels spinning in the disciples heads as it dawned on them what Jesus meant when He said: “I’ll be with you always.” Always in every place. That good news is still true. God is on the loose in our world ready to meet us in our day to day lives, inviting us to join in and be a part.

That is why we will want to keep asking ourselves this BIG Question:

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD UP TO AND HOW CAN I HELP?

“When you get up tomorrow morning, ask that question. Ask it when you get to work or school tomorrow. Ask it as you’re waiting in the checkout line, standing in the voting booth, deciding where to give your tithe. Ask it when you are at your next church meeting. In fact, the next time you’re at a church meeting, ask it out loud and encourage everybody else to ask it, too. If you’re not starting and ending with that question, you might be keeping busy, but you’re probably not doing what really matters.”

from The Renewable Church Newsletter

I’d say, to ask that question is to LIVE the Resurrection.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Pastor Dick

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President's Report for May Carol's Comments

I read an interesting article printed in the April, 2011 issue of *The Lutheran* about the difference between being blessed and being privileged. The writer's point is that people often confuse being blessed with being privileged. She offers many examples of being privileged but just the fact that we live in this country makes us privileged. We have so much more than far too many of the rest of the world's people. Based on John 10:10, Jesus tells us that he came so we might have "abundant life." I thought her question, "What blessings make your life abundant?" was worth pondering. This led me to thinking about how Redeemer is blessed.

We ended April on the joyous note of *He is Risen ! He is Risen Indeed !* and now we move into spring, finally, and work our way towards Pentecost. If you traveled with us through Lent and on into Holy Week, you experienced a truly unique set of services and celebrations. I know that Roxanne Wasson devoted much time, effort, prayer, and thought to making these services a holy offering to God. We are blessed to have her as our Worship and Music chairperson. So many of you provided special music to enhance these services and make them meaningful occasions. You cannot be thanked or appreciated enough for your offerings that blessed us.

Pastor Dick is providing us with tremendous care. He has been busy visiting the house-bound and making contact with folks we haven't seen in a while. He is a great support and blessing to us in this time of transition and he will continue to serve us until a new pastor is called to serve Redeemer. Are the Ollie jokes a blessing or a privilege?

You have received the Stewardship brochure sent in the Easter letter from Pr. Dick. I trust that by this time you have filled it out and returned it to the office. We are excited to have everyone's participation in this effort so that we may continue to make this the great community of believers that it is presently. Your gifts and talents are a blessing to all of us.

Do you remember your High School Graduation? May is a time for new beginnings for some of our members as we celebrate the High School Graduation of Desa Johansen, John Engel, and Jake Rapp. We have been blessed by their presence and participation in the life of Redeemer. Do join us in congratulating them and wishing them well in this new stage of their lives.

We are blessed by those who serve in the church be it those who fold, who count the offering, who make the quilts, who play music and sing, who serve on all the various ministry committees at Redeemer, who serve in worship, help with activities and events, and the list goes on and on. Your very presence at church is a blessing as we share in the blessed gift of worship and fellowship as the body of Christ.

What blessings make my life "abundant"? There are many but a primary blessing for me is this church and the people who are the body of Christ here at Redeemer. What would your answers be to this question?

Article from the Council

Heather Reddy, Treasurer

(Ephesians 6:4) 4 You fathers, don't provoke your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

When I was in the 4th grade, the “cool” thing to own was a McU Sports hooded pullover sweatshirt with your name printed on it. I wanted to be like my friends. I hated that they all had something that I didn't. For my 9th birthday I actually got one. I wore it almost everyday and loved it because I felt like I fit in with the other kids. When I got to Junior High School all of the “popular kids” wore Reebok shoes and Benetton rugby shirts. My dad couldn't see spending \$45 on a shirt and you didn't ask twice if you knew what was good for you. I began babysitting and doing extra chores to get the money to buy the coveted clothing and finally bought my first pair of Reeboks, but by that time Reeboks were out and Converse was in. My step-mom took me to Kmart (oh how I wanted to die) to buy knock-off Converse, but it didn't take long for the kids to tease me about my non-name brand shoes. I tried so hard to be like everyone else. I blamed my parents for not being rich. If they were rich and would buy me the things I wanted then I would be popular and my life would be good, so I thought.

I carried that mentality through most of my life, because when I became a mother I wanted my daughter to have everything I didn't. She had her first pair of Nike shoes before she could even walk. I made sure to dress her in name brand clothes. She always had the latest and greatest toys. My car barely ran, but I made sure my daughter had everything she wanted and more. I didn't put many restrictions on her because my dad was too strict and I wasn't going to raise my daughter in that kind of fear. I was living vicariously through her. But God has a funny way of helping us to see the errors of our ways.

My intentions were good, but I was starting to realize that by giving my daughter everything, she now had come to expect it. She knew that if she persisted long enough I would give in. There were no boundaries set. I didn't want her to be unhappy and when I did say “no” it usually ended in a huge power struggle. It became extremely frustrating. I didn't do my daughter any good by giving her everything. In fact, I made life harder for me and for her. It is an on-going process to correct the behavior that I had encouraged. My daughter is now a teenager and a very good kid despite me, but we still have our difficulties.

Since we have been coming to Redeemer Lutheran, I have begun to realize that happiness is not based on material things. It's being in a home where there is an extraordinary amount of love and respect for everyone. It's about loving the Lord and following his example. It's not about the clothes you wear, what car you drive, or how big your house is. Children know when they are loved and they don't need possessions to prove it. My daughter has often made the comment that, “If people don't like me for who I am, then too bad.” So, maybe I haven't done such a bad job after all.

April 24, 2011

*So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
– Matthew 28:8*

Mary Magdalene and Mary walked to Jesus' grave, expecting to find death. It's understandable. Images of violence filled their minds. Thoughts of their vulnerability and mortality deadened their spirits. Death had become the defining story of their lives.

Instead of death, the women met a resurrection messenger who said, "He is not here: for he has been raised, as he said." As they hurried to tell others, the risen Jesus met them. They were changed. Now resurrection, not death, would define their lives.

Jesus lives! Now resurrection, not death, defines our lives. Jesus continues to meet you in resurrection messengers, just as Jesus met me in Pastor Josephus Livenson Lauvanus, president of the Lutheran Church of Haiti. As we walked through the ruins and rubble that lie in the aftermath of Haiti's earthquake, Pastor Livenson Lauvanus proclaimed, "We will not be defined by rubble, but by restoration, for we are a people of the resurrection."

Baptized into Jesus' death and raised to newness of life we, too, are people of the resurrection. We, too, are resurrection messengers. We, too, are about God's work of restoration.

The world aches to hear the message we have to tell. Sing with joy! Jesus lives! We are a people of the resurrection.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Whether it is lifting a hammer or providing immediate aid, ELCA Disaster Response is ready to lend a helping hand. Your gifts to ELCA Disaster Response ensure that this church continues to bring help and hope to disaster survivors in the United States and around the world.

Please pick up your ELCA Disaster Response giving envelope on the table in the Fellowship Hall or ask for one from the church office.

Thank you.



May Graduation Celebration

Redeemer will honor our High School Graduates with a reception between services on May 15th. Our graduates include Desa Johansen, John Engel, and Jake Rapp. Please join us.

Save the dates: June 11
 July 16
 August 6



We will be providing a work crew and lunch for the Habitat folks on these Saturdays. Please contact Jim James if you can help.



If you have generously signed up to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday in the past or the future, please remember to submit your check for \$27.00 marked "flowers" in the offering plate **or** bring or mail your check to the office. Thank you for your contribution to making Sunday worship special.



In-kind Gifts for the Women's Triennial

Would any of you like to put together one or more "in-kind" gifts for the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering? There is a list posted in the Fellowship Hall of the gifts requested for this gathering. If you choose to contribute, your gift (s) need to be delivered to Redeemer by Sunday, July 10th. Norma Voigt and Carol James will take them to the gathering.



“A Buck A Chick”

The Mothers and Others Spring Event will be held on **Saturday, May 7th, at noon**. Tickets for the catered luncheon by Danielle Laatsch are being sold today and through May 1st. Tickets are \$6.00 and children 10 years and under are free. Look for a ticket seller in the Fellowship Hall.

ELCA World Hunger has invited congregations to hold **“A Buck A Chick”** sale to provide a family in need with a chick that will eventually produce eggs to eat and sell at market. Your gift of a chick does make a difference! It can help a family escape hunger for good. You can buy just one or as many as you would like.

Our program will include the following:

- A brief explanation of the ELCA Good Gifts program.
- A presentation about chickens by Lauren Davis, Chicken Wrangler, age 10.
- A few activities for the children.
- A surprise or two.

Plants from the Craft Fair will be sold that day also.

The offering will be **“A Buck A Chick”**

Need a sitter? Call or email Carol James @ 344.5815 or jjameshouse@1970.usna.com

So Many Thank You's

So many of you helped make Easter very special and so it is important to give you thanks and praise for your generous assistance.

Thank you to all who brought coffee cakes, breads, and sweet rolls, the wonderful fruit, and the orange juice.

Thank you to those who set up, served, refreshed the table, and cleaned up after second service.

Thank you to all who donated candy, eggs, toys, and coins for the “hunt”.

Thank you to Sasha and Steve Knick and Brenda and Darren Beckley for helping with the hiding of eggs and treats.

Thank you to Pastor Dick for his singing and his sermon. How fun to hear the gospel songs.

Thank you to the choir for “Rejoice”, a perfect song for Easter and to Pat Engel for leading the choir.

Thank you to Sherry Georgeff for her gift of music and the young trumpeters.

Thank you to all of you who gave so generously of your resources to our offering. May God bless you.

Finally, thank you, Jesus, for rising from the dead for our salvation.

**~ First Thursday Soup and Dessert ~
May 5 at 12:00 p.m.**

Lunch will be served for \$2.00 in the Fellowship Hall at Redeemer. Bring a friend, come and eat and enjoy a break from your usual routine. There will be two kinds of soup and bread, dessert and coffee. Stay as long as you would like, or come in on your lunch hour and return to work fully fed.



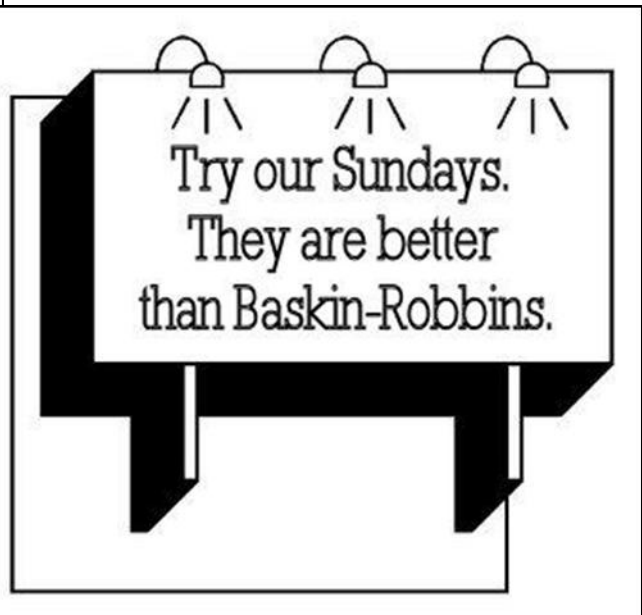
Thank you!

We've had several new faces in the kitchen after services on Sunday and we appreciate the coffee and goodies you have provided. Thank you for the gift of your time and hospitality.



Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

Bring your Dad to breakfast after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 19th. There will be a sign-up sheet for helpers in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 5th.



Women's Bible Study/Circle Meetings for May

Naomi Circle—May 10, 7:00 pm

Esther Circle—May 11, 1:00 pm

Ruth Circle—May 24, 7:00 pm



Outreach News from Ruth Makovsky

WWW was held on Saturday the 16th. 98 Families were served. We were out of supplies by around 2:00! If anyone wants to purchase diapers the best deal is at Family \$ in the Hillcrest Shopping center. We get those big bottles of soap at the \$ Tree on Vista. Thanks go to all who so willingly show up to sort out the diapers, and then help with the distribution.

In conjunction with Mothers and Others on Saturday, May 7th, Outreach will be selling plants. Proceeds will benefit WWW. If you are in need of any spring plants, remember us!

I will be leaving for Wisconsin around May 10th, so in my absence get with Katie Davis as she is Outreach Chairperson when I am gone. We'll see you in November. We do miss our Redeemer Family when we are gone.



The last day of Sunday School will be May 15th. We will plan a fun day with treats and a bounce house!!

Also, please note that there will be no Sunday School on Mothers Day, May 8th.

It has been a delight to have your children in Sunday School this past year.

Christina Dirk

The Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many they form one body. So it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:18 But in fact God has arranged the parts of the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

This past season of Lent and Easter I have been a witness to the Body of Christ in action here at Redeemer. From my position on the Worship and Music committee I have seen so many of the Redeemer family working together, demonstrating the truth about the Body of Christ that is quoted above...many gifts but all working together. I would like to thank each one of you for your help, for using your gifts to make this season of Lent and Easter especially meaningful and also I would like to express my appreciation to the ongoing committees and ministries that know no season.

Here is what we have done: Our congregational profile was completed and sent to synod. We have moved the pews into the round and then back to two “normal” rows. We have a new sound system and are still figuring it out but it is there! Wednesday evening soup and worship, with offerings of canned food for the food bank, a total of 143 items! Stewardship talks. Music! Piano, organ, choir, solos and congregational singing. We have had 12:00 services in the chapel for those who can't come to an evening service for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. A palm procession on Palm Sunday and dramatic reading. Seder Meal and communion in the fellowship hall and a service in the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services with the Way of the Cross. On Easter the sanctuary was decorated with lilies, and a delicious continental breakfast was served between services.

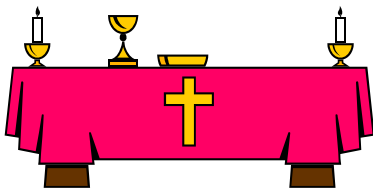
Our church looks great inside and out. The flowers are in bloom and the lawn is lush. This season has been full of projects but many hands made the work go fast. Our efforts have been a blessing to each other and to the visitors that have joined us. We are truly the Body of Christ, the parts arranged and functioning just as God wants us to be.

Roxanne Wasson



Memorial Service—The family of Nancy Scharf will be holding a Memorial Service for her in June. More details to follow in the bulletin and Reporter.

A Memorial Service for Margaret Mason will be held on May 30, 4:00 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church.



Communion Table

There is a new communion table behind the altar and our musician, Sherry Georgeff, has a matching music shelf. These items were made by the same craftsman who designed and made the other altar furnishings, Aaron Davis, of Idaho Woodworks.

The communion table was given by a member of the congregation to honor our former pastor, the Reverend Christian Marien, for his loving and passionate service to Redeemer from 2004 to 2010.

Have you heard about the community service offered here in Boise called “Friends in Action?” I had never heard about it until I attended the Women of ELCA Treasure Valley Spring Cluster on Saturday, April 9th, at Shepherd of the Valley.



This organization offers help and relief for caregivers. The largest percentage of us will be caregivers some time in our lives and it can take a real toll on your physical and mental health. I personally know people who’s health has been extremely affected by taking care of a loved one for an extended length of time. I was excited to know that this help is available and hop-e you will take time to read the information that I put on the Redeemer Women’s board in the fellowship hall. Everyone should have this information!

Even though I was the only one from Redeemer in attendance, there were over 40 women there from all the ELCA churches in the valley, including women from Horseshoe Bend and Mountain Home. It was great to meet up with old friends that I have met through Luther Heights, Synod Conferences and National Conventions. There will be several of them at the National Convention in Spokane and I look forward to seeing them again.

Note: For the new women of our congregation, I urge you to get involved with the Redeemer Women of ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America). We, along with Lutheran women all over the country and the world, are know for our help with women and children in crises and poverty.

Norma Voigt

Announcement: .

Open Your Door to the World. Something extraordinary happens when you share your home and family with a high school student from another country.

You can enrich your life in many ways by sharing your home and daily life with an AFS high school exchange student.

Host families provide a bed, meals, and guidance. Families are needed for students who would attend local schools. Families can commit to the year, semester, or even a temporary Welcome Family. For more information please contact local volunteers at afsboise@hotmail.com

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Heidi Anderson	Ken Baune	Kassy Baune	Lori Bullinger
Odette Channel	Gordon Collett	Susie Collett	Debbie Compton
Donald Crowel	Keith Dennis	Wayne Frank	Peggy Garoutte
Glick Family	Kris Haustveit	Bruce Hellinga	Doug Klemp
Lyle McKenna	Alberta Means	Robert Menke	Rueben Meza
Saul Meza Jr.	Melvin Miller	Karly Norton	Kay Nowierski
Reid Olson	Shirley Olson	Jeff Phillips	John Phillips
Richard Scharf	Clint Scott	Joseph Simpson	Larry Spencer
Margie Stanesic	Kirk Starry & Family	Pr. Bob Stone	Bob Van Winkle
Shelley Van Winkle	Hanna Van Winkle	Brian Waybright	Travis West
Harmony Wyett	Clint Wyllie	Chris Young	*Military

Redeemer Lutheran Church Call Committee

Andy Belanger

Pat Engel

Audra Frank

Jim James

Allysa McDonald

Carol Mickelson

Sue Nass

Your call committee, Pat Engel, Audra Frank, Jim James, Allyssa McDonald, Carol Mickelson, Sue Nass and Andy Belanger would like to thank you for your continued prayers as we navigate our journey to find our new Pastor! Thankfully, God already knows who this person is and He is preparing them for the next chapter for Redeemer! How blessed we are to be carrying out His will and taking what your Transition Team prepared to find a suitable match for our church family. Continue to pray for guidance and perspective for the Call Committee but also add in a few prayers of gratitude. We have been given so much here at Redeemer that we cannot lose sight of the countless blessings we share and how God's hand is at work here every day!

Where are we in the call process? We are currently accepting nominations from our congregation for prospective candidates through May 6th, 2011. Now that the Synod has received our Ministry Site Profile, we have a very clear picture of what our members are searching for. This profile allows us to look at all of our strengths and opportunities and create a list of characteristics we feel are vital for our continued growth. The Ministry Site Profile does not get filed away but is rather a compass of direction that will give us perspective. We will begin receiving names from the Synod toward the first part of June! Be assured that the Call Committee is committed to allowing God's hand to be at work but is not waiting for the Red Sea to part! We have heard your concerns to move this process along but are ensuring that we make thoughtful decisions for the long term needs of our congregation. Each of us is here to answer your questions and to listen to your concerns. Please let us know if we can be of further service and we look forward to seeing you in church!

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School and Adult Study 10:45 Worship 11:45 Coffee	2 12:00 NA 8:00 AA Office Closed	3 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA	4 12:00 NA No Choir Practice	5 12:00 First Thursday Soup 12:00 NA 7:00 H and I	6 10:00 Folding 12:00 NA	7 12:00 Mothers and Others 7:00 NA
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee 9:45 No Sunday School 10:45 Worship 11:45 Coffee	9 12:00 NA 8:00 AA Office Closed	10 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 Naomi	11 12:00 NA 1:00 Esther No Choir Practice	12 12:00 NA	13 10:00 Folding 12:00 NA	14 7:00 NA
15 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee 9:45 Last day of Sunday School and Adult Study 10:45 Worship 11:45 Coffee 12:00 Council	16 12:00 NA 8:00 AA Office Closed	17 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA	18 12:00 NA 7:00 Choir Practice 6:00-8:00 Alzheimer's Support Group	19 12:00 NA	20 10:00 Folding 12:00 NA Deadline for Reporter	21 1:00 WW 7:00 NA
22 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee 12:00 Council Meeting Choir both Services	23 12:00 NA 8:00 AA Office Closed	24 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 Ruth	25 12:00 NA	26 12:00 NA	27 10:00 Folding 12:00 NA	28 7:00 NA
29 <i>Summer schedule - One Service</i> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee 4:00 Memorial Service For Margaret Mason	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> 12:00 NA 8:00 AA Office Closed	31 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA				

Contact List

Altar Guild	Co Chairs	D. Blakeslee Connie Seymour	
	Council Liaison	Carol James	
	Committee	Linda Alexander	
		Erin Hess	
		Carol James	
Education	Chair/Liaison	Deb Fease	
	Committee	Christina Dirk	
		Heather Reddy	
Evangelism	Website	Len Engel	
		Sue Nass	
Nurture & Fellowship	Chair	Harold Johansen	
	Council Liaison	Carol James	
		Beverly Cordes	
		Lisa Feusi	
		Laura Johansen	
		Jim James	
		John Phillips	
		Emmett Voigt	
		Norma Voigt	
		Outreach	Chair
Co Chairs	Katie Davis		
	Laura Johansen		
Property	Council Liaison	Shirley Gilchrist	
	Chair	Ed Blakeslee	
	Council Liaison	Laurel Simos	
		Committee	Arron Breithaupt
			Kurt Gaedeke
Stewardship	No Active Chair		
	Opportunity for Service		
Worship & Music	Chair	Roxanne Wasson	
	Council Liaison	Roxanne Wasson	
		Committee	Pat Engel
		Sherry Georgeff	
		Carol James	
Youth		Pr. Dick Sansgaard	
	Leader	Justin Malek	
	Council Liaison	Steve Knick	

Readings for Sundays in May

May 1	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Ps 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
May 8	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Ps 116:1-4,12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
May 15	Acts 2:42-47	Ps 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 22	Acts 7:55-60	Ps 31:1-5,15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 29	Acts 17:22-31	Ps 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21

	Minister/Comm Assist	Acolytes:	Ushers:	Children:
May 1	8:30 Terri Lindemann (Healing Service) Carol James	Austin Kidd	James	T. Lindemann
	10:45 Erin Hess (Healing Service) Dawn Menzner	Hannah Menzner	Blakeslee	R. Wasson
May 8	8:30 Katie Davis	Mycellia Thurow	Seymour	Pastor
	10:45 Andy Belanger	Sasha Knick	Knick/Nass	Pastor
May 15	8:30 Carol James	Eric Everson	Frank	D. Beckley
	10:45 Heather Reddy	Austin Kidd	Garzone	D. Blakeslee
May 22	8:30 Roxanne Wasson	Katie Knick	Voigt/Simos	Pastor
	10:45 Dawn Menzner	Hannah Menzner	Blakeslee	Pastor
May 29	10:00 Susan Wehner	Sasha Knick	Knick/Nass	L. Ellsworth

Altar Guild:

May Carol James 344-5815

Coffee and Fellowship Time

Flowers

May 1	8:30 Hess	Easter Lilies
	10:45 _____	
May 8	8:30 Hoag	Blakeslee
	10:45 _____	
May 15	8:30 Woodall	Thompson
	10:45 _____	
May 22	8:30 K. Davis	_____
	10:45 _____	
May 29	10:00 _____	Wehner